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Bivins says redistricting designed for re-election

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer



State Sen. Teel Bivins

State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, used a public meeting Tuesday at the Gray County Courthouse to accuse white Democrats such as Congressman Bill Sarpalus of taking advantage of minorities and gerrymandering state redistricting lines.

"The way the districts are drawn are directly related to who can win an election in those districts," Bivins told two dozen Gray County residents. "That, of course, is directly related to which direction the state is going to go in over the next decade."

Bivins said his 31st District is "not shaped like an elephant by accident."

The district encompasses most of the Panhandle, then follows the New Mexico line to Midland, which is largely Republican.

Bivins said while the heavy Republican populations in his district mean he can probably be re-elected as many times as he chooses to run, "it unfairly packs the Republicans into one district."

"I need some help in Austin and they (Democrats) are trying to make sure I don't get it," Bivins said.

He said the predominant mindset during redistricting is "survival of the political animal."

"Some clever lawyer convinced the Supreme Court that one criteria for drawing district lines is preserving the incumbent," Bivins said. "That has been elevated to become the number one driving force of political parties in power."

He stated that black Democrats and white Republicans have an equal stake in making sure white Democrats don't unfairly squeeze them out of power by isolating their votes.

"We are going toward more and more government and less pro-business legislation and if these (redistricting) plans stand, my real fear is we will stay in those directions," Bivins said.

He is optimistic either a state or federal court will eventually throw out current district lines.

"I am strongly opposed to the Senate redistricting plan which puts Republicans into a 90 percent Republican district," Bivins said. "My plan would take my district south into an area that is 50-50 Republican and Democrat. That would free up Republicans in the Permian Basin to have another district seat."

Bivins strongly criticized Sarpalus for allowing the interests of Amarillo to be "overlooked" by splitting Potter County between himself and Larry Combest of Lubbock.

"Bill Sarpalus is paranoid that I want to run against him," Bivins said. "I have no interest in going to Washington to serve in Congress now or ever. I ran against Bill Sarpalus to get him out of government, not to get him in an even more dangerous position."

"I am interested in staying in the Senate. I have told that to Bill Sarpalus in an effort to get him to keep Amarillo together (during redistricting), but obviously he overlooked that and turned his back on Amarillo."

No matter how the redistricting battle turns out, Bivins acknowledged Gray County will remain in the same districts for House, Senate and Congressional seats.

Congress battles Bush on tax cuts

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Instead of finishing for the year, Congress is starting out on a pitched battle with President Bush over an election-year tax cut and a fix for the suffering American economy.

Accepting Bush's dare to take up a tax-cut package to stimulate the economy, congressional Democrats decided late Tuesday to begin hearings next week by the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, boiling with anger after a closed-door caucus of House Democrats, said he was leaving open the option of calling Congress back for a December showdown session on taxes.

"I think it's important that we have an opportunity to contrast what we're proposing and what the administration is proposing," Foley said today on CBS' *This Morning* program.

"They're proposing again to achieve economic stimulation by

providing great tax breaks to the richest Americans," Foley said. "We think if there's going to be some tax reduction, it ought to be focused on this hard-pressed middle-income group. ... But if the administration thinks it can make a case for that, we welcome the opportunity."

The House stayed in session overnight as it approved a \$151 billion highway bill and a measure aiding the Soviets, and prepared to take up a bill to shore up the fund that insures bank deposits.

Foley, D-Wash., refused to permit a vote on the last-minute plan by House Republicans - a package cutting capital gains and other taxes - that Bush endorsed only belatedly.

"It is really unbelievably irresponsible for the president to suggest he would like us to vote today on a proposal that wasn't even a legislative proposal until last night," Foley said.

The political jousting over taxes dominated all other action. Congressional leaders of both parties had

planned an all-night session ending with adjournment for the year.

A crime bill that contained a waiting period for handgun purchases and expanded the federal death penalty moved toward House floor action after leaders scrounged for the votes needed to enact it. Bush and Republicans were opposed, as were some liberal Democrats.

House and Senate negotiators met through the night to work out the compromise measure to strengthen the fund that insures bank deposits. Separate legislation would provide \$80 billion for the savings and loan bailout.

Foley ran into resistance from many of his own Democrats with his proposal to abandon adjournment plans and resume the congressional session in December.

But Democratic leaders saw an irresistible political advantage in accepting Bush's challenge to take up a tax-cut package, viewing it as a political bluff by the president.

Democrats said the Republican plan amounts to a giveaway to the

rich, and they relished a comparison with their own plan, which would pay for middle-class tax cuts with increased taxes for the richest Americans. Foley denounced the GOP proposal as adding \$23 billion to the federal deficit.

"They lobbed up a pretty good ball at us, and we ought to be able to hit it a pretty good lick," said Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Texas.

The Democrats' resolve was stiffened by Bush's mounting political woes, including polls showing his popularity in sharp decline and a picture of White House disarray.

Senate Republicans were horrified by the thought of spending December debating a tax cut plan cooked up not by the White House but by House Republicans, led by conservative maverick Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., complained that he had heard nothing from Bush or the administration in support of the tax package that Gingrich proposed last Friday.

TV assembly brings Soviet, U.S. students together

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa High School students who watched the first International High School Assembly, which brought together youth in Centerville, Ohio, and Moscow through a two-way television link, generally gave the program good marks.

The one-hour show, which aired Tuesday morning at 9,000 secondary schools across the nation, including Pampa's middle and high schools, was also taped for later broadcast on regular Soviet TV.

Students from the two countries asked each other questions about money, dating, politics, freedom, alcohol and drugs.

One Russian teenager queried, "What (alcoholic) drinks do you like best and how do you make them?"

Centerville students told the Russians that getting high on alcohol and marijuana are "very fashionable" in the United States.

That bothered some Pampa high school students.

"They made it look like that's all we do," said Necoe Stone. "They should have taken time to

say that some people do that, but not everybody. And (getting drunk or high) aren't right."

However, exchange student Hannah Zevenbergen of Holland said she agrees with the Centerville assessment that "drugs and alcohol are a big problem in the United States."

In spite of the bad impression some Soviets may have gotten of the United States, several Pampa students said the important thing is people from the two countries could talk honestly, without fear of censorship.

Leslie Bridges said she wasn't surprised to learn that suicide is as big a problem among Soviet youth as it is their counterparts in the United States.

"They looked and acted like us," Bridges said. "They do most of the same things we do."

Joe Welborn stated, "They (the American students) stereotyped us. We are portrayed on TV and the movies as being very violent and people in other countries say, 'If that's what they are like, we don't want to go there.'"

"They (fellow American students from Centerville) said it was the in thing to go out and drink and smoke and get high," complained Shannon Ford. "That wasn't good because it gives us a bad name."

In spite of such drawbacks, most students said they were glad the program had taken place because it creates dialogue.

A majority of students in Gale Cole's fourth period honors class said they believe the portrayal of American youth was accurate, for better or worse.

Sascha Herpich, a foreign exchange student from Germany, said it shouldn't be hard for American students to understand the turmoil going on in his native country or Russia.

"It is just a historical thing to get people together," he observed.

When polled, 50 percent of American High School students told Channel One, which broadcast the program, they believed a coup similar to the one in the Soviet Union could happen in the United States. Eighty percent of the Russian students polled said they believe other coups are likely to come in their nation.

Tracy Vaughn of Pampa said that frighteners her.

"If you never knew there was something to hold on to and you didn't know what would be there, that would be pretty terrible," she said.

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44 Pampa students named to All-Region Band posts

More than 40 Pampa High School students qualified for All-Region Band following competition at Randall High School in Amarillo on Monday.

Of the 60 students traveling to Amarillo for the competition, 44 qualified for All-Region or Freshman All-Region Band. Another three students qualified as alternates.

The following students were named to first chair positions in the Freshman All-Region Band: Chris Lamberth, baritone sax; J.R. Neil, tuba; Eric Koehler, horn; and Jason Etheredge, trumpet.

Those who qualified for second chair in the Freshman All-Region Band included Kendra Goode, tenor sax; Jason Jones, trumpet; Tausha Thrasher, alto sax; Gena Dougherty, bass clarinet; and Marissa Grabato, flute.

The following students also earned chairs in the Freshman All-Region Band: Eric Ritchey, 4th, horn; Gay Vernon, 3rd, clarinet; Erica Hensley, 4th, clarinet; Luke Long, 3rd, trumpet; Cory Alfonsi, 5th, trumpet; David Kludt, 3rd, trombone; Chris Grusendorf, 4th, trombone; Danica Weeks, 3rd, flute; Denise Reynolds, 4th, flute; and

Amy Watson, 9th, flute. Twenty-eight sophomores, juniors and seniors will be participating in the All-Region Band. Making the honor band were:

First chair - Amy Malone, E Flat clarinet; Jennifer Barker, alto clarinet; Micah Brooks, tuba; Damian Hill, oboe; Christy Wingert, clarinet; Norbert Ybarra, bass clarinet; and Ladonna Sumpter, flute.

Second chair - Bryan Stephenson, clarinet, and Troy Avendano, trumpet.

Also earning chairs in the band were the following students: Michael Hunt, 3rd, baritone; Andy Elsheimer, 5th, tuba; Gary Goods, 4th, percussion; Donnie Medley, 5th, percussion; Stefanie Cooper, 7th, percussion; Jennifer Paulson, 3rd, clarinet; Heather James, 4th, clarinet; Angie Underwood, 11th, clarinet; Holly Abbott, 14th clarinet; Jeremy Roberts, 3rd, trumpet; Paxton Whaley, 6th, trumpet; J.B. Horton, 10th, trumpet; Richie Thompson, 4th, trombone; Chris Jaramillo, 5th, trombone; Shonda Harper, 6th, flute; and Angie Long, 9th, flute.

First alternates were Micah Cobb, trombone; Kirsten Ritchey, bassoon; and Shonda Harper, piccolo.

Meals on Wheels aid



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Wal-Mart employees and Meals on Wheels volunteers gather in the store Tuesday afternoon to complete arrangements for a special shopping benefit for the service agency scheduled Friday morning. From left are Mike Freyburger, Wal-Mart manager; H.J. Johnson, president, Meals on Wheels board of directors; Laverne Corcoran, Wal-Mart employee; Meals on Wheels directors Carol Mackey, Wyatt Lemons, Dudley Steele and Francis Braswell; and John Johnson, Wal-Mart employee. Wal-Mart will be donating 5 percent of the store's proceeds during sales from 7 to 10 a.m. Friday to the local Meals on Wheels. Also, Meals on Wheels volunteers will be selling donation tickets for a \$100 gift certificate at Wal-Mart, with a drawing to be held on Dec. 12.

Area residents prepare to join others in Thanksgiving observances

From Staff and Wire Reports

Pampa area residents will be joining in the national observance of the Thanksgiving holiday with turkey and all the trimmings, some staying home with others traveling to other cities and states to be with families and friends.

Holiday travelers should have mostly clear sailing over the Thanksgiving weekend, the Texas Department of Transportation says. Generally clear skies prevailed over Texas today, and the National Weather Service said temperatures should be in the 60s and 70s on Thanksgiving Day.

While most people will be enjoying a day off for the late fall holiday, some grocery stores will be open, at least for part of the day, for those needing to make last-minute trips to get something for the feast on the tables. Most convenience stores also will remain open.

Most city, state and federal offices will be closed, but law enforcement, firefighters and other emergency services will be staffed to take care of any needs that might arise.

Banks and other financial institutions will be closed for the day. The U.S. Postal Service will not have any general mail delivery Thursday,

but the Post Office building will be open for box patrons. Regular mail delivery will resume Friday.

While most businesses will be closed Thursday, many are getting ready for special post-holiday sales beginning Friday as shoppers begin looking for bargains and gifts for the upcoming Christmas season. Some stores will be opening early for shoppers.

There will be no Thursday edition of *The Pampa News*, today's issue serving as the holiday edition. All departments of *The News* will be closed tomorrow to allow employees to enjoy the day with families and friends. Regular office hours

will resume Friday.

Students were to be dismissed early today for a long weekend away from school, but classes will be back in operation on Monday.

While most area residents will be having their own Thanksgiving Day meals, Jim and Carolyn Brown of JC's Family Restaurant will be opening their doors to serve those in need of a good traditional holiday meal, including the needy and those who might otherwise be alone for the holiday.

The Browns worked through Good Samaritan Christian Services and the Pampa Salvation Army to invite needy persons to the meal at

their restaurant. Jim Brown said late Tuesday afternoon that he had heard more than 380 tickets had already been given out, saying the total could reach near 500.

"It's going to be a wild party Thursday," he said, adding that he was getting busy preparing a large meal. "But that's the way we wanted it."

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Obituaries

TOMMY S. HERNANDEZ
SENTINEL, Okla. — Tommy S. Hernandez, 25, relative of Pampa, Texas, residents, died Friday, Nov. 22, 1991, at Crete, Neb., Hospital following an illness. Services were held Tuesday, Nov. 26, at First Baptist Church of Sentinel. Burial was in Sentinel Cemetery by Hamilton-McClure Funeral Home.

Mr. Hernandez was born July 28, 1966 in Mangum. He grew up in the Texas-Oklahoma area. He was a 1984 graduate of Dill City High School where he was a member of the basketball team that went on to play in the state finals his senior year. In 1988, he moved to Crete, Neb., where he was employed by Farmland Foods. On Aug. 9, 1990, he married Robin L. Pribly at Wilber, Neb. The couple made their home in Western, Neb.

Survivors include his wife, Robin, of the home; one daughter, Calli Lawley of Hobart; stepchildren Anthony and Michelle; his mother and stepfather, Melva and Bill Robinson of Pampa; his father and stepmother, Vince and Gail Hernandez of Sentinel; two sisters and brother-in-law, Sheila Hernandez of Pampa, and Lynn and Raymond Casey of Sentinel; his grandmother, Nova Miller of Pampa; his grandfather, Robert Miller of Tahoka, Texas; several nieces and nephews; and a friend, Tim Steinert of Western, Neb.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
Carl R. Allen, Pampa
Mary L. Bayless, Pampa
Ellen H. Bronner, Pampa
Leonard E. Cash, Pampa
Cecil A. Dawes, Pampa
Crystal D. Fuller, Pampa
Clyde J. Horner, Skellytown
Mary O. Veale, Skellytown

Dismissals
Fred J. Carothers, Pampa
Roberta Dunson, Pampa
Lloyd L. Jones, Allison
Jean C. Powell, Perryton
Iva M. White, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Nina Canasax, Shamrock
Stacy Kinnamon, Shamrock

Dismissals
Otis Ford, McLean
Florence Cofer, McLean
Stacy Kinnamon, Shamrock

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. Brian Fuller, Pampa, a boy.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.23	
Milo	3.99	
Com.	4.27	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Ky. Cent. Life	8 1/8	dn 1/8
Serfco	2 3/4	NC
Occidental	19 1/8	dn 3/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	66.65	
Puntan	13.61	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	47 1/4	dn 1/4
Arco	103 3/4	up 1/8
Cabot	29 1/4	NC
Cabot O&G	13 1/4	NC
Chevron	67 1/2	dn 1/4
Coca-Cola	70 1/8	dn 3/8
Enron	71 1/8	NC
Halliburton	30 3/8	dn 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	45 5/8	up 1/8
KNE	26 3/4	up 3/8
Kerr-McGee	38 1/8	dn 3/8
Limited	25 7/8	up 3/8
Mapco	58 5/8	NC
Maxus	7 5/8	NC
McDonald's	34	NC
Mesa Ltd.	1 3/4	dn 1/8
Mobil	65 1/8	up 3/8
New Atmos	20 3/4	dn 1/8
Penney's	49 7/8	dn 5/8
Phillips	22 1/2	NC
SLB	60 3/8	dn 1/8
SPS	32 1/4	up 1/8
Tenneco	34 3/4	up 1/4
Texaco	57 5/8	dn 5/8
Wal-Mart	49 1/8	up 1/2
New York Gold	367.00	
Silver	4.07	
West Texas Crude	21.08	

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 26

Hunter Chisum, 2626 Cherokee, reported disorderly conduct at the residence.

Ben Howard, 2230 Lynn, reported criminal mischief in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Pampa Independent School District reported criminal mischief at Pampa Middle School.

A juvenile reported an assault on South Cuyler.

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Police reported harboring a runaway in the 800 block of West Wilks.

Arrests

TUESDAY, Nov. 26

Raymond J. Swaney, 29, 313 N. Sumner, was arrested at Finch and Somerville on two warrants.

Dana L. Daniels, 26, White Deer, was arrested at Finch and Somerville on a warrant.

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Michael Morse, 20, 2611 Navajo, was arrested in the 800 block of West Wilks on a charge of harboring a runaway.

Gray County Sheriff's Office

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Christy Todd, 22, 920 E. Fisher, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. She was released on bond.

Troy Fisher, 27, 412 N. Somerville #5, was arrested on a warrant. He was released on bond.

Margaret L. Griffith, 66, 801 E. Gordon, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. She was released on bond.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Nov. 26

7:57 a.m. — Smoke scare at 1105 S. Wells. Three units and five firefighters responded.

2:08 p.m. — Cellar fire at 929 Bernard. Three units and five firefighters responded. No damage was reported.

3:10 p.m. — Barbecue pit fire at 730 McCullough. One unit and two firefighters responded.

9:56 p.m. — Alarm malfunction at Coronado Hospital. Three units and five firefighters responded.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at Clarendon College, Pampa Center. To arrange for a partner, call Marguerite Ward at 669-7543.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Dept. of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Texas Department of Health, 408 W. Kingsmill, Suite 100, and will be open Thursday, Dec. 12, 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

STYLE SHOW IN GROOM

Alpha Mu Xi Sorority in Groom is sponsoring a style show and tea, 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, Groom Community Center, Groom. The show will feature local artist.

55/ALIVE MATURE DRIVING COURSE

There will be a 55/Alive Mature Driving Course, 1-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 1, at the VFW Hall on the Borger Highway. For more information call, Phyllis Laramore, 669-7574.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check is offered each Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell in downtown Pampa. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 26

2:30 p.m. — A 1984 Mercury driven by Kimberly Cornsilk, whose address was listed only as South Banks, collided with a 1989 Cadillac owned by Patricia Johnson, 1841 Fir, in the 100 block of South Banks. Cornsilk was cited for backing without safety. Johnson was cited for illegal parking.

Israel wants to postpone Mideast talks

By GWEN ACKERMAN
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel wants to postpone the next round of Mideast peace talks by five days, saying the date set by the United States leaves it too little time to prepare, Israel radio reported today.

A government official said extra time was needed to reach agreement on the conditions Israel has set for attending the talks in Washington. The government made no formal comment.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, spoke of a delay of "a few days" but would not be specific.

The United States has invited the Arabs and Israelis to meet on Dec. 4 in Washington. The radio said the government is asking for Dec. 9.

"There are some problems to resolve and they ought to be resolved very soon," the official said.

Officials have said Israel is insisting that the Washington talks be brief, concentrate on procedure and move speedily to the Middle East.

The demand for a postponement emerged from a meeting today of the policy making Defense Cabinet, and appeared to reflect Israel's deep

displeasure with the United States for having issued invitations specifying a site and date before securing Israeli consent.

The official characterized the U.S. strategy as "an attempt to dictate everything about the talks," and said Israel felt that "there are problems that cannot just be swept aside."

Israel wants the talks held in the Middle East, saying this would test the Arabs' willingness to recognize Israel's existence. Israel also wants to talk with the Arab delegations individually and away from U.S. influence.

When the invitations to the second round of the peace talks were issued by the United States earlier this month, Jordan accepted promptly.

Syria and the Palestinians, the two key holdouts on the Arab side, edged closer Tuesday to accepting the invitation, but raised "any number of questions" about conditions. The State Department says the Bush administration wants unqualified acceptances.

In Israel, Foreign Minister David Levy said the Jewish state would give a positive but qualified response to the U.S. invitation later today.

"We will give our response today. It will be positive," he said. It would contain "the things we

think and believe must be in our response," he told Parliament.

But these "should not be seen as an obstacle, God forbid. We will continue to advance the process and we will stand alert against dangers and obstacles that others are trying to confront us with," Levy said.

Another station, army radio, quoted an unidentified Cabinet minister as saying Israel's answer to the U.S. invitation was likely to be "yes, but not next week."

Israel wants to "discuss all sorts of issues with the United States before going" to the talks, the minister was quoted as saying.

Justice Minister Dan Meridor said Israel feared that by dictating a time and place for the talks, the United States would set a precedent allowing the Arabs to circumvent direct talks with the Jewish state.

Speaking to army radio before the Defense Cabinet met, Meridor said that at the opening talks in Madrid on Oct. 30, Israel sought to negotiate directly with the Arabs on a site and time for the next stage, but was rebuffed.

He suggested that by stepping in with a time and place, the Bush administration was giving the Arabs the impression they need not discuss these matters with Israel.

Astronauts snap photos of Pearl Harbor

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — An Atlantis crewman photographed military installations on Pearl Harbor and the Midway Islands in a Pentagon experiment designed to test astronauts' powers of observation from space.

Using special cameras, Mario Runco Jr. spotted runways, buildings and storage tanks as the shuttle zoomed 224 miles above the Pacific on Tuesday night.

The experiment and a similar one also being conducted aboard Atlantis are part of an effort to learn if astronauts can be used in wartime.

Runco's first target Tuesday night was Pearl Harbor, code-named "Long Shot." The next one was the Midway Islands, or "Driftwood."

As the shuttle approached the

Midway Islands, ground commanders asked him to look for two runways, buildings, storage tanks and aircraft.

When the Navy lieutenant commander said that he couldn't find any aircraft, ground commanders radioed back that there weren't any at that time.

"Nice job," ground commanders on Midway said.

The crew blasted into space Sunday night, accomplishing the mission's main goal early Monday with the release of a \$300 million spy satellite.

After undergoing a series of tests, the satellite with work with other satellites in alerting the Pentagon to missile launches and nuclear explosions.

Astronaut Thomas Hennen also has been working on a surveillance experiment and has had to share window space with Runco. Both tests will continue through the 10-day mission, which ends Dec. 4 with a landing in Florida.

Hennen was assigned to the flight because of his expertise in Army imagery analysis. The five other crew members are full-time astronauts.

The Pentagon has conducted the mission without the usual secrecy imposed when spy satellites are put in orbit.

But Hennen's conversations during his experiment were often blacked out, and his satellite maps and charts could not be shown on NASA television.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE Co. 1064 N. Hobart, 665-4410. Adv.

BOBBY JEWETT formerly of Heritage Ford sales and then of Auto Specialists Auto Repair Shop is now associated with Utility Tire Co. 447 W. Brown, 806-669-6771, and invites all of his former customers to come by for their auto and pickup repairs. Adv.

GOLDEN WHEAT Grooming and Boarding. 25% off grooming till Thanksgiving. 669-6357. Mona. Adv.

GOLF SALE: David's Golf Shop at Hidden Hills Golf Course. Everything marked down for Christmas. Adv.

THE GIFT Box: Let Jean and Susan help you with a bible selection for your needs. Adv.

COUNTRY WESTERN Dance, Roberts County Barn, Miami. Saturday, November 30, 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Sponsored by American Legion. Adv.

THANKSGIVING DAY Buffet, Coronado Inn, 11-2 p.m., featuring Prime Rib, Orange Pork Loin, Turkey and Ham with all the trimmings. Reservations appreciated. 669-2506. Adv.

ADDINGTON'S STOCK Reduction! Hats start at \$10, jeans \$5, boots \$29.95. Adv.

MOVING GARAGE Sale: Friday, November 29, Saturday 30. 2304 Cherokee. Dr. Adv.

JUST IN time for Christmas. New comforters, twin \$25, full \$30. Call 665-4751. Adv.

PAMPA LODGE #966, Thursday, November 28th, 7:30 p.m. Stated business meeting.

HOUSEPLANT AND Cactus 1/2 price Clearance Sale, Watson's Feed, 665-4189. Adv.

STYLE SHOW and Tea on Sunday, December 1 at Groom Community Center. 2 to 4 p.m. Admission \$3, 12 and under \$1.50. Designers include Connie Fields, Country Junction, Once upon a time, and Marion Pool. Adv.

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

WE WILL be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday for your Christmas shopping. Several Christmas shirt painting classes scheduled. Call or come in for details. Granny's Hobbies and Gifts, Coronado Center, 665-0806. Adv.

CHRISTMAS OPEN House, Friday and Saturday, 8:30-6. Pointsettias, wreaths and decorations, live Christmas trees. Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight with a low of 35 and southwest winds at 10 to 20 mph. Thanksgiving Day, mostly cloudy and breezy with a high of 62 and winds from the southwest at 10 to 20 mph. For the weekend, colder with a slight chance of showers Friday and a slight chance of rain or snow on Saturday. High Tuesday was 64 and the low, 29.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Fair tonight and partly cloudy to cloudy Thursday. Lows tonight mainly in the 40s. Highs Thursday lower 60s Panhandle and mainly in the low to mid 70s elsewhere.

North Texas — Mostly cloudy and mild tonight. Some sunshine in the afternoon Thanksgiving Day. Lows tonight 51 to 57. Highs Thanksgiving Day 72 to 76.

South Texas — Considerable late night and morning low clouds and dense fog. Otherwise partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy. Mild and humid through Thursday. Breezy during the afternoons. Highs 70s and 80s. Lows tonight 50s and 60s.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Friday through Sunday

West Texas — Panhandle: Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers Friday and a slight chance of light snow Sunday. Turning colder with lows in the 20s each morning and highs in low to mid 40s each day. South Plains: Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers Friday and a slight chance of light rain or snow Sunday. Turning colder with lows in low 30s Friday and in mid 20s Saturday and Sunday. Highs around 50 Friday and in mid to upper 40s Saturday and Sunday. Permian Basin: Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of light rain Saturday and Sunday. Turning colder with lows near 40

Friday and in low 30s Saturday and Sunday. Highs in mid 50s Friday and in mid 40s to low 50s Saturday and Sunday. Concho Valley-Edwards Plateau: Partly cloudy Friday and mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain Saturday and Sunday. Turning colder with lows in mid 40s Friday and in mid 30s Saturday and Sunday. Highs in upper 50s Friday and in low to mid 50s Saturday and Sunday. Far West: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers each day. Lows in low to mid 30s. Highs in mid 50s Friday and in mid 40s to low 50s Saturday and Sunday. Big Bend: Partly to mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers Saturday and Sunday. In the lower elevations, lows in low 40s Friday and in mid 30s Saturday and Sunday, and highs in low 70s Friday cooling to low to mid 60s Saturday and Sunday. Temperatures in the mountains will be about 5-10 degrees cooler.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Colder Saturday and Sunday. Lows Friday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lows Saturday and Sunday in the 30s, highs near 50. Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy. Colder with a chance of rain Saturday and Sunday. Lows Friday in the 60s, highs in the 80s. Lows Saturday near 60, highs near 70. Lows Sunday in the 40s, highs in the 50s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Colder Saturday and Sunday. Lows Friday in the 60s, highs in the 80s. Lows Saturday in the 60s, highs in the 70s. Lows Sunday in the 50s, highs in the 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Colder Saturday and Sunday. Lows Friday in the 60s, highs in the 70s. Lows Saturday in the 40s, highs in the 50s. Lows Sunday near 40, highs near 50.

North Texas — West: Partly cloudy and turning colder Friday with a chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and cool Saturday and Sunday with a chance of rain. Lows in low to mid 40s Friday, and in low to mid 30s Saturday and Sunday. Highs in mid 60s Friday, dropping to low 50s Saturday and Sunday. Central: Partly cloudy and warm Friday with a chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and cooler Saturday and Sunday with a chance of rain. Lows in upper 40s Friday, low 40s Saturday, and in mid 30s Sunday. Highs in upper 60s Friday, dropping to mid 50s Saturday and Sunday. East: Partly cloudy and warm Friday with a chance of thunderstorms Friday night. Mostly cloudy and cooler Saturday and Sunday with a chance of rain. Lows in low to mid 50s Friday, and in low to mid 40s Saturday and Sunday. Highs in low 70s Friday, dropping to mid and upper 50s Saturday and Sunday.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Sunny panhandle and northwest. Partly cloudy to cloudy and mild tonight. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Thursday. Lows tonight lower 30s panhandle to near 60s southeast. Highs Thursday upper 50s panhandle to near 70 southeast.

New Mexico — Increasing cloudiness northwest tonight with a slight chance of showers in the four corners towards sunrise. Skies mostly fair east and south. Not as cold. Lows from upper teens to mid 30s mountains to the upper 30s and 40s east central and south. Turning colder west and north on Thursday, with 15 to 30 mph southwest winds over the east and south. A chance of lowland showers and mountain snows northwest third and far north. Highs from the 40s to mid 50s north central and northwest to the 70s southeast.

Assembly

Noting that no Soviet students had their own cars and that Big Macs in Moscow cost the equivalent of \$20 American, Sonya Solano said she felt bad for teenagers in Russia.

