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County wants agreement to house city prisoners

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners Court on Thursday told city officials that the county is interested in working out an agreement to house city prisoners once the new county jail is open and running smoothly.

City Manager Glen Hackler and Police Chief James D. Laramore met with the Commissioners Court during the regular county meeting.

Following the discussions, the Commissioners Court unanimously voted to express a willingness to work with the city of Pampa to combine jail facilities, contingent upon details being worked out.

Hackler said that in preliminary discussions, he, Laramore, County Judge Carl Kennedy and Sheriff Jim Free had met several months ago.

"We feel there a lot of advantages to using a state-of-the-art facility," Hackler said.

Hackler said that in 1991, the city housed 1,100 prisoners with 25 to 40 percent being housed on county charges with average stays of about three days.

"We're anxious to get out of the jail business," Hackler said. "We all know it's a liability."

However, Hackler said the city would continue to keep its facility open, even after an agreement is worked out with the county, to make sure all the "bugs" are worked out.

The jail is targeted for completion this month, but may not be fully operating until sometime in February, county officials said.

Hackler also said the city would be receptive to continuing to operate two juvenile holding facilities, which the county paid to help build some years ago.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Ted Simmons said, "I think we ought to try to work together."

If an agreement is worked out to the satisfaction of the city and the county, Laramore said the plans are to change the other city cells into a centralized dispatch area.

Hackler also said the city might be receptive to handling the dispatching of Gray County units in 9-1-1 situations.

However, Kennedy said that, in his opinion, would be up to the sheriff.

Kennedy also said that he believes that when the county facility is opened, the daily census will go up.

"We have many, many unserved warrants for probation violators," the county judge said, adding that there is currently no room to house the violators, so the warrants remain unserved.

"I think the officers, no matter if they are city, DPS or county, will have the freedom to go ahead and bring them in and book them," Kennedy said.

Kennedy also pointed out that the citizens of Pampa are also citizens of Gray County and many have commented to him that it makes no sense to operate two jails if the governmental entities can operate one without creating more problems.

"I'm all for the city and county going together and working this out," Kennedy said.

The county judge also said it was his opinion that the chief of police and any other city officials should be able to have input in the operation of the jail, but not have the final say, which will be left to the sheriff.

Kennedy said that the city and the county would be working on an agreement for the jail operations in the near future.



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Former U.S. Rep. Beau Boulter, R-Amarillo, at left, announces his candidacy Thursday against incumbent U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius, as Mike Ehrle with the local radio station records the announcement in the Gray County Courthouse. At far right is Joe Bailey, listening to the announcement.

Boulter to take on Sarpalius in bid to regain former seat in Congress

Former U.S. Rep. Beau Boulter, R-Amarillo, who represented the 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House from 1985 to 1989, announced Thursday that he has filed as a Republican candidate against his successor, U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo.

Boulter made the announcement during a press conference at the Gray County Courthouse during a two-day tour of the district, calling it a "crusade for change in Congress."

He was one of the few freshman congressmen named to the House Budget Committee and he founded the Congressional Grace Caucus, which he said cut \$119 billion in wasteful federal government spending. He was elected chairman of the House Republican Task Force on Energy, and led legislative efforts to cut taxes, fight congressional pay raises and to aid energy, agriculture and the Texas economy.

In 1988, Boulter won a three-way GOP primary to become the Republican nominee against Lloyd Bentsen for U.S. Senate.

As currently drawn, the 13th Congressional District stretches from Lipscomb County in the northern Panhandle, through Amarillo to Lynn County, south of Lubbock, westward to Wichita Falls, and on to Denton County.

"The 80s were a decade of change in Washington," said Boulter, an attorney and small business-

man in Amarillo. "In the White House and in Congress, we had leaders of vision and courage, Republicans and Democrats, who made a difference. I was proud to be one of them. But today, Congress is filled with free-spending, nest-feathering, check-bouncing, highly paid, tax-hiking, gerrymandering congressmen. And the incumbent fits right in."

Boulter said that by a margin of 65 to 26, Americans disapprove of the job Congress is doing. By a margin of 41 to 18, Americans agree that Congress is more to blame than the president for the current economic downturn, he said.

He called the race with Sarpalius "a test case for change," predicting it would be "one of the hottest in the nation, because Bill Sarpalius' doing approach is a classic example of what's wrong with Congress today, while my leadership in Congress was a classic example of how one person can make a difference."

Boulter added, "Our campaign will be a clean one, about issues, not personalities. There will be no mudslinging, no personal attacks. You will not hear me say that Bill Sarpalius is a bad man. I'm not even going to say that he's a bad congressman."

Boulter said he is undertaking the campaign because of "what Bill Sarpalius hasn't done. It's because of the bills he has not passed, the taxes and spending he has not cut,

the jobs he has not fought to create."

The candidate said, "This will be a tough campaign. But we will win this election, not just because I was a popular congressman, not just because I was a good congressman... but because I was not a typical congressman. I was a leader for change. And with the help of the citizens of the 13th District, I will be again."

"I will lead toward new tax cuts, not the kind that redistribute the wealth and don't create any jobs, but the kind that create opportunity for American workers and entrepreneurs. I will lead toward a national energy strategy, in the same direction that made me the champion of the Texas oil and gas industry when I was in Congress. I will lead toward cutting federal spending with the same imagination and determination that was the hallmark of my service in Congress. I will lead toward restoring family values... toward an America that takes good care of the health, education, moral fiber and safety of our children."

He said that "most urgently" he will lead toward sweeping changes in Congress itself "toward a Congress that is forced to live by the same rules and regulations as they pass for the rest of us to live under... toward a Congress that takes action on public problems, instead of pointing fingers."

Boulter, 49, is married to Rosemary and they have two children, Matt and Libby.

Town Hall meeting set Jan. 13 to discuss sales tax, street plans

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

A town hall meeting is being called by City Commissioner Robert Dixon for Monday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, to answer questions and provide information on the economic development election slated for Saturday, Jan. 18.

Dixon, a proponent of the three ballot issues, has based his two campaigns on the importance of serious improvements being made to city streets.

A \$4 million street bond issue that would see the repair, replacement or paving of 15 miles of city streets is one of the matters going before the public.

Also on the ballot is a half-cent sales tax to reduce the property tax by 6 cents and a half-cent sales tax for economic development.

City Manager Glen Hackler, one of several scheduled panelists for the town hall gathering, said two recent developments emphasize the doors that economic development funds could open.

"In our prison proposal we are giving all-out effort to get additional jobs through a unit to go beside our Rufe Jordan Unit," Hackler said. "Were we to have permanent funding such as would come through an economic development sales tax, we could offer additional incentives, which are, frankly, what the state is looking for."

"They will compare Pampa's proposal with 109 others. (Financial perks) are not the only issue, but in some instances, it can be make-or-break for a city."

He added, "Just before Christmas

we received a call from the Texas Department of Commerce regarding an industrial prospect that is looking for some of the characteristics that Pampa has, including our Enterprise Zone."

"Just two days ago the prospect himself called and a group of investors are looking at a large endeavor. It would become the largest employer in the city."

However, the city manager explained, the prospect is also looking for the types of collateralized loans that cities like Abilene, Borger and Amarillo can provide because they have economic development funds via the half-cent sales tax.

"They are looking at Pampa as a finalist community," Hackler said. "I have to be careful what I say because much of what is known is confidential. They want to make a decision in the first quarter of 1992. The community has to meet some utility demands because of volumes of water and electricity."

"But they also need buildings that would be constructed (by an economic development foundation using sales tax monies) and that they would buy back over five to 10 years. It would not be a gift, it would be a loan."

In Pueblo, Colo., where voters passed the half-cent sales tax 10 years ago, officials brag that 10,000 new jobs have been brought to the city over the last decade through just such a program of building industrial sites that companies buy back over time.

Sources in the area have said if Pampa were to land this particular prospect, it would provide over twice as many jobs as any other single employer.

However, Hackler, who declined to

confirm those numbers, said Pampa is competing against dozens of cities that have the ability to provide industrial assistance this city cannot currently accommodate without the sales tax.

"They are committed to Texas," he did say. "Their investors are from Texas. It's just a question of where those jobs will go."

Dixon said he had originally intended for the town hall meeting to be only an address to Optimist Club members, but later decided to open it up to the public.

"There hadn't been any citywide meeting since this election was called," Dixon said. "I thought this would be an excellent opportunity where people can come and get their questions answered. It will be five days before the election. The Optimist Club is a good-sized building and we can stay as long as people have questions."

Those on the program include Dixon, Mayor Richard Peet, attorney Bill Waters of the Industrial Foundation and Jerry Sims, interim manager of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, along with Hackler.

"We said all along this proposal is attractive the more you know about it," Hackler said. "We want to provide every opportunity for people to be informed."

Dixon said he is aware of a great deal of misinformation being circulated to fight the election.

"I understand there is a grass-roots effort among senior citizens to fight this and I don't understand that because this will lower their property taxes," Dixon said. "I feel like everybody should be for this because it's an opportunity to help our young people down the road. We are doing something today for tomorrow."

Contractor says jail opening back on time

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

The general contractor for the new Gray County Jail and Sheriff's Office reported to the Commissioners Court Thursday that the completion date would likely be placed back at the original Jan. 15 time frame.

Jim Sartain with A&S Steel Buildings Inc. of Amarillo said that although he had indicated at the prior meeting of the Commissioners

Court that the jail completion date would likely be delayed, that situation has now changed.

Cost of the facility to date stands at \$3,029,809.04.

Sartain had said at a December meeting that because of a delay in the switches for the electronic control panels, the jail would likely not be completed in January. However, on Thursday, Sartain said he has received word from the manufacturer that the switches will be installed in January.

"It looks like we'll have the thing together between the 17th and 20th (of January)," Sartain said.

After the jail is completed, the architectural firm, Maxey & Associates of Austin, will have to make an inspection and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards will have to inspect the facility and give the OK for it to begin operations. Sartain said it would probably be good to have the Jail Standards inspectors here between Jan. 20 and the end of the month.

County Judge Carl Kennedy also said he would like civic clubs, school children and others to be able to take tours of the facility prior to housing prisoners.

In other jail-related business, the Commissioners Court approved several change orders and unanimously voted to spend \$1,700 to pay for half the costs of redoing the concrete in part of the alley behind the new facility. The concrete has

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Lefors residents raise questions about city's trash collection problems

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LEFORS - Lefors City Council was bombarded by questions from residents on why their trash was not being hauled timely during an emergency meeting Thursday night.

About 20 residents attended the meeting, with many saying they were there simply to find out why the city was having problems with the trash hauling.

City employees Mike Steele and Carl Connell explained that due to vacation time, the holidays, truck break-downs and other city problems that had to be taken care of, they have gotten behind on the garbage collection.

Judy West said, "My trash isn't getting hauled. It hasn't been hauled in 2 1/2 weeks."

Clay Lock Jr. said, "Mine's full, too. I've got trash in the house."

Betty Hannon said, "We've made three trips to Pampa (landfill) since Thanksgiving and we've got trash in the garage and our barrels are full. It's been three weeks since our trash was hauled."

The city of Lefors closed its landfill on Sept. 1 and has been hauling its trash to the city of Pampa landfill since that time. Council member Larry Fulton hauled the trash for a 60-day period to set up the collection process and then it was turned over to city employees.

City Secretary Phyllis Crutcher said that since the city has been hauling the trash, there has been more bad weather and more pounds of trash than when Fulton was hauling the garbage.

Hannon said, "We can't just have trash running out of our ears. If the city was going to take on this, they needed to be prepared."

Council member Wendell Akins said, "It's a problem, but, people, this is new. It's not something we've been doing for a year, or two or three."

Akins asked the residents to be patient and to work with the city and not against it. He said the city hauling the trash is the cheapest possible for the residents and if a private contractor comes in, the residents

would likely be looking at \$15-20 a month per household with no guarantee that the rate would not be increased.

Akins also said that the city employees need to know that the City Council is their boss. "The employees here have got to know who is boss," he said.

"We expect you employees to do the best of your ability and not gripe about it," Akins said.

Akins also said that he realizes the employees have other duties, and many of those duties are not visible to the public.

"We're new at this trash hauling and if you'll give us a chance to work it out, it'll be cheaper," he said to the residents.

And he added that "if these guys (employees) don't do it up to what the council thinks it should, we'll get rid of them and get some others... I think if they'll make up their mind, they can do it. You guys have gotta want to make it work, it's your town too."

Akins also said that if it comes a big rain or snow and the employees can't get down the alleys or if the pickup breaks down, "don't blame them, it's not their fault."

The council went into an executive session to discuss "employees" and, following that meeting, voted unanimously on a motion made by Council member Johnny Woodard and seconded by Council member Pat Seely to increase Connell's monthly salary to \$1,120 a month, a

\$120 a month increase, for a three-month period, at which time the situation will be re-evaluated.

Fulton also asked Connell if he would like him to help him on routing for the trash hauling, but Connell responded, "No," he knew how to do it.

In business at a special called Dec. 20 meeting, the council rescinded its action of an earlier December meeting and voted to pay Ronny Ferguson an estimated \$800 for his help with the trash hauling.

