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PAMPA -- Festival of Trees and Gift Boutique begins at 6 p.m. today at M.K. Brown Auditorium. It will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

PAMPA -- The Pampa Civic Ballet will present its production of Nutcracker at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Mental depression costs \$43.7 billion a year in treatment and lost productivity — a toll advocates say proves mental health insurance is needed to get people treated early.

Such insurance is not "a luxury, a frill, an unnecessary expense," Tipper Gore told the National Mental Health Association on Thursday. "I want Americans to think about depression and diabetes the same way."

They might do better thinking about depression and heart disease the same way, according to a new study that found the economic cost of depression is slightly higher than the nation's \$43 billion tab for heart disease.

Corporate America bears the brunt of the depression bill, according to the study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and The Analysis Group, a consulting firm.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- A water reservoir and the creatures that live in it may soon get more protection, with a scientist and the federal government considering declaring nine spiders and beetles as endangered species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Thursday it may add the creatures, which inhabit 16 caves north of San Antonio, to the list. It's the first step in a long process to determine protection for the five spiders, three beetles and one harvestman. But an entomologist with the University of Texas at Austin said he believes urban development already has harmed the creatures.

"There's obviously been an impact. The species are very rare. They used to be much more abundant," said James Reddell of Austin, also curator of arthropods at the Texas Memorial Museum.

AUSTIN (AP) -- A face-to-face meeting with Ross Perot was a major drawing card for members of United We Stand on the first day of the party's three-day state convention.

With organizations in half the state's counties as well as all 30 congressional districts, the goal this weekend is to elect Texas officers, adopt bylaws and ultimately receive a charter from the national office.

Five states have completed the process and more than a dozen others will hold conventions this weekend. United We Stand officials say most state organizations will be up and running by the first of the year.

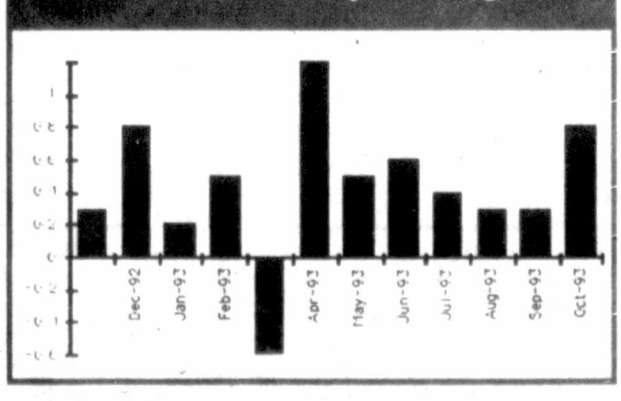
While they are essentially building a political party apparatus, United We Stand officials stress that it's a bottom-up construction, not top-down. Officials insist that each group can tailor its goals to suit members and note that bylaws will vary from state to state.

AUSTIN (AP) -- Apple Computer and Williamson County officials are talking, but they remain at odds.

Apple asked the county commissioners Thursday to reconsider their vote in which they rejected the company's application for \$750,000 in tax abatements to build an \$80 million, 700-employee facility. In rejecting the tax breaks, the commissioners cited Apple's policy of providing health benefits to unmarried partners of their employees, whether heterosexual or homosexual.

The decision was criticized by gay and lesbian rights groups, while political and business leaders expressed fear that expansion-minded companies will believe government is meddling in a business's internal affairs. The three commissioners who voted against the tax abatements met with Apple officials in two separate meetings that together lasted more than two hours.

Consumer spending



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Gunman in hurry leaves trail of grief

By NIKO PRICE
Associated Press Writer

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Police sorted through bullet casings and guns strewn across the floor and coroner's officials rolled blue-bagged bodies into a station wagon as night fell on the aftermath of a shooter's rampage.

A man stalked into the state Employment Development Department office and started shooting Thursday — killing three state workers and injuring four other people.

Authorities say Alan Winter-

bourne went on to kill a pursuing policeman before police bullets cut him down in front of another unemployment office in Ventura, 10 miles away.

In the lobby at Oxnard police headquarters, a wreath enclosed a photograph of 35-year-old Officer James O'Brien, shot dead at point-blank range in the driver's seat of his police car.

In Ventura, Winterbourne's mother, Ila, stood mute outside her house as friend Tom Olson held her hand and made a brief statement on behalf of the gunman's mother, sister, brother-in-law and nephew.

"They are in a state of shock. They're devastated by the tragedy. None of them saw this coming," Olson said.

"They're grieving for Alan as well as for the families of those who died and were wounded."

Thursday morning, Winterbourne, 33, strode to the counter of the unemployment office carrying a sawed-off shotgun and a pistol.

"There was no argument, not one word did he say," said client Liz Smith. "The gun went off and there was absolute silence."

Winterbourne, a jobless com-

puter engineer and failed congressional candidate, seemed to aim at the employees, witnesses said.

Darlene Provencio, 40, threw herself across an injured colleague, and was hit by gunfire. She also was hospitalized in good condition early today.

"People were scattering into the street," said Scott Patchett, who works at a car rental agency nearby.

Winterbourne ran from the office to a yellow sedan parked nearby, exchanging fire with police. He sped north from this coastal agricultural

community toward Ventura.

O'Brien joined the pursuit in his unmarked police car, but the chase bogged down in bumper-to-bumper traffic. Winterbourne left his car, shot O'Brien in the head, then scrambled back into his car and drove away.

Once in Ventura, he pulled up in front of the state unemployment office there.

The police didn't hesitate. They cut Winterbourne down in a fusillade of bullets that pierced the passenger door of his car. Officers handcuffed the body and radioed a Code 4 to headquarters — all clear.

Christmas pageant opens Saturday



Angie Cotton, left, as Mary; Kevin Howell as Joseph and Jacob Johnston as baby Jesus will be in costume this weekend at Central Baptist Church for its sixth annual Christmas pageant.

"We call it a Christmas spectacular," said Zan Walker, the church's minis-

ter of music. "It started in 1988 as 'Call Him Jesus' and grew and developed into 'That Night.' The first part is a celebration of the season with singing of Jingle Bells and Deck the Hall and traditional Christmas carols. It's a family style Christmas opening. Then we go right into the pageant

part beginning with the prophets foretelling the coming of Jesus, the Nativity, Jesus as a 12-year-old boy, the life and ministry of Christ, the Crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ."

The hour and a half production is scheduled to

begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. "There are about 120 to 115 people involved," Walker said. "That would be the choir, cast and crew."

He said planning for the annual event begins soon after New Year's and rehearsals begin in August.

November jobless rate shows drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate fell to 6.4 percent in November, the biggest one-month improvement in a decade and the most dramatic signal yet that the nation's economy is gaining momentum.

The jobless rate was 6.8 percent in October and most analysts had expected little change in the November figure.

However, a solid gain of 105,000 jobs in service industries such as health care, finance and real estate and the second straight monthly improvement in the beleaguered manufacturing sector helped to drive down the jobless rate to its lowest level in nearly three years.

The 0.4 percentage improvement was the largest since a similar change in October 1983, when the country was pulling out of the worst recession since World War II.

The healthy employment gains and the drop in the unemployment rate was the most emphatic sign this year that the nation's economy is picking up momentum.

It followed other reports showing strength in housing, consumer spending and a big jump reported earlier this week in consumer confidence.

Drug lord's terror changed Colombia

By TOM WELLS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pablo Escobar started his career in crime stealing tombstones, sanding them down and selling them. By his mid-30s he became a billionaire drug trafficker with a fleet of airplanes, 200 apartments in Miami, hotels in Venezuela and a huge zoo at his ranch.

He's gone now, finally hunted down and killed, but the fingerprints of his terrible deeds are everywhere.

Most Colombians were changed by the Escobar era. Thousands had loved ones killed by the drug lord's army of assassins. Thousands more are maimed by his bombs and bullets.

Some people got rich from his bribes. Some, like the restless teen-agers in Medellin's slums, where Escobar hired them to become killers, now think that murder is the route out of poverty.

Escobar turned Colombia into a battlefield. It was not a war that wiped out lives of just soldiers and policemen. He set off scores of bombs at grocery stores, banks, theaters, restaurants and hotels, making people fearful of leaving their homes.

It did not matter to him that the bombings, meant to cower the government into leaving him alone, killed scores of innocent bystanders. Pictures of these victims — sometimes children among them — became an all-too-frequent scene on the nightly news.

The shattered dreams of small businessmen and homeowners were swept away with the carpet of glass that remained in streets after the bombings.

Airline travel became a nerve-wracking experience after Escobar ordered a bomb planted on a

Colombian airliner in 1989 and gunmen killed four people in an attack on an airport terminal. A politician wounded in the shooting went on to become a presidential candidate for next year's election.

The bomb exploded aboard an Avianca Airlines Boeing 727. The plane vanished in an enormous ball of fire just minutes after taking off from the capital of Bogota, killing all 106 people aboard.

Ernesto Samper, the presidential candidate, was wounded with 11 bullets as cartel assassins opened fire on him in the Bogota airport.

Police started allowing only passengers with tickets inside the terminal, and those people were frisked for weapons and their luggage was X-rayed before they were allowed inside.

Airlines started requiring picture identification in order to get on planes. Before a plane took off, all the luggage was lined up on the tarmac. A passenger would point out his luggage and then board the plane. Any luggage left was blown up by a military bomb squad.

Daily life became a stressful ordeal. Children practiced bomb drills in school. Parents waiting for school buses in the afternoon strained necks anxiously when a bus was late, fearing that their child had become a statistic in the drug war.

Many parents refused to let their children outside the house to play. During spates of bombings, curtains routinely would be drawn at night, when most of the bombs went off.

The captives in their own homes would listen as the bombs thundered during the night.

Sometimes there would be three or four bombs in a single night.

Astronauts close in on telescope

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The Hubble Space Telescope was put down for a nap today as shuttle astronauts closed in to restore the observatory's 20-20 sight.

The \$1.6 billion Hubble made its last science observation overnight. Ground controllers then switched the telescope to low power in preparation for Saturday's rendezvous and capture, and closed the protective door over the lens.

Once Hubble is secured in Endeavour's cargo bay, space-walking astronauts will attempt to install 11 new parts, including corrective optics. Hubble was launched in 1990 with an improperly polished mirror that left the telescope near-sighted.

The problem made this \$629 million repair mission necessary.

"It's sad and a tragedy that there was a flaw that might have been caught by additional testing that wasn't done at the time," shuttle commander Richard Covey said this morning in an interview with The Associated Press.

Crime stoppers looks for Pampa's 10 most wanted

Beginning Sunday in *The Pampa News*, the city's top 10 most wanted fugitives will be featured.

Along with the mug shot of the people wanted on felony warrants, a physical description, their last known address and the crimes they allegedly committed will be included in the article.

Crime Prevention Officer Brad Love of the Pampa Police Department is in charge of the program, which will be run like the area Crime Stoppers program, he said.

"The whole goal of the ten most wanted program is to reduce the number of felony fugitives currently avoiding apprehension," said Love. "This works just like the regular Crime Stoppers Program ... if information that the people give us leads to their (fugitives) capture, then that person is eligible for a reward of \$50 to \$300."

Fugitives on the most wanted list cover the gamut of crimes ranging from violent crimes against another person like assault to nonviolent crimes such as forgery.

"We're trying to go by severity and how much of a danger these people are to the public," Love said. "And a lot of these people are in violation of probation or parole."

Besides Pampa, the only other top ten most wanted program in the Panhandle is in Amarillo and run by its Crime Stoppers program.

