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Convicted Amarillo murderer back in court

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Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — An ex-cop is returning to court to find out if he'll be allowed to leave death row, where he's been for nearly two decades for abducting and killing an Amarillo teen-ager.

Jimmy Paul Vanderbilt, one of the state's longest-serving condemned inmates, will be the first death row prisoner to return for resentencing under a new provision in the capital punishment law.

Under that modification, passed by the Texas Legislature in May and enacted in September, cases reversed strictly for punishment phase issues return for resentencing rather than an entirely new trial.

A jury in Beaumont, where Vanderbilt's trial was moved on a change of venue because of media coverage in the panhandle, must decide if Vanderbilt gets the death sentence again or life in prison.

Vanderbilt has been tried and convicted twice of the April 1, 1975, killing Katina Moyer, 16, daughter of ex-state Rep. Hudson Moyer.

The ex-rookie police officer was tried in Amarillo, where it took a jury just 30 minutes to convict him. The case was overturned and Vanderbilt was re-indicted and won a change of venue to Fort Worth, where evidence was thrown out.

He was indicted again in Fort Worth and the case was moved to Beaumont — 650 miles from Amarillo — where he was convicted a second time in 1979.

After the most recent conviction, U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice gave him three reversals, including one that barred the state from imposing the death penalty on him. The state appealed, however, and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals took away the death penalty prohibition, allowing prosecutors to again seek lethal injection.

Under the new provision of the law, Vanderbilt will return to Beaumont, probably early next year, for a resentencing proceeding before State District Judge Larry Gist.

Vanderbilt, now 41, was 22 when he was arrested for abducting and shooting Miss Moyer. He had been fired days earlier as a probationary police officer in Amarillo for allegedly striking a traffic violator with a flashlight.

Records indicate Vanderbilt forced his way at gunpoint into the teen-ager's car near Palo Duro High School in Amarillo, handcuffed her and drove her to his home on the north side of town. She later was taken to an isolated area outside of town where she was shot in the head.

Death row inmates who follow legal maneuvers in capital cases are watching the twists and turns of Vanderbilt's case closely, fearing precedents set in it may make it easier for the state to put convicted killers to death or slap them quickly with a life sentence.

Potter County District Attorney Dan Hill says he will seek the death penalty in the Vanderbilt case and rejects talk of any plea bargain.

Vanderbilt, who conducts legal visits with numerous death row inmates and has become well-versed in capital punishment law, refuses to publicly comment on his case.

"I won't talk about it for my own good," he says.

He has no attorney and has been filing motions in the case in his own behalf.

"It's very frustrating to have it dumped back into our laps 18 years later," says Hill, who notes, however, that the resentencing could be easier than an entire trial because the proceeding starts off with Vanderbilt already guilty.

"But we still are going to have to put on the full case so the jury will have to know what they're looking at," he says.

Nancy Moyer, who lost her only daughter in the slaying, terms the lengthy legal disputes "sad, sad, sad."

"It looks like all we do is create business for the criminals and their criminal trial attorneys," she says.

"I am not bitter. I refuse to let myself be bitter. It's just a very sad part of my life. And it is sad that we have let our system get to the point where we are allowing criminals to flourish."

Pampa sales tax returns up for second month

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive month, revenues from Pampa's sales tax have increased, according to both the city and Texas State Comptroller John Sharp.

Pampa received a check this month for \$140,237.14, an increase of 10.56 percent over the 1991-1992 budget and 9.02 percent over the 1993-1994 budget estimate.

In the first three months of this fiscal year, the city has approximately \$79,650, or 6.3

percent, more than was projected. Lefors did not receive a check this month and has collected 5.64 percent less this year to date than for the same period of time in 1992.

McLean's check from the state totaled \$1,983.84, 13.35 percent less than for the comparable payment period last year. For the year, the city is 17.31 percent over the yearly total as compared to the same period last year.

County-wide, payments in December are 10.23 percent higher this month than for December 1992. In Carson County, three of the

four cities reporting sales taxes to the state saw decreases this month, which led to a general 8.75 percent decrease in December's checks for the county. Groom was the only one of the four cities in Carson County reporting an increase in sales taxes for October. December's check from the state was \$1,439.74, an increase of 35.18 percent as compared to the same period last year. In Panhandle, local sales taxes totaled \$5,422.69, 2.33 percent less than in December 1992. For Skellytown, its sales tax rebate was 11.38 percent less this December, when the city

received \$815.27, than for last December when the city received a check for \$920.06. White Deer reported the most dramatic decrease of the four cities. Its check was for \$2,006.20, 34.76 percent less than last December when the city received \$3,075.13.