Mayor Gene Gee had hired Ferguson without the consent of the council and the council voted earlier in December to not pay Ferguson the money that was billed.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BECK, John Cameron — graveside, 1 p.m., Grove Hill Cemetery, Dallas.
CARROLL, Kenneth Gene — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
CHANEY, Edith — 2:30 p.m., Wheeler Christian Center Church, Wheeler.
GARMON, Roy Cecil — 2 p.m., Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel, Paris.
GIBSON, Walter Ewing (Rusty) — 4 p.m., graveside, Lakeview Cemetery, Lakeview.
GRAHAM, Jessie Elizabeth Dodson — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
HILDENBRAND, Pauline — 4 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.
Service Sunday
GODDEN, Lee W. — 2 p.m., Prairie Dell Cemetery, east of Canadian.

Obituaries

RUBY EMA ANGLIN
WHEELER — Ruby Ema Anglen, 92, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1992. Services will be at 4 p.m. today in the Country Chapel with the Rev. Rodney Weatherly, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Gridley-Biggs Cemetery in Gridley, Calif. Local arrangements are by Wright Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Anglen was born in Mountainburg, Ark., and had been a resident of Biggs, Calif., since 1946. She married Samuel R. Anglen in 1916 at Arkansas; he preceded her in death in 1972. She moved to Wheeler in 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Biggs. She was preceded in death by two sons and a daughter.
 Survivors include two sons, Floyd Anglen of Biggs, Calif., and John Anglen of Chatsworth, Calif.; two daughters, Opal Hutchison of Wheeler and Lois Patterson of Claude; a brother, Fount Jones of Live Oak, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.
JOHN CAMERON BECK
DALLAS — Graveside services for John Cameron Beck, brother of a Pampa resident, are to be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas with Dean Ernest Hunt of St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in Dallas officiating. Arrangements are by Sparkman-Hillcrest, 7405 Northwest Highway, Dallas.
 Mr. Beck died Monday, Dec. 30, 1991, in Guatemala City, Guatemala.
 Born on May 14, 1926 in Dallas, Mr. Beck had lived in many cities, including Pampa. His last residence was Antigua, Guatemala. He attended Texas Country Day School in Dallas and Woodberry Forest School in Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1948, graduating with honors. He taught school at Daniel Baker Junior College in Brownwood and wrote book reviews for two Dallas newspapers. He served with the American Field Service in India in World War II.
 Survivors include his brother, Curt Beck of Pampa; a sister-in-law, Wil Beck of Pampa; a niece, Anna Beck of Salt Lake City, Utah; two nephews, Curt Beck and Paul Beck, both of Houston; a cousin, Mrs. William F. Alexander of Dallas; three grandnieces; and one grand-nephew.
 The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Pampa.

KENNETH GENE CARROLL
 Kenneth Gene Carroll, 62, of Corpus Christi, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1992. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.
 Mr. Carroll was born on Feb. 8, 1929, in Binger, Okla. He moved to Pampa in 1977 and then to Corpus Christi in 1989. He married Lisa Cordell in 1982 at Miami. He was superintendent of the Cabot-Kingsmill Plant, where he worked 14 years for Cabot. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pampa.
 Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Donna Gullotte of Conroe; two sons, Sandy Carroll of Pampa and Kelvin Franzwa of San Diego; a stepson, Sandy Carroll of Corpus Christi; two brothers, Maurice Carroll of Hobbs, N.M., and Bill Carroll of Barstow, Calif.; and four grandchildren.
EDITH CHANEY
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 Mrs. Chaney was born in Canadian and moved to Wheeler 10 years ago from San Antonio. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, W.C. Chaney.
 Survivors include two sisters, May Muse of Clarendon and Lela Simpson of Shamrock.
JUDY KINCAID COUZART
ABILENE — Word has been received of the death of Judy Kincaid Couzart, 44, a former Pampa resident. Mrs. Couzart and her mother, Roberta Kincaid, died Dec. 24, 1991 as the result of a fire at their home in Abilene.
 Memorial services were held Dec. 28 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Ford officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.
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Fires
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THURSDAY, Jan. 2
 7:49 p.m. — Medical assist at 815 N. Frost. Two units and four firefighters responded.
 8:17 p.m. — Medical assist at 1504 W. Kentucky. Two units and four firefighters responded.

Obituaries

WALTER EWING (RUSTY) GIBSON
 Walter Ewing (Rusty) Gibson, 74, of Chicago, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1991, in Chicago. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Lakeview Cemetery in Lakeview with the Rev. Kenneth Metzger, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Gibson was born June 11, 1917, near Granbury. He lived in Clarendon for several years, working for the Coca Cola Bottling Co. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He moved to Florida for a short time after leaving the military, and later moved to Chicago where he resided until his death.
 Survivors include his companion of many years, Jeraldine Rowland of Chicago; two sons, Kenneth Eugene Gibson of Florida and Walter E. Gibson Jr. of North Carolina; three brothers, Gene Gibson of Dallas, M.J. Gibson of California, and Milton Gibson of Miss; four sisters, Bertha Holder of Amarillo, Birdie Hudson and Myrtle Verden, both of Wheeler, and Mary Baten of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

LEE W. GODDEN
CANADIAN — Lee W. Godden, 81, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1992. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Prairie Dell Cemetery, east of Canadian. Arrangements are by Stickley-Hill Funeral Home.
 Mr. Godden was born in Roger Mills County, Okla., and later moved to Canadian. He then moved to Idaho about 20 years ago. He had worked as a mechanic.
 Survivors include a son, Wesley Godden of Canadian; a daughter, June Cunningham of Temple; and a brother, Grant Godden of Durham, Okla.
PAULINE HILDENBRAND
 Pauline Hildenbrand, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1992. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. Art Hill, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Hildenbrand was born on June 12, 1902, in Eigenfeldt, Russia, and moved to America when she was three years old. She married Ben Hildenbrand on July 19, 1917, at Lipscomb; he preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 1964. She moved to Pampa in 1959 from Lipscomb County, where she had farmed. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church.
 Survivors include two daughters, Neva Weeks of Pampa and Sally Jean Detrixhe of Lubbock; one daughter-in-law, Eve Hildenbrand of Pampa; three sisters, Kathryn Webb and Clara Schneider, both of Lipscomb, and Gertrude Laubhan of Higgins; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Hospital

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| CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions | Dismissals |
| Norma Jean Cook, Pampa | Floyd Huddleston, Pampa |
| Ruby Duckworth, Pampa | Homer Jones, Pampa |
| Lefors | Wayne Mitchell, Pampa |
| Ryan Mark Gibson, Pampa | Vera Murphy, Miami |
| Billy Lee, Pampa | Jennifer Sinches, Pampa |
| Ray Mason, Pampa | Dedra Elaine Ware and baby girl, Borger |
| Ruby Moore, Canadian | Radie Orr (extended care), Pampa |
| Nellie Poteet, Pampa | |
| Robert Lee Price, Pampa | SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions |
| Ed Ray, Pampa | None |
| Lois Rogers, Pampa | Dismissals |
| Donna Jean Smith, Pampa | Caleb Gaines, McLean |
| Ross Taylor, Pampa | |

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
THURSDAY, Jan. 2
 Gray County Ford, 701 W. Brown, reported criminal mischief at the business.
 Danny Seabourn, 205 W. Harvester, reported criminal mischief at the Pampa High School parking lot.
 Charles Day, 43, 1031 N. Sumner #216, reported an assault near the residence.
Arrests
THURSDAY, Jan. 2
 James Frank Slater, 21, Cabot Kingsmill Camp, was arrested at the police department on four warrants.
 Raymond J. Swaney, 29, 736A McCullough, was arrested at the police department on a warrant for domestic violence. He was released on order of Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.
 Don Goin Abney, 42, 1005 N. Somerville, was arrested at Coronado Center on a charge of public intoxication.
 Tarsharn Lynn Busby, 21, 1008 Varnon Drive, was arrested on a charge of theft of \$20-200. He was released on a personal recognizance bond.
 Luis Alberto Molina, 34, 609 E. Foster, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated-breath test refusal.
FRIDAY, Jan. 3
 Charles Glenn Spencer, 27, 1100 S. Sumner, was arrested at McCullough and Hobart on no driver's license.
 The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
THURSDAY, Jan. 2
 Anthone Herpeoche, 1228 Darby, reported a theft.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
THURSDAY, Jan. 2
 2:10 p.m. — A hit-and-run vehicle collided with a 1987 Pontiac driven by Barbara Kidd, 1816 N. Wells, in the 1500 block of North Banks.

Bush eyes expanded military ties with Singapore

By RITA BEAMISH
 Associated Press Writer

SINGAPORE (AP) — President Bush arrived in Singapore today to press arrangements to boost the U.S. military presence in that island state as the Pentagon goes packing from the Philippines.
 Bush began the second leg of his four-nation trip to the Far East after assuring Australian business leaders that the United States would not abandon its "special responsibility" for stability in the region.
 The United States is looking to Singapore to help fill the gap left by the forced U.S. pullout from Subic naval base and its abandonment of Clark Air Base in the Philippines, the traditional U.S. stronghold in the Pacific.
 The Bush administration wants to shift some security resources to bases and ports in this tiny tropical city-state on the southern tip of the Malay peninsula, U.S. officials said.
 That would likely include the U.S. command structures currently based at Subic Bay, as well as expanded rights to use Singapore bases and make ports of call, said one official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.
 A November 1990 agreement signed by Vice President Dan Quayle and then-Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew already provides U.S. warships and planes wider use of the city-state's bases. Bush hopes to expand on that arrangement.
 Bush also was expected to announce in Singapore that he will lift the U.S. trade embargo against Cambodia where warring factions signed a peace treaty two months ago, U.S. officials said.
 The embargo dates to April 1975, when Khmer Rouge rebels forced the pro-Western government from power.

Bush, after spending the first three days of his 12-day trip in Australia, becomes the first U.S. president to visit Singapore, a republic of 3 million people crammed into the smallest nation in Southeast Asia.
 Bush will meet Saturday with Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and President Wee Kim Wee as well as Lee Kuan Yew, who ruled the island republic for 31 years before stepping down in November 1990.
 On his final day in Australia, Bush vowed to resist protectionist pressures even as he sought to defend U.S. wheat subsidies that have hurt Australian farmers.
 Bush said the protectionist pressures at home are mounting in this election year. "None of us are pure," he reiterated. "Not one country can say, 'We don't protect in some way or another.'"
 But he pledged that as long as he remains president, "We are not going to go ... down the protection path."
 Bush was accompanied to Singapore by U.S. corporate executives he brought along mostly to press the

Sarpalio to be at Perry Lefors Field to announce his re-election candidacy

U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalio is to arrive at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Perry Lefors Field to announce his bid for re-election to Congress.
 A delegation of supporters are to meet the Amarillo Democrat when he flies in to the local airport Saturday morning, said former state representative Foster Whaley.
 Sarpalio is expected to announce his candidacy for re-election as U.S. representative for the 13th Congressional District. The public is invited to attend the announcement.
 Former Congressman Beau Boulter, R., announced earlier this week that he also is seeking the 13th Congressional District representative spot.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Verdalee Cooper at 669-2813.
THEE PLACE
 Thee Place for Singles is open Saturdays, 7-10:30 p.m., at 520 W. Kingsmill.
SOUTHSIDE SENIORS MENU
 Southside Senior Citizens menu for Saturday will be baked beans and wieners, mixed greens, buttered beets, cornbread and mixed fruit.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.
ALLSTATE INSURANCE Co., 1064 N. Hobart, 665-4410. Adv.
4 HOUR Sale Sunday January 5, 1-5 p.m. Gigantic discounts too good to ignore including dresses \$29.95 and up. Come early for best selection. VJ's, Pampa Mall. Adv.
FREE DELIVERY from 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, \$5 minimum. The Hamburger Station, 665-9131. Adv.

case for removal of trade barriers in South Korea and Japan, the next stops on his journey.
 Unlike those countries, Singapore poses no contentious trade issues.
 "Singapore and the United States share what Washington describes as 'excellent' economic relations, with part of the island's prosperity due to \$3 billion in U.S. business investment."
 The United States and Singapore enjoy a growing \$21 billion bilateral trade. More than 800 U.S. companies operate in Singapore.
 Singapore has a spotty human rights performance, but officials said Bush did not intend to make a public issue of that during his visit.
 In light of the effort for a greater U.S. security presence in Singapore, it was not clear if the touchy human rights question would be raised in private.
 Singapore's government has taken a hard line against political dissent, imposed controls on foreign journalists, and has a law permitting detainment of dissenters without charge.
 The State Department human rights report this year cited "credible reports of recent mistreatment."
 A dissident listed by Amnesty International as the longest held political prisoner in the world, former opposition Parliament member Chia Thye Poh, was released from prison after 23 years, but now is forced to live on an island and is confined there at night.

