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U.N. approves Somalia mission

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — As President Bush prepared to send the first Marines to Somalia, his aides took pains today to stress the limits of an operation that is already raising high hopes in the starving African land.

The U.N. resolution passed Thursday night authorized a 28,000-member American force to lead the world's biggest armed humanitarian rescue mission.

Bush planned to address the nation today, and the dispatch of U.S. troops could start by the end of the day with an order to three U.S. ships carrying 1,800 Marines in the Indian Ocean.

But the U.N. resolution did not establish who would finance the operation, how long it would last or who would decide it was over — the United Nations or Washington.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the U.S. force's mission was to establish a secure environment, then pull out, hopefully before Bush leaves office on Jan. 20.

"The peace-making force going in will be replaced by the (U.N.) peacekeeping force that will have the longer term responsibility, and we are hopeful to take out the American forces in this initial operation as soon as possible," he said.

U.S. officials at the United Nations said the were concerned the world body might want U.S. troops to stay on too long.

The resolution indicates the United Nations and United States will decide together when U.S. troops are withdrawn. About 3,500 U.N. peacekeepers were earlier authorized for Somalia, but the 500 there since September have been ineffective.

Many Somalis had bigger dreams for the U.S. force.

The troops are "going to make sure the security problems in the country

are ended and feed us as well, and send out children to school," said Mohamed Nur-Omar, interviewed on the streets of the Somalia capital.

"The Americans must stay until a national reconciliation is reached, the weapons are collected, and the country is on its feet," said Yusuf Abdi, a Somali economist.

Many worried that when combat troops withdraw in favor of lightly armed U.N. peacekeepers, the warlords and teen-age gunmen who have held sway would return.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said political reconciliation and reconstruction would be part of the U.N.'s mission once food deliveries are secure.

"For the first time you have an intervention in favor of humanitarian aid, with a moral backing," Boutros-Ghali said Thursday.

For all the boldness of the move, it came more than a year after severe food shortages and civil unrest were first reported in Somalia.

Clans have been battling for control of Somalia since the collapse of President Mohamed Siad Barre's rule in January 1991, worsening a famine that has killed 300,000 people and put another 2 million at risk.

Well-armed militias, mostly untrained young men and boys, have stolen at least half of the food and medicine shipped to Somalia and paralyzed relief delivery.

Even China, always reluctant to back foreign intervention, agreed that Somalia's horror demanded radical steps and approved the force.

The U.S. offer galvanized the world body into action. France reportedly will contribute 2,000 troops and Italy, a former colonial ruler of Somalia, also will send soldiers. Other nations considering sending troops include Belgium, Canada, Nigeria and Egypt.

Scouting the future



Ethan Winegarmer, 5 months, and his mother, Sheryl Winegarmer, of Follett, watch as White Deer and McLean boys basketball teams battle at the Miami Tomahawk Classic Basketball Tournament Thursday night. For the game story, see page 13.

Appraisal board OKs adjustment to client's taxes

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

The Gray County Appraisal District board of directors on Thursday unanimously approved an out-of-court adjustment with John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. under which the total real property valuation of Pampa Mall was set at \$2,848,860 for the tax year that began Jan. 1, 1992.

The agreement between the appraisal district and a Dallas representative for the insurance company was reached in October.

The appraisal district board of directors in May had approved a valuation of \$3,778,990 on the real property of Pampa Mall — the land and building, but not the furniture or merchandise in the stores. The Gray County Appraisal Review Board in June had upheld that valuation after an appeal by Hancock, but the insurance company has maintained that the figure was too high.

Also on Thursday, the Gray County Appraisal District board of directors met in executive session with the attorney for the appraisal district, Kenneth Fields of Pampa, regarding the possibility of a lawsuit being filed against the appraisal district.

No action was taken after the executive session, and Chief Appraiser W. Pat Bagley said "I don't feel it's proper for me to comment in any way on that."

In other action on Thursday,

• The board reappointed Appraisal Review Board members Bob Echols and Bobbie Nisbet, both of Pampa, to two-year terms.

Echols is president of Titan Specialties of Pampa and Nisbet is a real estate broker in Pampa. The next term for Echols and Nisbet begins Jan. 1, 1993.

• Appraisal District Board Chairman Sam Haynes announced that he does not wish to serve as chairman for another term. Haynes, who is mayor of McLean, has held the position of chairman since January 1989. Election of new officers for the appraisal district board of directors is expected to occur at a meeting next month, the date for which has not yet been set.

• Received news from Bagley that he, Assistant Chief Appraiser Jim Honderich, and Senior Appraiser Debbie Stribling plan to attend a Property Tax Institute on Dec. 14-16 sponsored by the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. The institute will address recent changes in state law concerning property taxation.

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Gray County criminal justice system gets pat on the back

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Gray County's criminal justice system for adults is more progressive than that of most other rural counties in the state, Dimitria Pope, division director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Community Justice Assistance Division, said Thursday.

Pope, who spoke at a luncheon meeting before about 15 members of the Gray County Community Justice Council and its advisory task force, praised the county for its efforts at developing a literacy program through the county's adult probation office.

"I urge you to continue the efforts with the literacy (program)," Pope said.

Pope attributed the progressiveness of the adult probation program in Gray County to Jeane Roper's leadership over the program and to the support for it by District Attorney John Mann and County Attorney Robert McPherson, as well as

by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters, 31st District Judge M. Kent Sims, and County Judge Carl Kennedy.

After the luncheon, Roper emphasized that she is grateful for the contributions of her staff of four probation officers, two support staff employees, a literacy teacher, and an alcohol-drug counselor. At least 150 people received counseling or treatment in the alcohol and drug abuse program of the county's adult probation office in the fiscal year that began Sept. 1, 1991.

Also on Thursday, the Community Justice Council appointed Mann to the council and Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent of Pampa schools, to a task force that advises the council. The co-chairmen of the Community Justice Council are Waters and Sims.

In discussing the plans for a literacy program in Gray County, Orr noted at the meeting that he envisions an adult equivalent to the Pampa Learning Center that serves schoolchildren.

The adult literacy program, which would serve the general public who do not have high school diplomas as well as adults on probation, is expected to begin within the next six months, Orr said.

Roper noted that Young County, though smaller than Gray County, already has a literacy program that serves adult prisoners and those on probation as well as the general public.

"It is something that I hope will become a reality here, and there's no reason why it couldn't," Roper said.

Roper said after the meeting that she plans to encourage the incoming Gray County sheriff, Randy Stubblefield, to apply for state funds for various treatment programs for prisoners in the county jail. Stubblefield will take office on Jan. 1.

Among the state-funded programs for which Gray County Jail might qualify for state funds, Pope said, are programs serving mentally retarded prisoners and prisoners

who are drug-addicted or alcohol-addicted. Tarrant and Dallas counties, respectively, have those programs for prisoners in their county jails, she said.

Pope also praised the pre-trial intervention services offered by Gray County, including pre-trial release of a prisoner from jail. Since January 1992, a dozen peo-

ple awaiting trial in Gray County have been granted release from jail before the trial, Roper said. The primary reasons for such release were health problems, charges for a non-violent crime, and no previous criminal conviction, Roper noted.

Four of the 12 people granted early release from jail in Gray County while awaiting trial had their release revoked, Roper said. But she added that in none of those four cases had the people committed an additional crime.

Roper expressed disappointment that there had been no people placed in a pre-trial diversion program for first-time adult offenders in the fiscal year that began Sept. 1, 1991.

In the previous fiscal year there had been two people in the pre-trial diversion program in Gray County.

Roper said she believes the inactivity in the pre-trial diversion program in fiscal 1992 could have accounted for the decline of about

\$2,000 in funding for alcohol and drug treatment and literacy programs by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Community Justice Assistance Division — from \$97,934 in calendar year 1992 to \$95,946 in calendar year 1993. Those programs serve juveniles as well as adults, she said.

A pre-trial diversion program defers the filing of criminal charges and allows the adult to report to a probation officer while working in the community in a community-restitution program. If there was a monetary loss to the victim, restitution is paid to him through the adult probation department.

Pope also expressed admiration for the intensive supervision program for those on probation in Gray County, under which a probation officer is assigned to no more than 40 people on probation. The program offers more surveillance than the conventional probation program, she said.

