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(AP Laserphoto)

The dome of the U.S. Capitol is framed by the snow-laden limbs of dogwood trees this morning. The nation's capital area received several inches of snow overnight, a result of a cold system that has brought snow and bitter cold from the Midwest into the Southern states. See related story, Page 5.

## City allows freeport exemption to go into effect for businesses

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners sent a message Tuesday night to some businesses already in the city and others who might want to locate here that they are willing to provide at least one economic incentive.

The commissioners took no action on their option to continue taxing freeport goods. By the group's inaction, the exemption automatically goes into effect for qualifying businesses.

The exemption was approved by Texas voters on Nov. 7 as Proposition 5. Gray County voters overwhelmingly supported the exemption, voting 1,923 for and 398 against. It allows taxing entities to provide exemptions on inventories kept in their jurisdictions only temporarily.

City Manager Glen Hackler told commissioners during a work session Tuesday there is an estimated \$3.5 million worth of goods subject to the freeport exemption in the city. He said an estimated \$20,000 in taxes would be lost by the city if the exemption went into effect.

"It's a speculative thing. It's a difficult task for the appraisal district (to derive an absolute figure)," Hackler said.

Hackler urged the commissioners to consider how the Gray County voters voiced their opinion of almost 5-to-1 on allowing the exemption.

"I think they were concerned about economic development when they voted for it," the city manager

said. "We're trying to get industries in and keep the ones we've got."

Although Hackler said no one likes to lose revenue, he pointed out that in the city's case it would not be that much, considering the city may gain businesses by allowing the exemption.

"If we were a school system, we might have to look at it in a different way. But I don't think we're looking at a significant amount of money... If nothing else, it's a competitive edge."

Mayor Richard D. Peet agreed, saying, "The loss is not that great for us, but the gain could be tremendous."

The property exempted under the freeport goods exemption includes "goods, wares, merchandise, other tangible personal property and ores not including oils, natural gas and other petroleum products," Hackler wrote in a memorandum to the commissioners. "Those items are property the owner intends to transport outside the state; property detained in Texas for assembly, storing, manufacturing, repairing, maintaining, fabricating or processing; and property used, acquired or imported in connection with the repair or maintenance of aircraft," he continued.

In other business, following a 25-minute executive session, the commissioners unanimously voted to appoint attorney Rick Harris as the city prosecutor. Harris is a former city prosecutor. The vacancy was created when Hackler was recently named city manager.

The commissioners also unanimously approved the first reading of

an ordinance that amends the sanitation rate ordinance. The new rates lower the ones previously implemented in September for which there was a public outcry by many business owners.

The amended sanitation rate ordinance adopts a variable rate scale, a minimum commercial charge of \$8.50 per customer and a clear means of assessing a charge where commercial and residential customers share a dumpster, Hackler said. Residential rates have not been changed.

A special meeting has been called for 5 p.m. Tuesday to consider the second reading of the ordinance. If it is approved at that meeting, the rates will go into effect in January.

In other business, commissioners: • Took no action on a zoning request by Dennis Caldwell after Caldwell withdrew his request. Caldwell was appealing the decision of the Planning & Zoning Commission to deny a zoning change to light industrial on property on Hobart Street in order to operate a wrecker service.

• Held a public hearing at which no one spoke, except David McKinney, building official, on the condemnation of an unsafe structure at 713 S. Gray. The commissioners also unanimously approved the condemnation of the structure.

• Unanimously approved the second reading of an ordinance that will allow parking and/or standing at Austin School on Duncan Street

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## Legislature approves workers' comp reform

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — After 11 months of often acrimonious debate, the Texas Legislature adopted a workers' compensation reform plan that backers said was needed to resolve a \$3 billion per year problem that shortchanged workers and soaked businesses with high insurance premiums.

But opponents of the business-supported measure passed Tuesday say the bill ambushes workers seeking benefits for on-the-job injuries and both sides agree it will have no immediate impact on premiums that have increased 149 percent over the last four years.

Both sides also agree the legislative battle was the most intense ever fought at the Capitol and set precedents in pressure lobbying.

"It will leave some scars that will not quickly heal. And, I am cursed with a long memory," said Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, who sponsored a bill supported by organized labor and trial lawyers who represent injured workers.

Business interests and trial lawyers poured more than \$4 million into legislative campaign funds in the two years before the 1988 elections.

An ethics controversy erupted before one key Senate vote last summer when East Texas chicken magnate Bo Pilgrim passed around \$10,000 checks to several senators after discussing his rising insurance costs with them.

But the political threats of retribution in the closing days before an agreement was reached "made Bo Pilgrim look like Chicken Little," Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said.

"Never in 16 years have I encountered a more divisive, difficult issue," said Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who has presided over the Senate longer than anyone and has announced he will not seek re-election. "There have been too many harsh words in this debate; too many

charges and counter charges."

Hobby became the target of the opposition for siding with House leaders and writing a bill that will restrict juries in disputed comp claims and tie benefits for permanent injuries to a specific schedule.

The so-called Hobby plan was defeated in the Senate three times by a 17-14 vote.

Angered by the Senate action, Speaker Gib Lewis last week adjourned the House for the session.

But amid increased lobbying pressure, three senators agreed to switch their votes in return for seven amendments they said would make the bill stronger for injured workers.

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, one of those three, said the compromise bill would "get us at least started on the road to improving the system."

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After the bill was passed, Hobby said it "gives workers a better break and business a brighter future."

"This is a real milestone for us," said Gov. Bill Clements, promising to sign the 321-page bill into law. But Parker said, "We've put pearl earrings on the sow and now we have elected her Miss America."

Although the bill increases maximum weekly benefits from \$238 to \$416, he said it will place numerous administrative and legal hurdles before workers trying to get benefits and prohibits any kind of meaningful jury trial in disputed claims.

"It will be evil, wicked and mean if it becomes law," said Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan.

But Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, said that without the bill more workers would be unprotected since more businesses are dropping comp coverage because of increased rates.

"We've got to do something to stop the horror of comp today," he said. Texas is one of three states that does not require mandatory coverage and nearly a third of the work force is unprotected.

## School board adopts resolution against freeport tax exemption

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Saying that school financing in Texas is too uncertain at the present time, Pampa public school trustees adopted a resolution Tuesday night agreeing not to exercise a freeport exemption on taxes for area goods in transit.

Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent, said it was necessary for the district to see how much "damage" the Legislature does to school financing in the spring before they could even begin to consider such a tax waiver.

Recently the state Supreme Court ruled the current school financing package unconstitutional.

"There's nothing for sure on how much we would give up because we are unsure how items will be appraised," said John Curry, board president. "We are concerned we could lose significant funding."

Board member Lonnie Richardson pointed out that "we could always decide later to accept this, but right now we need to stay with what we have."

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, and other supporters of recent passage of the Freeport Amendment —

which has to be accepted or rejected on a local option basis — have previously said it should be used to encourage economic development.

However, Griffith told trustees they still have an option for up to seven years tax abatement for new industries, which he said is strong incentive for businesses to locate here.

"We have no idea what's going to happen with funding of public education for over three million children in Texas," Griffith said, arguing against the exemption option.

He said if the district loses money from taxing goods in transit, those funds must be made up in higher property taxes.

"We made a lot of progress on local funding and I don't think we can afford to jeopardize that," added Dr. Keith Teague, another board member.

On a related note, Griffith predicted that once the next state education financing package is passed, it will include mandates for a longer school year and consolidation of school tax districts by counties.

In an unrelated item, board members agreed to accept bids for a new heating system for McNeely

Field House, pointing out that a new, more efficient rooftop system would be less expensive than dealing with \$50,000 worth of asbestos clean-up in the school basement.

Such a clean-up would be necessary to improve or replace the current heating system because of federal asbestos regulations for schools.

Lewis Meers, school auditor, issued a report indicating the district's finances were in good shape and that recent changes in the business office had improved accounting problems.

"It's been a problem and I'm confident it will be resolved," Meers told trustees. "(New business manager) Mark (McVay) is an auditor and an accountant, so he understands."

In other business, Griffith told board members that new emphasis will be placed on a courtesy Gold Card for senior citizens that allows them free admission to any school event, including ball games.

He said the card is available through the athletic office at the high school.

A high school grounds beautification project worth around \$35,000 See SCHOOL, Page 2

## Angel Tree deadline nearing to bring Christmas to needy children

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

With only three days to go until the Salvation Army Angel Tree deadline, Army officials said there are more than 50 children who still may not be receiving any new clothes.

Lt. Don Wildish, local commander, noted that Angel Trees are located at Wal-Mart and the Pampa Mall. He said benevolent citizens can choose an angel, buy clothing in sizes specified for the child on the angel, wrap them and return them to the tree.

"To the person who takes an angel and gives of themselves, it adds something to Christmas," Wildish said. "They are able to give above and beyond... to a child who has nothing."

Wildish termed it "turning a Christmas dream into reality" for children in dire poverty in this community.

"There's not a Christmas that goes by that I don't break down and cry about all the terrible needs," Wildish said. "But I also cry when I think about the kindness of so many people helping."

Those who buy clothing for a "Christmas angel" should tear off the bottom portion of the tag and attach it to the gift, so it gets to the right child, Wildish said.

"If they would, they can take the top portion and hang it on their Christmas tree at home," he suggested. "They are then able to wake up on Christmas Day and remember that child that they made Christmas for."

"They didn't change the world, but they changed Christmas for one child. That's where it starts, with reaching one child."

He said children whose names are not claimed from

an Angel Tree will still receive a new toy from the Salvation Army and that younger children will be given a doll.

Wildish pointed out that local citizens expressing charity through the Angel Tree may be the only opportunity those children get to own new clothes for an entire year.

"There's nothing like a child getting new clothes," he said.

Wildish is hopeful that fund-raising efforts through Christmas kettles around the city and mail pleas will turn around since, with less than two weeks to go until Christmas, the Army is still about \$15,000 away from its goal of \$25,000.

"We've spent a lot of money on toys for these kids and gotten some good ones," he said. "But, with the United Way meeting and exceeding its goal and the prison fund raising, I'm not sure the purses and bill-folds around the area have recovered."

"We have a need here, though. I'm still believing and praying the need will be met," he added.

Wildish said he purchased toys for needy Pampa children on faith, and continues to believe the community will help pay for them through kettle donations.

Parents who have applied to the Salvation Army for help with providing their children a Christmas will receive mail confirmation by Saturday, Wildish said.

"The Christmas Toy Shop will be open Dec. 20 and 21 here at 701 N. Cuyler," Wildish stated. "We're asking each person to show up on the specified day at the specified time to make things go smoother."

He noted that times would be given on the confirmation form.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Lt. Don Wildish of the Salvation Army places names of needy children on an Angel Tree.



# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**HINSON, Lucy E.** — 2 p.m., graveside services at Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Miss.

## Obituaries

**JOHNNIE V. CRUMMIE**  
Johnnie V. Crummie, 61, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. H.R. Johnson, pastor of St. Mark's C.M.E. Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Crummie was born in Quanah and moved to Pampa in 1976 from Denver, Colo. She married Willie C. Crummie in 1969 at Denver; he preceded her in death on April 5, 1986. She was a member of St. Mark's C.M.E. Church.

Survivors include a sister, Elena Dorsey of Martinez, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

**LUCY E. HINSON**  
**AMARILLO** — Lucy E. Hinson, 79, the mother of a Lefors man, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Miss., with Capt. James Devel of the Salvation Army in Columbus officiating. Local arrangements are by N.S. Griggs Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hinson was born in Gordo, Ala., and moved to Amarillo in September. She lived most of her life in Columbus, Miss.

Survivors include a son, Charles Hinson of Lefors; a brother, Tilmon Geer of Waco; two sisters, Mary Gearhardt of Columbus, Miss., and Nanny Scott of Reform, Ala.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions		Pampa	
Clarence Comer,	Pampa	Marguerite Martin,	Pampa
Jackie Harper, Pampa		Winford Pangle, Pam-	pa
R.O. Johnson, Pampa		Bernice Tarver, Borg-	er
Dee Willis Miller,	Wheeler	Jeanette Young, Pam-	pa
Eugenia Vernon,	Pampa	<b>SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions</b>	
Dismissals		None	
Debra Dinges, Pam-	pa	Dismissals	
Mary Groves, Pampa		Tommy Rhodes,	
Tammy Henthorn,	Pampa	Shamrock	

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.67	Arco	113 1/2	dn 1/2
Milo	3.50	Cabot	36 1/2	up 1/4
Corn	4.10	Chevron	68 1/4	up 1/8
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:				
Ky. Cent. Life	191 1/4	Enron	58 3/4	dn 1/8
Serico	5 7/8	Halliburton	43 3/4	up 3/8
Occidental	30 1/4	Ingersoll Rand	46 1/4	dn 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:				
Magellan	63.41	KNE	24	NC
Puritan	14.28	Kerr McGee	50 5/8	dn 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:				
Amoco	55	Mapco	39	NC
		Maxxus	11	up 1/4
		Mesa Ltd.	9 1/8	up
		Mobil	62 3/4	dn 1/4
		New Atmos	17 1/8	dn 1/8
		Phillips	72 1/2	up 1/8
		SLB	26 1/4	up 3/8
		SPS	49 3/8	dn 1/4
		Tenneco	31	3/8
		Texasco	62 1/4	up 1/4
		New York Gold	52 3/8	up 1/4
		Silver	412.75	
			5.57	

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 12**  
4:20 p.m. — False alarm was reported at 1720 N. Russell. One unit and two firefighters responded.

## Calendar of events

**TEXAS PANHANDLE RECREATIONIST ASSOCIATION**  
The Texas Panhandle Recreationist Association has changed its meeting place for Thursday night. The group will meet at 8 p.m. at the Borger Chamber of Commerce building. Main items on the agenda include discussion of an earlier meeting in Pampa this month and an update on the Canadian River lawsuit.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	995-8481

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## City

between 19th and 20th streets.

Hackler also informed commissioners that City Attorney Don Lane had discovered another ordinance that will have to be repealed concerning a second no parking provision relating to a bus loading zone at the same area.

Unanimously approved the second reading of an ordinance amending the staggered terms of the Golf Course Advisory Board members. The ordinance was necessary to clear up an error in a prior ordinance setting out the terms, Hackler said.

Unanimously approved authorizing the mayor to execute a local agreement with the Gray County district attorney's office concerning the forfeiture of contraband. Without a local agreement, any property seized and forfeited would go to the state. Under the local agreement, the

police department would receive 50 percent and the district attorney's office would receive 50 percent of the proceeds from a forfeiture.

Unanimously voted to cancel a scheduled Dec. 26 meeting.

Unanimously appointed Larry Cross to fill a position on the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Unanimously appointed Bill Waters to fill a position on the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors.

During a work session Tuesday afternoon, the commissioners:

Discussed the fire service agreement between the city of Pampa and Roberts County. Hackler suggested that he, Fire Chief Robert Young and Commissioner Jerry Wilson meet with representatives of Roberts County to resolve a matter that has surfaced recently regarding fire protection in Roberts County.

Discussed an amendment to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's

lease agreement with the city. Due to the receipt of a grant at Recreation Park, a supplemental lease agreement is in order. Hackler said, to modify the areas covered under the lease with a stipulation that the city will not hold softball games or tournaments during the week of the annual rodeo.

Discussed a problem that exists regarding duplication of inspection of wrecker services. The city has an ordinance where the police department inspects and takes care of the wrecker inspections and enforces the city ordinance. However, there is a recent state law that covers the situation better and will take the city out of the inspection and enforcement on the wrecker ordinance, city officials said. The city ordinance will likely be considered for repeal at a later date.

Heard a presentation by Nathan Hopson, director of public works, on street repairs and a construction plan with cost estimates.

## Mother faces charges in fatal fire deaths of children

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Criminal charges may be filed against a mother who apparently was not home at the time her four young children died when a fire roared through her apartment, an arson investigator says.

Houston Arson Chief Bruce Koger said Tuesday that Evonne Netter, 21, was somewhere in or around the small housing project at the time of the fire.

Traces of cocaine were found in a blood sample taken from Ms. Netter at Ben Taub Hospital where she was in stable condition with undetermined injuries, an investigator said.

"It is our position that if the mother was not in the house with the children when the fire started, we will take the case to the district attorney's office and pursue criminal charges," Koger said.

Endangerment-of-a-child charges could be filed against the woman, Koger said.

"I don't know if she was inside at the time of the fire," Houston Fire Department spokesman Joe Phillips said. "But nobody could have lived through that fire."

Firefighters pulled the children from the home and tried to revive them, Phillips said.

Conny Netter, a 9-month-old

boy, was pronounced dead at the scene, while his sisters were transported to Ben Taub and Hermann hospitals. All three girls — Rosalie Netter, 4; Dorothy Netter, 2; and Margaret Netter, 1 — later died.

Conny was found in a hallway, while the girls were found huddled together in a back bedroom, Phillips said. All four died of smoke inhalation, officials said.

## Five Pampans elected to scout council board

Five Pampa men were elected to the 1990 Golden Spread Boy Scout Council Executive Board recently. Executive Board members direct activities of the council, which serves 56 communities in 26 counties of the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, according to C. Warren Fatheree, council president.

Those selected to serve from Pampa were Hal Cree, John Curry, R.W. "Bob" Curry, Bill Gething and David Holt.

They were among 39 men chosen to serve on the board from around the region.

Owen Lafferty of White Deer was among those from the immediate area also elected to the board.

## Arson tests inconclusive on fire at mobile home at KPDN site

By BEAR MILLS Staff Writer

Pampa arson investigators said this morning that even though tests on samples from a suspicious fire at KPDN Radio were inconclusive, they are still treating the Nov. 24 blaze as an arson.

The early morning fire leveled a mobile home at the station site east of Pampa, but was stopped before it spread to the building that housed broadcast equipment.

KPDN was taken off the air in October by owners Char and Harry Hoyle, who listed health matters as the reason.

Family members said the Hoylers were traveling in the southeastern United States and could not be reached. Through this morning, it was still unclear if the Hoylers were aware of the fire.

Corrine Lewis, the Hoyle's daughter, said they were in Louisiana the day of the fire.

"The tests came back inconclusive," said Pampa Fire Marshall Tom Adams, "but we are still treating it like an arson."

He added that the lack of any other reasonable cause for the fire starting led to that conclusion.

The blaze, which was spotted by a motorist on Hwy. 60 during the early morning hours of Nov. 24, apparently began in a back bedroom of the mobile home which contained only a bed.

By the time firefighters arrived at the scene, according to Adams, all that was left of the mobile home was a smoldering heap.

The fire reportedly started around 1:30 a.m.

Adams and arson investigator Gary Stephens found two "hot spots" — areas with heavy traces of hydrocarbons — in the smoldering ashes where the mobile home once stood during their investigation following the fire.

Adams said it was samples from those two hot spots that were sent off for laboratory analysis.

He noted that the fire was so hot and managed to so totally consume the structure that inconclusive results were reported from the tests.

Adams had earlier said it would almost have to be a flammable liquid such as gasoline, kerosene or lighter fluid that would make the hydrocarbon detector go off, a position he maintained through this morning.

The second "hot spot" was near the center of the home where a dryer was located.

Stephens said it is unlikely the fire was started by an explosion of some sort. Adams also ruled out some sort of spontaneous combustion.

