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Proposed trailer parking ban draws protest

By PAUL PINKHAM
Senior Staff Writer

No action was taken Thursday by the Pampa Traffic Commission on ordinances that would have banned all trailers parked on city streets and regulated speed limits of Santa Fe trains in the city limits.

The commission also rejected a proposal to make Frost and Russell streets one-way in the area surrounding City Hall and the Courthouse.

In a two-hour meeting attended by about 40 citizens, the commission expressed no support for

an ordinance that would ban all parking of trailers in residential areas. The ordinance was prepared by City Attorney Don Lane.

Commissioner John McGuire said the commission hoped for an ordinance prohibiting semi-trailers and large tractors and trucks from residential streets for more than 72 hours.

"I don't like this thing myself because we were concerned about 18-wheelers on the city streets," McGuire said.

Floyd Baxter, 1318 N. Russell, said his truck-tractor has been parked in front of his house for 11 years, and it never has been a hazard or caused

street damage. He said he could understand prohibiting long semi-trailers but not trucks.

"If it wasn't for trucks, you people wouldn't eat," he said. "None of you would."

McGuire said the commission had received several complaints about Baxter's truck.

Baxter replied that he has one neighbor who complains "and he can go on back to Yankee land where he came from."

The commission took no action on a request to consider setting a speed limit for trains traveling through town.

Police Chief J.J. Ryzman said the request came

about after the recent Thanksgiving Eve train derailment at Hobart Street Park.

R.L. Dixon, area supervisor for Santa Fe Railway Co., said the derailment was "exaggerated" and there was "no hazard whatsoever."

He said Santa Fe trains generally run through Pampa at a maximum speed of 70 miles per hour, and have been doing so "for decades." A reduced speed limit in town would hurt the company's ability to compete, he said.

Dixon added that towns with railroad speed

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Schools discuss lawsuit

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

While White Deer-Skellytown trustees decided this week that they couldn't afford to intervene in a lawsuit that could affect the way schools are financed, Miami ISD trustees decided they couldn't afford not to.

The Edgewood Independent School District, a reportedly poor school district near San Antonio, is suing Texas Commissioner of Education William Kirby, maintaining the state's distribution of school funding is unconstitutional.

A pretrial hearing in the case is set for Dec. 17 in Travis County's 250th District Court, and trial of the suit is scheduled for Jan. 20.

Ten Dallas area school districts have intervened in the lawsuit on behalf of the state and are asking other school districts to join them.

Miami trustees agreed Monday to join the lawsuit to fight the Edgewood district's position.

Said Miami ISD Superintendent Allan Dinsmore: "If the plaintiffs are successful, the case could have substantial harm on our tax base."

In the lawsuit, Edgewood ISD is attempting to have the school financing portion of HB 72 ruled unconstitutional. The district claims that local school taxes are actually state taxes spent on a local level and that local enrichment of school programs is unconstitutional.

"If Edgewood wins, it could more than double our taxes," Miami Principal Jerry Boyd said.

Miami ISD taxes are currently 36 cents per \$100 valuation, the lowest of 11 Pampa area school districts.

Dinsmore said that while Panhandle schools are wealthier than many downstate districts, "the cost of running these rural school districts is more than running a school district in an urban or suburban area."

The Miami superintendent added that the cost to the district

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(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Lori Crippen cheers in a scene of *Cheaper by the Dozen*.

Dad runs family like factory; PHS production opens tonight

Can a family be run like a factory? That's the question the Pampa High School drama department asks as it presents Frank Gilbreth's and Ernestine Gilbreth Cary's nostalgic comedy *Cheaper by the Dozen* at 7:30 tonight in the Pampa High School auditorium.

The play, presented in narrative flashbacks by the two authors (played by Debra Sandefur and Brian Bowers), focuses on a strict father (played by David Brown) who works as an efficiency expert at a factory in the 1920s.

The father believes that what applies to factories applies to families. Patty Warner plays his wife.

Also in the play, which is free to the public, are Jennifer Attoeknie, Lori Crippen, Brook McNeely, Brandon Leathers, Johnny Hawley, Richelle Hill, Charlotte Cook, Michelle Williams, John Dawson, Mike Woelfle and Mark Gilbert.

Gilbert's basset hound Digger, will make a canine cameo in the show.

Mobeetie hires superintendent

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

MOBEETIE — Mobeetie Independent School District trustees ended their search for a superintendent Thursday by hiring former Chester and Itasca school Superintendent David Malone.

Mobeetie school Principal W.F. Howard — who has been acting superintendent since former Mobeetie ISD Superintendent Bob Mickey left Dec. 1 — confirmed this morning that Malone has accepted the Mobeetie post and is expected to arrive Monday.

Malone, who resigned from the Itasca ISD in 1985 to be a representative for Horace Mann Insurance, will begin his duties Jan. 1, Howard said.

After screening about 21 applicants, trustees hired Malone, 49, at a salary of \$33,420 per year, plus \$200 per month vehicle allo-

wance and \$200 per month utility allowance at the school-owned superintendent's residence.

Mickey, 58, resigned in November after contesting the board's decision to cut his salary from \$46,646 to \$33,120. Mickey appealed the decrease to the Texas Commissioner of Education, but attorneys reached a compromise. The school agreed to pay Mickey an additional \$2,254 per month for September and October (the difference between his reduced salary and his previous salary) and \$3,887 per month for November and October.

Mickey resigned Nov. 13 and is now doing teacher appraisals for a private teacher evaluation firm.

After meeting in a brief executive session to set Malone's salary Thursday at their regular

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Dealers say aide controlled account

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ousted White House aide Oliver North apparently controlled Swiss bank accounts through which up to \$35 million was deposited in the secret Iran arms deals he coordinated, say two key middlemen in the transactions.

North, a Marine lieutenant colonel then on the National Security Council, seemed to be acting largely on his own, the pair said in a television interview detailing for the first time North's purported role in the affair.

The businessmen, Manucher Ghorbanifar and Adnan Khashoggi, said in an interview Thursday on the ABC-TV program "20/20" that Iran initiated the contacts in the summer of 1985.

They said then-White House national security adviser Robert McFarlane responded by asking for Iranian help in releasing hostages in Lebanon and that the



Roy M. Furmark reportedly told CIA Director William Casey of arms fund diversion

Tehran government then suggested Washington send arms to Iran to help it in its war with Iraq. Ghorbanifar is an Iranian businessman whom Khashoggi

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Lefors school board approves performance report

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

LEFORS — Trustees of the Lefors Independent School District approved its Annual Performance Report for the 1985-1986 academic year and heard a report on the latest TEAMS tests during their regular meeting Thursday night.

Superintendent Earl Ross said the Annual Performance Report replaces the former 5-year plan that school districts had to submit to state education officials.

Ross said copies of the report are available at the school offices for staff and community residents who wish to review it.

The performance report contains three sections. A district overview concerns trends in student performance, curriculum offerings, employment in-

formation, financial condition of the district, parent and community involvement, instructional methods, communications and statements of efforts to reduce paperwork for teachers and administrators.

The report notes efforts to reduce paperwork for teachers in accordance with House Bill 50 guidelines. But Ross said he couldn't resist inserting a personal opinion: the report states, "No reduction of paperwork is possible for administrators until TEA (Texas Education Association) reduces the overabundance of required reports."

The second section is supposed to contain statistical data developed by TEA. But the report does not contain that information, instead providing only a blank page.

Ross said the section is supposed to be based on a form provided by TEA. "But we haven't got that

form from TEA yet," he said, adding that he would send the report in with the blank section if the form does not arrive soon.

"There's no need for us to be late with the report" just because TEA hasn't done its work, Ross said.

The final section of the 18-page report contains locally developed statistical data on student achievement tests, dropouts, discipline matters, instructional costs per student and classroom size information.

Principal Bill Crockett reported on the results of the latest Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests given to all juniors in October.

Crockett said last year 100 percent of the juniors had passed the exam. But this year two of the 17 juniors failed math and language arts and one

failed language arts. But two of them not meeting the minimum required level for language arts just barely missed, he noted.

Crockett said the test this year is not necessarily harder than last year's, but the state has set higher standards for the exam.

Last year, students were required to correctly answer 45 of 72 language arts questions and 39 of 72 math questions. But this year the standards were set at 50 of 72 language arts and 45 of 72 math questions, he said.

Crockett also reported on the grades for the second six-week period and handed out copies of the student honor rolls. He noted that "a lot of kids made it" on the rolls, with 70 elementary students, seven junior high students and 32 high school stu-

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(AP Laserphoto)

Tim Cancila, 14, of Plano, grimaces as he is hit with a large snowball being carried by his neighbor Andy Lopez, 10, Thursday night in Plano.

Ice, snow cover large area of Southwest, Central Texas

By The Associated Press

A fast-moving snowstorm moved northeastward out of Texas early today, leaving in its wake slick highways, streets and roads and snarled traffic in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Fog added to the traffic problems across North Texas at dawn today.

Only a few scattered snow showers were reported in isolated areas of extreme Northeast Texas as dawn approached, the National Weather Service said.

As much as six inches of snow fell at Stephenville, west of Fort Worth. Other snowfall amounts reported included one inch at Lubbock, three at Midland, one-to-three inches in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, two inches at Sulphur Springs and Daingerfield.

Two major expressways in the Dallas area were closed at several locations because of slick overpasses and bridges and major traffic accidents, Dallas Police said.

Interstate 30, known as the R.L. Thornton Freeway, was closed east of downtown Dallas near Fair Park and was also closed just south of downtown Dallas, meaning that the major artery was closed on two sides of downtown Dallas.

The other closing was the U.S. 75, known as North Central Expressway, just north of downtown Dallas. Two major accidents were reported on the major roadway only hours before the peak of rush hour traffic.

Major accidents were also reported on Interstate 35, known as Stemmons Freeway, and Interstate 635, the Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway.

Dallas Police said reports of major accidents were coming in at a fast clip as dawn approached. Several major accidents were also reported in Fort Worth, but there were no immediate reports of the closing of major traffic arteries.

Fog formed just before dawn in lower areas, lowering visibility and causing more traffic problems, authorities said.

Visibility in some areas of North Texas dropped

to near zero, the National Weather Service said. The snowstorm dumped snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain across a vast area of North and Northeast Texas as it moved northeastward out of the state.

A travelers advisory remained in effect early today for that part of North Texas generally north of a Lampasas to Corsicana to Marshall line, and south and east of a line from Henrietta, southeast of Wichita Falls, to Abilene.

The area of snow and sleet Thursday night extended from east of Abilene to near Waco and Corsicana and across the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan northeast Texas.

Temperatures across the advisory area ranged near or slightly above the freezing mark. Many streets and roadways were becoming slick and treacherous early today, authorities said.

Travel conditions deteriorated as temperatures fall below the freezing mark early today.

An accumulation of 2 to 3 inches of sleet and snow was possible across the north central portion of North Texas, the National Weather Service said.

The heaviest snowfall Thursday night was over northwest Palo Pinto County and the extreme southwest corner of Parker County.

Numerous patches of light rain mixed with sleet covered much of East Texas and the adjacent areas of Western Louisiana and southwest Arkansas.

The weather across the state formed a crazy quilt pattern. The snow, rain and ice were in a band that extended from El Paso to East Texas and moved across the state at about 25 miles an hour.

On Thursday travel conditions were especially bad along Interstate 10 from El Paso to near San Antonio. Roads were covered with snow and ice in many other areas in Southwest Texas.

An end to the snow and partially clear skies caused the temperatures to fall rapidly, leaving icy conditions and hazardous driving, especially on bridges and overpasses.

Forecasts called for cold temperatures to continue today with a slight warming trend expected

Woman says husband plotted robbery, murders

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Capital murder defendant Tammi Rivera said she may have practiced forging the name of a murder victim so she could use a credit card but she was innocent of stabbing a retired couple whose bodies were dumped in the Rio Grande near Brownsville.

Mrs. Rivera, 18, is charged in the slayings of Keith and Jean Nordyke, a Raytown, Mo., who vacationed in Harlingen. Their bodies were found floating in the Rio Grande on April 3, a week after they were reported missing.

Mrs. Rivera's husband, Federico, 19, already has been convicted in the slayings and is appealing a life sentence. He testified in his trial in October that his wife did not take part in the slayings.

Mrs. Rivera testified Thursday that she tied the couple's hands behind their backs, but that she did not take part in the slayings.

She said, however, that after the couple was killed she practiced signing Mrs. Nordyke's name so she could use the couple's

credit cards.

She also testified she signed a \$700 check to pay for a car to get them to Ohio. She signed Mrs. Nordyke's name to credit card vouchers on purchases of clothes, shock absorbers, tires and a car stereo.

"Freddy told me to. He said it would look better for me because I was a white person," she said. "I just felt really bad and didn't know what else to do about it."

Closing arguments were scheduled to begin today.

Mrs. Rivera testified tearfully for 2½ hours Thursday and said she didn't tell anyone about the slayings because she was afraid of Rivera, who occasionally beat her.

"I would like to say to the Nordyke family that how very, very sorry I am that this happened," she said. "If I could redo it to the day it was, it would have never happened."

Mrs. Rivera's trial was moved to San Antonio from Brownsville on a change of venue. Mrs. Rivera had met Nordyke in early March after Nordyke videotaped Rivera building a

house, witnesses have said.

Mrs. Rivera's version of the slayings has differed with her husband's testimony.

Rivera, in his trial in Brownsville, said that Nordyke had offered the couple money to perform in a pornographic movie. Rivera also testified that he stabbed Nordyke when Nordyke grabbed Mrs. Rivera, making sexual advances.

Mrs. Rivera did not testify about them performing in a pornographic movie, but did say that the Nordykes showed them "a dirty film" on March 27.

