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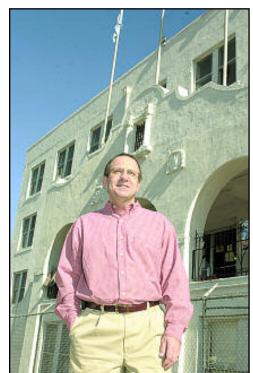


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Cook outside old hospital

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

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

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

"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

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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FIREWORKS EXPLODE BEHIND a statue of Christopher Columbus in Madrid, Spain, today to

celebrate the arrival of the new year. (AP Photo)

Y2K + 1 =celebrations

By The Associated Press For purists, it's the turn of the "real millennium." For everyone else, it's an excuse to party.

Revelers around the country geared up for New Year's celebrations Sunday, even as city officials worked to clean up messes left by uncooperative winter weather. Snow was cleared from New

York City's Times Square on Sunday in preparation for more than 500,000 people expected to gather for the New Year's celebration watched by millions around the world.

It won't be as big as the bash attended by 2 million people last year, but Mayor Rudolph Giuliani predicted that snow from a storm that swept through the Northeast on Saturday will make it "even more beautiful."

Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali will press the button to start the descent of the 1,070-pound Waterford crystal ball that lights up at midnight. More than 6,000 police officers will be on hand, and manholes will be welded shut and trash cans removed as a security precaution.

Meanwhile, America's official timekeeper, the U.S. Naval

Observatory, plans to mark the new millennium accurately with a celebration for 3,000 people at its Washington headquarters. Under the widely used Gregorian calendar, which started with the year 1, the third millennium doesn't begin until Jan. 1, 2001. "Real millennium" bashes are

also planned in Las Vegas and Denver to make up for fizzled celebrations last year.

At least 100,000 people are expected for a fireworks extravaganza in downtown Denver. And Las Vegas plans to explode \$500,000 worth of fireworks over the Strip to a crowd of 500,000, double last year's turnout.

In Philadelphia, about 500 people, most dressed in Rocky Balboa-style gray sweatsuits and blue knit caps, ran from City Hall to the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art to ring in 2001 and mark the 100th birthday of City Hall with the city's second "Rocky Run."

Mike Peditto, 20, of Wallingford, Pa. was the first runner to reach the top of the museum steps, and had an appropriate reaction. "Yo Adrienne," he said, referring to Rocky's on-

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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-

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 final. Fierce opposition to its

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

Former Sen. Alan Cranston,

tains that tradition of moral make a profound contribution in 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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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.

The Army's public affairs office in the Pentagon and the Austin, Texas-based 49th Armored Division refused to comment.

Army Reserve Maj. John Woodruff of Logan, Utah, said he has been contacted by investigators. Woodruff worked for more than a year for Army intelligence in Bosnia.

"The Inspector General would like to know if security violations took place, what those violations were, if they were properly reported and how the command reacted to those reports," Woodruff said. "They are trying to determine if the command responded favorably or if they tried to cover it up.

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

OUTLOOK

Partly Cloudy



Low:

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

After Cranston's retirement from Congress, the Democrat largely dropped out of publics 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

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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