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Home alone

Some celebrate Christmas in solitude

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Fae Tabor will be alone in her home this Christmas. All of the windows to her home are boarded up, but the elderly Pampa woman says she has no complaints.

"No," she answered when asked if it will be difficult for her to celebrate Christmas alone.

Tabor is accustomed to solitude at Christmastime. The 5-foot-2 woman has been alone at home ever since her mother died about 15 years ago, according to a friend of hers, Marie Boyd. Tabor said she has never been married and has no living relatives.

Tabor, who smiled frequently during an interview Wednesday, insisted she will not be feeling down on Christmas Day this year. "No, I don't feel bad about being alone," she said. "I feel very happy because I have my sight back ..."

Tabor underwent cataract surgery on her eyes a few months ago.

"She's a loner," observed Boyd, 82, who served as hostess in her home for a newspaper interview with her friend. "She won't let anybody in her house but me."

Boyd, a widow active in charity work in town who is the same age as Tabor, said she plans to take a turkey-and-dressing dinner to Tabor's house on Christmas Day. That same day, Boyd expects to take turkey dinners to three or four other homes of needy residents, she said.

Boyd explained her own outlook on helping others by saying, "I just know people need it. If they need it, and they call me and want me to take them somewhere, I'll be there."

Boyd gave Tabor one of the few presents she received for Christmas this year — a quilt that Boyd had made.

Waulita Purvis, another of Tabor's friends, said she takes Tabor to the store at least once a month and takes her friend to utility companies so Tabor can pay bills. "I don't mind at all. I told her to call me anytime she needs me," said Purvis, in a telephone interview. She described Tabor as a "nice lady."

Tabor is not, however, an outgoing lady. Boyd noted that her friend had every window to her house boarded up nearly five months ago to prevent people from looking into it.

"To keep burglars from coming in and bothering me is the biggest reason," Tabor explained.

Tabor, who used to help her father, Tom Tabor, run a "beer joint" he owned in Pampa before he died, now spends nearly all her days inside her seven-room home in southeastern Pampa. She

receives her lunches on weekdays from the Meals on Wheels program. Her only source of income is the \$400 she receives each month from Social Security payments.

Asked what she plans to do on Christmas Day, Tabor replied, "If it's pretty out, I'll (walk) somewhere. But if it's bad like this, I'll stay at home, because I don't want to hurt myself. I take care of myself."

Tabor, a Methodist who does not attend church, said Christmas will be a special day for her, since Christ was born that day. "Christmas is the day that you're supposed to rest and not work — if you're (normally) working," she said. "And you're supposed to be religious and everything."

Tabor said she keeps a Bible in her home, but no figurines or paintings depicting Christ. She has not read the Bible recently and does not plan to this Christmas because she is still recovering from the cataract operation on her eyes, she said. "I'm not going to strain them for a while."

Tabor answered in the negative when asked if she has sung any Christmas carols this holiday season. "I used to, but I don't anymore," said the woman with an alto-soprano singing voice. "And everybody used to like to hear me

sing. They thought I had a good voice."

Aside from walking, Tabor said her only pastime is homemaking.

"She used to do good needlework, years ago," Boyd contributed. But over the last 12 months, Boyd said, Tabor has done "nothing" in the way of needlework. And Tabor is so solitary in her home that she said she doesn't even own a pet.

"No mice?" asked Boyd with a laugh.

"No, I don't have any mice," Tabor replied.

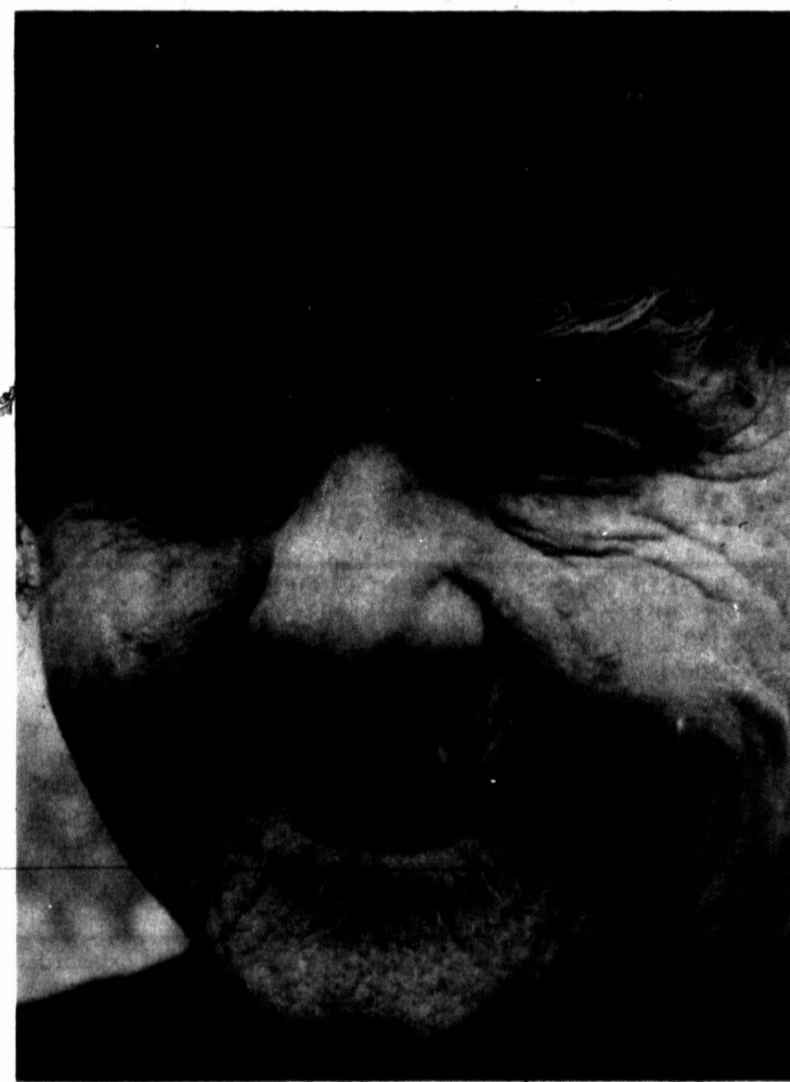
"They wouldn't be pets, would they?" Boyd teased.

On the subject of marriage, Tabor said she has no regrets about her choice to remain single and childless.

"I don't believe in starving children," Tabor said, adding that she could not have afforded to raise children. "Better to not have them than starve them to death."

Tabor said she does not enjoy being around children. "I'm too nervous to fool with them," she admitted.

In response to a question, however, the elderly woman insisted that she enjoys humanity. During good weather, she said, "I walk around the neighborhood and see all my neighbors. They all are glad to see me. If they're not, they don't say so."



Fae Tabor smiles during a Wednesday interview. (Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

Shoppers sale through holiday hustle, bustle

By ANGELA LEGGETT
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Shoppers are expected to fly to stores in droves Saturday searching for sales and returning gifts of the incorrect color or size.

"It's really a day a lot of people are out and about looking for bargains," said the manager of a local supply store. "There are a lot of sales the day after Christmas."

She said the number of people out depend on the day of week the day after Christmas falls on, but the people are mostly out visiting.

"There are a lot of people looking," she said. "But we don't sale a lot."

Their store has nothing to complain about, she said. They have done well so far this year.

The manager of a local clothing store said, "It gets as busy as it does before Christmas."

He said a lot of people get gift certificates and money they want to spend or they want to exchange an item for a different color or size.

One local clothing store is planning their usual holiday sales for Saturday.

"We are running our general format as we usually do for sales and discounts," he said. "I think it will be just as busy as it is the two days before Christmas."

The best advice he had was to not leave home without some patience.

"There are some big crowds and there is still a lot of people out," he said. "I think the biggest thing is having patience."