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become broken up during the construction, Sartain reported. He said he had \$1,032 budgeted to "patch" the alley and would kick in the rest for the concrete project, estimated at \$3,500. Sartain said the city of Pampa has agreed to use its equipment and manpower to remove the broken up concrete.
 In other business, the Commissioners Court:
 • voted 4-0, with Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene abstaining, to send a resolution to the city of Shamrock in support of that city's bid for a state prison.
 • heard a request from adult probation for more space. The Commissioners Court said they would consider the request after the jail and sheriff's office is moved to the new facility.
 • unanimously approved the payment of \$130,460.66 in salaries and bills.
 • unanimously approved the following transfers: \$7,057 from FM&LR to Precinct 1 R&B; \$5,948 from FM&LR to Precinct 2 R&B; \$7,334 from FM&LR to Precinct 3 R&B; \$9,108 from FM&LR to Precinct 4 R&B; \$26,266 from general to salary; \$29,662 from Highland General Hospital to general; and \$19 from general to law library.
 • received a letter from the Texas Railroad Commission regarding the Texas Quarry and Pit Safety Act.
 • authorized adjustments as needed in inter-departmental budgets for end of the year bookkeeping.
 • unanimously approved a request from District Clerk Yvonne Molter to hire a new employee.

Stocks

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa | Chevron.....69 3/8 | up 1/2 |
| Wheat.....3.56 | Coca-Cola.....81 1/2 | up 1 1/4 |
| Milo.....4.01 | Enron.....36 1/8 | up 1/4 |
| Com.....4.45 | Halliburton.....29 3/4 | dn 3/4 |
| The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation: | Ingersoll Rand.....53 1/2 | dn 1 1/8 |
| Ky. Cent. Life.....5 1/4 | KNE.....26 3/8 | NC |
| Serco.....2 1/8 | Kerr-McGee.....39 7/8 | up 1/2 |
| Occidental.....19 1/8 | Limited.....28 5/8 | dn 3/8 |
| | Mapco.....60 1/2 | NC |
| | Maxus.....7 3/8 | NC |
| | McDonald's.....39 | dn 1/4 |
| | Mesa Ltd.....2 3/8 | NC |
| | Mobil.....69 1/4 | up 3/8 |
| | New Atmos.....22 3/4 | NC |
| | Parker & Parsley.....13 | up 3/4 |
| | Penney's.....55 | dn 3/8 |
| | Phillips.....24 1/4 | dn 1/8 |
| | SLB.....63 | dn 1 1/4 |
| | SPS.....33 3/4 | dn 1/4 |
| | Tenneco.....31 3/4 | dn 3/8 |
| | Texasco.....61 3/4 | up 3/8 |
| | Wal-Mart.....55 1/2 | dn 3 5/8 |
| | New York Gold.....352.50 | |
| | Silver.....3.97 | |
| | West Texas Crude.....19.60 | |

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WINTER CLOTHES 1/2 Price. Elsie's Flea Market. Adv.
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TAX SERVICE & Bookkeeping, Glenda Brownlee, 825 Dwight, 665-0310 or 274-2142. Adv.

Weather focus
LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 30 degrees and southeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms, and a high in the lower 50s. Thursday's high was 56 degrees; the overnight low was 30 degrees.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — High cloudiness will increase from west to east tonight, then skies should be mostly cloudy across the region Saturday. A chance of rain in far West Texas tonight and across the entire area Saturday. Highs 50s and 60s Saturday. Lows tonight 30s and 40s.
 North Texas — Increasing cloudiness tonight with lows in mid 30s northeast to low 40s south. Mostly cloudy Saturday with highs in the 60s.
 South Texas — Increasing clouds and not as cold tonight. Mostly cloudy Saturday with a slight chance of rain west through south. Highs Saturday from 60s north to 70s south. Lows tonight from 40s north to 50s south.
EXTENDED FORECAST
 Sunday through Tuesday
 West Texas — Panhandle: Sunday through Tuesday decreasing cloudiness Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs in low to mid 50s. South Plains: Decreasing cloudiness Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs in mid to upper 50s. Lows in low to mid 30s. Permian Basin: Decreasing cloudiness Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs in mid 50s to near 60. Lows in upper 30s. Concho Valley, Edwards Plateau: Decreasing cloudiness Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs in upper 50s to low 60s. Lows in low 40s. Far West: Mostly cloudy Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs near 60. Lows near 40 to mid 40s. Big Bend: Mostly cloudy Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs upper 50s to low 60s mountains, with upper 60s to mid 70s along the Rio Grande. Lows in mid 20s lower 30s mountains, with low to mid 40s along the Rio Grande.
 North Texas — West and Central: Cloudy Sunday with a chance of rain. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday, a slight chance of showers Tuesday. Lows in the 40s, highs in upper 50s to low 60s. East: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain each day. Lows in the 40s with highs in the 60s.
 South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 60s.
 Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Sunday, decreasing Monday. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Lows from near 50 to mid 50s. Highs in the 60s to near 70. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Sunday, decreasing Monday. Mostly cloudy Tuesday. Lows in the 50s. Highs from near 70 to low 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Sunday and Monday. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 60s.
BORDER STATES
 Oklahoma — Fair tonight. Mostly cloudy west with increasing clouds east Saturday. Lows tonight low to mid 30s. Highs Saturday mid to upper 50s.
 New Mexico — Tonight and Saturday, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and mountain snow showers spreading eastward across the state. Snow level around 6000 feet tonight rising to 7000 feet Saturday. Lows tonight teens to mid 20s mountains with mostly 30s lower elevations. Highs Saturday 30s and 40s mountains with mid 40s and 50s lower elevations.

Some residents return to homes as flood waters begin to recede

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
Associated Press Writer

SIMONTON (AP) — Some residents began returning to their flood-ravaged homes near the Brazos River, but water remained in others, forcing those homeowners to wait and wonder what was left of their belongings.

About two feet of water washed throughout Susan and Kyle Kubricht's home, saturating new carpeting and floating their Christmas tree. The Kubrichts and others went back to their homes Thursday in Fort Bend County, where an estimated 250 homes are flooded, to assess the damage.

"The water came up about a foot in about 35 minutes on Saturday," Kubricht said. "We had enough time to put things up and get everybody out, but that was about it."

Inside, the family's new refrigerator rested on the kitchen sink and two chairs, but an antique piano, bedroom and living room furniture all bore soggy high water marks. They had no flood insurance.

"I found myself walking around and I don't know what to do first," Kubricht said.

Flood waters spilling out of the Brazos and overflowing from two nearby lakes began receding late Wednesday. The Brazos dropped from 49.7 feet to 48.75 — slightly less than a foot above flood stage — at Richmond by early morning. Waters had reached a flat crest at Rosharon and flat crests were forecast for East Columbia and the Harris Reservoir into the weekend.

Eva Domatti spent the day at her Sunshine Acres Llamas surveying the damage to her home and two-acre wildlife ranch in the Valley Lodge subdivision. She also rounded up geese, ducks and a swan.

"You work for something for so long and it's wiped out in a few hours," Mrs. Domatti said. "The biggest mop is not going to help."

Inside Mrs. Domatti's home, a half-inch of silt coated ceramic floors, while carpets saturated with water

and mud squished beneath her feet in other rooms. Water marks nearly a foot high stained walls and large furniture.

She evacuated most of the animals just before Christmas, although she did lose eight peacocks.

In southern Fort Bend County, ranchers helped one another, using air boats to ferry bales of hay to feed hungry cattle isolated by the raging waters.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday added Fort Bend and five other counties to a list of 19 Texas counties declared federal disaster areas. Others on the list include Tarrant, Bell, Walker, McLennan, Trinity, Burnet, Coleman, Fayette, Liberty, Limestone, Llano, Parker, Wharton, Travis, Brown, Bosque, Bastrop and Dallas.

More than 1,100 individuals and businesses already have sought help from the agency.

Northeast of Houston, Liberty County residents continued to watch the rising waters of the Trinity River. The river had risen to 29.75 feet, 5.75 feet above flood stage, this morning, Liberty County Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Mitchum said. He expected a rise of up to 1 1/2 more inches before the river crests this afternoon.

An estimated 160 homes in the Liberty area had water in them, and Mitchum said the number will rise. Officials have surveyed only seven of 16 subdivisions in the flood area. Eighty-five people spent last night in county shelters, he said.

Although the Brazos was receding in Fort Bend County, some homeowners still couldn't go back.

High water Thursday prevented Fritz Lancon from getting any nearer than the length of a football field to his Simonton house. Water marks looked to be about 3 feet high outside the home where he has lived for 21 years.

"It's dropped about a foot and a half since yesterday," Lancon said. "I just hope that the driveway's still there."

Day 2 of special session: Who cares?

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — On the first day of the Legislature's special session on redistricting, prayers were lifted for fairness and comparisons were made between the political battle and the Alamo.

But does the public really care about redrawing state House and Senate district boundaries?

"The attention span may be about two seconds on what happens down here during this special session," said House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

He said people are more concerned about the economy, as they should be.

But 150 House members, and 31 senators, have a lot at stake in drawing boundaries for districts from which they and future lawmakers will run.

On Thursday, legislative leaders predicted quick work on redistricting, but the special session quickly ran into problems.

A Senate redistricting plan was delayed by Republicans, forcing senators to sit tight until Saturday before considering the measure.

Meanwhile, a House committee voted 8-4 for a redistricting proposal

that minority plaintiffs said would land the state back in court.

The proposal would institute a federal three-judge panel's plan for the 1992 elections, and then change for 1994 to a district map that was agreed to by the minority groups and a majority of the House.

But James Harrington, an attorney for the minority plaintiffs, said the three-judge plan for 1992 would do too much damage to Hispanics and blacks. Harrington said Hispanic groups would challenge such a proposal in state court.

The committee also approved a bill that would postpone the primaries until April 11 if a Senate redistricting plan fails to win court approval in time for the election to proceed on March 10.

It appeared that the opening prayer in the House was going unanswered. Rev. Marvin Griffin of Austin's Ebenezer Baptist Church had urged "district lines that rise above partisan politics and are fair, flawless, equitable and acceptable."

Despite the problems, Lewis, and Senate leaders said they expected to finish the session next week.

In the Senate, David Sibley, R-Waco, used his right as a senator to delay consideration of a redistricting plan that represented a settlement with

minority plaintiffs and has been agreed upon by 20 Democratic senators.

Republicans claim the plan would reduce their numbers in the Senate. "The Alamo held out 13 days, I don't know if we have it in us to hold out that long or not," Sibley said.

Midland Rep. Tom Craddick, president of the House Republican Caucus, summed up his feelings saying, "The session is a joke and a sham. There is no reason to have one. I think we're just down here wasting time and money."

At issue is drawing new boundaries for House and Senate districts, a process that has dogged lawmakers for a year. Time is running out on setting the boundaries in time to hold the March 10 political party primaries as scheduled.

Lawmakers tackle redistricting every 10 years after the federal census, in order to adjust for changes in population. Changes in district lines can spell victory or defeat for some incumbents.

This is the third special session of the 72nd Legislature. Lawmakers met for 140 days last year in regular session, 30 days to adopt a state budget, and one week on congressional, State Board of Education redistricting and prison legislation.

Zale chairman criticizes bankruptcy move

DALLAS (AP) — The nation's largest jewelry retailer, Zale Corp., will push ahead with cost cuts despite an attempt by some bondholders to throw the company into Chapter 11, its chairman said.

"We believe this action by just a handful of our creditors is very unfortunate. Their action is definitely not in the best interests of our creditors and our employees," Zale chairman Irving R. Gerstein said Thursday.

Bondholders led by the Dallas investment firm Barre & Co. filed an involuntary bankruptcy petition against Zale on Wednesday.

The petition did not affect the company's four retail chains — Zale's, Bailey Banks & Biddle, Gordon's and Corrigan's — which operated normally Thursday.

Zale was considering how to respond to the petition, Gerstein said. It has 20 days to do so.

The company could consent to

the filing and restructure \$850 million in debt through the formal court process, or it could ask a bankruptcy judge to throw the petition out, claiming the bondholders don't represent all its creditors.

The involuntary Chapter 11 petition was filed two days after Zale announced cost cuts designed to keep it out of bankruptcy court. They include closing 400 of its 2,000 stores and freezing all debt payments.

About 2,500 of the company's 12,500 employees nationwide would lose their jobs because of the closures. Zale also planned to cut its headquarters staff and reorganize divisions.

In his statement Thursday, Gerstein said Zale would push ahead with those plans.

Final decisions about what stores to close will take about two months while closing them could take another two months, Zale spokeswoman

Lisette McSoud said Thursday. Gerstein on Thursday repeated his view that formal court proceedings will slow the company's restructuring and add to its cost.

"It was in the best interest of everyone involved that we reach out-of-court agreements," he said.

But the president of Barre & Co., David Glastein, said that was unrealistic because Zale has too many bondholders.

Barre customers own about \$52 million in Zale bonds. The company missed a payment on that debt Dec. 2 and said earlier this week it still wouldn't be able to make the payment when the grace period expired Thursday.

Zale has annual sales of about \$1.2 billion but they have been slowed by the recession. The holiday sales period was the worst in recent history, Gerstein said earlier this week.

Also Thursday, a leading bond-rating company, Moody's Investors Service, lowered the rating of Zale's \$700 million in senior debt to Ca, one step above the lowest rating available. Moody's cited lower holiday sales and missed bond payments.

City Commission to meet Tuesday to discuss prison expansion plans

Pampa city commissioners will meet in special session 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Nona Payne Room of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Building, 200 North Ballard.