"I feel bad for the Soviets because we can do anything we want," she said. "They are so limited. We have opportunities to be with who we want to do and get what we want to get."

The Soviet TV host, who said he was 28, just got his first car this year, he told the American audience.

At the prodding of American host Tom Brokaw of NBC, those Centerville students owning their own cars raised their hands, constituting about 80 percent of the group.

Soviet students participating in the program were shown video segments on "typical teenage weekends" in the United States, which included cruising, going to football games, burning the opposing football team in effigy, smashing a car painted the

color of the opposing team and listening to rock and rap music.

American students were then shown a typical weekend for Russian teens, which included helping prepare dinner, lots of walking around in pairs, sitting and thinking, and drinking at parties.

The Soviet students said they were least impressed with American football.

"Why do you like this instead of futbol (soccer), which requires more skill and thinking?" asked a Moscow student.

Centerville High School's quarterback, who will take that school into the state championship game this weekend, answered, "We like to hit people and this is a good way to do that."

The Soviets shook their heads. "Then why don't you become a boxer?" the Russian youth asked.

A black Centerville girl asked about racism in Russia, to which the Soviet host responded there are no blacks so there is no racism.

However, he amended his com-

ments by pointing out there is "some racism" toward Jews.

He then allowed two Jewish students to talk about prejudice aimed at their people and the large numbers of Jews who have fled the Soviet Union.

"I can count the ones who have stayed on both hands," said a young Jew.

Several Pampa students said they are not sure American teens fully appreciated the bit of history they were watching during this first international high school assembly.

"There was a lot of talking (in class) while it was going on," noted a junior girl.

However, in retrospect, most students said they realized they had witnessed a monumental feat of technology and cooperation.

"I can sleep a little better at night," a young woman said. "I don't have to worry that we're trying to blow each other up. Maybe everything that was said wasn't good, but at least we're talking instead of fighting."

Tent city awaits Haitian refugees at U.S. military base in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — While diplomats try to resolve Haiti's political crisis, a military task force is working to set up a tent city at the U.S. naval base in Cuba for 2,500 Haitian boat people by this weekend.

The continued massive exodus from Haiti has given a sense of urgency to an effort by the Organization of American States to reinstate ousted

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Aristide met with members of the Haitian parliament last weekend in Colombia under OAS auspices and, although no agreement was reached, diplomats said considerable progress has been made.

The chief of the OAS team, former Colombian Foreign Minister Augusto Ramirez Ocampo, was

reporting today to a closed session of the OAS permanent council on the meeting in Colombia.

The OAS is demanding Aristide's reinstatement and has served notice to Haiti's de facto government that the hemisphere-wide embargo against the country will remain in place until Aristide is returned to power.



(AP Laserphoto)

Congregational Church members in Fort Worth re-enact a traditional Puritan Thanksgiving by dressing in somber colors — black for men, gray for women — for a service to be held Thursday morning at the church.

Judge delays ruling in redistricting case

EDINBURG (AP) — A judge has delayed his ruling in a legal challenge of the state House redistricting map, leaving lawmakers a little more time to submit an alternate plan.

District Judge Mario E. Ramirez adjourned the redistricting trial Tuesday to give the state's attorneys a chance to forward a proposal countering one already submitted by minority interests.

Rick Gray, private counsel for the state, said he did not have a plan for the judge to consider. But he noted that the House redistricting committee was working Tuesday to craft and approve a new map.

Ramirez ordered attorneys in the case to return to the courtroom today. He did not indicate if he would issue a ruling following the hearing scheduled for this morning.

Attorneys for minority interests opposing the twice-rejected state House map are asking Ramirez to approve their plan for use in upcoming weeks as candidates begin filing for the 1992 elections.

The trial in 332nd state District Court is expected to resolve at least some of the disputes surrounding redistricting maps approved by the Legislature earlier this year.

The case revolves around a lawsuit challenging the state's use of census figures to redraw Texas voting boundaries.

The census missed about 500,000 Texans, particularly minorities, according to the plaintiffs. As a result, redistricting plans based on the flawed count underrepresented minorities and diluted their voting strength, the suit says.

The plaintiffs, several South Texas residents who said they were missed in the census, have asked for a ruling forcing the state to redraw the lines.

Ramirez in August declared the maps unconstitutional, saying they discriminated against minorities. He ordered lawmakers to adjust population figures and remap the state accordingly.

The state, which argued that it had no choice but to use the census count for redistricting, appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

Before the high court ruled, however, an agreement was reached on a Senate plan, which Ramirez approved last month.

That left only the House map, which in addition to being rejected by Ramirez was also declared invalid by the U.S. Justice Department.

The Justice Department cited specific instances in El Paso County, South Texas and Dallas County where the plan discriminated against Hispanics.

George Korb, who is testifying as an expert witness on redistricting, said Tuesday that the plan submitted by the plaintiffs addresses the concerns expressed by the Justice Department

Fort Worth Congregational Church re-enacting a Puritan Thanksgiving

By JEFF GUINN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH (AP) — At 8:30 a.m. Thursday, the blare of a conch-shell horn will summon a group of pilgrims to Thanksgiving worship.

Dressed in suitably sober colors — black for men, gray for women — the group will file solemnly into their church sanctuary, there to be separated by sex on opposite sides of the aisle to hear a holiday sermon and offer hymns of praise, though the hymns must be "lined out" since no hymnals can be used.

The service will be held in Fort Worth, not near Plymouth Rock. Instead of Puritans grateful for eking out a year's marginal survival, these pilgrims will be members of the First Congregational Church, who enjoy re-enacting their denomination's traditional style of worship each Thanksgiving morning.

"It's the one time during the year our church can have its special moment," explained Carol Finley, who has taken part in the Thanksgiving service re-enactment since childhood. "Many people don't know where the Congregational

Church has come from, the Puritans. So this is when we blow our own horn — or maybe I should say our conch shell."

In most ways, the First Congregational service mirrors the old Puritan style of worship.

At the conch shell signal, costumed members file into the church sanctuary. As in Puritan times, no levity, even the tiniest smile, is permitted. After men are seated on one side of the aisle and women on the other, a designated "tythingman" steps forward. He carries his traditional stick tipped on one side with a feather and on the other with a small brass weight.

The tythingman raps three times on the floor with his stick, a signal for the congregation to stand in greeting for the minister. The minister then delivers a 30-minute sermon (much shortened from the old Puritan preference for three- or four-hour performances; the real pilgrims felt deprived by anything less).

During the sermon, the tythingman circles behind the congregation

with his stick in hand. He uses the brass weight to tap on the heads of men and boys who don't appear to be giving their full attention to the minister. Inattentive women and girls are tickled behind the ear with the feather.

No hymnals were used in Plymouth Rock-era Puritan services; as was the way of that time, this Thanksgiving morning at First Congregational a "precentor" will sing each line of chosen hymns, and the fellowship will repeat after them until the entire hymn is completed.

Also in keeping with the Puritan traditions, no music is played during the service.

"We just feel this gives people something to do on Thanksgiving besides watch football games," Ms. Finley said. "Anyone who'd like to experience the Puritan tradition is welcome to join us."

Ralph Nichols, pastor of the First Congregational, said the service will last approximately 40 minutes. Church members will serve breakfast before the service.

when it struck down the earlier plan.

The map creates five to six new minority seats and strengthens some of the weaker minority districts, said Korb, the principal architect of the proposed plan.

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Opinion

Art grants should have standards too

Courtesy of the National Endowment for the Arts, more of your tax dollars are headed into the wallet of Holly Hughes, the flamboyantly lesbian "performance artist" whose live shows have stepped far over the line of good taste, even obscenity, by the lights of many people who don't exactly qualify as prudes.

In other words, we have another argument for getting rid of the NEA — now. Supporters of unrestricted NEA funding, as always, insist on checking common sense at the door. Last year a federal judge in Los Angeles declared unconstitutional an NEA obscenity clause, to be signed by all who wanted grants in 1990-91. An attorney on the board of the Newport Harbor Art Museum in a letter claimed the anti-obscenity clause would have a "chilling" effect by forcing artists "to guess what the NEA's artistic judgment would be in every instance."

Come on. If an artist wants to flirt with depravity, fine. But where's the constitutional decree that the rest of us must have our noses rubbed in it? If artistic merit — even a perverse understanding of it — can be a criterion for grants, logic says other criteria would be allowed as well, including a guideline excluding sacrilege or porn.

But once you've made your first step down a slippery hillside, turning back is tough. Arguing about nuance and definition in arts funding doesn't seem possible in the current climate — and that's an argument for gutting the whole program. The other, even stronger case for doing so has to do with simple fairness: Compulsory funding is blind to individual taste. Money is extracted even from those with no interest at all in high culture. The whole practice stands Robin Hood on his head, because it uses the tax dollars of the poor (along with those of everyone else) to pay for pursuits patronized mainly by the middle and upper classes.

And consider this wacky double standard: When a local government sets up a creche on the courthouse lawn in December, you can count on ACLU types to start squealing. But when grant recipient Karen Finley proclaimed in her performance program, "God is dead. God is death" — why, we're told it would be positively unconstitutional to withhold tax money from her. The only theater that is served by continuing on this path is the Theater of the Absurd.

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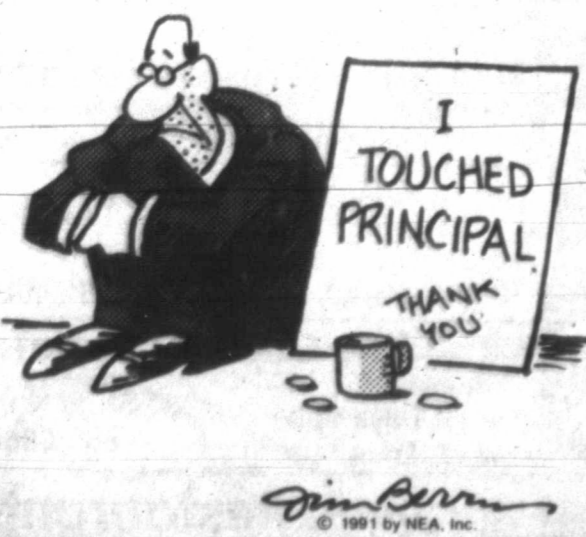
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Good news from drug front

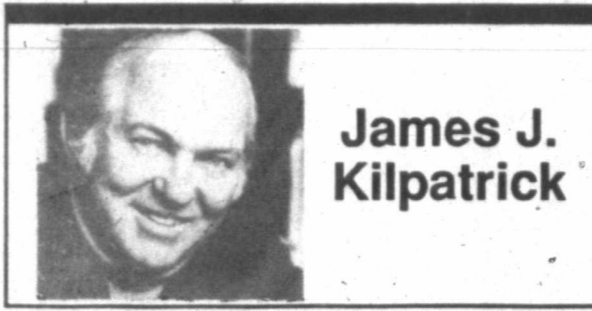
WASHINGTON — Encouraging news comes from the Food and Drug Administration, where Commissioner David A. Kessler recently announced several steps to speed up the processing of new drug applications. The bad news is that Kessler still evidences not the foggiest notion of what individual freedom in a free country is all about.

It now takes anywhere from three to 10 years for a drug manufacturer to get his product approved by the FDA. Mind you, this is three to 10 years after the research has been done and the product has been developed. Economists at Tufts University, after an intensive study, estimated that on average it costs \$231 million to get a drug to market.

Thanks in substantial part to Vice President Quayle's nagging and pushing, the FDA will now farm out some of its own elaborate testing to private and university laboratories. This will not be done on drugs intended to treat life-threatening diseases, such as AIDS, cystic fibrosis, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. The experiment in privatization will be confined to drugs for headaches, allergies and the like.

Even so, this will free the FDA's own people to accelerate the examination of such drugs as tacrine, which apparently has great benefit to some victims of Alzheimer's. My only reservation — it is not a large reservation — is that many universities are beholden to the drug companies for large contributions. The possibilities for conflicts of interest are self-evident, but the potential conflicts are probably more apparent than real.

Kessler and his super-cautious colleagues do not grasp the uniqueness of humankind. They are agreeable to speeding things up, which implies less



James J. Kilpatrick

demanding field tests of certain products. They will go along with a "fast track" to authorize doctors to prescribe a promising new drug that appears to have few adverse side effects. Additional tests of effectiveness could be done after the drug is on the market.

But then, says the commissioner, procedures to remove "ineffective" drugs must also be streamlined. He told *The New York Times*: "There are going to be cases where we will allow things on the market that we think will work, and after accepting further evidence, take off the market."

Hoity-toity! This is the same old FDA. Sick people may have access only to what the commissioner will allow. A new product must be withdrawn from the market, under threat of serious penalties, if these post-market tests find the drug "ineffective."

"Ineffective" for whom? We patients are different human beings. The drug that works for one patient may not work at all for another. This is the way the world is.

Bills have been introduced in both House and Senate that recognize our precious individuality.

Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Calif., and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., have the same idea. They would require the FDA to expedite approval of drugs needed to treat life-threatening diseases under certain conditions.

The key conditions are that the drug shows "promising evidence" of its effectiveness, and that preclinical and early clinical studies demonstrate that the drug is "reasonably safe." That is all the government should require. After that, it is up to physicians to inform their patient of both the known risks and the possible benefits. Let the patients decide. Nobody made Dr. Kessler the personal physician to every potty little one of us.

One assumption is that all of this expediting and accelerating and streamlining will reduce the manufacturer's costs. In theory, this should reduce the cost of prescription drugs. We will see about that. The pharmaceutical industry has been earning profits in recent years that are just south of spectacular and just north of obscene. Prices on such drugs as Lanoxin (for heart disease) and Valium (a tranquilizer) have soared out of sight.

To be sure, the wonder drugs of recent years have saved society billions in avoidable operations. Everyone knows that. It is undeniable that the mountainous costs of research and development on unprofitable drugs must be recouped somewhere. We know that too.

But if manufacturers want to avoid the folly of price controls, they had better moderate their lust for recoupment. Elections are coming on, and politicians need targets. Next to the defense budget, the drug industry right now is the fattest target in the land.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 1991. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On November 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

On this date:
In 1839, the American Statistical Association was founded in Boston.

In 1901, Army War College was established in Washington D.C.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station — at that time, the world's largest railway terminal — opened.

In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Nazis.

In 1945, Gen. George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.



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Doctors really don't know it all

Three years ago two personal friends suffered strokes of similar nature at approximately the same time.

Both are men about the same age. One has made remarkable progress, has resumed activities, walks without a cane and talks better every day.

The other remains mostly confined to a wheelchair, struggling to enunciate even the simplest sentence.

Granted, there may be many factors, but one of which I feel certain is:

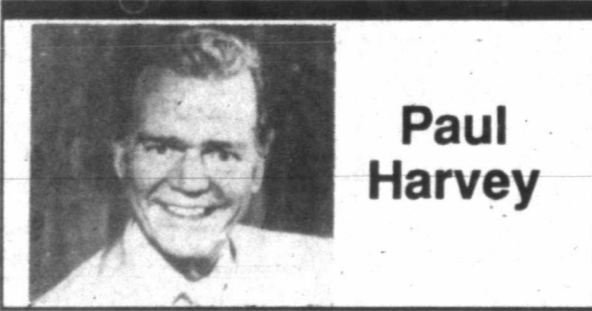
Patient number one encountered a dedicated therapist who at the outset confessed, "We really don't know very much about rehabilitative therapy for stroke victims but you and I are going to explore the possibilities together!"

Thus challenged, patient number one, starting with relearning the alphabet, has made remarkable progress.

Patient number two received less effective rehab counseling, and for only three weeks. He was told by a doctor, "You are not going to get any better."

Such a doctor, in my estimation, has flunked his finals!

Some physicians will protest that they do not



Paul Harvey

need a professional "outsider" presuming to critique their conduct.

On the contrary, Norman Cousins was a professional "outsider" when he contributed to the UCLA medical school 10 years of phenomenal success in demonstrating the pathology of hope.

At the acknowledged risk of offending those doctors who practice their profession from memory instead of through the continuing development of analytical skills, an impersonal computer could do it better.

It will be argued that I am over-reacting to one friend's experience with one callous physician. That is only partly true.

I am reacting to a lifelong experience as a professional observer — to observations which affirm that too many "trained" physicians remain deaf, dumb and blind to the psychological-needs of their patients.

Medicine remains an inexact science. Doctors are only now learning about preventive medicine, about nutrition, about the sometimes merits of massage.

Acupuncture was an unacceptable Oriental cult until Harvard's esteemed Dr. Paul Dudley White gave it credibility.

And the biological value of laughter many or most are yet unwilling to accept.

Ingrained in by-the-book doctors is a conviction that, "If I can't explain it, it's not there."

Norman Cousins, and many others since, proved that merely by controlling your mind-set you can alter your temperature, your blood pressure and your blood chemistry.

Similarly, a doctor can — with a single careless word — create negative expectations which are self-fulfilling.

Doctors don't yet know it all but only the gifted ones will admit it.

Magic's tragedy is also our tragedy

By MARTIN SCHRAM

Never have we heard news that made us feel quite like this. Not even when JFK was killed.

We feared for our nation's security on that November day in 1963. But on this November day, as we again heard news we did not want to believe, we feared for our personal security and, mainly, that of our children.

Magic Johnson, basketball superstar and national role model, had contracted the HIV virus, precursor to the killer disease AIDS.

We have seen superstars fall, but it wasn't the same. We recall Lou Gehrig's wrenching words echoing through Yankee Stadium, withered by a mysterious killer disease, Gehrig said goodbye: "... today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth."

The day after announcing his tragic news, Magic walked onto *The Arsenio Hall Show* and told us: "You don't have to feel sorry for me because if I die tomorrow, I've had the greatest life that anyone can imag-

ine." But even that was not the same. For today's tragic hero is transforming his goodbye's into a final grand cause, hoping to save the lives of millions.

Deep down, we know why we feel differently: Magic's tragedy is our tragedy. It is happening to him, but in a real sense, it is happening to us all; it is the nightmare we tried to ignore. Unlike Gehrig's disease, there is no mystery to Magic's illness — he contracted a killing virus because he led a sexually active life and did not practice safe sex. Now we are forced to see: It can happen to anyone who once led, now leads or will someday lead a sexually active life — what we used to call a healthy sex life.

Our ostriches of officialdom have sent today's youth carefully conflicting signals:

• Our presidents in the AIDS Decade — Ronald Reagan and George Bush — refused to use their bully pulpit to fight AIDS; it would only have built public pressure for increased funds for research. "I can't say I've done enough — of course I haven't," Bush admitted the other day. But he

hastened to add that he does care "very, very much."

• Our TV networks serve us with soft-core titillation and hard-core talk — on Geraldo, Donahue, Oprah, sitcoms and soaps — that boost ratings. But they ban ads for condoms, the instrument of safe sex, lest they be accused of promoting promiscuity.

• Today, the crossed signals continue: Magic tells Arsenio's audience, "Please get your thinking caps on — and put that cap on down there — and everything will be all right." Yet Wilt Chamberlain is on the book circuit bragging that he's had 20,000 women — an average of 1.2 per day. And Vice President Dan Quayle has just one solution for today's youth — "abstinence." Now they flock together, Quayle and the cardinals of the Catholic Church, who are fighting to prevent schools from giving condoms to youths to help them survive this killer epidemic.

Statistics tell us AIDS is overwhelmingly still spread in the United States among homosexuals and drug users who share needles; it also dis-

proportionately affects minorities; 45 percent of the afflicted are Afro-Americans or Hispanic.

Common sense tells us what this means: America's white establishment leaders have long considered AIDS the disease of an alien (translation: objectionable) population. Ask yourself: If AIDS were a disease running rampant through America's establishment, the WASP noblesse oblige, is there any doubt that our presidents would have mounted the bully pulpit, led the crusade, spent billions more in research?

Money alone cannot cure AIDS — "but it can accelerate" the search for a cure, Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health said on ABC News. It is "not unrealistic," he said, to think that by the end of the decade, drugs may be able to suppress AIDS symptoms so that patients can live long, productive lives.

We, who've been shocked into seeing at last the true scope of this killer disease, can only hope the breakthrough comes in time for a miracle of Magic.

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Indicted



(AP Laserphoto)

Duane R. Clarridge, a retired CIA official and current executive for the General Dynamics Corp. in San Diego, was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury on seven felony counts of lying in the Iran-Contra affair. He is the fourth top official from the spy agency implicated in the scandal.

Smith's attorneys say woman wanted attention

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — William Kennedy Smith's lawyers claim his accuser wanted attention from her family and approval from her politically active stepfather, who they say had a dislike for the Kennedy clan.

"What this woman was suffering was from a lack of attention ... (causing) a propensity to make a false claim and do something to get attention for herself," lawyer Mark Schnapp told Circuit Judge Mary Lupo on Tuesday.

Besides craving the support of her mother and stepfather, the 30-year-old woman rushed to her former boyfriend — the father of her preschool daughter — the day of the alleged rape, Schnapp said.

Her stepfather, a wealthy Ohio industrialist, is politically powerful, and the woman knew he would support her because of a longstanding dislike for the Kennedys, Schnapp said.

The woman became one of 14 children when her mother married

her stepfather and that helps explain the accusation as an "attention-getting device," Schnapp said.

Stephen Cohen, the stepfather's lawyer, denied the stepfather had any feud with the Kennedys. The stepfather is a conservative Republican whose complaints with the Kennedys stem only from their liberal politics, Cohen said.

"It's not a personal attack on any member of the Kennedy family," Cohen said.

Smith, the 31-year-old nephew of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, is accused of the raping the woman March 30 at the Kennedy family's Palm Beach estate. His lawyers previously said the woman consented to have sex, then became vengeful.

Opening arguments begin Monday.

Meanwhile, Lupo ruled that Smith's lawyers may ask the woman a handful of questions she refused to answer in a deposition last month. The judge also allowed

new questioning of the woman's mother, stepfather and former boyfriend.

Lupo also ruled that the defense may try to develop its claim that a traumatic childhood contributed to the woman's accusations.

During a polygraph test in April, the woman described the alleged rape as well as sexual molestation by a gardener at age 8, beatings by her biological father, emotional abuse by her stepfather, abortion, miscarriage and drug and alcohol abuse.

The polygraph examiner has said he found the woman to be truthful, but lie-detector tests are inadmissible.

"I have heard all along the position ... that no alleged victim of a crime such as this should be put through the hoops of exposing her entire past," Lupo said.

But she said the woman could not refuse to answer the questions for Smith's lawyers because she had already discussed the issues with the prosecution.

Israeli group lifts last of restrictions on scholars viewing Dead Sea Scrolls

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) The Israeli group of scholars that for decades has kept a tight lid on access to the Dead Sea Scrolls is dropping its last major restriction on the ancient writings.

Emanuel Tov, editor in chief of the scrolls project for the Israel Antiquities Authority, said the group will no longer require scholars viewing the writings to promise not to publish texts of them.

The decision was announced at a meeting here Monday of the Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature.

The announcement came a week after three American experts said they would publish a book of scroll photos next month. A few weeks ago, the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif.,

said it would make its collection of scroll photos available to researchers.

Scholars have complained for years that the scrolls were being hoarded and that the pace of publication was too slow.

The Israel Antiquities Authority said the slow pace was necessary to ensure high-quality research. About 80 percent of the scrolls have been published.

Considered the most important archaeological find of the 20th century, the scrolls were discovered in caves near the Dead Sea in 1947. Scholars believe they were written by members of a Jewish sect around the time of Christ.

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Amnesty International report: Barriers to refugees going up across Europe

LONDON (AP) European countries are raising barriers against people seeking asylum from torture or execution in their own countries, Amnesty International said in a report released today.

The London-based human rights organization said it has details of dozens of cases in which asylum-seekers turned away from European countries have suffered rights violations on their return home.

It cited 20 Somalis reportedly tortured in custody after being turned away from an airport in Italy, and a Bangladeshi tortured on arrival in Dhaka after being refused asylum in Sweden.

Amnesty said governments increasingly treated asylum-seekers as immigrants, not as people escaping persecution.

The "maze" of rules and regulations applied to them "shows a dangerous lack of understanding of who these people are and the horrors they could face if sent back home," Amnesty said.

"To expect them to carry visas when they often can't even get near an embassy that's under surveillance or to declare entire countries 'safe' is simply absurd," it said.

The report comes at a time of growing hostility in Europe toward immigrants, and a rise of

anti-immigrant parties.

Among examples of obstructive bureaucracy, Amnesty International cited Britain's requirement that visas and other travel documents must be in order before an asylum-seeker leaves home.

Britain is currently proposing to increase fines on airlines that carry asylum-seekers without proper papers.

In Italy, Amnesty International said, border police can turn away asylum-seekers before they lodge a claim to stay.

Officials in Switzerland and Belgium already refused asylum to people from countries deemed "safe,"

regardless of their individual circumstances, and the same procedure was being considered in Germany.

"The danger of such 'safe country' lists being influenced by immigration or foreign policy considerations and not simply by human rights records is very real and extremely worrying,"

Amnesty International said.

The organization said its concerns about procedures were heightened by moves to standardize asylum policy across the European Community.

"European governments want to wash their hands of their responsibility," Amnesty said.

"They haven't done enough to put pressure on governments to stop human rights violations in the countries these people are running from and now they are not living up to their obligations when asylum-seekers are on their doorsteps," it said.

Arson blamed for fire at soft drink bottler hit for animal rights abuses

LITTLE HULTON, England (AP) — Arsonists set a blaze at a bottling plant for Lucozade, a soft drink involved in an animal rights group's contamination scare earlier this month, fire officials say.

The fire Tuesday severely damaged the bottle storage area of the plant at Little Hulton, in the Manchester area of northern England, 170 miles northwest of London.

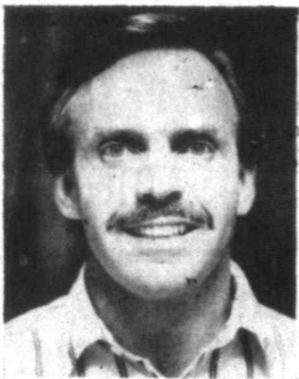
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Congress passes bill to extend expiring tax provisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dozen special tax provisions benefiting investors, the poor, giant corporations and even victims of rare diseases are getting a new lease on life.

A bill extending the programs, which otherwise would expire on Dec. 31, was approved by the House on a 420-0 vote today after being accepted without a vote by the Senate on Tuesday.

The extension of the breaks was considered under an agreement that blocked consideration of any other tax amendment.

Thus, lawmakers avoided divisive debate on such issues as President Bush's proposed reduction in capital-gains taxes, Democratic plans for middle-income tax cuts and repeal of the new luxury tax on expensive boats.

Sen. Robert Kasten, R-Wis., said the boat tax should be repealed because it has cost thousands of workers their jobs. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-

Maine, who also favors repeal, said that trying to kill the luxury tax on the extension bill would sink the whole measure in the House.

Mitchell promised to do all he can next year to repeal the luxury tax retroactively.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said that renewing the expiring programs "can provide a sorely needed economic stimulus and assist in the economy's long-term growth."

"To let these programs expire at the end of this year is irresponsible and tantamount to a tax increase that the economy can ill-afford while we are in a recession," said Rep. Frank Guarini, D-N.J.

Bush had called for renewing six of the 12 provisions but the White House said he had no objection to extending them all.

Most of the provisions, some of which date back to 1976 and one that originated in 1990, have been

renewed several times because budget restraints weighed against making them permanent. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., who chairs the House Ways and Means Committee, said this will be the last renewal.

Before next June 30, he said, his committee will examine the 12 provisions individually. At that time, "The burden will be on those who support individual extensions, both in the administration and Congress, to present a case for permanent extension and ways to pay for it," Rostenkowski said.

The renewed provisions: —Provide a tax credit for investment in building or rehabilitating rental housing that will be rented to low-income families for at least 15 years.

—Give tax-exempt status to state and local government bonds issued to help low- and moderate-income families buy or rehabilitate their homes.

—Pay up to \$2,400 of the first-

year wages of newly hired disadvantaged workers.

—Permit self-employed people to deduct from taxable income 25 percent of the cost of buying health insurance for themselves and their families.

—Allow a worker to avoid tax on up to \$5,250 of employer-provided education assistance per year, including aid for graduate courses.

—Permit an employee to receive tax-free up to \$70 a year worth of employer-paid premiums for group legal services.

—Give businesses a 10 percent tax credit for investment in solar or geothermal energy property.

—Exempt from tax certain bond issues used primarily to finance manufacturing facilities or develop land for first-time farmers.

—Pay 50 percent of the costs of human clinical testing of "orphan" drugs for treating rare diseases.

—Allow a high-income person subject to a special levy known as

the alternative minimum tax to deduct the full market value of art works donated to museums and other charities. Without this provision, the donor could deduct only the original purchase price.

—Give businesses a 20 percent

tax credit for increased spending for basic research, including payments to university researchers.

—Continue a formula that spells out how multinational corporations deduct research expenditures against U.S. and foreign income.