The last two days have been exceptional for a local appliance supplier.

"The snow hurt us," the retailer said. "A lot of people were scared. A lot of people put off their shopping. People are now getting out. Everybody held off their shopping 'til the last week before Christmas."

As for the day after Christmas, he said, "I think we are going to have a lot of retired people, kids and grandkids out and about. It could surprise everyone how much money they spend locally. They are going to have Christmas money and time to shop."

The day was described by a store clerk as a headache and total chaos.

"Normally it is very, very trying on everyone," a local clothing store owner said. "The problem is the folks are trying to exchange what they got



Santa Claus waves to passers-by on the streets of Pampa while delivering goodies. (Staff photo by Daniel Wieggers)

and we are out of the size or color they want, but usually we can find something they like just as well."

He said it will be hectic.

"We are busy with exchanges and those who have after-Christmas cash are out looking for the merchandise on sale," the merchant said. "A lot of people will spot something for themselves while they are looking for gifts for someone else. Then, when they get cash, they'll get it for themselves."

The business was hindered by

snow in late December, but he said they have bounced back in November and should come out ahead.

"With such a bad weather weekend/after Thanksgiving we were down," he said. "But we are up quite a bit in December."

The owner said he encourages his workers to do their best to find the same product or similar one.

He said, "A lot of folks haven't had time to get out because of the weather, but now with the weather breaking I think they'll really snow us."

Pampan struck, killed by vehicle

LIPSCOMB — A 39-year-old Pampa man was killed instantly after he stepped off a truck into the roadway and was struck by a vehicle Wednesday evening, said a spokesman with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Richard Gustin, a pump truck operator with Halliburton Services, was servicing a truck on the south side of the truck when he reportedly

stepped off the truck into the roadway and was struck by a 1988 Honda four-door vehicle, driven by Dwight Frederick Spies, 68, of Perryton, the DPS said.

The accident occurred at 6:25 p.m., 9.7 miles southwest of Lipscomb on FM 3260 as Spies was traveling west on FM 3260.

Gustin was pronounced dead at the scene by Lipscomb County

Justice of the Peace J.E. Berry.

Spies was listed in stable condition today at Ochiltree General Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said. The DPS spokesman said Spies was suffering from head, chest and arm injuries, and was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident.

The accident was investigated by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers.

Clinton names Baird nation's first female attorney general

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President-elect Clinton is rounding out his Cabinet by selecting Zoe Baird of Connecticut to be the nation's first female attorney general and adding another black and Hispanic to key posts.

The appointment of Baird, a

friend of Clinton and his wife, Hillary, was expected to be the highlight of a Christmas-eve news conference at which Clinton announces four Cabinet appointments and the U.S. trade representative.

Transition and Democratic sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Clinton also would appoint:

—Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt for interior. Babbitt, 54, is a colorful outdoorsman who sought the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination. Environmentalists pushed for Babbitt's appointment.

—Rep. Mike Espy of Mississippi for agriculture secretary. A major Clinton campaign supporter and fellow member of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, Espy, 39, was a strong contender for the post early on. But some farm and environmental group objected and Clinton was considering other candidates as late as Wednesday.

—Former Denver Mayor Federico

Pena for transportation secretary. Pena, 45, who became Denver's first Hispanic mayor in 1983, has been serving as head of Clinton's transition team studying transportation issues.

—Senior transition aide Mickey Kantor to U.S. trade representative. Kantor, 53, a Los Angeles attorney, was chairman of Clinton's presidential campaign.

With the Cabinet selections completed, policy aides had Christmas deadlines to submit options papers on a wide range of budget, policy and legislative issues. Hundreds of sub-Cabinet jobs, many of them critical federal agency heads, need to be filled.

Working himself hoarse and ragged to fill the Cabinet by Christmas, Clinton tried to appease Democratic interest groups that demanded more women and minorities, while dispelling the suggestion that he was filling political quotas.

"It's clearly frustrating to have quotas implied because the governor is not for quotas," spokesman George

Stephanopoulos said Wednesday.

Baird, 40, would be the first woman to head the Justice Department and the third woman in the Clinton Cabinet, fourth if Clinton's choice for United Nations ambassador, which he plans to elevate to Cabinet level, is counted. Espy, a Clinton campaign ally, would be the fourth black in the Cabinet, a milestone. Pena would be the second Hispanic.

Baird, a former Carter White House aide who is chief counsel for Aetna Life & Casualty Co., arrived in Little Rock Wednesday night. She could not be reached for comment.

Baird and her husband, Yale Law School Professor Paul Gewirtz, are expected to spend part of the New Year's holiday with the president-elect and his wife.

She is also a protege of some of the country's top legal power-hitters, such as Lloyd N. Cutler, President Carter's White House counsel, and Warren M. Christopher, Clinton's transition director and choice for secretary of state.

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Marines, Legionnaires push toward Bardera, Hoddur

BAIDOA, Somalia (AP) — More than 1,500 U.S. Marines and French Foreign Legionnaires streamed out of this central Somali town in two convoys today, carrying a Christmas present of hope to more famished communities.

In the capital, Marines set up roadblocks and began checking Somali vehicles for guns, reintroducing a get-tough approach on weapons that they abandoned just a few days after their Dec. 9 arrival.

A reinforced battalion of about 1,000 Marines left Baidoa shortly after dawn for Bardera, about 120 miles to the south, while two companies of Legionnaires and a company of Marines pulled out for Hoddur, 90 miles north.

The United States suffered its first casualty of Operation Restore Hope just outside of Bardera on Wednesday when a civilian Army employee was killed by an anti-tank mine during a scouting mission.

Three State Department security officers were hurt in the blast.

As they did in Baidoa and Mogadishu, the Marines and Legionnaires were to secure Bardera and Hoddur to protect aid convoys from the bandits and clan militiamen who have ruled the towns with guns for weeks.



(AP Photo) Marine Lance Cpl. Steve Osborn, left, and Pfc. Jon Curtis put final touch on Christmas tree Wednesday.

Famine across Somalia has claimed 350,000 lives and is threatening 2 million more.

The Bardera-bound convoy, preceded by mine-sweepers, included 20 heavily armed amphibious fight-

ing machines and dozens of humvees mounted with light and heavy machine guns and TOW missiles. Helicopter gunships provided air cover.

A motley caravan of reporters in-

cars, vans and utility vehicles followed the Marine battalion from the 7th Regimental Combat Team as it rumbled out of Baidoa at 7:15 a.m.

The Marines were expected to reach Bardera at dusk, seize the town's dirt airstrip and begin extending their control over the town of about 6,000. About 8,000 displaced people live in a camp just outside the town.

Hoddur is closer to Baidoa than Bardera, but the joint French-American force was taking a roundabout route to avoid mines on the main road. It planned to camp 20 miles outside Hoddur tonight, then move into the town at sunset.

In Mogadishu, weapons searches were the order of the day.

The two rival warlords who control the divided halves of Mogadishu moved their heavy weaponry out of the capital earlier this week and residents were warned that any remaining armed vehicles were at risk.

Shortly after the first Marines came ashore in Mogadishu, they and the French set up roadblocks in some parts of the city and began confiscating weapons found in vehicles.

But the roadblocks came down after a van loaded with Somali civil-

ians lost its brakes, ran a checkpoint and was fired on by both French and American troops. Two Somalis were killed and seven injured.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali wants all of Somalia's roving gunmen disarmed. But Washington says its responsibility is only to ensure the security of food aid, and disarm gunmen while fulfilling that role.

Washington's hopes that a conventional U.N. peacekeeping force will swiftly replace the U.S. troops. President Bush hopes to pull out Americans next month, and military officials indicate their goals here are being quickly met.

