

AP digest

32 holiday traffic deaths

At least 32 people died in holiday accidents on Texas highways, according to a count by The Associated Press.

Police said Charles William Casteel, 72, of Taft, Calif., was killed about 1:40 a.m. Sunday while walking in the middle of U.S. Highway 80 in Midland.

Craig Allen Wing, 23, died in a one-car rollover accident on a rural road in Comal County on Sunday after his car failed to negotiate a corner, authorities said.

Three Austin residents were killed in separate one-vehicle accidents late Sunday and early Sunday, officials said.

The toll was down from a year ago, when 49 died during the Thanksgiving weekend, according to the Department of Public Safety. The count began at 5 p.m. CST Wednesday and continued until 11 p.m. Sunday.

Artificial heart working

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — William J. Schroeder's bleeding was stopped and his circulation was "excellent" on his second day living with the soft clicking of a mechanical heart inside his chest, doctors said Monday.

"He is not bleeding...There appear to be no major complications," said Dr. Allan M. Lansing, chairman of Human Heart Institute International in Louisville and assistant to Dr. William C. DeVries, who implanted the artificial heart.

Schroeder underwent emergency surgery to stop excessive bleeding Sunday night, less than six hours after he became the second person in history to receive a permanent artificial heart.

Schroeder remained in a specially prepared room in the coronary intensive care unit, tethered to the \$40,000 Utahdrive system, one of two external power systems that he will be tied to for the rest of his life.

U.S.-Iraq relations restored

WASHINGTON — The United States, seeking to widen its influence in the Arab world, resumed diplomatic relations with Iraq on Monday after a 17-year lapse.

The move was announced immediately after President Reagan met for 35 minutes with Foreign Minister Tariq M. Aziz, the highest ranking Iraqi to visit here since the 1967 break.