City Manager Glen Hackler said the meeting is designed to finalize plans for a prison expansion proposal due to the state by Wednesday, Jan. 15.

"In addition to the city commission, the county commission is trying to set it up so they can meet in special session then as well," Hackler said.

The school board has also been invited to attend.

"We will also be meeting with the prison task force group," Hackler stated. "We will finalize our prison package and make sure that there is good input on incentives including some site preparation for a new unit that could be located

next to the unit (under construction)."

Hackler said the state is currently planning to select additional prison sites for new construction by March, adding that Pampa is attempting to come up with as much in-kind labor and perks as possible since it has no money to offer the state like other cities.

"We feel like we have some really attractive things to offer that require energy and effort but not dollars, because we are limited on our funding," Hackler said.

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Homicide records set for many cities

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
Associated Press Writer

most violent age group. Criminologists also have noted an alarming increase in killing among young black men.

In Dallas, the 501st and final homicide of 1991 came at 15 minutes to midnight on New Year's Eve. Police said a man caught someone trying to steal his car and shot him.

In Milwaukee, homicide No. 168 was the result of gunfire at a bus stop on New Year's Eve. In Anchorage, Alaska, a murder-suicide that day went into the books as homicides No. 25 and 26 of the year.

For all three cities, as with many others across the country, 1991 was the deadliest year on record.

"Whether you personally are ever shot at or not, you should be concerned," said Mayor Richard Vinroot of Charlotte, N.C., where the 115 homicides in 1991 easily surpassed the 1990 record of 93.

Explanations for the homicide records vary. Drugs and gang warfare get much of the blame, although some experts also point to a bulge in the population of people in their teens and early 20s, the

record was 1,024, set in 1980. New York City police said there were between 2,220 and 2,225 homicides in 1991, by far the most of any city. That was down slightly from 2,245 in 1990, when 87 people died in an arson fire.

"It's the first time in six years that murder is down in the city and the first time in four years that we haven't broken a record," said Tom Repetto, head of the Citizen's Crime Commission, a law enforcement watchdog group.

"Obviously I'm glad it went down a little bit, but 2,220 murders is still an awful lot," Repetto added.

New York, Chicago and San Antonio all recorded their second-highest homicide totals. Chicago reached 924 with the New Year's Eve shooting of a South Side security guard. San Antonio had 211 homicides.

Detroit's unofficial total of 610 homicides was well short of its record 714 in 1974, but up 5 percent from 1990. Philadelphia had 468 homicides in 1991; Houston, 671. Both were shy of the cities' records.

Los Angeles police had statistics only up to Dec. 21, but they appeared to put the city on track toward a record. There were 1,006 homicides, up from 966 at the same time in 1990. The previous annual

Burrow seeks Precinct 4 constable post

George Burrow of McLean has announced as a Republican for the office of Precinct 4 constable.

Burrow and his wife, Sue, are longtime Gray County residents. He was born in Pampa and raised in McLean, attending McLean High School.

For the last three years, Burrow has been a member of the McLean EMS, where his wife serves as president. He has been active in the McLean Volunteer Fire Department for the past two years. He is owner and operator of George Burrow Trucking.

Burrow said that he is making arrangements for his trucking company to operate without his day-to-day supervision, because of his desire to serve Gray County.

He said that as a result of working on numerous ranches in the county area, he has become familiar



George Burrow

him serving as constable.

Burrow said he intends to receive all the training available, in the shortest period of time, to become a certified peace officer of the state of Texas. He said he would bring a dedication to the job, a commitment to fairness and "accessibility and visibility," if elected.

"The constable can be an invaluable asset to any county, and the effectiveness of the office will be determined by the caliber of the individual chosen to serve," Burrow said.

He and his wife have two married daughters, Tawanna and LaTonya; a 12-year-old son, David; and three grandchildren. They attend the Assembly of God Church of McLean.

Burrow is the son of Pat and John Byrd Guill, farmers and ranchers in the McLean area.

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Opinion

Broken families, shattered lives

One of every four American women who gave birth last year was unmarried. Among the nation's teenagers, two of every three mothers conceived out of wedlock. And among black teenagers, nine of ten mothers were unmarried.

These sobering statistics, which have much to do with the decline of family life in America, were reported recently by the Census Bureau. Perhaps the most unsettling aspect of the data is that they show an increasing incidence of premarital births during the last five years, compared with the previous decade. This trend suggests that in the 1990s even greater numbers of children will be born to one-parent families, with all the attendant social and economic problems.

A total of 913,000 babies were born out of wedlock in 1990. They join another 15 million youngsters — one quarter of the U.S. population under age 18 — who are growing up in families without fathers. This clearly is one of the most critical social crises facing this country.

A persuasive argument can be made that such problems as poverty, crime, drug dependency, chronic joblessness and school dropouts have their roots in the breakdown of the family structure. Between the federal and state governments, more than \$150 billion a year is spent to ameliorate these and related problems. But precious little is spent to promote family cohesion.

Approximately half of all poor families are headed by unmarried mothers. Such families have a staggering 650 percent greater chance of being poor than families with a husband and wife present. It stands to reason, then, that the best way to alleviate poverty is to encourage single mothers to marry.

But, lamentably, existing public policy often does just the opposite. It subsidizes single motherhood. And that devalues the importance of the father in a poor household and thereby discourages family cohesion.

Rather than sink tremendous sums into assorted government programs that do little more than perpetuate poverty, it would be infinitely wiser to devote the money to programs that provide incentives for poor, unmarried mothers to find husbands.

It may sound like a radical concept — encouraging marriage among poor families with children. But no other variable, with the possible exception of education, has as much to do with wealth and poverty in America as family cohesion.

Policymakers in Washington need to recognize this. Because, until government begins to offer poor families as much support as it does unmarried mothers, it is doubtful there ever will be much progress toward eliminating poverty.

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The real scenario for Mario

Recently, *New York Times* told the deadpan truth in a front-page headline: "Cuomo Says He Will Not Run for President in '92." What the headline lacked was a little spin control. It should have read, "Cuomo SAYS He Will Not Run for President in '92."

Am I skeptical? You bet. Mario Cuomo's renunciation should be taken with two tons of salt. I have heard this song before. The Mario Scenario hasn't ended.

Let me turn the clock back by 40 years. We are now talking about the upcoming presidential election of 1952. The Democrats would like to grab Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, but it looks as if the Republicans have snared him.

Who to run? The most ambitious Democratic candidate is Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver. He isn't much. Kefauver has a long face and large jaw; he affects a coonskin hat, which does nothing to improve the aspect; he peers at the world through large glasses that seem often to be just a little askew. His reputation as a senator charitably may be summed up as modest.

Who else? Sen. Richard Russell might be a possibility, but Russell is — ugh! — a Southerner. Sen. Bob Kerr of Oklahoma is too buddy-buddy with the oil interests. Averell Harriman has good experience but no pizzazz. Hubert Humphrey's time has not yet come. Gov. Edmund Brown of California seems a lightweight. It is, in brief, a weak field.

Sound familiar? You begin to get the drift. One real prospect was Adlai Stevenson, governor of Illinois. He was an acknowledged intellectual, which made some of the power brokers uneasy, and he had a way of looking at issues as if he were



James J. Kilpatrick

winding up a Rubik cube: Every issue had at least 12 sides to it. But he was helluva fine speaker.

Harry Truman, who detested Kefauver, broached Stevenson. He got the polite turndown. "I have repeatedly said that I was a candidate for governor of Illinois and had no other ambition," Stevenson spoke of the "unfinished work in Illinois." He was firm: "I could not accept the nomination for any other office this summer."

A reporter asked: "What would you do if the convention nominated you anyhow?" Stevenson had a wry sense of humor: "Guess I'd have to shoot myself," he said.

So Kefauver slogged his way from new Hampshire to California, rolling up an impressive 3.1 million votes in 15 primaries. No one else was even close, but the dissatisfaction continued. Could the reluctant governor of Illinois possibly be persuaded. The governor said thank you, but no, thank you.

Both conventions in 1952 were in Chicago. The Republicans came first and nominated Eisenhower. Late in July the Democrats assembled. The convention was in tumult. Southerners were threatening to walk out. Louisiana, Virginia and

South Carolina were in open rebellion.

Then came the governor of Illinois to welcome the fractious delegates to Chicago. He began by scoffing at the Republicans who so recently had been sitting in the same folding chairs:

"For almost a week pompous phrases marched over the landscape in search of an idea, and the only idea they found was that two great decades of progress in peace, victory in war and bold leadership in this anxious hour were the misbegotten spawn of socialism, bungling, corruption, mismanagement, waste and worse.

"After listening to this procession of epithets about our misdeeds, I was even surprised the next morning when the mail was delivered on time."

The delegates went ga-ga. They looked at Kefauver, and Kefauver looked more inadequate than ever. Under the blazing sun of Eisenhower's prestige, his coonskin cap would melt. Truman began to strike deals. Others found a way to ease Harriman out of the picture. Southerners suddenly turned on Dick Russell for playing footsie with the autoworkers' union.

Stevenson won on the third ballot. His acceptance speech seemed a trifle sacrilegious: "If this cup may not pass from me, except I drink it, Thy will be done." No matter. In November he carried only nine Southern states and lost to Ike in a landslide.

What Cuomo said was that he could not turn his attention to New Hampshire while a budgetary crisis hung over New York. Well, the budgetary crisis will be gone by Monday, July 13, 1992. That is when the Democratic convention opens in Madison Square Garden. And guess who will give a welcoming address?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 3, the 3rd day of 1992. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Jan. 3, 1892, author J.R.R. Tolkien, the creator of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

On this date:
In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

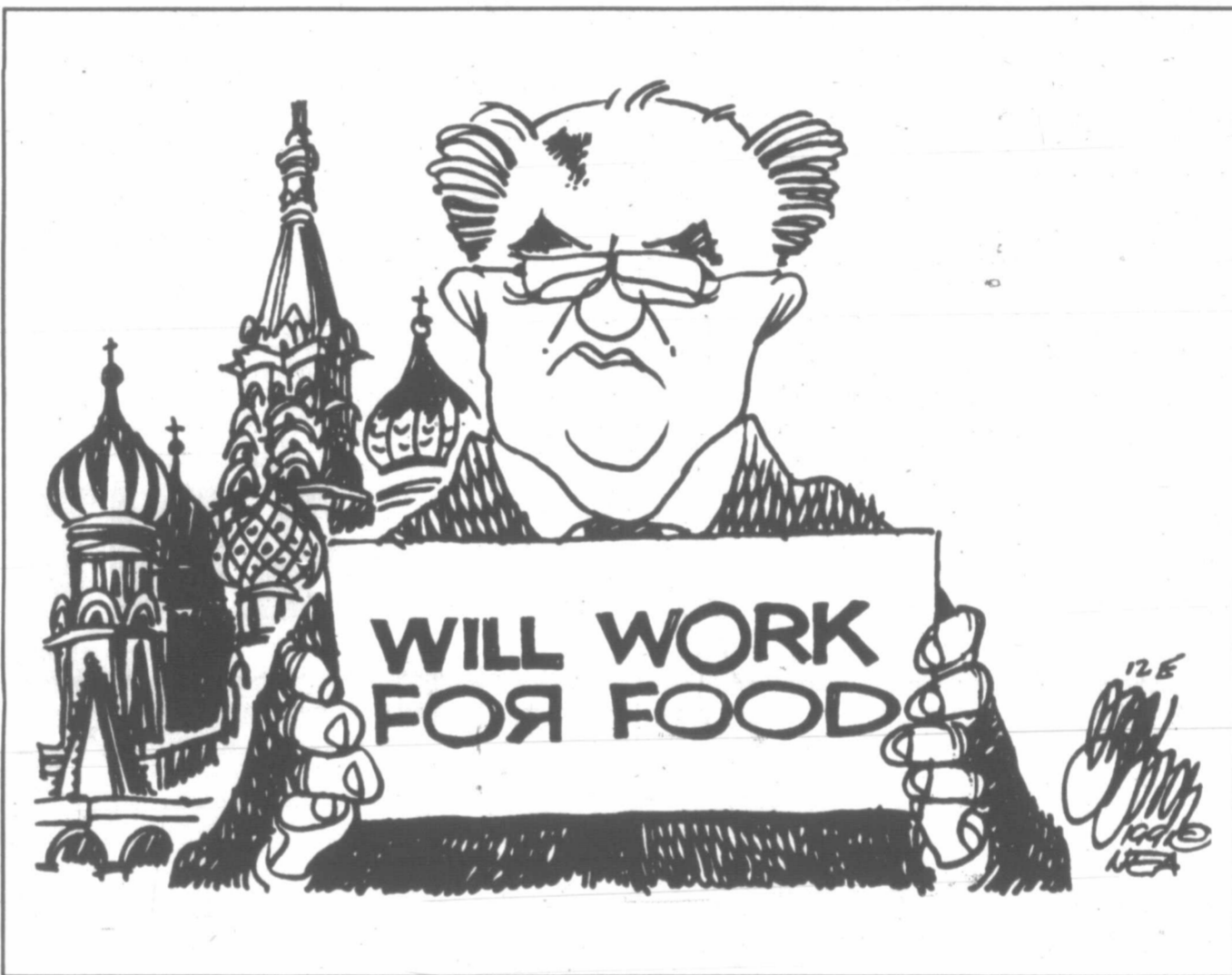
In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

In 1833, Britain seized control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. (Almost 150 years later, Argentina seized the islands from the British, but Britain took them back after a 74-day war.)