In fact, Robert Johnston, the Marine general in charge of U.S. forces in Somalia, says the operation is going so well it may take fewer U.S. troops than the 28,000 originally planned to complete the task.

"We would always, in any military operation, reassess the requirements to perform the mission," Johnston said Wednesday.

But one senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition he not be identified, said Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was concerned that Johnston's statement about scaling back the deployment may raise hopes too high.

Jury: Give woman \$25 million for leaky breast implant

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman says she hopes a jury's recommendation that she receive \$25 million in damages for a ruptured silicone breast implant will make manufacturers realize that the implants pose problems.

The six-man, six-woman jury recommended the award for Pamela Jean Johnson on Wednesday.

Ms. Johnson said the implant rupture caused her to have a partial mastectomy and suffer auto-immune disease. She had sought \$64.3 million in damages.

"There's no price you can put on this," she said, adding she hoped the verdict will "make (the manufacturers) realize this is real."

Ms. Johnson, 45, cried when jurors read the verdict in State District Judge Don Wittig's court. It

was the first civil lawsuit involving a silicone breast implant manufacturer to go to trial in Texas.

"It wasn't for me; it was for all the other women. That's the main thing that got me through this," she told reporters after the verdict. "Otherwise, there were a lot of days I obviously wouldn't have been here."

In her lawsuit, she contended the implant manufacturer, Medical Engineering Corp. of Racine, Wis., and its parent company, Bristol Myers Squibb Co., produced and marketed implants they knew were defective or had been insufficiently tested.

"We disagree with the verdict and plan to appeal," Francine Gingras, spokeswoman for MEC, said Wednesday.

Ms. Johnson received MEC implants in 1976 and 1989. The first

set ruptured in 1989, and Ms. Johnson's doctor, in attempting to remove the ruptured shell and silicone, performed a partial mastectomy.

She contended she was permanently disfigured and contracted auto-immune disease, which has caused her to suffer headaches, fatigue and joint pain.

Defense attorney W.J. Mays argued the company did thorough testing of its product. He claimed there was no proof Ms. Johnson's medical problems were caused by the rupture. It is more likely, he said, that they were caused by her 20-year smoking habit of up to two packs a day.

Mays had no comment after the verdict.

Ms. Johnson's attorney, John O'Quinn, said he hopes the decision will prompt the settlement of some

of at least 1,000 other cases filed in the Houston area since Ms. Johnson's case began.

Ms. Johnson's case is believed to be the first to reach trial in Texas since the Federal Drug Administration imposed a voluntary moratorium on the implants last year.

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El Paso students learn holiday lessons in understanding

By RAMON RENTERIA
El Paso Times

EL PASO (AP) — Maggie Moody plays a delicate balancing act, teaching children about the holidays without overdosing on religion.

Moody transformed her classroom at Guerrero Elementary in El Paso into a holiday learning lab.

Her 40-plus kindergarten children just spent three weeks on a make-believe airline tour learning how other boys and girls across the globe celebrate the holidays.

Moody converted what ordinarily can be a difficult, sensitive seasonal assignment for public school teachers into a valuable lesson. "Our children gained some understanding of other cultures and customs," Moody said. "It helps them understand each other a little better, that we're all different and that's OK."

Moody's pint-sized travelers built a mammoth paper plane that made learning pit stops in Mexico, Italy, Africa, Israel, Sweden and Germany.

Tiny 5-year-olds shaped miniature pinatas into Christmas tree ornaments and decorated their classroom

with paper stars of David and colorful menorahs associated with Hanukkah.

The class adopted a needy family for the holidays and learned that charity is a perfect definition of the holiday season.

Student Claire Guzman learned interesting tidbits and much more: holiday poinsettias originated in Mexico and Germans popularized the idea of dressing up Christmas trees.

"Christmas is just a very special time," little Claire said.

Moody's innovative approach is typical in El Paso as teachers — ever mindful of the legal walls between church and state — wrestle with how to infuse holiday tradition, customs and the meaning of seasonal celebrations with what children learn in school.

The general rule in El Paso: most public school officials tolerate holiday traditions as long as teachers and principals don't go overboard and promote specific religious beliefs. Public school children still decorate hallways and classrooms with fat snowflakes, jolly Santas and pine trees. Nativity scenes have

mostly disappeared from public school campuses, although some music teachers still include them in their Christmas programs.

Choir directors have the freedom to select religious classics like "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Some school officials, recognizing that many schoolchildren are poor, have made exchanging gifts optional, a choice left up to individual teachers.

Gloria Hoyos, a teaching veteran at Ysleta's Ascarate Elementary, said most teachers don't live in fear about being challenged for what they teach about the holidays.

"Teachers pretty much try ... as best they can to instill in children that sense of tradition surrounding holidays," Hoyos said. "But it's a fine line because anybody can misinterpret something."

Hoyos often advises other teachers to be as neutral as possible in their comments about religion and familiarize themselves with what is acceptable. "It can be a very difficult thing to balance," Hoyos said. "You're expected to teach about values and ethics and not bring in religion."

Jacqueline Hernandez, the music teacher at El Paso's Bonham School, said it's important to minimize stereotypes in traditional holiday programs. This year, Hernandez produced a Christmas program in which girls played the lead role. The story line is that Mrs. Claus decides to become a working woman and Santa discovers what it's like to do all the domestic chores and in the end appreciates Mrs. Claus a lot more.

Hernandez has injected nativity scenes into her holiday productions in past years, always without raising objections from the school community. "Nativity scenes are a tradition at Bonham," Hernandez said. "The reason we celebrate is because of the birth of Jesus." Hernandez tells children that Christmas carols — even those with religious themes — are merely songs that people traditionally sing at Christmastime. And it's not unusual for Bonham kids to be introduced to music associated with Hanukkah.

"It's not that much of a big deal in this community," Hernandez said. "Most of the kids have heard the

songs from the Charlie Brown special."

Donna Descamps, principal at Socorro's H.D. Hilley School, finds Christmastime a perfect opportunity to teach children about tolerance and diversity. "We teach about Christmas around the world," Descamps said. "Our main objective is to let children understand that although people are different all over the world, they're in many ways very much the same."

Terri Martinez, a sixth-grade teacher at Ascarate Elementary, said

she recognizes that a lot of children never get exposed to any kind of religion. "So accepting what they have and where they come from is very important," Martinez said. "I answer as honestly as I can, letting them know there are other beliefs."

Margaret Heard, another Ascarate teacher, said it's difficult sometimes to avoid talking about religion in the classroom. "It's part of the history, part of our social studies and part of the world," Heard said. "It's perfectly all right to talk about as long as the students raise questions about it."

Striking workers: 'Tis not the season to buy walnuts

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Walnut processors hoping for a magical end to a 16-month strike are asking holiday theater-goers to skip "The Nutcracker" this centennial year.

The target isn't Tchaikovsky's 1892 classic ballet. It's Diamond Walnuts, a company that uses the wooden-jawed toy soldier as its logo.

More than 300 workers who struck the Stockton-based company over wages and benefits decided they needed to find a bigger audience for their grievances.

They say they've reached thousands of people attending "The Nutcracker" in several cities with their leaflets saying "This Year Skip The Nutcracker

and their message: "Boycott Diamond Walnuts, Not the Ballet."

Teamsters' spokesman Ron Carver said getting out the strikers' message at the ballet is ideal, since most people are in a good mood and willing to listen. "One worker said she's never had such a reception handing out leaflets," he said.

The leaflets have been distributed outside theaters in California and as far away as New York, Boston, Atlanta and Minneapolis. A trumpeter dressed as the toy nutcracker serenades the crowd with Christmas songs.

"It's festive," said Barbara Christe, a Teamsters Union representative. "And I think it's working."

The striking work force also is promoting a 19-page booklet: "Cooking Without Walnuts." Pecans are suggested as an alternative.

