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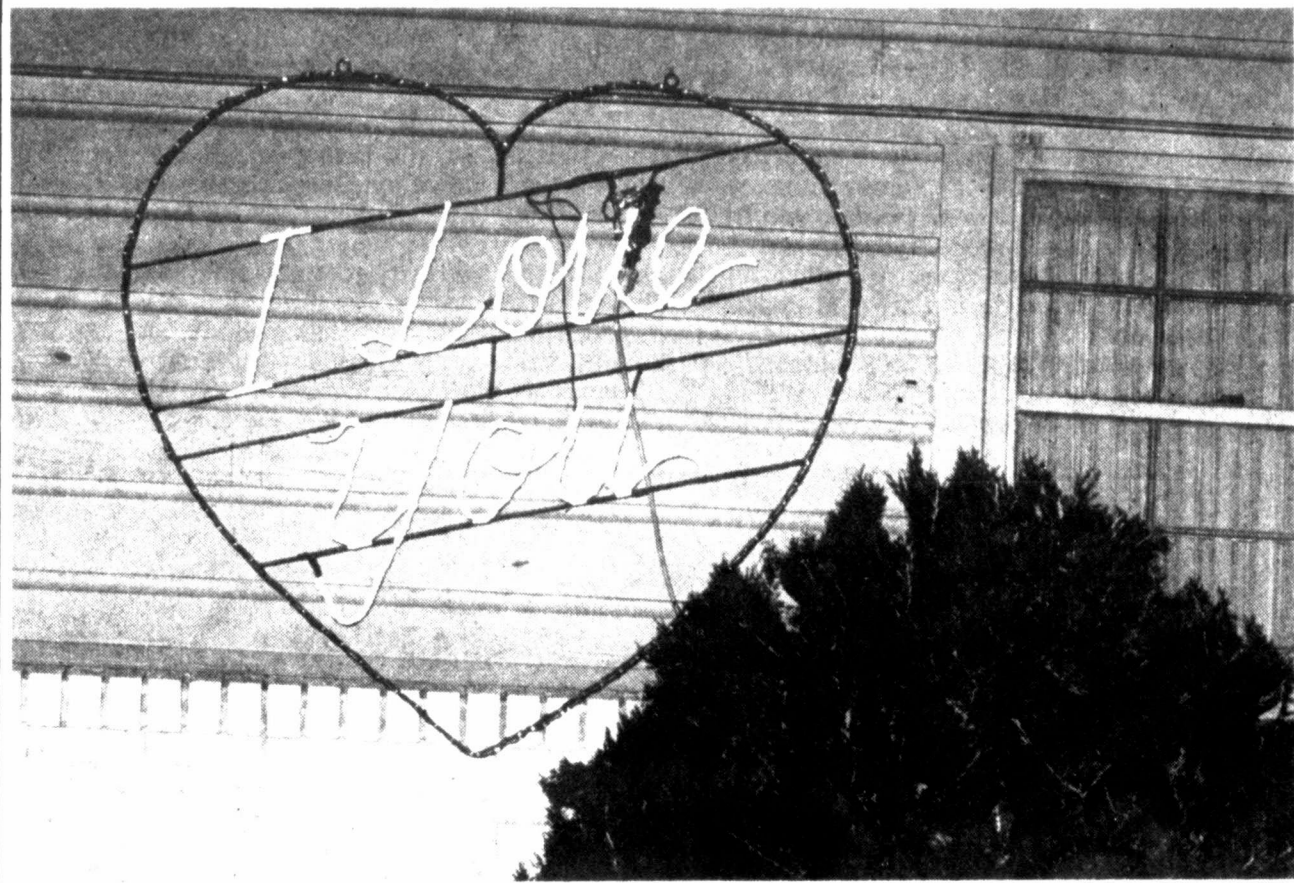
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THURSDAY

Hearts abounding



(Staff photos by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Evidence of Valentine's Day can be seen throughout the city today. In the photo above, Rango Springer of Pampa came up with a bright idea to show his wife, Sheryl, how much he loved her — he outlined a heart in red lights and wrote the words "I love you" in white lights which blinked on and off. Mrs. Springer said her husband of six months put the electric Valentine up last night, adding that he can be "sneaky" about romantic things. In the photo at left, Ashley Orr, 3, dances with "Honey Bear," the giant stuffed animal that was to be given away in a promotional event sponsored by Kingsmill Hallmark Card Shop owned by Brenda and Jerry Noles. Ashley is the daughter of Alisa and Dee Orr of Pampa.

Authorities: Groom child molester also suspect in murders of two others

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

GROOM — A 46-year-old mechanic here who was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for child molestation is also suspected of involvement in the murder of at least two other children in the state.

Joe Lee Touchstone was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday in 100th District Court in Panhandle for the 1989 sexual assault of a nine-year-old female.

District Attorney David McCoy said Touchstone had met the girl's mother as she was passing through Groom and her car broke down.

"He was a mechanic and he offered to fix the car," McCoy said. "The mother ended up getting a job as a waitress and they were living in Groom. The mother didn't have too much to do with (Touchstone), but he would come around. That's how he got to know the little girl and her 10-year-old brother."

McCoy said Touchstone had also developed a relationship with a 13-year-old boy from Amarillo who was working in a relative's Groom bar sweeping the floor.

"He got the 13-year-old to his house by asking if he wanted to mow his lawn for \$5," McCoy said of the events that led to the molestation. "He gave the kid a bunch of beer and let him drive his pickup. The 13-year-old went and picked up the little girl and her brother."

McCoy explained that after the 13-year-old returned with the two younger children, Touchstone gave them all beer and forced the older boy and the nine-year-old girl to have sex at gunpoint while he

watched.

"Then he ... sent the 13-year-old out," McCoy said. "He tied the little girl up and did all sorts of things to her that you probably don't want to put in the paper."

Meanwhile, McCoy explained, the two boys took the pickup and were going to seek help. But they ran the truck into a ditch.

"They came back to the house and told Touchstone there was a lady coming to the house," McCoy said. "When he got up and the little girl was untied, they all ran away. I'm confident that if they hadn't, he would have killed the little girl and maybe the boys, too."

McCoy said the crime went unreported for more than a year because of a variety of circumstances which included the mother of the two children abandoning them when she ran off with a truck driver, and the children being placed in separate foster homes.

However, the girl wrote a letter to her mother describing what happened, which the mother took to authorities.

All three children testified in the case against Touchstone, McCoy said.

The district attorney said Touchstone is suspected by authorities in Fort Stockton, Hereford and Stamford with being connected to crimes against children in those cities.

One of those crimes involved the Sept. 2, 1988 disappearance of seven-year-old Courtney Lynn Clayton from Stamford. She has still not been found.

McCoy said Touchstone, who has a history as a drifter, is also going to be questioned regarding the

September 1990 murder of a youth in Hereford. That child's body was burned after he was killed.

"Everywhere this guy has lived, there has been trouble involving kids," McCoy said of Touchstone, who had lived in Groom six months prior to the molestation of the nine-year-old girl.

In 1977, Touchstone was convicted of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl in Vega.

McCoy said during that investigation and subsequent trial, Touchstone confessed to molesting 27 children in Alaska, Washington, Tennessee and Texas.

"I have no idea why that wasn't followed up on," McCoy said.

He added that a certified polygrapher for the Department of Public Safety recently told him there is no doubt Touchstone has information on the disappearance of the Clayton child in 1988.

"He told me Touchstone either did it or knows who did it," McCoy said. "He will be questioned on all of these things by Texas Rangers and police in Hereford. He as much as told us that he (was involved in the Clayton case), but then said that he couldn't talk about it because 'I'd be putting my head in a noose.'"