"Amarillo Crime Stoppers has a very successful 10 most wanted program that they've been doing since July and that's where we got the idea to do this one," Love said.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BOYD, Jimmy T. Jr. — 4 p.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, Amarillo.
HOWELL, George "Woody" — 10 a.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, Amarillo.
MALONE, Mary Ruth — Graveside, 2 p.m. Fairview Cemetery.

Obituaries

JIMMY T. BOYD JR.
 AMARILLO — Jimmy T. Boyd Jr., 59, a Pampa native, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1993. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, with the Rev. Robert Fields, chaplain of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Boyd was born in Pampa and moved to Amarillo from Pampa in 1961. He married Sylvia Richards in 1977 in Amarillo. He was a warehouseman for Golden Light Equipment for 33 years.
 Survivors include his wife; three sons, James Thomas Boyd III of Arlington and Kenneth Lee Bennett and Williams Andrews Bennett, both of Amarillo; two daughters, Janett Brown of Amarillo and Dwona Bennett of Dallas; three sisters, Dolly Young of Georgia, Virginia Polk of Pampa and Carol Sue Martin of California; his mother, Erma Boyd of Pampa; and a grandchild.

GEORGE HOWELL
 AMARILLO — George "Woody" Howell, 75, father of a Panhandle resident, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1993. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, with the Rev. Robert Field, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Howell was born in Texola, Okla., and had lived in Amarillo most of his life. He operated Howell and Sons Feed Store with his father and brothers for 25 years. He worked for Producers Grain Corp. After retirement, he managed the Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store. He was a Baptist and a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 26.

He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army 290th and 38th infantry divisions during World War II. He received the Victory Ribbon, a Service Stripe, four Overseas Service Bars, a Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, a Distinguished Unit Badge and a Good Conduct Medal. He received a Purple Heart for wounds received in action on Omaha Beach in the Allied D-Day invasion of Europe. He received a second Purple Heart after he was hit by shrapnel during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium.

Survivors include his wife, Velma; a son, Woody Howell of Sunray; three daughters, Cathey Scobey and Carolyn Stiles, both of Amarillo, and Rachel Pool of Panhandle; two brothers, Carmen Howell of Clovis, N.M., and Cleburne Howell of Borger; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Disabled American Veteran Chapter No. 26.

MARY RUTH MALONE
 Mary Ruth Malone, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1993. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery, with the Rev. Kenneth Metzger, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Malone was born on Nov. 20, 1918, in Loudon County, Tenn. She moved to Pampa in 1989 from Fort Worth, where she had been a resident since 1950. She was a legal secretary, retiring in 1989. She was a Methodist. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Georgia Malone, and three brothers, Lee Malone, Glenn Malone and Charles Malone.

Survivors include a sister, Jean McCarley of Pampa; two brothers, Paul Malone and Frank Malone, both of Lenoir City, Tenn.; and nine nieces and nephews, including John Fitzgerald of Pampa and William McCarley and Kathleen Hensley, both of Glen Rose.
 The family requests memorials be to Pampa Meals on Wheels.

PATRICK J. O'CONNOR
 BEDFORD — Patrick J. O'Connor, 66, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 3, in Bedford. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. O'Connor was born Feb. 7, 1927, at Fort Worth. He was a resident of Pampa from 1953 to 1980. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Notre Dame. He married Judith Wade Smith on June 4, 1956, in South Bend, Ind.; she died in 1960. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Bedford. He was a former member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa and the Knights of Columbus. He was a chemist with Celanese Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1983. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

Survivors include a son, Patrick J. O'Connor of Hurst; a daughter, Erin French of Coppell; a sister, Mary Catherine O'Connor of Bedford; his mother-in-law, Mrs. William Jarrel Smith of Pampa; and three grandchildren, Michael French and Timothy French, both of Coppell, and Sean O'Connor of Hurst.
 The family requests memorials be made to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE MEALS
 Mobile meals menu for Saturday includes stew, cornbread and cookies.

PMS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
 Pampa Middle School Booster Club plans to meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6.

ST. MARK CME BREAKFAST
 St. Mark CME breakfast is set for 8-11 a.m. Saturday at 406 Elm. The menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, juice and pancakes. Donations accepted.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 2
 Chevron Inc., Canadian, reported a burglary of a motor vehicle.
 Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a forgery.
 Coronado Nursing Center, 1504 W. Kentucky, reported a missing person.
 Kimberly Dixon, 109 N. Wynne, reported a theft of over \$20 and under \$200.
 Micheal Heath Honeycutt, 1831 N. Faulkner, reported an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 A juvenile reported criminal mischief.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 2
 The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported some driving while intoxicated.

Arrests
THURSDAY, Dec. 2
 Gordon Jack Addington, 62, 600 Doucette, was arrested on a charge of parole violation.
 Antonio Garcia Galaviz, 31, 218 W. Craven, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was later released from custody after posting bond.
 Tina Crossman, 31, 218 W. Craven, was arrested on a charge of violation of parole.

Accidents

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 2
 9:56 a.m. — A 1980 GMC pickup driven by James Earl Johnston, 45, 818 Reed, collided with a 1980 Honda driven by Ronald Lee Villarreal, 21, 1217 Dogwood, at the intersection of North West Street and West Buckler Avenue. A passenger in Villarreal's car, Juanita Mize Iris, 1129 Juniper, reported a possible injury and was taken by a private vehicle to Coronado Hospital, where she was treated and released. Johnston was cited for disregarding a stop sign.
 12:08 p.m. — A 1982 Ford pickup driven by Gerardo Carrillo, 16, 942 S. Banks, collided with a 1988 Ford driven by Billie Jo Thomas, 17, HCR 2 Box 34 A, in the 1700 block of North Russell. Both drivers and a passenger in Thomas' car, Myrna Rodriguez, 1113 W. Seneca, reported non-incapacitating injuries but did not seek medical attention according to the accident report. Thomas was cited for not having a valid driver's license and Carrillo was cited for following too closely.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 2
 8:46 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a trash fire at 1323 W. Kentucky.
 10:16 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a grass fire 4 1/2 miles west of Pampa on Texas 152.
FRIDAY, Dec. 3
 6:28 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 103 E. 27th Ave.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	burn Carroll III of White Deer, a girl.
Pampa	Dismissals
Cletis G. Butcher	Jesse Marvin Thompson
Herman Chambers	
Billy Dean Hayes	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Virginia Laycock	Shamrock
Brenda Lea Leigh	James Swink
Rachel Resendiz	Everett Fain
Peggy Jane Smith	Dismissals
Ethel G. Willson	Annie McKeller
McLean	Wheeler
Cecil Wayne Mulkey	Gordon Stiles
Skellytown	
Adolph Novotny	
Birth	
To Mr. and Mrs. Mil-	

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.71	
Milo	4.76	
Com.	5.21	

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

Serfco	3.34	NC
Occidental	18 1/8	NC

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

Magellan	73.73	
Puntan	15.98	

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

Amoco	52 7/8	dn 3/8
Ames	103 5/8	NC
Cibor	52 3/4	dn 1/4
Cibor O&G	18 7/8	NC

Chevron	86 1/2	up 3/8
Coca-Cola	42 3/4	up 1/4
Diamond Sham	24 3/8	dn 1/4
Enron	30 1/4	up 1/8
Halliburton	29 3/4	up 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	22 7/8	up 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	37 7/8	dn 1/8
KNE	29	dn 1/4
Kerr McGee	46 7/8	dn 1/8
Limited	17 1/8	dn 1
Mapeo	59 5/8	dn 3/8
Maxus	5 1/4	up 1/8
McDonald's	58 3/8	up 1/2
Mobil	75 7/8	up 1/8
New Atmos	27 1/2	NC
Parker & Parsley	20 1/2	up 1/8
Phillips	28 3/8	dn 1/8
Phillips	57 1/8	up 1/4
SPS	30	dn 1/8
Tenneco	49 3/8	up 5/8
Texas	63	dn 3/8
Wal-Mart	28	up 1/8
Wal-Mart	376.75	dn 1/8
Silver	4.77	
West Texas Crude	14.98	

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Pampa retailers optimistic about holiday sales

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
 Staff Writer

With the official Christmas shopping season a week old, some of Pampa's retailers are expecting to do well this season.

The reason for this year's expected upswing in sales largely has to do with what some people see as a general improvement in the economy, both locally and nationally.

"I think the economy in the Pampa area is on the upswing, I think it's going great," said John Brennan, the general manager of Dunlaps. "I haven't heard a whole lot of bad news around town so I have a feeling it's going to be a good retail season for everyone here."

Brennan said he expects an increase in sales at the store from between six to 10 percent. In recent past years, he said, sales at the store around the holiday season had just been average.

Besides the economy, Brennan said he expects people to also respond well to recent changes in the store.

"We just remodeled the store

and people are responding tremendously to that," he said. "We've been showing increases pretty much every month since August, so we expect a strong Christmas season."

Wanda Talley, the property manager of the Pampa Mall, also said she expects a good holiday shopping season for the business in the mall.

"We've had a real good kickoff to the Christmas season right after the Thanksgiving weekend and we're real encouraged," she said.

One of the reasons Talley said she was encouraged was that consumers seem to be shopping earlier this season.

"I really can't pin it down, I just think people are shopping earlier this year than in years past (and) they're taking advantage of the savings our merchants are offering now," she said.

Throughout the rest of the holiday season, Talley said promotional activities, such as featuring Santa Claus for area children and sales by the merchants in the mall, will be used to help spur on consumers.

As for one of the largest retail

stores in Pampa, and one of the few in the areas that is part of a nationwide chain, J C Penney is expecting a less spectacular holiday season.

"Being optimistic, I think we'll come out with either a two percent gain or a two percent loss," said Armando Avila, the store manager of Pampa's J C Penney store.

Avila said the reason for his expectations is due to the holiday season being in the third week of the period and not the last week of the period like last year. However, he added, if it was not for the time of the month sales would have been "tremendous."

For the previous month, November, Avila said sales at the store are projected to be nearly 30 percent higher than last year.

As for the economy and people's attitudes toward it, consumers are slowly starting to come out of their shells, he said.

"I think that people are a little bit hesitant but I think they are letting go more. They're coming out and they know what they want to buy and I think they're not afraid of spending a little more."

Up With People cast seeking area host families

BORGER — The Up With People cast members coming to perform in Borger this weekend are still searching for host families for their stay.

Advance Team Member Suzanne M. Cashman says area residents are invited to serve as host families for the nearly 100 cast members.

The Up With People organization

is making arrangements to provide bus transportation for the cast members who might be staying with Pampa residents. Generally, host families in Pampa would be responsible only for transportation on Sunday and Tuesday, Cashman said.

Other area residents are also invited to serve as host families.

The performance will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Borger High School auditorium. The cast will remain in Borger Monday and then leave Tuesday.

For information, please contact the Advance Team at 1-273-5889 (work number) or 1-273-5310 (home).

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

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OUR CHRISTMAS trees are here, 4 foot to 16 foot. Pampa Lawnmower, 501 S. Cuyler, 665-8843. Adv.

CHRISTMAS AKC Chihuahua pups. 121 N. Starkweather. Adv.

EASY'S POP Shop — 12 inch meat and cheese tray \$11.95. 665-1719. Adv.

REDUCE BODY fat, reduce sugar craving, lower cholesterol, all natural supplement. Jerri Smith, 669-6623 after 6 p.m. Trial size available. Adv.

EASY'S POP Shop: Let us make your fruit and vegetable trays for your Holiday Parties. Adv.