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Signs for handicapped motorists available

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Handicapped motorists must replace their car's paper handicapped-status sticker with a new plastic placard by Jan. 1, 1993, said Margie Gray, Gray County tax collector and local agent for the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Handicapped people may obtain a new plastic placard from the tax collector's office in Gray County Courthouse, she said. They may either trade their paper disabled-motorist sticker for a free new plastic placard or pay a fee of \$5

for a new plastic placard, Gray noted.

Gray's office has issued 39 of the new plastic placards in the few weeks that they have been available in that office, she said.

The Gray County tax assessor's office has also issued 604 handicapped-designated metal license plates so far this year, Gray noted. The state has been issuing metal license plates for the disabled since 1981.

Those who have been certified as temporarily disabled are given a red placard; those certified as permanently disabled are given a blue placard.

Unlike the paper stickers, which were permanently affixed to the front windshield inside a car, the new plastic placards are designed to be hung from the rearview mirror of a car when it is parked in a parking space reserved for the disabled. Such parking spaces are located closer to a building than are conventional parking spaces, which permits a shorter walk for the disabled person.

The plastic placards are designed to make it easier for law enforcement officers to identify a parked car that has been approved for handicapped parking, Gray noted.

"This will help the disabled community, temporary and/or permanent, and that's what we're here for," she said.

Motorists are required to remove the plastic placard from the rearview mirror when they are driving, since a hanging placard might obstruct their view, Gray said.

The Gray County official noted that most of the handicapped people who have obtained the placards from her office have been pleased with them. The disabled motorists have expressed confusion, however, about where the

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Gaye Downey, deputy tax collector in Gray County, displays the old handicapped-status sticker, at left, and the new plastic placard, at right.

placards should be kept during driving — whether in the glove compartment or in the front seat of the car, for instance.

Gray said the state has not given her any guidance on that question.

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Judge convicts woman for leaving Alzheimer's father

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — A judge dismissed as unconvincing a woman's argument that child abuse and mental illness led her to take her Alzheimer's-afflicted father from a nursing home and abandon him at an Idaho dog track.

Sue L. Gifford, 41, was convicted Thursday of kidnapping, theft and perjury stemming from her treatment of 83-year-old John Kingery.

"I am convinced that there was no mental disease or defect," said Judge Alan C. Bonebrake, who heard the case without a jury. "It is clear she planned in advance the actions she took."

Kingery was left at the northern Idaho greyhound track March 21, the labels cut from his clothing and a bag of diapers next to his wheelchair. He was found with a note that misidentified him as John King.

He died Nov. 2 at a Morgantown, Ky., nursing home, where children from his first marriage had placed him. They had lost contact with Kingery until they recognized him from news reports.

Gifford, who also was convicted of unlawfully seeking public assis-



Sue L. Gifford

tance, was Kingery's daughter from a second marriage. She took responsibility for Kingery after her brother dumped her father at her doorstep in November 1990, said her lawyer, Wilbur Smith.

She was allowed to remain free pending sentencing Feb. 5. She faces up to six years in prison, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors argued that Gifford stole her father's Ford Motor Co. pension and some Social Security checks over more than a year.

Gifford kidnapped her father

when nursing home officials questioned her about the pension, which by law should have gone to help pay nursing home bills otherwise covered by Medicaid, prosecutors said.

Gifford testified she removed her father from the nursing home because she wanted to provide better care for him.

She said she left him at the track because she was no longer able to cope with his illness and thought that was the best way to help him.

Smith said Kingery had physically and sexually abused Gifford when she was a child. He said Gifford believed her father was allowing her to use the pension funds to make up for the abuse.

Smith also contended Gifford suffered from paranoia and believed nursing home officials were out to get her.

Psychologist Howard Dewey testified that Gifford's stress led to the emergence of a paranoid personality disorder at the time Kingery was abandoned.

However, psychologist Richard J. Hulteng of the Oregon State Hospital said Gifford did not have a major mental illness.

Group OKs gene therapy experiment for cystic fibrosis

WASHINGTON (AP) — An experimental gene therapy treatment that holds the theoretical promise of a cure for cystic fibrosis, the most common inherited fatal disease, has been approved by a federal advisory committee.

The Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health recommended that two researchers be given permission to try to replace defective cystic fibrosis genes in the lung cells of a small number of CF patients. A third seeks approval today.

If the technique works as hoped, it could correct the genetic flaw that causes respiratory CF symptoms and, thus, possibly cure the most lethal element of the disease.

The NIH advisory committee Thursday approved gene therapy proposals by Ronald G. Crystal of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, an NIH agency, and by James M. Wilson of the University of Michigan. Michael J. Welsh of the University of Iowa is the third researcher.

All three plan to use a genetically altered cold virus to try to correct the flawed CF gene. The cold viruses have been engineered to carry the normal CF gene and have been rendered unable to reproduce, or cause infection, in the patients.

The proposals call for the altered virus to be sprayed into the nose or lungs of the CF patients. The virus is expected to insert the normal CF gene into the cells of the pulmonary tract, thus correcting the genetic flaw. Other cells in the body will not be genetically altered.

Testing in animals has demonstrated that an altered virus can introduce a new gene into the nucleus of target cells.

Under the proposals, Crystal will use the technique in 10 patients, Wilson in 12 and Welsh in three.

Before the experiments can begin, the three researchers must have final approval from Dr. Bernadine P.

Healy, director of NIH, and from the Food and Drug Administration.

Robert J. Beall, a vice president of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which provided money for the genetic research, said patients for all three of the experimental procedures have been selected. They are all over age 18 and have mild to moderate CF in their lungs, he said.

Swift approval by Healy and the FDA is expected, Beall said, predicting that the experimental work could begin as early as January. It would be several months after that before there is an indication of success, he said.

Beall called the committee approval a significant advance toward conquering CF.

"We have only been able to treat the symptoms of the disease in the past. If this works, we will actually be able to treat the cause of the disease. This offers the promise of a cure for CF," Beall said.

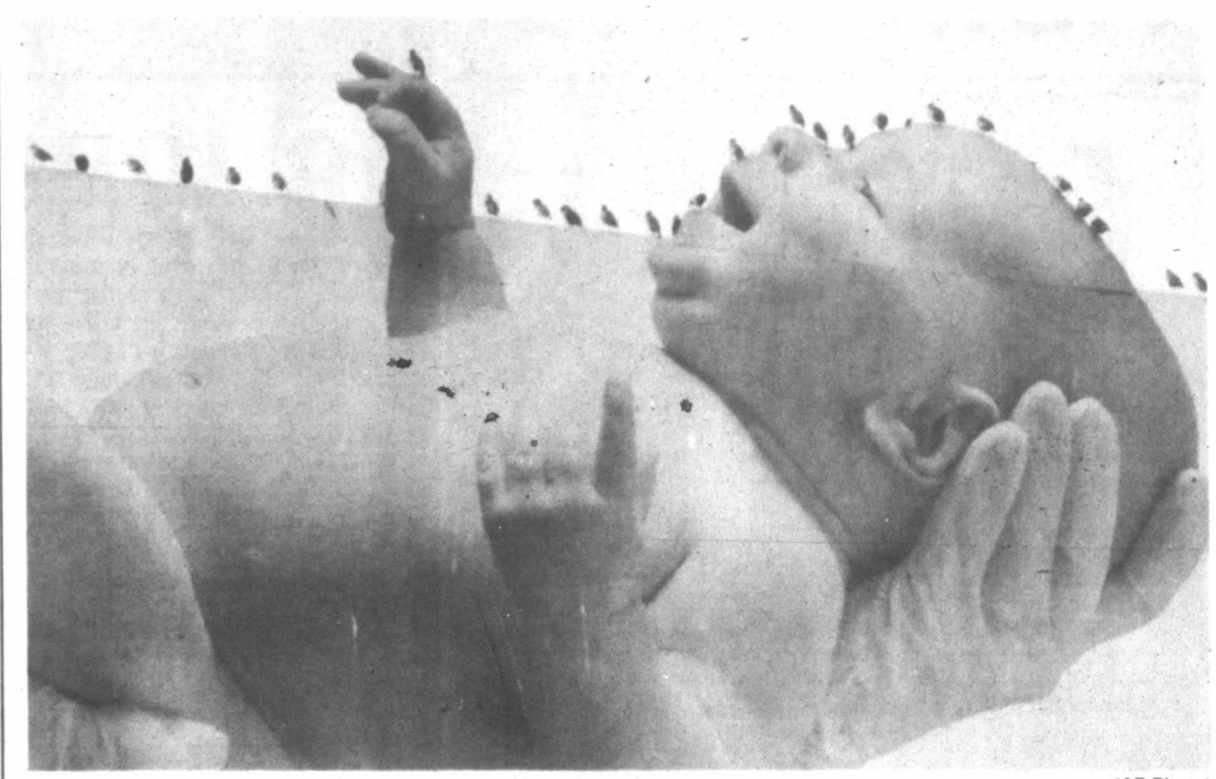
"The time is right to cure this disease, and while I don't think we're going to be able to do that immediately, we now have the potential for a cure," Crystal told *The New York Times* in today's editions.