McCoy said, "You can interpret that however you want, but I know what it says to me."

A Carson County jury took less than 20 minutes to sentence Touchstone to life in prison during the punishment phase of the trial Wednesday.

He will temporarily remain in Carson County jail to await questioning on the other crimes against children.

County commissioners to meet Friday

Gray County Commissioners will consider proposals for autopsy services and a new morgue at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo during a regular meeting set for 9:30 a.m. Friday.

The group will also consider a proposal from Kelly Engineering on the planned state prison road, which the county is obligated to build to the prison site.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of a proposal

to North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation & Development Area pertaining to the Lake McClellan project and consideration of corrections to the 223rd District Court's budget for 1991.

The agenda also lists the following items:

- discussion of a vehicle for the county maintenance employee;
- consideration of the third change order to the Gray County Jail and Sheriff's Office contract;

• consideration of a request from the county treasurer to send the secretary to a worker's compensation seminar in Austin;

• consideration of authorizing County Judge Carl Kennedy to advertise to sell surplus and salvage county personal property.

The meetings are held in the County Courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

Allied attacks focus on supply lines, troop concentrations

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The allies pressed on with the air war today but focused on supply lines and troop concentrations after Iraq charged that a U.S. raid on a building in Baghdad killed hundreds of civilians.

Two American airmen were killed in the crash of a U.S. EF-111A electronic jamming and radar-detection jet, the Air Force said — the 27th U.S. warplane lost in the war. U.S. military officials in Riyadh said it was a combat loss.

In Baghdad, thousands of angry Iraqis marched to a cemetery to bury fellow civilians killed Wednesday in the U.S. bombing of a structure where they had taken shelter.

Baghdad officials say the building was a civilian air raid shelter; the U.S. military says it was an Iraqi command and control center.

On Wednesday, Iraqi officials claimed 500 civilians were killed in the raid. Official Baghdad radio said today that 64 bodies had been pulled out from the rubble, but it apparently referred only to those already identified.

The supervisor of the building said that by sundown Wednesday, 235 bodies had been recovered and hundreds more were believed buried beneath piles of concrete and twisted metal.

Associated Press correspondent Salah Nasrawi and other reporters escorted to the site of the attack today counted at least 40 corpses, many of them decapitated or missing limbs, pulled out between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

As coffins draped in Iraqi flags were lowered into a mass grave, crowds shouted anti-American slogans. "Bush, Bush, you will pay for all crimes shedding innocent blood every day," the mourners pledged.

The issue of civilian casualties was expected to be raised at a closed-door meeting of the U.N. Security Council today.

Iraq's information minister, Latif Jassim, today called U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar "a filthy and criminal conspirator" for "maintaining silence toward the crimes of the Americans and their allies."

A military communique read on Baghdad radio called the killing of civilians a premeditated crime. It

said more than 130 new allied raids had been carried out against civilian areas, including religious sites.

Iraqi officials said Wednesday night's raids were considerably less intense than those of the previous night, and targeted mainly the downtown Baghdad telecommunications center, inflicting damage to nearby houses and business centers.

U.S. military officials in Saudi Arabia insisted again today that the bunker bombed Wednesday was a major military communications center whose existence had been long known to U.S. intelligence.

"We know who built it, when and what for, when it was modified," said one, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Washington, a government official who spoke on condition of

anonymity said that Baghdad's al-Rashid Hotel, home to foreign reporters and diplomats, contains a key military communications center.

He said no strike on the center in the hotel was planned.

The Ministry of Information in Baghdad today allowed reporters and TV crews to take an unrestricted tour of the hotel. Those reporters gave no indications that they saw a military communications center during their tour.

In an AWACS surveillance plane high over Saudi Arabia, the Air Force directed dozens of air strikes and combat air patrols over Iraq and occupied Kuwait early today. One mission was by B-52 Stratofortresses that bombed a missile assembly and repair facility near the Iraqi city of Taji.

Other targets included troops and artillery along the Kuwaiti coastline, the key Iraqi supply-line city of Basra and depots in Kuwait. Wave after wave of Air Force A-10, Navy A-6, and other aircraft went after Iraqi ground forces.

"Punishment, pure and simple punishment," said Maj. Clark Speicher, the mission control commander for the AWACS flight.

Not one Iraqi aircraft was detected airborne during the night.

Iraq today fired a Scud missile at Hafr al-Batin, near a major allied military complex, in the first such attack on the city 65 miles south of occupied Kuwait. The rocket was intercepted by a Patriot missile, U.S. officials said.

Some damage and minor injuries were reported from falling debris.

Miracle seekers' hopes turn to horror as pilgrimage erupts into stampede

CHALMA, Mexico (AP) — Hope for miracles at a mountain church turned to horror as the crush of thousands of faithful inside the cathedral killed at least 41 people, including more than a dozen children, officials said.

Some pilgrims called it a miracle in itself that they got out alive from the Ash Wednesday stampede, which sent at least 21 other people to the hospital.

Before the incident, a snaking line of buses and trucks festooned with bright pink flowers brought worshippers to this town 40 miles south of Mexico City. They were making a centuries-old annual pilgrimage to a Christ-like icon believed to work miracles.

Expectant arriving multitudes pushed through the narrow street leading to the Sanctuary of Our Lord of Chalma only to collide with throngs leaving the church.

In the frenzy to get through the doorway, 13 children and 28 adults were suffocated and crushed to death, officials said.

"There was an avalanche of people. We were leaving

and those that were coming in squashed those going out," said Maria Velazquez, 46. Her sister-in-law's 9-year-old daughter was killed in the press of the crowd.

The stampede apparently started partly because street vendors blocked the way of the oncoming streams of people, the state government said in a news release.

Gov. Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza gave orders for another street to be built next to the sanctuary, but admitted in the release that "the technical work would be complicated to carry out" because of the location on a ravine.

Authorities also pledged to step up police security in coming years.

When the sun set on the Ash Wednesday observance, the bodies of the humbly-dressed victims lay covered with shawls and blankets in rows on the concrete courtyard floor of a public school adjacent to the church.

The bodies had pieces of notebook paper pinned to their clothes with identification given by family members who lined up at long tables of typewriters set up by the state attorney general's staff for inter-

views.

"My girl, my girl!" wailed grief-stricken Beatrice Neri, 26, as she left the school after identifying her dead daughter.

A file of young men bearing blue and white, satin-covered coffins to the schoolyard threaded through the faithful whose faces were marked with a cross of ash in observance of Ash Wednesday.

"Everyone is sad. An accident of this kind has never happened before," said Rufino Torres, 40, a snack vendor.

But as ambulances began to take the bodies away, another group of men set up a fireworks display in the churchyard and more people gathered for an evening celebration.

"We still have faith," Ms. Velazquez said. She said she and her family would make the pilgrimage from their home in Tepepan on the southern edge of Mexico city again next year as they usually do.

Candida Arenillas, 51, who made the pilgrimage

from Atlitico, in the adjacent state of Puebla, said a relative died, and she lost the little girl she was taking care of in the crush at the church but found the child later.

"I didn't know who to defend, the child or the lady," she said.

"We were spared miraculously, because we cried out to the Lord of Chalma to save us," she said.

The crucified Jesus figure is credited with curing the sick, healing the lame and other miracles.

The streets of Chalma are clogged with believers who come from all over central Mexico every Ash Wednesday, swelling the town of about 15,000 to more than double its normal population.

Only one passageway leads to the three-story cathedral perched on a steep cliff above a river and bounded by buildings, making it accessible from only one side.