The Riveras went to the Nordyke home early that morning and after viewing the movie, the four got into the Nordyke van and headed to a secluded area on Boca Chica Beach, east of Brownsville.

Mrs. Rivera said her husband had placed in her purse a small knife and rope and that once they got to the secluded area Rivera pulled out a butcher knife from near his hip and threatened the couple.

'Difficult' votes today on higher education proposals

AUSTIN (AP)—Chairman Larry Temple of the Select Committee on Higher Education scheduled the "difficult, touchy" votes today on committee proposals to the 1987 Legislature.

Temple said Thursday, however, he was giving up on his controversial proposal to merge the downtown University of Houston campus into Texas Southern University, and North Texas State University with Texas Woman's University.

Temple said he simply did not have enough votes on the 23-member committee to win approval of those two possible mergers.

"I am totally aware of the fact that the majority of the members of this committee have indicated either privately to me or publicly that they oppose the proposed mergers, Temple said at a committee hearing.

"My whole concept was a better delivery of the higher education system but ... apparently a lot of people in Denton and Houston and the majority of the people on this committee don't share that view," he told reporters.

Temple said, "I do intend to bring up and pursue" the merger of Texas A&I at Kingsville and Corpus Christi State University.

Committee member Wales Madden Jr., Amarillo, said, "Even though no merger may come out of this effort, each one of us can take comfort in the fact, knowing it was discussed."

No record votes were taken Thursday, because Temple said he wanted to give absent committee members a chance to make today's meeting.

However, by a show of hands, the committee recommended leaving the University of Texas and Texas A&M University governing boards as they are but decided to realign the governing boards of other state public colleges.

Under a proposal tentatively approved, North Texas State, Texas Tech, Texas Woman's University, the University of Houston System, Texas Southern University and possibly a South Texas university system would be included in a Texas

Comprehensive University System, which would be governed by a 15-member board.

Another 15-member board would govern 13 other senior colleges in a Texas Senior University System. Texas State Technical Institute and junior colleges would be governed by the College Coordinating Board.

No more than two of the new board members could be from the same state senatorial district. Members would serve six-year terms.

Committee member Arthur Temple Jr., Diboll, said he thought it is "intolerable" that Texas Southern University, a predominantly black school, as well as other colleges are racially imbalanced.

"I think this group ought to go on record as saying that the state of Texas is too far down the road — we're much further down the road toward true integration than I think we're given credit for," Temple said.

He said schools that fail to reach an enrollment should, within "something like a 10-year period," be eliminated or combined with other schools.

Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin, said any public college — "white" as well as "black" — should be reviewed if it "does not reflect the demographic and ethnic and racial balance within our state."

Rep. Al Luna, D-Houston, said, "Until we open up the University of Texas and Texas A&M and all these other institutions, then I'm not going to talk about segregation at one school, because in my opinion we have segregation at Texas A&M and other institutions around the state."

Luna said only 1 percent of A&M's enrollment of 36,000 is black and only 4 percent is Hispanic.

Committee member Peter O'Donnell Jr., Dallas, said, "The implication here is that all the fault rests with the institution, and I don't think that's the case."

O'Donnell said UT Austin has 40 different programs "encouraging minority enrollment and retention."

Parents fight drug monitoring

MIDLAND (AP)—Parents who say the Midland Independent School District violates their constitutional rights and those of their children plan to repeat a request to the seven school board members to limit the district's 24-hour drug monitoring program.

"They are taking my parental guidance away from me. What's next? That's what worries me. There's got to be a stopping point. I think they've overstepped their bounds," Ray Marshall, spokesman for "Parents In Control," told the Midland Reporter Telegram.

The school board in October took no action on the parents' request to reduce the drug enforcement policy.

The board's policy passed on Sept. 9 imposes penalties ranging from mandatory work details, two-week suspensions and obligatory family counseling for students who participate in extra-

curricular activities and who are caught using, under the influence or in the possession of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Parents claim the policy should only apply on school grounds and during times when students are participating in extracurricular activities.

"I don't think there is anything in the policy itself that abuses constitutional rights," said Superintendent of Schools Joe Baressi.

He said the school board has been advised by its attorney and the School Board Association in Austin that the policy is legal.

Baressi said students caught off school grounds abusing the policy will only be suspended from extracurricular activities, not school.

"We are against drugs and we are against alcohol and we think kids should not smoke for health reasons," said Marshall, the father of three students.

Record bass is fighting for its life

TYLER (AP)—Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists at a fishery here are continuing to check a 17-pound, 10½-ounce largemouth bass in hopes that it will survive.

The state-record bass was plucked from Lake Fork with a well-placed lure two weeks ago by Mark Stevenson of Plano.

The fish is kept in a tank of water specially treated for it, but has been moving sluggishly and has not eaten. The bass also has developed a fungus around its mouth.

David Campbell, hatchery manager, who monitors the tank for temperature and chemical makeup, said Thursday things may be looking up for the fish.

"I've got a lot more hope for the fish today than I did yesterday," he said. "There's still a lot of uncertainty."

Campbell said the fungus has started to flake off, much like a scab on a mammal, indicating it might be healing.

"(The fish is) up and moving around and swimming," he said.

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Opinion

Reagan should resist circling the wagons

Nothing so subjects a president to public scrutiny as does the glare of a crisis that places at risk all that his political career has represented to the American people.

Jimmy Carter, for example, could not hide a personal mean streak in 1980 amid the unrelenting pressure of the Iranian hostage affair and the threat of repudiation by the voters. Earlier, Watergate brought to the surface all of Richard Nixon's baser instincts. And Lyndon Johnson's petulance as the Vietnam War toppled his presidency is legendary.

In each of these cases, the chief executive blamed his troubles on the news media. A president's first urge in times of turmoil is, most often, to shoot the messenger who delivers the bad news. Ronald Reagan, it turns out, is no exception.

"There is a bitter bile in my throat these days," Reagan complained to Time magazine. "What is driving me up the wall is that this (policy) wasn't a failure until the press got a tip from that rag in Beirut and began to play it up." Can the president really believe that his secret Iranian plan was a brilliant success turned sour solely by reporters' disclosure of it? Does Reagan think his nose in the disc — the sharpest one-month decline ever recorded — was caused by the press rather than by the voters' strong discontent with his Iranian dealings?

It was encouraging to hear the president, during a recent television speech, overcome the temptation to lash out at the media as the villains responsible for his plight. One trait that has distinguished Reagan from his recent predecessors is the equanimity with which he has viewed his most strident critics, including those in the press. Indeed, this president's historically high popularity with Americans was due in many ways to his magnanimous personal qualities. Even many voters who disagree with his policies like and admire Reagan as a man.

That's why Reagan stands to lose so much if he succumbs to petty instincts that betray his better nature. Even worse, such thinking in the Oval Office could foster a siege mentality in the White House with disastrous results for the remainder of the Reagan presidency.

The most recent opinion survey shows that 59 percent of Americans still regard Ronald Reagan as having "more honesty and integrity than most people in public life." This reservoir of good will will surely dry up if the president circles the wagons, forgetting that his openness has been a prime contributor to the support extended to him by the nation. In the strains of the present crisis lies the ultimate test of Reagan's character.

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"I thought talking parties were always MUCH fancier!"



Stephen Chapman

States only administer funds

Federalism is one of those ideals, like marital fidelity, that Americans claim to revere but tend to abandon whenever it becomes inconvenient. Over decades, the states have been transformed into largely administrative units, with most of the real authority lying in Washington. Even the election, twice, of a highly popular and conservative president has done little to stem the flow of power from the states to the federal government.

In fact, Ronald Reagan's administration, despite its failed "New Federalism" initiative and its rhetorical flurries against Washington, often has preferred to expand the powers at its disposal. In a case to be considered by the Supreme Court, for example, South Dakota is trying to overturn a law that withholds federal highway funds from states that don't raise their drinking ages to 21. The Justice Department is defending the law.

Laws like this, which combine seduction and coercion, are the chief means by which the states have been induced to surrender their authority. Armed with the power to deny funds to those states that refuse to go along with its policy choices, the federal government almost invariably gets its way.

Is this a symptom of spinelessness among the nation's governors and state legislators? Not entirely. Any state, of course, may exercise its power to set the drinking age at 18 and spurn a share of its federal highway funds. The problem

is that South Dakotans will pay the taxes even if they forgo the benefits. It is an expensive sacrifice to preserve a principle of government that is subtle and, in the mind of the average voter, not very important.

Federalism has eroded partly because it got a reputation in the 1950s and 1960s as the last refuge of segregationists. The Southern defense of "states' rights" was a guise for letting states mistreat their black residents. And federalism is still the rallying cry of some conservatives who would prefer that the states be allowed to trample on rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, as if the Civil War had never been fought and the 14th Amendment never ratified.

Fundamental rights are something both the states and Washington should be forced to respect. Other government responsibilities — such as defense, some types of economic regulation, immigration and maybe welfare — logically lie with the federal government. But in other matters, there are good reasons to decentralize power.

The strongest one is that it preserves the vital link between spending and taxes. Voters are much more inclined to scrutinize programs that may directly affect their tax burdens. Federal money, by contrast, tends to be treated as free money, which in a sense it is.

If a city blows millions of federal dollars on a subway system that few people will ride, local taxpayers won't face higher federal income taxes. They will only consider the benefits of the

project, however marginal, because the costs are effectively zero. If a city wastes its own funds, though, the waste will have to be covered by its own residents. That prospect compels local taxpayers to weigh the costs as well as the benefits of a subway.

This is not merely a theoretical point. In practice, federal aid to mass transit has led to the proliferation of extravagant, underused rail systems. Billions of federal grants for sewage treatment, likewise, have produced no improvement in water quality. Federal revenue sharing subsidizes communities with ample resources of their own, from Palm Springs to Scarsdale.

All these programs rest on an illusion: that federal programs don't cost local and state taxpayers anything. But of course they do. If all federal aid to states and municipalities were ended, Washington could leave more money in the pockets of the average citizen. Still, no city or state wants to give up any of its federal dollars unless every other city and state will do the same. Until then, each one has to try to get all it can.

In the case before the Supreme Court, Washington wants South Dakotans to give up their responsibility of setting the drinking age in their state. That is the defect of the growing federal role in such matters: It not only permits but positively encourages irresponsibility. It contributes to the central attraction of expanding government: the myth that everyone can live at the expense of everyone else.



Paul Harvey

Drug denial is inexcusable

Medical progress revealed during recent weeks has given us all a better understanding of Alzheimer's disease.

While there is no known cure for this leading form of senility among elderly Americans, there is one drug that promises to relieve the symptoms, much as insulin allows patients to control diabetes.

Then why aren't we using it now? A California doctor has administered a drug called THA to 17 Alzheimer's patients. Sixteen were significantly improved.

One Alzheimer patient is back playing golf, another has returned to work, another drives her car again, another has resumed cooking and caring for her own house.

This was thrilling news to the families of some three million Americans who have Alzheimer's. They have watched a once-vigorous family member drift backward into mental oblivion

and physical helplessness, praying for a miracle.

THA sounds like that miracle.

Yet, that researcher involved, William Summers, M.D., of Arcadia, Calif., dutifully announces that this drug is not available for routine use; it is strictly experimental — doctors cannot prescribe it. Though we don't know of any negative side effects, FDA approval of THA for general use "may be years away."

That is an absolutely indefensible delay! If we were dealing with some remedy for a childhood malady, where negative side-effects 30 years up the road might outweigh the immediate advantage, protracted testing might be justified.

But we are talking about 100,000 people who are going to die this year!

The research-and-approval system of the Food and Drug Administration is understandably hyper-cautious.

Since Thalidomide backfired, no FDA official has wanted to accept the risk of approving any new drug except under specified guidelines.

But the Congress, which passed the Food and Drug Act of 1906 and its various amendments since, should surely make a leniency allowance for a drug that shows great immediate promise in elderly Americans who otherwise have no prospect for recovery. Three recent Alzheimer developments offer hope for Alzheimer's victims. Andrew Monjan, M.D., of the National Institute on Aging, says, "We are at an exciting time in this research."

One of the three new developments relates to improved diagnosis, another relates to a gene that may prove to be the cause of the disease.

But Summer's project promises immediate reversal of symptoms — memory, speech and mobility — and to withhold this treatment for five more years of tedious testing is unconscionable.

Living in a country paralyzed by terror

By Don Graff

GUMMERSBACH, West Germany (NEA) — The incidents are becoming almost daily events.

A power-transmission tower near Darmstadt collapses, its girders sawed through. A key Foreign Ministry official is shot dead in the street outside his Bonn home. A bomb explodes in the middle of the night in front of the office for the Protection of the Constitution (the West German

CIA) in Cologne. A power tower bites the dust at Durren, halting the assembly lines at an automobile plant for 20 hours.

It's all part of what the press is calling a "wave of violence" sweeping West Germany that is, understandably, deeply disturbing the public.

But the same public is equally or more disturbed by some of the measures being proposed to deal with the violence. Those who say that a strong government response is essential are

pressing for changes in the legal code. These recommended measures offend many Germans.

Since the Nazi nightmare, most Germans have become strongly attached to the "state of laws" (Rechtstaat) that has succeeded it. They are suspicious of anything that even remotely suggests a police state.

The force of events may beat back that suspicion, however. It has already overwhelmed opposition within the government itself and a package

of toughened legal measures is beginning its parliamentary journey. The key provision is the offer of immunity, or at least a lighter sentence, to terrorists who turn in their partners in crime. People attacking transportation and energy facilities also would be subject to stiff penalties.

The authors of the new measures clearly have an eye on the parliamentary elections coming up Jan. 25. It's still a question at this point, however, how clear their sight is.