House-Senate conferees adopt a compromise banking bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House-Senate negotiators early today settled differences over legislation pumping \$70 billion into the government's insurance fund for bank deposits, clearing the way for final congressional action.

Delegates from both chambers adopted the compromise shoring up the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and tightening banking regulation after an all-day and all-night session.

The full House and Senate were expected to vote on the compromise package later today, removing one of the last obstacles standing between lawmakers and a Thanksgiving recess.

The compromise drops all of the dramatic proposals for overhauling the financial system that President Bush had proposed in February. The last to go was repeal of a 64-year-old law preventing banks from establishing branches across state lines.

That had made it into the Senate bill passed last week. But senators agreed to abandon the provision, noting that the House this month had twice rejected bills permitting interstate banking.

Earlier in the legislative process, Congress had abandoned an administration plan allowing banks to enter the securities and insurance businesses and permitting commercial corporations to own banks.

Before adjourning, lawmakers also faced a request from the administration to double the federal payment for the S&L bailout to \$160 billion. But, passage of the measure was increasingly in doubt as time ran out before the recess.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said on Tuesday that Congress, in ignoring the administration's banking overhaul, was setting up taxpayers for an eventual direct bailout of banks.

But the administration had little choice but to acquiesce to the narrowly drawn bill or risk leaving the FDIC without the money needed to protect depositors in failed banks.

Brady, in a letter to the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Democrat Donald W. Riegle Jr. of Michigan, said, "There is one, and only one, significant action that the federal government can take to help restore the industry's health. ... That is to fundamentally reform the antiquated laws that now govern the banking industry."

Both the House and Senate bills require the FDIC to repay borrowing by collecting insurance premiums from banks and by selling assets inherited from failed banks.

However, Riegle and many others are warning that the banking industry likely will be too weak to repay the loan and taxpayers will be stuck with the tab.

At Riegle's urging, House nego-

tiators accepted a Senate provision that sets a 15-year deadline for repayment.


Both chambers' bills would require regulators to crack down earlier on declining banks and, in most cases, seize them before they topple into insolvency.

Conferees agreed to forbid most so-called too-big-to-fail bailouts that protect deposits over the \$100,000-per-account insurance limit. However, they made an exception for cases that the Treasury Department, Federal Reserve and FDIC jointly determine would threaten the economy.

Senate delegates abandoned their bill's floating cap on credit card interest rates. The House has no comparable provisions.

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Mystery truck driver brightens day for nursing home residents in several states

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The post-cards aren't fancy and their messages aren't deep. But the mysterious missives from a truck driver known as "Heavy Duty" have residents of Nebraska nursing homes eagerly awaiting the next day's mail.

"We look forward to his cards and wonder when he will drop us a card again. They are so interesting to see the different states he's going through," said Ida Kramer, 77, who lives at Schuyler Nursing Center in Schuyler, a town of 4,100 people about 50 miles west of Omaha.

For months and even years, post-

cards signed "Heavy Duty" or "The Nebraska Trucker" or "Bob H." have been arriving at three nursing homes from New York, Washington, Alabama and other states in the East, South and Midwest.

"It's really a beautiful state," one card said of Alabama. "It has a lot of industry and good people."

In other cards, the trucker wrote about changing his tires and passing a driver's test.

At the Schuyler nursing home, activities director Dorothy Zwick has formed a Heavy Duty fan club and keeps a scrapbook of the 18 cards

received since May. A sign outside says: "Truckers Come and Go; Stop, Heavy Duty, and Say Hello."

"I kind of figure him to be a big fat guy," said Mrs. Kramer, one of 70 residents. "Some truckers are that way, you know. They do a lot of sitting, don't get much exercise."

Heavy Duty also writes to the

Mount Carmel Home in Kearney, a south-central Nebraska city of 22,000, and to Wilber Nursing Home in Wilber, a town of 1,600 about 40 miles south of Lincoln.

Residents speculate that he sees the nursing homes from the highway. Others think he has relatives in each home.

"It makes them feel good that somebody is thinking of them and caring enough to let them know what is going on in the world," said Tish Sigler, social services director at Mount Carmel, which has 76 residents.

Heavy Duty's first card to the Schuyler home summed up his motives:

"Hi, just trying to send a little bit of the USA to anyone interested."

"As both my parents used to be in a rest home, I would visit and notice some people never had much company. Just maybe somebody will appreciate these cards. I don't live in Schuyler, but not too far away. Heavy Duty."

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Sports

History-making Harvesters tackle Boswell in Region I clash Pep rally scheduled for Friday night

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Saginaw-Boswell head coach Blaine Springston has been spending every spare moment this week viewing game film on the Pampa football team.

And Springston isn't liking what he sees.

"Pampa has got the best high school football team I've ever seen. They're strong and quick and just loaded with real good athletes. It's going to be a tough game for us," Springston said.

Pampa hooks up with Saginaw-Boswell at 2 p.m. Saturday in a Region I Class 4A playoff game in Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium.

The Harvesters, 10-2, made history last week by defeating Andrews, 27-16, and becoming the first PHS team to post two consecutive playoff victories.

"We're flying high and we're getting ready for those Pioneers. They have an explosive team with big-play capability," said Harvester head coach Dennis Cavalier. "They're not overly large. In fact we'll have a size advantage on them, but they have more speed than we do."

Saginaw-Boswell has an 8-3 record and finished runnerup to Fort Worth Brewer in District 8-4A this

season. Boswell lost to Brewer, 17-14, in the final regular-season game to determine the district title.

The Pioneers outlasted Stephenville, 15-13, last week to advance into regionals.

"We feel lucky to be where we're at," said Springston, who is in his sixth season at Boswell. "We're in a pretty weak district, which helped us out. We've just got a bunch of average kids who play hard."

Prior to coming to Boswell, Springston was head assistant under W.T. Stapler at Andrews, Pampa's victim last week.

Running back Trey Woods, 165-pound senior, leads a balanced rushing attack for Boswell with 677 yards, but the Pioneers are probably more noted for their defense.

"Our defense is pretty quick," Springston said. "We give up yardage, but it seems like we're always in the ballgame. Our players are always hustling. I guess hustle is what they do best."

Tackle Danny Martinez, a 210-pound senior, and end Barry Weaver, a 220-pound senior, are the mainstays of Boswell's quick front-line. Chris Sederbery, a 190-pound senior, is an outstanding player from his safety position.

Last season the Pioneers finished third in their district, missing the

playoffs by one game.

Cavalier is hoping to stop or at least slow down a speedy Boswell backfield, directed by quarterback Terry Corcoran, 153-pound senior.

"It's going to be our size versus their speed and the emphasis is going to be on speed because Memorial Stadium has an artificial turf. They are extremely fast," Cavalier said.

The Harvesters suffered a scare when record-breaking running back Sammy Laury went down with an injury last week. Laury rushed for 129 yards against Andrews before hurting an ankle in the late stages of the game.

Laury, Pampa's all-time leading rusher in a single season, has 1,635 yards to his credit while scoring 16 touchdowns.

"I look for Sammy to be completely healed up by gametime," Cavalier said. "We did have a few other minor injuries."

Senior end Phil Sexton, who caught a 17-yard touchdown pass against Andrews, is having some knee and shoulder problems, Cavalier said.

"Zach (Thomas) isn't 100 percent, although you couldn't tell it," Cavalier said.

Thomas, a senior fullback, rushed for 122 yards and a 20-yard touchdown last week. He sustained

a knee injury in Pampa's 31-15 bi-district win over Snyder two weeks ago.

A Harvester pep rally has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday night at the Pampa Mall and tickets will also

be sold for the playoff game. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets at the gate will be \$6.



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys)

Pampa running back Sammy Laury (5) dashes downfield during the Harvesters' bi-district win over Snyder on Nov. 15. Coming up from behind is the Harvesters' Chad Augustine (54).

Pampa cagers sweep Canyon

By BEAR-MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa's boys and girls varsity hoopsters both claimed victories Tuesday night at the expense of Canyon's Eagles during action at McNeely Fieldhouse.

The girls started the night with a narrow 56-45 escape over the Lady Eagles, followed by the boys humbling a top-notch Eagles team 75-60.

After the Lady Harvesters win, coach Albert Nichols said it was his first victory ever over Joe Lombard, who directs the Lady Eagles.

It was also the first time the varsity girls had ever defeated Canyon at McNeely, he said.

"We really wanted this one," Nichols stated. "Our composure stayed together and we won. I've been coaching a lot of years and I've coached against Joe Lombard in 1A and this is the first time I've beaten him. This really means a lot to us."

Nikki Ryan led the Lady Harvesters with 24 points, followed close behind by Amber Seaton with 21.

Ryan went on a scoring binge in

the third quarter, racking up 14 points, most coming off offensive rebounds she pulled in. Most of Seaton's scoring also came in the second half, with 13.

Though the Lady Harvesters led the entire game, Lombard's team was never out of it.

At half-time the Lady Harvesters were only up by 3. But a full court press by Pampa in the third was too much for the Lady Eagles, and the Ryan-Seaton express had upped the lead to 13 by the final period.

During boys action 5-11 senior Paul Brown did his Derek Harper imitation, copying the Dallas Maverick's uncanny ability to create turnovers and convert points.

Brown got the Harvesters going with 10 first quarter points.

Normally hot Jeff Young was held to only 6 points, but the rest of the Harvesters more than compensated.

Cedrick Wilbon and Dwight Nickelberry, the evening's sixth man, racked up 16 and 17 and Randy Nichols accounted for 12.

David Johnson also had 9 on the night.

While Wilbon and Nichols made life miserable inside for the Eagles,

Nickelberry was using his patent touch to sink jumpers.

Brent Schneider and Richard Lowry were the only Eagles to get into double figures, with 16 and 10 respectively.

In spite of his outstanding first-half performance, Brown said he still has a lot of progress to make.

"I don't feel good about this yet," Brown said. "We can still play better than we have been. I can still play better. We've still got work to do."

He continued, "I think we played good as a team and I did my part, but that's all. Canyon is a good offensive team, but we didn't block them out as we should have."

Nickelberry said of his 15-point second-half performance, "I saw they weren't going for the rebounds so I did my job and went to the boards. I'm supposed to play my role, whether I start or come off the bench and that's what I did."

With the double wins, the Harvesters go to 2-1 for the girls and 3-0 for the boys. Canyon's girls are now 1-2 and the boys are 2-1.

Pampa's boys junior varsity also had a good night against Canyon, winning handily 70-33.

Pampa Middle School basketball teams defeat Hereford

Pampa Middle School basketball teams tipped off the season Monday against Hereford.

Pampa's 8th Grade Red Team, led by Rayford Young's 18 points, defeated Hereford Maroon, 51-34. Coy Laury and Floyd White added 7 points each for Pampa.

The Red Team came on strong in the second half after leading by only three points at halftime.

Pampa Blue defeated Hereford White, 31-25, in the other 8th Grade game. Pampa Blue trailed for most of three quarters, but outscored Hereford, 12-5, in the final quarter.

Jimmy Reed and Donnie Middleton had 7 and 6 points respectively for Pampa.

In 7th Grade action, Pampa Red downed Hereford Maroon, 45-39,

in overtime.

Pampa outscored Hereford, 5-1, in the fourth quarter.

Derahian Evans was top scorer for Pampa with 11 points, followed by Clint Curtis and Devin Lemons with 10 each.

Pampa Blue slipped by Hereford, 36-33, in the other 7th Grade game.

Jordan, Pippen pace Bulls past Clippers for 10th straight victory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Chicago Bulls, powered by Michael Jordan's 23 points and 20 by Scottie Pippen, hit 19 of 21 shots during one stretch of the second half and

beat the Los Angeles Clippers 116-79 for their 10th straight victory.

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All-District volleyball team announced

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First Team
Shantel Cornelius, Hereford, senior, hitter; Stefani Clement, Dumas, senior, hitter; Kisika Cariker, Dumas, senior, hitter; Summer Giffin, Dumas, junior, setter; Karah Couley, Dumas, senior, hitter; Brek

Binder, Hereford, senior, setter; Melinda White, Borger, senior, hitter.

Player of the Year — Shantel Cornelius, Hereford.

Coach of the Year — Brenda Reeh, Hereford.

Second Team
Taylor-Ann Harbert, Dumas, senior, hitter; Lori Sanders, Hereford, senior, hitter; Teresa Baker,

Hereford, senior, defensive specialist; Jennifer Hicks, Hereford, senior, hitter; Amanda Sandlin, Randall, senior, hitter; Gena Fields, Randall, senior, hitter.

Four players from Pampa made the honorable mention team. They were Amber Seaton, senior, hitter; Kristen Becker, senior, hitter; Leigh Ann Lindsey, senior, setter; LaTonya Jeffery, senior, hitter.

Bears, Lions headed for Thanksgiving showdown

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Usually at this time of year the Detroit Lions are just playing for pride. Now they're playing for more. A lot more.

The Lions' Thanksgiving Day game with the Chicago Bears is for NFC Central lead.

The Lions (8-4) helped set up the Motown Showdown by beating Minnesota 34-14 Sunday while the Bears (9-3) were upset 16-13 in overtime by the Miami Dolphins.

"We've never been in a position like this before," linebacker Chris Spielman said. "If we let it get away, we have no one to blame but ourselves. We have to 'keep on truckin' that's the way the phrase

goes." The last time the Lions were 8-4 was 1970, when the team coached by Joe Schmidt finished 10-4 and lost a 5-0 playoff game to the Dallas Cowboys.

That 1970 team won its final five games to earn a wildcard berth. This year's team, which has won its last two, probably needs to win its four remaining games.

"We're not looking forward to any other week until we take care of this one," Lions nose tackle Jerry Ball said. "The most important thing right now is Chicago."

A victory by the Lions on Thanksgiving would tie them with the Bears for the division lead. But a defeat would virtually eliminate the Lions from title contention and

leave them to compete with Atlanta, Dallas, Philadelphia and the New York Giants (all with 7-5 records) for the three NFC wild-card spots.

"Every game is a big game, and right now we have a chance to be tied for the division lead," defensive end Dan Owens said. "This is the biggest game I've played in up until this point."

The Lions, who have yet to win outdoors, host the New York Jets on Dec. 8 in the Silverdome, then close out the regular season at Green Bay and Buffalo.

"The thing we have to do now is take it up another notch," coach Wayne Fontes said. "Chicago has been there before. We know they'll be ready. I'm looking forward to it and so are our players."

The Bears, who have won their three previous doom games this season, get the Packers and Bucs at windy Soldier Field, then complete the regular season at San Francisco.

"I'm not surprised Detroit is challenging," Chicago linebacker Mike Singletary said. "I've always thought any team in this division could come out and give us some competition. This might sound crazy, but I'm proud of Detroit. Everybody always assumed this was a weak division, but the Lions are proving that's not true anymore."

Bears coach Mike Ditka, who will be looking for his 100th regular season victory Thursday, knew the Lions were for real a long time ago.

"When you look at films and their draft picks and see what Wayne's been doing, it's no surprise," Ditka said. "The success they're having is no surprise to me because I think they're a very solid football team."

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 2 bedroom Golden Villa mobile home, 1116 Perry. \$350 month, \$150 deposit. 665-2336, 665-0079.
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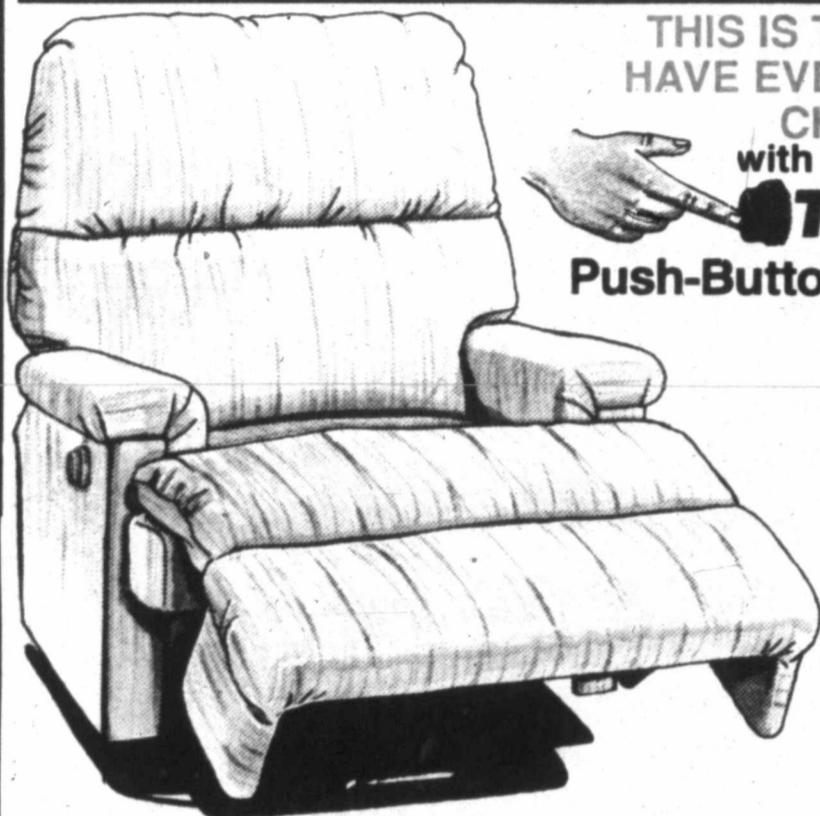
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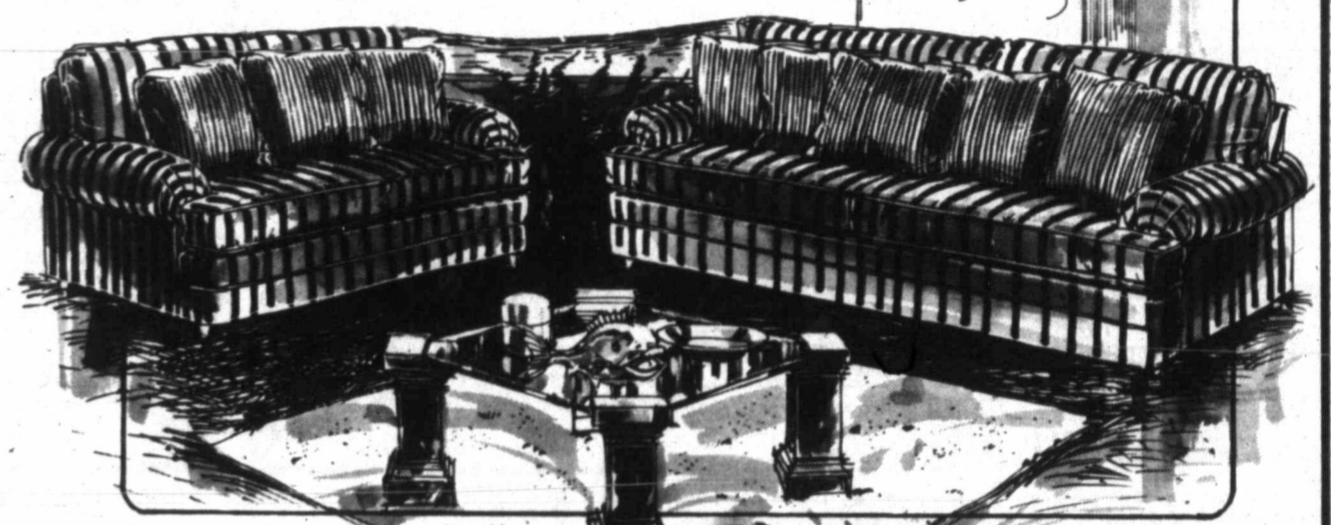
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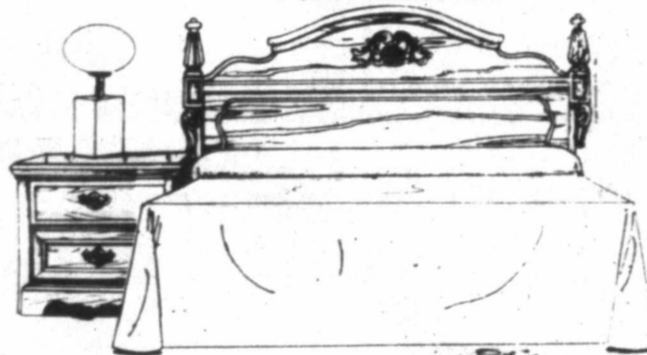


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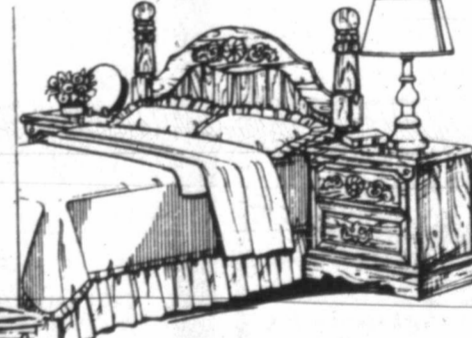
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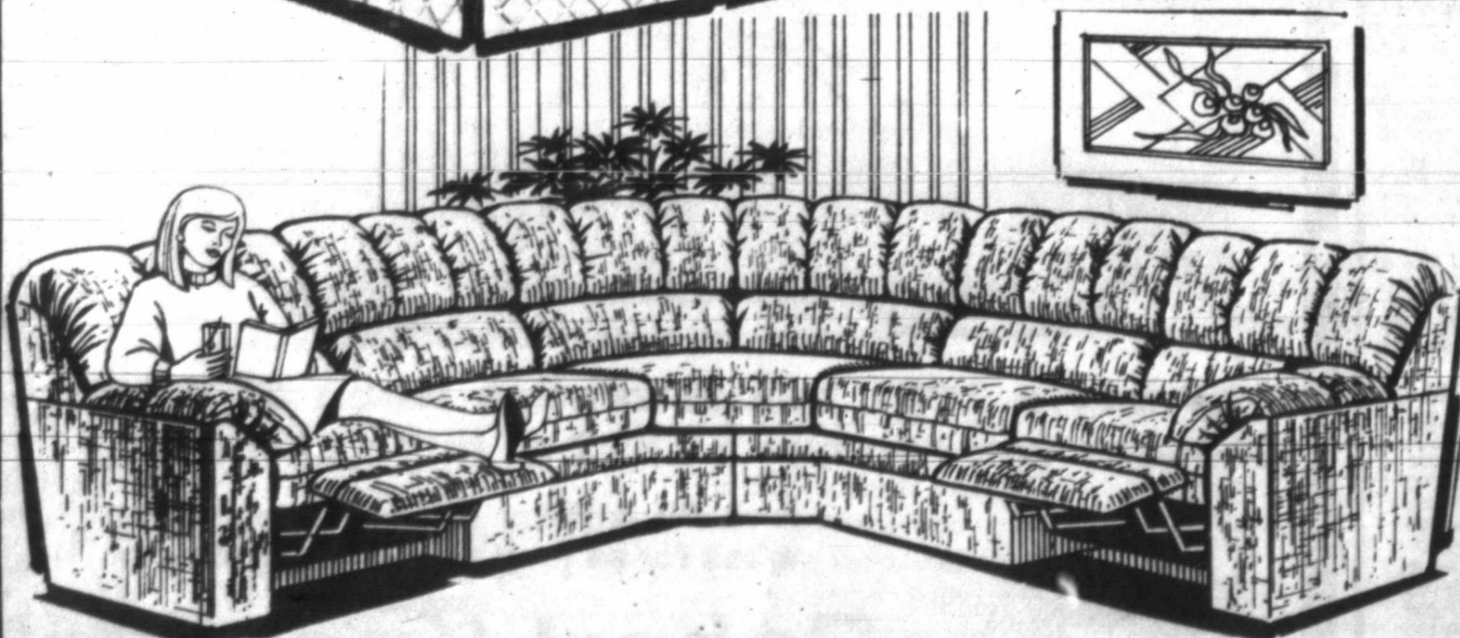


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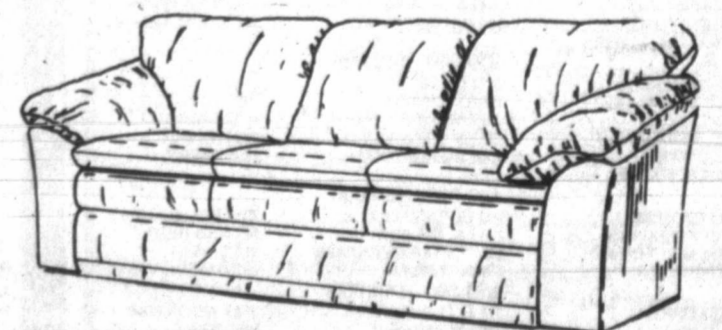
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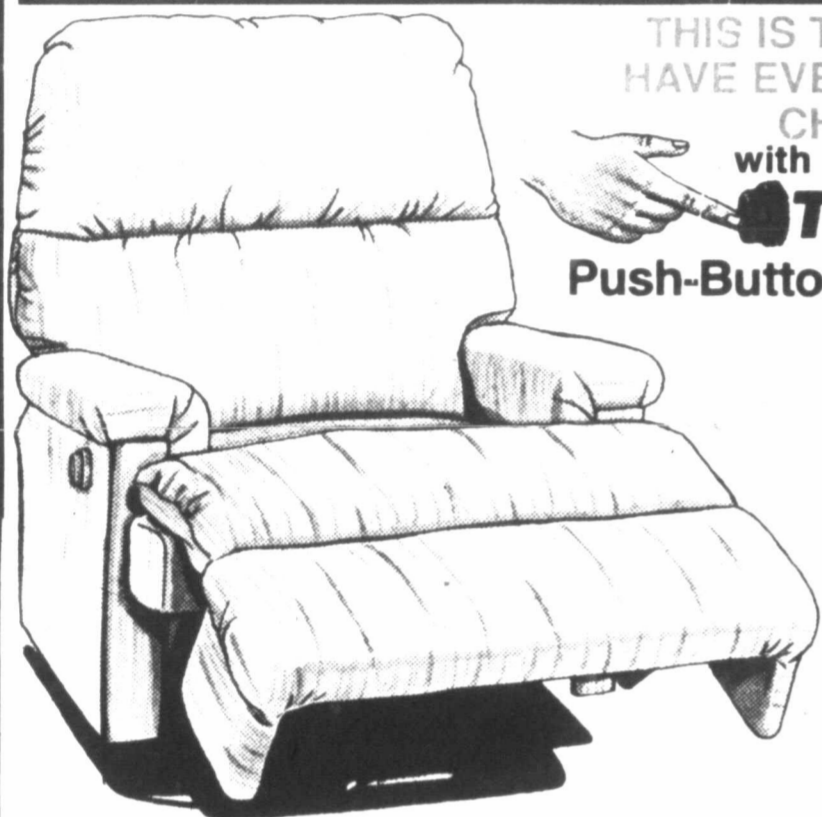
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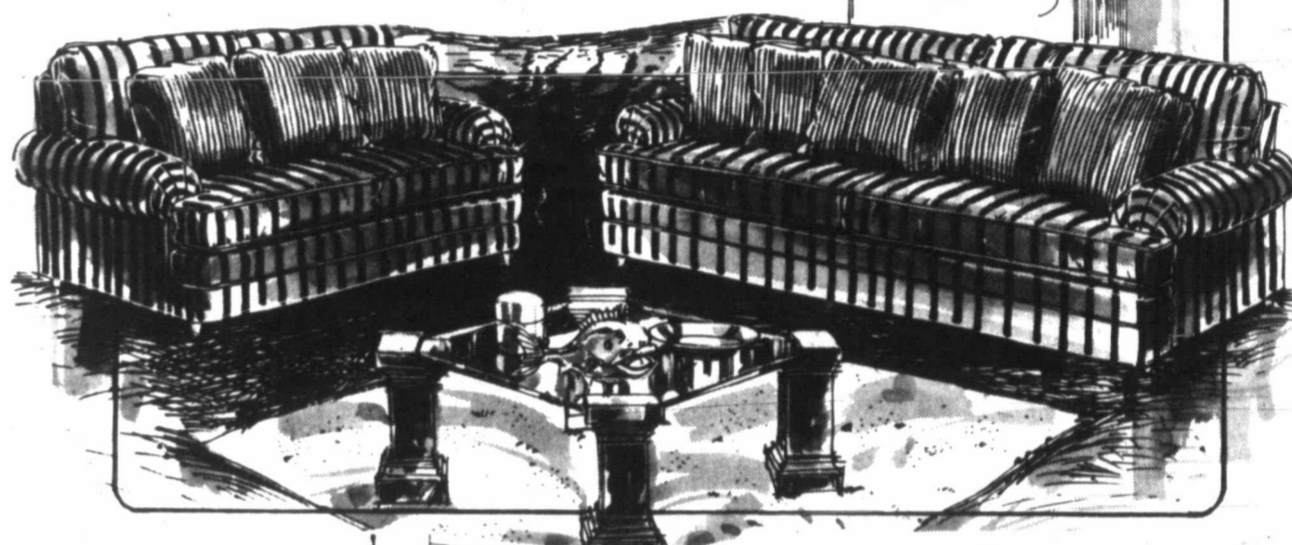