Adams stated that no burned cans were found near the "hot spots" that would have indicated some sort of cleaner or other liquid had been stored there.

Lewis said after the fire that gas from a propane tank had been shut off to the trailer two months ago. However, fire department officials said the propane was on and had to be shut off if they fought the blaze.

An employee of Skelly Oil confirmed to Adams that the propane had been turned off through at least Nov. '88.

Adams said he could not rule out the possibility that the propane was turned on in hopes the fire would cause an explosion in the propane tank that sat between the mobile home and radio station.

Reliable sources have stated that insurance on the radio station was dropped shortly before it went off the air. However, the mobile home was insured, according to Adams.

He said he is encouraging the insurance agent, who is from another part of the state, to not pay on the destroyed mobile home until further investigations are completed.

"We just couldn't find an accidental cause at all," Adams concluded. "We've talked to a lot of people, but we still need to talk to the Hoylers. We haven't heard from them at all."

## Leona Helmsley receives prison sentence

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Billionaire Leona Helmsley told a judge she was "in the middle of a nightmare" before he declared her unremorseful, sentenced her to four years in prison and ordered her to pay \$8.8 million for tax evasion.

Mrs. Helmsley, portrayed as a regal perfectionist in advertisements for her hotel empire, sobbed and begged for mercy at her sentencing Tuesday.

But U.S. District Judge John M. Walker Jr. was unswayed, saying "naked greed" caused her downfall.

"You believed you were above the law and displayed no remorse or contrition," said Walker. "You bear the full responsibility for this scheme with all of its fraudulent permutations. ... You were at the

apex of the pyramid of wrongdoing."

Besides prison, Walker imposed three years' probation and 750 hours of community service, recommending that she work at a Harlem home for infants born addicted to drugs.

She would be eligible for parole after 16 months.

Walker also fined her \$7.1 million and ordered one other penalty on the woman once said to have boasted to a maid: "We don't pay taxes. Only the little people pay taxes." She must repay close to \$1.7 million in back taxes and bear the government's costs in bringing her to justice.

"No person," he said, "no matter how wealthy and prominent,

stands above the law."

As the 69-year-old Mrs. Helmsley made her tearful appeal to the judge, her ailing 80-year-old husband, Harry, sat three rows away.

"I am more humiliated and ashamed than anybody can ever imagine that I've been found guilty of a serious crime," said Mrs. Helmsley, dressed in black. "I feel like I'm in the middle of a nightmare. ..."

"A few years ago, I lost my only son," she said, adding that it "ripped me apart" when she saw photographs of his grave published.

"I beg you, don't let me lose Harry, too," she said. "Our whole life has been work and each other. Please don't. We have nothing else."

## City briefs

**PUTMAN'S QUALITY Services** Professional tree trimming, removal, hauling. 665-2547, 665-0107. Adv.

**THE PERFECT Christmas Gift** for the man on your list, Snap-On Tools, 665-1405. Adv.

**KICK BACK** is appearing at City Limits, Wednesday night. Adv.

**KRAKT WILL** be at City Limits, Friday, Saturday night. Adv.

**CROCHETED AFGHAN** for sale. 665-5167. Adv.

**ADDINGTON'S THE Gift Headquarters**, large selection ladies sweaters, painted western sweat-shirts, Levis 557's \$19.95, mens folded shirts 20% off. Open Thursday til 8 p.m. Adv.

**CLYDE'S BARBEQUE** 12 noon-9 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Take out orders, 636 Gray. Adv.

**GWEN'S LAST Sale** before Christmas. 1 day only, Thursday. All Christmas items 30 to 75% off. One group of crystal and gold leaf 35% off. Adv.

**POINSETTIA SALE.** \$25 value in a basket with satin bow and a pine cone, for \$16.95. Freeman's Flowers and Greenhouse, 410 E. Foster, 669-3334. Adv.

**NEW SHIPMENT** of Gold and Silver Pony Beads, Southwest Bandanas. Sunshine Factory, 1313 Alcock. Adv.

**ACCENT BEAUTY Salon** to lease now, fully equipped, good location. 669-2971, 669-9879. Adv.

**FRESH CROP** quality, cracked pecans. For immediate delivery, call 665-5267 after 4 p.m. Adv.

**PETS UNIQUE** new shipment of Fancy Parakeets, Cockateils, Singing Canaries, tame and talking yellow Napes, fish aquariums, pets. Grooming. 910 W. Kentucky, 665-5102. Adv.

**LOSE IT.** 7.3 grams of Fiber! This revolutionary nutritional formula will not only help you lose weight, but it will also help you. Lower cholesterol! Lower blood pressure! Lower the risk of heart disease! Help prevent diabetes! 100% Money back guarantee! Losing weight never tasted so good! Contact 665-4777, 665-1477, 665-2141. Adv.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES** please place orders by December 15. We will not be able to take orders after this day. Cake Accents, 2141 N. Hobart, 665-1505. Adv.

**WE WILL** be open until 8 p.m. Thursday until Christmas. Special racks up to 50% off each night. Clothes Line, 109 N. Cuyler. Adv.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** 669-1007, P.O. Box 939 Adv.

**PANASONIC OMNIVISION VHS camcorder** like new, used less than 2 hours, in warranty, new \$1400 will take \$750. 665-7648 after 5:30. Adv.

**POP'S CAFE - Thursday Special** Green chili enchiladas. 669-1024. Adv.

**DANCE TO Silvercreek**, Saturday night. Moose Lodge, members and guests. Adv.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIALS** at Michelles. All Fall and Winter dresses and leathers 30% off. Adv.

**PAMPA SHRINE Club Christmas party** Friday 15th, 7 p.m. Bring toy instead of food.

**CLUB PARADISE** come rock with Righteous Rock-It, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday. Adv.

**GREAT GIFT Ideas** at the Music Shoppe! Magnavox CD players, new shipment of t-shirts. CD and cassette cases 20% off. Open 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday thru Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, 2139 N. Hobart. Adv.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
Tonight, fair with a low of 20 degrees and variable winds under 10 mph. Thursday, some cloudiness with a high in the low 40s and northwesterly winds 10-15 mph. Tuesday's high was 40; the overnight low was 20.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
West Texas — Mostly clear through Thursday except increasing afternoon clouds Panhandle Thursday. Lows tonight upper teens to mid 20s except near 10 mountains and upper 20s Big Bend. Highs Thursday low 40s Panhandle to mid 50s far west and south.

North Texas — Mostly clear and cold tonight. Partly cloudy and mild again Thursday. Lows tonight 30 west to 22 east. Highs Thursday 57 southwest to 42 northeast.

South Texas — Mostly clear and not so cold north tonight with increasing clouds south. Partly cloudy north Thursday and mostly cloudy south with a slight chance of rain. Lows tonight from mid 20s Hill Country, upper 20s to low 30s north and upper 30s to mid 40s south. Highs Thursday in the 50s, near 60s lower coast.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
Thursday through Saturday  
West Texas — Mostly cloudy

and bitterly cold Thursday through Saturday with a chance of snow east of the mountains northward through the Panhandle Friday. Panhandle: Highs in the 20s. Lows in mid teens Thursday, near 8 degrees Friday and mid-teens again Saturday. South Plains: Highs mid 20s to near 30. Lows upper teens Thursday, low teens Friday and upper teens again Saturday. Permian Basin: Highs in low to mid 30s, lows in mid 20s Thursday, mid-teens Friday and mid 20s again Saturday. Concho Valley: Highs in mid to upper 30s, lows in low to mid 20s. Far West: Highs in upper 40s Thursday cooling to mid 30s Friday and Saturday. Lows in mid 20s. Big Bend: Highs mid 30s mountains to near 50 along the Rio Grande Thursday cooling to mid 20s mountains to mid 40s along the river Friday and Saturday. Lows 5 to 10 mountains and upper 20s along the river.

North Texas — A chance of snow flurries off and on Thursday through Saturday. West and Central: Lows in upper teens to mid 20s. Highs in the 30s. East: Lows in the 20s. Highs in mid 30s to low 40s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Cloudy, windy and cold with occasional rain possibly mixed with sleet or snow. Highs in the 30s and 40s. Lows in the 20s and low 30s. Texas Coastal Bend: Cloudy, windy and cold with occa-

sional rain. Highs in the 40s. Lows in the 30s inland and in the 40s coast. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Cloudy and windy with occasional rain. Turning colder Friday. Highs in the 60s Thursday lowering into the 50s Friday and into the 40s by Saturday. Lows in the 30s inland and in the 40s near the coast. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast: Cloudy, windy and cold with occasional rain, possibly mixed with sleet or light snow flurries Friday and Saturday. Highs in the 50s Thursday lowering into the 40s Friday and Saturday. Lows in upper 20s inland to upper 30s coast.

**BORDER STATES**  
Oklahoma — Fair and cold tonight. Increasing cloudiness Thursday becoming windy and turning colder during the afternoon with scattered light snow or snow flurries north. Low tonight near 12 extreme northeast to low 20s southwest. High Thursday upper 20s extreme north to low 40s south.

New Mexico — Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with clouds increasing over the north late Thursday. Little warmer daytime temperatures. Highs in the 30s to mid 40s mountains and north with 50s southern border. Lows tonight from 5 below to 10 above mountains to around 20 south.

## School

has been proposed by the Pampa High School Class of '44, Griffith said, which would be privately funded.

Adding that it would include new trees and shrubs from the front of the campus as well as a watering system, Griffith said trustees will be asked to vote on approving the project in January.

During the academic spotlight,

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veteran teachers were recognized for their years of service.

Bill and Jane Potts each received 20 year pins. Other teachers recognized were Ramona Hite, 19 years; Lucy Kilbreth, 17 years; Nancy Coffee, 16 years; Berdena Neef, 15 years; Martha Porter, 15 years; and Celia Laurie, 15 years.

Also honored for his work as president of the Gray County Appraisal Board was Ken Fields, a local attorney.



# Workers' comp bill passes, but even supporters say it's flawed

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Even its backers admitted that the much-maligned workers' compensation plan that finally limped out of the Legislature has flaws.

But the bill adopted Tuesday did end one of the longest, most contentious, hard-fought and heavily lobbied legislative battles in recent memory.

"Never in 16 years have I encountered a more divisive, difficult issue," said Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who has presided over the Senate since 1973. "It was a bitterly fought fight."

It took 11 months, two special sessions and a threat from Gov. Bill Clements to immediately call a third overtime period to force the final vote.

Almost no lawmaker sounded totally satisfied with what finally was wrought.

"This is not the bill that I would like to see passed. But it is far enough along that I think it makes a good start," said Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena.

"I don't think the bill is strong enough for me, personally. But I'll say under the circumstances, yes, it is a good bill," said House Speaker Gib Lewis.

"This package does not contain all the reforms I feel the system and the state need. It's not everything that any of us wanted, but it's more than a beginning," said Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan, who led House negotiations throughout the year.

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And those were the people who pushed it. Listen to some others:

"It will be evil and wicked and mean if it becomes law," said Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan.

"It has taken the best of our system and thrown it away. It is a cruel joke," said Sen. Temple Dickson, D-Sweetwater.

"This bill is bad law, it's bad medicine and mark my words, it's going to turn out to be bad politics," said

Rep. Larry Warner, D-Harlingen.

The workers' compensation standoff pitted organized labor and trial lawyers who represent injured workers against business interests and the insurance industry.

Critics said the old system was a cheap skate with benefits but extravagant with bureaucracy and trials.

Business said skyrocketing insurance costs were driving away employers and jobs. Rep. Smith said reform was necessary to "eliminate the most serious obstacle to economic recovery in the state today."

Labor argued that job safety was the key. Fewer dead and injured workers would bring lower costs, union leaders said.

The battle was intense and costly. Campaign contributions from all sides totaled in the millions.

The Texas Trial Lawyers Association political action committee, alone, gave some \$850,000 to legislative candidates before the 1988 election. Two senators got more than \$70,000 each from that group.

The stalemate seized up legislative wheels during

the 140-day regular session. It blocked action during a summer special session. It lasted until next to the last day of the second special session that began Nov. 14.

By then, many members of the Legislature had become frustrated with the issue that wouldn't go away.

That frustration was obvious during the debate.

An angry Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, used the word "lies" when referring to comments of more than one colleague in the traditionally genteel Senate.

One such Parker remark prompted Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, to reply to Parker: "There comes a point, sir, that dealing with you stresses all human tolerance to the limits."

And that heat was over workers' compensation.

In three months, they'll be back in session to deal with a really touchy political issue: public school finance.

"A few months from now," said Sen. Steve Carraker, D-Wichita Falls, "we've got real business to conduct."

# Bush administration may lift ban on satellite exports to China

By RITA BEAMISH  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is considering lifting a ban on satellite exports to China, continuing to chip away at sanctions imposed on Beijing after its violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

President Bush "did not intend to disrupt normal civilian commercial relations" when he barred military exports to China last spring, and officials are reviewing the sanctions with that in mind, White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Tuesday.

The news from the White House brought condemnation from Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn., chairman of House Foreign Policy subcommittee on international economic policy and trade. He said the idea of lifting the sanction on satellites

"makes no sense whatsoever."

"In China, where the government has only tightened the screws, the Bush administration seems to see no limit on what they ought to try to do to help the Chinese government," Gejdenson said.

Last weekend, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger went to Beijing to explore the possibility of resuming relations with China. The trip, an exception to the president's ban on high-level contacts with China, also drew sharp criticism from congressional Democrats.

Meanwhile, a Bush administration official told The Associated Press that a third administration official, White House personnel director Chase Untermeyer, joined the administration's mission to China last weekend.

The official did not say why Untermeyer went. The *Washington Post* reported today he visited two Chinese friends of Bush, a former ambassador to China, for their assessments of the situation there.

The Hughes Aircraft-manufactured communications satellites fall in the category of items on the government's sensitive munitions list that were automatically included in the suspension, U.S. officials said.

"No decision has been made ... but it is possible," those satellites will be freed for delivery, Fitzwater said.

Two of them are under Hughes contract to a joint Australian-Chinese venture and the third are for a British-Chinese consortium in Hong Kong, he said. China will launch the satellites for the Australian firm, AUSSAT, and the Hong Kong consortium, AsiaSat.

Australia has been pushing for a

waiver and has received indications the administration will make a decision in its favor by the end of the year, said Australian Embassy political counselor Roger Uren.

"We have made it clear this is important to us. We have a sense the Americans understand," he said Tuesday. "We basically get a posi-

tive sense."

One of Australia's satellites is to be launched in April and the others in 1991 and 1992, while the British-Chinese one is to go up on a Chinese launch vehicle in April.

Licenses for export had been granted for all three satellites before the sanctions were imposed. The

State Department "advised Hughes it would consider a request for an exemption from the suspension," but there has been no decision, said Hughes spokesman Don O'Neal.

Bush imposed sanctions on June 5 in the wake of Beijing's attack that killed hundreds of Tiananmen Square protesters.

# Santa Claus remembers children

Every Christmas I'm amazed and touched by the kindness of those around me who spend so much time and energy reaching out to the needy.

Maybe it's a little sappy, but compared to all the pettiness and politics around us, watching fellow reporters donate their lunch hour to serve food to Golden Agers at the Salvation Army is a breath of warm and refreshing air.

This week, like many weeks before, fellow newspaper employees joined other community members in giving their time to serve meals at the Army. It was touching to watch them work.

While a lot of folks are quick to criticize reporters as heartless — and sometimes being detached is what's required to get a story — I was touched with their warmth and humility as they kept coffee cups full and dished up plates of hot turkey and dressing.

For my part, I did a lot of getting in the way, feeling gawky and undeserving of the company of such big-hearted people.

But the big-hearts aren't limited to work. This week I watched as my wife picked a 3-year-old's name off an area Angel Tree and bought him a new outfit, socks and underwear — things that, without her charity, he would have gone without.

As my wife went over the spending limit she set for herself, she kept saying, "I wonder if he needs a blanket. I hope he's not cold tonight. It sure is nasty out there."

All for a child she didn't know and probably would never meet.

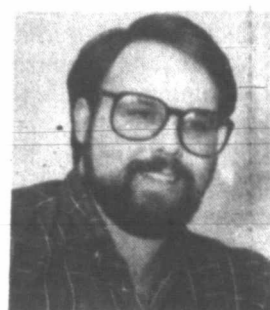
Though she might not admit it, there were tears in her eyes a couple of times as she did her shopping, thinking of a toddler who, through no fault of his own, has to go hungry and cold and without.

At church, I have seen my fellow parishioners bring cans of fruit and other food for Good Samaritan Christian Services, which will be distributed to those who have little or nothing.

I am touched and — though I hate to admit it — also a little teary-eyed when I think of this charity.

Maybe that sounds strange coming from me. I gen-

## Off Beat By Bear Mills



erally believe our welfare system is abused and that we have created a new class of people who have become professional moochers.

So why this sensitivity for those who are down and out?

Because it wasn't that many Christmases ago that, as a 10-year-old in a family where the daddy ran off to greener pastures, I knew what being poor was all about, firsthand.

For several years, had it not been for projects like the Angel Tree and church people in Fort Worth, we would have had no Christmas at all.

But we weren't trash or moochers or welfare abusers. We were four people, three of them children, who were dirt poor because of circumstance, trying like the dickens to work our way out of the hole we were in.

Eventually we did and all make a decent living today.

But, what if those people years ago in Fort Worth hadn't been there to help us? — not just at Christmas, but for the couple of years that we were in dire straits.

We might still be there.

That's why I'm so supportive of Christmas charity efforts. When you're been on the other end, boy does it feel good to know there's a Santa Claus who remembers children who otherwise would have no Christmas at all.

Merry Christmas and thanks for your kindness.

# Dallas schools impose new security measures

DALLAS (AP) — The superintendent of Dallas' public schools unveiled a 10-point plan Tuesday designed to make campuses safer, including the selective use of metal detectors and "panic buttons."

Marvin Edwards said he felt compelled to tighten school security following last week's shooting of a teacher's aide in a Dallas high school.

"We are reacting," Edwards said. "There's no question about that."

The plan announced Tuesday outlined steps to increase security, but did not say how and where the new measures would be put into place, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

Several hand-held metal detectors and a free-standing detector were displayed at Tuesday's school board communications committee meeting, but district official Stan Paz said no metal detectors have been purchased yet.

Edwards said more specific plans will be presented in January.

"This was a showcase for the media..." said school board member Dan Peavy. "I want to know what steps the board can take on things such as a dress code."

The school district has come under criticism following publicity about the great increase in gang violence at and near Dallas schools.

More than 70 deadly weapons, such as handguns

and switchblades, were confiscated from students even before Samuel High School teacher's aide Reva May Kelley, 50, was shot in the arm last week during a confrontation between members of rival gangs.

Edwards said the district will place metal detectors and "panic buttons" — devices that teachers can use to call immediate help when a problem arises — at "hot spot" schools.

School board member Mary Rutledge expressed concern that metal detectors might not be feasible for screening students at the district's larger schools.