RAGG NOOK will be open Saturday 1-3 p.m. 665-1651. Adv.

EASY'S POP Shop: 18 pack Bud and Bud light 12 oz. cans \$8.99. Adv.

ALL YOU can eat pancake breakfast. Saturday, December 4 and 18, 6 a.m.-12 noon. Top O Texas Lodge #1381, West Kentucky. Adv.

NEEDED AT Good Samaritan Christian Services: New or clean used blankets, pillows, sheets, spreads, towels, wash cloths. Please bring by 309 N. Ward 2-5:30 p.m. or call for pick up 665-0073. Adv.

REMEMBER FREEMAN'S Open House thru December 5, 8:30-5:30 daily, 410 E. Foster. Adv.

PAMPA MALL welcomes Just For Fun, opens Friday. Adv.

FOUND YOUNG male Boston Terrier, near High School, November 22. 665-2223. Adv.

ENTIRE STOCK of Dresses 1/3 off. Thursday, Friday and Saturday only. Bette's, 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

EASY'S IS featuring live Dinosaurs! Come rock n' roll with us Friday and Saturday night. \$4 admission. Adv.

WINTER CLEARANCE Sale, up to 75% Off. Personal Touch, 113 N. Cuyler. Adv.

THE PAMPA Civic Ballet presents The Nutcracker, December 4, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$4, students \$2. Adv.

BEAUTICONTROL COSMETICS Holiday Sale at Festival of Christmas Trees, M.K. Brown, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All products special prices 10 to 70% off. Lynn Allison. Adv.

VISIT SANTA at Pampa Mall, 11-6 Saturday. Adv.

BIG GARAGE Sale: Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4. West on 152 Highway, 800 feet West of Price Road, South side of highway. Adv.

NINTENDO GAMES for all ages. From Bible Buffet to Spiritual Warfare; The Gift Box Christian Bookstore, 117 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

CHRISTMAS PANTSETS for little girls and Mom's plus size too, at All Its Charm, 109 W. Francis. Adv.

WANTED: 100 Ladies to dance with 200 men at the City Limits, Friday and Saturday, Clyde Logg Band. 669-9171. Adv.

TUXEDO RENTAL Special, \$59.95. Wedding gowns, holiday wear 30% off. VJ's Fashions & Gifts, Pampa Mall. 669-6323. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, clear, with a low in the low 20s, northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, sunny and warmer, the high near 60. Thursday's high was 63; the overnight low was 36.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, clear. Lows from upper teens to mid 20s. Saturday, sunny and warmer. Highs in mid 50s to low 60s. Saturday night, clear. Lows in mid 20s to low 30s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 20s. Saturday, sunny and warmer. Highs in low 60s. Saturday night, clear. Lows in upper 20s to mid 30s.

North Texas — Tonight, evening showers central. Occasional showers and thunderstorms east, some possibly severe with heavy rainfall southeast. Decreasing cloudiness west and central late. Lows 33 west

to 51 east. Saturday, becoming mostly sunny and cool west and central. A chance of morning showers east, otherwise decreasing cloudiness. Highs 59 to 63. Saturday night, clear and cool. Lows 35 west to 45 east.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows upper 30s to low 40s Hill Country to near 50 south central. Saturday, decreasing cloudiness becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Saturday night, mostly clear and cold. Lows near 30 Hill Country to 30s south central. Coastal Bend: Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. Saturday, morning clouds with widely scattered showers. Partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 60s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight,

mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s to near 60. Saturday, morning clouds with widely scattered showers. Partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs near 70. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s inland to near 50 coast.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, fair. Low zero to 20 mountains and north with 20s to low 30s elsewhere. Saturday and Saturday night, fair skies. Warmer north and east with highs upper 30s to near 50 mountains and north to mostly 50s south. Lows: 5 to 25 mountains and north with mid 20s to mid 30s south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, a chance of rain early in north. A good chance of rain or thunderstorms south. Lows in low 30s north to around 40 south. Saturday, a slight chance of morning rain south then decreasing cloudiness. Fair to partly cloudy north. Highs in 50s.

Festival tree



Students at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, from front, Taylor Fatheree, Alisha Jones, Andrew Garner and Alyssa Kelsey, decorate their tree which will be displayed tonight at the Festival of Trees and Gift Boutique. The tree was donated to the day school by Watson's Feed and Garden Center for the students to decorate. The tree will be among those at the Festival of Trees to be "sold" for donations and then given to various families to enable them to have a more enjoyable Christmas season. (Pampa New photo by Darlene Holmes)

Former servants file lawsuit against Saudi Arabia over slavery

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawsuit has been filed against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and King Fahd by two former servants of the royal family who allege they were victims of an international conspiracy to recruit women into slavery.

In the lawsuit filed Wednesday, Josephine Alicag, 37, of the Philippines and Sriyani Marian Fernando, 35, of Sri Lanka, allege that the late Prince Saad Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud and his former wife, Princess Noora, forced them to work against their will.

The women alleged they were virtual slaves until they escaped from Houston's Ritz-Carlton Hotel in late 1991 while Prince Saad, who died in July, was in Houston for medical treatment.

The women remain in the Houston area, where they are awaiting a decision from an immigration judge on whether they will be

granted political asylum.

A similar lawsuit was filed by the women earlier this year.

Lawyer Jerry Payne, who filed the lawsuit, said the new lawsuit filed against the government of Saudi Arabia for various reasons.

One reason is that the estate of Prince Saad may not have assets in the United States to collect from, whereas the Saudi kingdom does.

Payne also said he wants to show in court that the Saudi government is involved and responsible for enslaving women through fraudulent recruitment of servants in Third World countries.

A spokesman for the Saudi embassy in Washington did not respond to a request from the *Houston Chronicle* to discuss the lawsuit, the newspaper reported today.

The first lawsuit, which is in District Judge

Geraldine Tennant's court, would continue with Princess Noora and the Ritz-Carlton remaining as defendants, Payne said. He said the lawsuits may eventually be consolidated.

The new lawsuit alleges that a system of slavery begins in Saudi Arabia when the government issues visas for the purpose of bringing women to Saudi Arabia under contract.

The lawsuit alleges that when the women arrive in Saudi Arabia, their passports and contracts are taken away and that they are treated like slaves.

"We intend to put on evidence of this international conspiracy to enslave women through fraudulent recruitment and to collect damages from those responsible," Payne said.

The lawsuit also alleges that while in Houston the women were mentally and physically abused, falsely imprisoned and denied medical treatment.

Toys for Tots program seeking donated toys, volunteers to help

The Toys for Tots program invites donation of toys in need of repair as well as toys not needing such repair work, said Tony Davis, co-manager of the program.

"Basically, we're going to repair any toy that's repairable," Davis said.

Area residents wishing to donate toys to the Toys for Tots campaign may call Davis or his wife, Melody Davis, co-manager of the program, at 665-3442 to arrange for pick-up

of donated items.

Otherwise, area residents may give toys to the program by placing them in a donation box at stores such as Country General Store, 2545 Perryton Parkway, and Food King Discount Foods supermarket at 1402 N. Hobart St.

The Toys for Tots program distributes toys during the Christmas season to needy children who are not being served by other charitable organizations in town.

Davis said he hopes that Toys for Tots will serve at least as many Pampa area children as the approximately 600 children who last Christmas season received toys through the program. Pampa residents have been "real gracious" so far this holiday season in donating generously toward the program, Davis said.

Families wishing to receive free gift items through the Toys for Tots program may obtain application

forms from the Pampa Learning Center, 212 W. Cook; the Texas Department of Health offices in the Hughes Building, Kingsmill and Somerville; Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward St.; and Texas Department of Human Resources offices, 1509 N. Banks, Davis said.

Volunteers are being sought to help sort out donated toys, clean and repair donated toys, wrap them, and distribute them to needy families, Davis said.

Magic show to be held Saturday as benefit for Jaws of Life Fund

SKELLYTOWN — The Skellytown Fire Department and the city's Emergency Medical Services will be sponsoring a magic show featuring a former Las Vegas entertainer in an effort to raise money for the purchase of equipment.

The show begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the Skellytown Elementary School gymnasium.

The featured entertainer Saturday evening will be Doug Basham and The Pink People in what is billed as the Wonder of Magic Show.

Basham is a multi-talented performer from Las Vegas who sings and plays music. He is also a stand-up comedian.

Pink People are costumes, props and animals, including doves, ducks, poodles and a pony, colored a brilliant shade of pink and used in Basham's act. The animals in the act are colored with a non-toxic pigment and are not harmed, according to Basham.

"The Wonder of Magic Show will not only mystify you, but it will make you laugh, it will get you involved and it will make you feel

good," Basham said in a press release. "When people leave, they not only feel that they have been totally baffled, but thoroughly entertained as well."

Some of the grand illusions in the performance will include Harry Houdini's metamorphosis, the suspended lady, the Hindu sword basket, the dissection of a lady into several pieces and the sawing of a member of the audience in half.

In addition, Basham's son, David, will be performing a juggling act.

A concession booth will be available for refreshments.

All proceeds from the show will go to the Jaws of Life Fund.

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Clean Pampa Inc. assisting recycling of Christmas cards

Clean Pampa Inc., in conjunction with the senior developmental class at Pampa High School, will be accepting Christmas cards through the holidays in an effort to promote recycling and raise funds for the students.

This is the second time the program has been offered to the residents of Pampa, said Pam Green, executive coordinator for Clean Pampa.

store, which is located next to the Pampa Mall.

Although the program recently began, Green said no specific date has been set by which time it will end. Cards will be collected for as long as people in the community are willing to donate them.

In addition to Christmas cards, Green said any other cards will also be accepted as long as they are constructed of a thick paper.

"They take the cards, they tear the fronts from the back, they trim the fronts so that they are no longer ragged and frayed, and glue them on to a new, blank card so they can be resold," Green said. "This is a fund-raising program for them."

Funds raised from the sale of the recycled cards will be used to send the students to the upcoming Special Olympics activities, Green said.

Containers for collected cards have been set up at Chicken Express, located at 2209 Perryton Parkway, and Homeland grocery

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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher
Publisher

David Bowser
Managing Editor

Texas Editorials

The Houston Chronicle on death of blues great Albert Collins:

He was known as "The Iceman," the "Houston Razorblade" and "Master of the Telecaster," but mostly he was known as one of the world's foremost blues guitarists, one to be studied, emulated and praised. He was Albert Collins. Collins, 61, died on Wednesday (Nov. 24) after a three-month bout with cancer.

He was born in Leona, Texas, but reared in Houston's Third Ward where he sharpened his razorblade style of playing in area nightclubs. His was not music for the weak of heart or the meek of spirit. Collins was part of the tradition that defined Texas blues guitarists. The names, like Collins', are memorable: Lightnin' Hopkins, T-Bone Walker, Clarence (Gatemouth) Brown, Freddie King, Johnny (Guitar) Watson and Johnny Copeland.

Playing the guitar with his fingers instead of a pick, Collins mixed a gumbo of music genres to create his own unique sound. He played with the proficiency of a skilled surgeon. It mattered little if his operating room was a rowdy, smoke-filled nightclub in the backwoods of Texas, or the stately Carnegie Hall. ...

One music critic said of Collins: "The tone Collins coaxed from his ever-present Fender Telecaster was a straight-razor up the spine, a cold chill, a sharp talking-to from an angry woman and a howl of torture. Other bluesmen played faster or louder, but NOBODY played funkier, nastier, and with more of a jaggedly brutal tone than Collins." ...