Some researchers have worried that introducing a cold virus into the bodies of the patients could cause unforeseen infections, but Welsh told the *Times* that "the chances that gene therapy will work are high. The potential benefits clearly outweigh any risks involved."

Cystic fibrosis kills principally by causing an extreme build-up in the lungs of a thick mucus that interferes with breathing. That fosters repeated pulmonary infections, which eventually destroy the lungs.

A defective or non-functioning CF gene prevents cells from properly processing chloride, leading to an imbalance of salt, which prevents the body from disposing of the mucus. In addition to affecting the lungs, excess mucus also can affect the intestines and the pancreas, leading to digestive symptoms.

Ticklish situation



A flock of birds rest on top of a hospital billboard in Little Rock, Ark., on Wednesday, much to the 'amusement' of the billboard's young subject.

Kevorkian lashes out at law against assisted suicide

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — Marguerite Tate spoke earnestly, trying to make her listeners understand why she wanted to die, and why she needs Jack Kevorkian's help.

But Lou Gehrig's disease has left Tate's voice an unintelligible mumble, and she is forced to communicate by typing into a keyboard.

Tate, 70, and another woman joined Kevorkian on Thursday to condemn a bill designed to prevent the retired pathologist from assisting in suicides.

Kevorkian, 64, has overseen the suicides of six women in Michigan over the past two years. Judges have said he cannot be charged because there was no law against assisted suicides.

But the state Senate on Thursday approved House-passed legislation that would make assisting in another person's death punishable by up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

Gov. John Engler is expected to sign the bill as soon as next week.

"That law to me is not only barbaric, it's inhumane and cruel," Kevorkian said. "Any doctor who obeys an inherently inhumane law that thwarts his obligation to a patient is acting unethically, to say the least."

"My duty as a physician is to overlook everything except the condition of my patients. I will do what I have to do for a suffering patient."

The bill's backers admitted it was designed to stop Kevorkian.

"It's not the best bill in the world, but it's a whole lot better than what we have today that lets Jack Kevorkian run around like Jack the Ripper," said Sen. Jack Welborn, a Republican.

The bill would take effect April 1. It would require a study commission to make a recommendation on the issue 15 months later. The Legislature would then have six months to act before the law's penalties would lapse.

Speaking at his lawyers' offices in the Detroit suburb of Southfield, Kevorkian played a videotape of a consultation with Tate. She has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a degenerative disorder that attacks the nervous system, Kevorkian said.

On the tape, made May 9, Tate's voice was pained, but clear. Asked Thursday if she would commit suicide that day if possible, Tate tried to speak, then nodded her head.

Marcella Lawrence, a 67-year-old woman from Mount Clemens, has emphysema, heart disease and severe arthritis in her back. Her pain left her in tears after sitting through Kevorkian's hour-long news conference.

"The pain I have, I wish they (lawmakers) could have for just one night," Lawrence said. "If I was up on the 13th floor right now, I would jump."

The American Civil Liberties Union has sided with Kevorkian, saying that people have the right to make decisions about their life and death — and have someone help them kill themselves if they wish.

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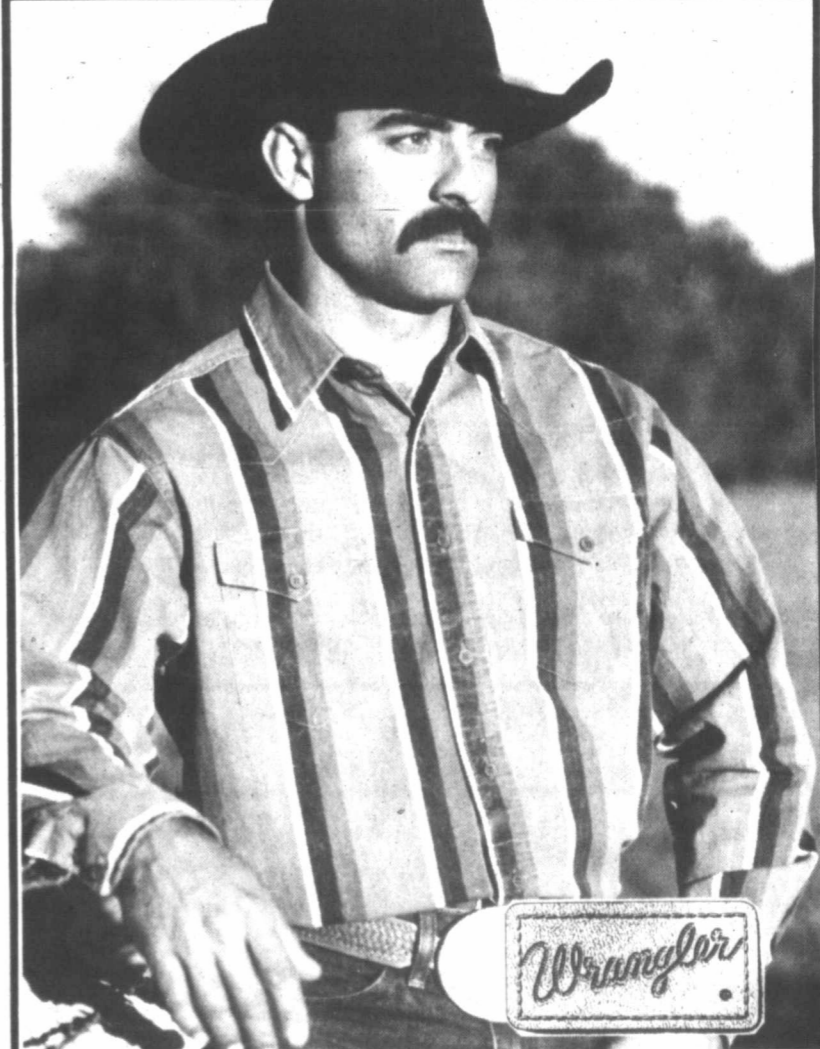
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Flight attendant crusades for smoking ban at D-FW

By JAY JORDEN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — An airline flight attendant Thursday won the first round in her fight to have smoking banned at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Airport board members voted 10-0 to ban smoking in all terminals, making Patty Young, who attended the D-FW Airport Board's meeting, a happy woman.

"Both my parents died of lung cancer," Ms. Young, 46, of Dallas said.

The plan still faces review by the city councils of Dallas, Fort Worth and Grapevine, where the airport is located.

Board members earlier this

month directed staff officials to draft a plan on an airport-wide smoking ban by early 1993. Current guidelines only restrict smoking to certain areas at the airport.

The plan puts D-FW in a growing number of U.S. airports that are cracking down on smokers by limiting their habit.

Ms. Young said she had met with board members in late October to argue for the smoking ban.

"They were totally for me working on this issue," she said.

Ms. Young said she is working with two anti-smoking groups. They are ASH, Action on Smoking and Health, based in Washington, D.C., and Americans for Non-smokers'

Rights, based in Berkeley, Calif.

An American Airlines attendant, Ms. Young said she began working more than 20 years ago to fight smoking aboard domestic flights. Federal officials banned the practice in 1990.

"I had begun to notice coffee-colored stains on me," she said, adding that she later began reading of dangers from breathing so-called "second-hand smoke."

She's now broadened her appeal to operators of D-FW Airport, one of the nation's busiest airline hubs. Such a smoking ban would take effect early next year.