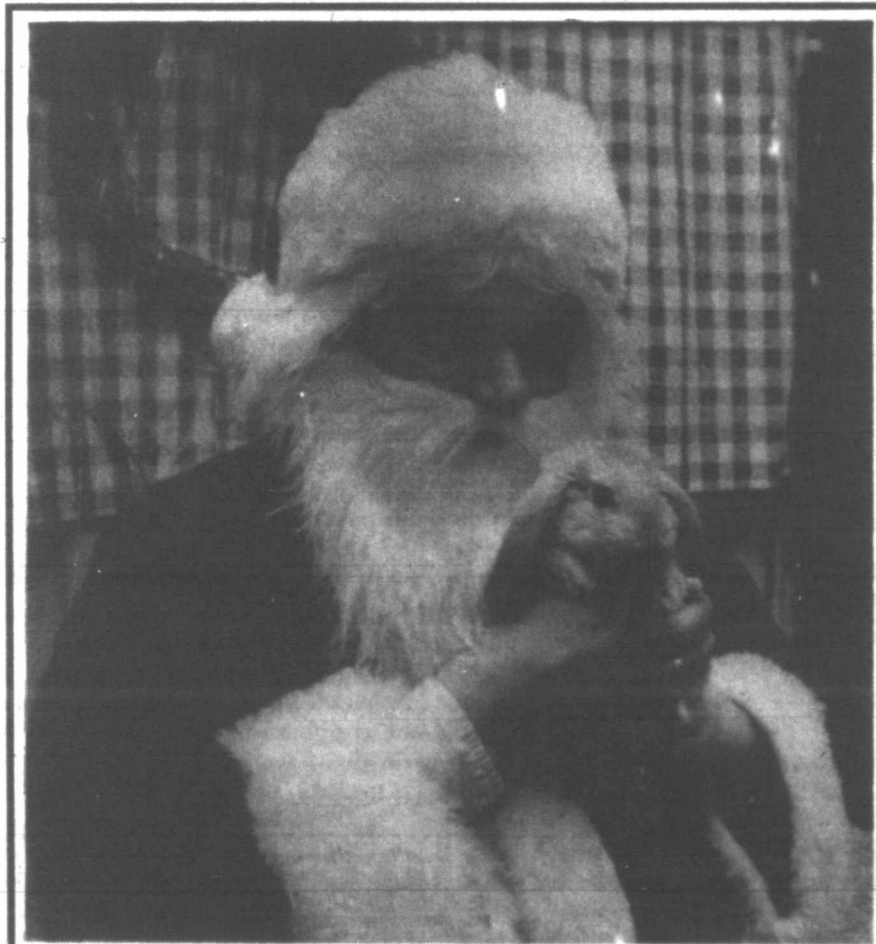
"Obviously, there are limitations," Edwards replied. "This does send a clear message to anyone who thinks they are going to carry it in."

There also will be increased campus searches of lockers and cars in school lots.

Changes in dress codes also will be made as school officials try to stop students from wearing uniform haircuts that identify them as gang members.

A 20-member gang task force also is holding workshops to help teachers, parents and students identify gangs and their activities.

"They're all steps in the right direction," said board member Richard Currey. "I personally think we may need to do more in terms of having security on campus and guarding doors."



(AP Laserphoto)

Glen Grant, co-owner of Willowbrook Feed and Garden, plays Santa Claus to Murphy the rabbit in Houston.

## Don't forget — pets also might enjoy a visit with Santa Claus

HOUSTON (AP) — Santa Claus once again is posing for portraits this holiday season, but at one recent stop his chair was just a bale of hay, and the "little ones" could only offer a hearty lick or a wag of their tail as thanks.

At the Willowbrook Feed and Garden center, the waiting line for St. Nick was filled with dogs, cats, a couple of rabbits and even one bird. Some of the small ones shivered in their owners' arms, while the larger ones waited in an unruly line.

For most, it was their first time to sit with Santa.

The center's owners started the pet portraits with Santa last year, and many pet owners showed up with their animals again last Satur-

day for a 1989 portrait. "We figured a lot of people think of their pets as their children, and would like to get their picture made with Santa if they had the opportunity," said Glen Grant, co-owner of the store.

Grant and co-owner Jack Haire took shifts on the bale of hay, while Haire's wife took the pictures and a niece squeezed a squeaky toy to get the pet's attention.

Haire estimated they took about 400 pictures this year, up from the 140 they snapped last year. The owners will return this Saturday to pick up their pets' pictures, which are free.

"Sure, we're trying to generate exposure for our store, but mostly we just do it for fun," Haire said.

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## Opinion

### AID's program isn't doing the right thing

Once in a while Congress tries to do something constructive. Recently it tried to direct at least a portion of the money sent overseas as foreign economic aid into programs with a chance of actually helping needy people. But its effort is mired in bureaucratic resistance and inertia.

If there is any justification at all for taking money seized from U.S. taxpayers and sending it overseas in the form of "aid," it is to help the poorest of the poor in countries with primitive economic systems. As a way of wielding geopolitical influence, foreign economic aid is laughable; it more often serves to entrench corrupt governments who then blithely ignore U.S. interests anyway.

The U.S. Congress still hasn't faced these fundamental facts, but for the past two years it has directed the Agency for International Development (AID) to earmark some foreign-aid money to lending programs directed at "microenterprises" run by the poorest of the poor.

In fiscal year 1988, Congress earmarked \$50 million for such microenterprise loans (not gifts), specifying that up to 80 percent of these loans should be made to people in the poorest 50 percent of the population, with special emphasis on businesses owned by women and the poorest 20 percent of the population. It was further recommended that these loans not exceed \$300. For fiscal year 1989, \$75 million was earmarked.

It now appears that AID hasn't come close to complying with this mandate, and an investigation by the Government Accounting Office (GAO) Congress's investigative arm, has been requested. If the allegations made by the RESULTS Educational Fund are borne out, some changes are in order.

The RESULTS researchers focused on AID's performances in 10 countries that make up about half of the \$50 million "credit for the poor" program. Of \$31.8 million reported by AID for the 10 countries studied, only \$5.2 million was spent in ways that actually fulfilled Congress's intent.

Among the projects counted in the microenterprise earmark was a \$2.6 million project in Jordan that was expected to make loans of \$15,000 to \$20,000 — just a tad over \$300. Close to \$1 million was used to send 100 Honduran entrepreneurs to a three-week business course in the United States — or about \$10,000 each. Other misallocations and serious errors in reporting were uncovered.

Of course, it's hard to get a bureaucracy to change old habits, even (or maybe especially) with an act of Congress. But if AID doesn't implement the microenterprise program, perhaps that money should be channeled instead through private voluntary organizations with experience in the field.

It would be nice to see a tiny bit of our tax money doing some good for a change.

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## We should clean up our mess

An encouraging picture of federalism in action is developing across the country as the states and localities buckle down to a prodigious job. They are facing up to our mountains of trash.

A few weeks ago, the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) released its 377-page report, *Facing America's Trash*. The document is both illuminating and frightening. Our affluent society is generating more than 160 million tons of municipal solid waste every year, and the volume is rising faster than our population is increasing.

What is to be done with this appalling mess? About 130 million tons are poured into landfill dumps. Roughly 10 percent is recycled. The rest is incinerated. The problem is that 80 percent of the landfills will run out of room in the next 10 years.

Nobody wants to live near a new landfill or downwind from an incinerator. In some fashion the amount of trash that is recycled must be doubled and then redoubled, but recycling is easier said than done.

In theory, a case could be made for a vast federal program. After all, the great bulk of solid waste has moved in interstate commerce; it is not especially farfetched to extend the Commerce Clause of the Constitution toward federal control of waste disposal operations.

The OTA report calls for a clear national policy in this area. The report even suggests fees and taxes by which a giant program of federal grants could be funded. An additional income tax of \$1 or \$2 per person, depending upon gross family income, would raise \$300 million a year.

Congress has shown sporadic interest in a federal role. Back in 1965 Congress passed a solid waste disposal act that was intended to encourage



James J. Kilpatrick

research. In 1970 came the Resource Recovery Act, in 1976 the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and in 1984 the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments. The idea was to discourage landfills and to promote recycling, but it seems clear from the OTA report that nothing much has come from these limited efforts.

It has been up to the states and localities, as it should be, to attack the problems on their own. In Rhode Island and Delaware, by way of example, the state's governments have assumed primary responsibility for disposal of municipal solid waste. In New Jersey and New York, the state governments serve as overseers and regulators.

A dozen states have stepped up recycling efforts. Michigan's goal is to recycle 25 percent of its solid waste. Connecticut requires newspaper publishers to phase in an increased use of recycled newsprint. This past January, Florida imposed a waste disposal fee of 10 cents per ton on non-recycled newsprint.

Nine states have imposed mandatory deposit laws on beverage containers, though these acts vary considerably from state to state. Oregon pioneered this program in 1972. The results have been

gratifying: More than 90 percent of all soda and beer containers are recovered, and the volume of total waste has been reduced by 7 percent. In 1983 Oregon followed up with its Opportunity to Recycle Act; the law requires communities of more than 4,000 population to provide drop-off centers and monthly collection of recyclable materials.

Oregon has done something else. The state's Business Energy Tax Credit allows companies to write off 35 percent of the cost of recycling equipment over a five-year period. A separate tax credit is available to those who install facilities to control pollution. Similar programs have been proposed in New York and Pennsylvania.

All this is encouraging, but the OTA report does not minimize the task ahead. For a long time to come, landfills will have to provide the primary means of disposal.

The big trouble here is what is known as the NIMBY syndrome — that is, the political opposition from persons who see the need for new landfills, but Not In My Back Yard.

Recycling programs run into other problems. It is a nuisance to separate domestic trash into paper, cans and bottles, but more and more communities have been impelled into separation ordinances. Local programs for collecting paper have encountered such gluts of used newspapers that no market can be found for the tons that pile up.

A part of the solution lies in sheer prevention — in educating the public to accept less elaborate packaging, and in encouraging manufacturers to think ahead toward disposal of their products. Such programs will take time and intense effort, but we had better get on with them. It's our mess, and somehow we have to clean it up.

### Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 1989. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 13, 1577, five ships commanded by Sir Francis Drake embarked on Drake's famous circumnavigation of the globe, a journey that took almost three years.

On this date:

In 1642, New Zealand was discovered by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman.

In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.

In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat at the hands of the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit a European country while in office.



## There's still 'slaves' in the U.S.

In the "four corners" area of the American West — where Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah — are joined, there are towns whose very names are music: Red Mesa and Shiprock, Round Rock, Many Farms, Black Mountain and Coyote Canyon.

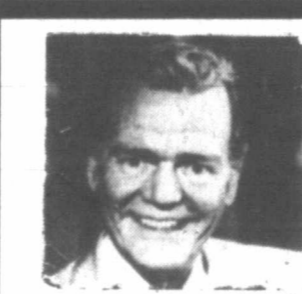
There, on the Navajo and Hopi reservations, families are often sustained by the women who weave.

So proficient are these women at their looms that what used to be called "Indian rugs" are now an acknowledged art form.

With the introduction of progressively finer quality wools and dyes, this is the golden era of Navajo weaving.

A Navajo weaver will sit in or alongside her hogan and, as her ancestors have for 200 years, will weave on a vertical loom classic and hybrid patterns characteristic of her area — "Wide Ruins," "Crystal," "Teec Nos Pos" or "Two Grey Hills."

She will follow a pattern that she sees only in her mind. Carefully, from yarn meticulously carded and dyed, she will bring her mental image to life — always in intricate patterns — often in glorious colors.



Paul Harvey

Depending upon the size and nature of her rug or tapestry, she may be two years producing one of her artworks.

Almost always, the project will require at least one year.

Her completed rug may sell in a big city gallery for \$3,000. She may get only \$300.

By any accepted standard in our country, that constitutes "slave labor." So who is harvesting a profit of 1,000 percent from the diligent labor of these gifted women?

It is not the traditional "Indian trader." It was

honorably traders with such names as Lorenzo Hubbell and J.B. Moore who rescued these artists from their historic Spanish enslavement by teaching them techniques that were marketable.

But recently the reservation's mercenary carpet-baggers are Arabs.

It is they — many with deep roots in Middle East rug-making and marketing — who are gobbling up the output of the Navajo weavers, paying them but a fraction of the retail value of what they produce.

There are efforts by the Indians to respond to this intrusion, to rescue themselves from their mercenaries. On the reservation one cooperative has been formed to assist the artists in marketing their art more directly to consumers.

And there are non-Indians seeking to organize, to "unionize" the subservient weavers.

But the Arab merchants with their limitless resources seem ever able to up the ante to where their purchase price — however niggardly — is irresistible.

And thus our nation's Native American industry is being sold out to a greedy foreign monopoly that may milk it to death.

## Who's going to be ahead in bloc game?

By BEN WATTENBERG

Gorbachev and the East Europeans are scrambling the geopolitical jigsaw puzzle. It's a great moment.

The focus is on Europe. The bloc-builders are at work. Will a newly free Eastern Europe and an already free Western Europe unite commercially? Politically? Culturally? Will Europeans inherit the earth? But wait a minute. Wasn't America supposed to inherit the earth?

The now-forming 1992 European Community (EC '92) will be made up of 12 West European nations with the 320 million people, all pledged to free trade and unhampered migration. The six once-captured nations of Eastern Europe comprise about 115 million people. Add Yugoslavia and the non-EC nations of Western Europe (like Sweden), and the grand total is — half a billion people!

That's twice the number of people in the United States. Most of the Europeans are already wealthy and modernized. The rest can get there quickly. A monumental trading bloc. Should we worry?

If we're going to play blocs, let's

start by counting tight. Add 30 million Canadians to our side: we have a free trade agreement with the Canadians. That gives us North Americans about 280 million, not much less than the existing EC '92 bloc. Moreover, we take in immigrants and are growing. The EC's have mostly plateaued.

So call it a match between English-speaking North America and the current EC '92. The Europeans go ahead only if Eastern Europe hooks on.

If they get East Europe, what about Mexico? There are about 90 million Mexicans, and growing. The GNP per capita Mexico is \$1,330 — not much different from Poland (\$1,930) or Hungary (\$2,240). Demographically, that puts a North American bloc up around 370 million, short of the all Europe total, but not much, with our gang growing.

A magic word almost slipped by: English. Might not the English-speaking nations of the Pacific — Australia and New Zealand — be figured on our side in the bloc-meistering game? Add 20 million.

And is it still in America's interest to push England into the EC? Do

Scotchmen really have more in common with Greeks than with Americans? (Given the large Greek population in the United States, don't Greeks have more in common with America than with Scotland?) With England on our team we'd be more populous than the EC right now. (Who lost England?)

(Is Poland commercially and culturally closer to Italy or America? Why did Lech Walesa say "Poland can be the America of Europe"?)

Another magic word: Pacific. Are those Pacific nations going to be a separate bloc led by Japan? There are more Koreans in America than in Japan. And more Taiwanese, Chinese, Filipino and Vietnamese. Maybe it will work out that the United States will be the common denominator of the Pacific.

There is a purpose to this exercise. Let us remember, as the pieces of the puzzles get reconfigured, that America is unique. We are a large, prosperous, influential nation, made up of people from everywhere. We are the only universal nation. If there are rules of blocs that matter to other nations, they may not matter to us.

Do trading blocs matter at all? They are convenient ways to lower trade barriers. Fine. But if West Europe can bloc with East Europe, and the United States can bloc with Canada, won't the blocs keep on blocing? Ever-bigger blocs lead toward global free trade, which is good for all, not zero-sum.

The most meaningful competition among the modern nations in the years to come will not be commercial. We're all going to be richer.

The competition will concern the nature of the global culture, and in that game the numbers can be counted in many different ways. The central question will be: What ideas and values will hold sway in the global community? Will they be oriented toward America, or Europe, or Japan, or toward some non-democratic systems?

That's a far better roster than the one that used to include the Soviet Union. But it's still a competition. Our children and grandchildren will live with the results.

In that contest, in a universalizing world, the nation that is universal — that's us — has a head start.

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# Bitter cold covers nation from Midwest into Southern states

By ARTHUR ALLEN  
Associated Press Writer

Snow fell early today in the Carolinas and Tennessee, and the cold was so bitter in the Plains that only penned-in polar bears seemed to be enjoying themselves and the Salvation Army bell ringers reported a drop in donations.

"People don't want to stop and dig in their pockets for change," said Salvation Army Lt. James Castor in Kearney, Neb.

The second snowstorm to hit Virginia in five days produced scores of accidents on slippery roads. At least two people died.

About 10 inches of snow fell by early today in Powhatan County, just west of Richmond, and the city had up to 6 inches of snow. Many schoolchildren today were enjoying their fourth straight day off.

Snow fell from South Carolina to upstate New York. In the Midwest and Great Plains, temperatures were expected to remain bitter through the weekend.

Polar bears at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Neb., reveled in the cold, swimming in a pool that a pump kept from freezing over.

"They're insane," zoo director Lee Simmons said. "Never mind the freezing temperatures, they're out there swimming!"

The Peoria Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter in the Illinois city, reported a rush of people seeking a place to sleep with lows of 5 below zero predicted this morning, and up to 3 inches of snow.

Lows of 30 below were forecast in northern Minnesota, where in International Falls temperatures never crept above minus 2 below all day Tuesday. Sub-zero temperatures were forecast for most of North Dakota as well.

At 1 a.m. CST, it was 1 below zero in Bismarck,

N.D., 4 below in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and 5 degrees in Chicago. Unusually cold temperatures were recorded in the South, including 18 degrees in Nashville, Tenn., and 19 in Little Rock, Ark.

About 2 inches of snow fell Tuesday evening on Bristol, in eastern Tennessee, and an inch fell on Knoxville. In Elizabethton, four men braved a swift current to pull two people from an overturned truck after it slipped in snow and plunged off a bridge and into a creek.

Western North Carolina was covered by up to 3 inches of snow that caused dangerous road conditions but no major wrecks or serious injuries, authorities said.

"Significant snows before Christmastime don't occur frequently in this area," said Andy Scott of the National Weather Service. "This is our second one and it looks like we're going to get our third this weekend."

Schools in Birmingham, Ala., shut down after warn-

ings of snow Tuesday night. But the skies cleared, plunging temperatures into the teens, said Tom King, a meteorologist for the weather service in Birmingham.

"The big catchword now instead of 'snow' is it's going to be cold," King said.

On Tuesday, temperatures dropped below 20 degrees below zero around the upper Great Lakes and it was briefly colder in Phoenix than in Anchorage due to a warm high pressure mass over Alaska.

Tuesday's official low for the Lower 48 states was minus 28 degrees at International Falls, and 13 cities in the central part of the nation hit record lows — including 5 degrees below zero at Kansas City, Mo.; 12 degrees in Abilene, Texas; and 8 in El Paso.

"From Canada we have a flow of air straight out of the north from southwest Canada. It's coming almost from the Arctic Circle," said Craig Ellis, head forecaster for the weather service office in Phoenix, Ariz.

# Soviet Congress takes up economic crisis

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Congress today took up the country's grave economic crisis, with progressives saying reform cannot work unless the government allows Communist ideology to be divorced from economic policy.

The 2,250-member Congress convened for the second day of its 10-day session after rejecting reformers' efforts to revoke the Communist Party's monopoly on power and push the country toward multiparty democracy.

That gave President Mikhail S. Gorbachev the agenda he wanted: one that focuses on a government plan for economic reform.

The plan was to be presented by Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov.

Ryzhkov's report was expected to focus on plans laid by his deputy, economist Leonid Abalkin, to sell off unprofitable state-run enterprises to private groups, make the Soviet ruble convertible on world markets and lay the foundation for a stock market.