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and put an end to the military rulers known as "shoguns."

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1947, the opening session of the U.S. House of Representatives was televised for the first time.



Daddy can't fix all the dolls

From their earliest remembering, little girls treasure little dolls.

If most toys are for boys, a girl child treasures most her doll — raggedy, frilly or Barbie — the dolly is the baby's baby.

Every father of a girl child has been presented more than once with a damaged doll and the question: "Daddy fix?"

Anxious eyes, prepared either to smile or to tear, await reassurance that "daddy will fix" the broken doll.

The little girl never outlives that maternal instinct. As a young woman and wife she wants a real-life doll.

Illinois schools are struggling to accommodate 10,000 real-live dolls — with crippling problems in learning and/or behavior because they were born with cocaine in their bodies.

Wrestling with their handicaps, they have to wonder why daddy can't make them whole and happy like other children instead of a perpetual problem child for whom medical care, foster care



Paul Harvey

and special education will cost Illinois \$10,000 each this year.

And New York and Los Angeles and Miami report comparable challenges to accommodate generation after generation of broken dolls.

On Chicago's southwest side in a ritual performed each day, speech pathologist Cathy Lawton holds hands with a little boy, age 3, with wide brown eyes and thick lashes but ...

Exposed to cocaine before he was born, he is unable to speak. He spends hours pouring rice or

water from one container to another — clumsily.

"We are seeing more and more children with problems that indicate drug use before birth," says Lawton. "Some we know for sure were prenatally exposed because their parents' history is a matter of court record. Others we just suspect."

Dr. Edith Fifer, director of early childhood special education for the Chicago Public Schools, is quoted in *Chicago's Tribune*: "There is yet another danger, that children, who in fact were exposed to drugs while in the womb, may mature as a new biological underclass, incapable of learning or living normal lives."

Some of these broken dolls are born to a third — even a fourth generation of drug addicts.

New York expects to spend \$2 billion over the next 15 years to care for a projected 62,000 children born to crack-addicted mothers.

Researchers and educators met in Chicago Dec. 13-17 to compare notes, share what knowledge they have gleaned from experience and to develop plans.

"Daddy fix?" Not this time.

Bush should write a column or two

By BEN WATTENBERG

The newest presidential hopeful is a columnist. This gives the current president an opportunity to do what he needs to do most, which is to think like a columnist.

The columnist is Pat Buchanan, who will probably do quite well against President Bush in the New Hampshire primary.

He has advantages. Good columnists are forced to figure out what they believe. That is a very hard job. Buchanan has worked hard, and he has strong beliefs. Some of them are sound, some of them mean-spirited or wacky. But almost all of them touch the main political nerves in America, and are central to the course of America's future.

He deals in the red-meat of politics: He is against quotas, for lower taxes, against immigration, against free trade and for America "coming home" from around the world.

Being president is also a very hard job. There are the phone calls, the lobbying, the tough decisions, the compromising, the photo-ops, the

emergencies and the travel. But that doesn't leave much time to do the columnist-style brain-crunching that allows a person to say, "This I believe," and to appear credible and passionate when saying it.

Political scientists, and even normal people, say they want a presidential campaign that deals with "the issues." George Bush, who appears to be caught up in White House hustle-bustle, now has an early chance to give us that. It would be good for America, and good for him. We know the columns of Buchanan; the president would be doing it better if he did some mental heavy lifting and gave us the columns of Bush.

Take the so-called "quota" issue. It is an American scandal. The Constitution was not designed to promote "set-asides."

But what is the president's view? One senses that he too sees the vast problems of proportionalism. But following the complexified legislative battling over the issue, no one now quite knows how he stands. The president ought to handwrite a column on that. (He will then be able to do

something about it, by issuing the executive orders necessary to implement the new civil rights bill.)

He should do the same on the issues of taxes and trade. More difficult, and more important, he should deal assertively with immigration and isolationism.

Immigration is tough; it may be the sleeper issue of the campaign. Ever since the time of the Mayflower, Americans have been looking at the next boat (or plane) and saying, "Uh oh, there goes the neighborhood." Buchanan is playing on that thought; and overplaying it, drawing nasty lines between "Zulus and Englishmen," between Christians and non-Christians, between Euro-Americans and other Americans.

We ought to get a column-like view on that from the president, taking the high ground, the presidential ground. It is not an easy position. Diversity can cause turbulence; our immigration code needs work. But with the strain and pain, immigration and diversity have made America great; they are likely making America greater yet today.

The president's best target is Buchanan's neo-isolationist position. It is a scam.

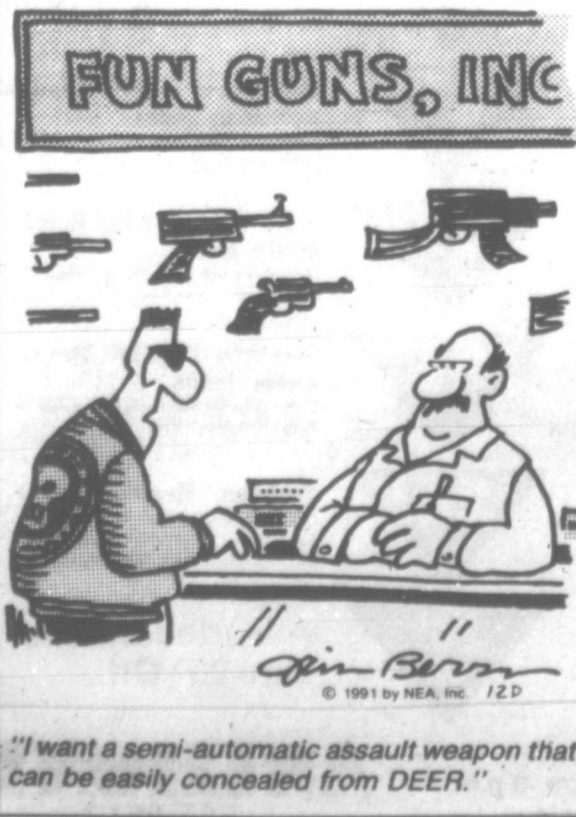
I debated Buchanan recently about America's role in the post-Cold War world. He says, "We have obligations to go to war for 44 separate nations," and that we must do so "automatically." (Fat chance.) He is in for "America First." (Who is for America fourth?) He is against "foreign aid to socialist governments." (So is the U.S. government.) Along with exactly two of the 44 Republican senators, Buchanan opposed military action against Iraq.

Earlier isolationism had some intellectual validity. There were huge downside risks: the possibility of big-time wars and huge defense budgets. Not now. America is the most influential nation in history, and can remain so if we don't get spooked by isolationists of either party.

In America, the person who can best frame the issues is the president. In this case, if he does it well like a good columnist, he has a better chance of remaining president.

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Supporters of Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia attack an opposition gunman, bottom, who fired into a pro-Gamsakhurdia rally in downtown Tbilisi Friday.

Masked gunmen fire on demonstrators showing support for Georgian leader

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
Associated Press Writer

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Masked gunmen today fired on a demonstration in support of besieged President Zviad Gamsakhurdia, killing and injuring some people in the crowd, news reports and witnesses said.

The attack came a day after opposition leaders proclaimed a military council to replace Gamsakhurdia and declared a state of emergency, ordering a curfew and banning demonstrations and rallies in the capital.

Gamsakhurdia, who has been holed up in the Parliament building in downtown Tbilisi, called the new council a "junta" and appealed for civil disobedience and a general strike, Radio Russia reported. There was no indication that he plans to surrender power.

It was not immediately known who opened fire on the protesters, or how many people were killed or injured in the attack next to a railway station several miles from the Parliament.

Nearly two weeks of street battles have claimed at least 71 lives and left more than 400 wounded, according to the Georgian Ministry

of Health. The unrest has left the former Soviet republic without any real government.

Rebels accuse Gamsakhurdia of trying to establish a dictatorship since his election in May. Gamsakhurdia, who is being defended by several thousand loyalists, has taken refuge in the Parliament building since Dec. 22.

The demonstration today began at 2 p.m. (5 a.m. CST), with people shouting support for Gamsakhurdia, a former Soviet political prisoner.

After about 15 minutes, several cars pulled into the area and opened fire. News photographers said there were deaths and many injuries from the shooting.

In London, Independent Television News reported from Tbilisi that about 2,000 Gamsakhurdia supporters were at the demonstration and at least three people died in the gunfire.

"Many more were hit by automatic gunfire," ITN said.

British Broadcasting Corp. reported 10 gunmen first threw smoke bombs into the crowd and fired into the air, but protesters refused to disperse and began waving placards and throwing rocks. The gunmen then opened fire into the crowd, and at least two people

were hit by gunfire, the BBC said.

The opposition declared a state of emergency in Tbilisi starting at midnight Thursday, and a curfew was announced beginning at 11 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m. The military council also banned rallies.

Akakhi Asatiani, the Parliament chairman and a Gamsakhurdia supporter, called for new elections to determine "the destiny of the country."

It was not immediately clear whether the country will support the military council. The opposition has the backing of intellectuals in Tbilisi, but Gamsakhurdia enjoys wide support in the countryside.

Tengiz Kitovani, a leader of rebel National Guardsmen, said the opposition did not want to storm the government building because they don't want young people to die. "We want him (Gamsakhurdia) to leave by himself. Maybe the Georgian nation will pardon him," Kitovani said on Georgian television.

Georgia is the only one of the 12 former Soviet republics not to join the new Commonwealth of Independent States led by Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Commonwealth leaders want Georgia to end its civil war first.

Scientist killed in cold fusion lab explosion

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP) — An experiment involving controversial cold fusion exploded, killing one scientist and injuring three others in a blast that sent glass and metal flying.

No measurable amounts of harmful chemicals or radioactivity were released in Thursday's explosion at SRI International, a private laboratory, fire officials said.

Company spokesman Dennis Maxwell said the experiment was not considered dangerous, but experts in cold fusion research said such trials have been known to cause small explosions.

None of the four scientists was wearing protective gear, Maxwell said.

"We're not sure of the exact cause of the explosion," Maxwell said. "But it was pretty contained. There was no structural damage to the building and it was over very quickly."

"It was short and intense. None of the windows in the lab were shattered or anything," he said. There was no fire.

The name of the scientist who was killed was not released. Stuart Smedley, 48, and Michael McKubre, 43, suffered face and arm injuries from flying glass, metal and other material and were released late Thursday from Stanford University Hospital, a spokeswoman said. The other injured researcher also was treated and released, although his name was not released.

Maxwell described the experiment as related to cold fusion, but not an attempt to create energy.

In fusion, which powers the sun and stars, energy is released through the joining of atoms, as opposed to nuclear fission, in which atoms are split. Hydrogen bombs depend on fusion reactions, while conventional nuclear plants are powered by fission reactions.

Fusion long has been sought as a potential source of cheap, safe and virtually inexhaustible energy, but most scientists believe it can be achieved only at extremely high temperatures.

Small explosions were previously reported in experiments by electrochemists B. Stanley Pons and British colleague Martin Fleischmann. They attributed the explosions to cold fusion, and announced in March 1989 that they had achieved and sustained a fusion

reaction in a laboratory beaker at room temperature.

But their claims met widespread skepticism. Scientists at the California Institute of Technology, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other labs couldn't reproduce the results, although some scientists have since claimed to see some positive results.

Maxwell said the experiment was one of three that had been going on at the lab for months. It involved deuterium oxide, a radioactive substance known as "heavy water,"

and a metal electrode.

The researchers had placed a large test tube-sized piece of metal in a canister the size of a thermos — a typical set up for a cold fusion experiment. Firefighters removed two other canisters that contained similar experiments that did not explode.

Authorities sealed off the area surrounding the second-floor lab and evacuated about 60 employees from the building. The lab was to stay sealed at least until today, said Lt. Jon Easterbrook of the Menlo Park Fire Department.

Palestinians weigh peace talk moves after Israel expels 12 Arab militants

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian negotiators said today they have suspended plans to go to peace talks in Washington because of Israel's decision to expel 12 alleged Arab militants from the occupied territories.

Jordan's chief peace negotiator said today that his delegation will return to Washington despite the Palestinian move, but his government criticized the Israeli expulsion order as "irresponsible."

Neither Syria nor Lebanon, which plan to attend the next round of peace talks, have reacted to the Israeli decision to deport the Arabs.

A statement read by the Palestinian spokeswoman, Hanan Ashrawi, appealed to the United States to make the Israeli government "nullify this grave breach of international law."

"The Palestinian delegation views this latest development with utmost seriousness and grave alarm," the team said in a statement released after it conferred for two hours.

It said the delegation would wait for the PLO to make a decision on future participation on the peace talks. Mrs. Ashrawi said she expected a decision from the PLO later in the day.