Wichita Falls Times Record News on vigilantism:

Everyone's so fed up with crime and how the system seems to twice victimize the victims that it almost makes you want to cheer when you see someone like Arthur Boone pull out his .44 Magnum and blow away a couple of punks who were trying to rob him. ...

Remember Boone? He's the New Yorker who was walking home late one night when two muggers tried to rob him. He pulled his gun and shot them both. ...

Clearly, we could all carry guns to and from the supermarket or the schoolhouse or the basketball game.

But two questions arise:

Would that make the world (or New York or Wichita Falls) a safer place? Of course, we can only know that in the abstract. We could even argue that it couldn't hurt.

Would that make the world a better place?

That question is the more troubling of the two because it addresses a certain moral quality missing from the first question. ...

And that moral quality is what is precisely addressed in the totality of the Constitution as a social contract. If some of us break the social contract, we do so at our own peril. But if all of us break it, it is to the peril of civilized society, which must and does transcend our own individual interests in it.

Should we all go and do as Arthur Boone has done?

We don't think so. Vigilantism has no place in a society that values the rule of law.

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How does he handle libel?



William F. Buckley Jr.

Some weeks ago a correspondent wrote to me to say, "I never met you, but I had formed certain opinions of you, and I was certainly surprised to read in the paper that you had made a scene when spending the night at a New Haven hotel, lost your computer, and then got mixed up when speaking at Bryn Mawr."

I replied that the newspaper reporter must have been mixed up because: (a) In my entire life I have never spent a night at a New Haven hotel; (b) my laptop computer is secure, and hasn't been lost; and (c) Bryn Mawr has the distinction of being perhaps the only college in the United States at which I haven't spoken.

So much for that correspondent. But then, one after another, the clips started coming in, day after day, from newspapers all over the country. They all said the same thing, in one or another version of their people column:

"William F. Buckley Jr., conservative columnist: During a visit to Yale he reportedly ran up a \$500 hotel bill — and left behind his laptop computer. While speaking at another school, he repeatedly referred to his host college as Bryn Mawr, when he was speaking at Sarah Lawrence."

The item appeared under various names and rubrics, including, in one paper, "Pop Follies." I wrote to one columnist and asked where she had got the item, but did not hear back.

And then someone sent me a copy of the pro-creative piece. It reads, in its entirety, as follows:

"Conservative blowhole William F. Buckley Jr. made Yale history when he ran up a bill in excess of \$500 at a New Haven hotel, at one point bellowing, 'Waiter, bring me a bottle of wine before I pass out.' Though he did not, in fact, lose consciousness, he did become drunk enough to leave his laptop computer behind in the restaurant. It may also have been his famed conviviality that caused Buck-

ley to repeatedly refer to his host college as Bryn Mawr when he was speaking at Sarah Lawrence."

It has been an instructive experience.

The procreative libel was published in a slick, unfunny monthly that amuses itself and a sickly clientele by sheer fabrications. In the account above, the editors might at least have troubled to situate me at a college where I have recently spoken, which doesn't include Yale. But if you're in the business of extemporizing libel, what does it matter?

Here, for the benefit of those who are curious about such things, is the bearing of the libel laws in such matters.

As a "public figure," I cannot sue the magazine unless I am in a position to prove "actual malice." This is defined as demonstrating that the person who wrote the libel had every reason to know that it was not true when he wrote it.

So far, no problem, inasmuch as the author simply made up every feature of the story.

So then, having established that he had indeed trafficked in actual malice, the time comes to access the "damages." Actual damages have to be measured concretely. If an editor who publishes this column had written to say, "Given that you behave so disgracefully in public places, we do not wish any further association with you and are therefore drop-

ping your contract," that letter, presented to a jury, would qualify the plaintiff for damages.

But if the letter came in from a single source, the jury would probably levy damages not much in excess of a year or two's income from the column published in a single paper, which alas isn't quite enough to build you a castle in Spain where you can cackle about how you hit back at the little bugger who amuses himself by writing squalid lies.

Then there is something called "exemplary damages." If the jury thought that the editor who wrote the item, and the magazine that published it, should be punished for their utter indifference to matter of truth and falsehood, then you might get an impressive judgment. Many years ago the writer Quentin Reynolds sued the columnist Westbrook Pegler in a famous case. Reynolds couldn't prove that he had suffered any actual damage but the jury ruled that Pegler did not have the data to back up his charges that they were irresponsible and malicious, and awarded Reynolds \$100,000, which was at the time the largest exemplary damage that had ever been awarded.

But by the time you reach that point, and are there in the courtroom panting, hoping that the jury will hand down a resounding money-rebuke against the tortfeasor, you have probably spent well over \$100,000. Because that is what lawyers cost by the time you have gone through what they call "discovery." Even though I would be in a position to deny every factual statement made, the deposition process can be made to stretch on for days. As also the trial.

The quick answer is: A public figure shouldn't sue unless he can prove the offender's libel cost him his marriage, the loyalty of his children, and the ambassadorship to the Court of St. James's.

Which leaves us with one simple question: Why do so many people columnists reprint garbage?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1993. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 3, 1967, a team of surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, headed by Dr. Christian Barnard, performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.

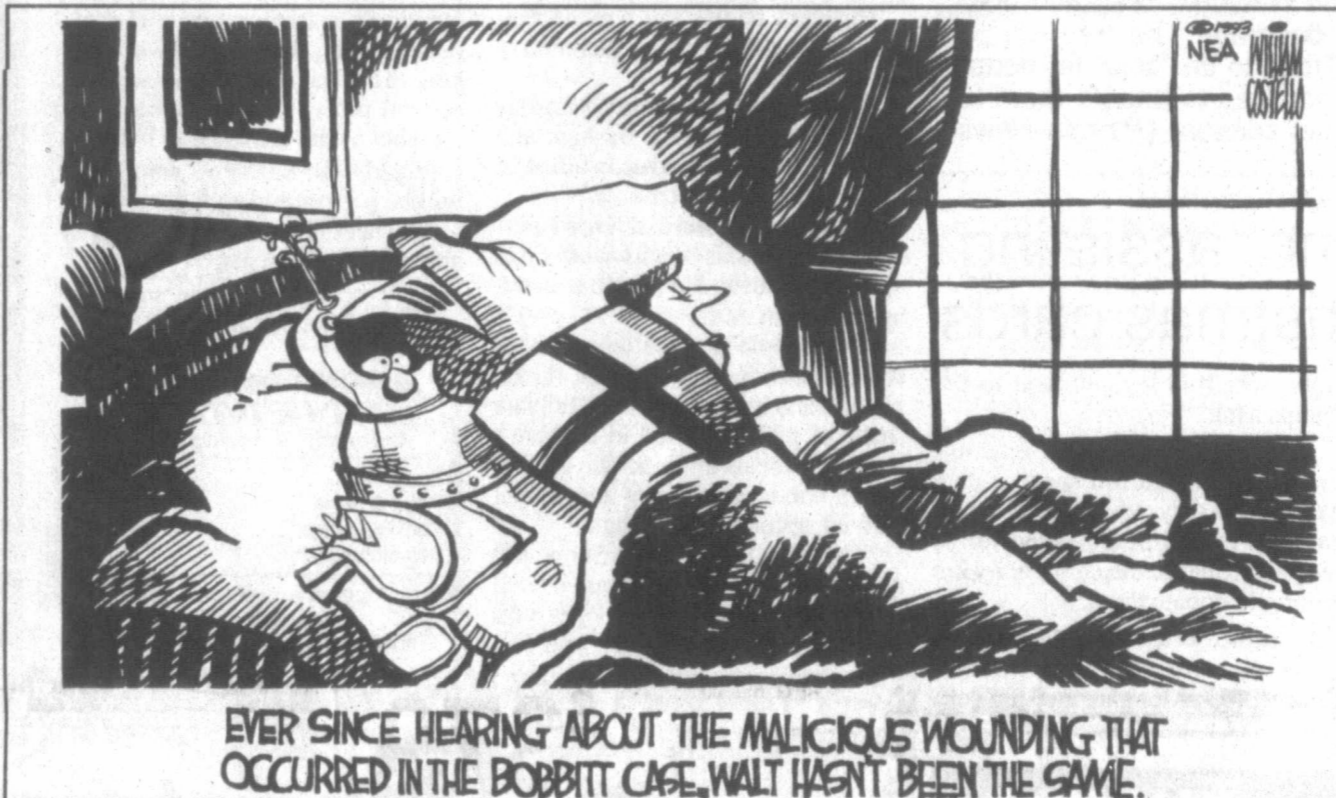
On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.

In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio, the first truly coeducational school of higher learning in the United States, opened its doors.

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play *A Streetcar Named Desire* opened on Broadway.



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In the ever-increasing intrusion of federal government into your private life, next comes "medicine by government."

The President Clinton's Health Security Act, like most promises of something for nothing, sounds good.

Congress must approve it before it becomes law. Surely Congress, representing us, will look out for our interests.

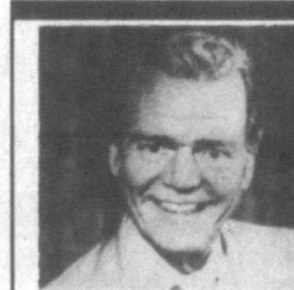
Maybe you'd better sit down for this: Congress does not live by the laws which it imposes on us.

Congress specifically exempts itself when it passes these laws that are supposed to be "good for us."

- The Civil Rights Act ...
- The Age Discrimination in Employment Act ...
- The Americans with Disabilities Act ...
- The National Labor Relations Act ...
- The Occupational Safety and Health Act ...
- The Equal Pay Act ...
- The Family and Medical Leave Act ...
- The Social Security Act ...

Congress imposed all these laws on you but none of these laws on itself.

And now the Health Security Act?



Paul Harvey

Congress, federal employees, retirees and their dependents will NOT be involved; they will continue to be covered BY YOU through their Federal Employee Health Benefits Program.

The watchdog Heritage Foundation is daring to challenge the Congress, to demand that the members of Congress should be required to obey the laws they impose on the rest of us.

Unlike private citizens, a member of Congress can in fact discriminate in hiring on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

Congress has mandated expansive alterations which businesses must pay for in order to accommodate Americans with disabilities — also expensive

safety procedures — yet Congress has no idea what these laws cost because Congress does not live under them.

Rep. John Boehner once invited a team from the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) to inspect his office.

He discovered that if OSHA ruled Congress covered Congress, his own office would be fined \$1,500 for each workplace hazard — including carpets with ragged edges and such.

He and colleagues then requested a General Accounting Office audit of congressional offices and discovered 140 violations, which would total a million dollars in fines.

James Madison wrote in *Federalist No. 57*: "Member of Congress can make no law which will not have its full operation on themselves and their friends ..."

Thomas Jefferson, in his *Manual of Parliamentary Practice*, says, "The laws should bind equally on all, and especially on those who make them."

But Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell concedes, "Not a single senator believes that; not a single senator wants it."

And yet members of Congress cannot understand why they are held in such low public esteem.

Special prosecutor will have new targets

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

Ron Brown, over his alleged, and denied, dealings with Vietnamese interests. That's still an option, but since the law expired it is not required.

The independent counsel law had been extended twice before, in five-year installments, both signed by President Ronald Reagan against the advice of his Justice Department, which wanted it vetoed. It dates from Jimmy Carter's administration; his attorney general didn't like it either and later told the Supreme Court it should be overturned on constitutional grounds.

President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno both support the renewal that easily cleared the Senate despite lingering GOP dissent, and awaits action in the Democratic House after Congress reconvenes.