Many progressives say the government should, instead of releasing yet another economic report, offer specific legislation



(AP Laserphoto)

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev points to his left during Wednesday's session of Congress to tell deputies where to gather later in the day.

that the Congress could immediately take up.

They also criticize the ruling Communists for refusing to back the legalization of private property, which many economists consider crucial to ending chronic consumer shortages and industrial inefficiency.

"If we want a free economy, free from unnatural influence, let enterprises be enterprises without any ideological violence over them," said one deputy, Sergei Stankevich.

On Tuesday, the Congress rejected bids by deputies from the Baltic republics and a coalition of reformers called the Inter-Regional Deputies Group to put

the Communist Party's monopoly on power and several key economic issues on the agenda.

Stankevich said ending the Communist's constitutionally guaranteed political supremacy is important, "because we have one party's ideology dominating the economy."

Changes sweeping Eastern Europe, encouraged by Moscow, already have led Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany and Bulgaria to move toward multiparty systems. In the Soviet Union, the Baltic republic Lithuania made a similar move last week.

In other East bloc developments, Czechoslovak Communists and leading opposition leaders in Prague debated the process and time frame for naming a new president, which is expected to be leading dissident Vaclav Havel.

East Germany's reformist Communist Premier Hans Modrow met with Secretary of State James A. Baker III and said their talks Tuesday opened a new era of dialogue between the countries.

# Central American peace agreement drawing criticism

By GEORGE GEDDA  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bush administration officials say they doubt a new peace agreement signed by five Central American presidents will contribute to negotiated settlements to the conflicts in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Tuesday the administration "remains to be convinced" that Nicaragua's leftist government will live up to its renewed promises to carry out democratic reforms.

"We're certainly skeptical," Fitzwater said, speaking hours after the five presidents ended marathon discussions in Costa Rica.

He said alleged Sandinista-sponsored violence at opposition campaign rallies has raised questions about the government's commitment to free and fair elections in February and its willingness to allow the safe return of Contra rebels from their Honduran base camps.

Fitzwater said the fact that Nicaragua agreed not to support the Marxist rebels in El Salvador was "encouraging."

He added that the administration also was pleased to see the invitation for the Contras to register to vote if they do so before a Feb. 5 deadline.

At the State Department, deputy spokesman Richard Boucher responded positively to the summit communique's comments on El Salvador, noting that it expressed support for the country's embattled government and called on leftist rebels to cease hostilities immediately.

But two officials, speaking privately, said they doubted that the communique would have a significant impact on the thinking of the FMLN rebels.

Sen. Chris Dodd, chairman of the Western Hemisphere subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee, said there is diminishing congressional support for Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani based on the perception that he is unable to control the Salvadoran military.

"If there were a vote today on aid to El Salvador, at the least aid would be cut off," Dodd said. There is a widespread impression in the administration and on Capitol Hill that the Salvadoran military was responsible for the massacre of six Jesuit priests a month ago.

The communique calls for the demobilization of both the Contras and the FMLN. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega had asked for a Dec. 31 deadline for the dismantling of the Contras but his Central American colleagues rejected the request, U.S. officials said.

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# Distributors of drought aid feel intense pressure from farmers

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The 1988 drought relief program paid millions of dollars to farmers across the country whose only claims to disaster were normal bouts with the perils of nature. One reason the program was applied so broadly, The Associated Press found, was the very structure of the payment system. The second story in a series, "Cashing In on the Drought," explains how farmers allocated taxpayer dollars to their neighbors.

By SCOTT MCCARTNEY  
Associated Press Writer

DALHART (AP) — R.B. Reynolds decides how to spend millions of federal agriculture dollars each year. He implements federal policy and sometimes hires or fires a government worker.

Reynolds, however, is neither federal bureaucrat nor politician, but a wheat and corn farmer here in wind-swept Hartley County.

He was elected by his Texas Panhandle neighbors to be chairman of the three-member committee that runs Hartley County's office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Every U.S. county with some agriculture has a three-farmer com-

mittee elected by fellow farmers to direct the local office of the ASCS, which runs all the multibillion-dollar federal agriculture payment programs.

It's a job considered unique among government aid programs, with the very recipients of federal dollars deciding who gets how many.

**'We have to follow the rules that come down, but we try to represent the farmer and his needs and what would be best for him.'**

Potential problems and conflicts are obvious: Would welfare mothers determine their friends' monthly checks or students decide roommates' eligibility for loans?

But agriculture officials believe the elected committee members are in the best position to assess fairly the losses suffered by their neighbors — and to keep them honest.

"We have to follow the rules that come down, but we try to represent the farmer and his needs and what would be best for him," Reynolds said. "If you don't represent the farmer, who's going to?"

The question of who to protect, the farmer or the government, is at times a difficult one for conscientious committee members. One day after Reynolds sided with farmers in an interview, he told a reporter he preferred to say committee members have to represent both sides and "mediate to try to work something out."

Most committee members interviewed for an Associated Press study of the 1988 drought relief effort said they voted for the good of their neighbors whenever possible.

"I would say you're representing the farmer — maybe that's not the way it's supposed to be," said Mike Bouris, chairman of the Riverside, Calif., county committee.

"You don't want your neighbor to be mad at you because he didn't qualify," said John Rigolizzo Jr., the Camden County, N.J., committee chairman. "Yes, you could say he's sticking up for his buddy and his neighbor, but when we're in this office, we're government employees."

Committee members, who are paid small stipends for their meetings, take an oath of office pledging to uphold the laws of Congress. Agriculture Department officials say

they expect the committees to protect taxpayers as well as be fair to farmers.

"They represent both, but they have rules and regulations they have to obey," Dan Shaw, the ASCS deputy administrator in charge of state and county operations, said from Washington, D.C.

"They can't just say this is a deprived area so let's take all the money in the Treasury and throw it out here," Shaw said. "We feel peers are the people who can make the really good, accurate decisions that need to be made."

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Committees have great latitude in administering agriculture programs, from establishing normal harvests to deciding if a crop was cultivated properly. They must sometimes analyze farmers' financial standings and sort through corporations, partnerships and trusts. They also have to interpret an array of laws and regulations.

"Some guidelines leave a lot for

us to interpret. The smart people can read that and find ways to get around it," said Don Gronewald, a hay farmer who is a member of the Kaufman County, Texas, committee.

Agriculture experts say farming in America is so vast that the local committee system is the only fair way to administer the aid programs.

"There are these glitches. Two counties end up rendering two different decisions," said Bob Bergland, agriculture secretary under former President Carter. "But you have to have room for local judgment. I'd say it works better than almost any other scheme you can think of."

In the case of the drought program, many committees had to set crop yields and estimate how much would have been harvested in a normal year, as well as decide if a farmer kept his crop properly fertilized, weeded and, if possible, watered.

And the committees of three had to decide whether each applicant farmer was eligible.

In some cases, a county committee was more gracious with its constituents than either insurance companies evaluating the same losses or committees in neighboring counties interpreting the same regulations, the AP found.

A crop insurance company balked at paying one Oklahoma farmer an irrigated yield of 69 bushels per acre on his damaged milo because he had watered just once.

Insurance paid only the dryland yield of 28 bushels. But the county committee granted drought relief based on the irrigated 69-bushel yield. The farmer received \$4,467.

"The committee made a determination that it was watered," said David F. Barnes Jr., director of the Texas County, Okla., ASCS office.

The Chaves County, N.M., committee decided to pay a farmer \$18,285 for cotton damage caused by "cold, rainy weather" and "high winds," although the bill contained provision for neither freeze-like damage nor wind damage.

The drought relief program was particularly troublesome for some committees because it was set up with such haste, officials said. Some farmers harvested their crops before applying for aid, making losses difficult to verify.

In Gaines County, Texas, ASCS director John Wayne Hall said he struggled with 1988 claims for lost winter wheat — a crop planted in 1987 and cut months before Congress even considered the drought legislation.

"How can I know what kind of product that boy had out there? It was long gone," Hall said. "In '88, we made a lot of judgments."

**'If I say "Hey, the regulations say you can't do that," it makes them mad.'**

A recent General Accounting Office report noted that the 1988 relief program was hard to administer because it required county officials to determine, on short notice, payments on close to 500 crops, from almonds to zucchini. The officials had little experience or data on most of those crops.

"The program happened awful fast," said Steve Verrill, committee chairman in Middlesex County, Mass. "It was the disaster in the Midwest and everybody, including the politicians, were talking it up and they were in an awful hurry to get the money out."

Both the elected farmers and the county directors they hire say the pressure from farmers — even in more normal years — can be intense.

"If I give everybody what they want, I can get along," said Hall. "If I say 'Hey, the regulations say you can't do that,' it makes 'em mad."

Hall sometimes makes 'em mad anyway.

"As long as they (the government) pay me, I'll enforce it," he said.

# U.S. to send uranium to Romania despite criticism

By JOAN MOWER  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite criticism of Romania's policies, U.S. officials say they will send weapons-grade uranium to the hard-line East Bloc country as soon as it comes up with a suitable way to ship the material.

Opponents of the sale, which was approved in 1988, call it "crazy" and say Romania can't be trusted with the dangerous material. The 16.4 kilograms of uranium are slated to be used at the Triga research reactor near Bucharest.

"In light of the Romanians' increasing isolation and instability, this is not the time to be sending Romania the means to make an atomic bomb," said Gary Milhollin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, a group that opposes nuclear proliferation.

"I think it's crazy," said Vladimir Tismaneanu, a resident scholar at the Foreign Policy

Research Institute in Philadelphia.

"We shouldn't provide him with any encouragement," Tismaneanu said, referring to Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu, who rules the country with a Stalin-like grip.

U.S. officials have harshly criticized Ceausescu's regime, but they have not blocked the uranium sale.

"The exports of the ... fuel met all the requirements of the U.S. Atomic Energy Act," the State Department said in a statement. Romania has pledged "no nuclear explosive use" for its nuclear program, it said.

"Appropriate physical security measures are being applied to the highly enriched uranium in Romania and will be applied to any additional nuclear material shipped to that country," the department said.

But a department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was debate over whether to try to stop Romania from taking control of the uranium.

An official at the Romanian Embassy did not respond to questions about the uranium.

Relations between Bucharest and Washington have been "severely strained" recently by Romania's poor human rights record, the State Department said. "We would like to see Romania join its neighbors in moving towards political and economic reforms."

Ceausescu has imposed harsh restrictions on Romanians' right to travel, practice religion or express themselves. He has denounced the changes sweeping other East European countries.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved a license for the uranium shipment in August 1988

after it received the go-ahead from the Reagan administration, according to Joseph Fouchard, the NRC's spokesman.

"We have been shipping fuel to Romania for a number of years," he said. "We monitor the safeguards, take a look at their security."

However, the shipment approved in 1988 remains at Oak Ridge, Tenn., because the Romanians have failed to come up with a way to transport the material safely, Fouchard said.

The uranium is part of a batch that was sold to the Romanians in 1978, officials said. That year, the United States shipped 38 kilograms to Bucharest for use at the Triga reactor.

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## Investigators verify Peary's polar feat; family says explorer is now vindicated

By MIKE FEINSILBER  
Associated Press Writer



(AP Laserphoto)

Investigators who reexamined the dogsled trek over the Arctic ice of Robert E. Peary, pictured here with his dogs, say he discovered the North Pole exactly where, when, and how he claimed.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators who reexamined the dogsled trek of Robert E. Peary over the Arctic ice say he discovered the North Pole exactly where, when and how he claimed — the snow, cold, "dead reckoning" navigational methods and skeptics notwithstanding.

"The family is vindicated!" declared Peary grandson Edward Peary Stafford, a retired Navy commander, after the Navigation Foundation, at the behest and expense of the National Geographic Society, accepted Peary's account in every detail.

People who still disagree, said Stafford, "should join the Flat Earth Society."

But National Geographic President Gilbert Grosvenor said he suspects doubters will persist, as they have for 80 years.

One of the most insistent is Baltimore astronomer Dennis Rawlins, who called the foundation's findings a "whitewash."

Rawlins claimed in a 1973 book that Peary had not gotten within 100 miles of the North Pole and had perpetuated the greatest scientific hoax of the century.

"Bias can do a lot, and when you want to believe something it is easy to," Rawlins said. "It is a tragedy for American science."

At a 95-minute news conference Monday, retired Adm. Thomas D. Davies, president of the Navigation Foundation, said scientific analysis established that Peary was where he claimed to be on April 6, 1909 — on "the top of the world."

A study of the shadows in Peary's photographs established they were taken en route to and at the pole, he said. And the depth measurements the explorer made by dropping a piece of lead tied to piano wire in holes in the ice were verified by modern maps of the Arctic Ocean's bottom.

The foundation said its 240-page report will "perhaps put an end to the long process of vilification of a courageous American explorer."

"Our analysis of the data Peary brought back from his journey — his celestial sights, his diary, his ocean sounding and his photographs — has convinced us that their final camp, named Camp Jesup, was no more than five miles from the Pole, allowing for some inaccuracy in their instruments," the report said.

From the start, Peary's claim that he and companion Matthew Henson and four Eskimos reached the pole has been wrapped in controversy.

Upon reaching home, a dismayed Peary discovered that another explorer, Frederick Cook, said he had beaten Peary by a year. Cook's claim was eventually rejected and in 1911 Congress certified Peary as the discoverer.

The issue reopened in 1983 when a television documentary gave the credit to Cook. Then Rawlins raised fresh doubts, causing the society to commission the foundation to study all the evidence anew.

The foundation concluded that Peary's "dead reckoning" method of navigation, corrected by observations of the position of the sun every day at noon, was "entirely

adequate for polar latitudes."

And it found nothing sinister in some of Peary's behavior that is often cited by doubters — his depression after achieving a lifetime goal, the fact that his diary entry, "The Pole at last!!!" was written on a detached piece of paper and his coolness toward Henson.

Peary was withdrawn and despondent aboard the Roosevelt, but that may have been because a member of the expedition, Professor Ross Marvin of Cornell, had died on his trek back to the ship. Or Peary may have been physically and emotionally exhausted, the scientists said.

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## Addison police honoring friendly drivers

ADDISON (AP) — Police are passing out cash certificates as well as tickets to motorists in this Dallas suburb for the holidays, but the choice depends on who's been naughty or nice.

Until Christmas Eve, some surprised drivers are getting \$20 certificates — courtesy of the Addison Police Department and Addison Rotary Club — from officers for being safe and courteous.

The program started its fifth year Dec. 1.

"Texas is known as the 'Friendly State.' We wanted to encourage that Texas spirit in Addison by rewarding friendly drivers during the holiday season," Addison Rotary Club President Sam Zarro said.

Last year, 200 drivers were given

Courteous and Safe Driver Awards and a similar number should get them this year, Capt. Tommy Buchanan said.

"The Christmas season is a rather hectic time for everyone, including the police department," Police Chief James McLaughlin said. "This program allows us to do something fun and positive with the drivers as well as thank them for being courteous drivers."

Some drivers are wary when pulled over for the good driving citations but later change their tunes, said Buchanan.

"Some of them are upset when you first stop them, but when they find out, they get an attitudinal change." Officers are looking for drivers

who display courteous behavior, such as allowing someone to change lanes or letting a car into the road during busy traffic times. The certificates awarded are redeemable for cash at local banks.

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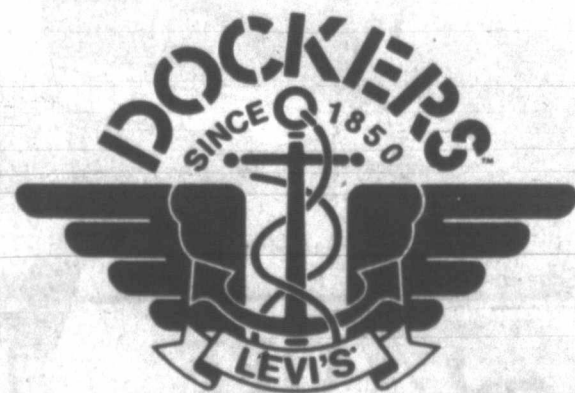
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# Prison inmates making crafts to be sold as Christmas gifts

By ALICE HUFF  
Laredo Morning Times

LAREDO (AP) — Sketches of crude artwork on cold, concrete jailhouse walls have been the traditional way prisoners idle away the hours while serving time — not so at Webb County Law Enforcement Center.

Now, men and women jailed at LEC have found a way to express their emotions and develop a latent talent while making a little money.

During this time of year when prisoners are the most homesick and some want to send remembrances to families in other parts of the country, several Cuban prisoners have come up with the idea of painting on the white cotton handkerchiefs sold in the jail commissary. These small squares serve as makeshift canvasses when the pencil sketches are colored in with bright markers.

"We need to keep their minds busy creating good things instead of thinking up ways to do damage,"

said Sheriff Juan Garza.

The talent is surprising. None of the jailed artists have had any formal training but they are meticulous when it comes to copying small pictures and enlarging and coloring in the various backgrounds.

Some relatives are sending T-shirts, sweatshirts and large pieces of white cloth so the prisoners can continue to express their creative ability.

The idea grew to include T-shirts and sweatshirts which feature mostly cartoon characters, which compete with religious themes favored by some of the prisoners.

Sheriff Garza has encouraged their talent and hopes a way can be found to supply the jail with art materials such as brushes, paint, canvasses and drawing pads, plus arrange for some instruction as part of the detention center's education program.

Prisoners who wish can also study for their GED or take an English language course.

"We have to be careful about the supplies which are brought into the jail," Sheriff Juan Garza said,

referring to paints which might be sniffed or lead to substance abuse, or items which could be turned into weapons.

On being informed of the art project, Riverdrive Mall offered a vacant store and the Webb County Explorer Scouts said they would work as sales personnel for the artwork.

The small shop near the Riverdrive escalators opened over the first weekend of December and will be open every weekend until Christmas. In January the store will be open once a month.

Proceeds will be divided up with 50 percent going to prisoners, 40 percent to purchase art supplies and 10 percent to the Explorer Post.

"This way, the prisoners can earn some money to purchase items at the jail commissary," Garza said.

He has placed Capt. Sylvia Steele in charge of getting the pieces to the shop on weekends and setting up bank accounts for the prisoners' funds.

A framed painting of two Pancho Villa-type bandits by Jose Carneado was sold for \$10 before it ever

left the jail, Garza said.

Carneado was a restaurant manager after deportation from Cuba, where he worked in a auto parts factory.

He has been in jail for 18 months for probation violation after his arrest for possession of a controlled substance. He says he did not understand he had to report every month.

Most of Carneado's finished pieces go to his children in Florida as do Lorenzo Castro's works.

Castro, who also does wants to avoid a return to Cuba, repairs VCRs in addition to painting while awaiting release. He worked as an electronics repairman while in Miami before his arrest on charges of car theft.

Lorenzo Fernandez, 19, had just completed an almost life-size painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of Mexico. He is held on a burglary charge.

Already wise to jailhouse ways, Fernandez is the type of inmate the sheriff hopes will benefit from education programs offered at the jail.

## Women can have choice at brothel under new plan

By LAURA MYERS  
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Mustang Ranch may soon be an equal opportunity brothel: The owner wants to add dudes.