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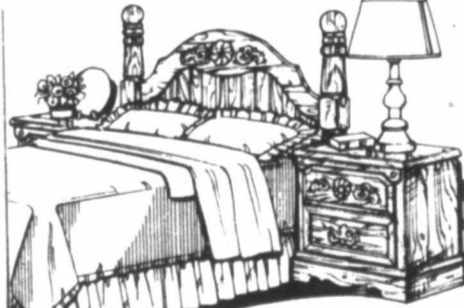
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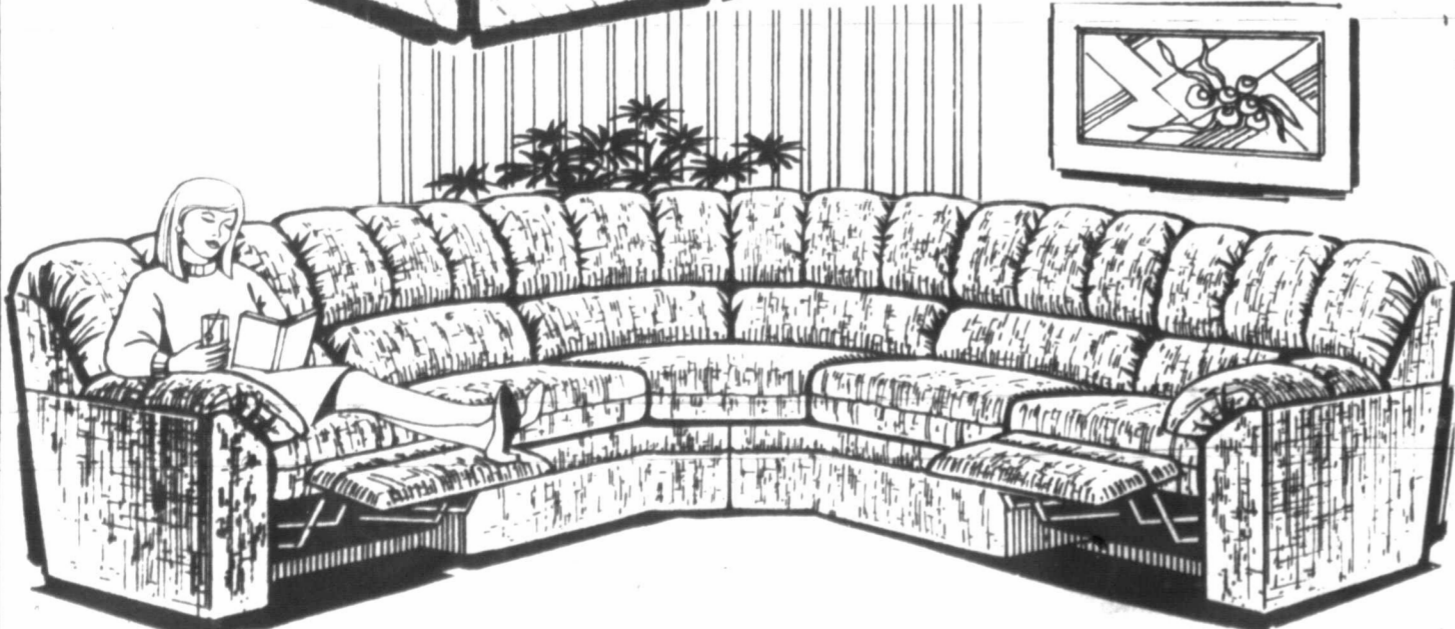


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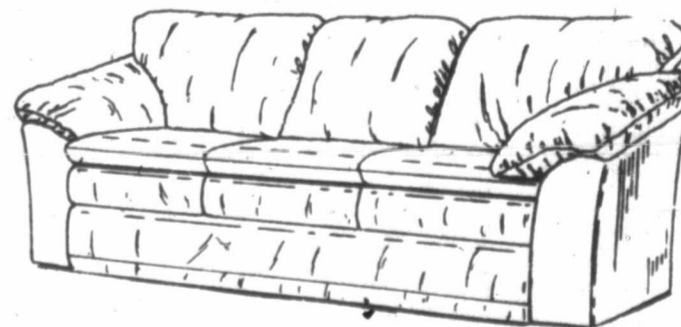


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Lifestyles

Progress report: Working mothers find careful balance in first year back



EDITOR'S NOTE—*Trumpeted everywhere are tales of frenzied mothers. They are frazzled, exhausted, dying for a break. Often lost to that flat stereotype, however, are the daily triumphs these women know. A year ago, five working moms — from a TV reporter to an inner-city nurse — began sharing their very three-dimensional lives in diaries kept for The Associated Press.*

By **LESLIE DREYFOUS**
AP National Writer

Through eyes still bleary after a short night's sleep, Martha Duffley peers into the bathroom mirror and assesses: "You're no Supermom."

Perhaps not. But in a flash she takes up her frayed cape and begins another day on the run. Like millions of working mothers, she has tried, failed, tried again to maintain some balance over her first year back.

"We all feel torn by different things, but there's no alternative," says Duffley, a Boston postal supervisor and new mother. "You just do the best you can to get through the week. We all just keep stumbling along."

With steps often as tentative as those their young children are taking, this pivotal generation of 21 million working mothers has stumbled into uncharted territory.

And the farther they go, the trickier the balance.

In their diaries, Duffley and four other women with varying lives and expectations tell the tale. The job, the family, the household and personal would be kept under control, the new mothers initially vowed.

A year later, they've been tripped up by guilt and stretches of aggravation or exhaustion. But they also are managing daily triumphs and much joy in many quieter, less sensational ways. They've learned to be gentle with themselves, gradually discarding excess baggage, idealized images, wasted emotion.

Most of all, contrary to the upscale "have-it-all" myth of the early '80s, they've embraced compromise and flexibility. High as they shoot, these women know that neither planning nor practice breeds unconditional guarantees:

— Martha Duffley still wrestles occasionally with jealous pangs at the closeness her son shares with his caretaker.

— Sheila Michelli, an Army captain in Fort Lee, Va., can't put in the standard 15-hour day and be in good humor come her "second shift."

— Pamela Salazar, until recently a television reporter in Dayton, Ohio, has felt the tradeoff in leaving a challenging job for full-time motherhood.

— Amanda Wallis, a banking executive in San Francisco, teeters between "quality time" with her daughter and private time necessary for nurturing herself.

— And Cynthia Sartini, a nurse in New Orleans, accepts but regrets that she can't have a spotless home, serve gourmet meals AND relax with her daughter.

Whether by choice or financial necessity, only about 14 percent of married couples with children live today in what once was the traditional household: father as breadwinner, mother at home.

"We are finding a new balance, which has brought some real heartache. But we also tend to focus a lot on the harried, overworked mom because it's harder to look at the uncomfortable, complicated issues," said Faye Crosby, a Smith College psychologist and author of the new book "Juggling."

In many ways, society has not kept up with the changing family. The United States remains the only industrialized nation besides South Africa that has no family leave policy. And the federal budget for child care subsidies and tax credits continues to lag far behind other developed countries.

Still, progress in many areas has been steady — even striking.

A decade ago, for instance, only about 110 of the nation's larger companies provided benefits for

working parents. Today 6,000 businesses have filled out the ranks, according to the Conference Board research group.

"Men and women are bringing family issues into the workplace," said Daniel Dreyer, a Conference Board expert. "They are looking for help and employers are realizing they can no longer be blind."

Lawmakers also have begun revamping outmoded notions. Congress broke a 20-year deadlock last year by passing child care legislation, and a family leave act vetoed by President Bush was taken up again this fall.

"With the roles of men, too, there has been good news. It's a concrete and not very well known fact that they are increasingly joining in and sharing responsibility with working mothers," said Joseph Pleck, a researcher at the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women.

Still, parental guilt descends, and it is typically mom who feels the burden. This isn't the way it was supposed to be, so far from the 1950s stay-at-home ideal and further still from the early '80s Supermom persona.

"But in the '90s, we're finally saying we can't have it all AND do it all," said Ellen Galinsky, co-president of the Families and Work Institute in New York. "And that realization is very healthy."

(AP photo) Nurse Cynthia Sartini sits with her 19-month-old daughter, Arianna, in their New Orleans apartment earlier this week. Time with her daughter is a priority that sometimes means putting cooking and laundry on hold.

First year back: Journals reflect joys and stresses working moms face

EDITOR'S NOTE—*Here five new mothers share diaries detailing the adjustments, stresses and joys they found in their first year of juggling demands at home and in the workplace.*

By **LESLIE DREYFOUS**
AP National Writer

"He is still so young. I don't know if he is cognizant of what my role is in his life," Martha Duffley wrote a year ago, on her first day back at work after the birth of a son. "I am constantly questioning..."

Now it is autumn again, a warm weekend evening at Nantasket Beach. Duffley holds her giggling toddler close as the music comes up and the carousel begins making the circuit, around and around.

The metaphor is hard to resist: "That's been my life the last year — constantly spinning, never getting any farther ahead."

Duffley, 34, has stopped fantasizing about leaving her job as a postal supervisor in Boston, stopped thinking her house should be spotless, stopped fretting over each new expression she misses, her son's every smile.

Still, the twinges recur when she hears via telephone about the discovery of Brian's first tooth, the purchase of his first pair of shoes. "Red sneakers," she writes, the disappointment palpable even on paper. "I consult with Mary often on what he likes to eat, as he has been getting finicky at home," Duffley writes on May 3. "It disturbs me that I have to ask someone else what he likes. It's something I feel I should be the expert on."

Despite the expert on "maternal deprivation," many studies have indicated day care actually can enhance a child's intellectual devel-

opment and social skills. For mothers burdened by guilt, however, it's a different story.

Duffley finds herself caught in a common rush to squeeze in "quality time," a high-pressure proposition when days are so short. And weekends are shorter still, crammed as they are with grocery shopping, laundry and frenzied efforts to have fun.

"Free" time is a precious commodity to today's busy parents. A recent study conducted for Hilton Hotels Corp. found that 59 percent of working women with children would trade a day's pay for a day of free time each week.

"I watch old sitcoms and new shows in amusement as no diapers, cleaning, cranky children or other problems seem to exist," Duffley writes on September 9.

"Brian is a joy. But am I doing right by him? I do not cook enough," she writes early in the year. "I am at a loss as to what to feed him sometimes. No instruction manual. My mind spins with thoughts."

PAPER VS. LINEN
"Motto: A woman cannot do it all herself, no matter how organized and energetic she is. Don't set unrealistic expectations ... or try to be Superwoman," writes Amanda Wallis during her first year back.

She takes her own advice, combining realism and flexibility to keep her world from spinning out of control. She's also got an edge many mothers covet: money and stability.

Wallis is able to give 100 percent on the job directing Bank of America's private banking office in San Francisco because she and her husband can afford to employ a full-time baby sitter to care for their 20-month-old daughter, Katie, at their suburban Burlingame home.

Such private care is a luxury only 6 percent of working mothers with pre-schoolers can afford. Others must turn to relatives or group day care, which is more easily available and affordable.

"The strong support system I have remains in place and is probably the single biggest reason it all works," Wallis wrote this fall. "All the burden is not on me."

She has an understanding boss, supportive husband and nearby parents willing to help out in a pinch. When moved to spend an afternoon alone or a day shopping with friends, it can be arranged. But far more often, Wallis spends her spare time with Katie.

"We've reordered the priorities in our life," writes Wallis, 38, who delayed childbirth while pursuing travel, career and other personal goals. "I've dropped a lot of volunteer activities so that basically when I'm not at work, I'm home with the baby."

Parenthood suits Wallis and her husband, Richard Blue, so well they've begun considering a second child, though her hot curlers likely will remain cold and dinners out might be even less frequent.

"This is already a finely tuned balancing act," says Wallis. "And one child is relatively easy. From what I understand, two is three times more work. It would be a lot more difficult, but family is important. And after all, who really cares whether you have linen or paper napkins at the dinner table?"

MONEY MATTERS
"Arianna brings much joy to the house ... (but) a few things bother me, such as dirty clothes, dirty dishes, dirty house and cooking I'm unable to do," Cynthia Sartini writes one April day.

Sartini, 38, a nurse at Charity Hos-

pital in New Orleans, is a stoic Cajun woman with no time and little tolerance for self-pity.

At 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve 1990 she writes: "Home from work at last. Time to put turkey in oven. ... Lemon pies, pecan pies, cake, jam-balaya still have to be done." At 5 p.m., "Dad calls. Needs present for Mom before shopping center closes. No dinner for me and not much time for Arianna."

A few weeks later, she writes, "At times, I realize now that I had it good before baby was born. I didn't

have to look for a baby sitter when I needed my hair done. My husband and I could go off to a dinner date anytime."

Part of her occasional disappointment, Sartini realizes, is rooted in unrealistic expectations. She had Arianna at about the same time daytime talk-show host Kathie Lee Gifford had her son.

"I watched her, just as perky and smiling as could be, and I just couldn't figure out how she was able to have a small child and still look so together and energetic when

I was about exhausted," Sartini says.

Finally, it dawned on her: Kathie Lee has full-time household help, where Sartini's is basically a one-woman show. Getting dinner on the table requires a battle plan. Getting to work weekends means arranging day care. Getting to the hairdresser "is like passing an act of Congress."

Money matters. On a \$35,000-a-year budget, Sartini is among millions of women who have weighed their priorities and found the only thing more precious is time.

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In troubled times, we can still give thanks

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. So let us pause for a moment today and make a mental note of all those blessings for which we can be thankful.

How is your health? You have a few minor complaints? Well, thank God they're not major. If you're reading this — you're still here. You can probably think of at least one person who isn't around this year. (I know I can.)

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, read the newspaper with two good eyes (or even one) — praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't. (Say a prayer for those who have perished — from natural causes, fire, flood, earthquake or war.)

How's your pocketbook? Thin? You're not alone. But many people in much of the world are a lot poorer and have far less hope than we have in America.

Are you lonely? Well, the way to have a friend is to reach out to someone and try to be a friend. If nobody calls you, call someone. Go out of your way today to do something nice for another person. It's a sure cure for the blues.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

den, but it is far from a patch of weeds.

Freedom rings! Look and listen. We can worship in the church of your choice (or not worship at all if that's your choice), cast a secret ballot and even criticize our government without fear of retribution. And for the first time, we are living in a unipolar world free from the threat of impending nuclear disaster.

As a final thought I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer. Perhaps you will want to use it at your table tomorrow — let one of the children read it:

"O, heavenly father, we thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

"We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

"We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

"We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

"May these remembrances stir us to service,

"That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen."

May the spirit of Thanksgiving be shared by one and all! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours. — Love, Abby

P.S. Why not invite a friend who lives alone to share a Thanksgiving meal — or better yet, call and say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get home." Try it, and let me know how your day was.

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Food



These leftovers come together for a melting pot of flavors. Pictured clockwise: turkey Waldorf salad, day after turkey divan, turkey curry favors, refreshing relish assortment of dilled carrot sticks, broccoli and cauliflower antipasto and parmesan cheese straws.

And what does one do the day after Thanksgiving? Try these recipes for turkey leftovers

TURKEY WALDORF SALAD
The classic Waldorf salad goes from a side salad to an entree when enriched with turkey leftover from the Thanksgiving bird. Serve the salad nestled into a red cabbage leaf for extra flair.

- 3 Red Delicious apples, cored and cut into 1/2-inch chunks
 - 3 Granny Smith apples, cored and cut into 1/2-inch chunks
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 - 4 stalks celery, diced
 - 3/4 cup chopped pitted dates
 - 3 cups leftover roast turkey, cubed
 - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped
 - 3/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
 - salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1. Toss apple chunks with lemon juice in mixing bowl.
 - Mix in celery, dates and turkey.
 2. In separate small bowl, gently fold together mayonnaise and whipped cream. Blend into salad ingredients until well combined. Fold in walnuts and season salad to taste with salt and pepper.
 3. Cover salad. Refrigerate until serving time. Serve in large bowl. Serves 8.

DAY AFTER TURKEY DIVAN
This recipe is an updated version of two old favorites — turkey tetrazzini and turkey divan. It is so delicious that you may find yourself cooking a turkey just for this dish rather than waiting for the leftovers.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 bunch green onions, trimmed and minced
 - 5 cloves garlic, minced
 - 24 sun-dried tomatoes, packed in oil, drained and cut into slivers
 - 12 ounces vermicelli pasta
 - 1 large bunch broccoli, tender stalks and flowerets cooked until just barely tender
 - 4 cups leftover roast turkey, cut into coarse chunks
 - 3/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
 - 5 eggs
 - 2 1/2 cups half-and-half
 - 1 tablespoon dried tarragon
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly oil very large, shallow casserole or lasagna pan.
 2. Heat oil over medium-high heat in heavy skillet. Sauté green onions and garlic until soft, 3-4 minutes. Add sun-dried tomatoes and cook a minute more.
 3. Cook vermicelli in boiling salted water until al dente; drain.
 4. Mix sautéed vegetables with drained pasta in large bowl. Mix in broccoli, turkey and blue cheese.
 5. Whisk together eggs and half-and-half until well blended. Season with tarragon, salt and pepper. Pour over pasta mixture, mixing well.

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Turn into prepared pan and sprinkle bread crumbs over top. Bake until lightly crusted and bubbling, 40 to 45 minutes. Serves 8 to 10.

TURKEY CURRY FAVORS
These tasty bite-size morsels make innovative use of leftover roast turkey and are certain to win favor with family and friends. Serve as an hors-d'oeuvre, or pair with a side of sliced autumn fruits for a lovely luncheon.

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 - 3 cups finely chopped leftover roast turkey meat
 - 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
 - 3 scallions, trimmed and finely minced
 - 2 teaspoons grated lime zest
 - 1/2 cup thick mango chutney, finely chopped
 - 2 teaspoons best-quality curry powder
 - 1 teaspoon ground ginger
 - salt to taste
 - 1 cup slivered almonds, lightly toasted
 - 1 cup shredded coconut, lightly toasted
1. Place toasted almonds and coconut in food processor fitted with metal blade; process until finely chopped. Place in shallow dish such as pie plate; reserve.
 2. Place turkey chunks in food processor fitted with metal blade. Process until minced. Add remaining ingredients except almonds and coconut. Process until almost smooth, using on/off motion.
 3. Using your hands, roll turkey mixture into balls about 1 inch in diameter and then roll each ball in almond coconut mixture to coat. Place on flat tray, cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Makes 48 1-inch favors.

REFRESHING RELISH ASSORTMENT
This traditional Thanksgiving relish tray of celery sticks, carrot sticks and olives takes on fresh new life in this pretty and pleasing assortment. All three parts can be prepared a few days in advance and make healthful nibbling throughout the holiday weekend.

- DILLED CARROT STICKS**
- 1 pound carrots, peeled
 - 2 1/2 cups white wine vinegar
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 2 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced
 - 1 teaspoon whole mustard seeds
 - 1 teaspoon celery seeds
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
 - 3 tablespoons fresh minced dill salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1. Cut carrots into thin sticks about 3 inches long. Bring large pot of water to boil and blanch carrot sticks until just barely tender, about 3 minutes. Drain.
 2. Combine vinegar, sugar and all seasonings. Pour over hot carrots. Toss carrots with marinade frequently and let cool to room temperature. (Pack carrots with marinade upright in wide-mouth mason jar.)

Refrigerate at least 24 hours before serving. To serve, drain from marinade and arrange on relish tray.

BROCCOLI AND CAULIFLOWER ANTIPASTO

- 1 head cauliflower, broken into bite-sized flowerets
 - 1 large bunch broccoli, trimmed and broken into bite-sized flowerets
 - 1 jar (4 ounces) diced pimiento, drained
 - 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pitted black or green olives
 - 1/2 cup white wine vinegar
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 2 shallots, minced
 - 1 tablespoon dried oregano
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 - 2 teaspoons sugar
 - 1 cup olive oil
1. Blanch cauliflower and broccoli flowerets in boiling water until tender-crisp, 4 or 5 minutes each. Drain well. Mix vegetables together in large bowl. Toss with pimiento and olives.
 2. Place all remaining ingredients in medium saucepan. Bring to boil and cook for 2 minutes. Pour hot dressing over vegetables, tossing well. Cool to room temperature and then marinate in refrigerator for at least 24 hours before serving. Serve as part of relish tray.

PARMESAN CHEESE STRAWS

- 1 round loaf dense white peas ant-type bread
 - 1/2 cup olive oil
 - 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1. Cut 4 1/2-inch thick slices from loaf of bread. Reserve rest of loaf for another use. Trim crusts away from slices and then cut bread into 3 inch by 1/2 inch-wide strips.
 2. Place olive oil and cheese in separate shallow dishes. Line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
 3. Working with one strip of bread at a time, brush strips lightly with oil. Roll in Parmesan cheese, coating them and transfer to prepared baking sheet as they are coated. Bake strips until crisp, 7 to 10 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature as savory accompaniment to relish tray vegetables.

Preparing fresh pork in microwave oven calls for special cooking techniques

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor Better Homes and Gardens Magazine For AP Special Features

Because microwaves can heat food unevenly, fresh pork is one meat that calls for special techniques. Fast, flavorful and safe microwave-cooked pork depends on choosing the right cuts and using those special microwave cooking techniques.

Choosing the right cut:
— The best types of pork to cook in the microwave are small cuts, such as chops, spareribs or loin back ribs, cubes, ground pork, sausage, Canadian bacon and strips of bacon.
— Large pieces of pork such as loin roasts (over 3 pounds) and cuts that are usually broiled should be cooked in a conventional oven to cook more evenly.
— When you grocery shop, choose pieces of meat that are even in shape, size and thickness.

Preparing pork for the microwave:
— Using a sharp knife, trim off any excess fat from the meat before cooking in the microwave. This is important because fat attracts microwaves and the fat near the fat may overcook.
— To make uneven meat cuts more uniform, trim off thick areas of the meat or tuck under the thin portions.

— Turn over bone-in meats (chops, small roasts, ribs) during cooking in the microwave because the bones shield the meat from microwaves, preventing the meat from cooking. Without turning, the meat can cook unevenly.

— Cover pork for even cooking. Always cover pork with plastic wrap or a lid so that steam surrounds it, allowing even cooking to the well-done stage. (Although a tight cover is essential for proper cooking of pork, plastic wrap that is too tight will trap steam that may make the wrap explode. To prevent this, vent the plastic wrap by turning back a small portion at one corner.)
— For less than 5 minutes of cooking, cover high-fat pork such as bacon with microwave-safe paper towels to absorb grease. For more than 5 minutes cooking, use a dish that can withstand the high temperature of the fat, to avoid cracking or melting the dish. Replace the fat-soaked paper towel halfway through cooking.

Choosing a power level:
— When cooking most types of fresh pork in your microwave oven, use 50 percent power (medium) or 30 percent power (medium-low). This slow cooking allows the heat to penetrate evenly to the center.
— High power can work well for ground pork, bacon, sausages and slices of ham.

Judging when pork is cooked:
— One way to determine when pork (especially chops) is done is by cutting into the meat, particularly near any bones. There should be no pink remaining and the meat should be tender.

— To prevent meat from overcooking, turn over large cuts, rearrange pieces, or stir mixtures occasionally.
— If thinner portions of meat finish cooking before the rest, shield them with small pieces of foil so they don't overcook. (Check your

owner's manual first to see whether you can use foil in your microwave oven.)

— When you check the meat for doneness, you may find liquid accumulating in the dish. These juices will increase the cooking time, so spoon them off occasionally.

Cooking directions for popular cuts:

— To cook ground pork: Crumble 1 pound meat into a microwave-safe casserole. Cover and cook on 100 percent power (high) for 6 to 8 minutes.

— To cook bacon: Place bacon strips on a rack or paper plate and cover with microwave-safe paper towels. Cook on 100 percent power (high) until done, allowing 1 1/2 to 2 minutes for two slices, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 minutes for four slices and 4 to 5 minutes for six slices.

— To cook pork loin chops: Arrange two chops (1 1/2 pounds) in a microwave-safe baking dish; cover with vented plastic wrap. Cook on 30 percent power (medium-low) for 20 to 22 minutes. After 10 minutes, rotate the dish and turn the chops over.

— To cook pork spareribs: Place 3 pounds rib portions and 1 cup water in a microwave-safe baking dish. Cover with a lid or vented plastic wrap. Cook on 50 percent (medium) for 40 minutes. Rearrange once during cooking. Drain. Add sauce and heat through.

— To cook pork cubes: Cut 1 pound meat into 3/4-inch cubes. Place in a 1 1/2-quart microwave-safe casserole. Cover and cook on 50 percent power (medium) for 25 to 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes.

Traditional pecan pie - with a chocolate twist

By The Associated Press

Top off your traditional turkey and stuffing Thanksgiving feast with a chocolate twist on a classic dessert.

Fudge Pecan Pie blends the deep, dark flavor of cocoa with the full-bodied flavor of crunchy pecans. It is prepared in advance and garnished with sweet whipped cream and pecans.

- Fudge Pecan Pie**
- One 9-inch unbaked pastry shell
 - 1-3rd cup butter or margarine
 - 2-3rds cup sugar
 - 1-3rd cup cocoa
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 cup light corn syrup
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - Sweetened Whipped Cream (recipe follows)
 - Pecan halves (optional, for garnish)
- Prepare pastry shell; set aside. Heat oven to 375 degree F. In medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter; add sugar and cocoa, stirring until well blended. Remove from heat; set aside.

In medium bowl, beat eggs slightly. Stir in corn syrup and salt. Add cocoa mixture; blend well. Stir in chopped pecans. Pour into an unbaked pastry shell. Bake in a 375-degree F oven 45 to 50 minutes or until set. Cool. Cover; let stand about 8 hours before serving. Garnish with Sweet Whipped Cream and pecan halves, if desired. Makes about 8 servings.

Sweetened Whipped Cream
In a small mixer bowl, stir together 1/2 cup cold whipping cream, 1 tablespoon powdered sugar and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract; beat until stiff. Makes about 1 cup topping.



This traditional pecan pie has a new twist. It's made with cocoa. The pie is garnished with sweetened whipped cream and pecans.

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Year of excavation unearths hoard of history at Giza Plateau

By MIMI MANN
Associated Press Writer

GIZA PLATEAU, Egypt (AP) — A year of digging at one of the world's great archaeological sites has given Egyptologists a much broader view of life, and death, in the age of the pyramids.

Years of questions about how much of that world was left have been replaced by so many relics, so many pieces of the pyramid puzzle, that archaeologists are hard put to keep up.

Cheops, who built his Great Pyramid on Giza Plateau 4,600 years ago, is no longer among ancient Egypt's most mysterious figures, nor are the workers who lived and died in the shadow of his monument.

"It's one surprise after the other," said Zahi Hawass, who is in charge

of the pyramids area and the Sphinx. "Each find has been a shock."

Here are some of them:
• A vast city of 200,000 workers, earliest and largest of its kind, that stretched two miles from the base of the Sphinx. Archaeologists have found parts of houses, furniture, even seeds of garden plants.

• A cemetery for foremen, workers and their families. One hundred tombs have been unearthed so far, 10 of them under small pyramids. They contain statues, bits of offerings and tablets inscribed to illustrate the owner's work. The many skeletons with bent spines tell experts the work was indeed harsh.

• A business area from what Hawass believes was a workers' village. It is next to the cemetery and may be part of a complex including a residential area, businesses and a burial ground. Finds range from

bread molds to discarded food. Each of the three excavations is helping rewrite whole chapters about the Old Kingdom, a 441-year period ending in 2134 B.C., whose Pharaohs dotted the desert heights along the Nile Valley with their pyramids.

Many royal relics appear to have been destroyed during a popular uprising 400 years after the death of Cheops in 2528.

Over ensuing centuries, tons of sand buried the cemetery and business center in a basin three miles from the Sphinx. The remains of the entire ancient city sprawl beneath Nazlett el-Sammen, a modern tourist village at the statue's feet.

Hawass said experts can picture for the first time how the landscape appeared just after the Great Pyramid was built.

That event ushered in a period of

70 years when Giza Plateau hummed with construction, first of Cheops' monuments, then those of his son Chephren, and finally of the pyramids and temples built by his grandson Mycerinus.

"All the monuments are in place," Hawass said. "We know the route of a great causeway that led from the pyramid to Cheops' Valley Temple, 810 meters away. We know where the city was, where the harbor was. We know where the king's palace and great royal farms should be."

Because of the year's digs, Egyptologists know the meaning of a massive wall that had stumped them for years: It separated the divine realm of the Pharaohs from the everyday world of the workers, now being excavated.

The harvest of information includes the physical characteristics and medical histories of workers, what they ate and drank, how they

lived and were buried. "Ancient Egyptians loved to have fun, entertain, drink beer and wine, sit in gardens," Hawass said.

"We knew this from tomb paintings, but now we know it because of our excavations. We've found head-rests for their beds. We're looking in detail at their diet. We found the skull of a man who died after brain cancer surgery, the first one on record."