Street vendors who lined every step of the passage with portable stalls vending peanut brittle, painted wooden toys, sandals and incense, were blamed for contributing to the mayhem this year.



(AP Laserphoto)

Actor Kirk Douglas is seen aboard a medevac helicopter as he leaves a Santa Paula, Calif., hospital Wednesday evening. Douglas, voice artist Noel Blanc and Michael Carra, a Beverly Hills police officer, were all injured when their helicopter collided in midair with a stunt plane over Santa Paula Airport. Two men aboard the plane were killed.

Kirk Douglas, Noel Blanc recovering after air collision that killed two others

By JAMES ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Kirk Douglas was being treated today for injuries suffered when the helicopter he was riding in collided with an airplane, killing two people and injuring Noel Blanc, who does the voice of Bugs Bunny.

Douglas, Blanc and Beverly Hills police Officer Michael Carra were aboard the helicopter when it collided with an aerobatics plane over Santa Paula Airport on Wednesday afternoon. Both people in the plane were killed.

"I think you'd almost have to call it a miracle that those three men survived," said Dr. Robert Dekkers, an internal medicine specialist at Santa Paula Memorial Hospital where the three were taken.

Douglas, 74, was transferred to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, where he was listed in fair condition today with cuts and bruises.

Blanc, 52, was in serious but stable condition at the Santa Paula hospital's intensive care unit where he was being treated for multiple fractures to his right leg, at least five broken ribs, a bruised lung and

bruised kidney, said hospital supervisor Sky Heatherton.

He underwent surgery Wednesday and was placed on a ventilator to help with his breathing, Heatherton said.

Carra, whose age was not available, was treated for cuts and bruises and released.

Ventura County authorities did not immediately release the identities of the two people killed.

Douglas, who wears a heart pacemaker, was well enough to joke with doctors and paramedics after the crash.

Hospital materials manager James Sullivan said the actor told paramedics who placed him in a helicopter ambulance: "If you guys ever get sick I'll take care of you."

Eric Douglas, the actor's son, told a news conference Wednesday at Cedars-Sinai that his father had been in Santa Paula, about 50 miles north of Los Angeles, to work on a novel.

The single-engine Pitts Special aerobatic plane and the Bell 206 Long-Ranger helicopter were both taking off when they collided, said Art Morrision, a Federal Aviation Administration duty officer in Los Angeles.

Witnesses said the helicopter was crossing the runway when it was struck by the plane at about 40 feet above the ground.

City fire Capt. Kevin Fildes said the bottom part of the aircraft hit the rotor blades of the helicopter, and the chopper plunged onto the runway.

The small airport, in a still-rural section of Southern California, is a popular base for celebrity aviation buffs and stunt flyers. Morrision said it has no control tower.

Blanc is the son of the late Mel Blanc, who for years supplied the voices of Porky Pig, Elmer Fudd, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and other popular Warner Bros. cartoon characters.

The younger Blanc took over the voices after his father died at age 81 in 1989. His company also produces shows and radio commercials for other clients.

Douglas, a three-time Oscar nominee, has appeared in 75 films, produced a dozen, directed one and appeared in nine plays.

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Man arrested in rapes linked to poolside attacks

DALLAS (AP) — A man arrested in connection with a recent series of rapes in Grand Prairie and Arlington has been linked to a two-year series of sexual assaults attributed to the "poolside rapist," police say.

David Elliott Gribble, 31, of Dallas, has been charged in four rapes and two aggravated assault cases filed in Irving, police said. He also faces a charge in Grand Prairie and two assault charges in Hurst, police said Wednesday.

Gribble surrendered to authorities

after an arrest warrant was issued for him, police said.

Police said the so-called "poolside rapist," who preyed on women who were alone at apartment complex swimming pools is thought to be responsible for at least 15 sexual assaults.

At one time officers thought the "poolside rapist" may have been involved in 30 sexual assaults in nine cities, but investigators later determined that many of them were the work of different attackers.

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**These rates are in addition to the rates for basic local exchange service.
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Antibody treatment reduces death from blood poisoning

BOSTON (AP) — An antibody treatment of a bacterial infection can save many people stricken with a form of blood poisoning that kills at least 30,000 Americans each year, a study today concludes.

The treatment employs monoclonal antibodies, copies of natural chemicals that fight microbes and other invaders. In this case, the antibodies

target a bacterial poison called endotoxin.

While the experimental new treatment improves survival rates, the illness still is frequently fatal, and experts caution that other approaches will be needed to bring the infection under control.

A study of the treatment was published today in the New England

Journal of Medicine. Dr. Elizabeth J. Ziegler of the University of California, San Diego, directed the study, which was sponsored by the treatment's maker, Centocor, Inc. of Malvern, Penn.

The therapy is intended to control a form of blood poisoning called gram-negative bacteremia.

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Not all feminists believe in abortion, one organization says

EDITOR'S NOTE — It's generally assumed that feminists believe women should have the right to decide whether to have an abortion. Now there's an organization of feminists who oppose abortion, even in cases of incest or rape. To mainstream feminist organizations, that's a conflict of interest.

By MARGARET STAFFORD
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — They march under the banner of the feminist movement, but they are clearly out of step with most of their sisters.

The issue is abortion. One national feminist organization based in Kansas City contends that true feminists actually oppose abortion and have throughout history.

Feminists for Life of America, which claims about 3,000 members in 36 chapters, maintains that abortion oppresses rather than liberates women.

"Abortion is the result of male domination," says Rachel MacNair, president of the group. "The main problem has always been that men set the terms for sex. Women need to have the power to set those terms."

"Abortion just sweeps that problem under the rug. It allows men to continue to be virtually free of responsibility for the results of their sexual activity."

That argument is met with disdain by mainstream feminist organizations.

Feminists for Life explains its position with two basic premises:

- Feminists are people who believe men and woman have equally valuable contributions to make to the world, and all human beings have inherent worth. They recognize the interdependence of all living things.

- Abortion makes pregnancy and childbearing a burden rather than a gift to be protected and honored.

But Patty Brous, executive director of Planned Parenthood of

greater Kansas City, argues that pregnancy often can be a burden for women.

"Having children when you are not prepared, or cannot feed them, or might be HIV positive, is definitely a burden," she says. "Abortion might be a freeing, life-giving experience for women under certain situations."

Feminists for Life says giving birth could be less of a burden if the country had greater flexibility in the workplace for male and female parents, better prenatal and postnatal care and if men were made more responsible for child support, both financially and emotionally.

Those are typical feminist concerns. But Ms. MacNair says her group has trouble getting the attention of mainstream women's-rights organizations.

"We can work with feminists who are really trying to improve women's lifestyles," she says. "Those that completely dismiss us because of the abortion issue, I have to question if they are feminists, in the true sense of the word."

I have to question their real commitment."

The executive director of the Missouri Citizens for Life-Western Region, says she originally questioned Ms. MacNair's commitment.

"I was very suspicious the first time she came to a meeting," says Mary Kay Culp of Kansas City. "I didn't think feminist and pro-life could be in the same sentence."

But Mrs. Culp says she realized over time that the two philosophies are intertwined.

"I think they are saying some of the most intelligent, cutting-edge things that are being said in this debate," she says. "They could be the bridge between the two sides, if the other side would just listen to them."

But a representative of the National Organization of Women says it is impossible to be a feminist and oppose abortion.

"It's definitely a contradiction in terms," says Marian Davis, president-elect of the Kansas City NOW urban chapter.

"Our position on abortion is all about choice," she says. "We don't

favor abortion. We're in favor of women being able to make the choice. That's what's liberating about it."