Earlier, the Palestine Liberation Organization, which advises the Palestinian team in the talks, appealed for a Palestinian boycott of the talks scheduled to resume on Friday, in order to protest the expulsion order.

The Israelis announced Thursday night that because of a recent upsurge in violence in the occupied territories in recent months they plan to deport 12 Palestinians allegedly active in violent anti-Israeli activity.

Since the Middle East peace talks began in October in Madrid, four Jewish settlers have been killed.

Mrs. Ashrawi's statement claimed the expulsions would be "a continuation of Israel's destructive policy designed to torpedo the peace process." The delegation was to have left for Amman, Jordan, today en route to Washington.

"We are extremely discouraged, because Israel is doing everything possible to undermine the process," she later told NBC's *Today* show.

Abdul Salam Majali, the head of the 14-man Jordanian negotiating team, meanwhile, also criticized the Israeli move, even as he announced his team's departure for Washington today. "The Israeli expulsion order is provocative and aimed at aborting the Middle East peace process," he said.

Later, the Amman government also accused Israel of attempting to abort the peace drive.

"The international community, especially the United States, should intercede and put an end to these irresponsible acts, which violate international laws," Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber said.

In Tel Aviv, U.S. Ambassador William Brown said of the expulsions, "We deplore such actions." He told a news conference the United States also "condemns any violent action against Israelis," wherever it takes place.

The daily *Maariv* newspaper said it was unprecedented for expulsions to be publicly announced before the deportation orders were handed to their recipients. It said this was done to appease right-wingers in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's coalition.

Maariv said Defense Minister Moshe Arens had pressed for a larger than usual expulsion in light of the recent upsurge in killings of settlers.

Israel has ousted 67 Palestinians since the uprising against Israeli rule began four years ago. But only once in this period did it order 12 expulsions in one batch.

The United States has appealed to Israel to stop the expulsion policy, saying it harms peace efforts and violates international law.

The deportations are unlikely to take place for at least several days.

The 12 have the right to appeal to a military tribunal, and then to the Israeli Supreme Court. But invariably, these appeals are rejected and the Arabs are deported to a neighboring Arab state.

Of the Palestinians to be deported, eight are from the Gaza Strip and four from the West Bank.

According to a military statement, six belong to the Popular Front and Democratic Front, Marxist PLO factions opposed to the peace process. All have served prison terms for anti-Israeli activity and most are married with children.

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Lifestyles

Carnegie International takes art beyond the museum into everyday life

By JEFFREY BAIR
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — To see all of the 1991 Carnegie International, be prepared to hit the road. This may be the first art show to include parking tips and bus routes in its guide.

Most of the International, regarded as the country's foremost showcase of modern art, can be seen in a wing of the Carnegie Museum of Art. But it also reaches into the Carnegie's four museums and across the city of Pittsburgh.

That means a library, a decaying townhouse and a traffic island smack in the middle of downtown skyscrapers. It means glimpsing a billboard from a passing car or gazing at hundreds of brightly colored casts of dinosaur bones.

That work, "Lost Objects" by Allan McCollum, is by far the largest at the Carnegie, taking up an entire hall in the Museum of Natural History.

"There are some who believe the museum has outlived its usefulness, and that we should be taking art to the streets," said Stephen Prina, one of 43 International artists. "The notion of where art takes place has become so diverse."

The previous 50 shows since 1896 were confined to the Carnegie. Most recently, the International has been held every three years.

Curator Mark Francis said spreading the show over six locations attracted artists who needed more space. For example, three works take up an entire floor each at The Mattress Factory, a warehouse-like museum on Pittsburgh's North Side.

"We wanted to do more than simply

a survey or anthology of recent work," Francis said. "We wanted to deal more with the particular circumstances of where the work was shown."

With the International foregoing traditional boundaries of the museum, it's appropriate some exhibits came from countries where borders have fallen.

Perhaps the most stunning are Richard Avedon's photographs from Berlin on New Year's Eve 1989, just after the collapse of the Berlin Wall. The photos capture drunken celebrations, but eyes of the revelers express fear, not joy.

Russian artist Ilya Kabakov reconstructed an orphanage inside the museum for the mixed-media installation, "We Are Leaving Here Forever!"

Scattered about the orphanage's floors and walls are scraps of children's schoolwork, schedules and rules of the house. A visitor carrying a flashlight sees the dark orphanage on its last day and hears the din of children in the courtyard.

"Some recall the past and mourn for it. Almost all are full of terror before the imminent uncertainty that awaits them," Kabakov wrote in his notes in the International catalog.

Ann Hamilton's work, titled "offering," compels visitors to explore a creaky townhouse. Wax blobs on the first and second floors show that something above is melting. The cheery songs of live birds belie the eerie truth — the dripping comes from dozens of wax heads in a glass case on the top floor.

In "Twenty-One Books for the People of Homewood," Tim Rollins + K.O.S., a group of New York artists, used single pages of books as

their canvases. After the show, the books will remain at a library in a Pittsburgh neighborhood.

McCollum made his dinosaur-bone casts from the natural-history museum's collection of fossils from the Jurassic period. He told curator Lynne Cooke the fossils themselves were symbols of a long-gone world, and "cast reproductions can carry all of this symbolism along with them; the significance can't be lost, or diminished, through copying."

Best of Show was On Kawara's "Today" series. He painted 35 dates in 35 languages while he was in 35 different countries, and displayed the paintings with newspaper pages from those days. Past winners of Best of Show include Pablo Picasso and Richard Serra.

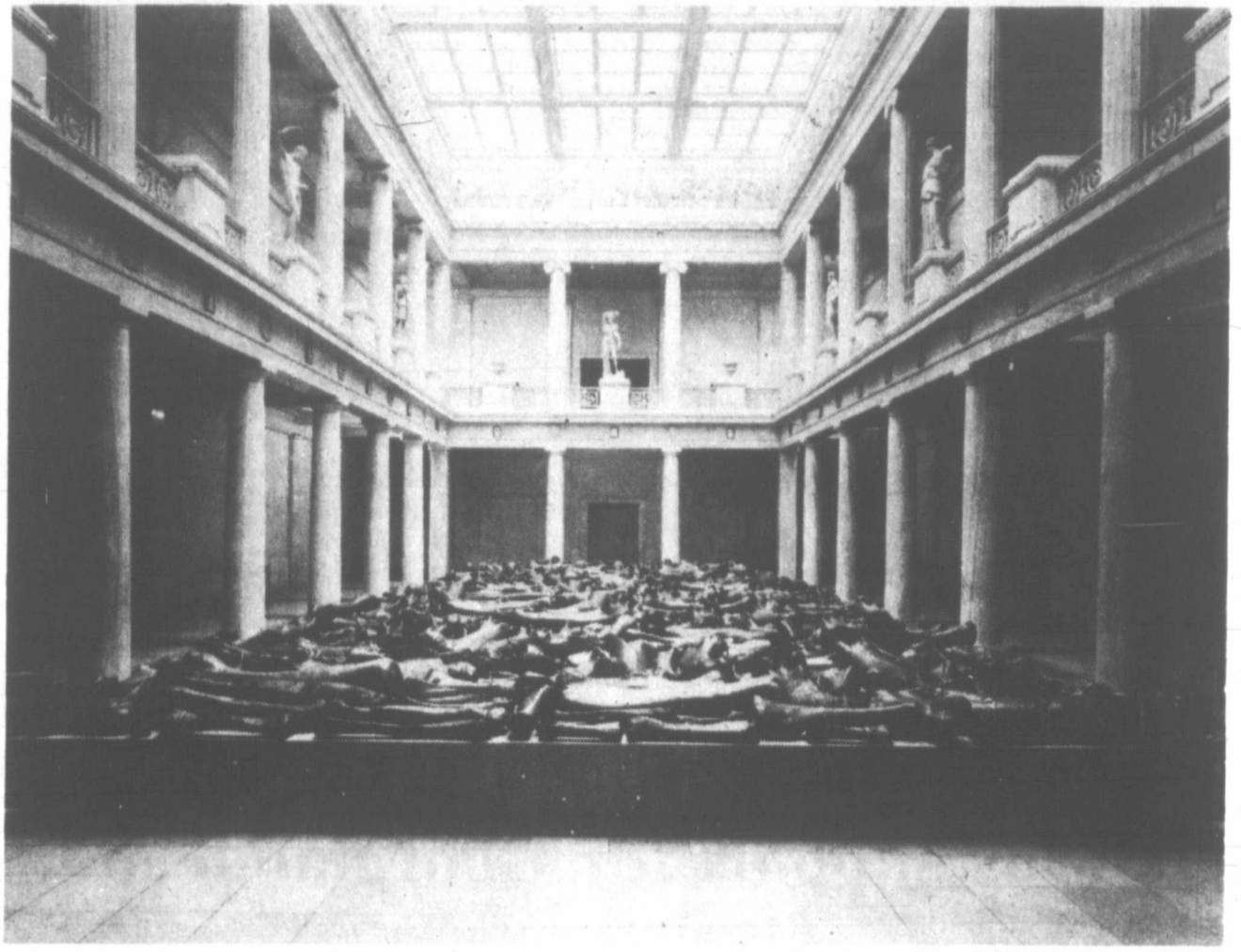
Prina, of Los Angeles, gave his Carnegie installation the weighty title, "The history of modern painting, to label it with a phrase, has been the struggle against the catalogue..." — Barnett Newman/Monochrome Painting, 1988-89."

It was based on "Monochrome Painting," his series of 14 paintings, copies of single-color works by other artists, all done in the green color of a 1985 Volkswagen, but in the original sizes.

He reproduced every aspect of "Monochrome Painting" — the paintings, nameplates, catalog, invitation, portfolio and oversized title letters — in sepia ink and arranged them on walls of a white room.

"The structure upon a structure is a strategy I've tried to use in different ways," Prina said.

In other previous works, he's had a phrase translated into 60 languages; rearranged the silent spaces



(AP Special Features photo)

"Lost Objects," Allan McCollum's 1991 sculpture based on fossil bones in enamel on cast concrete, is on show in Pittsburgh's Museum of Natural History. It's part of the 1991 Carnegie International, a leading showcase of modern art at various locations in the city.

on a big band record, and compressed some of Beethoven's music into one composition.

Prina said he'll adapt "The history ..." when it moves to the Museum of Modern Art in New York

after the International. "I don't think it should be slavish to the space it's in now," he said.

The Carnegie International runs through Feb. 16 at the Carnegie

Museum of Art, 4400 Forbes Ave. and other Pittsburgh locations. Admissions are \$6 general, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for students and children and \$1 for Carnegie members.

Compost gives new meaning to leftovers

EDGEWOOD, Ky. (AP) — It's a stinky, messy job. But it's one way elementary school students can help nature turn meat, vegetables and dessert into fertilizer.

Every school day, Derek DeHart and his fifth-grade science classmates haul garbage cans full of lunch scraps from the cafeteria to the backyard of Edgewood's R.C. Hinsdale Elementary School.

"It gets kind of disgusting sometimes when there's banana peels in there or Jell-O," says 11-year-old Derek, as four classmates stuff food scraps into four green plastic cones.

Eventually, the black mass will resemble crumbled dirt. Then the students can empty the cones and spread

the fertilizer around the school's bushes, trees and nature trail.

The odor of rotting food wafts from the cones each time the students open the lids to squeeze mangled sandwiches and other bits of lunch into the narrow openings.

It's also messy work. "Sometimes we miss and it gets all over," says 10-year-old Steve Jaeger, who points to the grimy residue on his black, high-top tennis shoes.

The cones extend about 3 feet above the ground and cover shallow pits in the earth. The coverings protect the smelly scraps from hungry animals and birds, but still allow sunlight to bake the leftovers into a decomposed black mass.

The process is called composting, and it's one way that environmentalists say people can cut down on the amount of trash that goes to a landfill.

Students began lugging garbage cans full of lunch scraps to the compost containers at the end of October. Now the cones are filling up faster than the food can decay, so other ways must be found to use waste from the cafeteria.

Among the possibilities: give some of the scraps to hog farmers or dog kennels, or buy more compost containers and transform the schoolyard into a "field of green cones," says fifth-grade science teacher Tim Ritter, who got the project started.

Foliage-type house plants best for beginners

By JAMES E. WALTERS
For AP Special Features

If you are just starting with house plants or have not done too well previously, stick to those grown for their foliage. Flowering types are more difficult.

Foliage plants include philodendrons, dieffenbachias, palms, rubber plants (ficus) and dracaenas. They are durable characters. One (Aspidistra elatior) even is nicknamed the "cast-iron plant."

But, whether grown for foliage or flowers, watering is likely to be the main difficulty. More indoor plants probably die from over-watering than everything else combined. They do need water to survive and grow. Determining how much is an art, so don't try to water on a timetable or schedule.

An old trick: stick a finger into the soil-mix up to the first knuckle and water only if it feels dry on removal.

It almost always is better to keep the soil-mix on the dry side rather than too damp. This is the basic defense against root rot, the main dis-

eases of indoor plants. Examining and smelling the roots usually pinpoints a root-rot problem.

When you do water plants take the container to a sink and fill to the brim a couple times, allowing the excess to drain. This will wet the soil-mix thoroughly and flush out excess salts.