Nation

Nation's debt grows despite budget-balancing law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exactly a year after President Reagan signed the landmark Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law, the federal government is deeper in debt than ever.

But even though the Supreme Court knocked out its key enforcement mechanism and the deficit for 1986 soared to a record \$220.7 billion, the jury is still out on whether the ambitious legislation has forever changed the course of federal spending habits — or was only an elaborate gesture of futility.

When Reagan signed the measure a year ago today, the national debt — the accumulation of decades of deficit spending — stood at \$1.9 trillion. Today, it is hovering at \$2.2 trillion and expected to

rise to \$2.3 trillion by next spring.

The law was designed to produce a zero annual budget deficit by 1991, through a series of increasingly stringent yearly deficit reduction steps.

As first written, across-the-board automatic cuts were to be triggered when Congress failed to meet the annual targets. It was this section that was thrown out by the Supreme Court last summer.

The fiscal 1986 target of \$172 billion was missed by nearly \$50 billion. And the 1987 target of \$144 billion now appears likely to be missed by at least \$20 billion.

Critics claim Gramm-Rudman has done little to pare federal spending, has failed to end perennial fiscal battles between the White House and Congress and has gummed up an already cumbersome budget system.

But its supporters, the president among them, argue the law has at least put the nation on the path toward a balanced budget, drastically changed attitudes on spending and should not be scrapped.

White House budget aides were striving to finish work today on a proposed administration budget request for the next fiscal year that Budget Director James Miller vows will meet the Gramm-Rudman deficit target of \$108 billion.

But there was little indication that Congress would take the billions of dollars in spending cuts the new budget will contain any more seriously than it did the president's fiscal 1987 budget — particularly with both chambers now in Democratic hands and the part of the law calling for automatic spending cuts no longer in force.

The Gramm-Rudman law "is the first serious sustained deficit reduction effort in the last two decades," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, in an interview. "But it's not like a four-sided fort where you pull up the drawbridge and all the work is done."

Researcher: Christmas tree harvests may be too good

DETROIT (AP) — The nation's billion-dollar Christmas tree industry has produced a bumper harvest, and while that's good news for consumers it could be bad news for growers, a forestry researcher says.

There is concern in Michigan, the nation's No. 1 Christmas tree producer, that an oversupply could hurt some in the already highly competitive industry.

"The demand for Christmas trees is increasing 1 to 2 percent a year, while the supply could increase as much as 10 percent in the next five years," Mel Koelling, a Michigan State University forestry professor, said Thursday.

Prices already have leveled off. Last year, the average 5½- to 7-foot tree sold for \$21.75, said David Baumann, spokesman for the National Christmas Tree Association in Milwaukee. The average price is about the same this year, he said.

Profits are still good, but competition fueled by an increasing number of growers during the past 10 years could eventually drive some farmers out of business, Koelling said.

Besides the common enemy, the plastic Christmas tree, growers are having to deal with regional competition.

Southern farmers, who grow their own varieties such as Virginia Pine, are trying to capture profitable markets in cities like Dallas, Atlanta and New Orleans, which used to rely on the Northern-grown

varieties, such as balsam firs and white spruce.

"This is Georgia grown," or, "This is Texas grown" has a certain appeal to state nationalism," Koelling said.

Growers have responded to the competition by producing a better product, he said. Some clean trees before selling them, and many tint them green or use an adhesive to prevent needle loss.

"In the '70s, nearly everything that was green and had some needles on it could be sold," he said. "Now we're seeing growers be more selective. They're offering a better tree."

Koelling blamed the growing harvest on the oil crisis of the 1970s, when the cost of plastic trees made with oil jumped, raising demand for natural trees.

Growers responded to a shortage of real trees by dramatically increasing planting, and the effects of that are just being felt because it takes nearly 10 years for a tree to mature, Koelling said.

About 1,200 commercial growers farm on 130,000 acres in Michigan's \$100 million industry, Koelling said. About three-quarters of the 5.3 million trees grown in Michigan this year will be sent to 38 other states.

Barry Brand, executive secretary of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, said studies have shown Christmas tree purchases are evenly divided among real trees and artificial ones.



The National Christmas Tree shines bright on the Ellipse Thursday night after it was lighted during a ceremony at the White House.

Energy department expected to shut down nuclear reactor

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The only U.S. reactor with a design similar to that used by the Soviets at the Chernobyl plant will be shut down for safety modifications, a federal official said.

The Department of Energy was scheduled to announce the six-month shutdown of the N reactor at the government's Hanford reservation today, a department source who spoke on condition of anonymity said Thursday from Washington, D.C.

The N reactor is the only one of its kind in the United States to use graphite to shield the reactor core and absorb heat, features also used at Chernobyl, site of the world's worst nuclear plant accident.

Neither the N reactor, which produces uranium that is converted elsewhere on the reservation for plutonium for weapons, nor Chernobyl has the thick concrete and steel containment dome used on most U.S. commercial reactors.

A six-member panel was assembled in May by Energy Secretary John Herrington to review safety at Hanford a month after the fire and explosion at Chernobyl.

One of several reactors at the Chernobyl plant near Kiev exploded and burned April 26, sending a radioactive cloud around the world. More than 30 people have died from radiation exposure in the Chernobyl disaster.

The Seattle Times reported Thursday that the N reactor modifications include an upgraded emergency cooling system, equipment to control the buildup of explosive hydrogen and installation of a remote control room.

The recommendations also call for a test of the confinement system, which is designed to slow the

release of radioactive steam during an accident, the newspaper said.

Two panel members recommended that the reactor be operated only to meet requirements of national security, the Times said.

A shutdown of the reactor would halt all weapons production at Hanford. Two facilities on the reservation that process plutonium from the N reactor have been closed for safety reasons since Oct. 8.

Rep. Les AuCoin, co-author of an unsuccessful proposal in Congress last summer to shut down the N reactor pending safety studies, said the temporary shutdown was too little, too late.

"This confirms what I and other critics have been saying all along, and it's another sorry chapter in DOE's whole attitude toward Hanford," the Oregon Democrat said in a statement late Thursday.

"The shutdown should be permanent and DOE should take a hard look at all aspects of the issue."

The N reactor is operated for the department by UNC Nuclear Industries to produce plutonium. Steam generated by the heat of the atomic chain-reaction is used by the Washington Public Power Supply System to produce electricity.

The Energy Department and a separate General Accounting Office report concluded earlier that the 23-year-old N reactor was being operated properly and that an immediate shutdown was unnecessary.

The DOE contended an accident like that at Chernobyl could not happen at the N reactor because it had numerous safety features that the Soviet reactor lacked.

President kicks off holiday season with lighting of tree

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's Christmas tree is alive with color and light, marking the official start of the holiday season, after President Reagan and an 8-year-old boy pressed the same switch used by Calvin Coolidge in the first such ceremony in 1923.

Reagan and Byron White, a member of the National Capital Area of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, were warm and dry Thursday evening in the White House diplomatic reception rooms.

At least a quarter mile away, an estimated crowd of 6,500, many of them children, waited in a chilly rain.

"Beyond the White House south lawn, across the street on the Ellipse, in the darkness, there stands a tall, shaggy shape, our national Christmas tree," the president said.

"Let's see if we can't turn this cold, dark evening into one of light and warmth."

Then the boy, guided by the president, hit the switch; the tree came aglow, and the crowd clapped and cheered loudly.

Three-thousand blue lights and 100 starburst ornaments outlined with red lamps sparked on the 32-foot tree, a living Colorado blue spruce that has served as the national Christmas tree since 1978.

"You turned it on," the president told Byron. First lady Nancy Reagan patted the boy on the shoulder and wished him a merry Christmas.

The president paid tribute to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, talking about 40 members of the group. "At this Christmas season you remind us all that the greatest gift we can give to others is the gift of ourselves."

At the ceremonial occasion, the furor over the administration's secret arms deals with Iran dogged the president.

As he and Mrs. Reagan left to return to the residential quarters of the White House, a reporter called out, "Mr. President, can you really have a merry Christmas given all the political problems you seem to be having right now?"

"I don't have any problems at Christmas," the president replied.

Iran paid for millions in U.S. arms, and wants them delivered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran is pressing the United States to turn over nearly \$300 million worth of weaponry purchased by Tehran in the days of the Shah but never delivered, despite the furor over the secret U.S. arms sales to Iran.

Although many of the arms are deteriorating in warehouses, Iran is being billed up \$33,000 a month to pay for the storage, according to sources with ties to the Iranian government.

So far, Iran has unsuccessfully used a carrot and stick approach to get the weapons, which it wants to pursue its war against Iraq.

Tehran is asking the Claims Tribunal affiliated with the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the Netherlands, to order all Iranian materiel held in this country shipped to Iran, said Amir Zamani, a spokesman for Iran's mission to the United Nations.

And the speaker of the Iranian parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani, last month offered to help obtain the release of American hostages held in Lebanon in return for the armaments. U.S. officials reacted coolly to the idea, citing President Reagan's pledge last month to sell no more weapons to Iran.

The materiel consists largely of spare parts for such U.S.-made armaments as F-4, F-5 and F-14 fighters, C-130 transport planes,

as well as radar and computer equipment, American officials said in 1980, when President Carter impounded the goods.

The bulk of the materiel, valued at \$261.8 million, is being stored in U.S. government warehouses in the United States, said Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Don Brownlee.

"Most of it is in pretty good shape," he said. But time has taken its toll on some rubber and chemical items, "and there is nothing we can do about that," he said.

A smaller amount, worth an estimated \$5 million to \$8 million, is being stored by Victory Van Lines Corp. in Alexandria, Va., according to sources with ties to the Iranian government who asked to not be identified. Company officials declined to confirm that the goods were there, citing the confidentiality of their clients.

Before the 1979 revolution that brought Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to power, those goods were sent to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey for shipment to Iran by a private freight company, Behring International, which has since gone bankrupt.

During extensive litigation surrounding the fate of the goods, they were stored in a poorly protected warehouse in Edison, N.J., and were moved to better facilities in Alexandria about 18 months ago, the Iranian sources

Reagan show canceled because backers afraid of Iran scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — A television program about President Reagan, scheduled to air on his birthday, has been canceled because its sponsors pulled out to avoid association with the controversy over U.S. arms sales to Iran, the show's distributor says.

The show, "Reagan's Way," was canceled because "everybody already assumes that with the news coming out of Washington these days... it would be unwise to be associated with a Reagan program at this time," Sidney Love, general sales manager of YJR Enterprises, said Thursday.

Love declined to name the four sponsors but said they can be seen every night on network television.

"They asked us not to reveal their names and I've got to go by that word I gave them because I'll be knocking on their door in the near future for other properties," he said.

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World

Anti-apartheid to challenge new censorship

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Officials said severe new censorship rules were imposed because radicals receive more positive coverage than the government. An anti-apartheid group said it would challenge the restrictions in court.

"The state has a duty to make sure that radicals are not able to bring about a situation where freedom of the press is destroyed," David Steward, deputy director of the Bureau for Information, said on television late Thursday.

"How are we supposed to be able to restore law and order when the people are being conditioned in favor of radical elements?" Steward said.

The new media restrictions, imposed Thursday, require foreign and domestic journalists to get official approval before reporting on most peaceful actions against apartheid as well as violent unrest. Under a 6-month-old state of emergency, jour-

nalists already were restricted in their coverage of violence and actions by security forces, but not of peaceful protests.

The new restrictions also bar anyone from urging resistance to the government through such acts of non-violent civil disobedience as rent, consumer and school boycotts; strikes and protest meetings.

Complaints about compulsory military service and statements urging establishment of civic associations and people's courts are barred as "subversive."

"Any society, when threatened as our society is, has the right to take measures to protect itself," Roelf Meyer, deputy minister of law and order, said on the state-run South Africa Broadcasting Corp.

He said censorship would be ended "as soon as

we can achieve normality."

Steward, speaking on the same television program, complained, "The ANC and Nelson Mandela get more positive coverage than the government."

The African National Congress is a banned black guerrilla group, and Mandela, a former ANC leader, is serving a life sentence on a sabotage conviction.

The new restrictions drew strong criticism from journalists, business leaders and groups that oppose apartheid, South Africa's system of forced racial segregation.

The United Democratic Front, a multiracial alliance that organizes peaceful protests against apartheid, said it would challenge the regulations in court.

The group's treasurer, Azhar Cachalia, said in a statement: "The UDF is not prepared to allow the

country to be plunged into total darkness It is clear that the Nationalist government has not only lost control but has gone completely mad."

The new rules apparently bar the United Democratic Front from promoting its planned 10-day Christmas boycott of white-owned stores and also any coverage of the boycott.

Protests against apartheid and related violence have wracked the country for more than two years. The South African Institute of Race Relations said Thursday that 2,291 people had died in the violence from September 1984 through last month.

The new media censorship center approved publication of the figure, but suggested the inclusion of "official data" that 1,831 people had been killed in unrest in the same period. The government death toll has been consistently lower than the institute's.

War game



Philippine soldiers stalk toward a wooden structure, braced for attack in a drill that is part of the joint U.S.-Philippine military exercise, 70 miles north of Manila. (AP Laserphoto)

Allies ready for troop reductions

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO foreign ministers wind up two days of consultations today after calling for new talks with the Soviet bloc aimed at reducing troops and conventional weapons in Europe.

Ministers of the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization today planned to issue a communique urging a 50 percent cut in U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear weapons, officials said.

President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev were close to agreement on a 50 percent cut in strategic nuclear arms at their October summit meeting in Iceland, but the talks broke down in dispute over Reagan's "Star Wars" anti-missile program.