Occasional finds in Giza's sands have tantalized archaeologists for generations: a worker's tool, pottery shards, bits of the processional causeway over which Cheops' body was carried to his pyramid.

Then, in the late summer of 1990, an accidental discovery led excavators to a long-buried cemetery for the Pharaonic middle class.

At about the same time, work began on trenches for a U.S.-financed sewage project in the tourist village. Artifacts surfaced

everywhere the dirt flew, and the Persian Gulf crisis allowed archaeological teams to work without fanfare.

Mark Lehner of the University of Chicago Oriental Institute is co-director with Hawass of excavations at the workers' village. It is surprisingly similar to Deir el-Medina, a village for workers who dug and decorated royal tombs 1,000 years later in the Valleys of the Kings and Queens opposite modern Luxor in southern Egypt.

Lehner said the Giza workmen's area tells the story of the pyramid age.

"Workers came here to build the monuments and stayed during the ages when the cult of Cheops existed," he said, but after a few centuries, "there were only a few priests to carry on the rituals."

"There was no work, no reason for people to stay. The area disappeared beneath the sand."



(National Geographic Society)

Alert to intruders, an American wild turkey cautiously makes its way across a clearing. Despite their size, the turkeys are elusive prey for the estimated 1 million hunters who stalk them in the United States. The nation's turkey population has risen from near zero 50 years ago to more than 4 million today.

Wild turkeys make dramatic comeback

By PAT DURKIN
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For AP Special Features

MATHIAS, W.Va. — Startled by an approaching truck, two wild turkeys, the flying boxcars of the bird world, flap noisily out of a roadside tree along an unpaved mountain road.

The large birds, smaller and more slender than domestic turkeys, fly awkwardly into the oak woods on the other side of the road. They disappear into the Appalachian foliage.

Millions of Americans will sit down to Thanksgiving dinners featuring turkeys that were raised in houses on farms. Comparatively few will dine on the wild tree-roosting variety.

Its wariness makes the only native big-game bird in the United States extremely difficult to shoot. But the lure of a big tom for the holiday table encourages thousands more hunters each year to test their skills.

Nowadays, about 1 million Americans hunt turkeys, 70 times more than five years ago, according to the National Wild Turkey Federation in Edgefield, S.C.

About 50 years ago, the American wild turkey was nearly extinct, a victim of expanding farms and a disease contracted from domestic birds. Now every state except Alaska (it's too cold) has a breeding population. Every state except Alaska and Hawaii has an annual hunting season, usually during spring mating time. Some states have two or even three such seasons a year.

This is a result of game-management programs that involve, among other things, relocating breeding-age turkeys and clearing pockets in forests to give new flocks the grassy areas they require. Some game man-

agers even provide water and plant shrubs that turkeys like.

Because of such solicitous treatment, the turkey population in the United States has skyrocketed to more than 4 million, more than when European settlers arrived, according to the federation.

It's an expensive effort. Establishing just one bird in a new area costs about \$500, the federation estimates. But state governments have found that the investment pays off. Once a breeding population is established, flocks can double in as little as two years.

"It's been a phenomenal success story," says James Earl Kennamer, research director for the federation's extensive restoration effort. "All across this country, we've created acres and acres of ideal turkey habitat — better than any that ever occurred naturally."

By the year 2000, the federation hopes to stock turkeys on every acre of suitable land across the country. This will require 20,000 relocations at a cost of at least \$10 million, the organization estimates.

"It's a lot of money, but we'll all help raise it," says Dempsey White, a cotton and soybean farmer from Natchez, Miss., who is the champion U.S. turkey caller. "Turkey hunters are a compulsive lot."

Like most other states, West Virginia has discovered that there's money to be made on wild turkeys. The mountainous, economically troubled state aggressively cultivates turkeys in remote areas.

"We see them all the time now," Howard H. Lewis, owner of a hunting store in Wardensville, W.Va., tells National Geographic. "But turkeys won't let you sneak up on them. They see and hear everything."

To cash in on the increased interest, Lewis now stocks supplies for turkey hunters, including turkey callers and practice targets with the bull's eye centered on the turkey's neck. "Turkey-related sales now make up 10 percent of my revenue," he says.

A little well-placed publicity can attract turkey hunters, who spend between \$114 and \$705 a year on their pleasure, the federation estimates. In West Virginia, turkey hunters spend about \$6 million during the spring, fall and winter hunting seasons.

The bigger and more plentiful the birds, the busier the cash register. Pennsylvania, with its rapidly growing turkey flocks, takes in about \$40 million annually.

Illinois found that its typical turkey hunter is a 40-year-old man who lives in a small town or rural area and earns about \$30,000 a year.

West Virginia's turkeys are some of the biggest on record, the result of 15 years of intensive management. Last season at Lewis' store, hunters registered at least a half-dozen toms weighing more than 25 pounds. The average wild turkey weighs 12 to 18 pounds.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see bigger ones this year," says Lewis, who keeps a photo gallery of turkey hunters with their prizes in the front of his store.

A successful turkey hunter, says Dempsey White, must be a consummate woodsman and a serious student of the bird. He must learn to camouflage himself completely and master turkey calling, then sit absolutely still for hours.

"It's not unusual to take four or five seasons to get the first turkey," says White.

Egypt assembles experts to help save Sphinx

By MIMI MANN
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt is summoning experts from around the world to help save the Sphinx, the crumbling symbol of the land of the Pharaohs.

At a conference early next year, they will have access to a host of data on possible sources of the decay, much of it gathered by U.S.-made instruments that have monitored the statue for more than a year.

Egyptian officials have done major conservation work for two years on the majestic, mysterious half-man, half-beast poised at the foot of Giza, the plateau of pyramids.

Crumbling blocks have been replaced by strong rock, concrete binding by natural mortar. Artists are resculpting the Sphinx to restore its original look.

Ibrahim Bakr, chairman of Egyptian antiquities, said the conference is not meant "to bring people together to tell us what a great job we've been doing."

"We want them to look at the steps we've taken, look at the data and give us suggestions on how to improve our work and what to do to save the Sphinx," he said in an interview.

"The Sphinx is the symbol of Egypt. We want Egypt and the whole world to get together to save it."

Mark Lehner of the University of Chicago Oriental Institute, a leading authority on the Sphinx, said the experts will "be able to see all the work the Egyptians have done, and they'll be able to see everything we've done."

"We'll all be in one place," he said, "and we'll be able to go down to the Sphinx to observe issues right on the spot."

The Sphinx's condition has been argued and reargued since a boulder fell from its shoulder in February 1988. Worry in the Culture Ministry that the Sphinx, or at least its head,

was about to fall cost Ahmed Kadry his job as antiquities chairman.

That the Sphinx is crumbling is not in dispute, but scientists have yet to determine the cause. Work done since the boulder fell has been largely stopgap, made more difficult by the flaky limestone that forms portions of the statue.

Even in antiquity, the Sphinx was endangered. Its first conservators worked for the Pharaohs.

For much of its 4,600-year history, the statue was protected by being buried in desert sand. The last major Sphinx excavation, in 1923-36, exposed its full body to the pollution and vibrations of the modern world.

Culture Minister Farouk Hosni said in announcing the three-day conference, scheduled to begin Feb. 29, that the chairman will be Ranier Stadelmann, director of the German Archaeological Institute in Cairo.

Delegates will study the effects on the Sphinx of pollution and temperature changes. They will evaluate what rainfall does to the rock, where and how the water flows, and the effects of sewage and other under-

ground water, wind and sand erosion, even the sun's rays.

Some of the information has been produced by an environmental station designed by the J. Paul Getty Conservation Institute of Marina del Rey, Calif., that has sat on the Sphinx's back since April 1990. The Egyptian weather service also has instruments surveying the Sphinx.

Some experts will bring their own data. In the 1980s, Lehner created maps of the statue that show the condition of each rock. UNESCO, the U.N. scientific and cultural agency, will provide information on the condition of the head and neck.

European conservation experts will be asked for their experiences in saving monuments with similar problems, said Zahi Hawass, who is in charge of the pyramids area. He said at least 10 foreign and 20 Egyptian experts will be invited.

"These will include archaeologists and Egyptologists, geologists and conservation experts," he said. "We'll sit down and work together to try to find answers. We've never had real data before."

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'Day of infamy' transforms presidents, performers, players

By ROBERT DVORCHAK
AP National Writer

Oscar-winning actor Jimmy Stewart was an Army corporal on a three-day pass. Author Alex Haley was washing lunch dishes in a Coast Guard ship's galley. George Bush, soon to be piloting warplanes from a Navy carrier, was in prep school.

Hungarian-born physicist Edward Teller, already working on an atomic bomb, was about to get much busier. Pitcher Bob Feller traded his Cleveland Indians uniform for a military one.

And evangelist Billy Graham, a part-time pastor, hurriedly rewrote his Sunday evening sermon to talk of peace in a time of world war.

Dec. 7, 1941, is a date that indeed lives in infamy, a defining moment for a generation of Americans.

"It's almost like it happened yesterday," said Stewart, the first major movie star to don a uniform. "Pearl Harbor changed my whole life."

Stewart had been drafted seven months earlier as a private earning \$21 a month — \$11,979 less than he earned from his movie studio. He was on leave in San Francisco when he was ordered to return for duty.

Because he had pilot's experience as a civilian, he was commissioned an officer and later flew 20 combat missions over Germany in a B-24 Liberator, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross. By war's end, he was a colonel.

"Roots" author Alex Haley had begun a 20-year Coast Guard career in 1939 and was washing dishes aboard the USS Pamlico off New Bern, N.C., when a seaman brought the news.

"I simply couldn't comprehend that those people from that island could attack the United States," Haley said. "Pearl Harbor unified the country instantly. All differences of opinion were set aside. It became us — us against them."

Edward Teller, a lecturer at Columbia University, was driving to Leonia, N.J., to lunch with fellow atomic physicist Enrico Fermi. The Germans had split the atom three years earlier, and Teller was occupied with what became the Manhattan Project and the atomic bombs



These four Americans each recall their activities on Dec. 7, 1941. Shown clockwise from left: Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, was a seaman in the Coast Guard; singer Lena Horne was in Hollywood; Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, a 17-year-old at home in Honolulu; and President George Bush, at age 17, was at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass.

that forced Japan's surrender. "The country changed overnight," said Teller, who later developed the hydrogen bomb. "Pearl Harbor didn't affect me because we were already working on the project. From that time on, I had to argue about it less. The attitudes surrounding it changed."

George Bush was at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. "My reaction was one of shock and almost disbelief, and then I

guess that was followed by the typical American reaction that we had better do something about all of this," he wrote in a 1981 letter.

On June 24, 1942, his 18th birthday, Bush joined the Navy and put off entering Yale University. At one time the youngest pilot in the Navy, he was shot down and won the Distinguished Flying Cross.

(He called it the "unforgettable Sunday." But in a 1988 campaign blunder, he referred to

Sept. 7 as Pearl Harbor Day.) At boarding school in Charleston, S.C., Barbara Pierce — Bush's future wife — remembered sailors filling the streets after the news flashed.

"We all felt scared for our brothers and friends," she said. "It was a different world from that day on."

The year had been magic for the boys of summer. Ted Williams batted .406, a feat no one has topped since. Joe DiMaggio hit in 56 straight games. And fireballer Bob Feller, at 22, was 25-13 with an American League-leading 260 strikeouts.

Feller was driving to Chicago from the home he had built for his parents in Van Meter, Iowa. Because his father had terminal brain cancer, Feller was exempt from the draft, but he voluntarily joined the Navy on Dec. 9.

"I didn't have to think about it too long. There were other things going on in the world that were a little more important than being a ballplayer," he said.

Prayer had special meaning that day for Billy Graham, a student at Wheaton College in Illinois and part-time pastor at tiny United Gospel Tabernacle.

"I had no idea where Pearl Harbor was," he said. "When it was explained to me, I found it impossible to describe all that ran through my mind as I thought of the fact that the United States was now engaged in this gigantic world war."

"That night, I changed my text and preached on peace. I remember the little outline I used: peace with God, peace from God, and the peace of God."

Lindy Boggs' husband, Hale, was the youngest congressman in Washington, D.C. The couple, with two children bundled up against the December chill, listened to radio reports as they drove past the Japanese Embassy and the White House.

"The order came to douse the lights in the Capitol Building because no one was quite sure what was going to happen. It was a very dramatic moment," said Mrs. Boggs, 75, who served nine terms in Congress after her husband died.

"It was a time to pull together. Everybody felt compelled to do his or her part," she said.

Researchers probing PMS' effects on brain activity

ATLANTA (AP) — Diagnosing premenstrual syndrome is pretty much a matter of listening to a woman describe her suffering, but speculation that PMS affects brain activity has led to a study that could give doctors a better understanding.

Using the latest generation of electroencephalography — EEG — technology, Emory University researchers will study 250 volunteers, sufferers and non-sufferers alike, over four years to document changes in brain wave activity and brain function during the menstrual cycle.

Previous research with several patients has found brain function similar to psychiatric depression during PMS.

"We're hoping we'll come up with a way of diagnosing PMS so we don't have to depend totally on what a woman says," said Dr. Ora Strickland, an Emory nursing professor and principal investigator in the study. "A biologically based approach to assessment and diagnosis of PMS is badly needed."

"We hope to determine whether

this approach can be used to clearly diagnose women who do — and do not — have PMS."

The study, funded by a \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, will be the first to use quantitative EEG, a sophisticated computerized approach, to analyze brain activity in PMS patients. The volunteers also will keep diaries.

The brain holds many clues to PMS research; what's not known is whether EEG technology will find them, said a leading PMS scientist.

"The brain is certainly one area we'd like to investigate," said Dr. C. James Chuong, director of the PMS program at the Baylor College of Medicine. "As far as what is the best method ... that's still an unanswered question."

Most PMS research focuses on hormones, which operate in the brain "but may or may not be seen through other testings, i.e., EEG," Chuong said.

Emory's pilot study involved several patients whose lives were disrupted by PMS; the large-scale study is attracting volunteers with similar stories to tell.

"I'm in academia, in medicine,"

said Susan Smith, a member of the Emory nursing faculty and a study participant. "For me, the biggest (PMS) problem is that I can't concentrate. I can't function the way I'm supposed to. ... You know it's not the way you normally are, but you can't do anything about it."

Smith recently was giving a lecture she had given numerous times before, and suddenly, "I couldn't remember where I was. It was terrifying."

Marna Burns, a graduate psychology student at Georgia Tech, signed up for the study to help further research into something she's battled for nearly three decades.

"I realized at 34, when I got into psychology ... that I've had this since I was 12 or 13," said Burns, now 40. "None of my gynecologists ever checked for this; I was just considered moody."

"You don't realize how bad the symptoms are," said Burns, who works with head-trauma patients. "I have mood changes like other folks coming in with 'real problems.'"

Burns finds that when she's suffering from PMS, she feels paranoia, her hand-eye coordination drops, and her thinking is muddled.

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Ghost town crumbles in New Mexico desert

By ROBERT BURNSON
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — The popular image of a ghost town includes a standard set of ingredients:

Two rows of buildings facing each other across a street strewn with tumbleweeds. An old general store. An old hotel. An old saloon with swinging doors. And often, the sound of a disengaged shutter flapping in the wind.

Don't you love Hollywood? As soon as archaeologist Don Clifton pulled off the dirt road in Chance City, a ghost town west of Deming, the popular image started to crumble.

"There it is," Clifton said, pointing to a hillside scattered with half a dozen unimpressive, crumbling stone buildings.

It was a sight only an archaeologist could love.

Aside from the ruined buildings, all you could see from the road were some old mines, a wooden loading ramp and, way up on a hill, a small cross.

The only sound was the beep of a metal detector being waved over the ground by an amateur treasure hunter.

"This is typical of a Western ghost town," Clifton said. "It's not like it is in the movies."

Like most ghost towns, Chance City is an abandoned mining town.

It got its start in the early 1880s when three prospectors — William Kent, William Hyters and J.C. Dougherty — discovered lead ore in the Victorio Mountains, according to "Ghost Towns and Mining Camps of New Mexico" by Barbara H. Sherman.

The prospectors staked a claim at what was to become the site of Chance City. Other miners flooded into the area.

And soon the Chance City mines were yielding modest deposits of gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc.

Newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst became one of the principal players when he and two associates bought and developed the Last Chance and Jessie mines.

At the height of activity, Chance City contained at least 18 buildings of stone, wood and adobe, Sherman's book said.

Judging from the ruins, most were small stone structures that served as living quarters for the miners. But there also were two saloons, a boarding house and a general store that doubled for one year as Chance City's one and only post office.

In all, the town's population probably never exceeded 100, Clifton said.

By the 1930s, the Chance City mines had yielded a modest \$500,000 worth of minerals, according to "New Mexico's Best Ghost Towns" by Philip Varney.

But that was it for Chance City.

After that, the mines petered out. The miners left. And Chance City became one of the more than 80 ghost towns that dot the New Mexico landscape.

Today, all that is left of Chance City are the walls of seven stone buildings, scattered garbage piles and treacherous mine shafts.

Usually when people think of ghost towns, they imagine wooden buildings. That's not the case with Chance City and most other desert ghost towns, Clifton said.

Wooden structures were built. But when the town died, the buildings were scavenged and much of

the wood was carted away. Some of the wooden buildings were likely moved to neighboring ranches and towns.

"You'd probably find some of the Chance City buildings in Deming," Clifton said.

Others simply got chopped up for firewood.

The surviving stone walls outline the remains of small cabins. In one, a metal fireplace flue survives. In another, a stone chimney stands.

The stone walls of one building are noticeably larger than the others — about 10 feet tall and enclosing several rooms. This was probably the post office and general store, Clifton said.

Next to every building is a patch of ground cluttered with old tin cans and purple fragments of broken glass. These were the miners' garbage piles.

"When they got through with something, they tossed it out the window or the door," Clifton said.

The garbage piles, sanitized by 60 years of sunshine, are full of interesting bits of history.

The purple glass, for instance, was never intended to be purple. Nineteenth century manufacturers added manganese to the mix when making glass. This made the glass clear, which is what people wanted.

But unknown to the glass makers, manganese turns purple with long exposure to ultraviolet light. Glass makers stopped using manganese in 1917.

The tin cans also are interesting. They are bulky, much heavier than modern tin and aluminum cans.

They also were designed differently. Instead of being vacuum-sealed, they were sealed through the traditional canning method. That required a vent hole to allow steam to escape from the can before it was sealed. The vent holes were sealed by hand with a "match spot weld," many of which are visible on old cans.

On some cans it is still possible to read the lettering stamped into the metal. One said, "25 Cents Baking Powder." Another proclaimed, "Cottolene Contains No Hog Fat."

The colors still showed on a few cans, including a Prince Albert tobacco tin.

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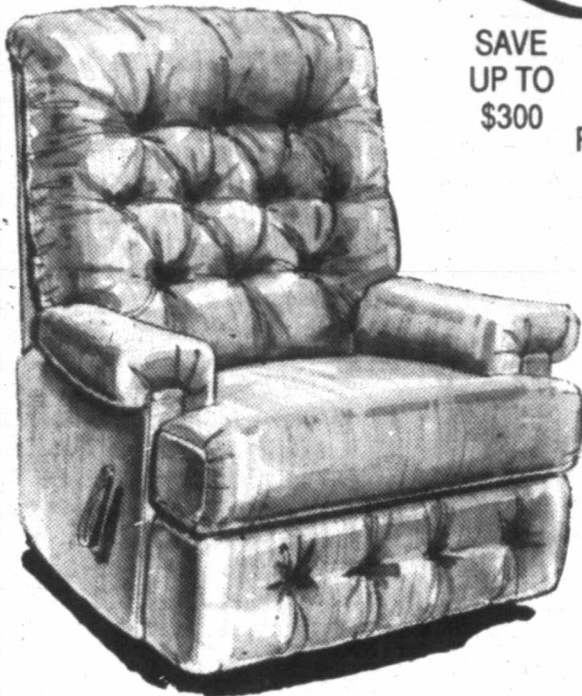
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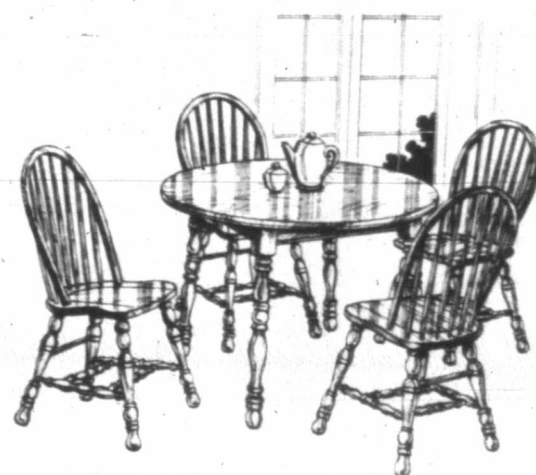
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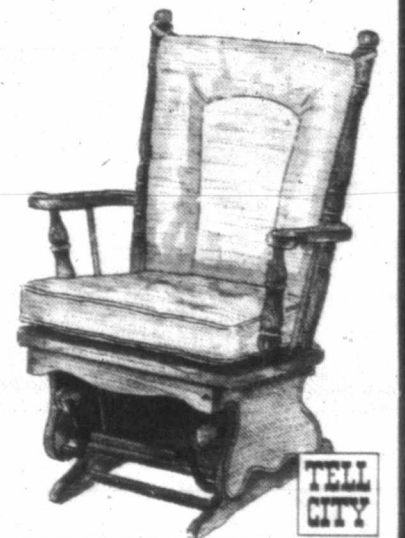


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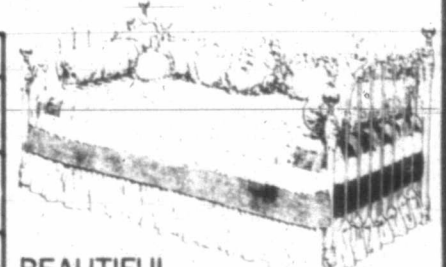


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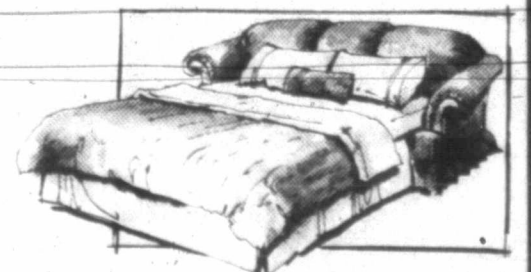
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Texas Governor Ann Richards poses in her office last month at the state capitol in Austin. Richards, elected last November, says she is happy with her job and has no ambitions for national office.

Another look:

Richards likes her job just fine, thank you

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — When the editors of American Photo magazine devoted an issue to pictures of 100 famous Americans, they chose Madonna, Cher, Norman Schwarzkopf — and Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

She's been profiled in Vogue magazine and on "60 Minutes." Glamour magazine named her a "Woman of the Year." A Democratic Party fund-raiser group even suggested she was presidential timber.

But as the first anniversary of her election comes and goes, Richards, 58, says she likes her job and the Governor's Mansion — even though she only lives in a "little apartment part" of it — and professes no national ambitions.

"I don't want to be vice president. I don't want to be president. And I don't want to run for it," Richards said. "I don't know of another job in the world that would equal being governor of Texas."

Ten months after taking office, the witty, white-haired, hard-working woman from Waco says she has no personal life — "which is OK" — and does a job that feels more like 10. But she's still having fun.

"The states are where it is today," Richards said. "It isn't in Washington. I think all those people kind of take leave of their senses

when they get inside the Beltway. It's unreal. Perfectly sane, nice people go up there and go nuts."

She has hosted visits from the queen of England and president of Mexico, appointed record numbers of minorities and women to state posts and reaped more national publicity than most first-year governors could imagine.

And Richards has worked hard for her successes, which include a state lottery, insurance reform, a new education funding bill, some streamlining of state agencies, creation of a new environmental department and formation of a state Ethics Commission.

"I got most of what I wanted, but I only got a little bit of each," she said. "I've learned to try to be patient and know that I'm not going to get it all the first time I ask."

All this just 15 years after Richards defeated a three-term incumbent to become a county commissioner, her first political victory. In 1982, she became state treasurer and the first woman to hold a statewide office in 50 years.

Her rise to political stardom dates to the 1988 Democratic National Convention, where she brought the house down with her Texas-style Bush barbecue.

"For eight straight years, George Bush hasn't displayed the slightest interest in anything we care about. And now that he's after a job he can't get appointed to, he's like Columbus discovering America. He's found child care. He's found education."

"Poor George," Richards said, grinning broadly. "He can't help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth."

She went on to win a bruising Democratic primary over six men, among them a former governor and the attorney general, and defeated

Republican oilman Clayton Williams last November. It was the most expensive gubernatorial election in Texas history, with candidates spending a total of more than \$50 million.

Her very high profile matters little, Richards insists, except as it benefits her state.

"All of the hype and the publicity stuff, you know the only value of that? It makes people think about us. And if it makes people think Texas is a good or interesting or profitable place to be, then that's great."

Not everyone thinks highly of Richards, however.

A recent Texas Poll showed Richards' approval rating at 49 percent, down from 61 percent when she took office. Those rating her performance as "only fair" or "poor" rose to 44 percent, up from 36 percent in August.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer said the numbers reflect public unhappiness with the \$2.7 billion tax increase Richards signed into law, rising unemployment and other economic problems.

"Texans are waking to the reality that Ann Richards' 'New Texas' meant new taxes and no new jobs," Meyer said.

The governor says she has her own gauge for achievement, and it's not an opinion poll.

"Have I done everything in this year that I wanted to do? No, I haven't," she said. "But I'm my own worst critic. I can tell you my failures and shortcomings. My greatest one is impatience. I always want things faster than they occur."

"The measure of what I do in the long run is going to be economical. Where is Texas when I've been here for a term? And if I've made a difference, then that's good."

Tubal ligation most popular birth control among married women

By ALEX DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Tubal ligation has become the world's most popular method of birth control among married women in developed and Third World countries, according to a Johns Hopkins University journal.

An estimated 138 million women have undergone the procedure, making it one of the fastest growing family planning methods, Population Reports said in its November issue. The number of women who have undergone tubal ligation has increased by 45 percent since 1984, an increase of 43 million, the report said.

"The major reason for the growth of voluntary female sterilization in developing countries is

expanding services," the report said. "When services become available, women use them and tell others about them."

Among developed countries, the procedure is most popular in the United States, where 7.5 million, or 23 percent, of married women of reproductive age have undergone the procedure, the journal said.

Pam Harper, of the New York-based Association for Voluntary Surgical Contraception, said the report was not surprising.

"There are many, many possible explanations, I don't think we know them all," Ms. Harper said. "Many times, women simply want to stop having children. Many people don't have a lot of choices of methods, or it's hard to get contraceptives."

The journal compiled data from surveys by governments and orga-

nizations worldwide. Contraceptive sales figures and other related data were also used to extrapolate the figures, said Ward Rinehart, editor of Population Reports.

Because of higher marriage rates in the Third World and China, voluntary female sterilization is also the most widely used method for women in general in those countries, the journal said. In the United States, birth control pills are slightly more popular, Rinehart said.

The procedure can be reversed in some cases, but it involves major surgery and because of that family planning counselors tell women to think of the procedure as permanent.

"If you look at the profile of use, they're older women, 35 and older for the most part," Rinehart said. "If you've decided you don't want any more children, it's safe

and there are no long-term side effects."

The report called on policymakers to assure that cost is not a barrier for women who want to become sterilized.

The procedure once required major surgery, but now can be done under local anesthesia in about 20 minutes.

The second most popular form of birth control among married women worldwide was found to be the intrauterine device, or IUD, primarily because of its use in China, Rinehart said.

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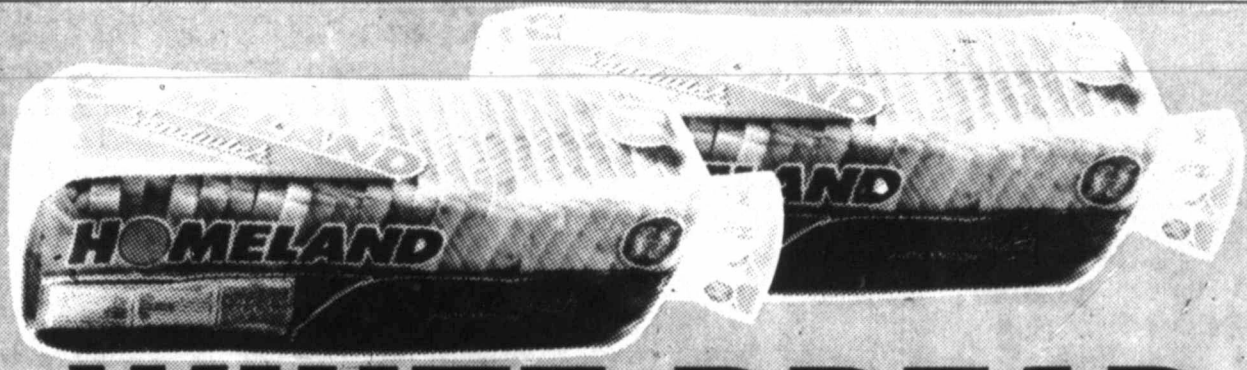
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 - 17 TV network
 - 18 Chemical suffix
 - 19 Vandal
 - 20 Store for future use
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WALNUT COVE

I guess I should put a dollar in the collection basket...