Women who do not have the right to choose cannot be free, and many men support that stance, Ms. Davis says.

"It is a freedom issue. We support it not because abortion is good or bad," she says. "It's a difficult decision that should be made between a woman and her doctor, without outside interference from judges and lawyers."

Feminists for Life was started in 1972 but was mostly a discussion group until the mid-1980s, when it began to organize as an advocacy group.

It's still a fledgling effort. Ms. MacNair works mostly alone in a small, sparsely furnished office in a building that also houses a crisis pregnancy center.

The group is funded only by membership dues of \$10 a year, donations and the sale of brochures and bumper stickers. A separate education project takes tax deductible donations. That fund is

used to place advertisements in magazines and on radio.

Ms. MacNair says the women's movement of the 1960s fooled people into thinking that supporting abortion rights was a feminist position. However, early feminists were opposed to abortion, she says. She cited quotes from Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood.

Ms. Brous of Planned Parenthood says she was not sure what Margaret Sanger's position was on abortion. But Sanger "believed deeply in self-determination for

women," she says.

"I don't presume to speak for Margaret Sanger or know what her personal thoughts were," Ms. Brous says. "But she spent most of her life fighting to give women the right to control their fertility."

Feminists for Life opposes making exceptions in cases of rape or incest. Abortion in such cases only compounds the pain already suffered by women, Ms. MacNair says.

But the group does not oppose abortions in cases where the mother's life is in danger.



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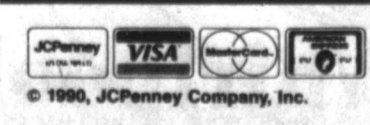
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'The case of the wayward wino' - a true whodunit

By JOHN CURRAN
Associated Press Writer

CLAY, W.Va. (AP) - Police Chief Gene King, the only law officer in this mountain hamlet, says that all he wanted to do was clean up Main Street. Now he stands accused of causing the death of the town's favorite wino by spiking his wood pile stash of wine with castor oil.

And Clay's 940 residents are divided over whether King is a hero or a villain.

Dana Love, 66, an infantryman twice wounded in World War II, died of pneumonia three weeks after witnesses said King bragged that he had spiked Love's bottle.

Love's brother, Earnest Love, swore out a criminal complaint charging King with attempted murder after county Prosecutor Richard Facemire said he couldn't bring charges.

"He's admitted to putting stuff in the bottle. I don't see why he shouldn't be," Love says. "If I shot you with a pistol, that's attempted murder whether there's a hole in you or not."

King is free on \$20,000 bail. The Town Council recently voted 3-2 to keep him on the job pending the outcome of the case.

"It's really divided this community," Facemire says.

Rocky bluffs rise hundreds of feet on each side of the town, which amounts to a 1/2-mile strip of small cinder-block and brick one- and two-story storefronts.

The muddy Elk River snakes behind the buildings on one side. Modest white frame homes, churches and Clay Elementary School dot the steep hill on the other.

"It's the kind of place where you can leave your keys in your car and your doors unlocked," says Town Recorder Betty Murphy.

But Clay County also has the state's fifth-highest unemployment rate - 11 percent recently - says

Neighbors dress up 'freedom tree' for American soldiers

By MARGARET MULREANY
Beaumont Enterprise

PINEWOOD ESTATES (AP) - Billie Warner calls it the freedom tree.

Mrs. Warner helped deck the 6-foot-high former community Christmas tree recently with more than 50 yellow ribbons and 30 U.S. flags in tribute to the Americans serving in Saudi Arabia.

She supports her country's decision to go to war despite the risks faced by someone very precious to her - her 22-year-old son, U.S. Army Spec. Wes Warner.

"Two days ago I couldn't have talked about it," said Mrs. Warner, whose son arrived in the Middle East Jan. 15, the day before the war began.

"I had fully convinced myself it wouldn't come to this. But I don't believe that Saddam Hussein has the right to hold the world hostage economically," she said.

Mrs. Warner said as many as 10 young men from Pinewood Estates, a community of about 300 homes in southern Hardin County, are now serving in the Persian Gulf.

Mrs. Warner's neighbor, Sidsel Massa, first envisioned the crumbling Christmas tree as a symbol of hope and peace. "I'm not even American," said the Norwegian-born Massa. "But Hussein is so insane. People pass by this every day and it will remind people that there are many young people from Pinewood in the Middle East. Two years ago these boys were in high school and now they are fighting a war."

Mrs. Warner said the tree is an answer to people who are protesting the war. "I don't have bad feelings toward the peace marchers. Our boys are over there so the peace marchers can do their thing over here," she said.

Pinewood resident Julie Virnig, who purchased most of the flags on the tree, said she is "annoyed" by the peace marchers. "This tree shows that for every peace marcher there are 50,000 who support our country," Ms. Virnig said.

"The peace marchers annoy me because they might be giving Saddam Hussein ammunition that Americans are divided."

Steve Shackelford, analyst for the state Division of Employment Security.

Dana Love was one of a handful of people who hung around drinking at the downtown Henry Clay Hotel. He had bounced from construction work to coal mining to street sweeping to manufacturing before returning to Clay about 1970, his brother says.

He lived alone in a shack with no running water on the 23-acre farm and seven brothers and sisters grew up on, according to his brother.

Even family members called Dana Love a wino.

Every morning, he would hitch a ride down the hill to town. One of the first stops was always State Store No. 86, where he would buy a big green bottle of Gibson's White Port Wine.

"He called it the 'Big Bird' because it has a big eagle on the label," says clerk Mary Workman. "He'd always walked in and say, 'Hello, bootlegger,' and I'd say, 'Hello, wino.'"

Although many people said Love was usually drunk and always

smelled-bad, few have bad words for him.

"He was a nice old man. He never hurt nobody," says Valerie Pringle, clerk at Dollar General Store. "He'd come in and shop, talk to people a little bit. It's a shame he died."

Sometimes, Love would visit the Clay Senior Center, a one-room building two doors from the hotel.

"Dana never bothered nobody," says A.C. Ferrebee, who drives a shuttle bus for the center. "He never hurt anybody except himself. Dana Love drank seven days a week."

Murphy, the town recorder, says Love used to stop by Clay's 10-by-20-foot Town Hall to give her four-leaf clovers.

"He smelled of wine all the time, but he never seemed to stagger," she says.

King, by contrast, was a rising star in Clay.

He was appointed to the \$12,000-a-year post as police chief 19 months ago despite no previous police experience or training.

King, 53, worked for 26 years at Union Carbide Corp. in South Charleston and served on the Clay

County Board of Education for more than 18 years.

King said in a recent interview that his main duty as police chief has been to clean up Main Street.

Others concede the drunks were a problem.

"Winos would hit people up for money outside the general store here," says Clinton Nichols, the publisher of the weekly Clay County Free Press and a former county commissioner.

"It's embarrassing for women to have to deal with that. You couldn't trust the girls walking by them. It was trying to do something good that got King in trouble."

King says he often chased Love and others from the alley beside the hotel, but he also often drove them home because it was cheaper than arresting them and taking them 20 miles to the Braxton County Jail. Clay County has no jail.

But King says he sometimes did more.

Once, he says, he covered a garbage can with tar so Joey Smith, one of Love's friends, wouldn't sit on it.

King says he also poured bacon grease on a grassy area near the river where Love and others passed the time. He once poured honey over a pile of logs they squatted on in an effort to attract bees.

"It may have not been nice, but that's all there is to do," King says.

Alma "Peach" Jarrett, who runs the Henry Clay Hotel, said King told her in September that he bought some castor oil and poured it in Love's wine bottle.