If indoor plants are placed in saucers to hold excess drainage, be sure to discard this water or spread enough gravel in the saucer to keep the container out of the water. Otherwise the excess will be re-absorbed.

Keeping indoor plants healthy and in active growth minimizes problems. In general, they do best in rooms that get the most light. Fortunately, many also tolerate low light levels. Few appreciate direct sunlight.

Low humidity can be quite detrimental. Don't place plants near radiators, heating ducts or fireplaces. Grouping them close together helps increase local humidity.

Before buying a plant, make sure that roots aren't growing above the surface or out of a pot's bottom drainage holes. Are leaves brown around the edges, wilted, pale or yel-

low? Does the foliage seem sparse or leggy? Is there evidence of insect damage?

Once a new plant is in your home, it needs time to adjust. Give it a soaking in a sink and then set in a cool place for a few days. As a precaution, don't fertilize for at least a month. Watch for insect problems before adding it to an existing collection.

Don't be alarmed if a few lower leaves yellow and drop. If more than a few leaves do this, you're probably over-watering, under-watering or have the plant in too little light. Don't panic. Experiment with minor adjustments and re-check the plant's specific cultural needs.

Good references are Alfred Byrd Graf's "Exotic Plant Manual" or his encyclopedic "Exotica." While expensive, both should be available at the local library.

Observation is the best guide to fertilizer needs. Begin application of an all-purpose fertilizer when new growth appears. A slow-release fertilizer, such as Osmocote, is handy and works well. Never exceed label directions.

Fighting over lessons is not music to the ears

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Naomi," who is 8 years old, has been taking piano lessons for three years. In recent months she seems to have lost interest in the piano, and it's a struggle to get her to practice. I usually lose my temper, and she ends up in tears.

I finally gave up trying to force her to practice. My theory is that unless she is motivated by her own desire to learn, it's not worth the hassle — not to mention the money we're wasting on lessons.

My husband disagrees. He thinks we should make Naomi practice no matter how much she hates it. I should also mention that our son, "David," who is now 13, was allowed to quit taking violin lessons three months ago because of his many school obligations, plus making the football team — which his father wholeheartedly approved of.

Naomi is angry. She can't understand why we let her brother quit his music lessons, but we are not allowing her to quit.

What do you think, Abby? If you have a solution my husband will listen to, perhaps we can have some peace in this house.

FIGHTING IN FLORIDA

DEAR FIGHTING: Assuming that David started taking violin lessons when he was 5, he has had eight years of music lessons. In order to treat both children equally, Naomi should take music lessons for another five years. Don't give up so easily. Tell Naomi she may quit when she's 13, if she wants to.

For what it's worth, I have had numerous letters from readers saying they were forced to take music lessons and they hated it at the time, but later on, they were glad they weren't allowed to quit when they begged to.

However, readers have never written to say they regretted getting a musical education — even though they often practiced with tears in their eyes.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for suggesting that licking envelopes and postage stamps is unsanitary, then recommending a damp sponge instead. Right on.

Many years ago, when I was living in a college dormitory, I noticed that my postage stamps were not



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

sticking to the envelopes no matter how much I licked them. Then I discovered that cockroaches were eating the glue off the stamps! With everyone in the dorm getting cookies from home, it was impossible to rid the dorm of roaches.

Now that I have my own home and am confident that it is free of bugs, I lick without worrying.

JOHN WAYLAND,
WACO, TEXAS

DEAR JOHN: Better keep your tongue in your mouth. I learned the hard way that storing those brown paper grocery sacks is not a good idea. The glue

on the sacks attracts not only cockroaches, but mice and rats, too. (Sorry if I spoiled your breakfast.)

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Religion

Patriarch says many Russians attending church

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — At one stop on his American rounds, Russian Orthodox Patriarch Aleksei II heard his lately freed church described as being forged in the suffering of its modern martyrs.

The Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky, president of the National Council of Churches, said at a prayer service and celebration of the patriarch's visit to council's headquarters:

"The Russian Orthodox Church has added many new pages to the history of Christian martyrdom. Yet millions kept the faith steadfastly."

The toll of that communist onslaught against Christianity was enumerated in connection with Aleksei's visit — the execution of 300 bishops and 80,000 priests, monks and nuns, plus millions of laity left to die in labor camps.

Aleksei, on a 10-day visit recently, referred to those pre-World War II depredations under Stalin that reduced 50,000 parishes to 300, and subsequent imprisonments and communist campaigns to instill atheism.

"Despite the terrible persecutions and horrors, the church and faith managed to survive," he said in an interview. "I consider it a miracle of God's grace."

Now, with the collapse of communism and the church freed for a widened ministry of teaching and service, 5,000 churches have been opened since 1988, bringing the total to 12,000. Membership totals about 70 million.

"We have a tremendous responsibility to fulfill the duties opened before us — to preach, to catechize (teach) and do social work," Aleksei said. "Many people of different ages, older and younger, are coming back to the church."

The patriarch, a bearded, round-cheeked man of 62, his white, curve-domed headpiece, a kukulion, topped by a small silver cross, a

white veil trailing over his black cassock, said the new freedom also has its problems.

Besides lack of resources and trained personnel, he told church leaders at the council's interchurch center that many proselytizing groups have swarmed into his country "as into a desert."

He said these included "various Christian and non-Christian forces," such as "unions of witches" and "mystical Eastern cults," as well as divisive Christian missions.

"The ecumenical principle is felt by many of us to be violated when missions use the situation that happened to our country in various power efforts to fill a vacuum," he said.

"There are difficulties under religious freedom. It is not always used for beneficial purposes."

However, he expressed "thanks from the bottom of my heart" for the help of American churches and others in rebuilding Russian religious life and for "your inspiration and support in the time of the Cold War."

U.S. church council delegations had made regular visits with Soviet religious leaders since 1956, also meeting with communist officials in seeking greater religious rights — now fully restored under a 1990 law.

It guarantees religious rights to carry on educational programs among adults and youngsters, to publish freely, to minister in hospitals, prisons and among the needy, to own property. Contributions are tax exempt.

State advocacy of atheism is forbidden, and many government schools have turned to churches for moral instruction.

Aleksei's schedule included ecclesiastical events in South Canaan, Pa., and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and receiving honorary degrees from Episcopal General Seminary in Manhattan and St. Vladimir's



(AP Laserphoto)

Russian Orthodox Patriarch Aleksei II greets well-wishers during his recent visit to the United States.

Orthodox Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y.

The seminary is an institution of the Orthodox Church in America, stemming from 18th century Russian Orthodox missions in Alaska. Now a million-member body, it is headed by Metropolitan Theodosius, the host for Aleksei's visit.

The patriarch met with officials of the American Bible Society, the U.S. arm of the multinational United Bible Society with which he recently signed a pact for sending Bibles to Russia.

Recognizing the monumental changes that have taken place there and in neighboring countries, the pact commits the societies and church to respond to needs and "new opportunities" for increased provision of Bibles, adding:

"Together, we also affirm that every non-believer has the right to own a copy of Holy Scripture."

On Aleksei's schedule were several stirring liturgies in various cathedrals, meetings with United Nations officials, with Roman Catholic cardinals in Washington and with President Bush.

At a luncheon given Aleksei by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an interfaith organization that works for religious rights around the world, he affirmed openness and tolerance in dealing with ethnic-religious conflicts.

"We want to play a reconciling role among peoples and nations," he said. "Only by joint efforts can we overcome the difficulties and problems facing the former Soviet Union."

Bible Church to host classes for teachers

The Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, will host a class for Bible teachers starting Jan. 14.

The class, entitled "Teaching Children Effectively," will be taught by the Rev. Hal Carpenter, area director of Child Evangelism Fellowship. The class will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays for 12 consecutive weeks.

The 30-hour course is designed to teach adults how to teach children. The Rev. Carpenter has been trained at the CEF headquarters in Warrenton, Mo., and has been teaching this course in other cities of the Panhandle with encouraging results.

He says that his course builds confidence in the teachers as they learn how to study and present a lesson from God's word.

Roger A. Hubbard, pastor of the Bible Church, said the church is sponsoring the course to benefit the

church's own teachers, but anyone is welcome to take advantage of the opportunity to learn how to teach or to improve present teaching skills.

There is a fee for instruction and materials. Registration forms are available at the Bible Church or from Hal Carpenter in Amarillo at (806) 374-3042. A deposit is required by Jan. 12 to reserve a place in the class. All proceeds go to Child Evangelism Fellowship and can be mailed to Child Evangelism Fellowship, 1500 Travis St., Amarillo, Texas 79102, or deposits can be left at the Bible Church for forwarding to Carpenter.

Hubbard said he realizes the course is lengthy and expensive, but said the serious teacher will see the long-range benefits.

"Opportunities for this kind of quality training are rare," he said.

For more information, contact the church at 669-2923.

Religion roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops urge greater efforts for "genuine reconciliation between the essential traditions of the Catholic faith and the best of Native American life," each enriching the other.

Noting the exploitation of Indians under white expansion following Columbus' arrival in America, the statement said the events also brought the Christian faith with its message of salvation, dignity, justice and love.

On the 500th anniversary of that time, the bishops said the need is "not simply to look back but to look around at the current situation of Native peoples and to look ahead" to responding to their aspirations.

That "requires greater awareness, understanding, dialogue, interaction and commitment to mutual respect and justice among diverse peoples" and must reflect "the realities of Native American life today," the bishops said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Reform Judaism has rejected a proposal by leaders of Conservative Judaism that the Reform branch reconsider its position on patrilineal descent — recognizing children of Jewish fathers as Jews.

Conservative and Orthodox Judaism hold that matrilineal descent — having a Jewish mother — is necessary to be a born Jew.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of Reform's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, responding to the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, said it should adopt

the Reform practice "for the greater good of the Jewish people" in view of the high intermarriage rate.

He said the principle of patrilineal descent is rooted in Jewish tradition and was dominant in biblical times.

"The genealogical tables of the Torah (first five books of the Bible) are exclusively patrilineal," he said, adding that "all the children of Jewish fathers and non-Jewish mothers are deemed Jewish by the Torah."

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (AP) — A recent meeting of the United Methodist Council of Bishops was told that clergy families are having increased financial difficulties, sometimes driving clergy out of the ministry.

The Rev. Robert Kohler of the denomination's Division of Ordained Ministry said seminary tuition and other indebtedness add to the problem. He said that in one statewide study of those out of seminary for five years, about a third had left the ministry.

NEW YORK (AP) — A "table tithe" by which people cut their own food budgets to help feed the hungry around the world is urged by the general secretary of the National Council of Churches.

The Rev. Joan Brown Campbell asked the NCC staff to begin a movement between Christmas and Easter to provide "one-tenth of what we spend on food for our families to help feed hungry people."

The World Bank estimates that more than a billion people worldwide suffer from hunger.

Survey shows most teens believe in God

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Teen-agers don't go to church or Sunday school just to satisfy their parents. A survey finds that most of them pray on their own, and many read the Bible privately.

These are recent findings about the religious dispositions of American youths.

Contrary to oft-expressed worries that they increasingly shrug off faith and have little interest in it, almost all the young are found to be believers, whether they attend worship or not.

Ninety-five percent of them believe in God or a universal spirit,

while 3 percent aren't sure, reports Emerging Trends published by the Princeton Religious Research Center.

Only 2 percent don't believe. "Concepts of God extend far beyond mere attestation of belief for most of America's teen-agers," the report says. "The great majority of teens (93 percent) say they believe God loves them, and a surprisingly high number (29 percent) report they have experienced the presence of God."

The study indicates that such contacts are more common as teens grow older, from 27 percent among those 13 to 15, reaching 32 percent among those 16 or older.

Although it's commonly

assumed that teen-agers often only go through the motions of religious participation because parents insist on it, findings were that most teens don't limit their piety to such public occasions.

They also pray and read the Bible when they're alone.

Three-fourths of them say they pray when they are by themselves, most of them frequently, the others occasionally. Seventeen percent said they rarely pray by themselves; 9 percent said never.

Not quite half — 44 percent — said they read the Bible alone either regularly or occasionally.

Young women are the most likely to pray alone (81 percent) and read the Bible privately (51 per-

cent), while among young men, 68 percent report solitary prayer, and 37 percent private Bible reading.

Students performing above-average in school work were more likely to engage in private prayer (78 percent) and Bible reading (50 percent) than academic under-achievers.

For them, both practices were less common — 69 percent praying and 37 percent reading the Bible.

Nearly 9 teens in 10 — 86 percent of them — express belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ, that he is either God or the son of God.

The data was gathered in a Gallup survey of a national cross section of 513 teens.

Mission kids tell about life in Philippines

By JENNIFER SCOTT
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Seven-year-old Annie Wolf brought a handmade doll from the Philippines to show-and-tell at her school in San Angelo.

But while other show-and-tellers may have had souvenirs that relatives brought back from foreign countries, Annie brought her own back.

Annie, her parents, 10-year-old brother, Jim, and 9-year-old sister, Tiffany, returned to the United States this year after living for four years in Mindanao Island, the Philippines.

Annie's parents are missionaries there, and the three Wolf chil-

dren got to experience being "mission kids" or "MK's" as they are called.