Diamond processes about half the nation's walnuts, and its peak season is Christmas, when cooks add nuts to casseroles, cookies and fruitcakes.

There was some confusion at a "Nutcracker" performance in Modesto, Calif., when strikers accidentally handed out leaflets suggesting the boycott was against the ballet. The strikers apologized.


"The apology doesn't diminish what they did," said Gretchen Vogelzang, the company's artistic director. "What they didn't under-

stand was that it's receipts from "The Nutcracker" that we live off the rest of the year."

But the boycott apparently hasn't affected performances in other cities, most of which are sold out in advance.


"It definitely wasn't a situation where they prevented people from coming in," said Diane Kounalakis of the San Francisco Ballet. "Our 'Nutcracker' has nothing to do with cracking walnuts."

Diamond spokeswoman Sandra McBride wouldn't say whether walnut sales have been affected.



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'New Oxford Book of Carols' includes sublime, cynical

LONDON (AP) — In choosing the best of the world's Christmas carols, the editors of "The New Oxford Book of Carols" weeded through bad tunes, bad texts, even bad motives. Some they left in place.

"There are a few carols of no obvious distinction which are held in such universal affection that it would have been churlish to omit them," Hugh Keyte and Andrew Parrott write in the introduction to the weighty book.

They refrain from naming stinkers, although declaring that "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" is "still in all too common use."

Parrott, who directs the Taverner Consort musical group, began the book with Keyte in 1985, planning to spend a couple of months assembling about 50 carols. The carols grew to 200, plus nearly 300 tunes, and seven years' work.

"There are some wonderful texts with bad tunes, and some wonderful tunes with bad texts," Parrott said in an interview.

"A lot of texts are impenetrable. 'The 12 Days of Christmas,' the 'partridge in the pear tree' — every other word is corrupt. So we don't

attempt to say what it does mean, but we just throw out a few suggestions: for example, that pear tree is from 'perdrix,' the French for partridge. So, a partridge in a partridge."

The editors said they could have produced a short book of variations of "The Cherry Tree Carol," and could have filled a fat one with settings of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," once the only Christmas hymn sung in the Church of England.

"The New Oxford Book of Carols," published by Oxford University Press, includes three versions of "The Joys of Mary" — English and Irish versions of seven joys, and an American version with 10.

Two underline Parrott's point about bad texts. The Irish version begins: "The first rejoice Our Lady got, it was the rejoice of one; it was the rejoice of her dear son, when he was born young."

The American version, collected in Carthage, N.C., ends: "The very next blessing that Mary had, it was the blessing of ten; to think that her son Jesus, could write without a pen."

The season's blend of the sacred, the sentimental and the crassly commer-

cial is reflected in the history of carols. A candidate for most sublime is "In Dulci Jubilo," ascribed to the 14th-century German mystic, Heinrich Suso, who told of a vision of an angel.

"He drew (me) by the hand into the dance, and the youth began a joyous song about the infant Jesus, which runs thus: 'In Dulci Jubilo,' etc.," Suso wrote.

"This dance was not the kind that are danced on earth, but it was a heavenly movement, swelling up and falling back again into the wild abyss of God's hiddenness."

A 20th-century English carol, "Bethlehem Down" by Bruce Blunt and Peter Warlock (the pen name of composer Philip Hesel-

tone), has a more earthy history. "In December 1927 we were both extremely hard up, and in the hopes of being able to get suitably drunk at Christmas conceived the idea of collaborating on another carol which could be published in a daily paper," Blunt said in a letter reproduced in the Oxford book.

He worked out the words on a moonlit walk between The Plough

pub in Bishop's Sutton and The Anchor pub in Ropley, near Winchester. Warlock added music, and the Daily Telegraph bought it.

"We had an immortal carouse on the proceeds and decided to call ourselves 'Carols Consolidated,'" Blunt wrote.

However cynically conceived, the

carol has become an English standard.

Warlock's haunting melody sets off Blunt's affecting verse, which ends: "Here he has peace, and a short while for dreaming, close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold, Mary for love and for lullaby music, songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold."

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Easy ID of gifted children may help add minorities, poor

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — If researchers could make identifying gifted children easier for administrators, the lack of minority, poor or handicapped children in accelerated programs could be substantially reversed, a study says.

The view is based on results of research conducted at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill that examined how public school officials admit students to gifted programs.

While flexible eligibility rules generally exist at the state level, the study showed how few local administrators vigorously pursue identifying "nontraditional gifted students," said James Gallagher, director of the Gifted Education Policy Studies Pro-

gram at UNC's Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center.

Gallagher and Mary Ruth Coleman, program associate director, conducted the study with funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

Researchers closely examined three states — Ohio, Arkansas and Texas — with flexible admission and implementation policies at the state level.

Nontraditional students were more fairly represented in those states' gifted programs when flexible rules and regulations were coupled with local initiative and professional leadership by state and local educators, the study showed.

In all three states, "there seemed to be a small cluster of people, either

inside or outside the state government, who had the vision of what needed to be done and the influence to be able to get it done," according to the study.

The use of "demonstration projects and seed money ... was one stimulus for policy development in the three states."

Results led researchers to conclude that "there is no need for a huge public outcry, significant university commitment, nor major local initiatives in order to develop these policies."

Administrations in the three states reported that public attitudes had little influence on the drive to identify these students. That contrasts with highly visible efforts by parent groups pushing for the expansion of gifted programs in many states.

Proponents of education for gifted children are frequently ridiculed by advocates of minority and poor children who charge that special education for the gifted creates elitist tracking

systems, or separate classes, for economically advantaged white children while "average" students are ignored.

Gallagher said there are two reasons why local administrators have not jumped on flexible rules to avoid conflict.

"One, local people tend to not know what the rules are," he said. "And two, if they know what the rules are and they open that door, they have no idea how many kids are going to

come charging through. They don't know whether they'll be setting themselves up for an enormous expense."

One must assume that being gifted, as it's spread across the white race, is similarly distributed throughout other races, he said. To support his claim, Gallagher points to studies showing that black females excel in mathematics over black males, while white females do poorly compared to white males.

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You're getting what for Christmas?

By JANELLE CONAWAY
Albuquerque Journal

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — You may have seen the TV commercial. Tim Allen, handyman from the sitcom "Home Improvement," is arranging gifts under the tree. He pats one affectionately. "Belt sander for the wife," he whispers.

OK, it's the '90s, so we'll acknowledge there are some women out there who would just love a belt sander for Christmas.

But others may wince at the idea. Sure, it's the thought that counts — but there are some things you would rather not find under the tree.

Guy Seaborn, manager of a building supply store in Albuquerque, admits that a few years ago, he gift-wrapped a garbage disposal and said, "Oh, look what Santa brought!" when his girlfriend opened it.

"It'll liven things up a bit," he says of this kind of approach. But, he says, it was a gag — and he bought her something else, too.

Seaborn, of course, wouldn't rule out shopping at a hardware store for some women. Last year, he had one savvy female customer who bought a big \$500 saw and knew more about its specifications than he did. He thought it probably was for her husband, but she said it was a Christmas present for herself.

He admits most women wouldn't have the same tastes.

"If somebody gave a man a lawnmower, it would be a little different than if a man gave a woman a new lawnmower," he says.

Household appliances also rank high on many women's lists of don'ts. Judy Bailey, manager of a flower and gift shop, says that 22 years ago, when she and her husband had been married for two years, he bought her an iron for Christmas.

"I really wanted an Bullwinkle watch, and he bought me an iron," she says. She told him, "If you're going to buy me something to work with, don't buy me anything at all."

Bailey says her husband doesn't care about gifts himself, so he assumes nobody else does either. Her good-natured solution to this indifference has been to pick out his gifts with extra care. Last year, for instance, she bought him a compact disc player.