King told television station WCHS-TV in October that he spiked the wine but threw the bottle away. In another interview with the station, he said he spiked a bottle with steering fluid from his police car.

"I said 'This'll scare 'em,' and the word got around and they stopped going back there," King said.

But King said recently he never spiked any wine.

"We had a problem with several (drunks) and one day I said, 'I'll fix this guy,'" King said recently. "That's all that was done. I just told Peach because I knew it would get

around and maybe they'd stop going back there."

Love suffered diarrhea and vomiting for several days and was taken to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Beckley, where he died on Oct. 13, authorities said.

The body was taken to a funeral home, where it was embalmed, a procedure which hampered an autopsy, authorities said.

"My problem in this whole thing is the medical examiner's report appears to exonerate the police chief," Facemire says. "There was no finding of any substance. But unless it's a metallic item, it would've been passed through the body, according to the state medical examiner."

The state medical examiner has yet to issue a written report on Love's autopsy. Facemire, saying he works too closely with King on other cases, has removed himself from the case in favor of a special prosecutor.

Many people are squarely behind King.

"All Gene King tries to do is his job," said Fay Asbury.

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Lifestyles



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Left, is second runner up, Erin McCracken, winner, April Judkins, and first runner up, Misty Riley.

April Judkins is chosen Miss McLean 1991

April Judkins was named 1991 Miss McLean in the Miss McLean Beauty Contest, on Feb. 9. The pageant is sponsored by the junior class of McLean High School. Judkins is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stone.

The first runner up was Misty Riley, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riley, and second runner up was Erin McCracken, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger McCracken.

Holly Hauck, age 18, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hauck, was selected by the contestants as Miss Congeniality.

Others who made up the top eight finalists were Missy Young, Susan Worsham, Lee Erin Stubbs, Mindy Magee, and Becka Winebringer.

Other contestants included Rhonda Glass, Kisha Riggsby, Brandy Melton, Sheri Jasper, Stephanie Neeley, Joetta Bailey, Sherry Martin, Jennifer Comer, Monica Layton, Tiffany Stump, and Heidi Syfrett.

Making her final appearance for the year was Miss McLean 1990, Juliana Crockett.

Entertainment was provided by Darryl Herndon. Master of ceremonies was Quillian Rutherford. Joyce Haynes played the piano.

Acting as judges were Jeane Roper, Gray County Adult Community Corrections Officer, Lynn Allison, a color consultant, and Al Chapa, assistant administrator of Coronado Hospital.

Everyone wins with 4-H

- DATES**
- Feb. 11 - Experienced rifle project meeting 7:00 p.m. at the indoor rifle range behind the rodeo grounds.
 - Feb. 12 - Beginners rifle project meeting 7:00 p.m. at the indoor rifle range behind the rodeo grounds.
 - Feb. 12 - Pampa Consumer Decision Making project meeting 4:30 p.m. at the Annex.
 - Feb. 12 - 4-Clovers Club meeting 7:00 p.m. McLean Ag. Barn.
 - Feb. 12 - Fashion Club meeting 7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church parlor.
 - Feb. 13 - Meats project meeting 4:30 p.m. at the Annex.
 - Feb. 13 - McLean Consumer Decision Making project meeting 4:00 p.m. at the McLean Library.

EVERYONE WINS WITH 4-H

During the next 3-4 months Gray County 4-H member will be preparing to compete in various District and State Contest. These contests include 27 different categories in which a 4-Her's can do a method demonstration or illustrated talk. In addition there are 10 different judging contests, rifle match, a public speaking contest, and a share-the-fun contest. These types of events are directed toward making youth individuals, not just winners.

We the people are the only creatures on earth who survive by serving each other. It is in serving each other that people can find the satisfaction and reward they require for successful living. This fact is one of the basic principles upon which the 4-H program is built.

Another way to say it is that "people get what they want in life by helping others get what they want". Individuals cannot succeed or even survive for long without the resources they receive from other people, and vice versa.

Today's 4-H programs fosters a spirit of cooperation and creativity; a feeling that it is important to help other people develop their potential as human beings.

Opportunities for youth and adults to fulfill this basic need in life are almost without limit in 4-H. It's called leadership development, citizenship and community service. Everybody helps everybody else in 4-H, and therefore everybody comes out a winner.

In the 4-H, 50 percent of the value of a youth's 4-H work is devoted to leadership of others and



4-H Corner
Joe Vann

in citizenship and community service projects. The other 50 percent of member's work is devoted to his or her own projects.

Not only do people who are 4-H members, parents and volunteer leaders benefit from 4-H, but so does the community in which they live. 4-H families are devoting more and more of their time and energy to citizenship and community service projects. They want to literally "Make the Best Better" in their communities.

To find out more about the 4-H team, you can contact the Gray County Extension Service. Young people enrolled in the third grade through 19 years of age can join as members. Adults of any age can be a part of 4-H as project leaders, activity leaders, club leaders or help in many other ways.

4-H CLOTHING

The Gray County 4-H Clothing Project will be starting soon. Any boy or girl interested in learning about grooming, wardrobe planning, clothing care, buying clothing, modeling, and/or clothing construction should sign up soon.

To sign up, call the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING PROJECT

It's time to get this project underway! We will try to have groups in Pampa and McLean if there is enough interest. The first meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 12, 4:30 p.m. at the Annex for Pampa and Wednesday, Feb. 13, 4:00 p.m. at the library at McLean.

This year's topics are: checking accounts, bicycles, cameras, school supplies, T-shirts, and magazine subscriptions. Senior age 4-Her's will also have car ownership costs and formal wear purchase and rental.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Ten commandments of love are guide to family harmony

DEAR READERS: What better day to revive my Ten Commandments of Love! Yes, Dear Readers, I actually had the chutzpah to write my own Ten Commandments—but that was more than 20 years ago when I was younger and knew everything.

Originally, I had written two sets of commandments—one for men and one for women. Then an early feminist from Milwaukee wrote, demanding equality for women, insisting there should be one set of commandments for both genders. She won. So how is this for a gender bender?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

- Thou shalt put thy mate before thy mother, thy father, thy son and thy daughter, for thy mate is thy lifelong companion.
- Abuse not thy body with excessive food, tobacco or drink, that thy days may be many and healthful in the presence of thy loved ones.
- Permit neither thy business nor thy hobby to make of thee a stranger to thy children, for the most precious gift a parent giveth his or her family is time.
- Forget not the virtue of cleanliness.
- Make not thy mate a beggar, but willingly share with thy mate thy worldly goods.
- Forget not to say, "I love you."
- For even though thy love may be constant, thy mate doth yearn to hear those words.
- Remember that the approval of thy mate is worth more than

the admiring glances of a hundred strangers, so cleave unto thy mate, and forsake all others.

Keep thy home in good repair, for out of it cometh the joys of old age.

Forgive with grace. For who among us does not need to be forgiven?

Honor the Lord thy God all the days of thy life, and thy children will rise up and call thee blessed.

DEAR ABBY: This morning my daughter woke me at 6 a.m., saying she wanted to write a letter to Dear Abby. I thought, "What could a 5-year-old want to write to Abby about?"

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The Book Report

by
Janette Quarles & Ellen Malone
Lovett Library Staff



The following are staff picks for the month of February.

Undue Influence by Shelby Yastrow

Undue Influence weaves a riveting tale of passion, corruption, and the many guises of justice. When Benjamin Stillman, a respected but colorless 83 year old accountant dies, Philip Ogden, the young attorney who drafted the simple one-page will, can scarcely connect a face with the name. But Ogden soon discovers that his unassuming client has left an estate worth \$8 million. Even more shocking is the will itself—Stillman, buried with full rites of the Catholic Church, gave his entire fortune to Beth Zion Synagogue. Accusations of embezzlement resound, a search for heirs is launched, and lawyers prepare for a winner-take-all battle. With *Undue Influence*, Shelby Yastrow has constructed an exciting story of legal intrigue and the pursuit of truth.