"This will be a place for women to have a little fun for a change," said Joe Conforte.

Conforte said he wants to build an addition called Mustang F for "female." He said it would have "high class" facilities and a band where employees could romance women "who just want sex without entanglements."

"Sure, a lot of women just want to be wined and dined, but believe me they'll want the sex, too," Conforte said. "But with women you got to treat them differently. You got to show them the stars and the moon."

The plan hinges on a stock offering for the brothel. The underwriter of the offering said more than enough buyers have expressed interest in a \$17 million proposal to start selling shares before Christmas.

Eric Walloga of American Wallstreet Securities Inc., of Tampa, Fla., said the issue is nearly ready to go on the market just one month after a restructured proposal was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"We have indications that we are past the \$17 million mark, but we want to wait until we have at least \$30 million or \$40 million just in case people don't go through with plans to buy the stock," Walloga said.

The stockholders would buy into a 60 percent interest in the 350-acre ranch and other properties as well as the business itself. Conforte and his wife, Sally, would retain the remaining 40 percent interest and manage the ranch.

Conforte said the proposed brothel for women could be added to the current 105-room bordello within six months if the stock offering goes well. He's raising the money to pay \$13 million owed to the Internal Revenue Service.

Brothels are allowed in 11 of Nevada's 14 rural counties.

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## Americans buying Christmas trees by mail

By PAIGE ST. JOHN  
Associated Press Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Americans are picking Christmas trees this season by poring over catalogs rather than trudging around farms or buying from hucksters along city streets.

Companies ranging from major merchandisers to tiny nurseries are selling freshly cut evergreens by mail.

"I suppose some people consider it a very strange thing to do or perhaps the ultimate in being overboard with catalog ideas," says Katherine Hartnett of L.L. Bean Inc.

Freeport, Maine-based Bean is in its fifth year of offering holiday greenery as well as clothing and outdoor gear. Hartnett said the mail-order company's trees sold out this year.

About 500,000 people will bypass corner Christmas tree lots and garden supply stores this year and order their trees from a catalog, said Dave Baumann, associate executive director of the Milwaukee-based National Christmas Tree Association.

"People want tradition, the feeling, the scent, the beauty of a real tree," he said. "But time is at a premium."

Mail-order trees make a small dent in the estimated 35.2 million Christmas trees that will be sold nationwide this season, but they have been a welcome new market for an industry facing an increasing oversupply problem.

The market for real trees is larger than ever, but growers this year are cutting an estimated 40 million trees, according to Barry Brand of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association. That could mean millions

of trees will remain in growers' yards and on retailers' lots by Dec. 25.

"Trees by mail have come on very strong in the last five years, when L.L. Bean was one of the first direct-mail merchandisers," Brand said. "This year, they're being sold by Spiegel and Sears and Neiman-Marcus and The Sharper Image. ... Literally all of the catalogs are carrying a real tree. They're taking something from a fad to an established practice."

Mail-order trees generally are cut days before being stuffed into narrow boxes and shipped, usually by private delivery companies. The trees are expensive, but their prices often are matched by those on Christmas tree lots in some of the nation's larger cities.

A 7-foot Sears Roebuck and Co. tree sells for \$74.86. A Maine-grown tree from L.L. Bean costs \$55. Neither company would give figures for its tree sales.

But mail-order trees haven't necessarily been an easy sell.

In Michigan, the nation's largest Christmas tree producing state,

nursery owners Paul and Jaye Shereda have had trouble pitching their mail-order trees to Chicagoans. "People are very suspicious," Jaye Shereda said from her home in Custer, in central Michigan's Christmas tree country.

"Even though we're charging \$35 a tree, or \$55 for the package with the stand, they're afraid we're too cheap. They're suspicious we're going to send them junk," she said.

Their company, Land O' Pines, spent \$10,000 in advertising during the past two seasons but sold only 85 trees, Shereda said.

Chicagoan Dan Herrin thought his catalog tree was just perfect, although he said his neighbors were surprised to see a 6-foot evergreen slide out of the box left on the doorstep of his 16th-floor apartment.

"I think everybody thinks it's a good sign of what technology can do for us all," Herrin said. "Here we're getting at a reasonable price a better product that what you used to be able to find."

"It's the overall picture of convenience."

## White House boasts storybook tree

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christmas at the White House is a storybook affair this year, with characters from children's literature peeping out from the branches of an 18-foot Fraser fir decorated for the holidays.

Barbara Bush gave reporters a tour of the lavish White House holiday decorations, including the Christmas tree in the Blue Room on the first floor.

With a theme that Mrs. Bush said was a "celebration of books and libraries," the tree features 80 soft dolls representing characters from children's books or literature.

Among them are Mary Poppins, Babar the elephant, the Mad Hatter, Tin Man, Pinocchio, Scarlett O'Hara, Curious George, the Velveteen Rabbit and Aladdin.

Mrs. Bush said she hoped her holiday choice will encourage families to read together.

"There is sort of a little message to our Christmas this year — which is a family oriented, reading to their children message," she said.

Tiny books also adorn the tree, and beneath its branches are an array of books wrapped with bows.

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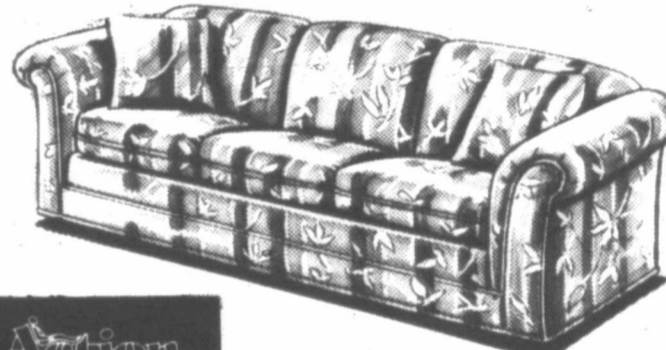
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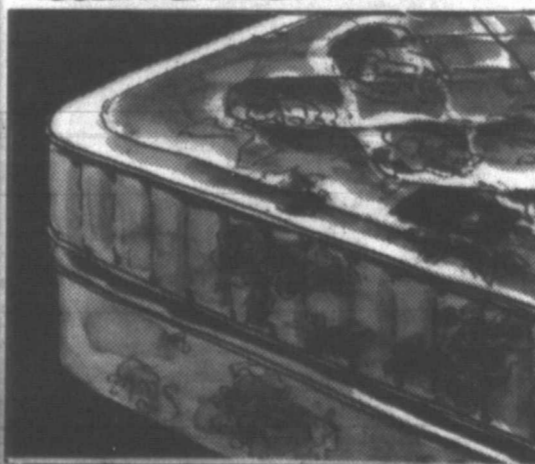
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# Food

## Shrimp and scallion kabobs spice up the holidays



For upcoming holiday events, these shrimp appetizers will make hot stuff! Shrimp and scallions are threaded on skewers, brushed with marinade and then broiled. Arrange on spinach or arugula, then drizzle with Red Pepper Sauce. (AP Photo: Better Homes & Gardens magazine)

By NANCY BYAL  
Better Homes & Gardens  
Food Editor

The heat for these appetizers comes from an easy hot pepper sauce spooned over them after broiling. If you'd like to make them ahead for a party, thread the kabobs and chill until cooking time. Make the sauce while the kabobs broil. To serve as a main dish, plan on 4 or 5 servings from this recipe.

**Shrimp and Scallion Kabobs**  
24 large fresh or frozen shrimp in shells (1 pound)

1/4 cup olive oil or cooking oil  
1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1 small clove garlic, minced  
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
8 scallions or large green onions, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces  
Red Pepper Sauce (recipe follows)

1 large bunch arugula or spinach  
Thaw shrimp, if frozen. Peel and devein shrimp. For marinade, in a small bowl combine oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, garlic, ginger and nutmeg. In a deep dish pour marinade over shrimp and scallions. Cover and marinate 2 hours in the refrigerator or 30 minutes at room temperature, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, prepare Red Pepper Sauce; set aside.

Preheat boiler. Drain shrimp, reserving marinade. Thread shrimp and scallions on twelve 5- to 6-inch wooden or metal skewers. Place on

the unheated rack of a broiler pan. Broil 3 to 4 inches from heat for 2 to 3 minutes on each side, brushing with reserved marinade, until shrimp turn pink. Arrange on top of arugula or spinach on platter; drizzle with Red Pepper Sauce. Makes 12 servings.

**Red Pepper Sauce:** In a small skillet cook and stir 1 teaspoon paprika; 1 clove garlic, minced; 1/4 teaspoon salt; and 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper in 2 tablespoons hot cooking oil about 1 minute or

until garlic is tender.

**Shrimp Nachos**  
1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (6 ounces)

One 4-ounce can diced green chili peppers, drained

One 2 1/4-ounce can sliced pitted ripe olives, drained

1/4 cup sliced green onion

1/4 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

One 4 1/2-ounce can tiny shrimp, drained and rinsed

36 to 40 round tortilla chips

In a large bowl combine cheese, chili peppers, olives, onion and mayonnaise or salad dressing. Gently fold in shrimp. Arrange about 20 tortilla chips on a 12-inch microwave-safe platter. Top each chip with a rounded teaspoon of the cheese mixture. Cook, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) for 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted, giving plate a half-turn after 1 minute. Repeat with remaining chips and cheese mixture. Makes 36 to 40 appetizer chips, 12 servings.

## Quick dip for the holidays

CHICAGO (AP) — Time is never at more of a premium to us than during the holidays. There's traveling, holiday shopping to finish, relatives and friends to entertain, a round of parties to attend.

If your creativity is on overload, try quick, 10-minute party dips. Use for dipping vegetables, fruit, crackers or breads. The following dip recipes can be made in a flash; you probably have most of the ingredients on your shelves already.

**Greek-Style Hummus**  
(Preparation time: about 5 minutes)

One 15-ounce can garbanzos (chick peas), rinsed, drained  
1/2 cup low-fat plain yogurt  
2 tablespoons tahini paste  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 small clove garlic, minced  
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
2 tablespoons finely chopped ripe olives

2 teaspoons minced fresh or dried parsley

Pita bread, cut into triangles

Cucumber and zucchini slices

Combine garbanzos, yogurt, tahini paste, lemon juice, garlic and cumin in food processor bowl or blender; process at high speed until smooth, stopping to scrape bowl occasionally. Stir in olives and parsley. Spoon into serving bowl. Serve with vegetable slices and melba toast. Makes about 2 cups.

NOTE: This recipe can be made up to 3 days in advance. Cover and refrigerate. (Tahini paste, made from crushed sesame seeds, can be

found in gourmet or ethnic food departments of many supermarkets, or in Oriental grocery stores. Tahini paste may be omitted, if it is not available.)

**Turkey-Walnut Spread**  
(Preparation time: about 10 minutes; 2 minutes or less in a food processor)

Two 5-ounce cans chunk white turkey in water, drained and flaked  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup low-fat plain yogurt  
1/4 cup light mayonnaise or salad dressing

2 tablespoons horseradish mustard

3 tablespoons minced cilantro, parsley or chives

1/2 to 1 teaspoon lemon juice  
4 to 6 dashes red pepper sauce

Paprika  
Cilantro or parsley sprigs

Cucumber and zucchini slices  
Melba toast and crackers

Mix turkey, cheese, onion, walnuts, yogurt, mayonnaise, horseradish mustard, minced cilantro, lemon juice and red pepper sauce until well blended. Spoon into serving bowl. Sprinkle with paprika and garnish with cilantro. Serve with vegetable slices and melba toast. Makes about 2 cups.

NOTE: This spread can be made 2 days in advance. Cover and refrigerate. This spread can be made in the food processor. Combine turkey, cheese, onion, walnuts, yogurt,

mayonnaise, horseradish mustard, minced cilantro, lemon juice and red pepper sauce in food processor bowl. Process, using on-off technique, until ingredients are blended.

## Squash and apple combo for holidays

By NANCY BYAL  
Better Homes & Gardens  
Food Editor

Don't hide the wonderful flavor of vegetables in a layer of rich sauce. Enhance them with no-fat herbs, spices, fruits, or fruit juices instead. To double this recipe for a holiday meal, use a 2-quart casserole and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

**Squash-Apple Bake**

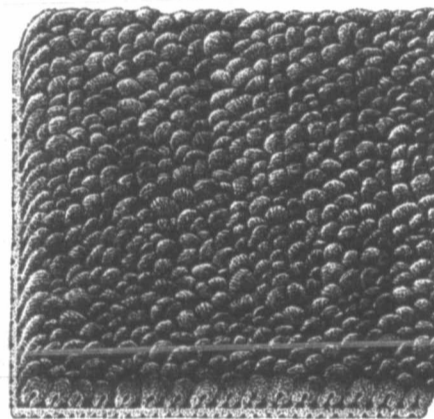
One 3/4-pound acorn squash  
2 medium cooking apples  
Lemon juice

2 tablespoons raisins  
Dash ground cinnamon  
2 tablespoons maple-flavored syrup

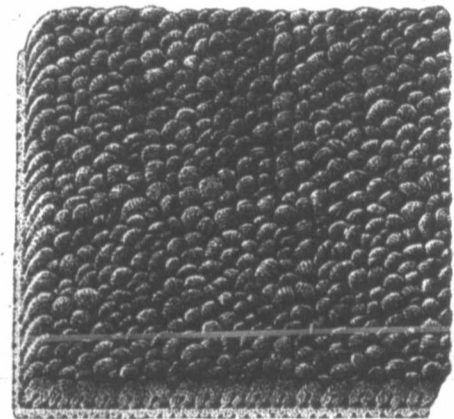
Cut squash into 1/2-inch-thick round slices. Core apples. Cut apples into 1/2-inch-thick round slices. Brush apple slices with lemon juice to prevent browning.

In a 1-quart casserole layer squash and apples. Sprinkle with raisins and cinnamon. Bake, covered, in a 350-degree F oven for 50 to 60 minutes or until squash is tender. Before serving, drizzle squash and apples with syrup. Makes 4 servings.

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# Lifestyles



(Staff photo by Kayla Pursley)

A volunteer with the Texas Department of Human Services, helps this little shopper buy her Christmas presents for members of her family in the K mart sponsored children's shopping spree.

## K mart sponsors shopping spree for foster children

K mart, working with the Texas Department of Human Services, opened its doors early last Saturday for its fifth annual children's Christmas shopping spree.

The Good News Committee, made up of K mart employees with Karen Reeves, chairman, along with volunteers from the TDHS, helped 20 foster children select presents for their families and friends. Each child was given \$20 for the shopping spree, were treated to breakfast and a gift-wrapped present from Santa, and a puppet show by Dale McDaniels and members of the First Baptist Church.

Volunteers escorted one child each through the store, helping them pick out presents for everyone on their Christmas lists - perhaps socks for dad, a candle for mom, a

stuffed toy for sis. Some children had as many as eight people to buy for and stretching that \$20 is no small task.

"It is very hard not to dip into your own pocket to help the children buy their presents," says Reeves. "I know some of the volunteers have done just that."

K mart employees who donated their time to the children's shopping spree include: Kyle Dickens, who played Santa Claus, Spetchie Guerra, Janall Dunnam, Schryol Doyle, Ronnie Parker, Brenda Gross and Reeves.

TDHS volunteers who helped with the shopping and also wrapping the presents so they were ready for the children to take home include: Bonnie Simpson, TDHS coordinator, Eliza Zamudio, Eunice

Moreno, Lisa Clifton, Marjorie Penn, Sara Carmichael, Marilyn Powers, Guillermo Jaramillo, Doris Jaramillo, Charlene Rich, Leona Willis, Denise Hampton, Harold Beckham, Lela Beckham and Willadean Craddock.

Over 42,000 underprivileged children were expected to participate in the K mart shopping spree nationwide. The K mart Holiday Good News Programs have been recognized by the President's Citation Program for Private Sector Initiatives.

The corporation received a presidential award from President Reagan and has for the past five years been eligible to fly the C-Flag, the symbol of the program that states "We Can" and "We Care."

## M.S. families needed for research project

The Family Health Study is a long-term research project being conducted to get a better understanding of families living with multiple sclerosis. What is helpful in the challenges of the disease? How are adult activities such as leisure, social participation, roles of a parent, spouse, or worker affected? What is the impact on children when a parent has M.S.?

Knowledge gained through this project will enhance the preparation of nurses and other health care professionals, for planning services, and for the advancement of health science.

Realizing the large number of

individuals with M.S., the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is encouraging new families to join in the study. To participate couples must be living together, with one partner having M.S., and both partners willing to complete a mail questionnaire. Currently, families with children 8-10 years old and those living in rural areas are under represented and they are anxious to have them included.

To be included in the 1990 phase of this research project, participants must be heard from by Feb. 15, 1990. Contact: Clarann Weinert, College of Nursing, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.

## Mail for Tots needs help

Mail for Tots needs volunteers to help cheer hundreds of shut-in's this Christmas. If you have an extra greeting card, you can put it to good use. Many of the ill children and adults they list are isolated and lonely. Being a shut-in is especially tough at Christmas. If you'd like to receive the name and address of a child or adult, who would love to receive a greeting, mail a business size, self-addressed stamped envelope to: Mail for Tots, 25 New Chardon St., P.O. Box 8699, Boston, Mass. 02114.

## Godparents were ready but are not now willing

DEAR ABBY: Several months ago, we lost a very dear friend to cancer. (I'll call him Joe.) My husband and I had become very good friends with Joe and his wife about two years prior to Joe's death. Three months before Joe died, his wife had a baby boy, and my husband and I were asked to be the baby's godparents. We felt honored.

After we had become the child's godparents, Joe's wife confided (to me) that during her marriage with Joe, she had carried on an affair with another man, and she was sure that this other man is the father. Joe later confided to my husband that he doubted he was the father of this new baby, because he had caught his wife "in the act" with her longtime boyfriend.

Abby, my husband and I agreed to be godparents to the child of Joe and his wife — not the child of Joe's wife and her lover.

Is there any way we can get our



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

ing to a spokesman for the Los Angeles Diocese, you cannot have your name "erased" from the baptismal certificate. You acted in good faith when you became godparents to the child. Please stay close to him, and try to be good friends to the little fellow regardless of who his parents are. He will need a positive influence in his life.

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names erased from the church's registry as being the godparents of Joe's widow's child? Please check into this matter, as we are desperate.