The independent counsel law was prompted by Watergate, and designed to avoid the apparent conflict that arises when officials appointed by a president must investigate and perhaps prosecute other officials appointed by the same president.

It has been invoked 13 times since it was first enacted in 1978, only twice against Democratic officials. Both were Carter aides investigated for alleged drug use; neither was prosecuted.

Eight of the special counsel cases ended with no indictments, and one is still pending. In the other four, there were convictions by trial or guilty plea.

In an era of political cynicism and mistrust in government, sponsors of the measure say it bolsters pub-

lic confidence by showing that there is no preferential treatment for federal officials accused of wrongdoing.

Indeed, critics argue that they get the opposite, facing a prosecutor freed of the pressures of cost, time and other cases that affect routine cases. "How frightening it must be to have your own independent counsel and staff appointed, with nothing else to do but to investigate you," wrote Justice Antonin Scalia, the one dissenter when the Supreme Court upheld the law in 1988.

The new Senate bill would impose cost limits. It also provides for interim review of special counsel cases. The system would apply to about 75 federal officials, triggering an investigation when there is credible and specific information about alleged wrongdoing. Unless the attorney general ruled after a preliminary inquiry that there were no reasonable grounds to proceed, a panel of three federal judges then would appoint an independent prosecutor.

The case would be subject to review within two years or \$2 million, whichever comes first, and then annually. That stems from the seven-year Iran-Contra case, which ran up costs estimated at \$35 million to \$40 million. A still-unreleased final report from independent counsel Lawrence Walsh accuses the Bush administration of a cover-up.

Dole said after watching Walsh he was skeptical of any bill to renew the law, even though it will beat on Democrats now. He said people ought to have confidence in the attorney general to conduct criminal investigations independently and without political intrusion.

Perhaps so, but that leaves the problem of self-investigation. "Not only must justice be done," said Cohen, "it must appear to be done."

Vietnam, Laos joining U.S. in MIAs search

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The target: the Ho Chi Minh Trail. During the war, hundreds of U.S. planes attacked this supply route, the lifeblood of North Vietnam's campaign against the United States. Hundreds of American pilots were lost. Nearly 20 years after the end of the war, Vietnam and Laos joined their one-time foe to search for some of those missing pilots in an unprecedented 18-day operation launched today. President Clinton encouraged such cooperation when he made the recovery of MIAs a condition for establishing normal relations with Vietnam. The United States lists 2,248 Americans still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia: 1,648 in Vietnam, 514 in Laos, 78 in Cambodia and 8 in China. U.S. officials have said it is unlikely there will ever be a full accounting because so much time has passed and many of the airmen went down over water or in mountains.

The investigation by nearly 50 American specialists and their Vietnamese and Lao counterparts will include some of the 62 so-called discrepancy cases. In these, the crew was last known alive and in imminent danger of being captured.

Maj. Roger Overturf, a spokesman for the Joint Task Force Full Accounting at Camp Smith, Hawaii, said the operation was significant because of the large number of missing in the area.

"That's why we needed a trilateral operation," said Overturf. "We have cases where we believe the actual site of the loss occurred in Laos but those areas were under the control of Vietnamese forces."

"And even over the last 20 years, there have been some shifts back and forth as to the precise location of the border between Laos and Vietnam."

The operation required approval by all three governments, whose representatives met in Hanoi on Nov. 11 to work out the details. Lt. Col. John C. Cray, of Tacoma, Wash., commander of the search team, said the cooperation was hard to obtain in the past.

A large percentage of the airmen were downed in an area 100 miles north of what was the Demilitarized Zone that divided the North and South at the 17th parallel; 100 miles south of the DMZ; and 100 miles west of the DMZ.

Some U.S. warplanes went down over northern Laos along the border while either en route to or returning from bombing missions over North Vietnam.

Other losses occurred during the secret war against Laos in the 1960s when the United States would not publicly acknowledge the air strikes in that country for political reasons.

The Ho Chi Minh Trail, a maze of dirt roads and river crossings, stretched at least 30 miles wide across North Vietnam and Laos and reached southward 200 to 300 miles into South Vietnam and Cambodia.

As many as 75,000 people were estimated to have been working on the network, including a coolie force of Laotian tribesmen and villagers.

For a time, most of the American air power in Southeast Asia was concentrated on the trail against a North Vietnamese fleet of trucks estimated to number 5,000. Between 300 and 400 Air Force, Navy and Marine combat aircraft flew missions over the trail daily.

Wal-Mart manager killed by customer

POWAY, Calif. (AP) — A customer fatally shot the manager of a Wal-Mart store after arguing with a salesperson over a gun, authorities said.

The shooter was apparently disgruntled with a store policy that bars salespeople from removing the trigger-lock from firearms, said Sheriff's Department spokesman Gary Cantrell.

The manager, 46-year-old Bill Rainy, died several hours after he was shot in the chest Thursday, a spokeswoman at Palomar Medical Center in Escondido said.

Another customer, Jim De Angelo, said he was nearby when a man asked a clerk to show him a .45-caliber handgun. The man asked the clerk to remove the gun's trigger lock so he could get a better feel for the weapon, he said.

When the clerk refused, citing store policy, the man began arguing and a few minutes later, Rainy appeared, De Angelo said.

He escorted the man to the parking lot, where he was shot, police said.

Clinton tries to cool North Korea confrontation over nuclear weapons

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is trying to defuse tensions with North Korea over its nuclear program, saying there's "no cause for any great alarm" even though the Pentagon is drafting options that include a military buildup.

"I still think there's a chance that we can put (North Korea) in a position where they can crawl back off this ledge they are on, and I certainly hope they will," Clinton said.

Saying he did not want to raise the threat of military confrontation, Clinton said Pentagon planners nonetheless were considering all possible options, "thinking about every conceivable thing that could happen, bad and good."

He added: "There is no cause for any great alarm on the part of the American people or the North Koreans, for that matter."

The president made his remarks in interviews with U.S. News & World Report magazine and NBC News.

A senior Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said preparing a list of possible steps to strengthen U.S. troops in the area is part of "prudent planning" being undertaken by the military.

The crisis with North Korea stems from the Pyongyang government's resistance to Western demands to inspect its nuclear facilities. The CIA believes North Korea could have enough nuclear material for one or two weapons, although the North Koreans deny having any nuclear weapons program.

The Washington Post reported today that a new U.S. intelligence analysis has forecast that the administration will fail to get North Korea's approval for inspections of its most sensitive nuclear-related facilities and thus may never determine how much bomb-grade plutonium North Korea has made.

An administration official acknowledged to The Associated Press that the United States "will never know how much plutonium they've got." Yet, the administration is pursuing an inspection regime to get North Korea to stop its nuclear weapons program and sign

on to a non-nuclear future, the official said, speaking only on condition of anonymity. Clinton is concerned that the highly unpredictable North Korean regime would be even more dangerous with a nuclear weapon. He also fears that if North Korea gets the bomb, South Korea and possibly Japan could follow suit.

The United States is trying to persuade North Korea to allow limited inspections in return for talks that could lead to cancellation of a major military exercises in South Korea, financial assistance and eventual diplomatic recognition.

So far, North Korea has not responded except to warn that Western pressure "will produce a very dangerous consequence." It said North Korea was ready for war or sanctions.

Clinton, in one interview, said, "I'm doing what I can now to defuse this crisis and to give the North Koreans a way to join the community of nations and to enter a dialogue with the South. It's what's best for them and let's just see what happens. But I wouldn't rule (a military buildup) out."

Pentagon sources said the planning update

under way is "strictly preparatory" and would be put into action only if the tensions over North Korea's nuclear program escalated. Clinton went out of his way to reduce tensions.

"When a president says there are options I am considering ... the inference is that you are about to take some action. I don't want to raise that red flag," Clinton said.

White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers called the matter of North Korea's refusal to allow international inspections of its nuclear sites "a serious situation."

Clinton "wants North Korea to know we take this very seriously and we expect them to live up to their obligations," Myers said.

But she emphasized the long-term nature of the Pentagon military review, saying "it's been an incremental process."

A Pentagon spokesman said no forces were on the move.

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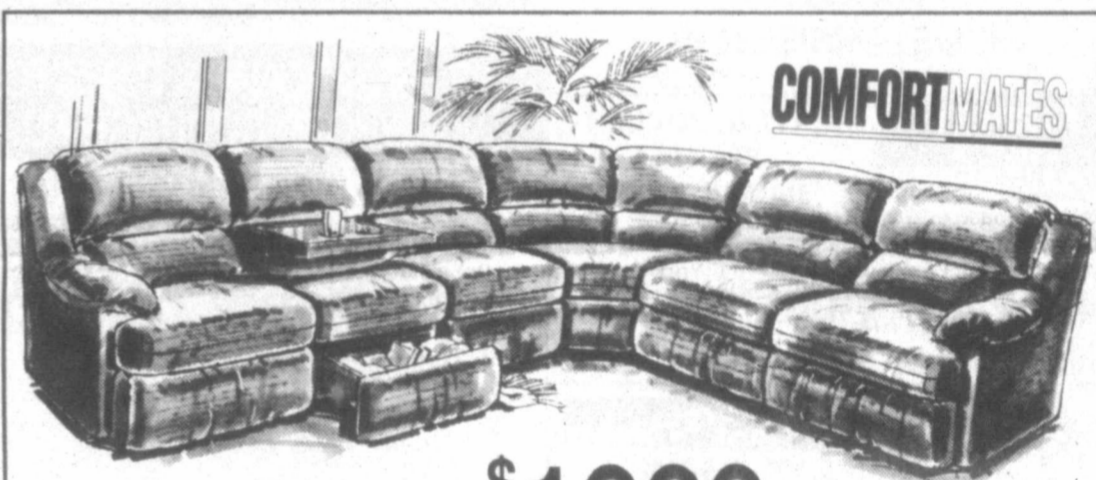
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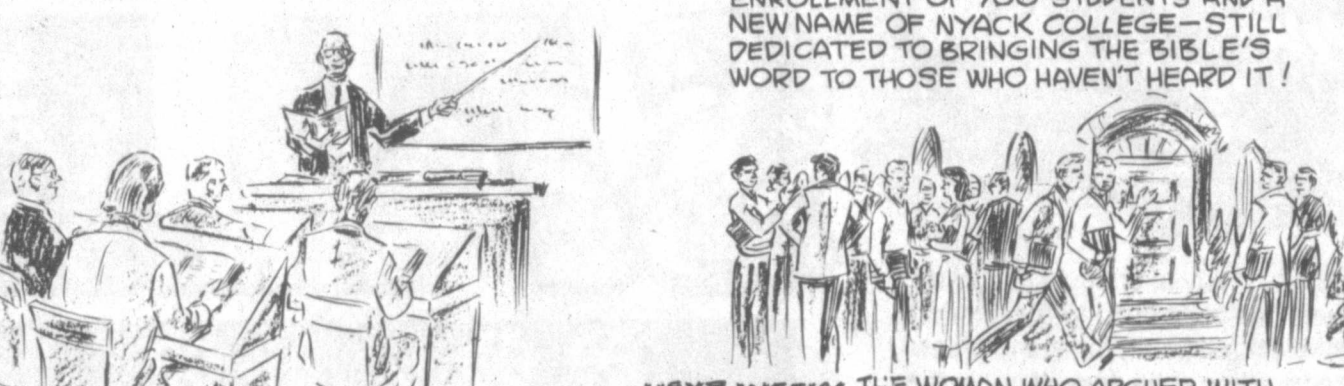
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Religion

Agency helps order reshape image

By TERRY KINNEY
Associated Press Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — Movies have perpetuated a mistaken and unworldly image of nuns for too long, say Ursuline sisters who are launching an ad campaign to set the record straight.