Dazzle by Judith Krantz

Judith Krantz dazzles readers yet again with a story of wealth and love. Jazz Kilkullen, the photographer of choice among California's celebrities, must juggle her career, her wealth, and her men. Heiress to a sprawling Spanish land grant ranch, as well as to a humorous and approachable manner, this thoroughly modern woman is a rare gem and utterly irresistible to three equally

irresistible men.

Follow the Wind by Janelle Taylor

Janelle Taylor makes her breathtaking hardcover debut with an epic novel that blends the towering emotions of Edna Ferber's *Giant* with the rugged Texas landscape of Larry McMurtry's *Lonesome Dove*. *Follow the Wind* is a bold and beautiful novel of Texas in the 1870's. All of the smoldering passions and human conflict erupt in this tempestuous bittersweet story of one woman and the two men who sought to possess her even as they struggled to possess the land itself.

And the Sea Will Tell by Vincent Bugliosi

The co-author of the smash *Helter-Skelter* delves into another of the most intriguing true murder mysteries of our time. In 1974, a couple disappeared mysteriously from Palmyra, a remote island in the Pacific. Their sailboat had been stolen, and not a trace of their bodies was found. When a vacationer discovered a human skull washed ashore on Palmyra seven years later, a murder trial ensued, and this time Vincent Bugliosi—prosecutor of Charles Manson—defended the accused. In a dramatic first hand account, Bugliosi chronicles the trial of his innocent client and documents his own painstaking search for the truth.

The Prize by Daniel Yergin

The prize referred to is petroleum. It powers our cars, heats our homes, propels our ships, puts aloft our planes, and enshrouds everything in plastic. Unfortunately, the citizenry is only dimly aware of the facts. It takes the effects of some foreign convulsion, such as the quadrupling of oil prices following the Arab embargo of 1973-74 or the impending war against Iraq, to remind us of the facts; then we sit up and echo the Talking Head's plaintive question: "My God, how did I get here?" Answers abound in Yergin's glove-girdling story that spans the period from the industry's 1859 birth up to its modern days.

Charles Kuralt: A Life on the Road by Charles Kuralt

This book chronicles the life and career of the well-traveled CBS broadcaster and author of the best-selling *On The Road with Charles Kuralt*. Looking back on his long career in journalism and broadcasting, Kuralt recalls his numerous excursions to some of the world's most obscure places, traveling by train, plane, bus, car, blimp, and snowmobile.

Kuralt takes the reader on a bumpy tour of America's back roads, introducing a diverse cast of characters from the heart of America—such as pilots, cowboys, soldiers, and craftsmen.

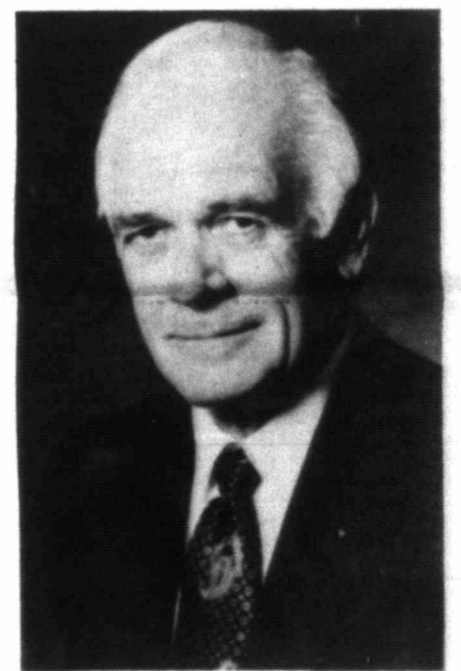
Air Force Association awards meeting Feb. 23

O. R. "Ollie" Crawford, National President of the 200,000-member Air Force Association, will address the Joint Awards Meeting of the Panhandle Chapter No. 181-AFA and the Dew Line Squadron of the Confederate Air Force, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Fifth Season Inn-East in Amarillo.

Crawford was born and raised in Amarillo, now residing in Austin. He is president and board chairman of Crawford Technical Services, Inc. located in Austin and is also president and board chairman of CTS Nevada, headquartered in Las Vegas, Nev.

Crawford is a U. S. Army veteran and served as a fighter pilot. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors as well as holding the rank of colonel in the Confederate Air Force.

For more information about the meeting, contact Guy W. Leach at (806) 352-2381.



O. R. "Ollie" Crawford

Salami, tarragon vinegar add zest to green beans

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens Magazine Food Editor

Salami and tarragon vinegar add zip to frozen beans. Cut or whole green beans suit this vegetable fix-up just as well.

ZESTY GREEN BEANS

- One 9-ounce package frozen Italian-style green beans
- 1/3rd cup sliced green onions
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1 ounce salami, cut into thin strips (about 1/4 cup)

- 2 tablespoons tarragon vinegar or wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon snipped parsley
- Dash pepper.
- Cook beans according to package directions. Drain well. Set aside.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan cook and stir onion and garlic in hot margarine or butter until tender but not brown. Add salami, vinegar, parsley and pepper. Cook and stir for 1 minute. Stir in beans and cook until heated through.

Makes 4 servings.

Fudgey truffles for your love

NEW YORK (AP) — Surprise your sweetheart on Valentine's Day with Fudgey Chocolate Truffles.

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- 3/4 cup finely chopped nuts

Additional chopped nuts or cocoa Melt butter in a heavy 2-quart saucepan over low heat. Add cocoa; stir until smooth. Blend in sweetened condensed milk; stir constantly until mixture is thick, smooth and glossy, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in rum and finely chopped nuts. Pour mixture into a flat pan. Refrigerate until firm, about 4 hours. Shape into 1 1/4-inch balls; roll in nuts or cocoa. Refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours. Store, covered, in the refrigerator. Makes about 3 dozen.

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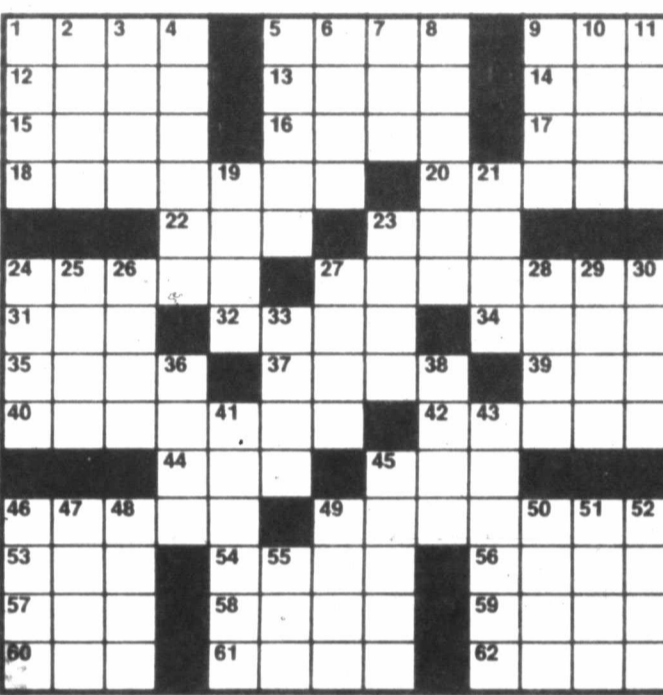
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 - Oriental sash
 - Magic lamp owner
 - Tattle about (sl., 2 wds.)
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 - Extinct bird
 - Indian nurse
 - Sheep
 - Woman's fur garment
 - Cry of pain
 - Director
 - Preminger
 - Stag
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 - Diving duck
 - Quiz
 - Ostrich
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 - Cigarette end
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 - Small bird
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Astro-Graph