"It was just exactly what I wanted," she says.

Barbara Turnbough, owner of a gift gallery, says people sometimes have to take responsibility when they don't get what they want.

This woman, for example, is setting herself up for disappointment. Her husband asks what she wants for Christmas, and she isn't sure what to tell him. She decides just to mention the blender or the toaster she needs anyway. Or she says something like, "Oh, honey, I don't need a thing. Just having you and the kids is enough."

"What you're really saying is, 'Think of something! Thank me! I'm wonderful!'" Turnbough says with a laugh.

Turnbough's advice to husbands at a loss for ideas: Pay attention when she admires something in a store; don't pay attention when she says the carpet needs cleaning.

Mary Reed, owner of another gift shop, would rule out few categories of presents altogether as long as they're presented right. A woman may love getting an iron if it comes with the gift of maid service once a week for a year, she says.

And all men's ties are not created equal. A plain work tie can be mind-numbingly dull; a jazzy, original silk tie wrapped around a bottle of scotch is something else.

For the most part, gift no-nos are

different for each person. Most parents would not thank you profusely if you gave their tyke a toy drum set; others might delight in their budding percussionist.

Ken Knox, manager of a toy store, says one common mistake people make when buying toys for children is to ignore the age guidelines on the label. If you give a 4-year-old something designed for an 8-year-old, you're setting the child up for frustration, he says.

One of the most obvious ways to avoid giving gifts that bomb is to really get to know people and dis-

cover what makes them happy. It also helps to know what makes them sneeze or break out in a rash.

"I know somebody once who got 20 pounds of pecans from somebody in their family, and they were allergic to them," Reed says.

Fashion also can present a problem; ask any daughter who has ever pleaded with her mother not to buy her clothes for Christmas. Reed thinks clothes-related generation gaps doom many well-meant sweaters and scarves to the darkest drawer corners.

Reed says her own tastes in pre-

sents can be pretty unusual. One thing she wants desperately is a bat house — a place where bats can hang out and eat insects from her garden. It can't be just any bat house, but one made by a particular company that donates part of the proceeds toward bat conservation.

Although it's not an expensive item, it's something Reed has wanted for at least four years and has just never bought for herself.

It's certainly not something anyone would guess she wants, though. Her solution? Put it on her list.

"I'm 45 and I still write Santa Claus," she says. She mails or faxes copies to people who ask her what she wants.

Reed can't figure out why people stop writing Santa.

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Holiday 'ham' spreads Christmas cheer

AUSTIN (AP) — She's not your typical holiday ham. But Blossom the pig is doing her bit to spread a little holiday cheer around town.

"She brings Christmas joy — externally," says the pig's partner, Kim Lehman.

Lehman, who is a storyteller and puppeteer, has been taking the pig with her on visits to schools, day-care centers and nursing homes.

"That's not bad for an animal that was within hours of being dumped at the humane society just six weeks ago."

"I was at the Spaghetti Warehouse and I heard these people talking about having friends that were getting rid of their pig," Lehman says.

"One of them was sick. I asked if I could have her."

Lehman, who describes herself as an animal lover, also has a chicken, a parrot, several doves, a cat and a dog. But none of them seems to captivate people's attention the way her pig does.

"I guess it brings out a softness in people to see an unusual animal," says Lehman, a former schoolteacher. "And Blossom is very good with children. She's so calm she'll crawl into people's laps."

Anita Rizley, the youth services coordinator for the city library system, says she approves highly of her employee's new storytelling buddy.

"I met the pig yesterday and learned she has visited several schools,"

Rizley says. "She's very sweet."

Blossom's budding entertainment career won't end with the holidays, although she probably will lose her Santa hat and red ribbon. Lehman says people have been telling her a lot of pig stories, and she plans to tell them through the coming year as she takes the pig to different places. She also expects the pig to make frequent appearances at the Pleasant Hill branch library, where Lehman works.

And sometime in the future, she expects Blossom to be even more of a ham than she is now — although not of the cooked variety.

"Yeah, I'm teaching her tricks," Lehman says. "I'm teaching her to sit, get down and go backwards."



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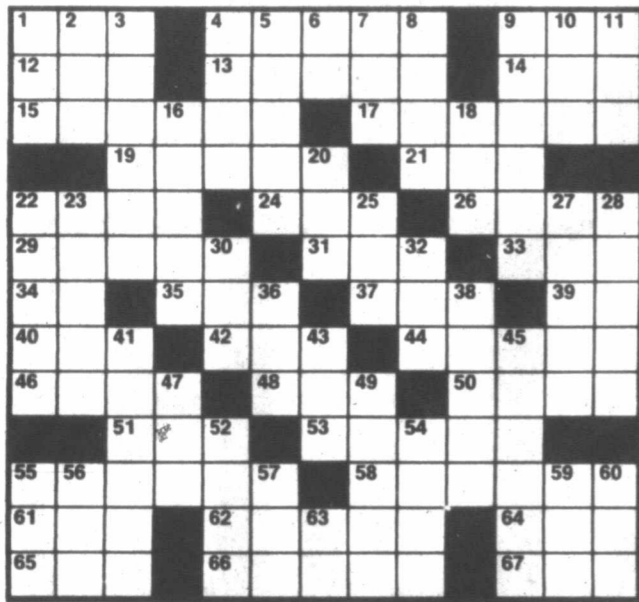
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- Actor Wilder
- Musical instrument
- Behold!
- Language suffix
- Million (pref.)
- Sharp-tasting
- Us (Sp.)
- Southeast
- Asian holiday
- Standard of perfection
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- Incite to attack
- Vapors
- White poplar
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- Wine cup
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Astro-Graph

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In important one-to-one relationships today you might have to deal with a person who holds opposing views. Logic and tact will win this individual over, but arrogance won't. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might be asked to do something for another today that could cause you to feel somewhat burdened. If you remember what this person did for you, you will recant.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might experience some pressure from your friends today pertaining to an investment that you don't agree with. Instead of overreacting, find your way out gracefully.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today your ability to fulfill your plans is quite good, because both your productiveness and your industriousness will be apparent. However, don't be too aggressive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is a possibility you could be a trifle hard to get along with early in the day. However, once you get into the swing of things, your disposition becomes charming and warm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something might develop today which initially could make you feel you are getting the short end of the stick. Fortunately you will discover this is not totally accurate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Being your own person has its time and place. Today, however, things will be much more pleasant if you try to be a cooperative team player.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A great deal can be accomplished today if you're not overwhelmed by outside pressures. Do what needs doing in your own quiet way, preferably unaided by others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You won't be in the mood today to be told what to do and when to do it. Conversely, friends and family won't appreciate it if you appoint yourself social director.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) For the sake of harmony on the homefront today, don't introduce outside elements into family matters. Settle issues among kith and kin.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today some of your ideas and suggestions might be challenged, but don't let this irritate you. Think of it as an opportunity to validate your views and your will.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial conditions could be a trifle strained today. In matters where you have control, things should be OK, but where others are involved, it could be another story.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WHEN ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE..."

By Tom Armstrong

NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING...

By Tom Armstrong

NOT EVEN THE GUARD DOG!

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Can we have some money? Marmaduke wants to do some last-minute shopping."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING, NOT EVEN A...!!?? DARN IT, LEROY, YOU RUINED IT AGAIN!"

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

GADFRY! THIS GUY MARTY IS GONNA HAVE SLIMS PLANE SHOT DOWN!

By Dave Graue

IF YOU AN BLACKY ARE TAKING OFF EARLY YOU TWO'D BETTER SLEEP HERE IN THE OFFICE!

By Dave Graue

OH, THERE IS ONE OTHER THING, SLICK... WHAT'S THAT?

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"Yes, I've been drinking...43,069,351 cups of hot chocolate so far tonight!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Can we open some presents now, Mommy? It's already Christmas in Australia!"