Smoking inside the terminals could subject violators to fines of up to \$250. Airport police would enforce the rule.



Patti Young, a 26-year veteran flight attendant, poses Thursday at D-FW Airport. (AP Photo)

Newspapers need minority staff to attract readers, publishers informed

NEW YORK (AP) — Minority readers will find little to interest them in newspapers that fail to hire minority staff members and will abandon those publications, a group of top news executives was warned.

"I'm not worried about whether you embrace diversity or not," said Simeel Estes-Sumpter, president of the National Association of Black Journalists. "Because if not, it's over. ... You won't be putting out a product anyone will want to read or advertise in."

Estes-Sumpter spoke Thursday to publishers discussing minority hiring and advances, gathered under the auspices of the Newspaper Association of America and the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The group held a similar meeting last year in New York, and Estes-Sumpter said she predicted at that time "that a year from now there'd be a lot of task forces, a lot of subcommittees, and very little would be done. Most of that prediction has come true."

In the next seven years, more than three-quarters of the nation's population growth is expected to occur among non-whites. Yet only 9 percent of newspaper staff members are part of a minority group — about half the minority share of the general population — and an even lower percentage are supervisors.

While publishers have long declared

their desire to hire more blacks, Hispanics and Asians, many editors complain it is hard to attract qualified applicants, and that many who are hired leave for better paying jobs.

But Ms. Estes-Sumpter, who works in the news department of WAGA-TV in Atlanta, described "newsrooms that are increasingly hostile to minorities. ... We're leaving in record numbers because we're angry and frustrated."

She was echoed by Wanda Lloyd of USA Today, who said she gets calls from other black journalists around the nation complaining about "the racism and hostility in many of our newsrooms."

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"Your frustration is shared by many of us," responded Arthur Sulzberger Jr., publisher of The New York Times. He said that members of the Times' own task force on diversity had "been at each others' throats" and that it took three days of special meetings "to get them talking again."

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And Evelyn Hsu, president of the Asian-American Journalists Association, said she wished other groups of minority journalists had been consulted and allowed to make a presentation at the session.

William Boyd, moderator of this year's session, said several initiatives outlined last year showed some progress:

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— Faced with an influx of Asian residents from neighboring Boston, The Patriot Ledger of Quincy hired Asian-American staffers and ran a series of articles on the city's changing

ethnic face — even though most of the newcomers did not read English.

The series helped destroy myths about the newcomers, according to editor Bill Ketter, who added that over the long run the paper's sensitivity to concerns of Asian residents will increase circulation.

— The Seattle Times three years ago declared Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a company holiday. It also keeps what publisher Frank Blethen described as a "minority journalism job bank," and passes on to other, smaller papers in the Northwest the names of promising but inexperienced applicants it has no immediate plans to hire.

— The Tribune Co. has made increasing the diversity of its work force a top corporate priority, and senior managers have been told their ability to hire and promote blacks will affect their annual bonus.

— Committees of staffers at the Atlanta Journal and several other newspapers have conducted "news audits," checking for biased coverage, such as the use of derogatory terms for women or photos that represented blacks exclusively as entertainers, athletes or criminals.

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While publishers have long declared their desire to hire more blacks, Hispanics and Asians, many editors complain it is hard to attract qualified applicants, and that many who are hired leave for better paying jobs.

But Ms. Estes-Sumpter, who works in the news department of WAGA-TV in Atlanta, described "newsrooms that are increasingly hostile to minorities. ... We're leaving in record numbers because we're angry and frustrated."

She was echoed by Wanda Lloyd of USA Today, who said she gets calls from other black journalists around the nation complaining about "the racism and hostility in many of our newsrooms."

Charles Brumback, president and chief executive officer of the Tribune Co. of Chicago, said he was surprised staffers would call Ms. Lloyd rather than take complaints to their own bosses. "I think it's getting better," he said.

"I don't think so," replied Ms. Lloyd. "Go to any minority journalism association meeting and you hear that."

"Your frustration is shared by many of us," responded Arthur Sulzberger Jr., publisher of The New York Times. He said that members of the Times' own task force on diversity had "been at each others' throats" and that it took three days of special meetings "to get them talking again."

Other minority groups complained

of being left out of the discussion. Diane Alverio, president of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, said the panel discussion was "pretty much a black and white group."

If papers ignore the nation's growing Hispanic population, she said, "it will be a costly business mistake."

And Evelyn Hsu, president of the Asian-American Journalists Association, said she wished other groups of minority journalists had been consulted and allowed to make a presentation at the session.

William Boyd, moderator of this year's session, said several initiatives outlined last year showed some progress:

— The Associated Press takes 15 minority journalism students each year into its 13-week on-the-job training course, and offers a full-time job to all who pass. Forty-one of 69 interns who joined remain with the news service, according to AP President and Chief Executive Officer Louis D. Boccardi.

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Court: Man owes live-in for housekeeping

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A man owes \$6,660 to a former girlfriend who demanded payment for cooking, cleaning and pouring the beer while she lived with him for seven years, an appeals court says.

Linda Walsh deserves compensation for household chores, even though her ex-boyfriend, Harlan Ray, did the yardwork, maintained their cars and agreed to share expenses with her, the 4th District Court of Appeals said Thursday.

"This opens the door for an argument that true roommates, not even boyfriend-girlfriend, could end up with the same results," said Ray's lawyer, Daniel Berkos.

Ms. Walsh and her two sons moved into Ray's home after they met in 1979. Ray's two children stayed in the home half the time.

Ms. Walsh bought groceries. Ray made mortgage payments and paid utility bills. They had separate bank accounts.

Two years after their 1987 breakup, Ms. Walsh sued for housekeeping pay. A jury sided with her, and the appeals court upheld that verdict.

"Chores and groceries for a household of up to six people, three of them being Ray and his

children, may readily amount to a considerable investment in time and money," the appeals court said.

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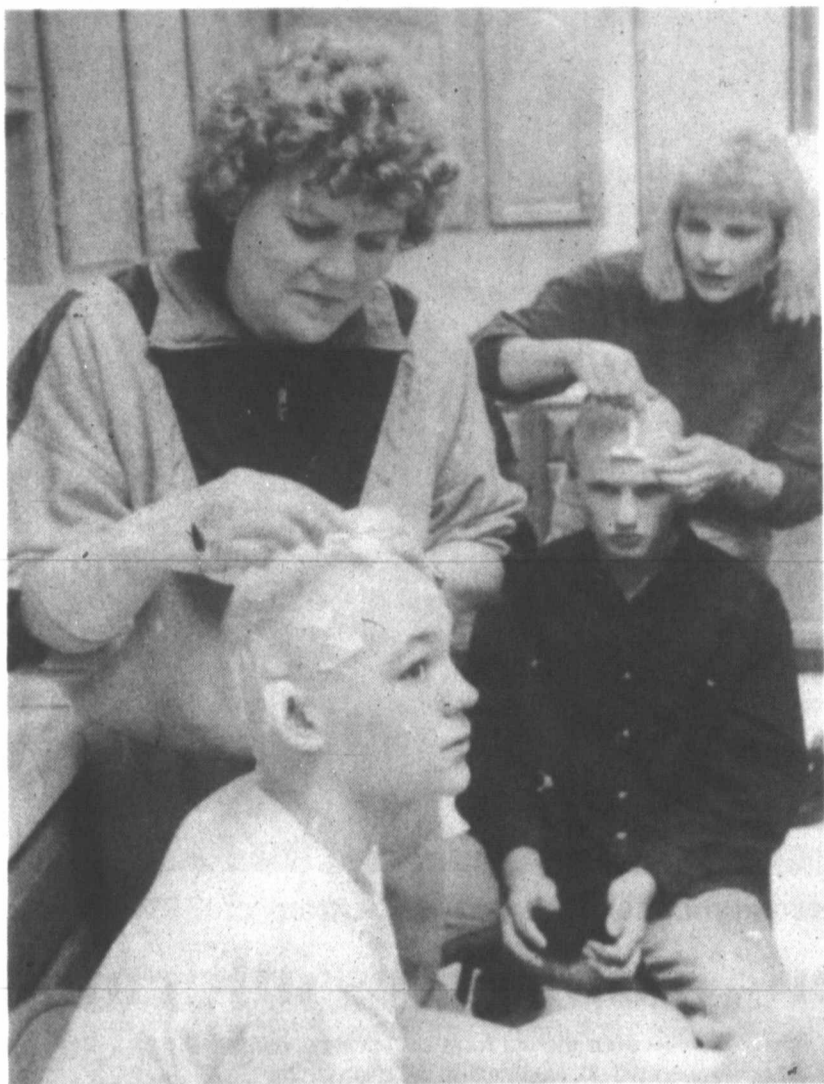
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(AP Photo) Travis Busch, front, and Joel Truog, students at Cross Lutheran School, are shaved by their mothers, Cindy Busch and Shirley Truog.