"So much of the media is still imaging us as we were in the '40s and '50s — the garb, being behind the wall, not in touch with the world," said Sister Jacquelyn Herpy, membership and vocation director at the Ursuline motherhouse in Youngstown, Ohio.

Sister Herpy, 46, said she had a pretty clear idea of what being a nun was all about because she was a life-guard at a camp run by Ursulines before she joined the order.

"I perceived them as very human beings. I think most people have a different image," she said.

To change that, Ursulines in the United States and Canada are working with a Cincinnati ad agency on a series of public service advertisements that will be available to radio stations and newspapers beginning early next year.

"The perception of nuns as very strict, unworldly, black-robed teachers lacking in personality is plain wrong," said Jeffrey Tolvin, vice president of media relations for the New York-based Young & Rubicam Inc., which has an office in Cincinnati.

"They asked us to help communicate who they are today — educators, social workers, health care professionals and administrators who attend movies, take classes and dress in contemporary garb."

The agency charged the order nothing to develop the \$70,000 campaign.

Ursulines are among religious orders having trouble attracting new members.

Twenty-five years ago there were 176,341 nuns in the United States, and their median age was 46; there now are 99,337 and their median age is 65.

"A lot of communities are concerned about their image. We just happen to be taking the lead," said Sister Maureen McCarthy, general superior of the Ursuline motherhouse in Pepper Pike, Ohio, which operates Ursuline College.



(AP Photo) Sister Anne Maureen Maher sits in a courtyard at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, where she works one day a week. Maher is an Ursuline nun taking part in a public service ad campaign to change the stereotyped image of nuns.

"What I'd like to see is a switch from the stereotype of women who are hidden out of the way to dynamic women who are in touch, who have something to contribute."

Sister Herpy said the main purpose of the ads isn't to fill the ranks.

"The project wasn't done for the key purpose of recruiting," she said. "It was done for the key purpose of

stating who we are as women today."

Not that the order wouldn't welcome new members.

"It would be wonderful if people showed interest and wanted to come to our community. But mostly we want to get the stereotyping of nuns changed," said Sister Anne Maureen Maher, superior. The title

"mother superior" has been phased out of many motherhouses.

She hopes the ads show Catholic women that life in a religious community is worth considering.

"I think some people are turned off to it because they don't see it for what it is," she said. "We're normal human beings. We don't pray 24 hours a day, but we do take praying seriously."

The Order of St. Ursula was founded in 1535 in Brescia, Italy, by Angela Merici. The first bishop of Cincinnati asked the order to establish a colony in Ohio in 1845 to open a school for girls.

That group still operates Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati and Chatfield College in St. Martin, Ohio.

One of the print ads shows Sister Margaret Scheetz doing carpentry work at a shelter for homeless women with children.

In another, Sister Pam Mueller, a speech pathologist, is at a Kentucky farm, holding a child whose hearing loss caused developmental problems.

A third shows Sister Michael Marie with kids at a Cleveland inner-city youth center.

"On Mondays, I have night class; I'm working on my master's degree," says the voice on the radio ad. "Wednesdays I get together with friends to see a movie. ... I guess people are surprised when they find out I'm a nun."

Sister McCarthy, who joined the order in 1955, said she has seen change in the order's way of life.

"It used to be a very structured schedule. Today, variety is the word," she said. "There was no social life, except to go home to visit our families. Today, we go to plays, sporting events, all kinds of things."

Sister Susan Durkin, 30, is one of the newest members of the Pepper Pike motherhouse. She has not yet taken permanent vows but recommends the sisterhood to other women "without reservation."

"Being a woman and looking at what my peers are doing, I feel I'm so much more empowered," she said.

"The friendship and support and love and care of people I live with are the most important things. I don't feel like I really gave up anything."

(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)



Women of First Christian Church decorate the sanctuary in preparation for Hanging of the Green Sunday.

Christmas festivities open at First Christian Church

The 16th annual Hanging of the Green is the second service of the Advent season at the 10:50 a.m. Sunday at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson.

Green wreaths will be hung on the columns by families of the church. The older children will hang garlands and the young children of the church will bring in poinsettias and place bows on the pews. The youth range from the ages of three and 18. More than 60 poinsettias will be placed on the chancel which been given in memory of past members of the church who are deceased.

Dr. John T. Tate, senior minister, will deliver the message and lead the worship service. All youth are under the direction of youth minister, Suzanne Rolan. The chancel 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.

This year's director is JoAnn Shackelford assisted by Sally Stringer.

A highlight of the worship service is the lighting of the Christmas Tree with ornaments handmade by the women of the church through the Christian Women's Fellowship with Margaret Washington as president.

The church is planning a live nativity scene on 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 19 and Dec. 20.

The annual Christmas Eve candlelight worship and lighting of an Advent candle is set for 6 p.m. Dec. 24. Tate is also in charge of this service.

The public is invited to all services of First Christian Church.

Hobart Baptist presents "Ye Olde Christmas Village"

Hobart Baptist Church will present "Ye Olde Christmas Village" 6-9 p.m. Dec. 11 at Hobart Baptist Square, 1100 W. Crawford.

A quilt is to be given away to a nonchurch member who fills out a card. The drawing is set for 8:55 p.m. and the winner need not be present to win.

All proceeds from the sale of craft items will be given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall for all Village visitors.

Shoppes open for browsing include: Ye Live Nativity; Ye Old Santa Shoppe offering photos with Santa (donations accepted); Ye Olde Bakery Shoppe; Ye Olde Craft and Christmas Shoppe with trees and decorations, craft items for display and sale; and Ye Younger Craft Shoppe, a place for younger children to make decorations to take home.

Religion roundup

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A decline in giving to Protestant churches may lead to the closure of the national offices of congregations within 55 years, a new study suggests.

From 1968 to 1991, church members reduced by one-third the percentage of personal income given to denominational headquarters and other causes outside local church walls, a study by the Lilly Endowment Inc. of Indianapolis found.

The end for Protestant church hierarchies could come in 2048 if denominational leaders fail to reverse the decline, said Sylvia Ronswalle, who helped conduct the study for Empty Tomb Inc., a Christian research and service organization in Champaign, Ill.

"Unaltered, this trend could mean the end of national church structures as we know them," she said. "We don't want that to happen, but we do want to sound the alarm and make people aware of the consequences if we stay on this course."

Her findings are based on financial reports 28 denominations filed with the Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches.

The study found that giving as a percentage of personal income for those denominations was less in 1991 than in 1933 during the height

of the Depression. From 1968 to 1991, the percentage dropped from 0.65 percent to 0.44 percent.

Despite church, public support for execution increases

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Most of the nation's larger religious institutions oppose the death penalty, but most Americans support it. And they do so by a strong, growing majority as the pace of executions increases.

In this case as in others, there's a big gap between positions of religious bodies and attitudes of members, even though people say in polls they highly respect religious leaders.

"It's ironic, but not unusual," said Dean Kelley, church-state specialist for the National Council of Churches. "There's a great deal of slippage between what churches teach and what members think."

The rank and file often aren't aware their views conflict with denominational positions, he said in an interview. Yet whatever the denomination, he said its teachings often are not matched in people's stances.

It's the common, old rift between pronouncement and practice, now accented in capital punishment. Also involved is another odd combination: As executions increase, moving toward a record this year, so do murders. So does public support for executions.

Gallup surveys indicate that 76 percent of Americans now favor the death penalty, a level of support that

has risen steeply — from 49 percent in 1956 and 42 percent in 1966.

Only one large denomination, the conservative Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has formally declared support for capital punishment, terming it "in accord with Holy Scriptures."

But executions are condemned by the larger Lutheran body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, along with other major denominations — Roman Catholicism, United Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian (U.S.A.) churches.

Other large bodies, American Baptists, United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples) also oppose capital punishment, as do all major Jewish branches and the Protestant-Orthodox National Council.

It says executions add to "brutalization of society," downgrade the "divine worth of life," sometimes kill the innocent, are not shown to deter crime and frustrate seeking redemption of wrongdoers.

However, Mormons and the largest Protestant body, Southern Baptists, have not taken a definite

position on the death penalty. But shift toward support is indicated by Southern Baptists' new conservative leadership.

In 1988, Southern Baptist leaders withdrew an educational pamphlet urging abolition of capital punishment as "contrary to the spirit and teachings of Christ."

The Rev. Richard D. Land, head of the denomination's social-concerns agency, said a replacement pamphlet says the Bible affirms capital punishment as an option of civil magistrates.

He said he thinks "Southern Baptists overwhelmingly support capital punishment" in a higher proportion than the increasing national support.

There have been 223 executions in the country since the Supreme Court in 1976 authorized resumption of capital punishment after a nine-year moratorium.

Since then, the annual toll of executions — which averaged about a dozen a year until last year — has risen steeply, hitting 31 last year and rising to 35 as of this Nov. 10.

However, it's still far from the average 100 executions annually in the years before the moratorium.

A total of 3,859 people were executed in this country between 1930 through 1967, but the rate had tapered off only to two that year when the moratorium was declared. There now are 2,500 inmates on death row.

During the moratorium, many church leaders felt the United States was moving toward abolishing capital punishment as has been done in all other industrial states, which have lower crime rates.

But since resumption of executions, public sentiment for them has steadily increased, reaching 66 percent in 1981, and climbing to its current 76 percent, the highest level ever recorded.

People are "distressed at increased crime and think the answer is more severe punishment," Kelley said. "However, most crimes bringing the death penalty are crimes of passion or impulse that don't involve rational weighing of consequences."

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War heating up between skiers and snowboarders over ski slope routes

By ROBERT WELLER
Associated Press Writer

SNOWMASS, Colo. (AP) — There haven't been any slide-by shootings, but the snow war between skiers and snowboarders is heating up.

Long the preserve of people of middle and high incomes, ski slopes face an onslaught of urban youth who strap both feet, one in front of the other, on a sort of giant, wheel-less skateboard.

Some resorts, stung by complaints of profanity and gang-like menacing of skiers, bar "shredders" from certain trails. Some, including Snowmass, have built special snowboard parks.

Many resorts also offer halfpipes, a U-shaped cut in the snow, for snowboarders. The cuts resemble city drainage ditches where skateboarders roll up the sides to fly into the air.

Copper Mountain, one of four Summit County resorts within an hour's drive of Denver, sent its ski patrol to a seminar on dealing with rebellious urban youngsters.

Jimi Scott, 25, International Snowboarding Federa-

tion overall world halfpipe champion, said he left Summit County after "they started bringing up their city attitudes. They paint-gunned my truck when I tried to get them to follow the rules."

Snowboarders may be digging a trench, to use a phrase popular in the sport, from which they cannot escape, Scott said.

"It's bad right now. I hate it. The problem is the resorts near urban areas," said Scott, who designed the Snowmass snowboard park.

Last spring snowboarders surrounded Chuck Tolton, Copper Mountain ski patrol director, hurling insults and retreating only when he threatened to call the sheriff.

Copper Mountain spokeswoman Kristen Kopplin said the resort blames much of the problem on a \$150 pass sold to students last year, which attracted many youngsters with no ski experience. The pass isn't offered this year.

At Beaver Creek, skiers apparently angered by snowboarders bouncing off trees booby-trapped on some popular snowboarder runs with barb wire. The wire was quickly removed.

The Boulder, Colo., based National Skier Opinion

Survey, which polls skiers, found 41 percent of all skiers were nervous about snowboarders.