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

IMAGINE! IN JUST A FEW WEEKS, WE'LL BE STARTING A BRAND NEW YEAR.

WILL WE STILL HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

OF COURSE.

THEN WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

ONE MORE DAY OF BEING GOOD! THIS HAS BEEN THE LONGEST WEEK OF MY ENTIRE LIFE.

HE! I'LL BET SANTA'S LOADING UP THE SLEIGH RIGHT NOW! HE'S GOT MILLIONS OF DELIVERIES, RIGHT? HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY STILL BE DECIDING HOW GOOD I AM!

IF HIS DECISION IS MADE, I DON'T HAVE TO IMPRESS HIM ANY MORE! I'M FREE!

MAYBE HE'S LOADING YOUR STUFF LAST, JUST TO SEE WHAT YOU DO.

YOU THINK? WELL, MAYBE. GEEZ, HE'S A TOUGH OL' GEEZER! WELL, WHAT'S ONE MORE DAY?..SIGH...

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

CHRISTMAS... BAH, HUMBUG! EVERYONE IS IN JOYFUL ANTICIPATION...

By Art and Chip Sansom

OF HAVING A FAT OLD MAN, WHO CRACKS A WHIP OVER A TEAM OF AN ENDANGERED SPECIES, SNEAK INTO THEIR HOUSES!

By Art and Chip Sansom

ANY OTHER DAY OF THE YEAR, THEY'D LOCK HIM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM FRANK AND ERNEST AND BOB THAVES

WIPE YOUR FEET!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE SITTING IN A SMALL FRENCH CAFE... IT IS CHRISTMAS EVE AND HE IS DEPRESSED...

By Charles M. Schulz

...BUT I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN...WHAT ABOUT MY BROTHER SPIKE WHO'S OUT THERE IN THE TRENCHES?

By Charles M. Schulz

I WONDER IF SPIKE IS THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

NO WAY I'M GONNA MISS SEEING SANTA THIS YEAR!

By Jim Davis

IF I HAVE TO, I'LL STAY...AWAKE...ALL...

By Jim Davis

Lifestyles

Party's over before it could begin

DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column about the woman who wanted to eliminate fur-coat wearers from her party because she was anti-fur struck a note with us. We're planning an open house, and it caused us to take a closer look at our guest list.

We plan to invite 70 people. Since we're staunch Republicans, we decided to eliminate the Democrats. That left 36 people.

Since we believe in working hard at marriage, we eliminated the divorced couples. That left 17 people.

Since we're Catholic, we eliminated non-Catholics. That left 13 people.

Since we're against abortion, we eliminated two women.

Since we're against homosexuality, that left nine.

We eliminated couples living together; that left five.

And we certainly didn't want any foreigners, so that left two.

It's going to be a small party, but the two of us won't have to be worried about anyone offending us — unless my husband sips too much punch.

Abby, all kidding aside, of all the things in this world to worry about, if fur-coat wearers are your main concern, she has too much time on her hands!

IN THE SPIRIT IN ILLINOIS

P.S. Abby, this is true — we're going to have our open house anyway, so don't use my name or everybody will be looking at each other trying to figure out "who's who."

DEAR ABBY: On Nov. 3, 1992.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Can anyone top that?

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Cheated in Memphis," whose birthday is on Dec. 25 and who felt it was unfair for people to give him a birthday gift and say, "... and this is also your Christmas present."

My suggestion: Whenever one of these people's birthday comes around, even if it's in July, when you give him or her the birthday gift, say, "... and this is also your Christmas present."

SUMMER BABY
IN MARIETTA, GA.

DEAR SUMMER BABY: Beautiful!

CONFIDENTIAL TO LILIAN IN PALM SPRINGS: "It is wrong to think of old age as a downward slope. On the contrary, one climbs higher and higher with the advancing years, and that, too, with surprising strides. Brain work comes as easily to the old as physical exertion to the child."

"One is moving, it is true, toward the end of life, but that end is now a goal, and not a reef in which the vessel may be dashed."

GEORGE SAND

Help for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Hugh Friedman of Palm Springs, Calif., said that Milton Saylan, also of Palm Springs, donated 18 gallons of blood to top David Rubin, of Staten Island, N.Y., who had just received his One Gallon Club pin.

Ms. Carole Steiert, United Blood Services employee in Scottsdale, told me that Cliff Eaton of Prescott, Ariz., has donated 33 gallons of blood.

Abby, our former senator, Barry Goldwater, may have donated more than 33 gallons, but his name is no longer in the United Blood Services computer because he hasn't donated for a few years.

Please try to find out who holds the record for blood donations. It might help to recruit new donors. We need them.

JAY GASKINS
IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR JAY: Great idea! I just heard from Bruce Dutton of St. Petersburg, Fla., saying that Wallace D. Edington has donated 34 gallons and 2 pints of blood — and he's still donating.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you do doing in the northpole. Have yall had any snow yet. Will we have been having stowstorms bad ones too. I have been good this year. I want a Barbie fold up house, and a California Rollar Baby, and Brenda on 90210, and RollarBlades.

Oh, and bring my baby brother some new toys and his name is Chad he has been good this year too. And do not forget that I will leave cookies and milk for you.

Love,
Kirby O'Neal

Dear Santa I whant fast track's and a soccer thing. I want a clipboard and a speedometer for bicks and a soccer thing that comes back.

from
Ryan Hunter carr

Natalie McVay 12-8-92

I wont a blue poty and 81 pesuvu-vpo paper a pencil.

and a makeup set.

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I love You!

Dear Santa,

this is wot I wont

1 My Pal 2

2 The Hammer

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And I hope you get around
Love,
Bryan Duggan

Dear Santa,

Last Christmas I loved everything you gave me. This Christmas I want:

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3. basketball goal (one that goes

outside)

4. basketball

5. portable singing machine

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4. barbies

5. charms

6. clothes

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Club News

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League met Dec. 8 for the annual Christmas party. Ruth Richart led eight members and one guest, Cindy Jones, in a Bible study.

Each member brought a snack with its recipe and also a "health kit." Following the refreshments, the ladies "tied" quilts which will be shipped, along with the health kits, to Lutheran World Relief.

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Spurs could put on exciting show with Lucas as head coach

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If John Lucas' coaching style is any indication, count on the San Antonio Spurs to put on a good show whenever they play.

"This is going to be exciting. I like this," Lucas said after his NBA coaching debut in Tuesday night's 113-108 win over Denver. "It's like being in recovery. It's a challenge every night. You don't know what the outcome is going to be."

Lucas, a former NBA player who overcame cocaine addiction and has helped other athletes battle drugs, replaced the fired Jerry Tarkanian last week.

For most of the game, Lucas paced the sidelines and cheered on his team, even giving high and low-fives to his players. He also had some early impressions on his new team.

Lucas said All-Star center David Robinson is "a little out of shape, but he played well in places."

"I got on him," Lucas said. "I told him to quit resorting to jumpers. I tell the guys things I know they are not going to like, but I want them to know I'm just talking about their basketball ways, not them."

Robinson had 21 points, 18 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

"I had the shots I wanted, but I couldn't hit them," Robinson said after making only 5 of 16 field goals attempts. "I couldn't hit anything."

Guard Avery Johnson said, "I never saw a coach get on David like that before. He shows no favorites. He jumped on me and he jumped on Dale (Ellis), even though we played with him in Seattle."

Sean Elliott and Ellis led the Spurs with 23 points each.

"Luke got on everybody," Elliott said. "He does that because he's the coach. No player should feel he's above a coach."

Johnson hopes management gives Lucas a chance.

"This is my message to the administration — we need stability in the franchise," Johnson said. "If John Lucas is going to be the coach, let him coach and don't mess with the first eight or nine players. Let there be some stability."

