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Photo by Joe Coleman

Cook outside old hospital

## 1951's first baby hung around Temple

*Winner of Baby Derby has seen city change a lot in his 50 years here*

By ANNA FOSTER

There have been quite a few changes in Temple since lifelong resident Steve Cook won the 1951 Baby Derby by being the first baby born that year.

The major retail sector is no longer downtown at places like Sue Ellen clothing store on Main Street or Henson's Shoes on Central Avenue, but at shopping centers on South 31st Street and Loop 363.

Scott and White Memorial Hospital was on Avenue G in 1951, instead of its present location on 31st Street.

W.R. Poage was in his seventh of 20 terms as a congressman, 26 years before a federal building was named in his honor.

In 1950, Texas had a population of 7,677,832, and was mostly rural. Today, it is 20,851,820, the second most popu-

lous state.

On New Year's Eve in 1950, the Arcadia Theater in downtown Temple had a midnight showing of the 1950 movie "Harvey," one of Jimmy Stewart's five Oscar-nominated performances.

But in the week that followed, Steve Cook was the biggest star in Temple.

As described in the Temple Daily Telegram the first week of 1951:

"Stephen Miller Cook, seven-pound, five-ounce son of Police Sgt. and Mrs. Talmadge Cook of 5 North Sixth street won the 1951 New Year's Baby Derby without competition when he crossed the finish line just seven minutes behind the New Year early Monday morning at Scott and White Hospital.

"As prizes for being Temple's first 1951 baby, young Stephen Miller will receive from Temple merchants such

necessities and luxuries as diapers, a stroller, a silver cup, a month's supply of milk, a month's diaper service, and new shoes.

"To the mother, for her part in the annual race, will go such prizes as a bed jacket, a supply of piece goods, and a pair of shoes. The father, for his part, will receive a new pocket knife and shirt and tie.

"Sgt. Cook was proud of his new son's achievement last night. He said, 'We thought there was a good chance of winning when we heard the bells and whistles going off at midnight just as my wife was going into the delivery room.'

"He said that Dr. T.F. Bunkley, who also helped in the race, was confident of winning.

"Sgt. and Mrs. Cook have two other

children, Talmadge Allen, Jr., 7, and Nancy Sue, 4."

"It was a really big deal," Cook said Friday, adding that the prizes, worth almost \$200, were a big help to his parents, living on a policeman's salary with three children.

"In 1951, that was quite a princely sum," he said. "I'm sure we got quite a discount at the hospital, too."

Anthony's, Dyrk's Studio, Nathan's, Stewart's, Temple Lumber and Supply, Rosser's, C.I. Mitchell and Sons, Gresham's, Bland's Jewelry, Farley's Grocery, Hospital Dairy, Zenith Laundry and Home Furniture Co. were among the Temple businesses that donated to the derby.

Cook recounted how his mother had gone for a walk that night, slipped on

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## Internet filters required

*New law makes school Web safer*

FORT WORTH (AP) — Public schools and libraries in Texas must begin using Internet filtering software by April in an attempt to block pornography from their computers, or risk losing as much as \$123 million in federal money.

The requirement prompted by the Children's Internet Protection Act has drawn criticism from those who say the mandate for filtering software is a First Amendment violation. Supporters say children should be protected as much as possible from smut on the Internet.

Critics say filters jam legitimate Web sites while failing to block some questionable content. Anti-filtering groups recently showed top filtering programs blocking out sites belonging to human rights group Amnesty International, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and a digitized copy of the novel "Jane Eyre."

According to the law signed by President Clinton on Dec. 21, public schools and libraries beginning in April must use software designed to block pornography on the World Wide Web. The software can be disabled by a library administrator for "bona fide research or other lawful purpose" by adults, the law states.

Although libraries receive little federal money, the Federal Communications Commission

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## Pentagon investigating Texas Guard division

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two investigations are under way into allegations that leaders of the Texas National Guard's 49th Armored Division ignored warnings of security problems in Bosnia and harassed people who pointed out the problems, the Salt Lake Tribune reported Sunday.

The 49th Armored Division returned in October from a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. It was the first time since the Korean War that a National Guard unit had commanded an overseas mission and the first time a Guard unit had been in charge of regular Army forces.

The newspaper said the Army Inspector General and the National Guard Bureau's intelligence oversight division are looking into the allegations.



**FIREWORKS EXPLODE BEHIND** a statue of Christopher Columbus in Madrid, Spain, today to celebrate the arrival of the new year. (AP Photo)

## Clinton authorizes joining treaty on war crime tribunal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acting at the last moment, President Clinton on Sunday authorized the United States to sign a treaty creating the world's first permanent international war crimes tribunal to bring to justice people accused of crimes against humanity.

The president said his action, taken with some reservations, builds on U.S. support for justice and individual accountability dating to American involvement in the Nuremberg tribunals that brought Nazi war criminals to justice after World War II. "Our action today sus-

tains that tradition of moral leadership," he said.

The treaty should not be submitted to the Senate for ratification until certain concerns are met, he said.

"I believe that a properly constituted and structured International Criminal Court would

make a profound contribution in deterring egregious human rights abuses worldwide..." the president said in a statement issued at the White House.

The treaty must be ratified by the Senate before U.S. participation in the tribunal becomes final. Fierce opposition to its

terms is expected from conservatives led by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. Helms angrily responded Sunday that "this decision will not stand."

The president said he acted "to reaffirm our strong support for

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## Former Sen. Alan Cranston, anti-nuclear activist, dies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Former Sen. Alan Cranston of California, a nuclear arms control activist who ended a 24-year Senate career in 1993 under the cloud of the savings and loan industry scandal, died Sunday at 86.

Cranston died at his home in Los Altos, said his son Kim, who said he found him slumped over a sink. The cause of death wasn't immediately known, though Cranston had been taking antibiotics and had recently had trouble maintaining his balance.

After Cranston's retirement from Congress, the Democrat largely dropped out of public view. But he continued to champion the cause of nuclear arms control, which had been the centerpiece of his political career and his 1984 campaign for president.

In 1996, he entered the private-sector to work on nuclear disarmament, first as chairman of the Gorbachev Foundation

USA and more recently as president of the Global Security Institute, both San-Francisco based think tanks.

"Sen. Cranston's lifelong dedication to peace in the world and nuclear arms reduction have been inspirational to me," said Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer, who took over Cranston's seat. "My heart goes out to his family."

When Cranston announced in 1990 that he wouldn't seek a fifth Senate term, he cited his diagnosis of prostate cancer. However, at the time, his approval rating had plunged to a record low due to the savings and loan scandal and his relationship with Lincoln Savings & Loan President Charles Keating, who had just been indicted on securities fraud charges.

A Senate Ethics Committee investigation later led to a formal reprimand of Cranston and sanctions against four other senators, known as "The Keating Five,"

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### Bible Verse

"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."  
— Matthew 7:8

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Partly Cloudy

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