Boys go bald to show support for friend

YORKVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Radiation treatment for leukemia soon may cost Mark Lowry his hair, but his bald head won't stand out in the classrooms at Cross Lutheran School.

When the school's 15 other seventh- and eighth-grade boys learned that Mark, 13, would undergo the chemotherapy, they decided to have their own heads shaved in a show of support.

By Thursday, only two of the 16 weren't bald. One, Robert Erickson, was waiting for the weekend for his clipping. The other was Mark, who came home Wednesday from the hospital with a full head of hair.

"It probably won't be for long, though," he said. "And my dad might cut my hair so I look like the rest of the guys."

Mark, an eighth-grader, learned only recently that he had leukemia, and started chemotherapy treatments last week. Classmate Travis Busch then came up with the head-shaving idea, but cleared it with Mark first.

"We didn't want to make him feel we were making fun of him," said Travis.

The students also checked with principal Sue Lopez, who approved the clip job and said the boys could wear hats in class to keep their heads warm.

"I asked Mark how he felt about it and he said he thought it was a neat idea," Lopez said.

How long do the boys plan to go hairless?

"Until Mark grows his hair back," was the unanimous response.

Study: Higher risk of miscarriage seen in computer chip makers

By JOHN HOWARD
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Women who work with chemical solvents while building computer chips have at least a 40 percent higher rate of miscarriages than other workers in the semiconductor industry, a study says.

The study, released Thursday, said the miscarriage risk was twice as high in some cases. It also suggested computer-chip assemblers are less likely to get pregnant than others in the industry.

The ill effects stem from the use of chemical solvents and compounds

used in the manufacturing process, particularly glycol ethers, said Dr. Marc Schenker, chief of environmental and occupational medicine at the University of California-Davis, who disclosed the \$3.8 million, 800-page survey.

He said the research suggested that chip makers faced a "decreased possibility of getting pregnant, about 30 percent less for fabrication workers versus nonfabrication workers." That finding needs more study, he said.

The study evaluated the health of 15,000 workers at 14 companies in seven states. About 220,000 people work in the semiconductor industry

throughout the nation. About half the employees studied worked in chip manufacturing.

The miscarriage data largely resulted from day-to-day tracking of 900 pregnant workers — 450 of whom worked in chip fabrication, and 450 who didn't.

Those who did not produce the chips reported a 10 percent miscarriage rate, or 45 miscarriages. The women who built the chips reported a 14 percent rate overall, or 63 miscarriages, although in some cases the rate reached 20 percent.

Schenker said the study did not seek to compare miscarriage rates between chip makers and the gener-

al population but, rather, between chip makers and other semiconductor industry workers.

The report recommended replacing chemicals such as glycol ethers with other compounds and limiting workers' exposure time during chip manufacturing.

Craig Modahl, a representative of chip-making giant Intel Corp., said the industry had not yet developed a response to the recommendations.

But he said the survey results showed that "clearly the controls need to be better. The days of glycol ethers in the manufacturing process are numbered."

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Oil from tanker spill threatens shoreline

By MICHELLE WALLIN
Associated Press Writer

LA CORUNA, Spain (AP) — Oil drenched birds were spotted today following the break-up of a tanker carrying millions of gallons of crude into a port on Spain's rocky northwest coast.

An oil fire which had burned all night was out after the bow of the Greek tanker Aegean Sea sank, government spokeswoman Lourdes Garcia said. The bow held most of the 24-million-gallon cargo, she said.

The tanker ran aground Thursday in heavy fog and rough seas as tug boats attempted to bring it toward a La Coruna refinery.

All 29 crew members — 15 Greeks and 14 Filipinos — were evacuated.

Environmentalists were unsure how much ecological damage would result from the 12-mile-wide oil slick.

"The first oil-drenched birds are appearing along the coastline," said Raul Garcia, of Bio Topo, a local ecological group. "It's very early to evaluate the impact, but the initial information indicates that this will be disastrous."

The cause of the accident had not been determined. Captain Constantine Stavrides and other crewmembers were being questioned.

The slick and the smoke clouds with it were headed back to sea today, after shifting winds had driven it toward a residential neighborhood forcing firefighters to douse part of it with foam.

About 300 residents returned home today after being evacuated as a precautionary measure because of drifting smoke and fire offshore, authorities said. No new evacuations were ordered in La Coruna, a town of 250,000



Firefighters spray water onto the burning oil slick early today to try to prevent it from spreading to dry land after the Greek registered Aegean Sea oil tanker spilled crude oil in the Atlantic Ocean.

people 280 miles northwest of Madrid.

The tanker carried oil from Britain's main North Sea oil loading terminal at Sullom Voe.

The spill would be Europe's worst recently, but far smaller than the 68 million gallons spilled by the Amoco Cadiz off the coast of France in 1978. In the world's worst recent oil spill, the tanker Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons into Alaska's Prince William Sound after it ran aground March 24, 1989.

Diocese settles 68 claims in priest molestation case

BOSTON (AP) — Sixty-eight people who say they were molested as children by a former priest said Thursday they have settled claims against the Roman Catholic diocese, which they had accused of covering up their complaints.

The case reflects a growing openness by the church to confront sexual abuse by clergy, said the accusers' attorney, Roderick MacLeish.

"The days of silence on this problem are over," he said.

The accusers said they were abused by James R. Porter while he was a priest in the Fall River diocese in southeastern Massachusetts in the 1960s. They said the diocese shifted Porter from parish to parish when complaints against him arose.

Bishop Sean O'Malley said the diocese is drafting policies aimed at speedy review of complaints against priests.

O'Malley said he hoped the settlement would bring "comfort and healing to those individuals whose childhood was shadowed by the acts of a priest of the church."

The 68 men and woman agreed to keep financial terms of the settlement secret.

"What it means is that the church is finally listening," said Janet Pontolillo, of Hampden, Conn., one of Porter's

accusers. "Hopefully, it means there is some change within the church."

Peter Calderone, one of about 20 of Porter's Massachusetts accusers who attended a news conference with MacLeish, said he was pleased but noted the settlement "is not a medicine. It won't make any one of us healthy."

Porter, who is married and has four children, said in a statement this summer he had molested "a number of children" during the 1960s, but said he stopped after leaving the priesthood in the early 1970s.

However, he is on trial in Minnesota, where he now lives, on charges of molesting a teen-age babysitter in 1987. He also faces sexual-assault charges in Massachusetts. Opening arguments are scheduled for Friday.

His attorney, Peter G. DeGelleke, plans to try to have the Massachusetts criminal charges dismissed, arguing that Porter could not get a fair trial on such old allegations. He declined to comment about the settlement.

The claims against Porter surfaced this year after a private investigator, Frank Fitzpatrick, said he had been molested by the former priest and found dozens of other people with similar stories.

Khmer Rouge frees troopers after 3 days

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Khmer Rouge guerrillas today unconditionally released six U.N. peacekeepers who had been seized while monitoring troops movements, a United Nations official said.

"Everybody is fine, they're free," said U.N. spokesman Eric Falt.

The six included three Britons, two Filipinos and one New Zealander.

The men were released on orders from Gen. Nuon Bunno, the most senior Khmer Rouge officer in Phnom Penh, Falt said. Nuon Bunno had refused to cooperate until Thursday afternoon.

Senior Khmer Rouge officers and officials at first denied that the peacekeepers were being held by Khmer Rouge forces. Once they were able to verify that fact, the officials responded quickly, Falt indicated.

Nuon Bunno late Thursday ordered regional commander Gen. Men Ron to have the troops released. Men Ron then sent a letter to the guerrillas, delivered by 13 Indonesian peacekeepers.