The Bible says we should be generous.

"Cast your bread upon the waters, and after many days it will come back to you."

But then, who wants a lot of soggy bread?

By Mark Cullum

ARLO & JANIS

NO SCHOOL FOR FOUR DAYS!

THAT'S LIKE FOREVER!!

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HE PUT AN AD IN THE PERSONALS PAGE THAT SAID 'NOT INTERESTED! DO NOT DISTURB!'

AUD HE GOT SWAMPED WITH REPLIES

WOMEN!

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Astro-Graph

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're making plans for your future today, think in big, bold, imaginative terms. Your chart indicates you could be lucky with things that are grand in scope.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A close friend who is very fond of you and is presently involved in a rewarding endeavor might make it possible for you to get into the act — if properly approached. Try today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Partnerships you enter into at this time could turn out to be mutually beneficial for those involved. If you can't do something important on your own, look for a teammate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A series of unusual events might precipitate a favorable development today where your career is concerned. It should be strong enough to overcome your early pessimism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not take foolhardy chances today, yet a calculated risk could be in order regarding something you have studied in detail. Have faith in your assumptions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Developments might not follow the course you originally charted today. However, there's a strong possibility they may turn out much better than you planned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be afraid to shoot from the hip when pressed to make decisions today. Things you ponder over could lack the originality and perception of your impulsive thoughts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Some ingenious measures can be taken today that could help improve your financial position. They are ideas you've conceived yourself, but are ones you've been too timid to implement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to make it a point today to associate with someone you know who has a reputation for being lucky. Some of this individual's good fortune might rub off on you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Plug into information that comes to you today from an extraordinary channel. It could be very meaningful, and you'll know how to use it to your advantage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This could be a good time for you to take on new endeavors, especially those you'll have a direct hand in promoting. Lady Luck is waiting for you to make your move.

MARVIN

SLURP! SLURP! SLURP!

UH, OH...

By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF THE GUM BEFORE EATING

"You've got to decide if you want to come in and take a nap or stay out and wait for Phil."

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

I WAS HERE FIRST!

By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP

WELL, MY LORDS? I AM WAITING FOR YOU TO MAKE THE HEAVENS SHAKE!

THE FORCES OF NATURE! I TOLD YOU THESE THAT TRICK RIGHT TWO WERE IMPOSTERS!

I TOLD YOU THESE THAT TRICK RIGHT TWO WERE IMPOSTERS!

IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOYS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THEIR MISSION, AVA!

I AGREE, DOCTOR! SHALL WE BRING THEM HOME?

YES, I THINK IT'S TIME!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TIME-MACHINE LAB...

By Dave Graue

SNAFU

"Whew! Our credit cards aren't going to get maxxed out this Christmas!"

By Bruce Beattie

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Grandma says she's bakin' cookies. Too bad this isn't a SMELL-EPHONE."

By Bill Keane

WINTHROP

MY MOM REALLY HATES MY DAD'S FLUR WINTER HAT.

SHE SAYS EITHER THAT STUPID FLUR HAT GOES, OR SHE DOES.

MY DAD'S BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR THREE DAYS.

By Dick Cavalli

CALVIN AND HOBBS

CALVIN, HOW DID YOU BREAK THIS DISH?!

I WAS CARRYING TOO MUCH AND IT DROPPED

YOUR PROBLEM IS YOU'VE GOT NO COMMON SENSE

I'VE GOT PLENTY OF COMMON SENSE!

I JUST CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT.

By Bill Watterson

THE BORN LOSER

I PRIDE MYSELF ON THE FACT MY FAMILY CAME OVER ON THE MAYFLOWER

HE'S TRACED HIS ROOTS BACK TO THE TITANIC!

By Art and Chip Sansom

FRANK AND ERNEST

HOLD EVERYTHING, BOYS, THE FOOTBALL TEAM DECIDED TO RELOCATE TO BABYLON!

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

YES, MA'AM... MY BINDER IS CAUGHT IN MY HAIR...

REALLY? THAT'S INTERESTING

NEVER IN ALL YOUR YEARS OF TEACHING, HUH?

By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD

WHY WAS I CREATED, GARFIELD?

WHAT IS MY PURPOSE IN LIFE?

SPOT? TO GIVE OTHERS HOPE?

By Jim Davis

16 months after deadly flood, grieving mother takes her life

*"The water is wide, I can't cross
 o'er,
 And neither have I wings to fly.
 Build me a boat that can carry
 two,
 And both shall go, my love and
 I."*

—Traditional

By RICH HARRIS
 Associated Press Writer

SHADYSIDE, Ohio (AP) — Friends say Janet Polivka began her slow walk toward death the night of June 14, 1990, in the torrents that uprooted utility poles, wrested homes from their foundations and flattened cars and trucks.

Twenty-six people died that night. Kerri Polivka, 12, was among them. Sixteen months later, on the very spot where her daughter's body was found, Janet Polivka committed suicide. In her home were some of Kerri's trinkets — toys, pictures, a teddy bear.

"She was struggling," said a friend, Kay Zacharias. "We all saw the struggle of trying to go on. But I don't think we understood the fullest implication of just how deep her struggles were."

On the night of the floods, massive thunderstorms dumped 5 1/2 inches of rain on the hills and valleys around this eastern Ohio village. The Pipe and Weege creeks — placid, ankle-deep streams that meander through the valleys south of Shadyside proper — rose steadily in the night.

The creeks were trapped behind

erected near where workers once sorted through the worst of the destruction. It is called "The Flood of Tears."

The flood destroyed more than homes and lives. The Colvins and the Polivkas, once friends and neighbors, no longer are close.

Amber's mother, Karen Colvin, said she was told her family was not welcomed at Mrs. Polivka's funeral. "It's hard to explain to Amber," she said. "I just told her the truth — that she's not welcome and couldn't go. I would have liked to have gone just to pay my respects, and I would have gone. It would have been hard for me, but I would have liked to have gone."

"It's cruel, is what it is. It just boils down to the fact that one child died and one child survived. I just hate to have the blame put on my family." The echoes of Shadyside's tragedy may never stop ringing in the Appalachian foothills.

"Naturally, events like this tend to dig up people's own feelings about what has happened," said Nancy Olexick, who works in the flood relief counseling center in Shadyside. "They'll deal with it as they have dealt with everything in the past — they'll either seek help or deal with it in their own private ways."

For ethical reasons, Ms. Olexick cannot talk about Mrs. Polivka's case. But she has seen the village struggle to come to terms with the flood, and has a feel for the mood of the community. She doesn't view Mrs. Polivka's death as a setback for Shadyside's recovery.

"I don't think so," she said. "The people who have experienced this — this is a part of their life, an integral part of their life. ... Different incidents throughout their lifetime will bring them back to recall what's happened to them and how it impacted them and how much strengthened they are from it."

"If you can get through this, you can get through anything," she said. None of her friends foresaw Mrs. Polivka's suicide. And even though investigators attribute her death to

an overdose of drugs, Mrs. Zacharias said she can't help feeling there is more to it than that. "God played a part in it," she said. "God took her home to be with her daughter. He knew that's where she wanted to be."

"People who lose a child can go home to their child's room, pick up their child's favorite toys, the mementos. You can find that first paper your child did at school, the baby shoes, the first tooth, the baby book. Janet had nothing. She lost it all in the flood."

— friend Kay Zacharias

help but be her friend," she said. The cleanup brought them close, and shared experiences brought them closer. Mrs. Zacharias' son is in the Navy, aboard the USS Saratoga. When the Haifa ferry capsized off the coast of Israel on Dec. 21, 1990, killing 23 sailors, Mrs. Zacharias waited for days to find out if her son had been killed. Mrs. Polivka waited with her, until the news came: He was safe. But Mrs. Polivka was not so lucky.

Mrs. Zacharias believes her friend's grief was amplified by



A memorial to the 26 people killed in a flash flood along the Weegee Creek in Shadyside, Ohio on June 14, 1990 stands where there was once raging water.

(AP Laserphoto)



Janet Polivka, right, whose only child died in the Shadyside, Ohio, flood in June 1990, attends the dedication of the flood memorial in November 1990. Sixteen months after the flood, on the very spot where her daughter's body was found, Janet Polivka committed suicide.

dams that formed when brush and debris carried down the hillsides lodged beneath bridges and driveway culverts. When the dams began to give way about 9 p.m., a wall of water tore through Shadyside's outskirts.

Kerri was playing with 9-year-old Amber Colvin. When the floodwaters came, the girls first sought refuge in a bathtub. But as the Colvins' mobile home began to disintegrate around them, they clambered out of the tub and were separated.

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— music teacher Ray Ponzo.

rated. The bathtub shattered, and a piece of the tub apparently struck Kerri, Amber has said.

Amber clung to debris as she was swept into the Ohio River. Several hours later, she was rescued.

Kerri was not; her body was found four days later.

"She was so wrapped up in this kid that I don't think she ever, ever really came out of it and ever was able to handle the heartbreak of that happening," Ray Ponzo, instrumental music teacher in the Shadyside schools, said of Mrs. Polivka.

Kerri Polivka — a friendly tomboy, a sixth-grader who made mostly A's and B's — had played drums in Ponzo's school band.

Ponzo and his wife waited for word with Mrs. Polivka and her husband, Frank. But when word came, Mrs. Polivka did not withdraw; like hundreds of others in the surrounding communities, she pitched in to help with the cleanup.

The damage almost defied description. The stench of decay and drying mud hung in the air. Personal belongings were scattered for miles. Perhaps, those around Mrs. Polivka hoped, work would ease the burden of her daughter's death.

"I can tell you this, I tried to keep Janet busy," said Greg Boyd, a leader of the recovery effort. "She helped out with planning and serving some meals, she went out and talked to people who lost their children. "She was a lot of help to me and the disaster recovery center as a whole. She was like an inspiration. I mean, holy cow, here's a lady who

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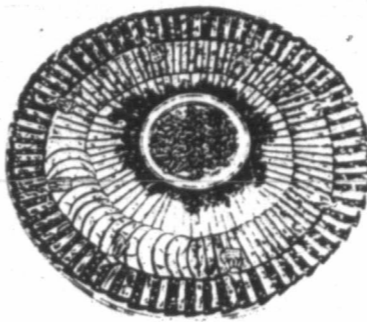
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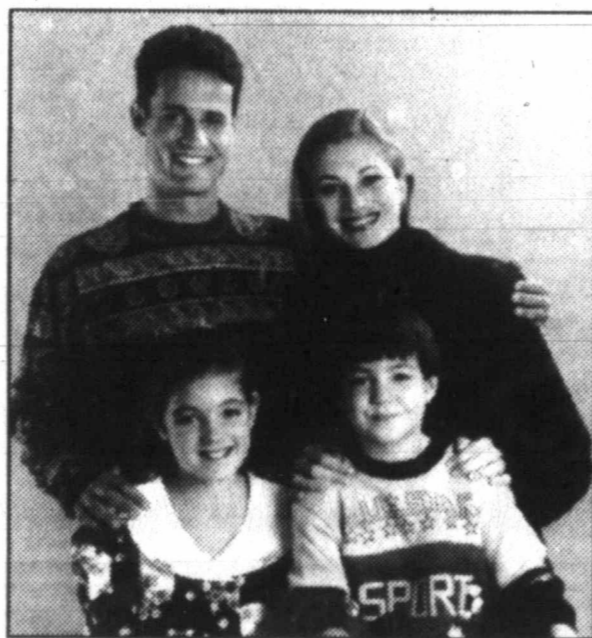
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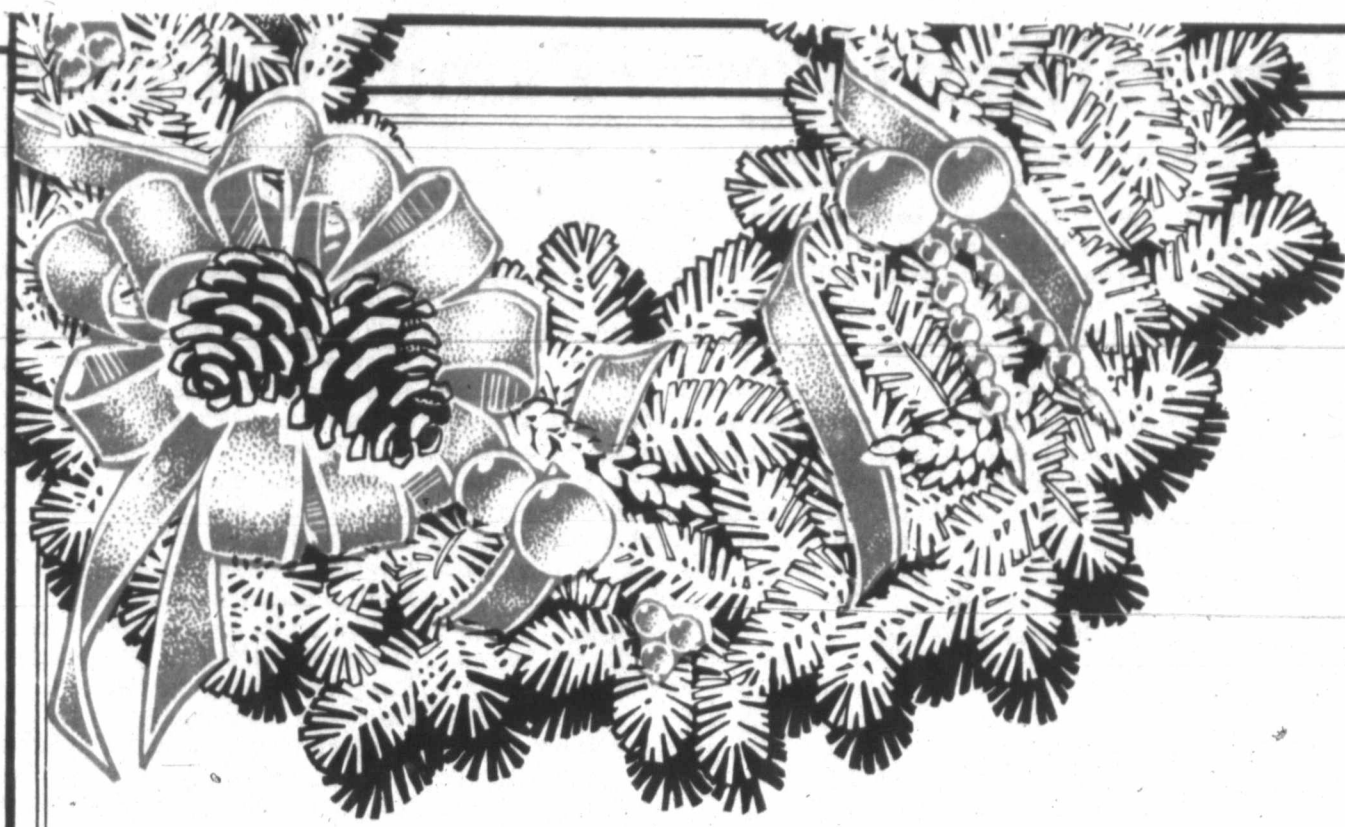
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The Pampa News

November 27, 1991



Lights, parade, crafts and sugarplum fairies to open Pampa holiday

By LARRY HOLLIS
Managing Editor

The annual Christmas Parade, Santa Claus, the Festival of Trees and Gift Boutique, thousands of sparkling lights, "Jolly Dollars," *The Nutcracker* ballet performance — these are among the many attractions awaiting to brighten the holiday season for residents and visitors to Pampa.

Pampa Parks Department crews have already been out helping to set up decorations and lights around the city.

Parks Department Director Reed Kirkpatrick said the crews have set up the tall artificial tree southeast of Coronado Inn on Hobart Street, along with the Nativity Scene south of the M.K. Brown Civic Center and Auditorium in Coronado Park. The tree and Nativity Scene will be lighted in conjunction with the opening of the Festival of Trees at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

In preparation for the official opening of the Christmas holiday season, lights have also been strung up around the outside of the M.K. Brown Civic Center, 1000 N. Sumner.

In addition, parks crews have placed the street decorations up on light poles in downtown Pampa and along Hobart Street. Kirkpatrick said the Pampa Sheltered Workshop clients have refurbished 65 of the street decorations, doing "a really fine job" on them.

Also, the city employees have strung up lights on the Hospice Tree of Love, located on the south lawn of the Gray County Courthouse; on the trees and gazebo in McCarty Park, just east of the Schneider Hotel; and on City Hall, all in downtown Pampa.

A new holiday attraction this year is the placement of "Seasons Greetings" banners at the Highway 60 (Hobart) and Highway 70 (Amarillo highway) intersection. Kirkpatrick said the banners will greet visitors to the city during the holiday season. The banners will be left up year round, with different seasonal messages being used throughout the year, he said.

Festival of Trees
The eighth annual Festival of Trees and Gift Boutique will begin



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Miniature Christmas trees on light poles line many Pampa streets, like this one near an intersection inviting area shoppers to "Stop and Shop in Pampa."

Friday, Dec. 6, and continue through Sunday, Dec. 8, at the M.K. Brown Civic Center, one of the activities for the opening weekend of the holiday season in Pampa.

Artists and craftsmen from Pampa and throughout the Panhandle area, as well as from Kansas and New Mexico, will exhibit for sale a wide variety of gift items and home decorations. Among the various arts and crafts will be porcelain dolls, stained glass, paintings, ceramics,

clothing, calligraphy, wreaths, wood items, country items and Christmas ornaments.

Decorated Christmas trees from businesses, organizations, churches, schools and individuals will be exhibited in the lobby, providing a colorful array for those wanting to browse while visiting the festival.

A variety of entertainment will be provided during the show, which includes performances by area

school and church choirs, along with dancers.

Pampa Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will prepare and serve food during the three-day event.

In addition, door prizes will be given away each day of the festival. An oil painting by Betty Renner, a \$50 gift certificate from Rheams Diamond Shop, a clock from Forrest Cloyd and a porcelain doll from Eudell Burnett will be available in drawings for those purchasing donation tickets. Proceeds will benefit the Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

The show will be open from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.

Christmas Parade
The annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Trade Committee, will be held Saturday morning, Dec. 7.

Chamber officials noted there are a couple of changes for the parade from past years. For one, the parade will begin at 10 a.m., a half hour earlier than usual.

Also, the chamber is encouraging those having floats and other entries in the parade to have their parade entry forms in to the chamber office by Monday, Dec. 2, to allow for better arrangement of entries in the parade and to facilitate the judging of entries. Entry forms may be picked up at the chamber office in the Pampa Community Building, Kingsmill and Ballard.

Entries for the parade to be judged should be on site at the corner of Cuyler and Craven streets by 9 a.m., when the judging will begin. (If bad weather occurs, participants will need to provide their own shelter between the judging and parade start time.)

Participants are encouraged to use music on their floats, vehicles and other entries for which it is feasible to help add to the festivity of the parade. Theme for this year's parade is "Olde Fashioned Christmas."

Categories for the awarding of prizes and plaques will be: Non-Commercial, Church/Religious, Decorated Bicycle, Classic Farm Equipment, Commercial, Family/Individual, Classic Cars, and Other. For information, contact the chamber office or call 669-3241.

For all children's safety, there will be no candy throwing allowed from any floats or participants except for the Santa Claus float at

the end of the parade. Officials note this is to help eliminate problems arising by children rushing out into the street to pick up candy while entries are still moving along the parade route.

The route will begin at the intersection of Cuyler and Craven streets, with the parade moving north on Cuyler, then west on Francis Street to Ward Street, where it will head north to join Hobart Street. From there, the parade will proceed to Somerville, then west to disband in the M.K. Brown Civic Center parking lot.

"The Nutcracker"
Pampa Civic Ballet will be celebrating the Christmas season this year with a performance of *The Nutcracker* ballet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the M.K. Brown Auditorium under the direction of Jeanne Willingham.

Guest artist for the production will be Charles Flachs of Nashville, Tenn., appearing through the courtesy of the Nashville Ballet. Flachs has performed with Ballet West, Cincinnati Ballet, New Orleans Ballet, Ballet Metropolitan, Washington Ballet, San Antonio Ballet and Louisville Ballet.

Flachs has a bachelor of arts degree from West Chester University and a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. His repertoire includes performances in *The Nutcracker*, *Coppelia*, *Les Sylphides*, *Paquita*, *La Sylphide*, *Swan Lake*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Sleeping Beauty* and many others.

Anita Ford will be a featured soloist as The Sugar Plum Fairy. A charter member of the Pampa Civic Ballet company, she has studied dance at Beaux Arts Dance Studio for the last 26 years. At the age of 16 she performed in the musical drama *TEXAS* under the direction of Neil Hess of Amarillo.

Ford has been featured in Pampa Civic Ballet roles in performances of *Coppelia*, *Gaite Parisienne*, *Swan Lake* and *Sleeping Beauty*. She danced the title role in the local company's production of *Cinderella* in 1988 and 1990 and danced as The Dewdrop Fairy in 1987 and 1989 in *The Nutcracker*, which was choreographed by Wm. Martin-Viscount of the Southwest Ballet Center in Fort Worth.

The other featured soloist is Deanna Parsley as The Snow Queen. She studied dance for 14 years under the direction of Willingham and was a 9-year member of the Pampa Civic Ballet. She

attended West Texas State University and was a member of the Lone Star Ballet under the direction of Hess.

Parsley spent three summers as a dancer in *TEXAS*, dancing the leads in "Cowboy and the Lady" and the "Fire Ballet." In 1990 she was awarded the Margaret Moore scholarship for excellence in dance. She also received a Lone Star Ballet scholarship. Some of her other performance credits include *A Night on Broadway*, *Dancy People*, *Bach Interlude*, *Hungarian Waltz*, *Koolage* and *Rejuvenisance*.

Featuring excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*, members of the Pampa Civic Ballet and special guest dancers will be dancing such roles as The Snow Queen, Dewdrop Fairy, The Mechanical Doll, The Nutcracker Prince, The Mouse King, The Dancing Bear and Harp Angels, along with Arabian dancers, dolls, soldiers, mice, flowers, Chinese dancers, snowflakes and various other characters.

Tickets for the ballet are available from the dancers, board members, the Beaux Arts Dance Studio, Hi-Land Fashions and Kid's Stuff. Tickets also will be available at the door if the performance is not sold out in advance.

Jolly Dollars
As a special attraction for Christmas shoppers this year, the Retail Trade Committee will be holding drawings for a total of \$1,200 in Pampa Bucks, called "Jolly Dollars" for the holiday event.

Shoppers can register for the special drawings at nearly 40 participating merchants in Pampa. The first drawing will be held Monday, Dec. 2, with \$200 in Jolly Dollars to be given to the winner. Other drawings will be held each Monday until Christmas. The second week will award \$300, with \$200 given away the third week. The final drawing will be for \$500.

The first three weeks' drawings will be only for those who have registered at the stores in the week prior to the Monday drawing. After the first three drawings have been conducted, all names of those who have registered during the entire promotion period will be placed together for the final drawing.

Shoppers must be 18 years of age or older to register for the Jolly Dollars.

The Jolly Dollars can be redeemed at participating merchants in Pampa.

Holiday brings many gifts for everyone

By The Associated Press

The dilemma of what to get Uncle Charlie or your mother or your best friend can be solved by looking at the thousands of items merchants are hoping you'll buy. But if you haven't time, or your imagination is at low ebb, consider some of these:

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— A talking, digital Mickey Mouse Talking Time Wristwatch from Sounds Fun, Inc. Through voice simulation and micro-motor technology, a sculpted Mickey moves his mouth to announce the time when his hands are pressed. The watch can be used as an alarm clock.

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— A guitar from Washburn, ranging from an easy-

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— Crayola color classics for adults, in a special collector's tin. These include the colors that Binney & Smith "retired" last year. The company says protests from adults led them to make a limited edition of the old colors — raw umber, maize, orange-yellow, green-blue, orange-red, violet-blue, lemon-yellow and blue-gray.

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— Continuous autofocusing binoculars to keep track of moving objects, from Minolta. These work even in very low light and are especially useful for nature study and outdoor sports.

— The 50th Anniversary Citizen Kane Limited Collector's Edition from Turner Home Entertainment includes a video of a recently remastered print of Orson Welles' famous 1941 movie, along with a second video containing a documentary about the film and a print of the movie's original trailer.

The set also includes a book, *Citizen Kane: The Fiftieth Anniversary Album*, by Harlan Lebo; publicity stills and releases; a copy of an original manuscript, a theater-size anniversary poster, and a color print of the film's original poster. The recipient of this gift furnishes his own popcorn.

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Little growth expected in holiday sales, but retailers prepare better

By EVAN RAMSTAD
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Customers have been looking over the new styles at Casey's Apparel in Wynnewood Village for weeks but few are in the mood to buy.

Owner H.C. Casey isn't worried though. Shoppers promise they'll be back, he said.

"They say 'I'll see you around the holidays. I'll do some more spending,'" Casey said.

He and other retailers around the state expect the holiday season to be much like last year's — late to bloom and with smaller buds.

Texans spent \$12.4 billion at stores last December, up 7 percent from the \$11.6 billion in December 1989. But inflation was 5 percent during 1990, leaving real sales growth of just over 2 percent.

Management Horizons Inc., the retail consulting arm of Price Water-

house, forecast sales growth of 2 to 3 percent in Texas stores this holiday, said Al Meyers, a vice president in the accounting firm's Dallas office.

Another consultant, Arthur Andersen partner Lou Grabowsky, said there is "no momentum" in the Texas retail market.

"The silver lining in that gray cloud is the retailer is prepared for this," Grabowsky said. "After nearly 24 months of being in a tough retail climate, the retailer is learning how to do business better."

He said profits may be better at many stores because they have reduced inventories, stocked more lower-cost items and cut overhead costs.

At the On Main gift shop in San Antonio, owner Bill Davis began cutting inventory in the summer and probably won't hire extra seasonal help.

"We're geared up for it," Davis

said. "What we've done in our inventory is to find more gifts in the \$10 to \$20 range for stocking stuffers."

Though sales were running about the same as last year, Davis said consumers are "very very cautious" and will wait until just before the holidays to spend.

"I think it's going to be the mad rush at the end just like last year," said Sylvia Lamb, manager of J.R.'s Gifts, a candle and decorative shop in Odessa. "They were late to buy. We overstocked this year hoping it would be the same."

Marvin Girouard, president of Pier 1 Imports, said the Fort Worth-based chain of 587 home furnishing stores was perched to take advantage of that consumer attitude.

"We typically are a late Christmas kind of store," Girouard said.

Pier 1 is not expecting a "grandiose" holiday season but has taken steps to make it profitable, he said. One was to put items together in gift combinations to save customers time and give them more ideas, Girouard said.

The Galleria in Dallas is relying on some changes in advertising to bring in shoppers. The 208-store mall saved some ad dollars from other times of the year to publish a direct mail catalog and put up billboards for the holiday.

"We know people are going to have choices," said Galleria marketing director Jane Robertson. "I think people are paying closer attention to their spending. They are shopping for value."

Elliot's Gifts and Accessories in Palestine brought in customers with its 25th anniversary celebration earlier this month, giving a much needed boost to sales, said co-owner Leahelle Nivens.

But consumers were generally staying away from high-priced items. "They were buying cautiously," Mrs. Nivens said.

At J-Bar-M Western Wear in Brownfield, owner Eddie Masso worries about only one economic trend — the performance of the West Texas cotton crop.

Yields fell due to rain late in the season and Masso thinks the holiday season will be tough for his store.

He plans to delay some needed remodeling, but he's keeping inventory up. "You can't sell from an empty wagon," Masso said.

To keep customers, Masso helps find items he doesn't stock at other stores and will "dicker a lot on prices" so each person feels they've gotten a deal.

"They're going to be hurting. We're going to be hurting too," Masso said. "You do your best because they're still going to be your neighbors next year."

Such service is the best weapon a small store owner has in the competition with retailers who offer bigger inventories.