The Wolf family will stay in the United States for a year, allowing the children to attend school in San Angelo and visit relatives they haven't seen, until they return to the Philippines on June 1.

So, what's it like for an American kid to spend four years on the other side of the world?

Well, for one thing, the people are different.

"They eat pig heads," Annie said.

"They don't match," Tiffany said.

"They wear old clothes," Annie said, and "flip-flops."

"Most of the ladies have long hair," Jim said.

The food also is different.

"We have a market there," Annie said. "It stinks. They sell pig heads, sausage, squid, fish."

The three also said they rarely had strawberries, apples or grapes, but instead ate fruits like bananas and mangos that are native to the Philippines.

Going to school in San Angelo again has been an adjustment, too.

Jim said being a missionary kid makes him a little different from his classmates in San Angelo.

"I'm the only one who's been to the Philippines," he said.

In the Philippines, "the cafeteria is outside under the trees," Tiffany said.

She also said her school in the Philippines is smaller, and children from seven different countries attend it.

Although Jim, Tiffany and Annie are enjoying seeing old friends in the United States, they miss the Philippines and are anxious to go back.

"What I miss is going swimming at Christmas," Jim said. He explained that the temperature in the Philippines is about 80 degrees year-round. Living on an island also has its advantages. "We can go to the beach any time we want," Tiffany said.

But, all three had both good and bad things to say about each country.

"I don't like the traffic lights," in the United States, Tiffany said. But in the Philippines, "they've got real bumpy roads when you travel," she said.

"The temperature is warm all year-round," in the Philippines, Jim said, but "there's no snow."

Annie said she doesn't like it when the Filipinos pinch her cheeks and say "eute Americano," but "the people are very nice."

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First Baptist changes TV broadcasts

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The services had been broadcast on Channel 9. Sunday services are broadcast at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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- 13 Clare Boothe
- 14 Citrus fruits
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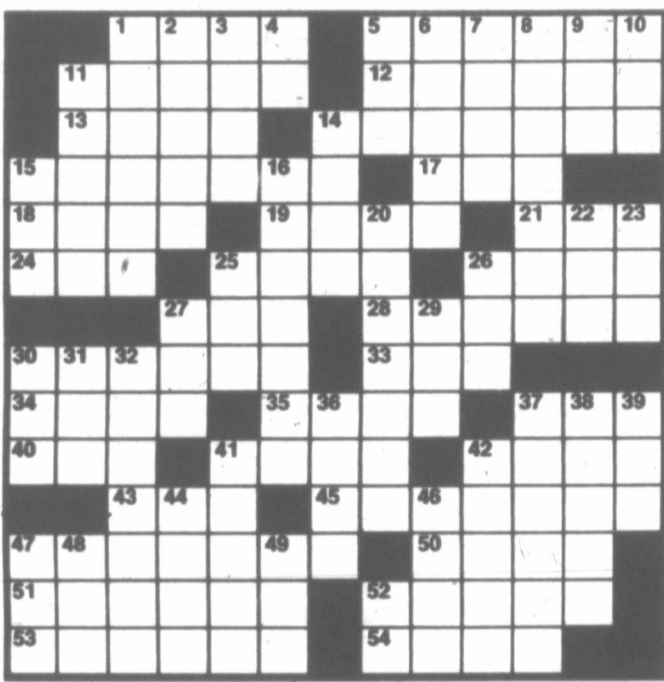
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Mr. Wiggins, can't we curve this F up to a D?

Joy, I don't think you understand my responsibility as your high school teacher.

Right now you are but a zotty-headed young lad. But someday you will be old enough to participate in society. Someday you may even run for president!

That is where my duty as a conscientious educator comes in.

It's my job to stop you.

By Mark Cullum

ARLO & JANIS

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

OH, NOTHING—JUST THINKING.

THERE! DOESN'T IT FEEL GOOD TO SPILL YOUR GUTS?

By Jimmy Johnson

ECK & MEEK

PEOPLE MUST SPEND MORE MONEY TO HELP THE ECONOMY SURVIVE... LET'S BUY... BUY OUR WAY BACK TO PROSPERITY.

SAY THAT'S THE SAME NEWS I HEARD HERE AN HOUR AGO.

I KNOW... IT'S A TAPE.

CARE FOR ANOTHER?

By Howie Schneider

B.C.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HOURS!

SORRY.

YOU KNOW HOW TOUGH IT IS TO HAIL A CRAB WHEN IT'S RAINING.

By Johnny Hart

MARVIN

MY LIFE IS OVER... NOTHING COULD BE WORSE THAN HAVING TO WEAR THIS STUPID SWEATER!

LOOK, BITSY, GRAMMA ALSO KNITTED YOU THIS MATCHING CAP AND MITTENS.

...THEN AGAIN.

By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE

PIZZA DELIVERY

Mama Mia PIZZA DELIVERY

"Hang on. This may prove exciting."

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY DATE LEFT JUST BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE CABLE SPORTS CHANNEL.

ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU'RE LUCKY YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE CABLE CAT CHANNEL.

By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP

NOW DROP TH' VINE OVER A GOOD STOUT LIMB, AVA!

I DID, ALLEY!

ATTA GIRL!

ONCE I GET THIS YAHOO UP INTO TH' LEAVES, ALL WE'LL HAVE T'DO...

...IS WAIT!

By Dave Graue

WINTHROP

I LIKE CODFISH PIE WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE AND STRING BEANS ON IT.

AND I LIKE BAKED BEANS WITH SHREDDED COCONUT AND MARSHMALLOWS.

YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME GIVE YOU MY LUNCH, AREN'T YOU?

By Dick Cavalli

SNAFU

Mountain climbing for lazy people

By Bruce Beattie

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"If you let us go sleddin', Mommy, we promise not to run into a tree."

By Bill Keane

CALVIN AND HOBBS

BAD NEWS ON YOUR POLLS, DAD.

YOU SLIPPED ANOTHER TWO NOTCHES. THINGS ARE LOOKING GRIM FOR FUTURE OFFICE.

ANY IDEAS ON WHAT WOULD IMPROVE MY STANDINGS?

I NEED A VCR.

RIGHT, I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.

I HOPE YOU'RE READING THE "HELP WANTED" SECTION.

By Bill Watterson

THE BORN LOSER

WILL YA HELP ME PRACTICE KICKIN' FIELD GOALS?

SURE, WANT ME TO HOLD THE BALL FOR YOU?

NO... GO DOWN THERE ABOUT TWENTY YARDS...

By Art and Chip Sansom

FRANK AND ERNEST

EMPLOYMENT ... AND WHY DID YOU LEAVE YOUR JOB AS A HUMAN CANNONBALL?

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

MARCIE AND PATTY ARE OUTSIDE. THEY WANT ME TO TELL THEM WHICH ONE I LIKE BEST... WHAT SHOULD I DO?

TELL 'EM YOU CAN'T STAND EITHER ONE OF THEM! TELL 'EM TO GET LOST! SIC YOUR DOG ON 'EM!

YOU'VE TAKEN TOO LONG TO DECIDE, CHUCK, SO WE'RE GOING HOME.

GO BACK TO SLEEP... I WON'T NEED YOU...

DID THEY HAVE ANY COOKIES?

By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD

THE MAILMAN IS HERE!

THE MAILMAN AND HIS BIG DOG ARE HERE!

By Jim Davis

Competing interests slows decision on dismantling Soviet nuclear weapons

By RUTH SINAI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is having difficulty figuring out how to spend the \$400 million Congress gave it to help dismantle and store Soviet nuclear weapons, government and private sources say.

The administration didn't ask for the money to begin with, and having gotten it, several government

Report: welfare of U.S. children on the decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — American children today suffer more behavioral disorders, don't do as well on standardized tests and are more likely to be obese compared to children 30 years ago, according to a study published today.

During those same 30 years, says the study, the sum of all federal, state and local government spending on programs for children increased at about half the rate of spending on programs for adults.

While not laying all the blame for children's problems on the shift in government spending, the article argues that the most efficient way for government to reverse the trend is to enact child-centered tax credits or other policies that would redistribute income from households that do not have children to those that do.

The article in Science, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was written by Victor Fuchs, an economics professor at Stanford University and Diane M. Reklis, a research assistant at the National Bureau of Economic Research at Stanford. It covered children's health, behavior and academic performance between 1960 and 1988.

"When we put it all together, it makes a pretty dismal picture," Fuchs said today on NBC's "Today" program. "Both the cultural changes in the 1960s and '70s and the adverse material changes of the 1980s have both affected children in ways we need to be concerned about."

Fuchs and Reklis note that from 1960 to 1970, when childhood poverty was cut in half, and when real government spending on goods and services for children was doubling, teen-age suicide and homicide rates also doubled, scores on Scholastic Aptitude Tests declined modestly, and the share of births to unwed mothers doubled.

"Thus, we must seek explanations for the rising problems of that period in the cultural realm," they wrote, citing such factors as the increase in divorces and the decline in religious values.

By the 1980s, however, material conditions for children did deteriorate, especially for children from poor families, the report said.

The report said government spending on children rose at an annual rate of 2.9 percent per capita in inflation-adjusted dollars from 1960 to 1988, compared with a 5.2 percent annual rise in all spending on government programs for adults in that same period.

Meanwhile, adults — especially men — were also shifting away from children. In 1960, 7 percent of all children lived in households without an adult male present; by 1988, that figure nearly tripled, to 19 percent.

Between 1960 and 1988, the study said, the percentage of obese children jumped from 18 percent to 27 percent.

Verbal SAT scores also hit a new low in 1991, Fuchs said, leaving little hope that at least academically, children would improve soon.

"I don't think there's much reason to be optimistic," Fuchs said.

Governor pardons attacking squirrel

DENVER (AP) — A squirrel dubbed "Killer T-Rex" for attacking visitors at the city's Museum of Natural History who didn't offer food escaped the death penalty thanks to Gov. Roy Romer.

"What did he really do? He bit the hand that fed him," Romer said during an interview on a radio talk show Thursday. "If we start a precedent of punishing people for biting the hand that feeds them, where will that end?"

Visitors said the squirrel would sit on their feet, scratch at their cuffs or leap onto their pants legs in hopes of getting food. Several said they were bitten.

Animal shelter officials had planned to kill the squirrel. They said it had lost all natural fear of humans and could not be rehabilitated.

Darell Luebke of radio station KOA said listeners who had called in favored letting the squirrel live 53 percent to 47 percent.

"Basically people were saying he's not responsible for his actions," Luebke said.

Officials were to decide where the squirrel would be released in the next few days.

agencies are competing for a piece of the action. A host of scientific groups and foundations are tripping over each other to give the benefit of their advice.

The result so far, according to the sources, is that nothing much is being done: A team of experts — led by Undersecretary of State Reginald Bartholomew — is supposed to travel to the republics to discuss what to do.

As of Thursday no date had been set for the trip, and the State Department declined to discuss it, saying an agenda is still being formulated.

"The combination of a very complicated issue and competing bureaucracies is not a good one," said one administration official familiar with the non-proliferation programs. "Everyone has ideas, everyone wants a piece of the pie."

Secretary of State James A. Baker III wants most of the money to help the republics dismantle some of the 15,000 short-range nuclear weapons that former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev promised to eliminate.

But Russia, where most of the weapons are deployed, has made clear it can dismantle the weapons alone and doesn't want the United States looking over its shoulder.

Instead, the Russians want the United States to build a giant storage site for the plutonium and other radioactive components from the dismantled weapons, said the administration official, who like the other sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

The problem is compounded by disagreements and confusion within the former Soviet republics about what to do with the money,

several administration officials said.

Some Russian government scientists want the money for joint projects with U.S. nuclear laboratories on peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

"They're trying to sort themselves out over there. And frankly, they've got problems that to them seem more urgent — like no food," a State Department official said.

Congress provided the \$400 million five weeks ago after dire warnings from Kremlin officials that their empire's massive nuclear arsenal was facing an uncertain future with the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The lawmakers' sense of urgency was fueled by assessments from U.S. intelligence officials that extreme economic straits might force Soviet scientists to sell nucle-

ar material — as well as expertise — to Third World nations with nuclear ambitions.

Academic and scientific groups accuse the administration of dragging its feet and lacking either willingness or ideas for dealing with the problem.

"The Bush administration has no program beyond exhorting the Soviets to be good citizens, guard their nuclear weapons carefully and destroy those they've promised to destroy," said Christopher Paine, a senior researcher with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The private group, which promotes nuclear non-proliferation, is just back from conducting workshops in Russia and Ukraine on storage and dismantling of nuclear weapons.

The administration should undertake, in tandem with Russia, much

deeper cuts of both sides' arsenals, Paine said.

Administration officials are divided on whether they should reduce the U.S. arsenals further — with some, like Baker, advocating a waiting period until events in the former Soviet republics become clear.

William Potter, director of the Center for Russian and Soviet Studies at the Monterey Institute in California, has proposed using some of the \$400 million for joint projects to clean up environmental damage from decades of nuclear weapons production in the former Soviet Union.

Such a plan would provide new employment for their scientists at very little cost, and would help the U.S. Department of Energy gain badly needed experience in nuclear-related cleanup, he said.

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