Gen. Chan, the local Khmer Rouge commander, and his guerrillas had seized the unarmed U.N. truce-observers at a Khmer Rouge checkpoint where they were monitoring troop movements from a boat in the Stoen Sen River. No other name was available for Chan.

The guerrillas accused the men of spying for the Vietnam-backed Cambodian government, one of four factions that fought a 13-year civil war.

The four sides last year signed a peace agreement that calls for disarmament and cantonment of some fighters in preparation for national elections in 1993.

The Khmer Rouge, who ruled Cambodia in a reign of terror from 1975 to 1978, have resisted some of the agreement's provisions.

In the case of the six peacekeepers, the guerrillas had demanded that U.N. forces drive government troops out of the immediate area before they would free the hostages.

U.N. officials refused the demand. "They were released unconditionally," Falt said.

Falt declined to say if the United Nations would punish the Khmer Rouge group. He would only say U.N. officials believed senior Khmer Rouge officials who insisted the local guerrillas were acting independently.

Khmer Rouge officials declined repeated requests from The Associated Press to comment directly on the incident.

The tension surrounding the abduction of the men was compounded Wednesday when a U.N. helicopter trying to scout the village where the hostages were being held was hit by gunfire and a French officer was wounded.

Also Wednesday, six U.N. peacekeepers were wounded Wednesday when their vehicles ran over newly laid anti-tank mines on a well-traveled road near Siem Reap, 140 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, Falt said.

The wounded included three Indonesians, two Tunisians and one Nepalese.

The Khmer Rouge's refusal to conform to the treaty's provisions has raised widespread fears of a renewal of fighting in the country, which has been plagued by war and violence since the 1960s — first in the government's fight against the Khmer Rouge, then under the group's fanatically Marxist government, then in the war after Vietnam ousted the Khmer Rouge.

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From left, Morgan White, Aaron Pepper, Britton White and Stacy Pepper decorate the Christmas tree at First Christian Church.

Children hang the greens

Advent is the season which begins the liturgical year and prepares the church for the celebration of the birth of Christ. The 15th annual "Hanging of the Green" is the second service of the Advent season this Sunday at First Christian Church. Green wreaths will be hung on the columns by families of the church. The older children will hang garlands and the younger children of the church will bring in poinsettias and place bows on the pews. The youth range from the ages of 3 to 18. More than 30 poin-

settias will be placed on the chancel. Dr. John Tate, senior minister, will deliver the message and lead the worship service. The adult choir will present the music directed by Fred Mays and accompanied by Sue King. Also participating in the service is the Bell Choir under the direction of Robbie Pepper. Christmas carols will be the hymns of the morning hour with the congregation and choir. Volunteer Director Maxine Parsley and Director of Membership Shirley Winborne will assist Tate with the service.

A special highlight of the worship service is the lighting of the Christmas Tree and the dedication of the Christmas Rose. Tate invites the public to the 10:50 a.m. worship service. At First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Sunday services until Christmas plus weeknight activities are planned for the Advent season. A live nativity scene is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 21. The annual Christmas Eve candlelight worship and lighting of an Advent candle is set for 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

With Christmas tree First Baptist aids needy families and the pregnancy center

The 10th annual presentation of a living Christmas Tree will be presented by First Baptist Church Dec. 13-14. "The tree was purchased with the concept of making the annual presentation a gift to the city of Pampa from First Baptist Church," stated John Glover, minister of music. The giving was not only through a variety of musical and dramatic program, but also through an offering that is given at each presentation. In the last 10 years, more than \$20,000 has been given to various charities in Pampa, he said. On Sunday the offering will be used to provide food for needy families in Pampa. The offering on Monday night will be given to the Pregnancy Crisis Center to aid in their work. The program is called "A Christmas Celebration." "It will feature the best music from the past 10 years as well as new selections," Glover said. "Three selections will be done with blacklight. These will be enjoyed by everyone but especially the children."

Another feature added this year is the Christmas banners, he said. The banners are four by eight feet and will bear a Christmas message. One of the most meaningful portions of the program will be the lighting of the candles which helps illustrate the coming of the light into the darkness. More than 1,000 candles will light the worship center. Thousands of other lights are used to light the tree itself and can be controlled by a lighting system that allows for unusual effects. "Standing 35 feet and accommodating 70 singers, the tree truly becomes a spectacle of sight and sound," Glover said. There will be two presentations scheduled to last approximately one hour at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. Tickets are available so the attendance at each presentation can be balanced. The free tickets are free and can be obtained at the church office, 203 N. West.

Southside transforms to marketplace

PERRYTON — The confines of Southside Baptist Church in Perryton will completely transform into a biblical time marketplace setting Dec. 12 and 13. Focused on the wise men's search for the star in the east, Bethlehem Marketplace allows visitors to tour the city, see the marketplace, visit the shops and talk with the fisherman at the lake.

stated the Rev. Bobby Roger in a news release. "You'll experience the birthplace of Jesus like you've never seen it before," Roger said. Food vendors will offer tasting of food and shops will include basket and candle makers and the shoe cobbler. Animals will be corralled outside the doors of the church.

A tour of the city will take less than an hour and will include a brief musical production in the sanctuary of the church. The marketplace will be open to everyone from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 12 and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 13. Contact Southside Baptist Church at 2122 S. Drake for more information.

Calvary Baptist to perform play

The Christmas play, "To All People," will be presented by elementary and high school students at 6 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church. "The show promises to fill your heart with laughter, joy and the true spirit of the Christmas season," Director Sophie Goode said. "You'll leave with a greater understanding of what Christmas is supposed to mean." The play will be performed in three acts. It centers around the Davenport family, a normal average family with common problems. Bruce, the adopted college-aged son, surprises them with a visitor who is set to spend her Christmas

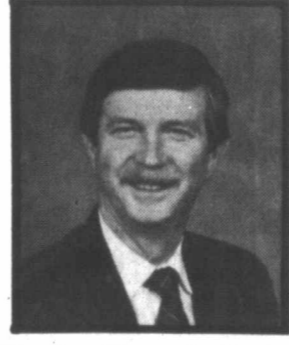
holiday with the Davenports. Goode said no one is quite prepared for the new set of problems Julie Farnsworth brings. "Julie has a very sad, troubled past, but thanks to the family, she finally understands what Christmas is all about," Goode said. "After her sudden disappearance the family realizes that Julie has a whole lot more to teach them about Christmas. More than they ever had to teach her." Goode is the Pampa Middle School theater teacher. The play will also be performed Dec. 13 at New Life Assembly and Dec. 16 at First Assembly of God.

Breakfast planned for Saturday

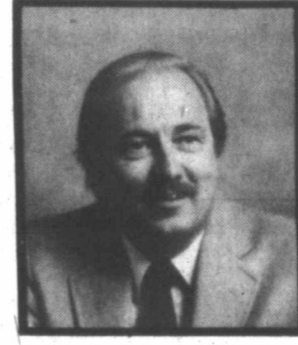
The St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm, will have a breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday. The menu will include hot cakes,

eggs, bacon or sausage, toast, juice and coffee. The Rev. Merle L. Houska, pastor, said the public is invited. Donations will be accepted.