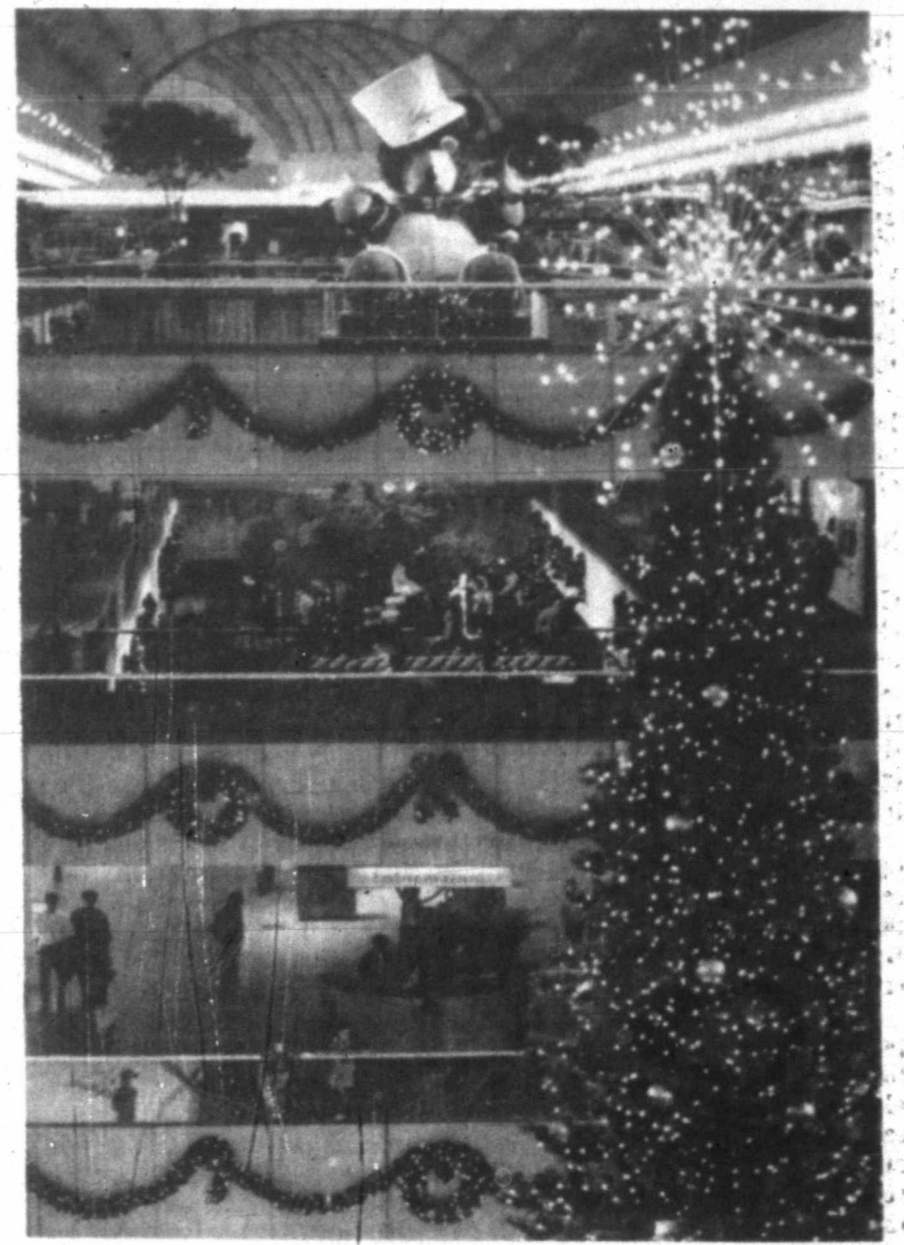
For H.C. Casey in Dallas, that means trying to do more than 50-Off, the apparel chain from San Antonio that is the biggest retail sensation in the state this year. "When they walk in here, they know they're going to get service," Casey said of customers.

50-Off opened a store in Wynnewood Village earlier this year, drawing more traffic to the shopping center, Casey said. He hopes the store's popularity will bring him more customers during the holidays.

50-Off takes half off each customer's ticket, a key to its success in the tight economy. "Not only do we give the customer value but economical prices," said Charles Siegel, president of the company. "Under the circumstances of today, all these bad things that you hear ... we certainly we feel we will have a good Christmas."

Outlet malls, a common retail concept in the East but fairly new to Texas, are also expecting strong sales.

"I think outlets tend to fare better in tight economic times because people become more price-conscious. Obviously that's our major selling point," said Mitchell Brown, manager of the 75-store San Marcos Factory Shops outlet mall, Texas' largest.



Christmas decorations fill the Galleria mall in Dallas with merchants preparing for the 1991 holiday shopping season as consumers decide how much they will spend on gifts this year.

Finding books for youngsters

By The Associated Press

Just in time for holiday treats, *My First Baking Book* by Helen Drew (Alfred A. Knopf) shows youngsters how to make their own. Ingredients are pictured, and utensils, measuring cups and other kitchen tools are represented with line drawings. The procedures are shown step-by-step, with large-type instructions.

Represented are favorites like chocolate brownies and peanut butter cookies, along with cakes and other sweets in the shapes of dinosaurs, ghosts, animals, stars and moons, and a holiday wreath. There also are recipes for Eccles cakes, scones, and shortbread. Young cooks learn how to mix, measure and decorate with frosting, candies, and marzipan.

The Snow Country Prince by Daisaku Ikeda (Alfred A. Knopf), a Japanese allegorical folk tale about caring for living things, has been translated into English by Geraldine McCaughrean. Brian Wildsmith's watercolor pictures a winter sea and shore landscape setting for the fantastic swans of the story.

Six by Seuss: A Treasury of Dr. Seuss Classics (Random House) recalls Theodor Geisel's best stories for aficionados and introduces them to younger readers. Included are the first Dr. Seuss story, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, and the holiday classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

"Paula Koala, the Queen of the Breeze," Paula Koala, all knuckles and knees,

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And sticks to the gummy gum trees," is from *Two-Legged, Four-Legged, No-Legged Rhymes*, by J. Patrick Lewis, with illustrations by Pamela Paparone (Alfred A. Knopf).

More adventures of the redoubtable elephant in *Babar's Family Album* (Random House) with new stories by Laurent de

Brunhoff, including one about a visit to a foreign planet by spaceship and another a ghost story, complete with a dark, forbidding castle inhabited by ravens, bats, and an elephantine spirit.

Some fabulous American characters of history and legend are celebrated in *American Tall Tales* by Mary Pope Osborne (Alfred A. Knopf). The author re-tells traditional tall stories about fabulous characters like Paul Bunyan and Pecos Bill as well as those involving real characters like Davy Crockett and Johnny Appleseed.

For fabulous creatures that are real, find out about *Chameleons: Dragons in the Trees* by James Martin (Crown). Art Wolfe's photographs capture the varied forms of this small, elusive animal.

Pop-up illustrations of the world's best-known natural wonders — the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, the caves of France and Spain, the harbor at Rio de Janeiro, the Paricutin Volcano in Mexico, the Grand Canyon in North America, Victoria Falls in Africa, and Mount Everest in Asia — make up *The Seven Natural Wonders of the World* by Celia King (Chronicle Books). Each illustration is accompanied by background text.

Written for adults but suitable for older children is *The African Elephant: Twilight in Eden*, by Roger L. DiSilvestro (Wiley-National Audubon Society), covering the history and day-to-day life of this animal and the efforts to save it from extinction. Photographs are by Page Chichester.

Dinosaur! by David Norman (Prentice Hall) looks at the ancient creatures that ruled the earth in the Mesozoic period, about 165 million years ago. The book was created as a companion to the Arts & Entertainment Network series of the same name. Norman, a British paleontologist, is recognized as a leading expert on dinosaurs and served as consultant for the television series.



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All sorts of toys ready to please children underneath the Christmas tree

By The Associated Press

Here come the new toys for the 1991 holidays. Let the play begin:

DOLLS. An emphasis on dolls of color or of varied nationality this season will give black or ethnic children a greater variety of dolls and toys to identify with. These toys may broaden the world of white children, too.

The cool Hip Hop Kids, for example, represent black, white and Hispanic youngsters in trendy dress, each carrying a different message, such as staying in school and away from drugs.

They are marketed by Olmec, a firm started by former financial editor Yla Eason after she discovered her son didn't have a black superhero toy for inspiration. Her company was the first to mass-produce dolls and action figures with black and Hispanic characteristics, and now it markets eight lines of ethnically correct toys.

Other doll lines offered in varied ethnic and color variations include the Puffalump Kids from Fisher-Price and My Very Soft Baby from Playskool, all with soft bodies and vinyl faces. The Cabbage Patch Kids from Hasbro continue to be available in a variety of colors and characteristics. New versions include My Own Baby, who coos and giggles when "mother" is near and cries when she's not. Baby Face from Galoob comes in 10 variations, each with a different facial expression.

Tyco's Little Oopie Daisy doll — which crawls, falls down, and cries — comes in both black and white versions, as do the company's miniature Quints sets.

And if your child is a fan of

Steve Urkel of television's "Family Matters," a doll version of the character played by Jaleel White may be a hit. This toy from Hasbro talks smart, saying "Got any cheese," "No sweat, my pet," and other Urkel-like utterings.

Hispanic, Caucasian, Oriental and Afro-American soft-body dolls make up the America's Kids Dolls collection, available through the J.C. Penney Christmas catalog. Each comes with two outfits — American dress and a costume typical of the doll's heritage.

International dolls also appear in the Neiman Marcus catalog, with all-fabric kids from the United States, Africa, China, Mexico, and Russia. Each has a tag introducing the owner to basic phrases in the language of origin and facts about how children live in that country. Sales of these dolls benefit UNICEF.

From Sweden comes Nordic competition for Barbie — Petra. This doll, made in Mora, a small rural town northwest of Stockholm, is a leggy Scandinavian with long blonde hair and blue eyes. Lerum Toy Co., which markets the doll, says Petra's wardrobe is interchangeable with Barbie's.

So too, are the clothes of dolls patterned after another icon, Miss America. This line from Kenner includes five "finalists" of different hair and complexion colors, not to mention different goals in life, detailed on the packages. Blair, Devon, Justine, Raquel, and Tonya are destined for careers in athletics, the arts, science, politics and medicine.

Meanwhile, Barbie herself is still going strong, along with her coterie, which includes Teresa, a Hispanic doll, and Christie, a black doll. Bar-

bie's best friend, Midge, is a bride this year and is the star of one of the most elaborate sets marketed by Mattel — with the groom, Alan, and Barbie and Ken serving as bridesmaid and best man. The group is completed with Kelly, the flower girl, and Todd, the ring bearer.

WHEELS. The Big Three in Detroit have some pint-sized competition from Power Wheels by Kransco, a line of battery-powered children's cars that range from classy Porsches to Jeeps. Some of these are big and powerful enough for two children to ride in, and there's a buyer's guide to help consumers choose models and features for the right age groups. The company maintains a network of service centers around the country.

A monster truck called The Claw comes from Kenner, expanding its wheels to reveal rotary claws when it meets an obstacle like a log or rocks. This all-terrain model is battery powered and rolls with reaction traction at high speed over almost anything in its way.

For pre-schoolers, there is the wide-wheeled 1-2-3 Bike from Playskool, with trainers that can be adjusted or removed as the child masters balancing on two wheels. At the earliest stage, the training wheels are positioned in an outboard position for maximum stability. Next, they can be turned in toward the bike for the intermediate stage, then finally removed.

Traditional model cars, trucks and dumpers still fascinate youngsters. The Sound Machine Water Cannon from Nylint is an authentic copy of a real fire truck, with

authentic fire engine sounds. Nylint's Wallbangers are powered racing cars that emit screeching sounds of collisions, including crumpling metal and glass, when they are bumped or jarred.

Model train maker Lionel this year has launched a large-scale line about twice the size of other models and rugged enough for use outdoors. Two featured models are the North Pole Railroad, with Santa at the controls, and the Walt Disney World 20th Anniversary Train Set, copies of the ones that run at the Disney World resort. Serious train hobbyists can look to a reissue of the Madison Cars, early model classics.

Model enthusiasts can find plenty of fun with the Matchbox collection, this year featuring a selection of Indy-style racing cars, race transporters and support vehicles with the official Indy 500 logo. If your child prefers his own logo, it can be produced with Graffix Traffic, a custom car design kit with undecorated white diecast vehicles. There are non-toxic markers and stick-on decals to complete the design.

SOFT SPOTS AND CHARACTERS. A new personality on the scene is Murduck, the Original Scrubby Ducky, a bathtime bird who talks. He has seven battery-powered phrases, including "You quack me up." This fellow, who looks like your Uncle Moe, comes dressed in a bathrobe but also can be outfitted as a firetruck, baseball player, train engineer and other roles. From V-Tech.

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A comforting friend for someone who's a little afraid of the dark is Gloworm from Playskool. A squeeze of the tummy of this soft toy lights up its face.

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Nordic customs, hundreds of years old, stem from Vikings' traditions

By DOUG MELLGREN
Associated Press Writer

OSLO, Norway (AP) — When Scandinavians first saw pictures of Santa Claus more than a century ago, it didn't dawn on them that St. Nick might be a big, jolly old fellow.

Most assumed he was tiny, like their own gnome, the *tomte*, who seems to have been around since the Vikings' pagan midwinter celebration. It was called *Jul*, which is now the word for Christmas.

Families often leave a bowl of rice pudding on their doorsteps Christmas Eve. Tradition has it that a *tomte* deprived of his expected Yuletide treat will punish the household.

Midwinter daylight is so scarce that modern Scandinavians, like the Vikings, look forward to a break in "the dark time," says Olav Boe, a Norwegian folklore expert.

"In essence, a modern Nordic Yule is the same as the *Jul* celebrated by the Vikings: A family event with food, beer and good companionship," says Boe, a professor emeritus of the University of Oslo.

Nordic countries abound in snow, reindeer and evergreen trees, symbols the world associates with Christmas.

Reindeer have long been a favorite wintertime feast dish among Lapp herders. But as Christmas trappings, the tiny deer, decorated trees, Santa and greeting cards are relative newcomers to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland.

Some Nordic customs, like gift-giving, stem from the Vikings' *Jul* and have endured a millennium of Christianity.

The Vikings brewed a strong *Jul* beer to toast their god Odin. The brew, still called *Jul* beer, remains popular at Christmas, partly because the Catholic Church — seeking converts 1,000 years ago — encouraged its use in toasting Jesus, Boe says.

Wheat sheaves — called *Julenek* — left outside for the birds at Christmas may be a leftover from the Viking custom of making *Jul* offerings to the gods, according to some history texts.

Norway's first German-inspired Christmas tree arrived around 1820. After townspeople carried it through Oslo, then called *Christiania*, they weren't sure what to do with it. So they set it on fire, says Boe.

American-inspired cards and advertisements featuring reindeer have failed to make Christmas celebrities out of most of the 1 million reindeer which roam Lapland, the northernmost part of Scandinavia.

If anything, 'tis the season to be nervous for Rudolph's Nordic kin.



(AP Laserphoto)

A road sign in Drobak, Norway, cautions motorists to watch for Santa Claus, alleged to be busy making the rounds of his "hometown." Nordic countries seriously argue about which is the home of the legendary character.

They face hungry herders or tourists demanding sleigh rides, reindeer skins and antlers.

"Of course, we eat reindeer for Christmas," says Jan Amundsen, a herder in Norway's Lapland.

"It's got to be reindeer. It's the best meat," agrees Juhani Magga, a Lapp herder in northern Finland.

Christmas dinner, served Dec. 24 before families open presents, is based on strong regional traditions, some from Viking times. Outside Lapland, favorites include lamb, ham and fish, including lutfisk — cod turned gelatinous with lye.

Santa Claus figures often share tables with traditional decorations: Candles, wreaths, and the *tomte*.

"St. Nick is the one you see in the street, but you still see more (decorations) of the old Christmas gnome," Boe says.

The traditional *tomte*, in rough work clothes, a red hat and demanding Christmas gifts, has little in common with the amiable white-bearded man who hands out presents to children, says Agneta Lilja, a folklore researcher at Sweden's Uppsala University.

The *tomte* supposedly has an old man's face, a child's body, and watches over the farm.

When Scandinavians claim to see

tomte, it is usually at dawn or dusk. "They say they see him pottering around in the stable, or just moving about in buildings," says Lilja.

Santa came to be accepted as a strange *tomte*.

But until the early 20th century, most Lapp herders preferred their ancient winter beliefs, often involving

witches and supernatural reindeer.

Lapps now embrace Santa. The old fellow attracts around 400,000 tourists a year to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland, where he and his reindeer are on duty year-round.

The growing Santa Claus industry has the Nordic countries squabbling, even at intergovernmental meetings,

over which is the real home of St. Nick.

All the countries get letters to Santa, but most — about 500,000 a year — are mailed to Finland.

Greenland, a Danish protectorate, opened a permanent Santa's Workshop in Nuuk, the capital.

This year, Drobak, Norway, erected a "Santa Crossing" warning sign on the highway outside town. It shows Santa's plump silhouette, pack over his back, scampering across the road.

The Finns call him *Joulupukki*, the Christmas Goat, recalling the pre-Christian days when *Jul* celebrants wore goat horns. The ancient Yule Goat, also called the *Julebuk*, still

appears in other Nordic celebrations.

In Norway, masked children depicting the *Julebuk* go house to house singing carols and expecting treats. "It is as close as we come to Halloween," says Boe.

Another pagan belief was that *Lussi*, a demon woman with fiery hair, wandered the earth on the night between Dec. 12 and 13. That was the longest night of the year before the calendar was changed.

Children were especially careful, on *Lussi* night, because evil *Lussi* would know if they were naughty and might come down the chimney after them. Adults also were afraid, Boe says.



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Making gifts, decorations can be best part of celebrating Christmas holidays



By The Associated Press

For some, making gifts and decorations is the most satisfying part of celebrating the holidays.

Even things made from standard patterns and instructions take on unique characteristics with your choice of materials and details. Some possible projects:

- There's a Father Christmas figure pattern you could sew using scraps taken from old clothing or other sources. This McCall's pattern (5580) includes the 21-inch figure and four variations of hooded coats and gowns. Patchwork, velvet, tapestry, or brocade with faux fur trim are some of the different ways to interpret the pattern, which includes a gift sack to fill with miniature candies and toys.

- McCall's also has a quick decorating package (5512) that includes a stuffed Santa star, three-dimensional tree, and a country heart wreath. Another pattern (5511) includes country Christmas decorations and mob-cap dolls done up in calico patchwork; ornaments include a cinnamon stick holder, fabric ball, heart applique square and miniature stocking on a hanger.

- Or you could deliver a gift in a personalized gift bag made of fabric with holiday greetings stitched in machine block letters or decorative stitches - a suggestion from Singer. This can be reused as a tote or lingerie bag later, depending on size.

Instructions: Cut a rectangle or square of fabric to desired size. Stitch on the greeting first, when the piece is flat and easy to work with. Then fold in half lengthwise, right sides together, and serge or stitch two open sides. Turn bag right-side out, then-fold raw edge 1/2 inch around opening and press. Turn under another 2 inches, press and stitch along lower edge, leaving an opening for a drawstring of satin or velvet ribbon.

- Make Victorian-style lace potpourri ornaments, another Singer suggestion. Instructions: Cut an 8-inch square of lace and finish edges either with a narrow zigzag stitch or rolled hem, using a decorative thread.

Father Christmas can be made with a patchwork cloak, as shown here, or with velvet, brocade or other festive fabrics. This soft stuffed doll is from McCall's pattern 5580.

Place potpourri in the center, then draw up knapsack-style, using velvet or satin ribbon. Hang on the tree with ornament hook.

- If you're not a sewer, try glue. A suggestion from Loctite, which makes Creatively Yours craft glues, is to decorate a whole tree with teddy bears and ribbon, or make a wreath with bears, ribbons, and ornaments.

Instructions for the wreath, using a 14-inch pine wreath: Make a four-inch gold bow (four yards) and wire to bottom of wreath. Wire two 8-inch bears to either side of the wreath (asymmetrically balanced), then loop three yards each of silver and gold ribbons (1 and 1 1/2 inches wide) around and through the pine, pinching and gluing every six to eight inches. Wind six yards of star garland around the other elements, wiring into place. Finish by gluing on six 2-inch holiday boxes, 12 1-inch gold Christmas balls, six 4-inch snowflakes, and six 4-inch poinsettia picks.

- Fragrant garlands or wreaths of braided fabric and potpourri are suggested by Gail Duff in her book, "The Scented Christmas" (Rodale Press).

Instructions: Cut three 18-inch by 3 1/2-inch strips in colorfully coordinated fabrics, closing each with a 1/4-inch seam along the long edges. Center this seam on the resulting tube, and seam across one short end. Turn to right side of fabric. Fill each tube with 2 tablespoons of "Christmas spicery" and close the other end by hand. Pin the three strips together at the top, braid them loosely so they will lie flat, then machine-stitch across both ends.

If the garland is to be used straight, tie a 1/4-inch ribbon to each end (a yard will be enough for both ends). If you want to make the braid into a wreath, lay the garland flat in a circle and sew the ends together, covering the join with a floppy bow made from about a yard of 1/2-inch ribbon.

Her recipe for Christmas spicery: 3 ounces lavender, 3 ounces crushed cloves, 1 ounce crushed juniper berries, 1-ounce finely crumbled bay leaves, 1-ounce gum benzoin powder, 2 ounces orris root powder, 6 drops lavender oil, 4 drops clove oil, and 4 drops lemon verbena oil.



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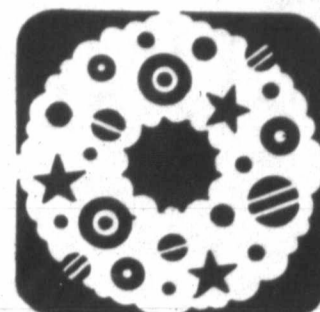
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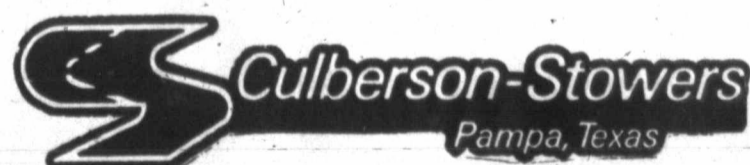
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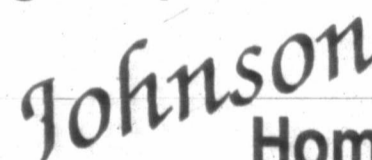
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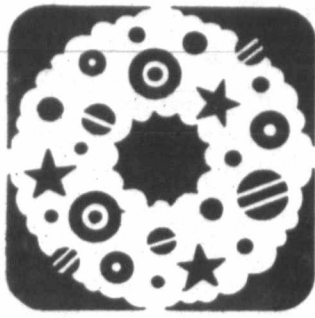
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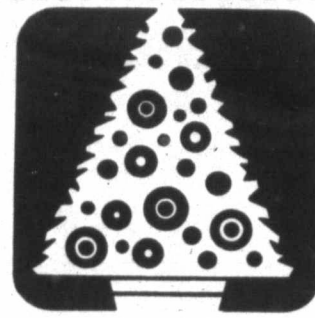
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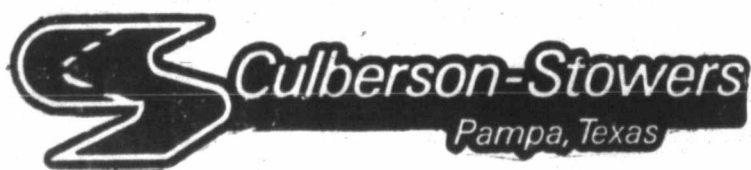
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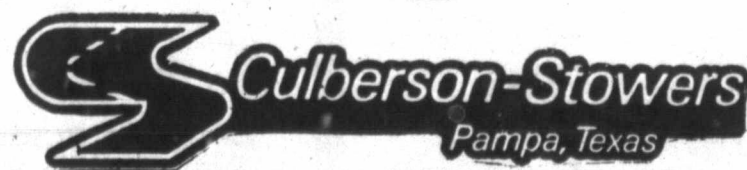
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Finish holiday shopping without ever leaving the house by using catalogs

By The Associated Press

Pull up your chair next to the telephone and get ready to polish off your holiday shopping without leaving the house. Here are some highlights from the catalogs:

• Neiman Marcus. This Dallas institution has long been noted for its flair and sense of publicity in offering exotic or unattainable "His and Her" gifts - this year's is a matched set of all-terrain LTV Hummer vehicles, each for \$50,000 - but there's plenty for less well-heeled customers to

choose from in the 1991 catalog. Like ebony wood chopsticks, trimmed in sterling and gold electroplate, or finely beaded sneakers. You also can order an architecturally correct lemonade stand, a safari, a personal totem pole, or a lithograph of a painting by Ruby the elephant, to benefit the Conservation Fund at the Phoenix Zoo. Call 1 (800) 825-8000.

• Rand McNally. Parents concerned about geographic illiteracy can order Geografacts, a board game that teaches the basics about interesting places, landmarks, countries and natu-

ral wonders. The holiday catalog also shows world globes in transparent acrylic or fabric, or used as designs for jewelry, umbrellas, T-shirts and paperweights. Call 1 (800) 234-0679.

• J.C. Penney is into world awareness, too, and its holiday catalog features items like the Smithsonian Environmental Test Kit. There are crystal growing sets and a Capsela Science Discovery System to create robots, cars, boats, etc. The catalog is \$4, used as credit toward a purchase. Call 1 (800) 222-6161.

• The CARE Package catalog has

items made in developing countries where the organization works. Among them are terra cotta bowls from the Peruvian highlands, hand-carved angels from Honduras, moisturizing soap from South American rainforests, and silver jewelry from Thailand. Many of the items in the catalog (the organization's first) are handmade. For a copy, call (212) 686-3110.

• Yankee ingenuity and crafts are featured in the Best of Vermont catalog. These include Shaker furniture reproductions, Veronese vases from the Tunbridge Glassworks, handmade

quilts, sweaters, toys, Vermont cheeses and syrups, canoes, ski holidays, and even riding horses from the Danville Morgan Horse Farm. The catalog is \$5.95, with part donated to the Vermont Natural Resources Council. Call 1 (800) 388-3766.

• Lillian Vernon's catalog is full of things you didn't know you needed until you see them - like sturdy plastic bags with holiday designs to wrap bulky things like trikes, sleds, dollhouses, etc., or a vinyl private skating rink to freeze up in the backyard. Call (914) 633-6300.

• The Real Goods Trading Corporation aims its products at environmentally aware consumers, and the holiday catalog offers gifts like a recyclers kit, a solar starter package, and an Earth Monkey, a plush toy that turns inside out to change from a monkey to an earth globe. Call 1 (800) 762-7325.

Money Magazine recommends ordering from catalogs of museum shops. The November issue says that many of these stores offer exceptional value for money because museum curators work closely with artisans.

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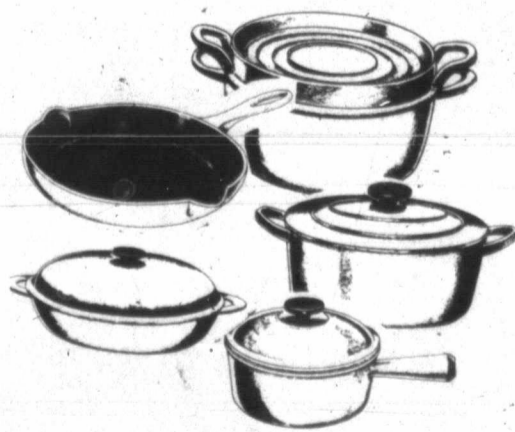
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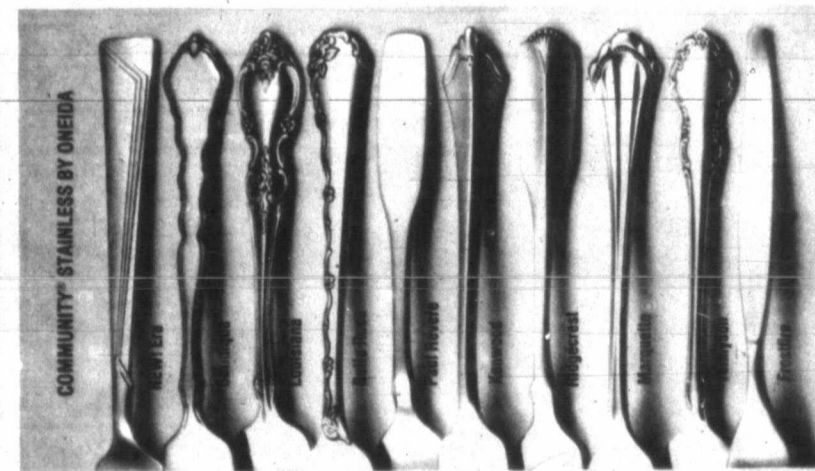
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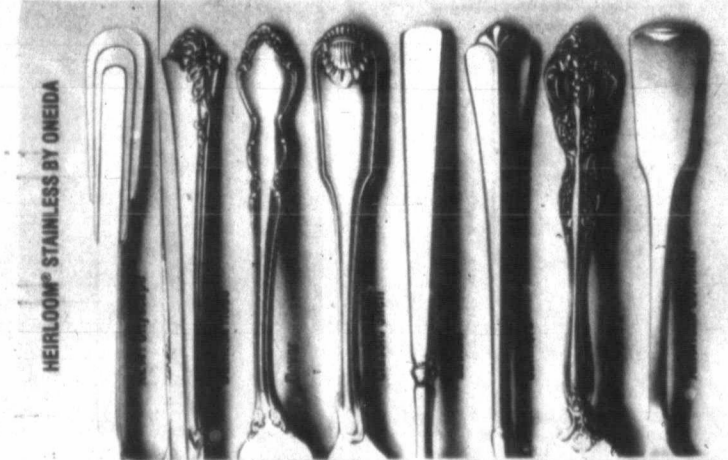
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Deck the theaters: Christmas movie season has Hollywood stirring

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood is loading its sleigh with a bundle of holiday films this year, hoping to coax a Scrooge-like public back into theaters.