A British diplomatic source said the NATO ministers today also planned to endorse the elimination of medium-range nuclear missiles, coupled with a call to reduce shorter range Soviet nuclear missiles immediately.

They also were expected to call for an immediate, global ban on chemical weapons, sources said.

On Thursday, the foreign ministers and U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz unani-

mously adopted a declaration that NATO was prepared for new negotiations with the Warsaw Pact on conventional weapons.

The proposal calling for new talks will be submitted to Warsaw Pact representatives in Vienna Jan. 23.

Shultz on Thursday also assured the ministers that the United States would not let its domestic difficulties over arms

deliveries to Iran and a secret fund for Nicaraguan rebels interfere with negotiations with the Soviets.

He said "there is absolutely no excessive preoccupation" in Washington with the controversy in ways that would detract from the Reagan administration's overseas agenda, according to a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Newspaper says France paid \$2.3 million for two hostages

PARIS (AP) — France won the release of two French hostages in Beirut after making political concessions to Iran and paying the kidnapers the equivalent of \$2.3 million, the newspaper Liberation reported today.

Premier Jacques Chirac said only state-to-state negotiations were involved in gaining the June 20 release of Philippe Rochot and Georges Hansen, two members of a four-man French Antenna 2 television crew that was abducted in Beirut March 8. Crewmembers Aurel Cornea and Jean-Louis Normandin remain missing.

However, today's report in the leftist Liberation said the government negotiated with the kidnapers through two Lebanese Shiite businessmen in the Ivory Coast and later through Chirac's chief of staff, Michel Roussin.

Liberation also carried a statement by Roussin as saying its story was not true. "All of that is completely wrong," the newspaper quoted him as saying. "There is nothing right."

Shortly after taking office, Chirac made a visit to the Ivory Coast for talks with President Felix Houphouet-Boigny. According to Liberation, he

also met with Lebanese businessmen Nagib Zaher and Ibrahim Baroud.

The two businessmen were able to contact the kidnapers, Liberation said, and four days later the premier's office received brief letters from the four hostages, which proved the contact was good.

For that, the government paid five million Lebanese pounds, or about 500,000 French francs (\$77,000 dollars) at current rates, the newspaper said.

"After this initial payment, the 'real negotiations' started," Liberation said. It said Roussin made several trips to Beirut and to Damascus under a false passport. It said Roussin met several times with representatives of the kidnapers.

In Beirut, Liberation said Roussin explained that France would not change its policy in support of Iraq, in the Gulf war, but there could be "normalization" with Iran.

Liberation said the government also agreed to support the tripartite accord signed last December in Damascus, which was to have ended the conflict between all warring parties in Lebanon.

Soviet-Iranian economic accord is signed

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran reported today it has signed an economic cooperation agreement with the Soviet Union, and indicated that a return of Soviet technicians was planned.

The protocol is seen as a major step in Moscow's effort to improve relations with Iran.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the protocol was signed

Thursday by Iranian Economic Affairs Minister Javad Irvani and Konstantin Katushev, chairman of Moscow's new State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations.

The agreement covers cooperation on commerce, banking, transportation, fisheries and technology and construction of steel plants and power stations in Iran, IRNA said.

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Residents upset by proposed waste site

ENNIS (AP) — A proposal to incinerate up to 24 tons of body parts, used surgical instruments and other hospital waste every day has sparked the biggest fury in years in this town best known for its national polka festival.

"This could spell the downfall of the city of Ennis," said Ron Haskove, a mechanical engineer and a town native.

The plant would be owned by Winfield Environmental Inc. of San Diego, Calif., and could open as soon as three months after the \$750,000 renovation of a 10,000 square-foot metal building, said Troy Mitchell, Winfield's director of facilities and operations.

Residents of this community 30 miles south of Dallas fear their

town's reputation for folksy charm will be tainted. They also worry that the facility would pose health risks, decrease property values and discourage new businesses from moving to Ennis.

"It has them frightened that some of the parts are going to be diseased," said Bob Klemp, editor of the Ennis Daily News. "They're scared of the smell."

Some residents say medical waste from other towns and cities has no place in Ennis.

"If Ennis is going to grow, it needs to attract clean industry rather than everybody else's garbage," said Margaret Gagnon.

Some residents are concerned that the facility would dispose of

aborted fetuses. Howerton said he asked the company for assurances that wouldn't happen, but company officials said they could not guarantee it.

Mitchell said plant workers would be unable to screen all waste disposed at the plant. He said the plant would pose no health threat and emit only a odorless, harmless steam.

City Manager Steve Howerton had to schedule a second meeting last week after more than 300 people came out to discuss the California company's proposal to incinerate wastes from hospitals up to 150 miles away.

Howerton said the city would get only \$2,000 to \$3,000 in tax revenue from the plant.

Caribou transplant



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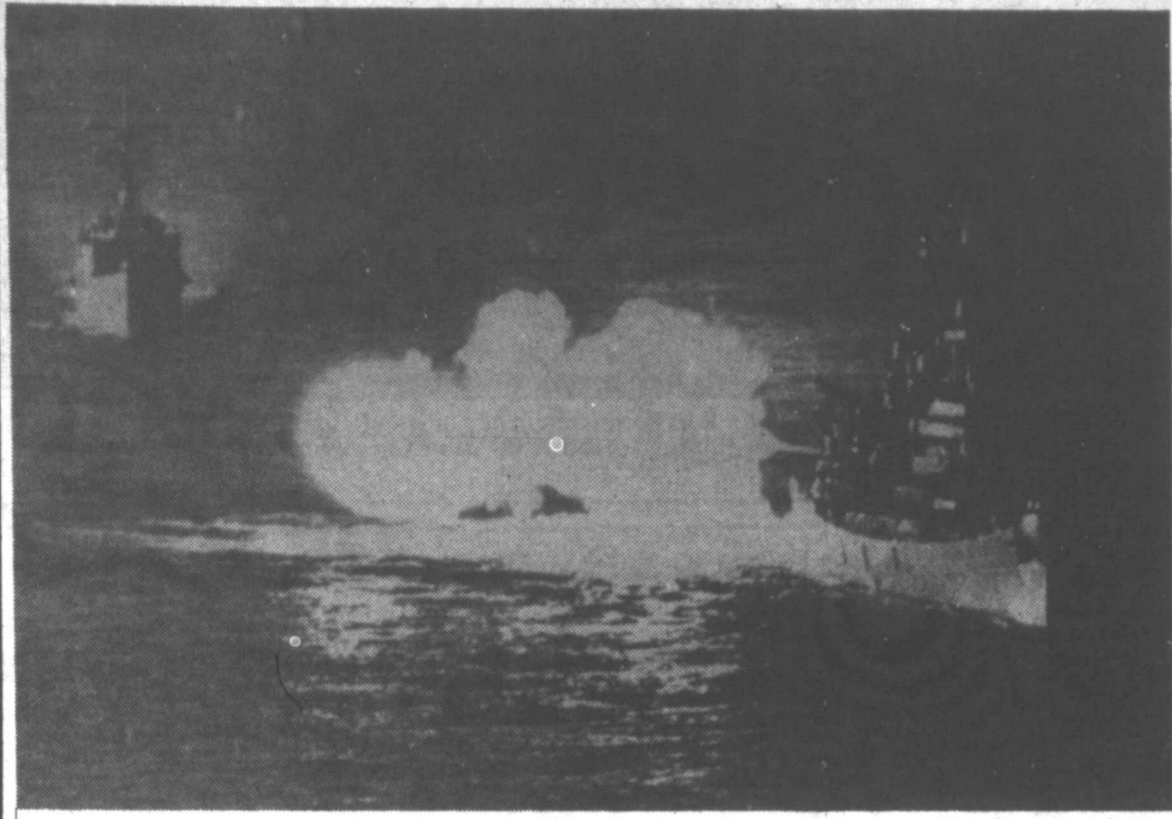
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Error puts porno movie on the air

AUSTIN (AP)—Romance went overboard on the "Love Boat" when an employee of a television station erroneously aired a brief portion of a pornographic movie during the show.

The approximately eight-second glimpse of sexual activity occurred about 1:05 a.m. Thursday on KTVV of Austin. General Manager Jane Wallace said a master control operator on duty apparently tuned the station's satellite to receive a cable station that offers risqué movies.

The worker, bored on the board, apparently was looking for personal entertainment, she said. The problem got worse when the worker hit the wrong button and put the pornography on the air.

"It's your classic broadcast booboo," she said. The employee was fired Thursday, she said.

Asked the nature of the material that aired, Ms. Wallace said, "Hard core. Up close and personal."

"Obviously, we regret it very much," she said.

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Tutu praises efforts to end apartheid, scorns Reagan

HOUSTON (AP) — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu says he expects the South African government to continue measures such as press censorship to try to control increasing political unrest.

"I think you keep believing the government can't go any lower, and then they do in fact sink lower," Tutu said at a Thursday press conference.

On Thursday, the white-minority government imposed severe censorship requiring journalists to get official approval before reporting on most peaceful actions against apartheid as well as violent unrest.

Previous curbs on journalists restricted coverage of violence and actions by security forces.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner, in Houston to present a human rights award, said he doesn't believe press restrictions will prompt the world to forget about his country's problems.

Instead, he said, it will make the world wonder what South Africa is hiding.

It is up to the private sector to pressure the South African government to end apartheid, because

those in control are not willing to simply relinquish their power.

"No one wants to see apartheid reformed," he said. "We want to see apartheid dismantled."

Tutu praised recent student demonstrations in the United States against apartheid and the sanctions enacted against South Africa by Congress.

But the archbishop said he has basically given up on the Reagan administration.

He said he was not impressed by the proclamation President Reagan signed Thursday designating the day as Human Rights Day because his country needs actions, not gestures.

"I basically don't think the Reagan administration cares too much about black people, certainly not in South Africa," Tutu said.

Reagan, Tutu said, is "obsessed" with overthrowing the legal government in Nicaragua, but he will not act to end apartheid in South Africa.

"I have not given up on the American people. But I can't go on wasting time on people," Tutu said.



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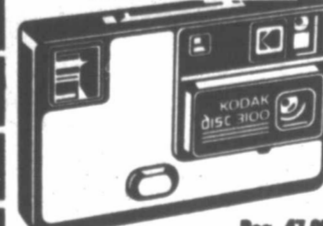
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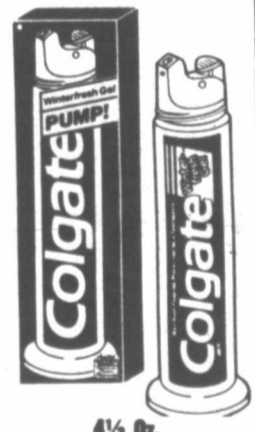


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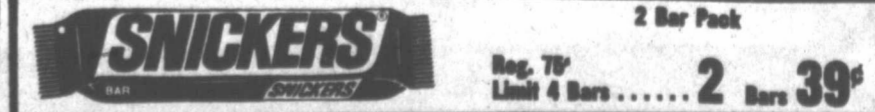
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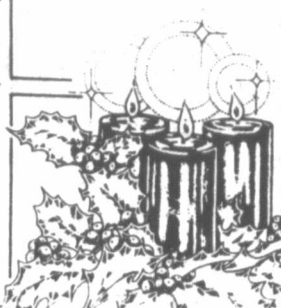
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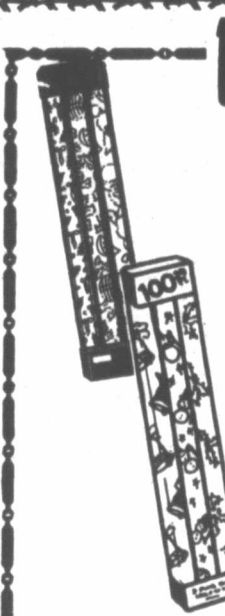


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Researchers announce new discovery in AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers believe they have discovered how the body's immune system fights off the virus that causes AIDS, which they say could explain how some infected people do not come down with the fatal disease.

Scientists at the University of California, San Francisco, say the discovery may lead to a new approach to treating acquired immune deficiency syndrome that doesn't require using toxic antiviral drugs.

In a report to be published today in the journal *Science*, a team led by Dr. Jay A. Levy says a subgroup of white blood cells called suppressor T-cells appears to control the virus in cell cultures.

The researchers said these cells appear to be at work in several patients who have been infected with the virus for up to four years who either have not gotten the fatal disease or whose disease seems to be in remission.

If the suppressor T-cells prove to control the virus in humans, they say, it may be possible to boost the number of these cells to stop the virus from reproducing and to arrest the progress of AIDS.

The AIDS virus attacks another group of T-cells, called helper T-cells, which govern the other components of the immune system. The virus penetrates the helper T-cells, reproduces and destroys its host as it spreads to

other cells. Levy, with doctors Christopher Walker, Dewey Moody and Daniel Stites, found that suppressor T-cells, whose normal job is controlling the production of antibodies by other cells, appear to emit a substance that keeps the virus from reproducing after invading the helper cells.

When certain suppressor T-cells having a protein on their surface called CD8 were removed from blood, the virus started to grow in cultures of the remaining blood cells, they reported.

But when the suppressor T-cells were put back into the cultures, reproduction of the virus was suppressed, they continued.

"This is the first indication that individuals have in themselves a means of controlling the virus," said Levy. "This discovery could be the first step toward an effective therapy for AIDS, using a person's own immune cells rather than drugs that are toxic to the body."

Levy speculated that suppressor T-cells could be removed from an infected person's body, grown in large numbers in a laboratory and returned to the patient to continue arresting the disease.

The next step is designing human tests and recruiting patients for a small trial to see if the test tube findings prove true in the human body, he said.