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- 14 Folly
- 15 Not comfortable
- 16 Bodies of water
- 17 Put in tins
- 19 Tamarisk salt tree
- 20 Shaded
- 23 Poetic contraction
- 24 — Kippur
- 27 Marsupial
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- 31 Japanese-American
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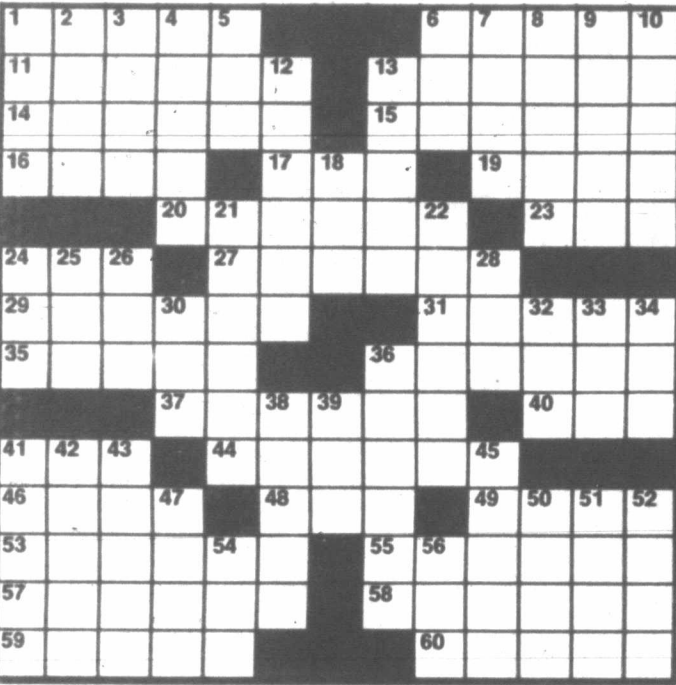
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- 4 Splash through mud
- 5 Dry, as wine
- 6 South of Neb.
- 7 Ostrich

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



- 8 Winged theater passageway
- 9 Stratum
- 10 Business leader
- 13 Sand hills
- 18 Billboards
- 21 Bottle-cap remover
- 22 Actress Sandy —
- 24 Chatter
- 25 Wise bird
- 26 Actress West
- 28 Actress Farrow
- 29 Actress Novak
- 32 Sign at sell-out (abbr.)
- 33 French coin
- 34 Comparative suffix
- 36 Puts out
- 38 Not fastened
- 39 Call day
- 41 Conference site, 1945
- 42 — a million
- 43 Not suitable
- 45 Challenged
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- 51 Seaweed
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- 56 Actor Wallach



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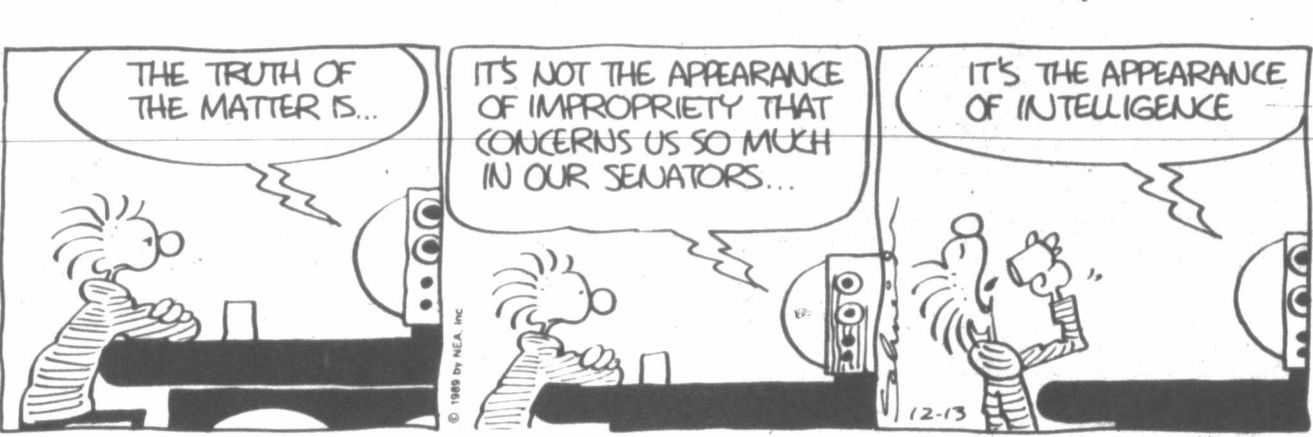
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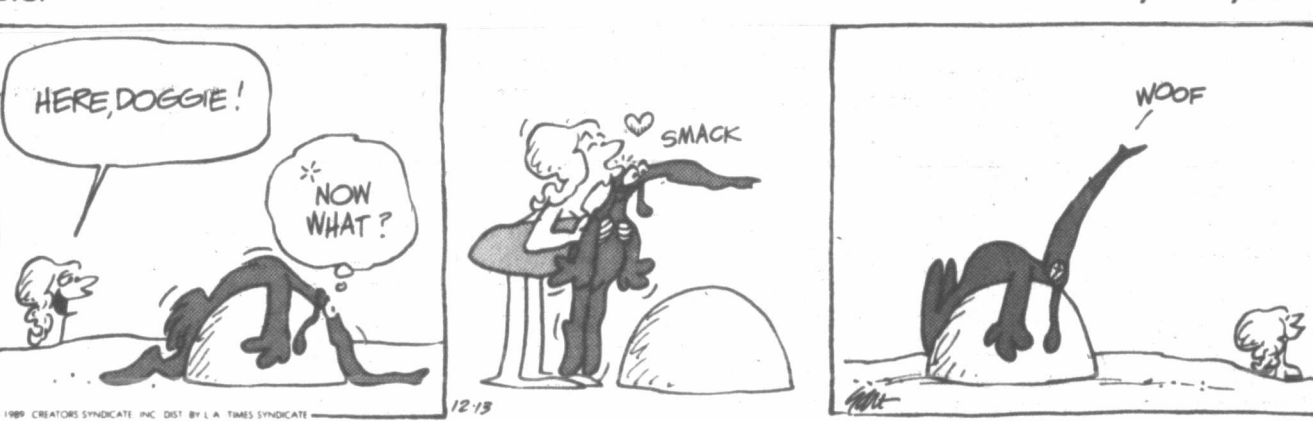
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## Astro-Graph

Conditions in general appear very promising for you where your material interests are concerned. Your earning potential looks good and you could also be lucky with investments.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Conduct important business matters with as little fanfare as possible today. Unless specific people are directly involved, don't make them privy to your secrets. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If a windfall comes your way at this time, alert your old friends so they can share in your good fortune, especially those who were there when you needed them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** A major ambition can be realized in this cycle, but you might need some strong allies to open doors for you. Cultivate them now by making the necessary arrangements.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You could be luckier than usual today in enterprises or ventures you originate or personally manage. Dame Fortune might have something really big in mind.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You could do very well at a flea market today. You're sharp at buying, selling, bargaining or being the middle person in helping a companion get a good deal.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Something mutually constructive can result from an agreement you may be negotiating today. Conditions that are acceptable to both parties can be achieved.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Something in which you are presently involved can generate better returns than you're presently receiving. Study this matter carefully with an eye toward improvement.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Don't be bashful about protecting your self-interests in an important involvement today. Humility has its place, but there are times when it can be counterproductive.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** In commercial development today, don't jump at the first offer you get, even if it sounds very enticing. Being a bit standoffish could put you in a stronger bargaining position.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Conditions in general are likely to be vastly improved for you today. Opportunities may begin to present themselves in areas that looked rather dismal yesterday.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Focus your efforts on situations that affect your prestige, career or finances singularly or jointly today. If you're going to score, it's apt to be in these areas.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Don't put limitations on your thinking today. Instead try to envision things in their broadest perspective. Uncluttered horizons enhances your ability to plan.

**MARVIN**



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# Sports

## Strate Line

By L.D. Strate



### Changes in the offing as schools gear up for district realignments

Big changes are expected when the University Interscholastic League realigns the high school districts for the 1990-91 and 1991-92 school years.

The official realignment won't be released until Jan. 31, 1990, but that doesn't keep the rumors from flying about which school goes where or which school stays put.

"I can see where there could be some major changes, but it's all speculation right now," said White Deer head coach Dennis Carpenter. "We'll probably stay in the same class (1A), but we could be moved into a different district."

Other schools in White Deer's District 1-1A are Sunray, Wheeler, Gruver, Booker and Claude.

"We could go into an east-west division or north-south division, who knows?" Carpenter said.

Rumor has it that Sunray and Gruver could move up to Class 2A if the UIL lowers the cutoff figure. Memphis, Shamrock and possibly Farwell could drop from 2A to 1A if the cutoff figure is raised.

Six-man Bovina and 2A Stratford are two other schools that could move into 1A based on current enrollment figures.

Carpenter takes a philosophical approach to any drastic realignment.

"I'm not worried. We'll just take what they give us and go with it," he said.

McLean coach Jerry Miller, whose Tigers posted a 12-1 mark this season, speculates that Silvertown could be moved out of the District 2A six-man ranks. He feels there's a possibility that Follett, a six-man independent, could be placed in District 2A with McLean, Miami, Higgins, Lefors and Groom.

"It's hard telling what they (UIL) will do, but they could be looking to put together a district with teams around 1-40 and north. That's what I'm looking at, anyway," Miller said.

District 2-2A, of which Canadian is a member, is expected to undergo some drastic changes.

Canadian coach Paul Wilson looks for 2-2A schools Memphis and Shamrock to drop down to 1A while District 1-2A Panhandle could be moved back into 2-2A, leaving the district with five schools instead of six.

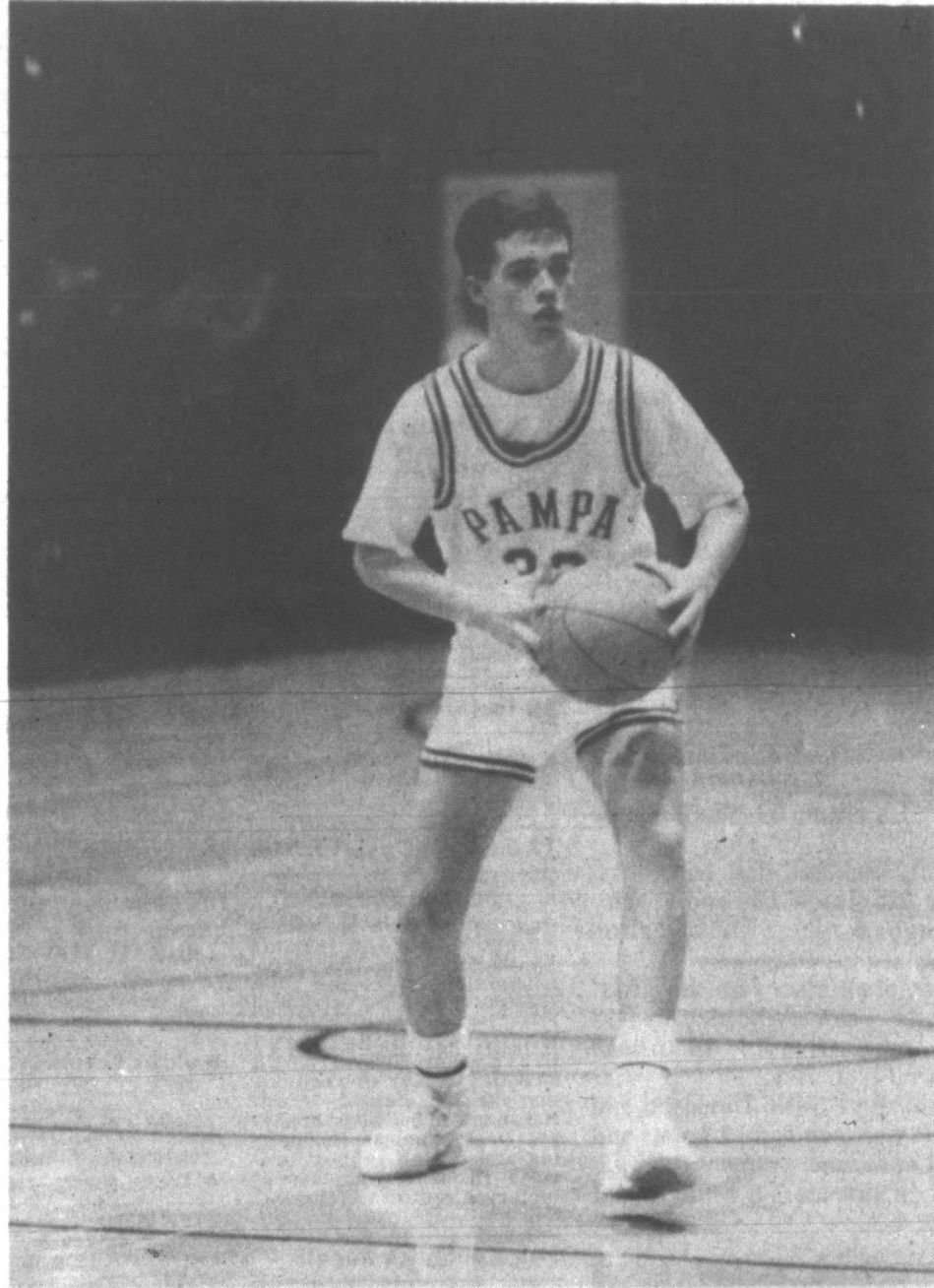
"Of course, nothing is certain at this point, but the way it's looking now I can't see anything different," Wilson said. "Panhandle was in our district before for a two-year stretch."

Canadian won't be realigned, according to current enrollment numbers. The cutoff figure for Class 2A is 145 to 300. Canadian's enrollment ranges from an estimated 180 to 200 students, placing the school around the bottom half of 2A.

## Fourth-quarter surge boosts Harvesters

### Pampa overcomes sluggish start to shrug off Longhorns, 61-45

By SONNY BOHANAN  
Sports Editor



Sophomore guard David Johnson, who added four points against Caprock Tuesday, looks for an open teammate.

Although it took three quarters to do it, the Harvesters finally got untracked in time to turn back the Caprock Longhorns, 61-45, during non-district basketball action Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa, which posted only 33 points in the first three quarters combined, added 28 in the final period and came from eight points behind to boost its record to 8-3 on the season. Caprock fell to 6-7 with the loss.

"I thought the most positive thing was the way the kids responded right when it came crunch time," said Pampa coach Robert Hale. "With six minutes left in the game, we started playing hard, and within a couple of minutes it started paying off."

Seniors Mark Wood and Ryan Teague led the Harvester charge in the fourth quarter. After less than sterling performances in the first three periods, Wood and Teague accounted for 21 of Pampa's 28 points in the final eight minutes.

Wood, who tossed in a game-high 18 points, entered the fourth quarter with only seven. Teague contributed 10 of his 13 points in the last five minutes.

"It helps to get our crowd back into the game," said Wood. "A couple of big plays and they start to roar and it's intimidating for the other team. It's the myth of 'The Pit.'"

The Harvesters needed all the help they could get Tuesday. After scoring only 10 points in the first period and 13 in the second, they were held scoreless

for five full minutes following halftime. Sophomore Randy Nichols, who added nine points on the night, finally ended Pampa's drought with a free throw three minutes before the third frame expired.

"For two weeks now we've been playing these tournaments on the road, facing some of the toughest competition we'll face all season," Hale said. "That kind of thing takes its toll, and I think it showed tonight."

At that point, the Harvesters trailed by seven, 24-31, thanks to consecutive three-point shots by Tim Nava, Caprock's top scorer with 13 points. Teammate Shy Ward, who finished with 11 points, gave the Longhorns their biggest lead of the game with a free throw that made it 32-24.

But Nichols responded with four straight points and Wood hit a three-pointer to bring Pampa back within one, 32-31. Sophomore Jeff Young intercepted an errant shot by a teammate and put it in the hole to give Pampa a 33-32 lead at the end of three periods.

"The coach gave us a good talking to at halftime," Nichols said. "I think that helped us a lot."

Pampa completely dominated the final eight minutes of play, outscoring Caprock 28-13 to clinch the victory.

"We felt like this is the kind of game we needed just before playing Estacado," said Hale, whose team hosts District 1-4A foe Lubbock Estacado on Friday night. "They're always right in the thick of things in this district."

That game is scheduled to tip off at approximately 8 p.m. Friday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

## Johnson anxiously awaiting Cowboys' revenge

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jimmy Johnson is discovering life on the NFL road can be a bummer.

The Dallas coach, who was pelted with snowballs in Philadelphia last weekend, takes his team to the Meadowlands on Saturday to joust the New York Giants and their loud fans.

Johnson said he can't wait for the day he can pay back the Eagles and their fans for what the Cowboys had to

go through in a hail of snowballs Sunday on "Bounty Bowl II."

He said it make take several years but his team will be good enough to win in Philadelphia and silence the crowd.

"It was a rowdy crowd and a rowdy team and someday I want to be good enough to overcome it," Johnson said on Monday following the Eagles' 20-10 victory.

"I wasn't concerned as much about being injured by the snowballs as I was the distraction of (punter) Mike Saxon and (quarterback) Troy Aikman. It's

hard to play football with snowballs hitting all around you."

Said Johnson, "I took a couple of pretty good shots when I was going off the field. That's not the kind of thing you'd ever see in Texas Stadium. Our fans have too much class."

Johnson was pelted by snowballs as he left the field under police guard. One snowball hit a policeman guarding Johnson and he was treated for a cut in the Dallas dressing room.

"The snowballs were more of a distraction to our players than what happened the first time we played them," Johnson said.

In a 27-0 loss three weeks ago, Johnson accused Ryan of putting a "bounty" on place kicker Luis Zendejas and Aikman.

Zendejas claimed he had a tape of a conversation with Philadelphia assistant coach Al Roberts that proved the Eagles had a bounty on Dallas players. Zendejas said he will find a way to release the tape at the end of the season. Johnson said his first visit to

Philadelphia was memorable.

"I've never been involved in anything like this," he said. "You'd try to run a play and you get hit by 15 snowballs. You try to punt and you're getting snowballed. I'd love to have the upper hand in that situation next time. The day will come when we will."

Johnson said he didn't think the NFL office would do anything about the snowball throwing.

"I don't know if the league will do anything," Johnson said.

The Cowboys appeal of the bounty situation was turned down by the NFL office and commissioner Paul Tagliabue said on Sunday. "He (Zendejas) wouldn't give us the tape. And I don't know if he has it or not."

Johnson said the Cowboys needed to immediately forget Philadelphia and get ready for Saturday's game against the Giants.

"It doesn't get any easier for us," Johnson said. "The Giants have a lot to play for and our guys are playing for personal pride."

## Lady Harvesters squander 18-point lead

By SONNY BOHANAN  
Sports Editor

An 18-point lead just wasn't enough for the Lady Harvesters as Altus, Okla., came from behind to capture a 62-61 victory in overtime Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa appeared well on its way to a rout with a 28-10 advantage midway through the second quarter. But the Lady Bulldogs had a few surprises up their sleeve, including a 13-2 run that left them trailing by only seven, 30-23, at halftime.

Altus took the lead for the first time at the 3:12 mark of the third frame, then held on for a 55-55 tie at the end of regulation play. The Lady Bulldogs posted seven additional points in overtime to lock up the victory and improve to 4-1 on the season.

"Mistakes will kill you in a close game — shot selection, stepping on the line on the one-and-one — all of those are mistakes we made," said Pampa coach Albert Nichols, whose Lady Harvesters fell to 4-5 on the season. "We took

an early lead and lost our intensity because we thought they'd give up. Well, they never did give up."

For the most part, it was a case of the dueling sophomores as Pampa's 5-9 1/2 sophomore Nikki Ryan and Altus' 6-1 sophomore Leslie Flemons battled for position and top scoring honors throughout the night.

Ryan won the scoring battle with a game-high 26 points, but Flemons, who contributed 24 points, won the war as the Lady Bulldogs got the one-point victory. Flemons added 15 points in the last 11 minutes to lead the Altus rally.

"We had to play in front of that girl (Flemons), because they were getting some good lobs inside to her," Nichols said. "We shut down their guards, but then they started scoring with their inside game."