"Everybody hates them. They have pretty colorful language. They do a thing call sliding, knocking all the bark off the trees. And they argue longer than right-to-lifers," said Betsy Pratt, owner of Mad River Glen ski area in Vermont.

The most serious problem is "pack riding." Groups of riders noisily swoop past skiers, tail-to-tip, "scaring the hell out of beginning skiers," said John Loomis, Snowbird, Utah, vice president for mountain operations.

Pratt believes Vermont's skier day numbers have declined because skiers are turned off by the snowboarders, referred to by some as "human avalanche control."

"We had a good example this week, a kid with green hair, pierced nose and a sticker with obscenities plastered on his board," said Loomis.

Loomis said resort officials took the young man aside, explained the rules and offered to give back the \$1,200 he paid for a season pass.

The snowboarder "turned out to be a nice kid,"

Loomis said. "We've got to remember that we have barriers thrown up between us. I'm 45, and they're not interested in talking to me. I have a hard time talking to my own kids."

You'd have to understand the lingo to talk to these kids: words like "rad" and "stoked." The newest word for crashing in a halfpipe is "Buttafuocoed."

The dilemma for some ski areas is that they need the money from the 1.2 million snowboarders who have taken up the decade-old sport. The skier market began declining five years ago.

Nationally snowboarders make up about 11 percent of people on the slopes. But at some areas, such as Bear Mountain, it averages 20 percent to 25 percent.

John Reveal, Aspen Skiing Co. vice president for operations, said the number of people taking snowboard lessons at Snowmass doubled last year.

And the snowboarder profile is changing.

A recent survey found the average snowboarder was 20.8 years old, a single male who rode 15 days last year — almost three times the number of days logged by the average skier.

St. Vincent fund raiser



Father Joe Bixenman draws the winning ticket in a diamond pendant give-away as D. Martinez, left; Bert Resendiz, holding the jar; and Connie Martinez look on. The prize, a \$2,300 diamond pendant donated by Martinez at Goldcraft Jewelry, was won by Susie Spoonemore of Pampa. The drawing was part of a fund raiser to buy instruments for the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church's high school youth ministry. (Pampa News photo)

Adult tanning salons offering more than sun

AUSTIN (AP) — The latest adult business to hit Texas may be offering more skin than sun, authorities say.

In Austin and cities across Texas, the newest twist in erotic entertainment is the adult tanning salon — a back-room business where naked women dance in small, private quarters.

Despite the salons' names, however, the tanning beds are rarely used, police say.

"There is no tan to it. Some don't even have the booths plugged in," senior Austin police sergeant Jack Kelley told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

"They are there for an explicit sexual show," he said.

Adult tanning salons are relatively new. They are patterned after established, nonsexual tanning businesses to gain respectability, Kelley said.

The first of five exotic tanning salons arrived in Austin about 18 months ago. Because exotic tanning salons are comparatively new, they are not mentioned in zoning codes regulating adult businesses, Austin zoning inspector Jesse Washington said.

That means police must determine whether the salons fall within the city's definition of an adult business before city officials can examine possible zoning violations, Washington said.

Undercover vice officers — who periodically visit adult businesses to check for evidence of prostitution or other criminal activity — can vouch for what goes on inside, Kelley said.

"We have not made any arrest out of tanning salons for illegal activities," he said. "But these are without a doubt sexually oriented businesses."

One model at an Austin adult tanning salon told the *American-Statesman* clients are encouraged to get undressed and to enjoy themselves.

one should wait until more outbreaks occur.

"There is still an opportunity for people to get vaccinated before they're exposed to the virus," Ms. Arden said. "It can't hurt."

The three states that reported outbreaks of the Beijing flu through Nov. 23 were Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. The illness spread through several schools in the three states, causing up to 45 percent of students in those schools to be absent, the CDC said.

The 14 states that reported sporadic cases were Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas and West Virginia.

Harsh flu strain hitting early in U.S. and Europe

By JOAN KIRCHNER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The harsh Beijing flu already has made an appearance this year in 17 states and in Europe, even though the season for fevers and aches has barely begun, federal health officials said Thursday.

"When the predominant strain is the Beijing, a lot of the population tends to be susceptible," said Nancy Arden, chief of influenza epidemiology for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Things seem to be happening a little bit earlier than usual this season."

Through late November, health officials in three states had reported Beijing flu outbreaks — widespread flu activity in heavily populated areas — while 14 other states reported sporadic cases.

In Europe, outbreaks of the Beijing flu occurred as early as October in England, Scotland and Finland, the CDC said.

"Their season (in Europe) was unusually early," Ms. Arden said. "In October, they were seeing what we were seeing in November."

The flu season typically begins in November, and outbreaks usually don't occur until December

or January. This season got off to a surprise start when Louisiana reported outbreaks of the Beijing flu in August in a nursing home and on a dredging barge.

"It's hard to say when we might see a peak of activity. It remains very hard to predict," Ms. Arden said. "There are some years when we have an early start to the season, we'll have an early end. But that's not the case every time."

Last year's flu season was dominated by the Type B flu strain, which is mild and typically hits children and young adults.

Type A flu, which caused an epidemic in the United States in 1991 and crept into the end of last year's flu season, is the harshest and is often deadly to the elderly and very young children. Beijing is the worst strain of Type A flu.

"It's the one that is most often associated with the highest mortality during the influenza season," Ms. Arden said.

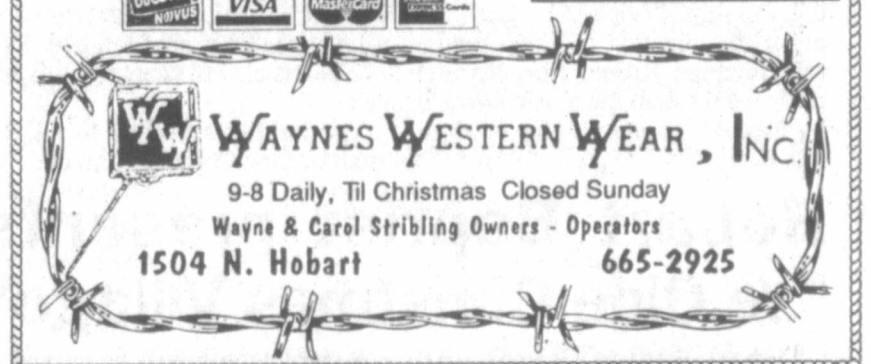
Flu generally kills an average of 20,000 people a year, she said. The elderly and people with chronic heart or lung problems or immune deficiencies are most at risk.

The CDC said it's not too late to get a flu shot for protection against this season's strain, but no



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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am afraid of losing my 23-year-old daughter, because I disapprove of her living with her 26-year-old boyfriend.

In May of 1992, "Kathy" said that she and "Stan" would like to be married that summer. My husband and I frantically worked on the wedding arrangements, then two weeks later, Kathy said she and Stan had decided to wait a year. At this point, Kathy moved in with Stan (He owns a nice little condo).

"Why not get married?" we asked. They weren't ready.

Then they had a misunderstanding, broke up, and Kathy moved out of his condo and into her own apartment. Well, it didn't take long for them to make up, and then Kathy resumed living with Stan — however, now they aren't even engaged!

When I complain about her living with him with no wedding date in sight, she says it doesn't bother her.

Abby, it bothers me and her father. What should we do?

KATHY'S OLD-FASHIONED MOM

DEAR MOM: Back off. I'm "old fashioned," too — but when children grow up, become self-supporting and live away from home, like it or not, it's their right to choose their own lifestyle.

DEAR ABBY: I am a mother and grandmother. One of my sons and his girlfriend recently gave up their newborn baby for adoption, because they are very young and unable to provide for her. Also, they are not married, but hope to marry sometime in the future.

Please tell em, is this child still my grandchild? Should I include her in the count when I'm asked, "How many grandchildren do you have?"

HEARTSICK

DEAR HEARTSICK: You would be wise to "count" the child only in your heart, not in a conversation with strangers — unless you are prepared to explain that one baby was given up for adoption, and why.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for publishing my letter about the video of David and Nancy's wedding, which we received by mistake. (We had no idea who those people were!)

Dave called from California the night my letter was printed. He said people had been calling him all day.

A long-lost cousin from Alberta, Canada, called us after seeing that letter. Even the checker at the discount store mentioned it to us!

I guess everyone really does read "Dear Abby." Many thanks.

ISABEL MAYER
LEBANON, ORE.

CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY: When an obviously happily married couple were asked that what they owed their successful marriage of 30 years, the husband replied, "We dine out twice a week — candlelight, vilins, champagne, the works!"

"Her night is Tuesday; mine is Thursday."

Princeton makes music with a holiday concert

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Vocal and instrumental music that used to be performed at after-dinner domestic gatherings in 16th-century England will echo through the Art Museum, Princeton University, on Sunday, Dec. 19.

The Engelchor Consort will give a holiday concert, titled "An English Renaissance Evening," with works by William Byrd, John Dowling and Thomas Morley and songs from Shakespeare's plays. The group's musicians play replicas of early instruments, including several sizes of recorders and violas da gamba.

The concert is free and open to the public. The museum is on the university campus, and admission is also always free.

Fripplle shop lures little ones into logic

By LARRY BLASKO
Associated Press Writer

Bribery is illegal and immoral except when used to get kids to learn something, and then God looks the other way.

If you have a reasonably muscular MS-DOS or Macintosh PC, Thinkin' Things by Edmark of Redmond, Wash., is a bribe of Tammany Hall proportions. That's because the program, aimed at the education of 4- to 8-year-olds, is fun enough for 40- to 50-year-olds.

Thinkin' Things has educational objectives enough to warm the heart

of your second grade teacher, the one who made you do the assignment over and over until you got it right. But it's written with wit and style and a sense of fun that almost makes you think the designers took time out for food fights.

The educational objectives are problem solving, critical thinking and memory skills. But how many have found those in a Fripplle Shop?

A Fripplle Shop sells, naturally enough, Fripplles, which are small beings that look a lot alike — but not exactly. Orders for Fripplles come into the shop via phone, fax and walk-in trade, and the player

must identify exactly the Fripplle requested.

For example, a purple Fripplle with glasses and short hair is different from a Fripplle with no hair. And learning to distinguish those things for a customer order, besides developing observation skills, delivers a lesson in Boolean logic (coming to conclusions using AND, OR and NOT).

Some of the most fun comes from Oranga Banga and Toony Loon. Oranga is a well-spoken orangutan with a drum set. He teaches rhythm and pattern recognition. Toony Loon plays melodies using everything

from strings to chickens on the same mission.

A kid's artistic bent can be encouraged by Blox, which puts either color spheres or geometric shapes into free-fall accompanied by music. Players can change the shapes, colors, directions and even the music with simple mouse clicks, creating intricate designs that compare favorably to some of the screen-savers on the market.

Thinkin' Things is very sound-oriented, so even pre-readers with some basic mouse skills should be able to navigate it. And the boredom factor is handled by challenges that

grow more difficult as the child progresses. Parents can also adjust the components to individual children by pressing the control, alt and A (for Adult) keys.

System requirements: Mac — 256 colors recommended, hard disk, System 6.07 or higher, 4 megabytes of RAM, MS-DOS — hard disk, VGA monitor, mouse, sound card, 640 kilobytes of system memory. The installation took up about 6.4 megabytes of hard disk space on my MS-DOS machine, and while the box doesn't make a CPU recommendation, higher has got to be better.