Israeli warplanes strike Palestinian bases in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli warplanes Thursday attacked Palestinian guerrilla bases in Syrian-controlled north Lebanon, and police said four people were killed and six were wounded.

Police said eight Israeli fighter-bombers staged the four-minute raid beginning at 1:30 p.m., hitting bases in the Palestinian refugee camp of Nahr el-Bared. The planes made two runs on the camp, attacking it with rockets and setting targets afire, police said.

Black smoke billowed over the area as Palestinian guerrillas fired at the raiding jets with anti-aircraft guns, local reporters said. No hits were reported.

Fire engines and ambulances raced from the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli, 50 miles north of Beirut, to the nearby camp.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli military command said the Israeli air force attacked guerrilla bases of the Abu Nidal Palestinian faction northeast of Tripoli. Bases of the Syrian-backed Abu Musa faction also were hit, the army communique said.

The Israeli pilots reported direct hits on buildings, positions and weapons dumps, the Israeli military command said. All planes returned safely to base, it said.

The Abu Nidal underground guerrilla group known as Fatah-Revolutionary Council said in a communique issued in Beirut that Palestinian positions fired anti-aircraft guns and missiles at the attacking jets. No hits were claimed.

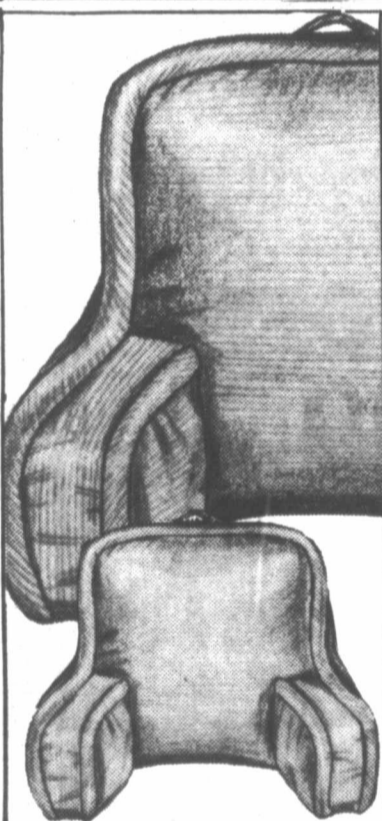
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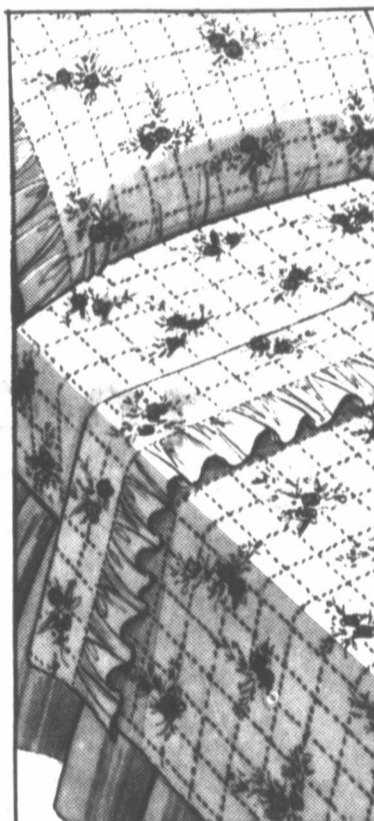
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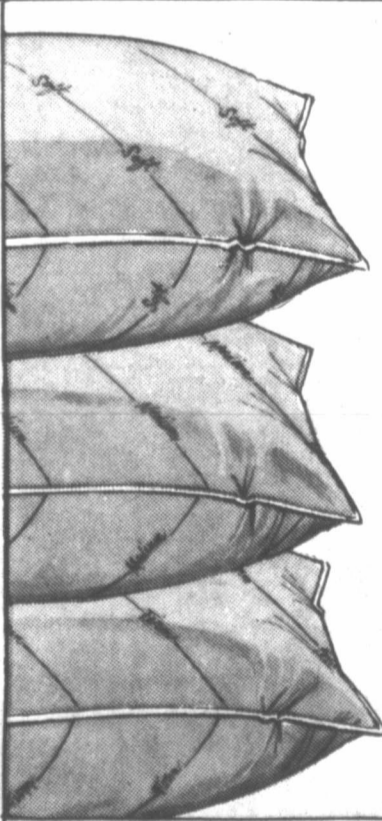


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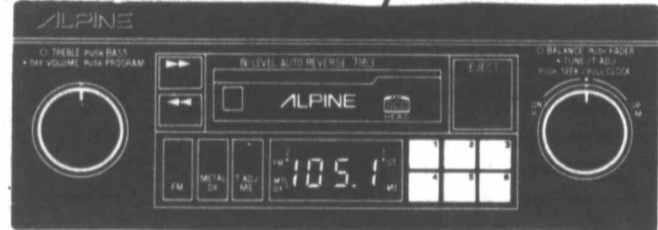
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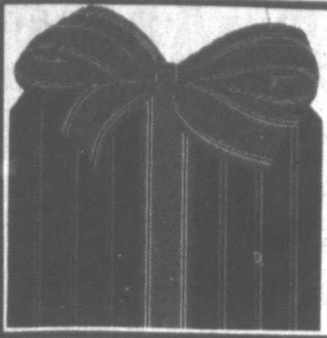
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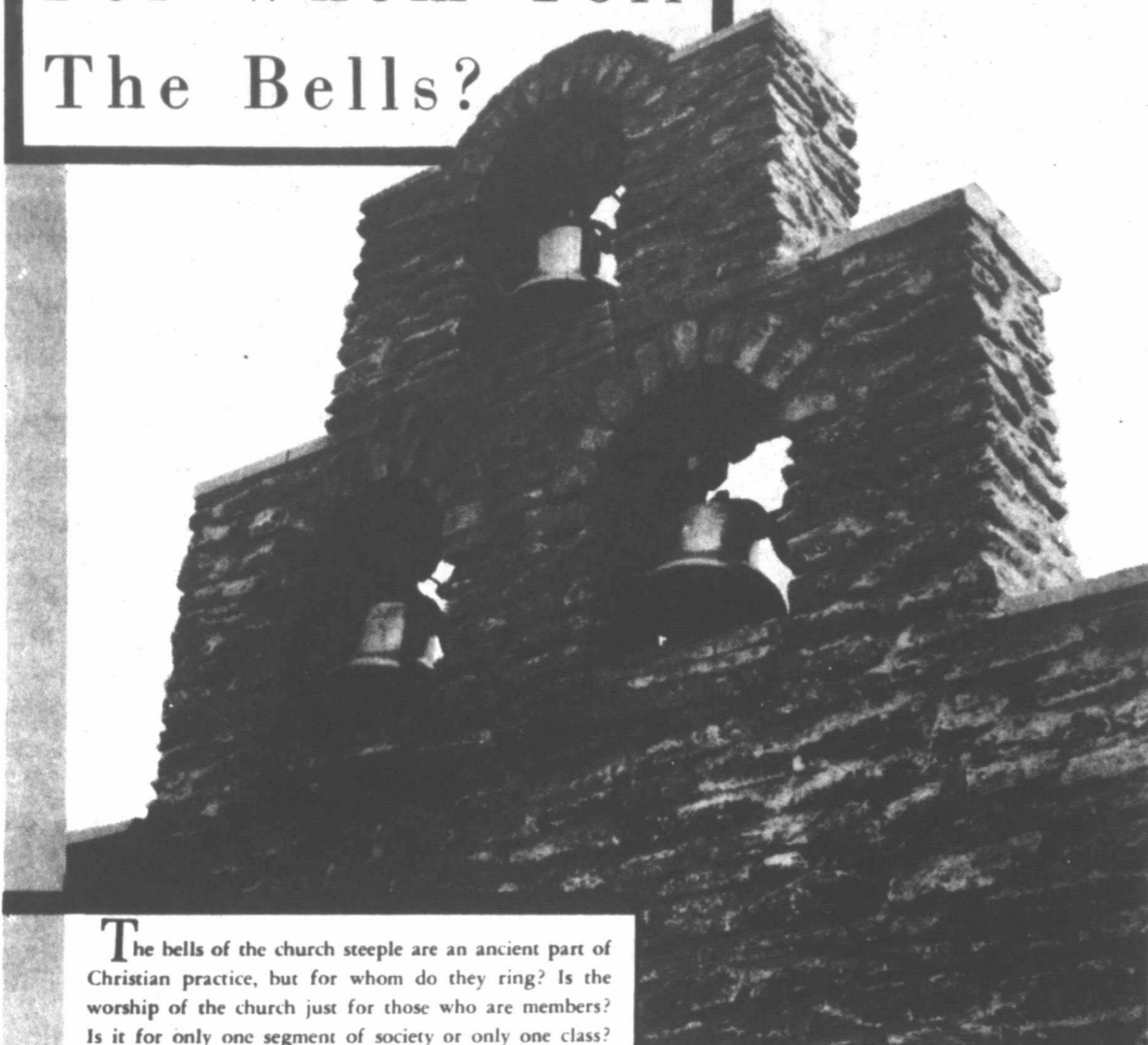
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Churches ready holiday musicals

First Methodist

Pampa's First United Methodist Church, located at the downtown intersection of Foster and Ballard streets, will present the new Christmas musical, *Everlasting Light*, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the church's sanctuary.

The musical, written and arranged by Claire Cloninger and Mark Hayes, deals with the theme of "God's light," both at the manger in Bethlehem and in today's contemporary lifestyles.

Featured in the presentation will be the church's Adult Chancel Choir, which also will be joined by two of the church's children's choirs for a special number. Director of Music Ken McDonald is directing the production.

Soloists include Eddie Burton, Rochelle Lacy, Barbara Hollingsworth, Ron Chisum, Ken Lemons, David Cory, Ernest Upton and Mark Elms.

Other highlights will include a live Nativity Scene and a closing congregational ceremony of candles.

Rev. Max Browning, pastor, said there is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend the special performance.

Lamar Full Gospel

The Christmas cantata, "King of Love," will be presented Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Lamar Full Gospel Assembly, 1200 S. Sumner.

Based on the words, "The King of Love, what a wonderful story, how He from heaven came to earth below," the cantata will be performed by the Lamar Singers.

"This beautiful story, set to music, with drama, will warm your heart as the Lamar Singers offer you Jesus, the King of Love," said Rev. Gene Allen, pastor.

Pastor Allen said he and the congregation invite the public "to come and be a part of this expression of Christmas."

Calvary Assembly

The musical, *A Family Album of Christmas Praise*, will be presented at 6 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love, in an evening of celebration in Christmas worship.

Specially written and arranged for the holiday season, *A Family Album of Christmas Praise* will feature soloists John Clark, Lori Helton, Becky Pletcher, Benita Rogers, Johnnie Rogers and Terrell Welch.

Pastor R.G. Tyler invited the public to attend the special service. "We warmly invite you to share this time of Christmas worship with us," he said.

Christian School

Students of the Pampa Christian School will be presenting the Christmas musical, *Bethlehem Treasures*, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, in the Bible Baptist Church auditorium, 500 E. Kingsmill.

Larry and Janet Taylor are directing the 25 students in the play, which will have dialog and music.

The school staff invites the public to attend the special presentation. There will be no admission charge.

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.* (Psalm 92:4)

The church I attend has a concrete driveway which runs between the main building and the west educational building.

It has been dubbed "Baptist Boulevard" by the church staff. Because of the way it's constructed, it holds water when it rains.

One very cold, rainy Sunday morning, I saw two small sisters on Baptist Boulevard. The little girls were unkempt and dirty. Their hair had not been brushed and stood out from their heads in tangled disarray. Their clothing was badly worn and mismatched. Little bare legs showed between their short dresses and scuffed cowboy boots. Their coats were grubby and long outgrown.

But on that dreary, gray morning, Baptist Boulevard was lit up with the pure delight of those two little girls. Hand-in-hand, they skipped down the driveway, splashed through every puddle and giggled till they could hardly breathe.

For those few moments, all they needed were rain puddles, giggles and a sister's hand to hold. They were lifted out of poverty and neglect and made resplendent by their joy in the works of the Lord's hands.

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Religion

'Brother Claude' to speak at Spirit of Truth Church

Claude C. Hargis, known internationally as "Brother Claude," will be ministering Sunday in the 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services at the Spirit of Truth Church, 1421-A N. Hobart.

Pastor Mark Zedlitz said Hargis has traveled in more than 30 countries teaching and preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The Lord has blended Claude's Jewish and Baptist background with his travels through Europe and Israel into a powerful and unique ministry," Zedlitz said.

At 17, Hargis tried to delve deeper into Judaism to find God after searching through Oriental religions and the occult, Zedlitz noted.

His hunger for God led him into a direct encounter with his Jewish Messiah, the Lord Jesus, Hargis claims.

Hargis said he was delivered from drug addiction and the occult by the power of Christ. Six months later he was licensed into the Baptist ministry.

After several years of ministry in the Texas Panhandle, Hargis lived in Europe for five years. Living in Germany, he traveled extensively throughout Europe and behind the Iron Curtain. He made 50 trips into Communist-

controlled nations. After a terrorist-backed attempt on his life in 1980, Hargis returned to the United States.

After serving two Oklahoma churches in administrative positions, he formed Ariel International Ministries in the spring of 1986.

Hargis said his ministry has a four-fold vision: a prophetic and teaching ministry to the church and to the Jewish people, a teaching ministry to the church concerning its Jewish roots, an evangelistic witness to the Jewish community and Israel, and a ministry on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

To meet his vision, Hargis holds teaching seminars in churches and synagogues, has a daily radio program and is involved in Bet Ami, a Messianic Jewish fellowship in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Hargis also serves as advisor to the Psalm 33 Foundation, which has a vision of building a 24-hour Christian radio station in Jerusalem. He also has traveled to Oregon and Alaska, where refugee centers are being built for the coming exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union, as prophesied by Jeremiah.