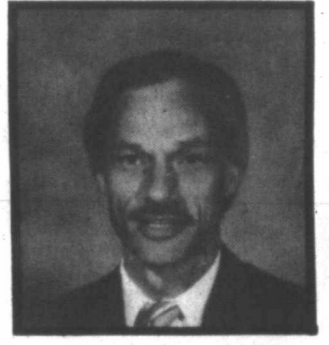
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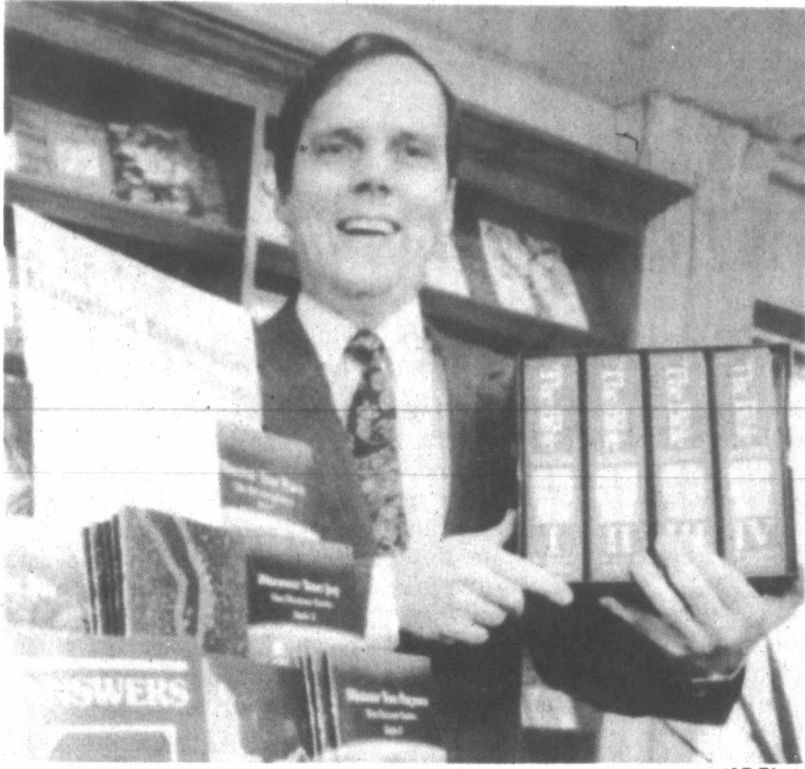
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Group quietly distributes Bibles worldwide



The Rev. David Stravers holds a four-volume set of the Bible alongside religious literature at the headquarters in South Holland, Ill.

CHICAGO (AP) — For more than half a century, The Bible League has been quietly distributing millions of Bibles and other religious literature to churches, prisons and hospitals throughout the world.

When William Chapman, a Chicago-area businessman, founded the nonprofit organization in Walkerton, Ind., in 1938, he had just 1,000 Bibles bought with his own savings. He and his wife Betty began canvassing their neighborhood and distributing the Bibles to anyone promising to read them.

As news of their work spread and requests increased, the door-to-door ministry eventually developed into The Bible League.

Since its founding, the ministry, based in suburban South Holland, has placed more than 425 million Bibles, New Testaments and biblical study materials in more than 90 countries, from Australia to Zimbabwe. Of that total, 27.3 million were placed during the past fiscal year, compared with 13.7 million in 1983.

"In an average year we would print in about 65 languages," said

the Rev. David Stravers, vice president of ministries.

The interdenominational league devotes its efforts to the Third World and to countries where Christianity is not prevalent.

The league sends, without charge, the literature to local churches to distribute in other countries. In the United States, the materials are available at printing cost and, in special cases, free.

"We don't stand on the corner and hand out Bibles," Stravers said. "We believe the local churches best know who needs them."

The league does not concentrate on North America and Western Europe. And it usually sends literature only to countries where people have requested it.

"In a typical year, we will turn down requests for \$30 million to \$50 million worth of Bibles, just for lack of funding," he said.

Rick Campbell, a spokesman for the International Bible Society in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the groups share similar problems. While there is "an enormous need," he said, there's often not enough money to meet it.

The Bible League is supported by private donations, 85 percent from individuals and the rest from foundations or churches such as the Assemblies of God and Baptist and Methodist churches.

The league has 195 employees. Its 1991 expenditures totaled \$12.4 million compared with \$6 million in 1983.

Stravers said the league, which

provides training in evangelism and church development, also donates materials to Christians in countries "where the political situation is very oppressive."

The league also has literature designed for prisoners, grieving people, hospital patients and natural disaster victims. "All are directed to those who know very little about the Bible," Stravers said.

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Lifestyles

Congrats!



(Special photo) David Klud and Grace Sutton were among 35 Gold Star winners across the Texas Panhandle recognized at a special Gold Star Awards banquet. The banquet was held at the Borger Country Club and was sponsored by area Rural Electric Cooperatives. Klud is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fran Klud and is a member of E.T. and 4-H Ambassador Clubs. Sutton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sutton and is a member of the 4-H Fashion Club and Ambassador Club.

Club News

Lettie Smith was hostess to the Civic Culture Club November meeting. The pledges to the United States and Texas flags were given by the group.

After a short business meeting, the roll call ensued with participants Dalton, Henderson, Osborne, Reed and Smith.

The program "The White House," delivered by Geneva Dalton, gave the listeners a sort of panoramic view of presidential families and their stay in the White House from our country's infancy to the present.

The next meeting will be in the home of Gracie Cantrell, Dec. 8. Members should bring a gift for TC.

The Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in the home of Mrs. P.R. Britton. Regent Cantrell presided.

Janet Osborne Kampschroeder was welcomed as new member.

The Christmas tea is set for 2:30-5 p.m. Dec. 14 in the atrium of the First Christian Church, Amarillo, to honor the state regent Mrs. Kenneth Harrell.

A review of resolutions passed by the Continental Congress of the DAR last April was given by Britton.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League met Nov. 17 for Bible study entitled "New Wrapper." It was led by Ruth Richart. She reminded members they are clothed in garments of salvation and robes of righteousness because of Christ.

Dec. 8 is the annual Christmas meeting to reveal prayer pals, bring "health kit" items and participate in tacking a quilt.

Newsmakers

Ronnie Berry, Pampa, a student at Texas Tech University, competed with three other TTU students in the Author Andersen Tax Challenge in St. Charles, Ill. The students received honorable mention as national finalists and placed TTU among the top 10 schools that competed.

The team received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Roby Conner, son of Frances and Harold Conner, received an academic scholarship for the 1992-93 school year at Schreiner College.

Criteria for the award includes a minimum 3.25 grade point average and evidence of good citizenship.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Thomas M. McGarr, son of John P. and Diana J. McGarr, Canadian, returned aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The 1988 graduate of Canadian High School join the Navy in August 1988.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher L. Wolfe, son of Lloyd J. and Betty J. Wolfe, Pampa, was recently promoted to his present rank upon graduation from Storekeeper School.

He joined the Coast Guard in January 1991.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Woman sowing holiday cheer reaps joy for rest of her life

DEAR ABBY: Last year, when you gave the addresses for Operation Dear Abby, I sent a Christmas card to "Any Lonely Soldier."

I received a postcard from a "Dave Simcox," U.S. Navy, stationed aboard the U.S.S. Eisenhower. He thanked me for my card and asked me to write again and tell him something about myself. It seemed harmless enough, so I wrote back and we corresponded for several months. It never occurred to me that we'd ever meet, so I was very open and honest concerning my hopes, dreams, etc.

In March, he said his ship would be pulling in; could he meet me? At that point, I panicked and thought, "What am I getting into?"

We didn't have a clue as to what each other looked like, as we had never exchanged pictures! He assured me that he didn't care what I looked like — he "knew" I was a beautiful person by reading my letters. Abby, I couldn't believe there was a man on earth with the same values as mine.

Anyway, we finally met for dinner and talked until 3 a.m.! I knew then that I had finally met a man I would consider spending the rest of my life with. He asked me to marry him on our second date. I said yes — we were married within two months.

I am 33 and Dave is 29, and I feel as though we have known each other forever.

If it hadn't been for Operation Dear Abby, we would never have met. This all seems like an incredible dream, but it's true! Thank you, Abby.

LUCKED OUT IN INDIANA

DEAR LUCKED OUT: Congratulations. Many others have also "lucked out," but there are many who have made good friends sans romantic connections. Grandmothers, grandfathers and veterans in all branches of the service have become friendly correspondents through Operation Dear Abby.

I have been told repeatedly that mail is the No. 1 morale booster for men and women in the service.

DEAR ABBY: About wind chimes: They do not scare the birds! I have 13 sets of wind chimes and five wind ornaments hanging on my porch — plus five bird feeders.

I have chickadees, woodpeckers, sparrows, cardinals, finches and flickers — all eating. The feeders are 3 to 5 feet from my back door, and it is fascinating to watch the birds congregate. They also like to nest on the porch.

The tinkling does not bother them — they perch on the wind chimes and crack seeds. During a storm, they seek refuge there.

Someone else must also like wind chimes, because a thief stole three sets from my porch!

I, too, like peace and quiet, and the chimes and bird sounds are a lot better than barking dogs, my neighbors playing loud music until 4 a.m. — or the sound of cars roaring by, loud enough to break the sound barrier!

RUTH PUKSZTA, BELOIT, WIS.