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're a bit of a risk-taker today and this could work to your detriment, especially in your financial affairs. Conversely, if you use your ingenuity along conservative lines, a profit is possible. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're not likely to be reluctant when it comes to assisting those you love today. However, you could tarnish your gestures with the strings you'll attach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to keep your impulsive inclinations under control today or else you might do, or say, something others will find unbecoming. Before responding, take time to digest the circumstances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A commercial endeavor in which you're presently involved has profitable potential, but it also has some hazardous probabilities. Be careful; these influences could overlap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though you're capable of ingenious tactics today, your timing will be the all-important element. Plans implemented prematurely could lose impact.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to deal with someone you personally dislike today. If you approach this involvement emotionally rather than logically, it could prove to be counterproductive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's not a wise policy at this time to allow yourself to become indebted to people with whom you have only a "social" friendship. Instead of enhancing the relationship, it could lead to its deterioration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You, as well as those with whom you'll be involved today, might not be good team players. There are indications each will have individualistic objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In joint endeavors with peers today, try not to think of yourself as being first among equals. If you do, dissension may arise that could have easily been avoided.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Early in the day, you may have a tendency to take things for granted which you shouldn't. Fortunately, you'll see the error of your ways and correct your thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to avoid being overly attentive today to someone your loyal pal truly dislikes. Your actions might be interpreted as a slap to your friend's face.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a possibility that you may get involved in a project you're really not equipped to handle today. Don't be reluctant to call in the cavalry if you find yourself surrounded by problems.

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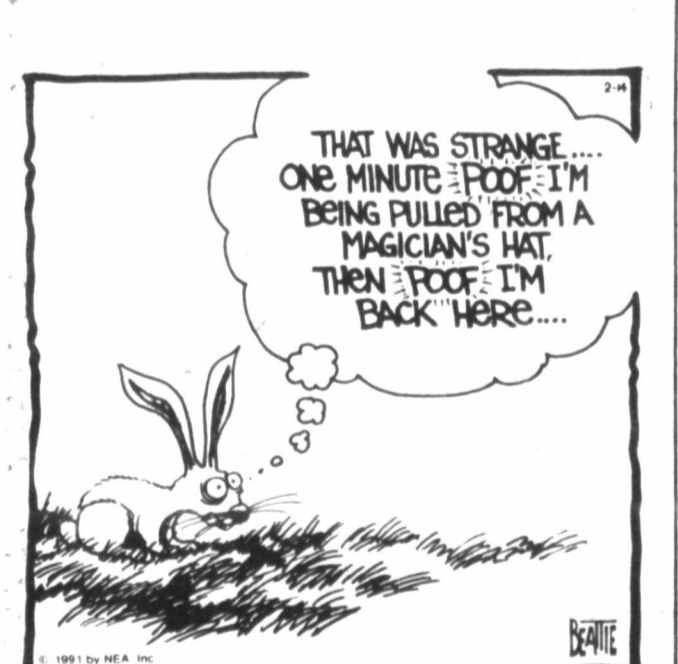
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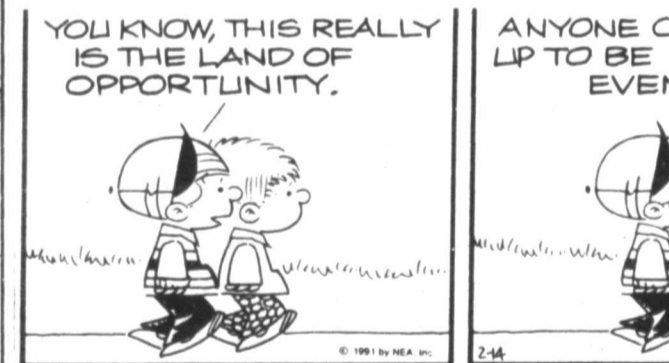
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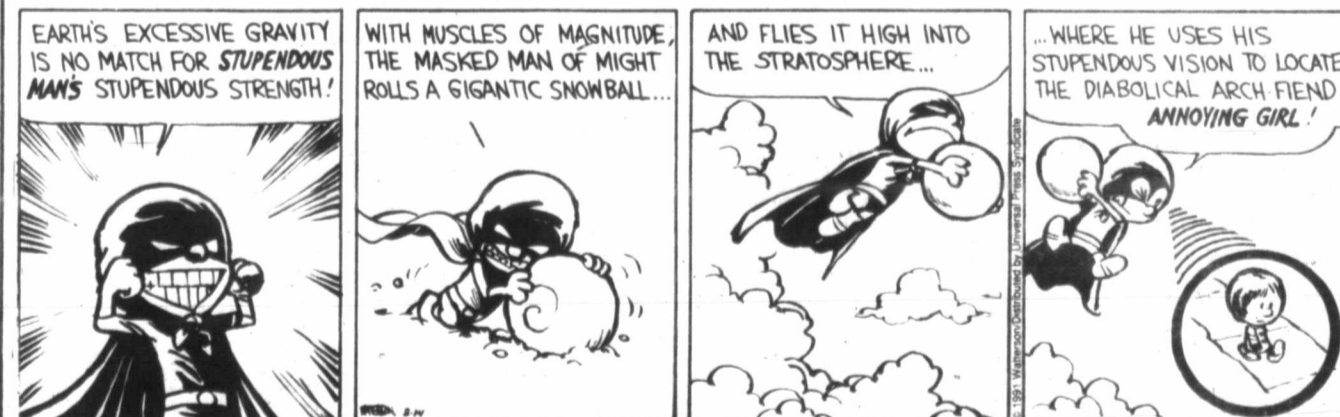
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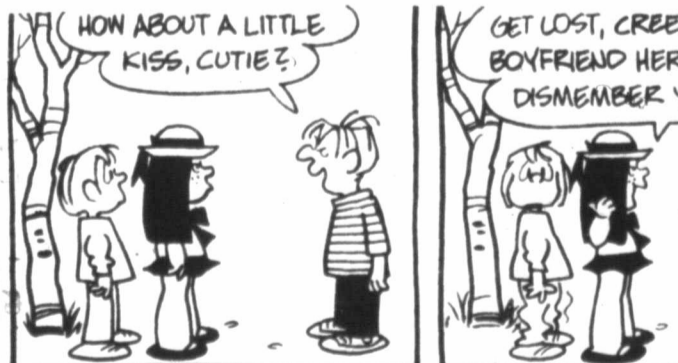
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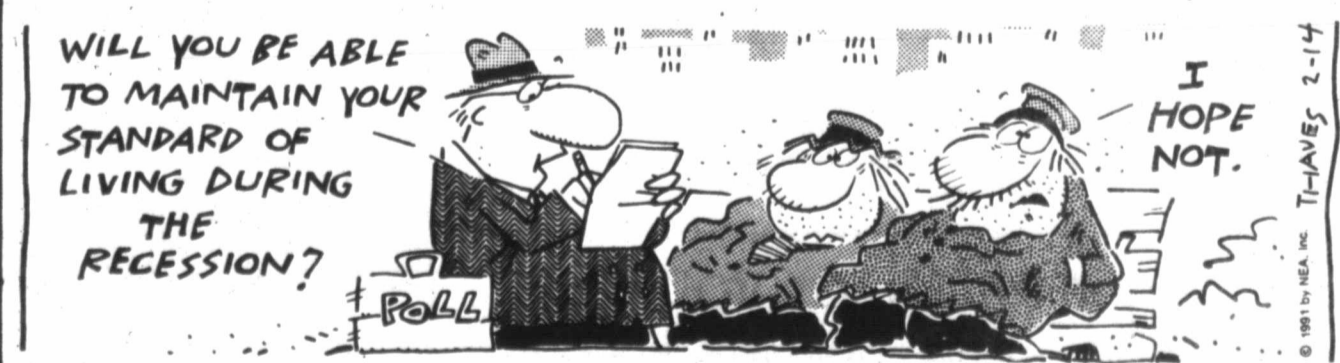
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Hemingway's legacy lingers despite the passage of three decades

By SAUL PETT
AP Special Correspondent

They sit in the cafes of Paris trying to see what he saw.