Zedlitz invited the public to attend the Sunday services.



Young performers practice for a Children's Choir production at First Christian Church. Front row are Ashley Quarles, left, and Michael Dittburner. Back row from left are Tammy Chesher, Kevin Chesher, Brandon Campbell and Kimberly Dittburner.

Children's choir to perform musical

The First Christian Church, 18th and Nelson, will feature its Children's Choir in a special Christmas musical during the morning worship hour at 10:50 a.m. Sunday.

Under the direction of Mrs. Pam Wilson, 50 children will present *Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies* by Betty Hager and Fred Bock.

The musical is based on a story concerning God's creation of the heavens and the earth and of man in His image. Scriptural references used include "Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth" and "In the beginning was the

Word, and the Word was with God." The time came when God sent His Word, His Son, to earth, with the angels announcing Christ's coming to shepherds on a glory-bright hill.

The musical concerns the lambs who heard the angels and spread the glad tidings to God's little people — the animals and other creatures.

Though the children are presenting the musical for the enjoyment of the congregation, Dr. Bill R. Boswell, minister, and Mrs. Shirley Winborne, director of membership, invited the public "to please come and worship with the congregation on this special occasion."

Religion Roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — With shelves being stocked again this Christmas season with violence-oriented toys, the United Methodist Board of Church and Society has issued a handbook of guidance about them for parents.

The handbook, prepared by three Wichita, Tex., women — a Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and a United Methodist — describe current violence-type toys, TV commercials for them, and also non-violent toys suggested as better choices.

NEW YORK (AP) — The president of Fordham University says implementation of a proposed Vatican document that would put Catholic universities under ecclesiastical authority could cost Fordham and other colleges their Catholic identity.

The Rev. Joseph A. O'Hare told the annual meeting of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs that the document, drawn up by the Vatican's education office, was "short-sighted" about the American scene where most Catholic colleges now have independent boards of trustees.

Most presidents of such institutions have objected that the document's proposal to put faculty hiring and firing power in the hands of bishops would violate standards of academic freedom and institutional autonomy.

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A.D. Players want broader recognition

By JULIA DUIN
 Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — Caught between the two worlds of Christianity and theater, the A.D. Players opened its 20th season this fall occupying a space midway between the two.

By now, the group has made an international name for itself as a Christian theater troupe. There is more than enough available taken from the ranks of eager Christian artists. But funding is hard to get, as are good scripts.

And hardest of all to acquire is recognition from the non-Christian world.

A.D. Players founder Jeanette Clift George mixes the Gospel with whimsy and comes up with a piquant brew. One recent production, "Galley Proof," includes such improbabilities as a Moses with a sand bucket, a Pharaoh's daughter with a Southern accent — "It's nawt much fu-un being the daw-tuh of a Pharaoh," she complains — and Moses' brother, Aaron, who quotes Scripture and platitudes ad nauseum.

Ms. George says that comedy is often the only way to get a serious point across. The theater company's Christmas season, which opens Dec. 5, includes three short comedies.

"We're a theater, not a pulpit," she explained. "I feel that theater can communicate specific principles ... more easily with humor. When we laugh, we're vulnerable and very available for instruction."

A.D.'s first performance was a humorous occasion. As 12 volunteer members with no assets other than Ms. George's plays, the troupe took its first booking before a Chinese congregation that couldn't understand English. The actors nicknames themselves "A.D." for "after dinner," because they hoped to be fed prior to their performances.

Two decades and thousands of performances later, the Christian theater group operates off a \$500,000 budget; employs 22 people full time; carries 680 season ticket holders; just completed its third European tour; and averages 70 percent capacity during performances in its 212-seat Grace Theater in Houston.

To make the budget stretch, each company member takes part in acting, management and production. All are professing Christians, Ms. George says, although "many weren't Christians when they came here." However, they had to maintain a lifestyle "not destructive to our programming," she adds, and attend a weekly Bible study which Ms. George teaches. Many of the company's actors and actresses say they feel called to a career in Christian — not secular — theater.

"I was going for a Broadway career and do a cattle-call routine," said actor Marion Kirby, who plays Aaron in "Galley Proof." "Then I said, 'Lord, I know this (Christian theater) is your call on my life.'"

"What is tender of the Lord is how he supplied all my needs ... I wanted to put myself in the limelight. Now that I've put God in the limelight, I've gotten a full-time job in the theater," he said.

Full-time acting jobs are prized possessions in the theater world, and Ms. George is proud that she can offer 22 of them — a generous staff for any community theater — with six people on a waiting list for openings.

Were she to do anything differently in the theater's 20-year evolution, it would have been to organize a theater structure earlier than 1976, when she hired her first full-time staff members. In 1979, the company brought the former Grace Bible Church and saved enough money to renovate it into Grace Theater three years later.

"I'm a performer, so I wanted to get people up onstage," she said, "but now I see that to be a theater company of permanent residents. I should've defined our structure more specifically: set a five-year plan, set goals and put in a training program."

"But at the time, I didn't intend all this to come about," she added, surveying her blue-carpeted office. "The A.D. Players were to have been like a graduate degree program for Houston Baptist University," where Ms. George once taught drama.

The A.D. Players now has a board of directors, an international touring company, an internship program and a "prayer family" — a group of 200 volunteers who pray for the company. The company's support runs the gamut of Catholic and Protestant churches, and Ms. George's pastor, the Rev. H. Edwin Young of Second Baptist Church, attended "Galley Proof's" opening night.

One year, a high school offered an evening at Grace Theater, watching the A.D. Players, as an alternative to its senior prom. Still, some churches cannot wed the concepts of Christianity and entertainment in their minds, she says.

"A lot of churches are a little doubtful of the propriety of entertainment," Ms. George said. "A lot of the church community doesn't understand how an evening at the theater can be entertaining and edifying. They're ill at ease."

Theater traditionally hasn't been a forum for evangelical Christianity, although there's no reason why it shouldn't be, she says.

"If people are concerned evangelicals, they should realize this is a good place to bring people who don't know the Lord," the actress said. "There's probably more dialogue in our lobby (during intermissions) than there is in most church halls."

On the other hand, the A.D. Players has gotten flack from the non-religious theatergoers.

"We've had people walk out because we're a Christian theater," she said. "They've even threatened suit on the grounds of moral entrapment, because we didn't state clearly that we were a Christian theater."

A.D. Players actress Shelli Wright says that filling the gap between Christian and secular theater can be an uncomfortable squeeze.

"In the theater community, we're not considered theater because we're Christians," she said.

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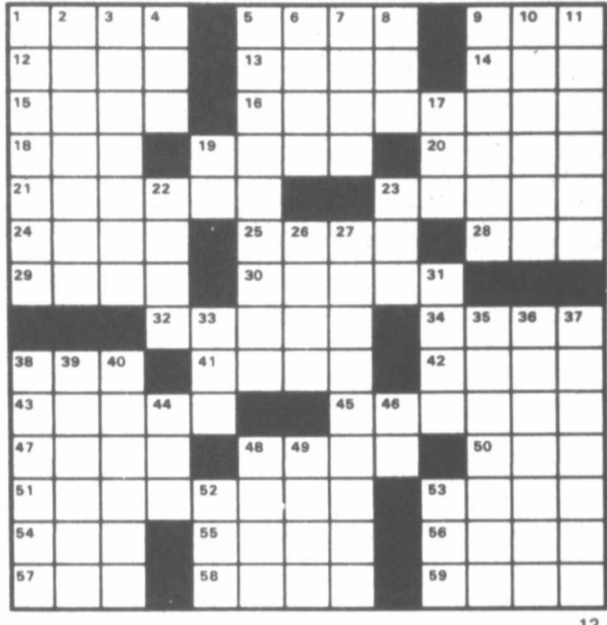
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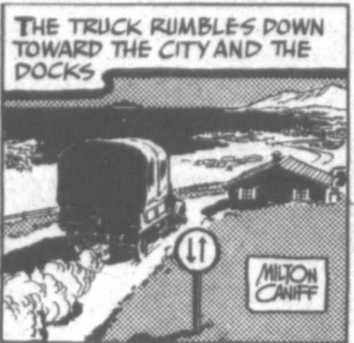


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Dec. 13, 1986

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your manner in dealing with others on a one-to-one basis will put them totally at ease today. They'll sense you truly care, and this will have a settling effect.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stabilizing influences will prevail today in areas that have been disrupted lately. They should be most noticeable in your financial affairs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Disengage yourself from involvements with others today if you have to attend to an important matter elsewhere that requires your personal touch. Make it a priority.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may require solitude in order to perform at your best today. Work alone in a place where others can't peek over your shoulder.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Social involvements with old friends will prove the most pleasurable today. You might not feel as comfortable in the company of casual acquaintances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone with whom you don't always see eye to eye will find much to admire in your behavior today. He or she might even surprise you with a compliment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to let yourself be overwhelmed by details today. You'll fare better if you look at the big picture instead of just a few of the brush strokes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If there's a business proposal someone is trying to interest you in today, it's best to let him or her make the approach. Don't appear too eager.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In a situation where your mate opts for the lead today, relegate yourself to a supportive role. What difference does it make who's in charge, as long as it comes out OK?

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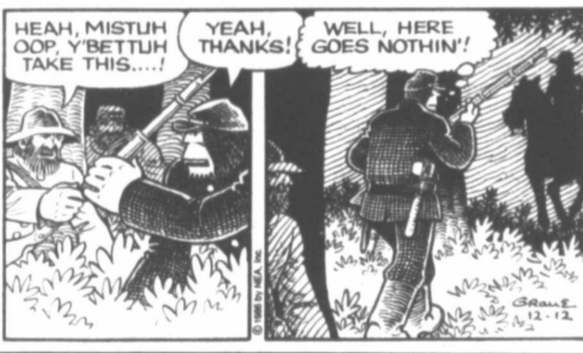


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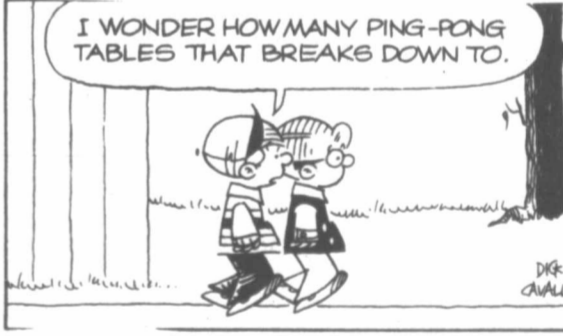


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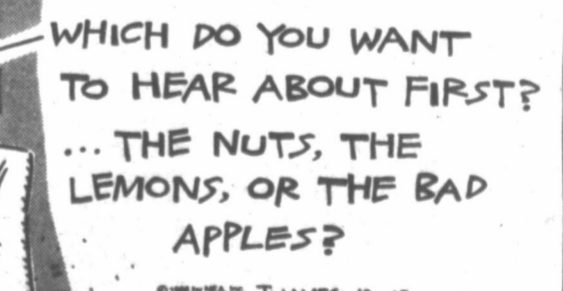
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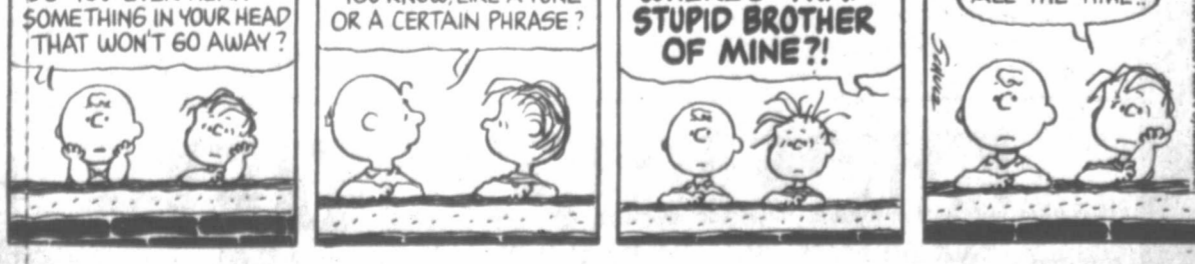
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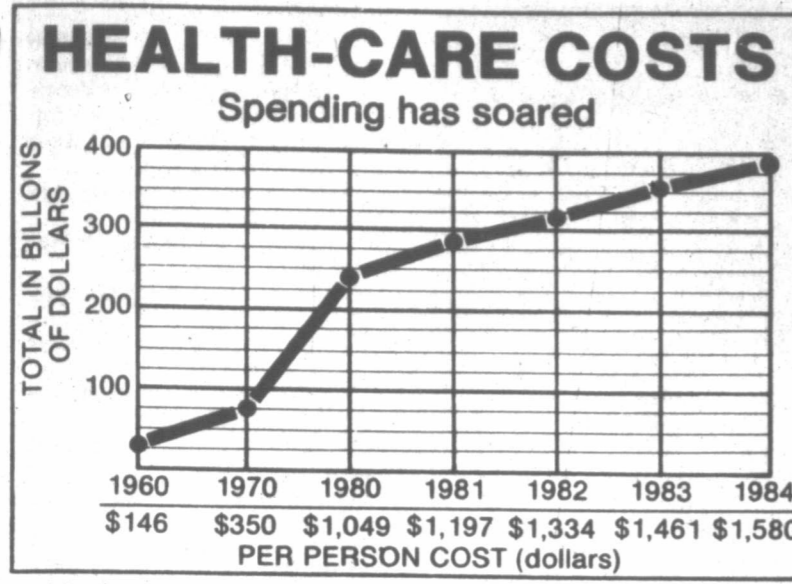
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Lifestyles

Doctor: unnecessary tests inflate health-care costs



By Peter Gott, M.D.