Guard Rhonda Goss did plenty of damage in the second and third quarters before Flemons got the hot hand in the fourth quarter. Goss finished as the Lady Bulldogs' second-

leading scorer with 12 points.

For Pampa, guard Christa West added 11 points and Bridgett Mathis tossed in 10. Ryan led the team in rebounds with 17, while West came up with a game-high nine steals.

The Lady Harvesters had a chance to win it in regulation when they led 55-53 and had possession of the ball with 27 seconds to play, but a costly turnover and a Flemons fieldgoal sent the game into overtime.

Then, with the game knotted at 57, Ryan made the front end of a one-and-one, but stepped on the line while shooting it and lost the point. Pampa held the Lady Bulldogs without a score and West made a layup to put the Lady Harvesters on top, 59-57.

That lead was short-lived, however, as Flemons added five straight points to secure the victory as time expired.

Pampa, which stands at 1-2 in district play and 4-5 overall, hosts 1-4A foe Lubbock Estacado this Friday at McNeely Fieldhouse. The game is set to begin at 6:30.

## Victory Sunday will give Oilers first division title

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Houston coach Jerry Glanville couldn't ask for a better scenario for the Oilers.

"It will be hard in Cincinnati but we hope it's good and cold and snowing, just the way we like it," Glanville said Monday.

A victory Sunday in Cincinnati or Dec. 23 in the Astrodome against Cleveland would give the Oilers their first-ever division title.

"I think this team will come on and play the way we want to finish out," Glanville said.

Cleveland (7-6-1) and Cincinnati (7-7), lost on Sunday while the Oilers (9-5) held on to beat Tampa Bay 20-17.

"I'm real proud of this team, going into Cincinnati with a chance to win it," Glanville said.

He noted that the Oilers and Denver each have won 28 games in the past three seasons, more than any other teams in the AFC.

The Oilers have reached the playoffs the past two seasons.

Houston was hampered in its run for the title Sunday by a malfunctioning 45-second clock that affected both teams' play-calling, Glanville said.

Glanville, in fact, said the Oilers should be reprimanded for not getting the clocks repaired during the game.

"I'm not sure we should be fined but we should be reprimanded, scolded or something

should happen when you go three hours and can't get the clocks fixed," Glanville said.

"I can't imagine in a city as big as Houston that we played three hours and we can't get someone to come fix the clocks."

Houston took a 20-3 halftime lead but had to fight off the Buccaneers in the second half with several big defensive plays.

The Oilers offense was held scoreless in the

final two periods, and Glanville traced part of the shut down to the time clocks.

"We didn't have the ball enough and when we did get it, we didn't convert our third down plays," Glanville said. "Warren could have taken us out of those third down plays if he could have audibled more."

Moon completed a season-low 149 yards in passes, hitting 14 of 23 and touchdowns of 12 yards to Drew Hill and 16 yards to Curtis Duncan.

"I didn't know how much time I had to get out of the play," Moon said. "I basically had to stay with the play and run it into the teeth of what they were doing."

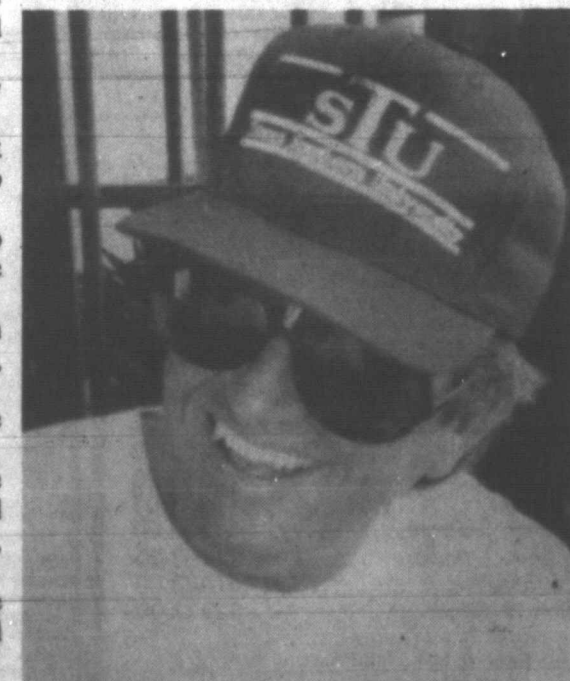
The Oilers' defense blocked one punt, deflected another, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass to hold off Tampa Bay's second half charge.

The final crucial defensive play came at the Oiler 21 where rookie safety Bubba McDowell recovered a fumble by James Wilder with 1:18 left in the game.

Safety Jeff Donaldson hit Wilder after he caught a 27-yard pass and safety Tracey Eaton knocked the ball loose.

"We had three safeties in the game at that point and they all made a nice play," Glanville said.

Oilers' defensive end Ray Childress is doubtful this week after breaking a non-weight bearing bone in his right leg in the fourth quarter.



Jerry Glanville

## Wolfpack on probation



(AP Laserphoto)

North Carolina State coach Jim Valvano answers questions at a news conference Tuesday after the Wolfpack basketball program was placed on two years probation by the NCAA. North Carolina State has been banned from the 1990 NCAA tournament for violations that included the misuse of complimentary tickets and sneakers. School officials said there were no plans to fire anyone, including coach Valvano.



# Groom sweeps Miami in doubleheader

By L.D. STRATE  
Sports Writer

**GROOM** — It's back to the drawing board for Miami coach Robert Loy.

"I thought we were getting it together, but we're still inconsistent," said Loy after his Warriors were thumped by Groom, 72-53, Tuesday night. "We play well for five minutes and then we play bad the next five."

Groom improved to 6-3 on the season while Miami is now 5-4. Led by Shannon Fields' 21 points, Groom swept by Miami, 59-41, in the girls' game.

The Tigers broke away late in the first quarter and built a 10-point lead at halftime. The Warriors trimmed the margin to seven points twice in the fourth quarter, but couldn't get any closer.

"We missed too many layups and wide-open shots," said Loy, whose Warriors hit only 34.4 percent (21 of 61) from the floor.

Groom was led by the hot hand of 6-1 junior Mike Conrad, who was high scorer for both teams with 24 points. Conrad, who hit 10 of 14 field goal attempts and was four of four from the foul line, downed his first eight shots from the floor.

"Our offense is mainly designed around the high post and Conrad took advantage of it last night. He did a good job," said Groom coach Jay Lamb.

Four other players scored in double-digits for the Tigers, who shot 46.8 percent (22 of 47) from the floor. Jay Britten had 14 points while Brian Baker, Jeff Fields and Richard Jenkins added 11 points each. Britten also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Don Howard topped Miami in scoring with 20 points.

Others scoring for Miami were Kyle Fields with eight points, Jason Ott, five points; Brock Thompson, Melvin Seymour and Clay Mercer, four points each; Aaron McReynolds, Scott Tolbert, Cleve Wheeler and Greg Kauk, two points each.

Wilbur Kempf added one point for Groom.

Groom girls opened up a 40-25 halftime bulge in posting their ninth win against two losses.

"We came out and shot better this game," said Groom coach Jimmy Branch. "We went to the Samnorwood Tournament last week and shot only 18 percent. We had a meeting when we came back and I told them just to go out there and relax. I was pleased with the way they shot the ball, especially in the first half."

Following Fields in Groom's scoring attack were Katoria Meaker with 17 points, Kristi Case, 12; Julie Burger, five; Jeri English, two, and Karen Babcock, two.

Krista Krebbel led Miami with 10 points, followed by Amanda Morris with eight, Kersti Morris, six; Alicia Walls, five; Michelle South, five; Shilo Wheeler, three; Lori Goodman, two, and Shelly Hale, two.

**LEFORS** — The Lefors Lady Pirates rolled to a 56-32 win over Hedley in girls' basketball action Tuesday night.

Carrie Watson and Shellie Lake paced Lefors in scoring with 12 points each.

Anderveldi led Hedley with 15. Curtis Neely scored 22 points to lead Hedley past Lefors, 37-29, in the boys' game.

Dusty Roberson had 14 points to lead Lefors.

Lefors girls have an 11-2 record while Lefors boys dropped to 6-8.

**BRISCOE** — The Briscoe Broncos improved their record to 11-1 with a 70-63 win over Follett Tuesday night.

Dallas Fillingim led a balanced scoring attack for the Broncos with 16 points. David Gilmer and Danny Nelson had 14 points each.

Franks had 24 points to lead Follett.

Briscoe girls fell to Follett, 70-23. Gillespie topped Follett in scoring with 18 points.

Mandy Ferguson was high scorer for Briscoe with 15 points, followed by Elizabeth Hale with four.

Briscoe girls fell to 1-10.

**McLEAN** — McLean won over Shamrock, 54-44, in a boys' basketball game Tuesday night.

The Tigers, 3-2, were led in scoring by Daniel Harris with 19 points and Bobby Sherman, 10.

Shamrock defeated McLean, 62-34, in the girls' game.

Gambil led Shamrock with 13 points, followed by Wright with nine.

The Tigerettes, 2-6, were led by Alisha Reynolds with 18 points and Holly Hauck with six.

**DARROUZETT** — Darrouzett, behind Andy Harris' 24 points, defeated Kelton, 63-55, Tuesday night.

Gene Kirkland had 16 points, Randy Singleton 13, and Bobby Buckingham nine to lead Kelton scorers.

Darrouzett also won the girls' tilt, 55-44. Shawa Wheatley had 18 points and Kerri Borne 14 to lead Darrouzett in scoring.

For Kelton, Susie Davidson and Rosie Taylor each had 12 points and Isabel Lopez nine.

Kelton girls are 3-6 while Kelton boys are 1-8.



Groom's Kristi Case (30) scored 12 points in the Tigerettes' victory over Miami.

## Briefs

### Swimming

The Pampa High School swim teams travel to Amarillo on Thursday for a triangular meet against Tascosa and Caprock.

The Pampa swimmers are coming off a triple dual meet against three Lubbock high schools last Saturday. The Lady Harvesters swept Coronado, Monterey and Lubbock High in all three duals.

The Harvesters pulled off a victory over Monterey, but fell to Coronado and Lubbock High.

Pampa coach Norma Young expects similar results Thursday.

"Our girls should be able to beat Tascosa and Caprock," Young said. "The boys may have a tougher time, since Tascosa is picked to win the district."

The meet begins at 5 p.m. at the Maverick Club.

### Wrestling

The Harvester wrestlers are still searching for that elusive first team victory as they journey to Amarillo Friday night to take on Tascosa in a dual meet.

Pampa has suffered four setbacks thus far in its inaugural wrestling season, though the Harvesters gave Palo Duro a run for the money before the Dons escaped with a 34-33 victory.

Pampa most recently lost a 62-14 decision to Amarillo High on Monday.

Tascosa, the No. 1-ranked team in the state, is undefeated this season. The Rebels defeated Palo Duro, 75-3, on Monday night.

Friday's matches begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Tascosa Activity Center. The Harvesters are at home again the following Monday for a rematch against Boys Ranch.

### Football

**AUSTIN (AP)** — High school football in Texas has always been big. And it looks like it's could get even bigger.

State superintendents have rubber-stamped a University Interscholastic League proposal that would send the top three teams, instead of the top two, from each 5A district into the playoffs.

The plan, which passed this week with a 160-57 vote, would become effective August 1, 1990. It must now go before the state Board of Education.

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**VACUUM Cleaner Center**, Parts Service and Supplies for most makes. 512 S. Cuyler. 669-2990.

**PAMPA Lodge #966**, study and practice, Thursday 14th, 7:30 p.m.

**UNITED Commercial Travelers** meet 1st Thursday 7 p.m. Furr's Cafeteria.

**10 Lost and Found**

**FOUND**, Part Chow puppy, 1204 Willow. 4-6 weeks old. 665-5613.

**13 Business Opportunities**

**DISTRIBUTORSHIP** High volume route for sale in Pampa. Average income \$28,000-\$53,000 plus. Part time, full time. Sell \$23,500 cash. 1-800-733-8650.

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**14b Appliance Repair**

**RENT TO RENT** WE have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for Estimate. Johnson Home Furnishings 801 W. Francis 665-3361

**APPLIANCE** broke? Need help? Call William's Appliance, 665-8884.

**FACTORY authorized White/Westinghouse, Frigidaire, Gibson, Tappan repair.** Warranty work welcomed. Visa, Mastercard, Discover, JC Services, 665-3978, leave message.

**14d Carpentry**

**Ralph Baxter** Contractor & Builder Custom Homes or Remodeling 665-8248

**ADDITIONS, Remodeling, new cabinets, old cabinets refaced. Ceramic tile, acoustical ceilings, paneling, wallpaper, storage building, patios.** 14 years local experience. Free estimates. Jerry Reagan, 669-9747. Karl Parks, 669-2648.

**ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs.** No job too small. Mike Albus, 665-4774, 665-1150.

**OVERHEAD Door Repair.** Kidwell Construction. 669-6347.

**W.R. FORMAN Construction.** Custom remodeling, additions. 200 E. Brown. 665-4665, 665-5463.

**LAND Construction.** Cabinets, paneling, painting. Call Sandy Land, 665-8968.

**GENERAL Home repair and improvements, small additions, painting and wallpaper. Senior Citizens and landlord discounts.** J.C. Services, 665-3978, leave message. Visa, Mastercard, Discover.

**HOUSE LEVELING** Panhandle House Leveling Floor Leveling, foundation work and repair, concrete work. Estimates 669-6438.

**A-1 Concrete Construction.** All types of new concrete work, old concrete removed. Serving the Panhandle area. 665-2462, 665-1015.

**14e Carpet Service**

**NU-WAY Cleaning Service.** Carpets, Upholstery, Walls. Quality doesn't cost. It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx, owner. Jay Young operator. 665-3541. Free estimates.

**CARPET Cleaning.** \$6 a room, 2 room minimum. Great quality service at a price you can afford. 665-4124.

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**TILE point up, repair and installation, free estimates.** Call 665-5075.

**14h General Service**

**HANDY Jim general repair, painting, rotting, hauling, tree work, yard work.** 665-4307.

**DON'T Let your pipes Freeze.** Winterize now! Call 665-7007.

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**58 Sporting Goods**

**SPORTSMEN** See the American Wildlife display in the Mall beside Pennys. For your Taxidermy needs, call Lonnie Shelton, 665-0576.

**59 Guns** GUN Store for sale. \$25,000, will handle. Selling new guns near cost to reduce inventory. Still buying good used guns. Fred's Inc., 106 S. Cuyler.

**BUY-SELL or Trade** 665-8803

**AIR COMPRESSOR SALE** Ingersoll-Rand Rugged, Long Life, Industrial

2.5 HP, 20 gal., 115 volt	\$395.00
5 HP, 60 gal., Good	\$551.00
5 HP, 80 gal., Better	\$945.00
5 HP, 80 gal., Best, 1-phase	\$1375.00
5 HP, 80 gal., Best, 3-phase	\$1488.00
10 HP, 30 gal., Gasoline	\$1425.00
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Call Four R Industrial Supply 740 West Brown (806) 665-2351

## 14h General Service

**BIG Hole drilling.** Trash hole service. 806-383-2424.

**14i Insulation**

**WINTER Sale.** Blown Insulation. Call 665-9308 Free estimates.

**14m Lawnmower Service**

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**LAWN MOWER and Chainsaw Service and Repair.** Authorized dealer—all makes. Radcliff Electric, 519 S. Cuyler, 669-3395.

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**PAINTING, mud, tape, staining. Brick work repair.** Bolin, 665-2254.

**CALDER Painting, interior, exterior, mud, tape, acoustic.** 665-4940, 669-2215.

**14q Ditching**

**DITCHING.** 4 inch to 10 inch wide. Harold Baston, 665-5892.

**14r Plowing, Yard Work**

**YARD clean up, tree-shrub trimming, deep root feeding, hauling, rotting.** Kenneth Banks 665-3672.

**14s Plumbing & Heating**

**BULLARD SERVICE CO.** Plumbing Maintenance and Repair Specialists Free estimates. 665-8603

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**Milton David** Roofing Contractor 669-2669

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**19 Situations**

**COMPASSIONATE, competent** lady would like permanent position caring for your elderly loved one. References provided, 12 years experience. Call 665-8032.

**21 Help Wanted**

**EARN money reading books!** \$30,000 year income potential. 806-687-6000 extension Y9737.

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**Houston Lumber Co.** 420 W. Foster 669-6881

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**FOR Sale:** Electric double oven stove. \$65. 669-2784.

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**97 Furnished Houses**

**1 bedroom furnished, 1428** Browning, gas paid, \$215 month. 669-6854, 665-2983.

**CLEAN fully carpeted 2 bedroom, extra storage. Good location.** 669-6323 or 669-6198.

**1 bedroom furnished house.** Bills paid, \$225 month, plus deposit. 669-9475.

**2 bedroom furnished trailer.** \$225 month, plus deposit. 669-9475.

**2-1 bedrooms, extra clean shower** baths. Utilities paid, deposits. 669-2971, 669-9879.

**NICE clean large 3 bedroom** mobile home. \$275 plus deposit. 665-1193.

**1 bedroom, neat, clean, low on** utilities, \$150 month. Call 669-7179.

**98 Unfurnished Houses**

**1, 2 and 3 bedroom houses for** rent. 665-2383.

**1-2 bedroom at \$275, 1-1 bedroom** at \$225, and 1-2 bedroom mobile home at \$225 a month. Shed Realty, 665-9761.

**2 bedroom, clean house. \$225** month, \$100 deposit. Call 669-9532, 669-3015.

**2 bedroom duplex. Stove, re-**frigerator furnished. Good location. 669-3672, 665-5900.

**2 bedroom, garage, \$235.** 3 bedroom, new paint, \$350. 665-6158, 669-3842, Realtor.

**TRAVIS School, 3/4 bedroom,** new paint, \$350 month, \$200 deposit. 669-1221, 665-7007, Realtor.

**3 bedroom, 1 bath, utility room,** carpeted, central heat/air, washer and dryer hookups. 665-1841.

**CLEAN 2 bedroom, partly fur-**nished, new carpet, fenced backyard. No pets. 665-0392.

**CLEAN 2 bedroom, living room,** dining room, garage, carpet, panelling 922 E. Browning, \$250 a month, \$100 deposit. 669-6973.

**2 bedroom, 113 N. Nelson. Call** 669-7885.

**CLEAN 1 and 2 bedroom. 665-**3111.

**3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, new** carpet, newly repaired inside, Travis school. After 4:30, 669-6121.

**3 bedroom with garage, panel-**ing in living room and fenced yard. 1044 Prairie, 665-7301 after 6 p.m. 665-3978.

**2-bedroom, central heat, ap-**pliances, \$285. 421 Rose. 669-6854, 665-2983.

**3 bedroom brick, large covered** patio, 2 baths, double garage, Austin school. References required. Marie, Realtor, 665-4180.

**2 bedroom, 617 Yeager, stove,** refrigerator, \$175 plus deposit. 665-2254.

**NICE 3 bedroom house. Call 665-**3008.

**AUSTIN school, 3 bedroom, 2** bath, \$450 month, \$250 deposit. Call 669-3847.

**3 bedroom, 1 bath. Large living** room, 2 large bedrooms with walk-in closets, central heat, fenced. Marie, Realtor 665-4180.