Pampa dance group brings home honors from dance competition



Ten of the eleven dancers winning honors from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center warm up at the bar. From right to left, they are Cassi Scott, Charis Snider, Angela Huckins, Mika Clark, Julie Snider, Alicia Nicholas, Amy Watson, Amanda Tracy, Courtney Lang, and Musetta Carver. Eleven Pampa girls won honors at Dance Masters of America competition and USGF district championships. M.G. Flyers team member Tisha Smith qualified to advance to North State Gymnastics Finals in Arlington. Charis Snider was second runner-up in the petite solo division, Musetta Carver was first runner-up and Courtney Lang was second runner-up in the junior solo division; Angela Huckins was third runner-up in the teen solo division. Amanda Tracy and Courtney Lang placed second in the teen duet. In the group and lines contest, a jazz dance by Cassi Scott, Angela Huckins, Courtney Lang and Musetta Carver placed second in the junior division. In the teen division, a lyric performed by Amy Watson, Amanda Tracy, Julie Snider placed third. A senior group number performed by Mika Clark, Amanda Tracy, Julie Snider, Alicia Nicholas, and Amy Watson won first place. Amy Watson was awarded a \$100 scholarship in ballet. All are the students of Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center. (Pampa News photo)

Plaintiff drops out to prevent damage to pending suits

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

One of the plaintiffs who this week dropped a lawsuit against the Hoechst Celanese Pampa plant alleging health problems because of pollution by the Pampa-area plant said Thursday that he wanted to give other plaintiffs a chance to pursue their litigation.

The plaintiff, Austin-area resident Mike Gardner, 36, said he and two other plaintiffs, along with their families, chose to drop the lawsuit in 215th district court in Houston because they concluded that they were not getting a fair trial and did not want to jeopardize the ability of others — including about 800 Kingsmill residents, former Celanese employees, or railroad employees, he said — in similar litigation.

Judge Eugene Chambers presided over the trial, which began Nov. 4 and concluded Wednesday at the request of the plaintiffs' attorneys from the Upchurch law firm in Amarillo. Other plaintiffs in the case were the estate of the late Michael Yarbrough of Amarillo and Don Hayes of Amarillo, in addition to their families.

"We didn't put our case on, because I am not going to be responsible for my outcome affecting any other plaintiffs in this case," Gardner said, referring to any legal

precedent that would have been set by an adverse outcome for himself and the other plaintiffs.

"I feel that we did not get a fair trial, and I felt that the best thing to do is to go ahead and drop out, and that way everybody else would have a chance," he said.

Gardner said he reached his conclusion that he would not get a fair trial after a second judge, called into the case on a motion by the plaintiffs' attorneys, found no basis for declaring a mistrial and removing Chambers from presiding over the case. Plaintiffs in the lawsuit had maintained that Chambers repeatedly fell asleep during the trial and that the judge's employment during his youth at a Celanese-owned firm posed a conflict of interest that prevented him from giving the plaintiffs a fair trial, Gardner said.

Gardner maintained in the lawsuit that he contracted leukemia because of an eight-year period, beginning in 1979, in which he intermittently worked an average of six hours per workday at the Celanese plant near Pampa. Gardner, who was diagnosed as having leukemia in 1983, had been employed by Santa Fe Railway at the Celanese plant as a member of the train crew that switched the tracks for products going into and leaving the Celanese factory, he said.

Gardner is unemployed and is

receiving disability payments from a railroad retirement fund. He said he is suffering from numbness in his arms and legs that he believes was caused by chemotherapy designed to cure him of leukemia.

In announcing the decision not to pursue the lawsuit in state district court in Houston, a spokesman for the Upchurch law firm in Amarillo that represented the plaintiffs in the case said on Wednesday that the plaintiffs would concentrate their efforts on a related lawsuit filed in 32nd District Court in Sweetwater.

The lawsuit in Sweetwater alleges that officials of the Hoechst Celanese Pampa plant committed criminal fraud and conspiracy by failing to report wastewater seepage from the plant's solar evaporator ponds. The lawsuit also alleges that the manufacturing plant has contaminated the air, ground, and water near the plant, including the Ogallala Aquifer.

About 60 percent of the approximately 100 property owners in the Kingsmill and Cabot Camp communities are listed as individual plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

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 - 45 Strides
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) For good relationships today you must give others the same freedoms to operate you want for yourself. If you deviate and become demanding co-workers will let you fend for yourself. 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 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unexpected changes could work out to your ultimate advantage today, provided you are flexible rather than resistant. Adjust to events instead of trying to get them to conform.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll be a welcomed addition to any group today, because you'll automatically instill harmony and a spirit of cooperativeness. Good things can happen when everybody focuses on "we" instead of "me."

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a possibility you might accomplish much more today than you originally anticipated, because challenge will stimulate your industriousness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Persons with whom you're associated today might be inclined to hold back a portion of their good ideas if they sense you do not fully appreciate them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A matter you've been anxious to finalize can be concluded today, but not necessarily to the satisfaction of all involved. There may still be a leak in the bucket.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to negotiate a matter of importance today a compromise might be required and you may have to initiate the proceedings. If you don't act, it won't move.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have two strong factors going for you today which could increase your chances for financial success. One is your material motivation, the other is your sense of adventure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Persons who are usually supportive of you are likely to remain so today, but an individual who usually opposes you is apt to be antagonistic once again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your chances for success look good today, provided what needs to be done can be done quickly and with merely a nominal amount of effort. If more is required, you may not be up to it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you handle business matters correctly today, chance could play an extremely small role in your affairs. Should you fail to be methodical, you might be inclined to take foolish gambles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your probabilities for generating favorable returns are strong today, provided you operate along traditional lines. If you're inclined to test new procedures, everything could become "iffy."

Prison field trip



Pampa High School students enrolled in the Career Explorations Program went on a field trip this week to the Rufe Jordan Unit state prison near Pampa to learn about career possibilities with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Above, PHS ninth grade student Jerry Thompson, left, shakes hands with state prison security officer Major Fernando DeLaRosa at the prison. Looking on is PHS ninth-grade student Jarrod Chennault. The students took the field trip Tuesday afternoon. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Chretien drops Canada's resistance to NAFTA

OTTAWA (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien announced Thursday that his government will sign the North American Free Trade Agreement on Jan. 1, removing the last major obstacle to the pact's implementation.

The deal, which would eliminate trade barriers among the United States, Canada and Mexico, would create the largest free trade zone in the world. NAFTA would cover 360 million consumers.

Chretien took office last month after running on a platform demanding revision of certain aspects of the trade agreement. He had told President Clinton that his signature on the agreement

was anything but a sure thing.

NAFTA subsequently was approved by the U.S. Congress, passing in the Senate on Nov. 20 after scoring a narrow victory in the House of Representatives.

"It's not a perfect situation ... but I have to admit to you that I'm very happy this morning," Chretien said.

The prime minister failed to get changes he sought on energy provisions. But he did get agreement from Clinton and the Mexican government to begin up to two years of talks on setting common rules for trade subsidies and the dumping of goods at low prices.

There is also agreement by the United States, Mexico and Canada for a

joint statement that the trade deal won't force Canada to make large-scale exports of water.

Clinton said in a statement released immediately after Chretien's announcement that he was "delighted" with the prime minister's statement, which he said was "a result of discussions following up on our meeting in Seattle."

"We look forward to the smooth and effective implementation of this historic agreement on Jan. 1 so that all three countries can begin to reap the benefits of expanded trade, economic growth and job creation in North America with the largest free trade area in the world," Clinton said.

Freed American returns; 50 sheiks help free him

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — American diplomat Haynes R. Mahoney was reunited with his family Thursday after being held hostage for six days at a Yemeni tribe's stronghold in a remote desert province.

Mahoney, 44, was visibly tired but in good health when he returned to the capital Thursday morning, where he was greeted by cheers from the U.S. embassy staff and showered with confetti.

He was freed late Wednesday by the Gahm tribe, which had held him in its mountain stronghold in Marib province, the ancient capital of the biblical Queen of Sheba.

"I'm happy to be here, I'm fine, and I'll talk to you all later," Mahoney told the crowd. He did not answer any questions but expressed thanks for "the thoughts, prayers and support he and his family had received."

Mahoney went into seclusion with his Syrian-born wife Sossi and three daughters, ranging in age from 10 months to 6 years, said U.S. Embassy spokesman Rick Roberts.

Mahoney was seized in San'a last Thursday while he headed for a Thanksgiving dinner with a friend.

He was released after 50 tribal sheiks and parliamentary representative Mohammed Abu Lohoum promised the kidnappers to push the government to redress their grievances.

Mahoney returned to the capital

aboard a military aircraft and met briefly with Interior Minister Yehya al-Mutawakil and President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Roberts said Mahoney thanked the Yemeni officials for their part in getting him released. Mahoney also told them his captors had treated him well.

Mahoney later underwent a medical checkup at the embassy and was in good health, said Roberts, who was flown in from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to sit in for Mahoney as U.S. Information Service chief in Yemen.

The Gahm tribesmen had demanded the reinstatement of about 150 of their men who were discharged from the presidential guard. They also demanded to be paid rent for an oil-pumping station on their territory — operated by the U.S. Yemen Hunt Oil Co. — and government guarantees to improve their living conditions.

Abu Lohoum said the wealthier sheiks on the negotiation team bought two Toyota Land Cruisers for the kidnappers as a sign of good faith.

"What they did was wrong, but it's the state's fault. Conditions in that region are abysmal," said Abu Lohoum.

Mutawakil, the interior minister, declined to answer any questions on the demands and pledged to bring the kidnappers to justice.

Income gains supporting revival in consumer spending, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just in time for holiday shopping, Americans' incomes are increasing in response to a gradually improving job market.

Consumers spent liberally in October, especially for big-ticket items such as automobiles and appliances. New homes also sold briskly, although more slowly than the month before when sales soared to a four-year high.

"People are certainly willing to spend whatever increase in pay they get and more," said economist Sandra Shaber of The WEFA Group of Bala Cynwyd, Pa. "It's starting to feel like a real recovery."

Personal income rose 0.6 percent, the third increase in a row, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$5.47 trillion, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Consumer spending, meanwhile, advanced for the seventh consecutive month, rising 0.8 percent to a \$4.47 trillion annual rate.

In a separate report, the department said new home sales fell 6.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 679,000. But sales remained well above last year's pace and the decline followed a 14.9 percent surge in September.

And the Labor Department said the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits unexpectedly dived by 17,000 last week, to 321,000, the lowest level in two months.

"Consumers are in better spirits and that will keep the spending good through the important holiday season. But afterward I think there will be a bit of a breather," said economist Stuart G. Hoffman of PNC Bank Corp. in Pittsburgh. "The economy won't go into neutral but it will throttle back a bit."

Nevertheless, Thursday's positive economic news flustered financial markets. It supported the growing belief that the Federal Reserve will nudge short-term interest rates higher early next year to quell any chance of inflation reigniting.

"I think there is a greater than 50 percent chance they will move in the first quarter," said economist Lynn Reaser of First Interstate Bancorp in Los Angeles. "The Federal Reserve

wants to be pre-emptive. They don't want to wait until inflationary pressures are building. At that point it would be too late."

October income gains were driven partly by an increase in farm subsidy payments but also by a healthy 0.5 percent gain in wages and salaries.

Spending was strongest, up 3.1 percent, for durable goods, items from washing machines to pickup trucks expected to last three or more years. It rose 0.8 percent for non-durable goods and 0.4 percent for services.

Because spending outpaced income gains, the nation's savings rate — savings as a percentage of income — fell. It was 3.7 percent in October, down from 3.9 percent in September and 4.1 percent in August.

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