On the basis of a study performed for the Health Care Financing Administration, scientists concluded that about 25 percent of hospital admissions are unjustified and that up to 50 percent of laboratory tests may be unwarranted.

Small wonder that billions of health dollars are wasted every year.

A survey of 24 Iowa hospitals revealed that by age 15, 70 percent of children in one section of the state had tonsillectomies; only 7 percent in another area had the operation. A portion of New Hampshire is blessed with six times more hospital admissions for tooth extraction than a similar community in nearby Vermont. Uncomplicated obstetrical attention in Northeast area hospitals results in 50 percent longer stays than in corresponding institutions in Western states.

In one part of the country, physicians who order myriad laboratory tests are considered to be "tinkering";

in another region, they may be viewed as simply "thorough." The cost of medical care varies from one hospital to another within these communities.

This crisis of consistency has reached such proportions that the National Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association has issued guidelines that define under what circumstances certain medical tests are reimbursable by member insurance companies. Blue Cross-Blue Shield is trying like the dickens to reduce redundancy. For example, if you have a breast lump, there is no economically justifiable reason for the doctor to order a bevy of investigations — like sonography, mammography, thermography and diaphanography — when one or, at most, two tests will suffice.

Pretty soon, the Blues aren't going to pay for laboratory analyses whose purposes are questionable. It is only a matter of time before "guidelines" become translated into dollars-and-cents reality. The meat-ax approach to trimming medical expenses will necessitate that each patient and doc-

tor work toward the most frugal methods of establishing diagnosis.

Physicians become righteously indignant when economists mess around with the marketplace and with doctors' God-given right to run the show. I understand this indignation, but understanding is not going to make the problem go away.

Most doctors order too many tests, and that is a simple fact of medical life. For years, we, as a profession, have abused our patients' pocket-books. Since we still oversee and control the health industry, we have an obligation to address the issue of medical costs before the responsibility is taken from us.

Learning to exercise good judgment in the administration of medical care is superior to the option of depriving some Americans of health care because they can't afford it. Patients have to be educated to want, and practitioners to deliver, more cost-effective care. The question is: How?

In my part of the country, highway-

maintenance crews spend all night plowing winter roads that are barely dusted with snow. Another favorite

trick is salting bare streets. It's all too much. My rocker panels last about two years. I sometimes think that the state's department of transportation actively subsidizes body shops. In winter, the avenues and thoroughfares are slushy examples of chemical zealotry, saline testimonials to "bare at any cost," dripping reminders that nature can be beaten back at time-and-a-half overtime.

I'm certain that formal complaints by the public enjoy the same fate as irate letters from patients about exorbitant bills for anesthesia and surgery. Nothing gets done; the system is so enormous that it continues on its trajectory without even a wobble.

Until Medicare and private insurance companies cooperate in a nationwide effort to reduce profligate spending, medical costs will continue to rise, while each of us complains about corpulent taxes and bled insurance premiums.

Private's personal penchant should stay under cover

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old man, trim, slim and healthy. I am happily married and am a private in the U.S. Army. I will get right to the point. I love wearing women's underwear. I started wearing women's panties when I was in the sixth grade. It began when I saw my mother's peach-colored satin panties in her dresser drawer. I tried them on and they felt so smooth and silky, I hated to take them off. I also like the feel of panty hose. Men's undergarments feel so rough in comparison.

My wife has no objections. I am not gay or bisexual. I am a straight guy, absolutely straight. I just love wearing women's underwear. Is there anything wrong with that?

I have read a lot about yoga and it says that everyone has both masculine and feminine traits, which may explain my preference for feminine undergarments. Also the femininity in me comes out when I dance ballet and do aerobics. I have beautiful, shapely legs and am very graceful.

Right now I am in the Army, so I have left my panties back home. I miss them, but I'm afraid they wouldn't fit in here.

CALL ME PRIVATE PERSON

DEAR PRIVATE PERSON: You're right, they wouldn't fit in there. And there are many men like you who are perfectly straight, but enjoy the feel of feminine undergarments in the privacy of their own homes. But



Gena on Genealogy
Gena Walls

By GENA WALLS

Mrs. MARGARET A. PERRY is researching the MARTIN family and has made a connection leading to Bowie County. She needs proof that LOUIS FOUNTAIN MARTIN was sent to prison for murder but was later released due to a deathbed confession by ORAL CHASTEEN. This event, according to family tradition occurred between 1900 and 1910. Anyone with information about "Fount" Martin may write Mrs. Perry at 3335 Ansnov Lane, Memphis, Tenn., 38118.

CAMILLE PETREE, 1326 Camellia, Camden, Ark., 71701 is searching for Indian ancestry that moved to Missouri and Arkansas. Missouri surnames include VAN BEBBER (it might be two different names instead of the combination), JACKSON, and PETREE. Surnames in Arkansas include JOHNSON, SMITH, RIDDICK, CLEAVES, PARKER and JENKINS. The JOHNSON and SMITH lineage is also in South Carolina as well as SWAIN, RAY and WILLIAMS.

If you write anyone requesting information, please remember that "addressed, stamped envelope." When sending material, a return envelope is not necessary but the ever increase in costs and people tracing families that 22 cents can add up quickly. I do not answer letters that do not include return postage.

Christmas offers a terrific way to find new clues and leads to family relations. Include a family group sheet with your holiday letters requesting completion of any information. Often this leads to various pieces of information that differ just enough to start a new trail. Follow these leads!

Family traditions usually contain factual information that has been enlarged over the years but that can be carried back to the truth with persistence on the part of the researcher.

Happy hunting!



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

if you want to survive in the Army, I urge you to keep your preferences private, private.

DEAR ABBY: Could you please suggest a diplomatic way to keep friends from kissing me on the mouth when they greet me? Not only is it unsanitary, it really nauseates me. I recently married and thought that would put an end to this disgusting practice, but it hasn't.

I have a friend who lightly kisses the top of my hand in a very elegant manner. How I wish all men would do this instead of going right for my mouth!

PROVOKED IN PEACHTREE

DEAR PROVOKED: Give the would-be kisser the straight arm while turning your head — sharply. And should you encounter any resistance, say, "Not on the mouth, please."

DEAR ABBY: Last year during the Christmas season I witnessed an exchange between a salesperson and a customer in a department store that lost the salesperson a sale. The store policy was to refuse to allow the customer to use an unsigned charge card for her purchase. The customer produced various forms of identification, but refused to sign the card. Her reason:

If her signature was on her card and it was lost or stolen, it could be used by the person finding (or stealing) it.

Abby, wouldn't a signed credit card be much more difficult to use than an unsigned one? It would be much harder to match the signature already on the card than to match one that you put there yourself.

This woman obviously had not thought about the fact that a person who would steal her unsigned card would have no compunction about signing her name on it. With another Christmas shopping season upon us, we should all check our credit cards to be sure they are signed. And salespersons should make it a policy to check the signature on the card against the signature on the charge slip. Usually no other identification is requested when you use a charge card. I wish I had spoken up at the time of the occurrence, even if the customer had told me to mind my own business.

CAUTIOUS IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR CAUTIOUS: I have always signed my credit cards, believing that unsigned credit cards were unacceptable. Your letter reinforces that belief. Readers?

DEAR ABBY: The letter about people who want to initiate a conversation with a stranger reminded me of this incident:

At her first PTA meeting, a pretty little school teacher said to the Minnesota coach who was a few years older: "Aren't you the father of one of my children?"

The somewhat flustered coach stammered, "Well, er, a, no, I'm not," then he added, smiling, "but it's a lovely idea anyway."

Four years later they entered into a marriage that lasted for 51 glorious years.

RED SAGE, MINN. COACH, RETIRED IN OREGON

AARP officers



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramere)

Pictured are the 1987 officers for the American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 1198, Area 7, who were installed at their December meeting Monday. They are, from left: George Flaherty, president; Clara Qu-

ary, vice president; Evelyn McPeak, secretary; and Velora McGee, secretary. Conducting the installation was the Rev. Gene Allen, pastor of the Lamar Full Gospel Assembly.

Research focuses on mothers and work

NEW YORK (AP) - A project of the National Council of Jewish Women to study the rapidly changing needs of families in which mothers work has received a \$50,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

"Mothers in the Workplace" research, begun in May 1986, is being conducted by the NCJW

Center for the Child. During the first stage, NCJW volunteers from across the country are surveying employers to learn policies and benefits they provide to support parenting and child rearing.

In the second stage, volunteers will interview working women during their last trimester of pre-

gnancy to determine the relationship between parenting decisions and the availability of "family benefits" at work. Finally, follow-up telephone interviews will be conducted with the women from the second stage after they give birth to see what decisions mothers actually make regarding parenting.

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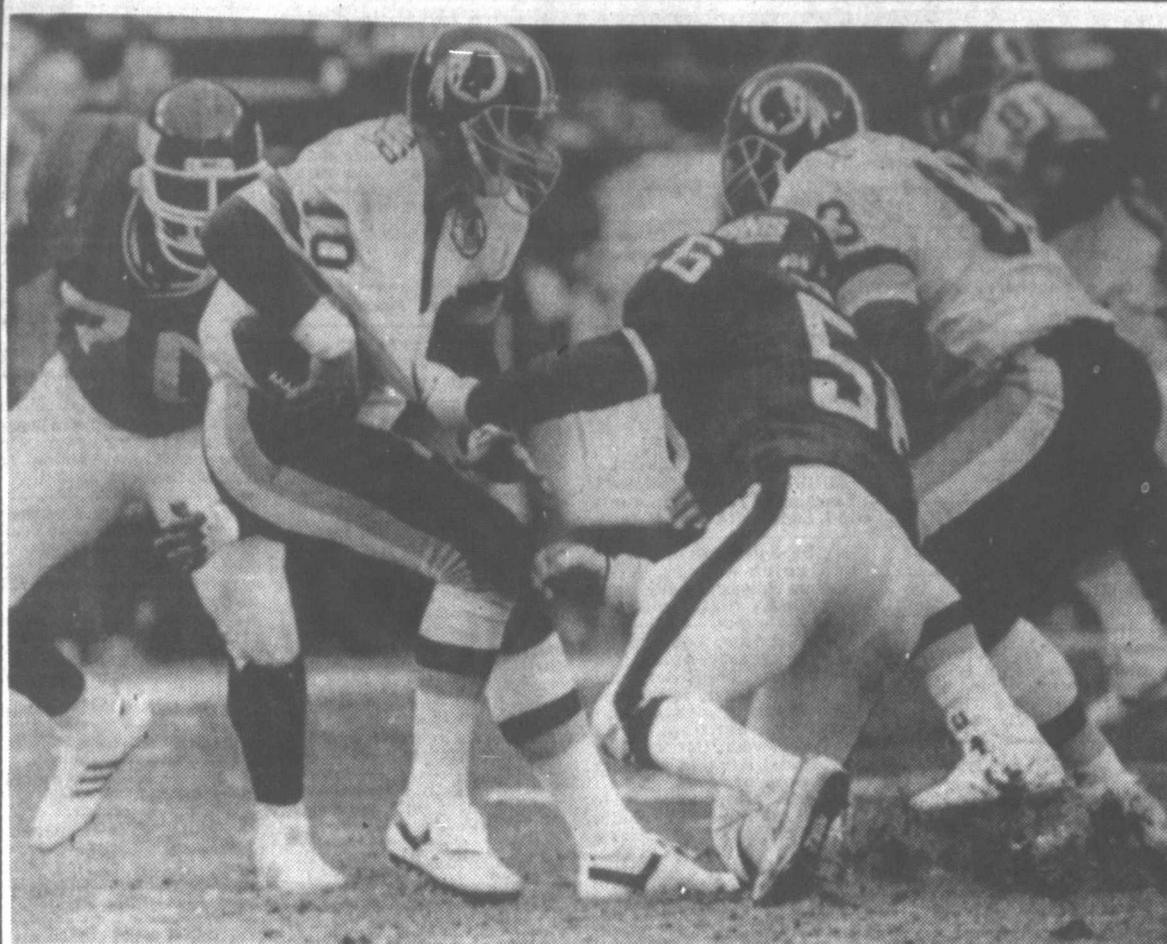
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Quarterback Jay Schroeder (10) will take the Redskins on the warpath against Broncos.

Broncos, Redskins game billed as anticlimatic

By The Associated Press

Chicago is at Detroit on Monday night.

What might have been one of the crucial games of the NFL season has become an anticlimactic warmup for the playoffs. But don't try telling that to Coaches Dan Reeves of Denver and Joe Gibbs of Washington.

The Broncos and Redskins, both coming off disheartening defeats, meet Saturday at Denver's Mile High Stadium in a game with little at stake.

Denver, 10-4, clinched the AFC West title last week despite its 37-10 loss in Kansas City and Washington, 11-3, will almost surely have to settle for an NFC wild-card berth following its 24-14 loss to the New York Giants in the NFC East's show-down game last Sunday.

"What we have to do is get back to playing good football," Gibbs said. "Three or four weeks ago we were playing as good as anybody. We must get back in the groove before the playoffs. There's still an outside chance we can win our division, but it's not very realistic."

The Redskins-Broncos game is one of two on Saturday that begin the next-to-last week of the season. The other features the Pittsburgh Steelers at the New York Jets, who had lost three straight but could still clinch a playoff berth with a victory.

The Sunday games are Buffalo at Indianapolis, Cleveland at Cincinnati, Green Bay at Tampa Bay, New Orleans at Atlanta, Philadelphia at Dallas, St. Louis at the Giants, San Francisco at New England, Kansas City at the Los Angeles Raiders, Miami at the Los Angeles Rams, Minnesota at Houston and Seattle at San Diego.