DEAR RUTH: My mail is filled with praise for wind chimes — I have had a lovely set of wind chimes tinkling away in my back yard for four years. (It was a house gift from my good friend Erma Bombeck.)

DEAR ABBY: The letter asking if it's against the law to bury a man with a fifth of bourbon in his casket brings to mind my German grandmother.

She was fond of playing cards and having a "schnapps" with friends, so she left money for her wake and also for brand-new playing cards, sharp pencils, small score pads and a set-up bar. We buried Grandmother with a deck of cards, pencil and pad, four glasses and a pint.

When the Day of Reckoning comes, she will be ready to start in all over again. Why not prepare for the afterlife now? It would be awful if we all had to start from scratch as the world once did.

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The training is designed to prepare volunteers to assist older, low and moderate income people in tax return preparation.

According to information from AARP, almost 1,566,432 people each year seek help from AARP's tax-aid program in order to complete their tax forms. Adults of all ages may volunteer, and after successfully completing a free 40 hour training program, will be certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and will be expected to assist taxpayers at an assigned site four hours per week during tax season.

For more information, contact Ernie Wilkinson, 2225 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, or call 665-0356.

Lake Meredith headquarters doubles book selections

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, in cooperation with the Southwest Parks and Monuments Association, has recently doubled the selection of books and other items available to the public for purchase at the headquarters building at 419 E. Broadway, Fritch.

Titles include hikers guides, cookbooks, Indian history, field guides to Indian arrowheads and a variety of children's books.

Also available are 1993 calendars, puzzles, atlases, and a flintknapping video.

The headquarters building is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

'Messiah' scheduled for Sunday

The Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" is set for 6 p.m. Sunday in the Perryton High School auditorium.

The performance features a 125 voice choir under the direction of Cloys Webb. Members of the Amarillo Symphony participate as well Perryton musicians Debbie Barnett and Tom Knighton.

Soloists for the 1992 production are Debbie Blackshear, Gary Hall, Keith Harris, Patti Peil, Beverly Wiebe and Roy Wiebe.

The "Messiah" is sponsored by Perryton's hotel-motel occupancy tax and by private donations.

Lone Star Ballet to present The Nutcracker

Ticket for the Lone Star Ballet production of The Nutcracker are available from the Civic Center Auditorium.

The performance is set for 8 p.m. Dec. 11, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Civic Center.

The Amarillo Symphony Orchestra is under the direction of James Setapen and Neil Hess is artistic director of the Lone Star Ballet.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling 378-3096.

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The Pampa News

Comic Page

The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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 - 4 Shoelace tip
 - 9 850, Roman
 - 12 Future bks.
 - 13 Halt
 - 14 Before (poet.)
 - 15 Set aside
 - 17 Wide shoe size
 - 18 Baseballer Tom
 - 19 Downy duck
 - 21 Numbers (abbr.)
 - 22 Greek deity
 - 24 Quo — ?
 - 26 Prisoners
 - 30 Ruth's son
 - 31 Noun suffix
 - 32 Aware (old sl.)
 - 33 Comparative suffix
 - 34 Ripen
 - 35 Tree snake

- DOWN**
- 1 Dec. holiday
 - 2 — of Wight
 - 3 New York hockey team
 - 4 Means of entry
 - 5 Kit
 - 6 Map abbr.
 - 7 Language suffix
 - 8 Hymn of thanksgiving (2 wds.)
 - 9 Action
 - 10 Indian
 - 11 Evil grin
 - 16 Egg-shaped
 - 20 A rose — rose
 - 22 Lively retort
 - 23 Grafted, in heraldry
 - 24 Empty place
 - 25 Busy as —
 - 27 Prickliest
 - 28 Architect — Saarinen
 - 29 Duration
 - 31 Relieve
 - 35 Sound of amusement
 - Edgar Allan —
 - 38 Purpose
 - 39 Wander in store
 - 42 Campus area
 - 43 Arm bone
 - 44 — -bitty
 - 45 Small valley
 - 46 Art deco illustrator
 - 47 Close falcon eyes
 - 50 Medieval poem.
 - 51 Occupy a chair

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Some guy won a million dollars in this soft drink company's sweepstakes.

He found the winning tab under a bottle cap?

No...

He accidentally swallowed it and sued them.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

MOM, COULD I ASK YOU A FAVOR?

WHAT, DEAR?

WOULD YOU KNOCK BEFORE YOU COME IN MY ROOM FROM NOW ON?

WELL, OK, SWEETHEART! THAT'S REASONABLE!

JANIS, PLEASE! BE REASONABLE!

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

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WHIPLASH.

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By Tom Armstrong

JEFF ARE YOU SURE GIVING BITSY AWAY IS OUR ONLY SOLUTION?

I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANYMORE THAN YOU, JENNY... BUT WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF THE BABY.

WHIMPER WHINE

IF THIS IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER, HOW COME I FEEL SO LOUSY?!

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Stop the water torture!"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

IT'S AN IMMUTABLE LAW OF NATURE—CATS WILL DO WHATEVER THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH.

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WHO WAS THE LAST ONE TO WORK ON SLIM LINDBERGH'S PLANE, STEVE?

IT WAS TH' NEW GUY, MR. ROBERTSON... JONESY!

I WANT TO TALK TO HIM! WHERE IS HE?

I'LL FIND OUT!

ONE OF TH' BOYS SAID JONES TOOK OFF ABOUT TEN MINUTES AGO!

...THEY SAID HE WAS FEELING ILL!

I'LL BET I THINK YOUR PIGEON HAS JUST FLOWN TH' COOP!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

HOW COME YOU'RE NOT MAKING YOUR OWN LUNCHES ANYMORE?

I DECIDED THE SCHOOL LUNCHES TASTE BETTER THAN THE ONES I MAKE.

BESIDES, I HATED HAVING TO TAKE A BATH AFTER I MADE THEM.

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"I'm prone to sea sickness and air sickness. Can't we get there some other way?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"Yo-Yos look like empty hamburger buns."

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

DAD, ARE YOU VICARIOUSLY LIVING THROUGH ME IN THE HOPE THAT MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL VALIDATE YOUR MEDIOCRE LIFE AND IN SOME WAY COMPENSATE FOR ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU BOTCHED?

IF I WERE, YOU CAN BET I'D BE RE-EVALUATING MY STRATEGY.

MOM, DAD KEEPS INSULTING ME.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

THE HICCUPS

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

SEMINAR VALUES AND BELIEF SYSTEMS

I COULDN'T QUITE SWALLOW ALL OF THAT... MAY I HAVE A DOGMA BAG?

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT... ED SULLIVAN WOULD HAVE LOVED THIS

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

WHEN GARFIELD IS AWAKE, HE'S A FAT DISGUSTING PIG

BUT WHEN HE'S ASLEEP, HE LOOKS JUST LIKE AN ANGEL

A FAT, DISGUSTING ANGEL

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Members of the opposite gender will find you less appealing today if you come on too strong. If you want to score more points, play it humble and keep a low profile. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't make promises to family members today unless you're absolutely certain you'll be able to keep them. Failing to deliver what you say you'll do could leave a lasting scar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It will confuse and irritate your companions today if you're lovey-dovey one minute and temperamental the next. In order to appear poised, keep an even control over your emotions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Treat others fairly today, but also be pragmatic in your financial affairs. If you let your feelings rule your logic, you might be taken advantage of.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though you intend to do the best for those you love, you must be careful today not to badger or push them. Try to guide them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually you're pretty good at keeping your jealousy under control, but today, if others are receiving more attention than you, you might get bent out of shape.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be prudent in the management of your resources today, especially when you're involved in activities with friends. You could be enticed to spend too much.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might get some criticism today or get blamed for something done by a close associate. State your position instead of being used as a whipping post.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Know what you're getting into today before becoming involved in a romantic adventure. It might start off innocently enough, but it could get complicated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Possessiveness is not a prominent part of your nature, but today you might step out of character and try to monopolize pals in ways that could put some stress on the relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's imperative today that you and your mate have common objectives. If there is a divergence it might cause you to pull apart instead of pulling together, and both of you could be losers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If your heart isn't in your work, you are likely to do a poor job. Rather than complicate distasteful tasks, temporarily shelve them for today.

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