Inside the wrappings are treats such as "Hook," the Steven Spielberg picture starring Dustin Hoffman and Robin Williams, and "The Addams Family," a remake of the hit television series.

More than two dozen big-ticket movies, including the Bruce Willis comeback attempt "The Last Boy Scout," will debut before year's end. Children will have two animated films to go see, "Home Alone" star Macaulay Culkin will die of bee stings in "My Girl" and Oliver Stone will offer his controversial assassination schemes in "JFK."

But there may be little joy in Tinseltown. Although several films certainly will emerge as hits, many others are likely to deliver nothing more than coal to studio stockings.

Hollywood can't afford such lumps as it suffers through one of the worst box office declines in years. The Motion Picture Association of America says 1991 revenues may be down as much as 10 percent from a year ago.

Studio executives hope a few smashes — perhaps "Hook," "The Addams Family" or "Beauty and the Beast" — will revive the entire film business.

"If you have some good pictures in the marketplace, people will come back to theaters," said Si Kornblitt, executive vice president of worldwide marketing for Universal Pictures. "The market has an ability to expand."

The market also has an ability to crush competitors.

"If we don't have movies that

are really good, they are going to get buried," said Tom Sherak, an executive vice president of 20th Century Fox. "The scary thing is what if they're good and they get buried? Because only so many pictures can do business."

A lot of films open late in the year for two reasons. First, students are on vacation — bored and eager for entertainment. Second, Academy Award voters exhibit notoriously short memories: The later a movie comes out, the better its chances when Oscar nominations are revealed Feb. 19.

That award-at-all-costs thinking creates a glut of serious, adult-or-

ented films as the year winds down.

Thus, Barbra Streisand's "The Prince of Tides" was moved from September to Dec. 18. "Naked Lunch," an adaptation of William Burroughs' account of his heroin addiction, was moved up from Jan. 17, when it would be ineligible for the next Oscars, to Dec. 27. Stone is racing to finish "JFK" for a Dec. 20 premiere.

"Rush," a dreary look at two undercover officers turned junkies, will debut Christmas Day.

Producer Saul Zaentz spent more than two decades pursuing and making "At Play in the Fields of the Lord," the film version of Peter

Matthiessen's Amazon novel.

Other year-enders include "Fried Green Tomatoes," adapted from actress Fannie Flagg's Southern novel; "The Mambo Kings," from Oscar Hijuelos prize-winning novel; and "Until the End of the World," by German director Wim Wenders.

The demand for a slice of the holiday pie is so great that the animated films "Beauty and the Beast" from Disney and "An American Tail: Fievel Goes West" from Universal will open on the same day, Nov. 22.

This potentially suicidal head-to-head clash will be among the most dramatic showdowns of the season,

and it was almost bloodier: 20th Century Fox considered opening its animated feature "Ferngully: The Last Rain Forest" around the same time, but fled for safer ground next Easter.

"When you have such a short span between major motion pictures, you always face the possibility of pictures gobbling up other pictures," said Fox's Sherak. His studio also is releasing "Naked Lunch," plus "For the Boys," a World War II story starring Bette Midler, and "Grand Canyon," a drama directed by Lawrence Kasdan.

Many people here expect Spielberg's "Hook," a spin-off from the

Peter Pan story, to be the highest-grossing release of the season. Popularity won't necessarily make the \$70 million film profitable for Sony Pictures, however.

Because Spielberg and his stars receive a huge share of the film's receipts, "Hook," opening Dec. 11, will have to gross more than \$400 million worldwide before it makes a penny, people familiar with the film say.

If "The Addams Family" is a box-office smash, it won't bring any money to the studio that made it, Orion Pictures. Strapped for cash, Orion sold the nearly-completed film earlier this year to Paramount.

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Holiday Movie List

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Major films set for release this holiday season. Release dates subject to change, and some to debut only in a few cities. Some are opening earlier, or have already opened, in selected cities.

Nov. 15: "Cape Fear," "Meeting Venus."

Nov. 22: "Beauty and the Beast," "An American Tail: Fievel Goes West," "The Addams Family," "For the Boys," "The Double Life of Veronique," "My Girl," "Talking Dirty After Dark."

Nov. 27: "Prospero's Books," "Aces: Iron Eagle III."

Dec. 4: "Kafka."

Dec. 6: "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country," "At Play in the Fields of the Lord," "Let Him Have It."

Dec. 11: "Hook."

Dec. 13: "The Last Boy Scout."

Dec. 18: "The Prince of Tides."

Dec. 20: "JFK," "High Heels," "Father of the Bride," "Rhapsody in August," "Bugsy."

Dec. 25: "Rush," "The Mambo Kings," "Inner Circle," "Grand Canyon," "Madame Bovary," "City of Joy," "Hear My Song," "Until the End of the World."

Dec. 27: "Fried Green Tomatoes," "Naked Lunch."

Christmas tree care

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — You might get a little more than holiday cheer when you bring a real tree into your house for Christmas. Aphids, for example.

"Many Christmas tree insect pests are rather quiescent outdoors, but when the trees are brought into a warm home environment, they become more active and bothersome," says Tim Paine, entomologist at the University of California, Riverside.

Paine advises shaking the tree and hosing it off before bringing it indoors. Many choose-and-cut lots selling trees have mechanical shakers to remove insects, dead needles and dust. But if the lot you choose doesn't, or if you've cut the tree yourself, knock the end of the tree on the ground a couple of times, he says. Then wash it off before taking it inside.

Locally cut trees kept in water will stay fresh and fire-safe from Thanksgiving into January, adds Charles Jancic, owner of Pinery Tree Farms in Escondido, Calif.

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By The Associated Press

You might give a tree or a piece of the country this year.

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"Trees are the answer to so many of our environmental problems. We ought to plant every square inch of vacant urban property with trees," says Jeff Meyer, director of the program. "I'm not talking about how pretty it would look—pretty is a side benefit. I'm talking about the health of people who are breathing the air."

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In Hawaii, Santa doesn't visit all the houses by sleigh; the bearded man sometimes arrives by boat.

Swiss youngsters see Santa traveling with male helpers who balance strange-looking lanterns on their heads.

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Thanks Shopping Pampa

Consumers find many holiday card choices

By The Associated Press

If you don't want to send holiday messages off the shelf, you could make your own. Or take advantage of services that will make greeting cards memorable or personal.

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Youngsters identify with 'those Ninja characters'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those Ninja characters are ugly to you, so why are your kids so attracted to them? "Youngsters like the shell-encased heroes because they are small creatures with adult responsibilities like many children today," says Thomas Long, an education professor at Catholic University of America.

He thinks children find a healthy respite through the Ninja turtles, who mirror them as fellow children with adult problems.

"Today, many children are completely responsible for complicated household tasks. They are expected to do much more than their parents did at comparable ages."

Long contrasts them with children of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, who he says looked to adults as problem solvers. "Young children in those times were rarely home alone. They only helped adults do chores."

Today's youngsters are often on their own for several hours before their parents get home, he said. They may be responsible for taking care of their own clothes, preparing snacks and starting meals.

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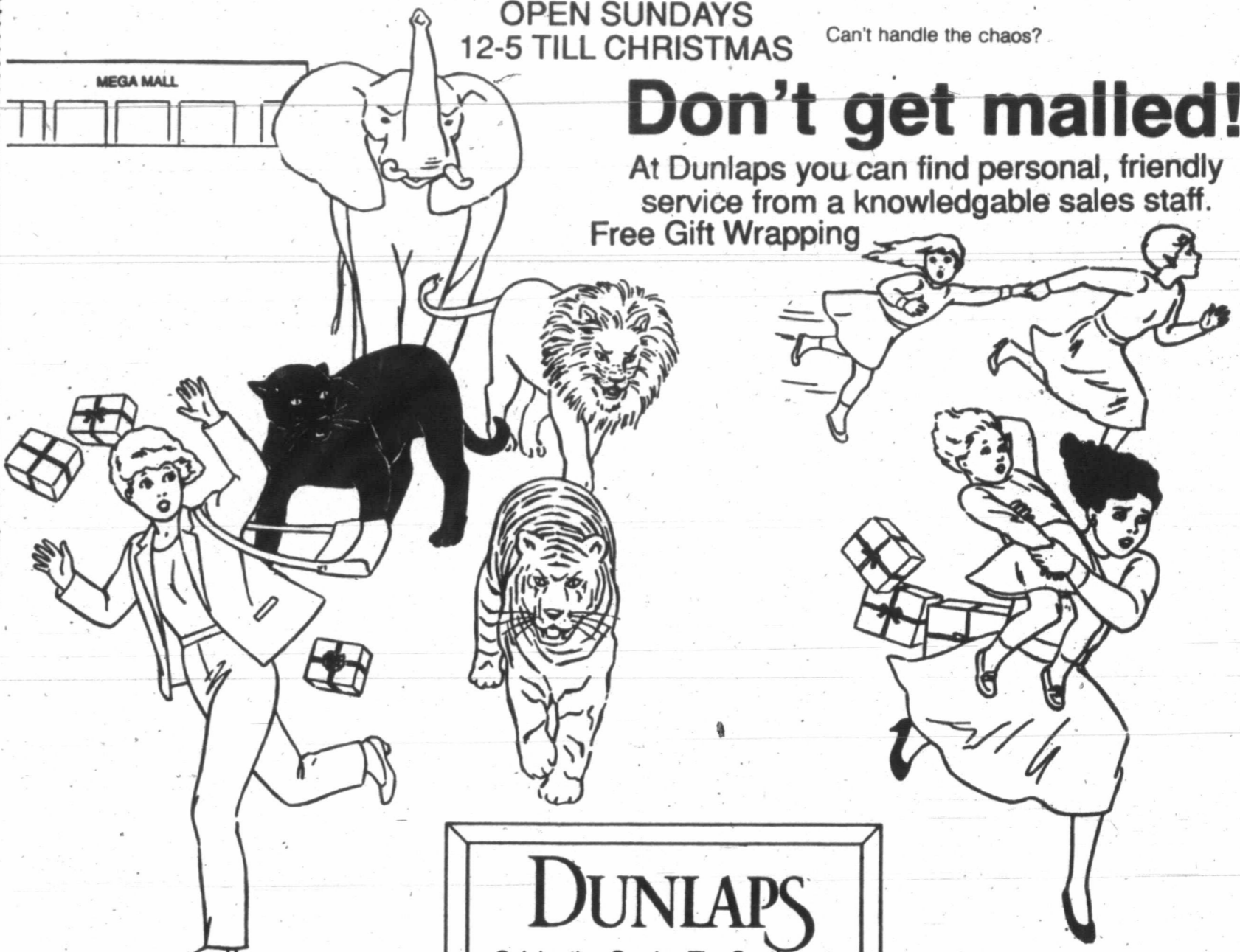
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By The Associated Press

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— A mustard sampler from Crabtree & Evelyn, with Dijon, champagne, tarragon, and garlic-parsley flavors.

— A blue and white china bowl packed with walnut-honey cookies, berry preserves, honey, and English breakfast tea, also from Crabtree & Evelyn.

— Chocolate truffles from Lindt. A collection of gourmet truffles, dark chocolate thins and a truffle bar trio are packaged in a miniature wood and brass sleigh.

— Kisses and hugs in chocolate (the hugs are little chocolate bears) are among the features in Hershey's holiday catalog. There also are chocolate-covered pretzels, chocolate in the shapes of computers, and a checkers game you play with kisses called Choc-ers.

— A giant fortune cookie, about 20 times normal size, filled with a personalized message and dipped in white or dark chocolate, from Chin Chin restaurants in California. Write out your own "fortune" message for the recipient, or if you're stumped, Chin Chin can help with sample fortunes or greetings.

— The 12 Days of Christmas

are marked in a sampler from Harry & David — a pear, apple, almonds, hickory and cheddar cheeses, baked goods, nut-chocolate and hard candies, and other goodies, each packed in a dozen decorative boxes. The company has its usual selection of fruit, cheese and meat gifts, including Fruit-of-the-Month.

— For caviar lovers, an insulated picnic bag from Petrossian, with sevruga caviar, duck foie gras, gherkins, and French toast clement, packaged with Frette linen napkins and black horn cutlery.

— The annual Christmas blend from Seattle's Starbucks Coffee Company. A combination of Latin American coffees blended with Indonesian varieties for a flavor reminiscent of spices and nuts, it can be ordered with or without matching mugs.

— A theme basket of wines and gifts custom-prepared by your local wine shop. The Wine Information and News Exchange, an industry group, suggests picking different wines from one maker and adding appropriate food or theme gifts. For example, a selection of Italian wines could be packed with pastas, olive oil, sun-dried tomatoes and other edibles into a basket from Italy.

— A bottle of Jack Daniels Tennessee whiskey, packed in a holi-

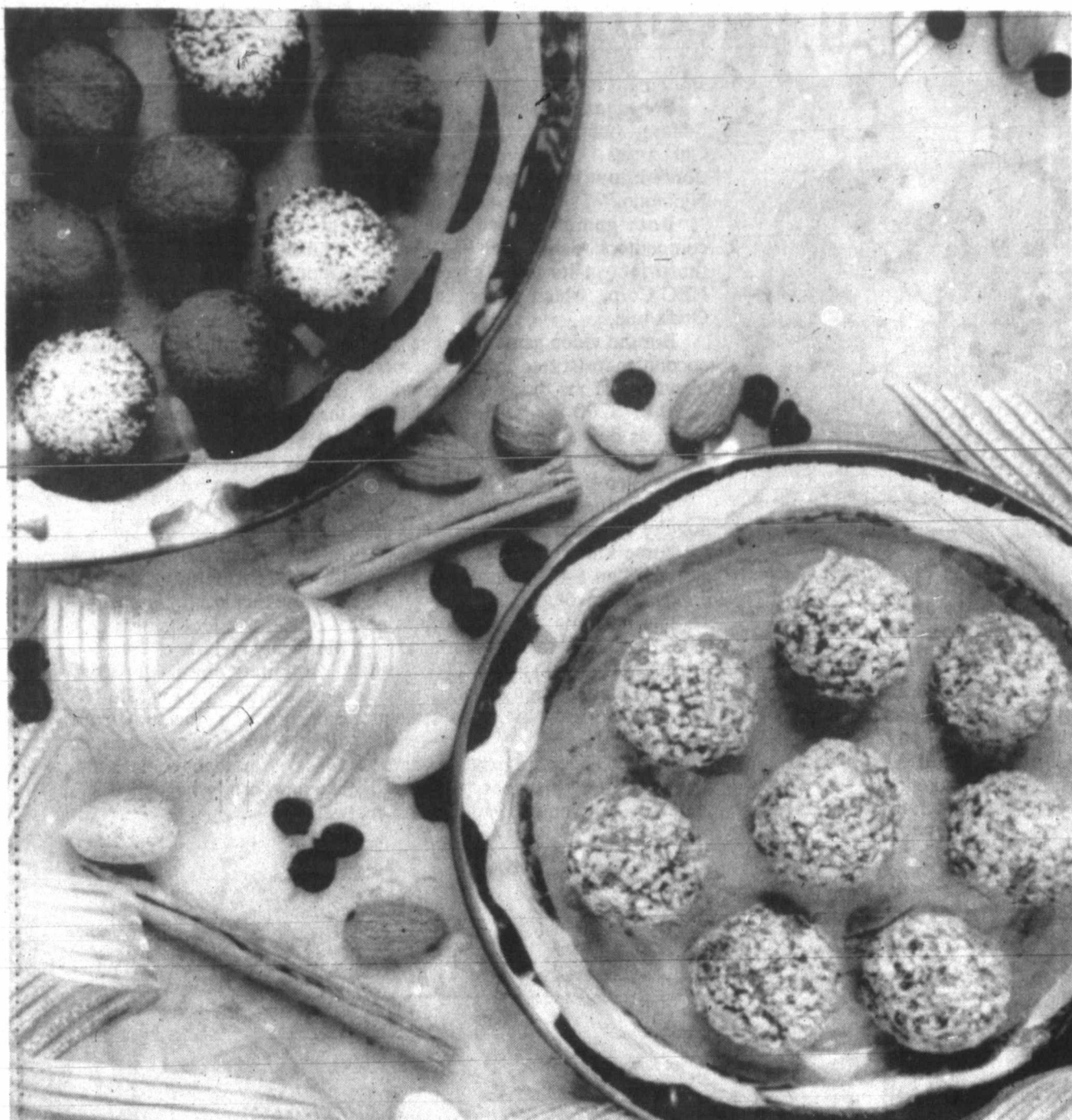
day tin box with an old-fashioned distiller's thermometer.

— A beer sampler from around the world, packaged by Guinness, with brews from England, Ireland, Canada, Mexico and Czechoslovakia.

— And if you or your recipient prefers bourbon, sip while you peruse the "Jim Beam Holly Jolly Juggling Guide," a booklet of advice, much of it tongue-in-cheek, on getting through the holidays.

— They're still taking orders at Aberlour Distillery for the gift you won't touch for another eight years. A cask of 360 bottles of single malt scotch whisky timed to mature with the millennium (New Year's Eve, 1999) awaits the patient owners of the \$3,000 casks. Meanwhile, there is a tasting kit this year, annual reports on progress from the company, and an invitation to visit the distillery to check on your investment as it ages.

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At Christmas time, nation's toy industry becomes a battleground

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The toy business looks a little like a war zone this Christmas: Battles are raging between video game giants Nintendo and Sega, and between retailers Toys R Us and Child World.

And there's another big skirmish, pitting manufacturers and merchants on one side and reluctant consumers on the other.

Who will win? Certainly, the nation's children, but the other victors remain to be seen.

This much is known: 1991 is expected to be another flat year for the overall toy industry, with sales not much above levels of 1990. Toy-makers and retailers have felt the pinch of the recession and uncertain economic recovery.

"It's not going to be a banner year. It should be roughly equivalent to last year, maybe a little better," said John Devine, chief executive officer of Child World Inc.

The biggest question is how well Nintendo's new system will do — not just at Christmas, but into 1992. The \$200 system, with enhanced abilities

over its predecessor, has several hurdles to overcome — it sports a large price while budget-conscious consumers are curtailing spending, and it's entering a saturated video game market.

Super Nintendo was a big hit when introduced in August, but sales have slackened since then, said Paul Valentine, a toy industry analyst with Standard & Poor's Corp.

The new Nintendo "is going to be a harder sell than people originally anticipated," Valentine said.

Other observers are more upbeat. "You may see a slowdown after a rush. Then, as the Christmas shopping season approaches, you'll have a regeneration of sales," said Bob Seligman, editor of the trade publication Toy & Hobby World.

Nintendo has stiffer competition for its 16-bit system — a bit is a measurement of how much information a video game can process — than it had for its highly successful 8-bit units.

Sega of America's Genesis system, which dominated the 16-bit market before Super Nintendo's introduction, has sold well and is expected to be on many wish lists.

Genesis has several advantages over Super Nintendo, including a



(AP Laserphoto)

A sampling from Santa's pack might include a Lamb Chop puppet, Buck O'Hare, Lego space ship, Cabbage Patch baby, Barbie and friends, a Wallbanger action car and Liu, a Chinese doll.

two-year head start and more games to choose from. Sega also cut the price from \$200 to \$150, and its best-selling Sonic The Hedgehog game is a serious rival for Nintendo's Mario brothers.

Sega has sold 2.4 million Genesis systems in two years and expects that number to reach 2.9 million by Christmas, said Al Nilsen, Sega's director of marketing.

"We don't see that momentum

stopping," Nilsen said.

Seligman said the Sega system "should continue to do well during Christmas." However, he said, "I don't know if it's going to match Nintendo."

Both games are well ahead of competitors Atari, which has lowered the price on its Lynx system, and NEC Corp., which offers the TurboGrafx line.

But the video game business may encounter resistance from consumers blanching at the thought of spending \$150 or \$200 for hardware and as much as \$60 a pop for games. Millions of parents already have bought 8-bit systems and hand-held games.

Valentine also warned that the novelty of video may have worn off for some kids. He called the 16-bit systems "an evolutionary product as opposed to revolutionary."

The nation's biggest makers of more traditional toys, including Hasbro Inc., Mattel Inc. and Tyco Toys Inc., have done well in 1991, partly because sales of 8-bit video systems began to slide.

At Tyco, sales are expected to top \$520 million this year, compared with \$461 million in 1990. Chairman

Dick Örey attributed the gain partly to the decline in video sales.

"Those dollars are going to other boys' toys," particularly high-action toys such as radio-controlled vehicles, he said.

Analysts say sales of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles also have fallen from their peak. But after bringing in \$500 million in sales in 1990, the reptilian crime-fighters from Playmates Inc. still are a force for other manufacturers to reckon with.

Old standards are selling better than ever as parents who grew up in the 1950s and '60s want their children to enjoy the same toys they did.

The queen of the perennials is Mattel Inc.'s Barbie.


"This is not a toy. This is an institution," said Seligman. "We wish there could be more toys like that, because this is a flat industry."

Other evergreens include G.I. Joe, Monopoly and Lego blocks.

Retailers say newer toys selling well include Lewis Galoob Toys' Baby Face, a line of 10 dolls with different facial expressions, and Playmates' Waterbabies, dolls that jiggle like newborns when filled with warm water.

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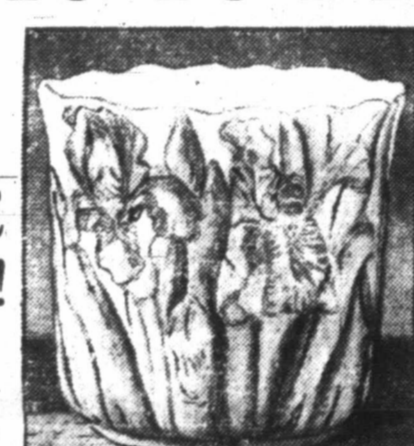


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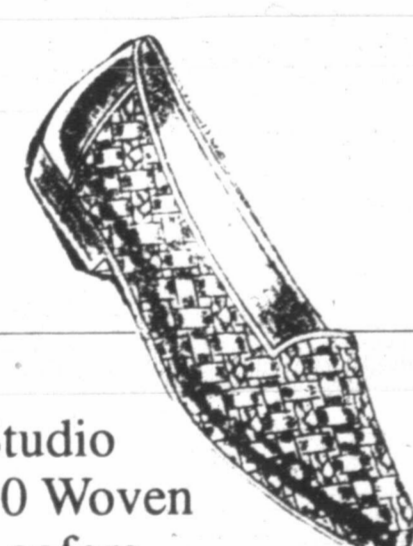
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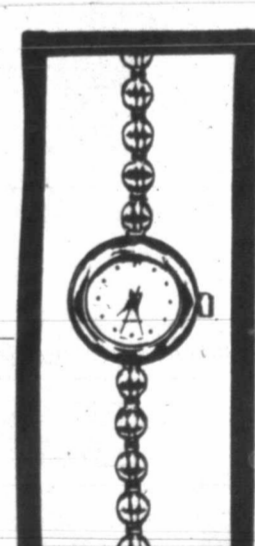
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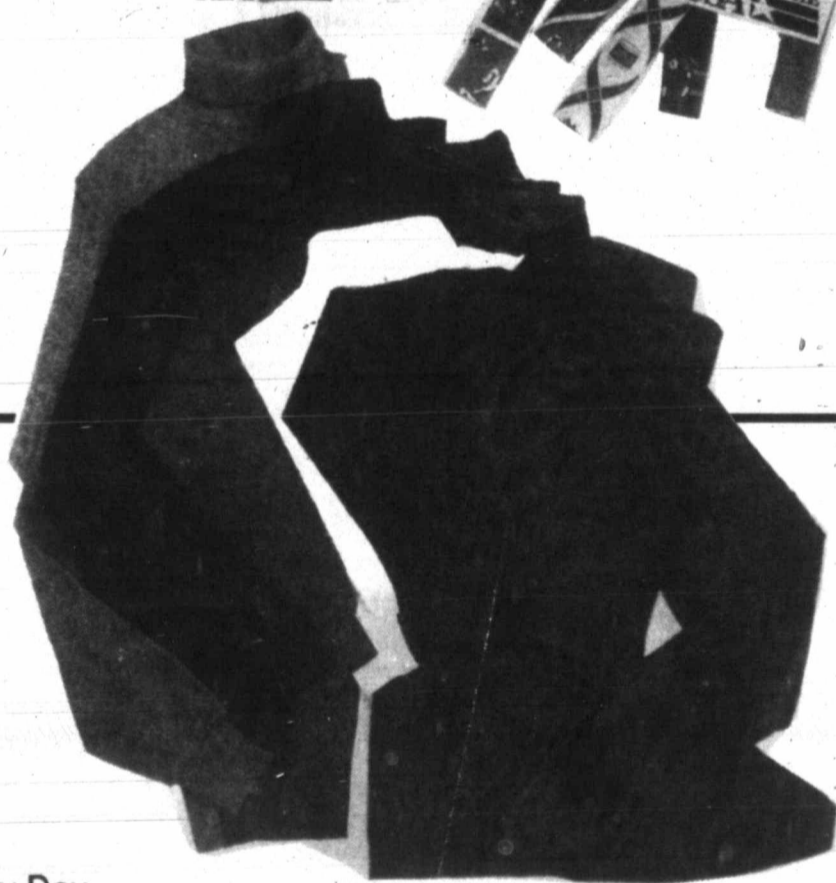
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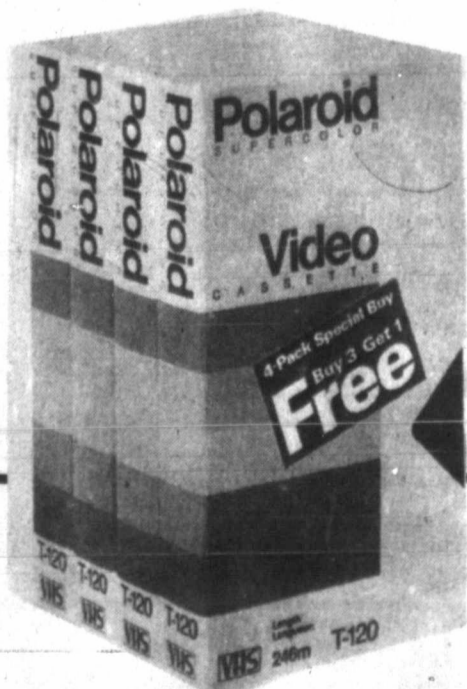
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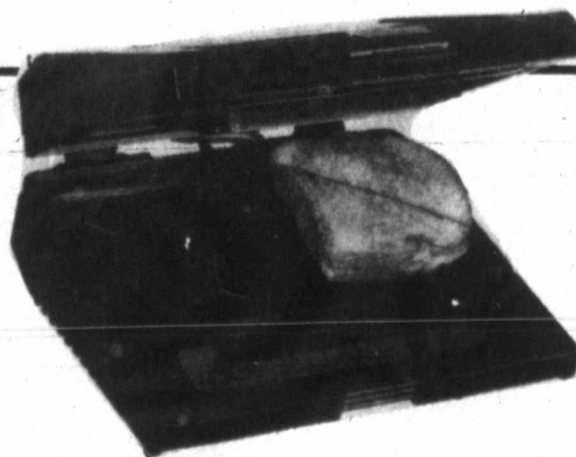


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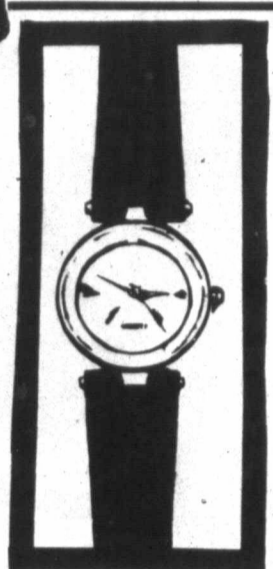
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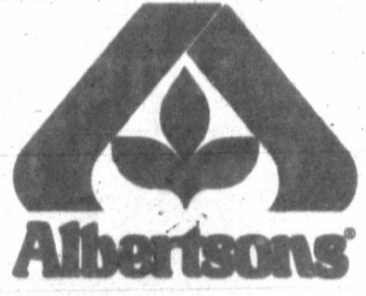
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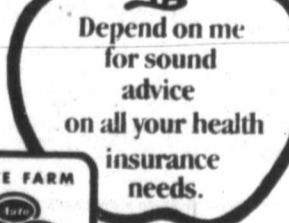
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