Spurs owner Red McCombs fired Tarkanian 20 games into the season,

citing a different level of expectations for the team. Tarkanian said the Spurs needed a stronger point guard.

Lucas displayed some unconventional tactics when he asked guards Johnson and Vinny Del Negro to speak to the team during two different timeouts. He said it kept the players concentrating.

"That way you make them take some ownership," Lucas said. "Because they're not listening to me, anyway."

Even with the new twists, the victory wasn't smooth.

Each nailed four starting berths. Quarterback Steve Young, receiver Jerry Rice, guard Guy McIntyre and defensive lineman Pierce Holt were selected from the 49ers. The Vikings have tackle Gary Zimmerman, guard Randall McDaniel, defensive end Chris Doleman and cornerback Audrey McMillian in the starting lineup.

Also starting for the NFC will be Atlanta's Deion Sanders (cornerback), Jessie Tuggle (linebacker)



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Four Oilers named to Pro Bowl starting lineup

NEW YORK (AP) — The Buffalo Bills and Houston Oilers each had nine players named to play in the NFL Pro Bowl today.

Buffalo's starters for the AFC team will be running back Thurman Thomas, tackle Howard Ballard, defensive end Bruce Smith, safety Henry Jones and special-teamer Steve Tasker.

The New Orleans Saints will have five starting players for the NFC in the Feb. 7 game at Honolulu.

The Saints placed three of their starters on defense, linebackers Rickey Jackson and Pat Swilling on the outside and Sam Mills on the inside. They will be joined by placekicker Morten Andersen and center Joel Hilgenberg.

The Bills, in addition to their starters, will be represented by quarterback Jim Kelly, receiver Andre Reed, tackle Will Wolford and linebacker Cornelius Bennett.

The four starters from Houston are receiver Haywood Jeffries, guard Mike Munchak, center Bruce Mathews and inside linebacker Al Smith. Their teammates who made the AFC squad as backups are quarterback Warren Moon, receivers Curtis Duncan and Ernest Givins, running back Lorenzo White and defensive lineman Ray Childress.

Other AFC starters are receiver Anthony Miller of San Diego, tackle Richmond Webb of Miami, guard Steve Wisniewski of the Los Angeles Raiders, tight end Keith Jackson of Miami, running back Barry Foster of Pittsburgh and quarterback Dan Marino of Miami.

On defense, end Leslie O'Neal of San Diego, tackle Cortez Kennedy of Seattle, outside linebackers Der-

rick Thomas of Kansas City and Bryan Cox of Miami, inside linebacker Junior Seau of San Diego, cornerbacks Rod Woodson of Pittsburgh and Gill Byrd of San Diego, safety Steve Atwater of Denver, punter Rohn Stark of Indianapolis, placekicker Nick Lowery of Kansas City and kick-returner Clarence Verdin of Indianapolis have been chosen starters by their fellow players.

San Francisco and Minnesota

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Also starting for the NFC will be Atlanta's Deion Sanders (cornerback), Jessie Tuggle (linebacker)

and Elbert Shelley (special teams); Green Bay's Chuck Cecil (safety) and Sterling Sharpe (receiver); Philadelphia's Reggie White (defensive end); Detroit's Barry Sanders (running back); Lomas Brown (tackle) and Mel Gray (kick returner); Dallas' Emmitt Smith (running back) and Jay Novacek (tight end); and punter Rich Camarillo of Phoenix.

The players were selected in a vote of players and coaches.

Pigskin Predictions

GAME	BRZYS	MILLER	STRATE	WIEGERS
L.A. Raiders at Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
Atlanta at L.A. Rams	Atlanta	Rams	Rams	Atlanta
Chicago at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Denver at Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver	Kansas City	Kansas City
Green Bay at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Green Bay
Indianapolis at Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Indianapolis	Cincinnati	Indianapolis
Miami at New England	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
San Diego at Seattle	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	Seattle
Tampa Bay at Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix
Buffalo at Houston	Houston	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo
New Orleans at N.Y. Jets	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
LAST WEEK	8-4 .667	5-7 .417	7-5 .583	9-3 .750
SEASON RECORD	135-57 .703	122-70 .635	127-65 .661	119-73 .620

Tentative NFL settlement to cut monies spent on draft picks

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Last week, you might have asked: What will Drew Bledsoe have in common with Steve Emtman if he decides to go into the NFL draft this year? Your answer might have been: He came out of school early and signed a huge contract with a huge signing bonus.

Now, under rookie signing rules believed to be contained in the NFL's new labor agreement, all you can say is: They both played football in the Pacific Northwest.

Emtman, an All-American defensive tackle from Washington, gave up his final year of college eligibility to sign this year with the Indianapolis Colts for \$9.165 million over four years with a \$4.165 million signing bonus.

Bledsoe, the Washington State quarterback who many believe will be the first pick in the draft if he forsakes his senior year as well, probably won't get half that.

According to the tentative settlement reached Tuesday and scheduled to be ratified on Monday, teams reportedly would be able to spend only \$2 million total on draft choices in any year. And the draft, which was 12 rounds, will be reduced to seven.

That sat well with veterans.

"The guys who deserve the money probably should be getting it, as opposed to guys who just walked through the door," said guard Tom Newberry of the Los Angeles Rams.

It didn't sit as well with agents.

"As the representative of the first player taken in the draft three of the last four years, obviously, I've got some doubts about this agreement," player agent Leigh Steinberg said. "But I feel like the agreement is probably in the best interest of the majority of players in the league."

Last April, Steinberg didn't have the top player, Emtman. But he did have Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard of Michigan, who entered the draft as a college junior and signed a \$6 million, four-year deal with the Washington Redskins that also included a \$2.85 million signing bonus.

Bob Whitfield, an offensive lineman from Stanford, came out a year early and got a reported \$5 million over four years from Atlanta, and quarterback Tommy Maddox, another Steinberg client, gave up his senior year at UCLA to sign a four-year, \$4.4 million contract with Denver.

"There's no question that signing bonuses and salaries will not be as great now," Steinberg said.

One logical question is, did the players who come out of school early last year see this coming? The answer is, indubitably.

"In the past, players fearing a future rookie salary cap have found that a heavy motivation to leave school early," Steinberg said. "It was part of Desmond Howard's decision, as it was with Maddox."

He also said it became clear at this time last year that Freeman McNeil would be successful in his lawsuit, which eventually led to the demise of the Plan B free agent system, and that that suit would result in a labor agreement.

"And what was also clear was that under any collective bargaining scenario imaginable, the veteran players would always concede the restrictions of a rookie salary cap in exchange for their ability to be free agents," Steinberg said.

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Suddenly Bush is fully engaged again, maybe with eye to history

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Bush appears to have gotten over his election rejection blues. He's back to acting presidential.

For a time, Bush didn't try to conceal his gloom at having been turned out of office — only the ninth incumbent in American history to be ousted.

"We're shifting gears to the new administration," he told a visitor, Chaim Herzog, the president of Israel. "We're referring all calls to them."

But the world won't stop for the 11 weeks between the election of a new president and his installation. Events demanded presidential presence.

So Bush has become fully engaged again, the commander-in-chief in charge. He sent troops to help starving Africans, edged toward confrontation in

Bosnia, delivered a parting sermon to his successor, reached for a historic nuclear disarmament agreement. Now he's planning to visit the troops in the field in Somalia.

"He's on a roll," said Fred Greenstein, a Princeton University political scientist. "Some of the energy that went into putting together the Persian Gulf War coalition is now focused on doing good and looking good in history. He's clearly trying to commit the Clinton administration to things he thinks are a good idea."

Bush had President-elect Clinton's informed consent in dispatching soldiers on a mission of mercy to Somalia, but it was his own decision to pay a New Year's Eve visit, bound to be a splashy hail and farewell.