Washington has clinched the NFC's home wild-card spot but its only hope of a division title is to win both of its remaining games while the Giants lose both of theirs — at home with St. Louis, 3-10-1, and Green Bay, 3-11. A victory by the Broncos Saturday gives the Giants the division title.

Denver's incentive is the loss in Kansas City. "This team needs to gain confidence going into the playoffs," Reeves says. "It's important for us to bounce back, to do the things that got us 10 wins. If we win the next two games, I think we have an excellent chance of being at home all through the playoffs."

The Jets-Steelers game brings together two teams going in opposite directions.

Pittsburgh, which lost six of its first seven games is 4-3 since then and two of the losses were narrow ones on the road to division leaders — by three points to Chicago and in overtime to Cleveland.

One plus was the return of center Mike Webster from an elbow injury. Last week, wide receiver Louis Lippis came to life in a 27-16 victory over Detroit with eight receptions for 150 yards and two touchdowns, one more touchdown catch than he had in the previous 13 games.

The Jets, on the other hand, have lost three straight after a 10-1 start and have been outscored 82-16 in those losses. They can clinch an AFC wild-card berth with a victory and would also take a one-half game lead over New England in the AFC East race.

Jazz keeps NBA's longest streak intact with win over Mavericks

By BOB BLACK
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Jazz have the NBA's longest winning streak and Thurl Bailey wants to see it get longer.

"That's great for us, that says a lot," said Bailey, who had 16 points in Utah's fifth straight victory, 103-99 over Dallas Thursday night. "Hope-

fully, we can make it longer than that. As long as we play together and do the things that we do well, we should be fine."

The Jazz, sparked by Kelly Tripucka's 12 fourth-quarter points, closed within a half-game of the NBA's Midwest Division leading Mavericks, but it came the hard way.

Utah, which led by 17 points with 7:15 left in the game, had to hold on as Dallas' Mark Aguirre

helped his team stage a comeback.

In fact, Aguirre, who finished with 32, had a chance to put his team ahead with 17 seconds left as Utah held a tenuous 100-99 lead, but his shot rolled off the rim and Utah's Karl Malone grabbed the rebound.

John Stockton's two free throws opened Utah's lead to 102-99 with 12 seconds left, Derek Harper's 30-foot shot missed the mark for Dallas and Bobby

Hansen added another free throw in the closing seconds for Utah's final score.

The Mavericks led by 12 in the first period and five in the second before Utah took its first lead; then blew the game open in the second half, something which bothered Coach Dick Motta.

"One of our problems is we come out hot, then relax," Motta said. "The killer instinct on this team has always been a problem."

Witherspoon scheduled to defend WBA heavyweight boxing crown

By ED SCHUYLER JR.
AP Boxing Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Witherspoon is scheduled to defend the World Boxing Association heavyweight championship

against James "Bonecrusher" Smith tonight at Madison Square Garden after a week of controversy which put the fight in doubt.

Confirmation that the fight would go on came Thursday night from New York State Athletic Commission Chairman Jose Torres.

"I have just been informed (9 p.m. EST) by Tim Witherspoon's adviser (attorney Dennis Richard) that Friday night's

WBA championship fight is absolutely on and that Tim plans to successfully defend his title," Torres said in a statement.

Witherspoon's trainer, Slim Robinson, had said earlier in the evening that the champion would defend his title.

"The attorney that Timmy has agreed to let the fight go on," Robinson said while attending a fight card at the Garden's Felt Forum.

"He (Witherspoon) has been

wanting to fight anyway."

The fight had been in an uncertain state all week because of Richard's questions about contracts and promoter Don King's charges that Witherspoon was trying to get more money for the fight.

Richard gave reasons for his decision to let the fight go on.

"Timmy was threatened that if he did not fight, that his New York license would be immediately suspended, and that

his WBA title would be immediately stripped," Richard told ABC Radio. "As inappropriate as those threats may have been, it left Timmy with no alternative but to fight."

The weigh-in for the fight went on Thursday despite the threats.

Witherspoon, of Philadelphia, weighed 233½ pounds for the scheduled 15-round fight, while Smith, of Lillington, N.C., weighed 228½.

Witherspoon said nothing at the

weigh-in, except to acknowledge greetings. King did not attend the weigh-in.

The problems that were aired by Richard came about because of the substitution of Smith for Tony Tubbs, who pulled out last week with a shoulder injury, and whether or not King's son, Carl, was to serve as Witherspoon's manager.

"He said the contracts are not valid and there's not a court in the land who would uphold them."

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Some run for glory, but they go too far

By LAWRENCE KILMAN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — John Bell was the first runner over 40 to finish last month's New York City Marathon, but officials say an "instant replay" shows he took a 10-mile shortcut.

Bell, a 44-year-old businessman from Marion, Ind., was one of 24 runners disqualified for cheating, and officials at the three biggest U.S. marathons said Wednesday that cameras and vigilance are increasingly needed to combat cheating.

The New York City Marathon uses video cameras at checkpoints to make sure runners follow the course. America's Marathon-Chicago also uses cameras, and the Boston Marathon will use them next year.

In addition, marathon organizers have established a loose intelligence network to identify suspected cheaters, who are carefully watched, said Bob Bright, executive director of the Chicago marathon.

While most marathoners do it for fun and fitness, others run for glory. And some go too far.

Greta Waitz, Joan Benoit and Rob de Castella are among the runners most people admire. But it appears that some marathoners prefer to emulate Rosie Ruiz, who used a subway to complete the 1979 marathon in New York and who cheated to win the 1980 marathon in Boston.

"The glamor events are the ones where cheating is more important," said Bob Glover, a fitness coach and author of "The Runner's Handbook." "The major reason is, (cheaters) have an ego problem."

It was the disqualification of Bell, winner of the Master Division for runners over 40, that led New York race officials to review their videotape and on Tuesday announce the disqualification of 23 other runners. Officials estimate that Bell took a 10-mile shortcut for his time of 2:25:15.

State qualifier

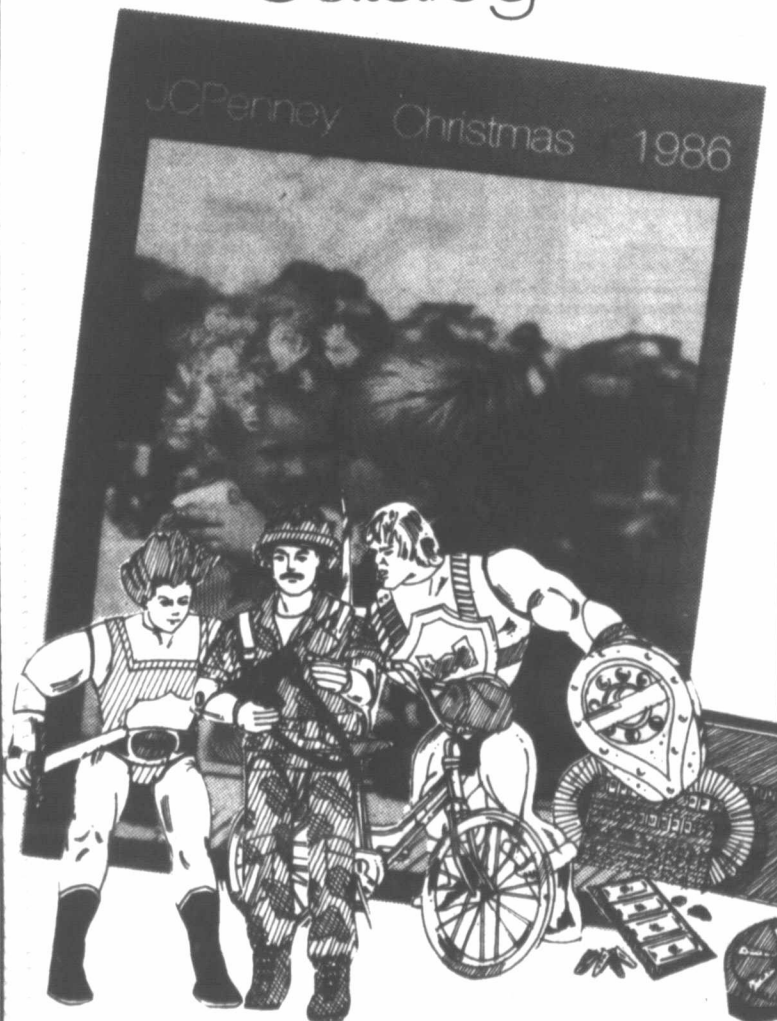
Traci Bertram, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Sandy Bertram of Pampa, has qualified for the USGF State Gymnastics Championships Saturday in Richardson. Traci is a Class Four gymnast on the M.G. Flyers team. Traci is only one of 88 gymnasts across the state who have qualified for the state championships.

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(AP Laserphoto)
Cameron Clark of Bartlett, Ill., displays some of the more than \$30,000 worth of prizes he won on the television game show *Wheel of Fortune*. The prizes include a Toyota Tercel and a Yamaha motor scooter. For a 14-year-old, Cameron has an unusual problem: How to pay the taxes on these prizes. Any offers?

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Arabian minister sees higher oil prices

GENEVA (AP) — Saudi Arabia's new oil minister said Thursday at the outset of his first OPEC conference that he hoped the cartel could push world oil prices up to \$18 a barrel "very soon."

Hisham Nazer, who replaced the fired Ahmed Zaki Yamani as head of the Saudi delegation in late October, drew a swarm of reporters as the 13 OPEC ministers gathered for their sixth meeting of the year.

He repeatedly said, "There is nothing that I can tell you," but when asked when he thought the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could reach its goal of an \$18 oil price, he said, "very soon."

Oil prices currently are in a range of \$13 to \$16 a barrel — half the level of a year ago.

Nazer refused to say whether Saudi King Fahd was willing to lower the kingdom's oil production, which currently is more than twice that of any other OPEC member.

The Saudis' chief rival in the cartel, Iran, declared that all 13 members must cut their oil production.

"We want to achieve higher prices immediately, and I cannot mention any figure

about production. Everybody has to contribute in propping up the prices. We are not in a situation to accept any exception of any member," Gholamreza Aghazadeh, the chief Iranian delegate, said through an interpreter.

Besides uncertainty over whether Saudi Arabia would accept a lower production quota, OPEC faces an obstacle in getting Iraq to join any production accord.

OPEC's current system of production quotas does not include Iraq, which has insisted that it will continue to go its own way unless the others agree to give Iraq the same quota as its war rival, Iran.

Iran insists that its quota be twice that of Iraq's.

Qassim Taki al-Oraibi, the Iraqi oil minister, told reporters Thursday that he had not changed his position. He also said he was not yet convinced that OPEC needed to lower its output in order to reach the \$18 oil price.

The OPEC president, Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria, indicated in an opening address to the conference that he thought production cuts were necessary if prices are to rise.

"A prompt return to a fixed price at a higher level than the prevailing one would require further sacrifices from all of us," Lukman said. The term "sacrifices" is an OPEC euphemism for production cuts.

Lukman also said the collapse of oil prices this year had cost OPEC about \$50 billion in oil revenue, cutting its collective income to about \$70 billion — one-quarter of its 1981 peak.

Lukman called on non-OPEC oil producers such as Britain and the United States to help OPEC push prices higher.

Venezuela's oil minister, Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, told reporters he thought OPEC should simply renew its current production accord for another six months. It expires December 31.

On Wednesday, the oil ministers of Libya and Iran said they would urge OPEC to cut its production to 16 million 42-gallon barrels a day from the current level of about 17 million. But some countries, such as Gabon, have said they are not willing to cut back.

Oil demand in major consuming nations is increasing modestly.

State employees apply for food stamps

AUSTIN (AP) — About 480 of the state's 39,000 employees in Travis County have applied for food stamps because the state is making them go for more than five weeks without a paycheck, officials say.

The move was prompted by state efforts to help the state's cash-flow problem by moving the monthly pay day to the first day of each month, beginning with the elimination of the late December paycheck in favor of an early January paycheck.

The move enabled the state to move the \$200 million December payroll to January.

Coupled with the way Thanksgiving and New Year's holidays fall this season, it means that most state workers will go from Nov. 26 to Jan. 2 without being paid.

Carlos Fuentes, a Travis State School employee who applied for food stamps Wednesday, told the *Austin American-Statesman* "It's kind of tough. We're not making it. Fuentes, whose income is the only

paycheck for a family of four, said he is having trouble paying his bills.

"It cut my Christmas season short," he said of the long spell between paydays.

About 100 state employees from the Austin area were in line Wednesday to apply for food stamps to carry them through the one-time stretch between paychecks.

The number of state workers seeking assistance is growing daily as they become aware that help may be available. Department of Human Services administrators, who oversee the food stamp program, say,

"For some, having to go four weeks (without a paycheck) is stretching it. But having to go 5½ weeks means some might not make it," said Gary Keith, a Texas Department of Agriculture employee who has been spreading the word that federal assistance is possible for state workers at the bottom of the pay scale.

Department of Human Services adminis-

trator Barbara Musil said she could not estimate how many state workers would be eligible for food stamps during December because of the paycheck gap.

Linda Franco, a program director in the local Human Services office, said the complex eligibility requirements affect each family differently.

A family of four with a gross monthly income of \$1,192 may be eligible for assistance. But the agency also looks at the applicants' other resources, such as the value of the family's cars and money in any bank accounts.

Some officials have predicted that the complex paperwork and the heavy caseload at the Department of Human Services are likely to discourage some workers from applying for food stamps, particularly because most will only be eligible for assistance in December.

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