**NICE 2 bedroom house, 610 N.** Banks. \$200 month, \$100 deposit. After 6 p.m. 665-3538, 665-6969.

**LARGE 2 bedroom, garage, car-**port, fenced \$275 month. 915 S. Hobart. 669-6062 after 6 p.m. 665-1030.

**99 Storage Buildings**

**MINI STORAGE**  
You keep the key, 10x10 and 10x20 stalls. Call 669-2929.

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Various sizes - 665-0079, 665-2450

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New owner. Special rates.  
3 sizes. 665-4842

**HWY 152 Industrial Park**  
**MINI-MAXI STORAGE**  
5x10-10x10-10x15  
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**102 Business Rental Prop.**

**2400 square feet. Retail. High** traffic location for rent or lease. Will remodel. Reasonable rent. 112 W. Foster. Off street employee parking. See John or Ted Gikas.

**Norma Ward**  
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669-3346

**102 Business Rental Prop.**

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**103 Homes For Sale**

**PRICE T. SMITH INC.**  
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**912 N. Somerville, 2 bedroom** central heat and air with a nice garage apartment. \$3000 down, \$300 month 10 year payout. Walter Shed. 665-3761. Realtor.

**NICE 3 bedroom near Travis** School. FHA approved. Pay-  
ments approximately \$285  
month including insurance and  
taxes. 665-4842.

**NEAT 2 bedroom, new carpet,** new paint, garage, fenced yard, owner will carry. \$15,000. 665-4842.

**2407 Fir, 3 bedroom brick, 2** bath, fireplace, 2 car garage. 669-6530.

**LARGE 2 bedroom with utility** room and fenced backyard, \$500 down, \$272 month. 946 S. Faulkner, 665-7391 after 6 p.m. 665-3978.

**2 bedroom garage fenced back-**yard. Newly painted, owner fi-  
nanced. \$500 down, \$272 month.  
1049 Huff Road. 665-3721 after 6  
p.m., 665-3978.

**HOUSE for sale 3 or 4 bedroom.** 511 W. 3rd Str. McLean. 779-2570.

**SMALL 3 bedroom brick, 1 1/2** bath, central heat/air, \$25,000, in Lefors. 665-0780.

**1441 CHARLES, MLS 1091,** \$39,500.

**1005 E. FOSTER, MLS 1090,** \$23,000.

**228 N. NELSON, MLS 1133C,** \$15,000.

**2408 COMANCHE, MLS 1253,** \$69,800.

**113 N. FAULKNER, MLS 1265,** \$24,000.

**916 FINLEY, MLS 1262, \$12,000.**  
1713 BUCKLER \$20,500, 3 bed-  
rooms, 1 1/2 bath. MLS 1327.

**MIGHT take some type motor** vehicle in on down payment.  
Also, a 2 bedroom that might  
take a 1 ton pickup in on down  
payment. MLS 1265 Shed Realty,  
Milly Sanders 669-2671.

**3 BEDROOM**  
CORNER lot, has had much ten-  
der loving care, good arrange-  
ment, fans, MLS 1118, could get  
into with low payment and clos-  
ing. Shed Realty, Milly Sanders  
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**104 Lots**

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10 Percent Financing available  
1-2 acre home building sites; uti-  
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**105 Commercial Property**

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**114 Recreational Vehicles**

**BILLS CUSTOM CAMPERS**  
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"WE WANT TO SERVE YOU!"  
Largest stock of parts and  
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**RED DEER VILLA**  
2100 Montague FHA Approved  
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Free First Month's Rent  
Storm shelters, 50x130, fenced  
lots and storage units available.  
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**CAMPER and mobile home lots.**  
Country Living Estate, 4 miles  
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north. 665-2736.

**114b Mobile Homes**

2 bedroom mobile home and lot.  
\$500 down and \$200 month, 3  
year payout. Walter Shed, Real-  
tor, 665-3761.

**116 Trailers**

2 wheel 7 foot x 10 foot utility  
trailer, \$500. Call 665-1405.

**120 Autos For Sale**

**CULBERSON-STOWERS INC.**  
Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick-GMC  
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**PANHANDLE MOTOR CO.**  
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1987 Dodge Aires 4 door...\$6,985  
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1987 Dodge 1/2 ton short...\$9,950  
1987 1 ton crew cab...\$17,950  
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1986 Ford F-150...\$7,975  
1986 Isuzu Trooper...\$8,850  
1986 Cherokee 4x4...\$10,950  
1986 Chevy 1 ton...\$9,950  
1986 Aerostar...\$10,950  
1986 Caravan SE...\$8,850  
1986 LeBaron GTS...\$6,950  
1986 Cutlass 2 door...\$7,950  
1986 GMC Shorty...\$9,885  
1986 Crown Victoria...\$6,950  
1986 Buick Century...\$7,885  
1986 S-10 Blazer...\$9,950  
1986 Supercab 4x4...\$8,950  
1986 Cadillac Seville...\$12,950  
1986 Bonneville LE...\$6,950  
1986 Crown Victoria...\$6,950  
1986 Cadillac Sedan...\$9,875  
1984 Olds Delta...\$6,850  
1984 5th Avenue...\$7,350  
1984 Century Limited...\$6,750  
1984 Impala 4 door...\$5,840  
1983 LeSabre Limited...\$4,950  
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**1969 Ford pickup. \$1,100. 665-**  
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**FOR Sale. 1986 Chevrolet long** bed pickup. Fully loaded. Excel-  
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stands, 2 Etergers, 3  
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sofa tables, 2 full or queen  
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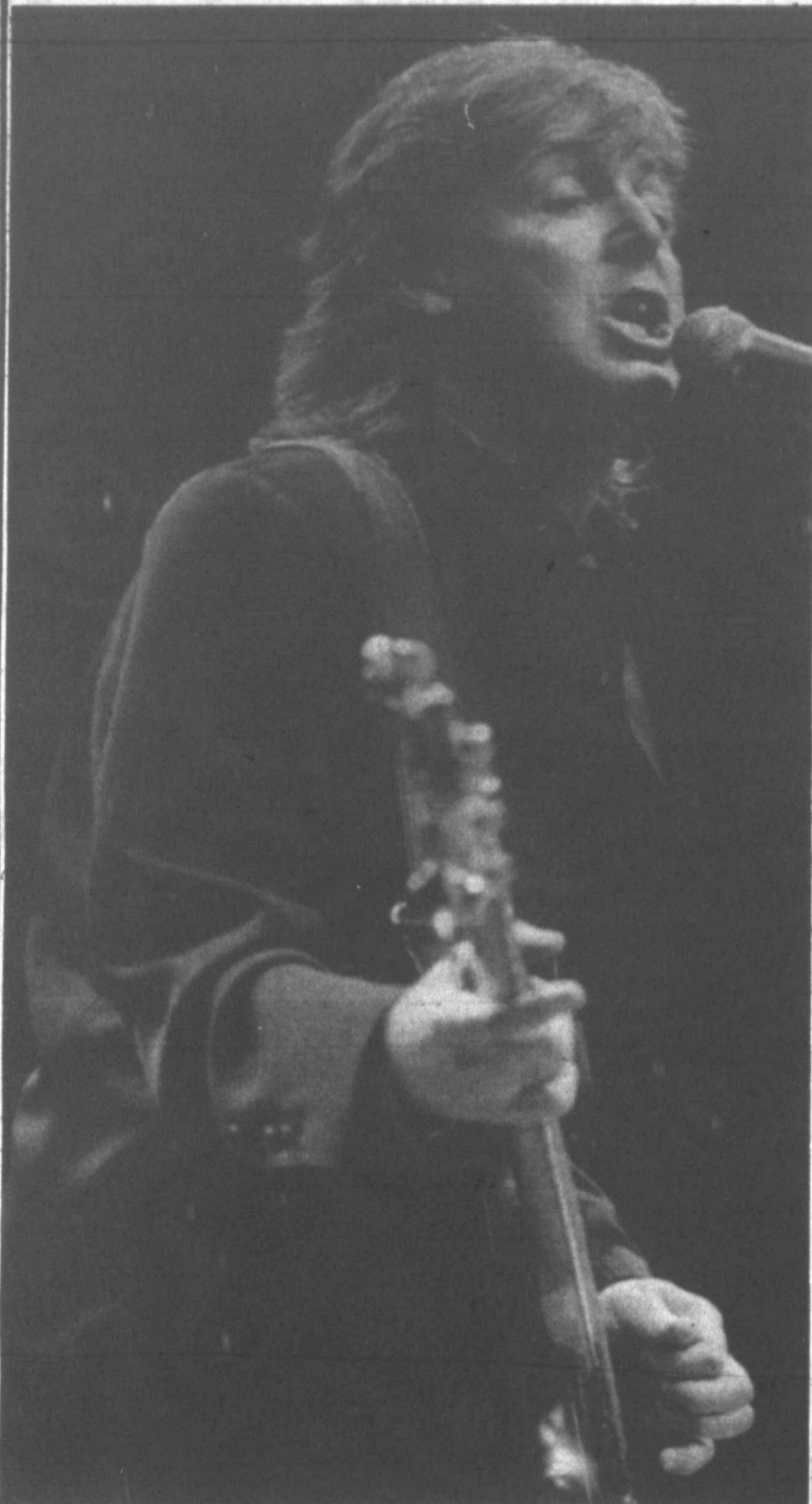
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## Defense industry finds itself on suddenly shaky ground

By RANDOLPH PICHT  
AP Business Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — When McDonnell Douglas Corp.'s president addressed a business conference at St. Louis University last month, he had no idea his words would have a prophetic ring.

"We can beat swords into ploughshares," said Gerald Johnston, two days before Defense Secretary Dick Cheney made headlines worldwide with talk of drastic budget cuts at the Pentagon, perhaps \$180 billion through 1994.

Johnston's St. Louis-based company, the largest U.S. defense contractor, may have to prove it is capable of shifting from missiles and jet fighters to commercial aircraft sooner than expected.

The same challenge may face the entire defense industry, suddenly vulnerable because of a dazzling change in East-West relations that some call "The Big Thaw."

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika politics have dramatically reduced military tensions in Europe, the most sensitive superpower confrontation point since the end of World War II.

American popular support for big defense budgets has fallen. The entire role of what is commonly called the military-industrial complex is becoming as unstable as the crumbling Berlin Wall.

"I think everyone would agree that this was a fun industry to be in, maybe in the 1950s, but now it's become so combative, competitive and uncertain that it's really a tough place to be," said Thomas McNaugher, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based research group.

As world politics are redefined in the 1990s, there is no doubt the defense industry will undergo a drastic reshaping and probably will shrink. What's unclear is how severe the consolidation will be and who will survive.

"We're reaching a crisis point right now," said William Van Cleave, director of the Center for Defense and Strategic Studies at Southwest Missouri State University.

"Because of the great uncertainty, companies are unable to do proper planning and invest in research and development. It's just barely, barely viable now to come up with new projects," he said.

Many investors already have concluded that defense companies will suffer because of the East-West stand-down. They're funneling money into other businesses.

As a group, defense company stocks are at a 15-year low in relative price-earnings ratios compared with the broader market. Stock prices for the largest defense con-

tractors such as McDonnell Douglas, General Dynamics, Lockheed and Raytheon have hit 52-week lows.

With the threat of war diminishing every day, the defense industry knows the fat years under Ronald Reagan are gone, but the readjustment is bound to be painful.

The biggest sufferers likely will be regions that depend heavily on jobs created by sophisticated multi-billion-dollar defense procurement orders, such as parts of Missouri, Massachusetts, California and New York.

"I think the communities and certain states may feel the impact of this consolidation more than some of the companies," said Steven Malin, an economist at the Conference Board, a New York-based business research group.

At McDonnell Douglas, officials said they are taking a "wait-and-see" attitude. But Cassell Williams, president of the company's largest union, the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers, finds that response alarming.

"I want to go to Washington. I'll talk to whoever I have to because this could become a major catastrophe before you know it," he said. "We hear this stuff on TV, read it in the newspaper every day and we think about our jobs."

One possible alternative for the defense industry is to diversify into other products. But the history of weapons makers manufacturing peacetime goods has been dismal. After the Vietnam War, defense contractors tried building everything from hydrofoils to solar energy equipment.

"All of these efforts, with very few exceptions, were unmitigated disasters," said Paul Nisbet, an aerospace stock analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc. in New York.

The best example might be Grumman Corp., a Bethpage, N.Y.-based aircraft builder. The company's diversification flops have included buses and power-driven wheelbarrows.

McDonnell Douglas, which makes aircraft for the Air Force, Navy and Marines, has said it is "uniquely qualified" to shift gears for a peace economy. It already is the second largest maker of commercial airliners behind Boeing Co.

But for the first nine months of the year McDonnell Douglas's transport aircraft segment lost \$227 million and the subsidiary that builds those planes, Douglas Aircraft Co. of Long Beach, Calif., underwent a major reorganization.

The heightened competition expected in the defense industry may mean layoffs or lower profits to big companies.

## Officials consider ending Green River probe

By TIM KLASS  
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — With \$15 million spent and no solution in sight, authorities are thinking of disbanding the Green River Task Force and say that the elusive serial killer of as many as 49 women may remain unknown forever.

Forty to 50 people remain under investigation in the nation's worst serial murder case. Without some breakthrough, those queries should be completed in about a year, said King County Police Capt. Robert Evans, head of the unit.

The task force was formed in 1984 to probe the deaths or disappearances of as many as 49 young women, most with links to prostitution, in the Pacific Northwest from the summer of 1982 to early 1984. The case takes its name from the river near where the first five victims were found.

Police spokesman Dave Robinson said the county alone has spent some \$15 million on the case, which investigators admit could wind up as much a mystery as the identity of Jack the Ripper, the unknown person who mutilated and murdered five prostitutes in London a century ago, or the Zodiac killer who stalked San Franciscans two decades ago and sent taunting notes to authorities.

Five months ago, a former law

student who was also a prison escapee was labeled a "viable suspect" by investigators. But William Jay Stevens II, 38, was cleared in the case Nov. 30.

Other men studied by the task force have not even reached "viable" status. For example, a 34-year-old man was arrested Nov. 16 in Vancouver, British Columbia, in a police-style car found to contain guns, knives, Mace, a machete, 10 feet of rope, pornographic videos and identification listing eight addresses and various names. Investigators have speculated that the Green River killer posed as a police officer to trap his victims.

But Evans said the man arrested in Canada apparently spent too little time in the Seattle area to rank higher than "not very likely."

Evans and Sheriff James Montgomery said the 19-member task force probably would lose a detective or two next month.

A budget for 1990 approved by the County Council would cut two detectives from the major crimes unit, which houses the task force, and at least one probably will come from the Green River probe, Montgomery said.

At its height, the task force had separate offices and involved about 70 staff members from Seattle, Tacoma, King and Pierce counties and the FBI.

While task force members still

work almost full-time on Green River, "they're awfully close to being melded in (with the major crimes unit) right now," Montgomery said. "1990 is probably going to be the transition year."

Without significant new leads, he said, "I think the ability to specifically identify the task force will disappear," probably after January 1991.

Besides 41 known Green River victims, the case includes the disappearance of eight others who fit the victim profile, generally young and linked to prostitution or other street life.

"Murder and prostitution go hand in hand, and they have since the very beginning of time, I believe," Evans said.

Four were found near Portland, Ore., one not far from Tacoma, one in a Seattle park and the rest around King County.

Cause of death was listed as strangling in the first five cases, but authorities have cited only "homicidal violence" since then.

"There was clothing found at some of the sites ... but the absence of clothing is a significant factor at many of the sites," Evans said.

Since the first five bodies were found, most of the remains have been little more than bones.

Investigators are even undecided on how many killers were involved.

"I don't think there is a dominant theory," Evans said. "It could be two, maybe even three, separate serial murder cases."

As is customary in widely publicized murder investigations, authorities have withheld some details of the crimes. Even if the investigation winds down in coming years, Montgomery said, those details will remain known only to authorities and the killer.

## Skeleton identified as missing Texan

OSTEEN, Fla. (AP) — A skeleton found here last week was identified through dental records as the body of a Texas woman who disappeared in May.

Denise Dansby, 24, of Bedford, Texas, was on vacation in Daytona Beach Shores when she was apparently abducted from her hotel parking lot May 5, investigators said.

"When I saw reports of the skele-

ton being found, they said the person could have been dead about five or six months, which led me to believe it might be Miss Dansby," said Steve Lowery, a Daytona Beach Shores detective.

Medical examiners were trying to determine how she died.

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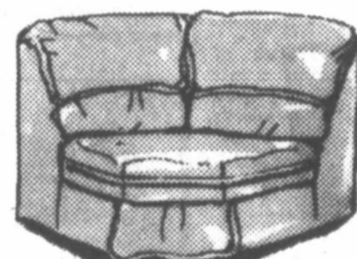
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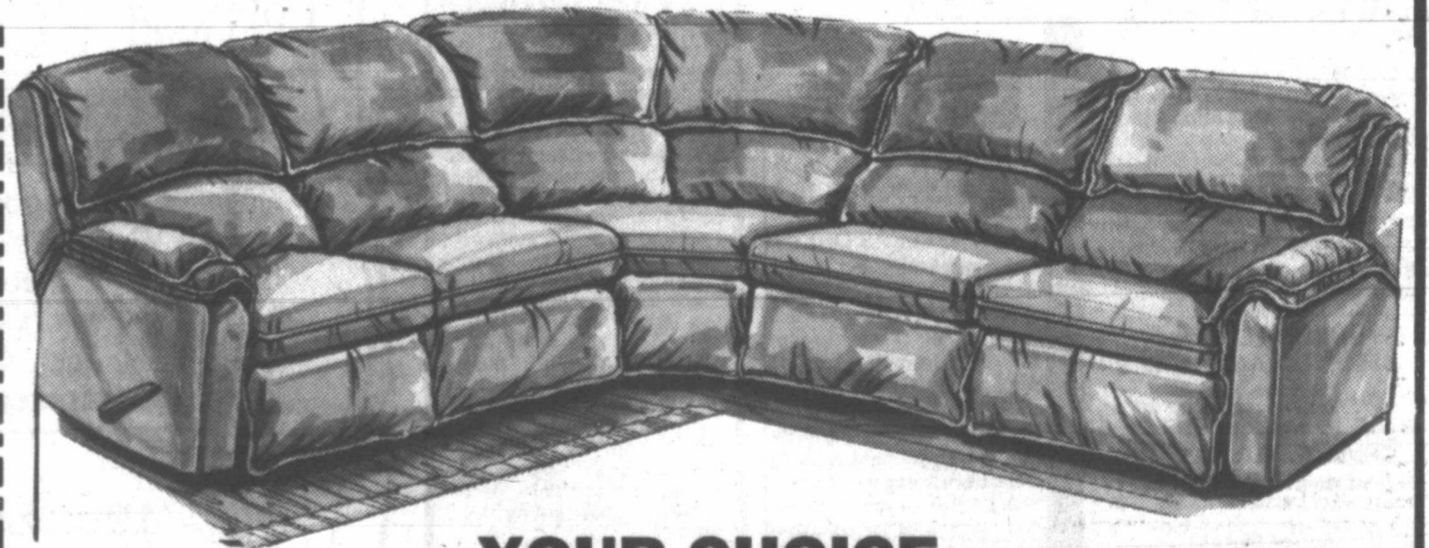
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