The president entertained British Prime Minister John Major at Camp David, Md., last weekend and agreed to a new effort to end Serbia's "ethnic cleansing" war against Bosnia-Herzegovina. They decided to seek U.N. authority for air patrols that would shoot down Serbian aircraft over Bosnia.

Bush has been on the phone with Russian President Boris Yeltsin on slashing their nuclear arsenals. If details are worked out, a treaty could be signed before Bush leaves office — a triumphant capstone. Bush's Somalia schedule leaves room for a stop in Moscow or Geneva, Switzerland, en route home.

"That's probably what he wants most of all, a new agreement with Yeltsin," said political scientist Ben-

jamin Page of Northwestern University. "That could be very useful for the country and the world."

Additionally, Bush also has pushed for a 108-nation trade deal before Inauguration Day; agreement has eluded negotiators for six years. He rewarded Vietnam for helping account for missing U.S. servicemen by allowing U.S. companies to become active there.

He sent Commerce Secretary Barbara Franklin and a 25-member delegation to China for the first high-level trade talks in four years. He released military equipment that had been sold to China but put in storage as a protest against the Tiananmen Square massacre.

He went to Texas to deliver a valedictorian warning to Clinton against a turn toward isolationism.

"The alternative to American leadership is not more security for our citizens, but less," he said.

Closer to home, Bush has been said to be weighing a parting pardon to Republican stalwart Caspar Weinberger and other targets of Iran-Contra prosecutions. His administration filed a big price-fixing suit against eight major airlines this week.

In a sense, Page said, Bush's re-engagement is a favor to Clinton, who could hardly have made dispatching troops to Somalia his first order of business. If U.S. involvement turns sour, Clinton will be able to claim that he'd inherited it, Page said.

But Page says Bush was probably acting as much out of his own interests.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the estate of Robert Gustaf Fischer, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 21st day of December, 1992, in cause No. 7607, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to me within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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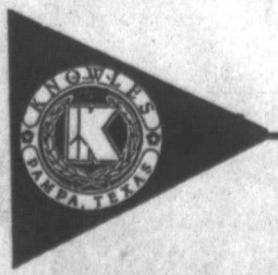
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas is that wonderful time of year filled with the laughter of children and the warmth of friendship. We look forward to a wonderful holiday and we hope that all of our loyal friends and patrons will have a great holiday, too. We enjoy working with you and we take great pleasure in wishing you the best of the season.



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Crime Stoppers needs YOU

How can you help stop crime in Pam-pa? By calling 669-2222 if you know a crime has been committed.

Include the following information:

1. What happened
2. When
3. By whom
4. Evidence
5. Time you will call back

You can take a bite out of crime and claim rewards.

CLASSIFIED INDEX THE PAMPA NEWS 403 W. Atchison 669-2525

Table with 10 columns listing various services and their corresponding phone numbers, such as Card of Thanks, Museums, Personal, etc.

Table with 2 columns listing services like 97 Furnished Houses, 98 Unfurnished Houses, 99 Storage Buildings, etc.

1c Memorials

SHEPARD'S Helping Hands, 422 Florida, Pampa, TX. 79065.

2 Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum in Pampa, P.O. Box 1556, Pampa, TX. 79066.

14d Carpentry

Panhandle House Leveling Floors sagging, walls cracking, door dragging...

14e Carpet Service

NU-WAY Cleaning service. Carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings.

14f Plowing, Yard Work

YOUR Lawn & Garden. Vacuum leaves, lawn winterizer...

14g Painting

PAINTING and sheetrock finishing. 35 years experience.

14h Plumbing & Heating

BUILDERS Plumbing Supply. 535 S. Cuyler 665-3711.

21 Help Wanted

DENTAL Assistants and Reception Desk Personnel needed to fill positions.

70 Musical Instruments

BIG tama drum set. Call 669-0958.

75 Feeds and Seeds

WHEELER EVANS Feed Full line of Acro feeds.

80 Pets and Supplies

CANINE and Feline grooming. Also, boarding and science diets.

89 Wanted To Buy

WILL Buy good used furniture, appliances or anything of value.

95 Furnished Apartments

ROOMS for rent. Showers, clean, quiet. \$35 a week.

96 Unfurnished Apts.

1 or 2 bedroom, furnished or unfurnished, covered parking.

97 Furnished Houses

2 bedroom trailer, deposit required. 1028 S. Hobart. 665-6720.

98 Unfurnished Houses

NICE 3 bedroom, central heat, carpet, utility room, near Travis school.

103 Homes For Sale

ACTION REALTY Gene and Jannie Lewis 669-1221

104 Lots

CHOICE residential lots, northeast, Austin district.

110 Trailers

FOR Sale: 5th Utility trailer with steel floor \$300.

116 Mobile Homes

12x56 3 bedroom Melody. \$2490. Call 669-1936.

120 Autos For Sale

Used Cars West Texas Ford Lincoln-Mercury

121 Trucks For Sale

1985 Chevy Silverado. \$2800. 665-0202.

122 Motorcycles

1992 Chevy Shortwide Silverado, loaded, 3000 miles.

124 Tires & Accessories

OGDEN AND SON Expert Electronic wheel balancing.

125 Parts & Accessories

STAN'S Auto & Truck repair. 800 W. Kingsmill.

126 Boats & Accessories

Parker Boats & Motors 301 S. Cuyler.

GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr. A collection of four cartoon panels about Santa Claus and a bike.

118 Trailers

FOR Sale: 5th Utility trailer with steel floor \$300.

120 Autos For Sale

CULBERSON-STOWERS INC. Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick GMC and Toyota

120 Autos For Sale

PANHANDLE MOTOR CO. 869 W. Foster 669-0926

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Doug Boyd Motor Co.

We rent cars! 821 W. Wilks 669-6062

1981 Buick LeSabre

2 door, new front tires, good condition. \$1500.

1989 Ford Mustang

5 liter. Excellent condition, low mileage. 665-5322.

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You can still drive a late model automobile from:

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Country Living Estate, 4 miles West on Highway 152.

3 bedroom, carpet, storage, utility, fenced, paved street.

Good price. 669-3221.

2 story house, 425 Carr, by owner.

All inquiries serious consideration, contact Gene Groves.

3 bedroom, carpet, storage, utility, fenced, paved street.

reasonable offer. Shedd Realty, Marie 665-4180.

3 bedroom, 1 bath, single garage, Travis school.

completely remodeled inside and out. 669-9397.

900 N. Hobart 665-3761

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE BLESSED WITH THE LASTING GIFTS OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

CHARLES

One of a kind, large rooms, 2 living areas, 3 bedrooms.

CHRISTINE

Three bedroom brick in a lovely neighborhood.

CHRISTINE

Two living areas in this 3 bedroom home, covered patio.

GRAPE

Nice 4 bedroom home with 2 living areas, breakfast area.

FIR

Immaculate home in prime location. Four bedrooms, large family room.

THE PARK GRL

669-5919

69A Garage Sales

CHRISTMAS Sale: Call's Antiques & collectibles.

70 Musical Instruments

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos.

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1985 Chevy Silverado. \$2800. 665-0202.

1992 Chevy Shortwide Silverado

loaded, 3000 miles, 5 speed. \$15,000.

DON'T get stuck in the snow.

1980 Datsun 4x4 pickup. Call 669-7312.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS. A holiday-themed advertisement for the first landmark realty.

First Landmark Realty 665-0717. A holiday-themed advertisement.

ACTION REALTY. Still He Came. A large holiday-themed advertisement for Action Realty.

SHED REALTY, INC. 900 N. Hobart 665-3761. A real estate advertisement.

Norma Ward REALTY 669-3346. A real estate advertisement.

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Home for the Holidays



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With The True Holiday Spirit

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