Searching, they go to the bars of Key West and the bullring of Pamplona and the north country of Michigan and the harbor in Cuba where an old man thinks he remembers the genesis of the story of the big fish.

They buy his books in great numbers. They meet in determined conclaves trying to put together the separate parts of the man. They dissect and debate esoterica. Did he really mean the first line to begin, "On a hot evening in Padua...?" Or was it, "On a hot evening in Milan...?"

Did the rape of Maria in "For Whom the Bell Tolls" suggest his own inner hatred of women? Should we look beyond the objective facts of his life to the "formative process of the generic artist using art to exorcise personal demons and reshape a world of failed traditions?"

Biographers, scholars, professors of English literature, students, writers of books, writers of magazine articles, writers of master's theses, curious tourists, big game hunters, deep sea fishermen, intellectual voyeurs, pursuers of the vicarious, drinkers without cause, keepers of the flame all, they give the subject of Ernest Hemingway a life of its own 30 years after he raised a double-barreled shotgun to his head, just three weeks before his 62nd birthday.

Other writers have written with greater depth and breadth but few, if any, get such continued and varied attention. Ernest Hemingway is alternately hailed as a shaper of the modern novel, the Martin Luther of the simple declarative sentence, the Rambo of American letters.

Who else rates a bust in the Ritz bar in Paris, or near the bullring in Pamplona, Spain, or in the seaside gazebo in Cojimar, Cuba, where the

bronze head was cast from boat fittings donated by local fishermen? (This a short walk from the "Hemingway Marina" and the hotel called "El Viejo y el Mar," after his most popular novel.)

Did anybody ever name condos after William Faulkner or a bush jacket with horn buttons, cartridge loops and recoil pad after Ralph Waldo Emerson? How many other Nobel laureates have inspired such sports headlines as "Sub Also Rises," or a catering service in Warrenton, Va., called "A Moveable Feast," or birthday fiestas in which otherwise sane people drink and stage a "running of the bulls" by pushing wheelbarrow conveyances with plastic horns down the unsuspecting streets of Oak Park, Ill., and Key West, Fla.?

Critics may argue his place in literature, but Ernest Miller Hemingway, the man, the writer and the myth, the masterful stylist and vulnerable artist, the macho adventurer and burly, brooding, bearded larger-than-life man, who laughed with Marlene Dietrich and hunted with Gary Cooper and survived five wars, four auto accidents, two plane crashes and one thirst longer than most actuaries might expect — this extraordinary boy-man leaves a wake unique among literary heroes.

In just the last 10 years, we are told by Charles M. Oliver, professor of English at Ohio Northern University and editor of the "Hemingway Review," there have been more than 70 books, 1,200 articles and 40 scholarly conferences about Hemingway.

In just the past year, two novels have sprung from the fact that the first Mrs. Hemingway lost a suitcase full of his manuscripts in a Paris railroad station 68 years ago. A third new novel wonders what might have happened if Hemingway and Fidel Castro had become buddies.

The range of other books, articles and papers is numbing. "Hemingway Rediscovered," "Hemingway

and Ava Gardner" (and Virginia Woolf, and Turgenev), "Alcohol and the Writer," "Hemingway's Venice" (also his Paris, Spain and Istanbul), "Hemingway's Trail to the British Anti-Metronic Dialogue," "Hemingway's Quarrel with Androgyny," "Debunking Hemingway's Marlin Theories," "The Thirsty Muse," "Hemingway's Rites of Manhood."

Also, a full-blown book called "The Best of Bad Hemingway," a collection which rises like a sluggish soufflé from the fact that parodying Hemingway has become a saloon, if not a cottage, industry. Thus, inexorably, we got:

"Do you remember George Tell?"

"Yes. He was a swell bowler. For whom does Tell bowl now?"

The real Hemingway wrote nine novels, 80 short stories and one play. He became a giant in American literature, an original of such enviable simplicity, it was said, that half of our writers tried to imitate him and the other half tried not to.

Then, in a rising wave of physical pain and terror, he told himself he was done as a writer and killed himself on the morning of July 2, 1961. Now, 30 years later, he sells more books than ever.

Charles Scribner's Sons, his publisher, reports it sells more than a million copies of his work a year, mostly in paperback, in English and many thousands more in some 100 foreign languages around the world. He is big in the Soviet Union, Japan and China.

He outsells all other writers in the Scribner stable, including his sometime friend, F. Scott Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald leads in the sale of a single book, "The Great Gatsby." Hemingway is ahead in total sales, led by "The Old Man and the Sea."

He is still Numero Uno, which meant a lot to him," says Charles Scribner III. "And he clearly didn't want to be second to Fitzgerald."

The evidence since his death suggests that Ernest Hemingway couldn't tolerate being second to anybody. The fiction writer made a religion out of grace under pressure but the man, under pressure of a competition he imagined, could be singularly graceless about other writers.

He might have seemed the big, confident, white hunter when he returned to the 21 Club in New York but at the typewriter he felt like a man alone, "driven far out past where he can go, out to where no one can help him."

So, he lashed out at others. He splattered Fitzgerald mercilessly, even questioning his manhood. He felt a rivalry with William Faulkner and sought to dismiss him:

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words? He thinks I don't know the ten-dollar words. I know them all right. But there are other older and simpler and better words, and those are the ones I use. Did you read his last book? It's all sauce writing now, but it was good once."

Nasty or nice, Hemingway commands the memory and-or imagination of many people in many places. In Cojimar, the aging captain of his fishing boat entrances visitors with the time they passed an old man and a boy in a small skiff. The old man was struggling to pull in a big marlin and Hemingway, knowing it would take a long time, had food passed to them. Soon, he was writing "The Old Man and the Sea."

A cowboy in Montana recalls how Hemingway waited until the last fraction of a second to fire at a charging grizzly bear. Another cowboy, with the solemnity of a curator unveiling George Washington's own sword, produces an empty whisky bottle which he swears "belonged to Ernest Hemingway."

Drinking buddies remember Hemingway the irresistible raconteur. They remember him telling, in rich detail with the knowing air of a crit-

ic, the story of how he, a young ambulance driver in Italy, bedded down Mata Hari, the temptress of cabinet ministers and generals.

It was one of the more outrageous lies of World War I. Hemingway didn't get to Europe until 1918.

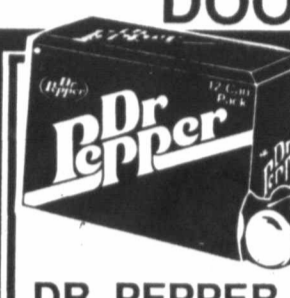
Mata Hari was shot for espionage the year before.

Now, most of a century later, the pilgrims come to Oak Park and other places of his youth in search of a connection to the man and the artist.


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