In Hemphill County, Canadian received \$9,125.10, 5.14 percent less than last December's \$9,620.46. As for Roberts County, it received \$1,102.32, an increase of 11.46 percent as compared to December 1992's check of \$988.90.

For Wheeler County, results of

October sales seemed mixed. Shamrock received a check for \$12,155.22, or about \$4 more, an increase of .02 percent, as compared to December of 1992. For the year it has received \$180,765.29. Wheeler, however, posted a drastic increase in December's check, which was \$3,469.05, as compared to last year's check of \$2,667.73 for the same time period. Mobeetie reported no sales tax for October. Sales tax rebates for year to date for the city are listed as \$1,705.12, 34 percent less than in 1992 at the same time.

"All I want for Christmas..."



Five-year-old Chase Phillips was one of many children over the past few weeks to confide in Santa what they want for Christmas. "A lot of children have asked for bicycles this year," Santa said in an interview Saturday with The Pampa News. "And a lot of them asked for Super Nintendos with a few ponies thrown in." The jolly man in the red suit indicated that carrying such presents around the world Christmas Eve would present no problem. "I have a big sack," he said. "Santa can do anything," said Stacy Sandlin, Santa's helper. Santa went on to predict a clear and cool Christmas Eve so he wouldn't be faced with any navigational problems. "You'll be able to look up and see Santa and his reindeer late that night," he said. "Rudolph's nose has been checked out. It's blinking bright and ready to go." (Pampa News photo)

Russians seek past glory in nationalists and communists

By DEBORAH SEWARD
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MOSCOW (AP) — Imagine a world in which Russians are king of the mountain in a powerful, prosperous new empire stretching from the Baltic Sea to Alaska.

Difficult to do? Not for Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, whose ultranationalist Liberal Democratic Party captured a stunning one-fourth of the vote in parliamentary elections a week ago.

Exuding confidence, Zhirinovskiy has promised Russians a brave new world in which they will be masters in an empire that includes all of the former Soviet Union, possibly even more.

Millions of Russians, bitter that President Boris Yeltsin's reforms have only made their lives worse, voted for Zhirinovskiy because he offered a new national dream and hope that their misfortunes would soon be over.

They liked his humor, his list of scapegoats, and many embraced the racist, expansionist aspects of his platform.

Because the Soviet Union's demise was relatively peaceful, outsiders often forget that it was the most cataclysmic event since World War II in the lives of the 290 million citizens.

For the elderly, who successfully defended the country and spent their lives building communism, the collapse meant an end to all they had worked for. Most of them were disgusted by free enterprise and Western consumer goods.

"I can't even let my grandson walk to the subway," said Viktoria Petrovich, 66, a retired bookkeeper. "The street is one big garbage dump, full of uncultured people selling junk. The prices are astronomical. I can't even stand to read a newspaper anymore."

Soviet propaganda had told Russians their country was the best, free of such Western evils as

unemployment, drugs and crime. Everyone knew the goods were shoddy, but most Russians could look forward to some improvement in their lives and a small but stable pension to see them through the end of their days.

What had happened, voters wondered, to their mighty army and space program? How, in less than two years, had Russia been brought to its knees, forced to accept aid from its former enemies?

Zhirinovskiy blamed the reformers, especially the younger generation, whom he denounced as an elite of privileged former Communist Party members who were hopelessly corrupt and far too pro-Western.

The loss of land controlled by Russia for centuries, the explosion of crime, growing poverty and the disintegration of the military were intolerable, Zhirinovskiy declared.

When the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, resigned on Dec. 25, 1991, the 14 republics where Russians had freely traveled for decades became foreign countries. The 25 million Russians living in them became second-class citizens.

Suddenly, the beaches of the Crimea, the Black Sea and the Baltics belonged to other countries. Russians needed visas. Their rubles were no longer worth anything. Their world seemed to be closing in on them.

"My parents took me all over the Soviet

Union, but my children have never been anywhere, never seen the sea," said Tania Krylov, an accountant. "Russians aren't welcome in the Baltics or the Black Sea anymore."

Many Russians in the former Soviet republics were lost as the new nations reinstated their languages, which most resident Russians had not bothered to learn, and favored their nationals for the good jobs Russians had held.

Embittered Russians fled Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Baltics, much as the French and later the Portuguese abandoned their colonies in Africa.

The Soviet slogan "friendship of the peoples" proved empty. Racism is increasing. Russians blame dark-skinned people from the south for crime and corruption in a country that boasted of being a paradise of law and order.

If he were dictator, Zhirinovskiy says, he would extend Russian control to the borders of the former Soviet Union.

Vasily Rybak, a Russian businessman who grew up in Ukraine, agrees with him: "We've been together with Ukrainians for 300 years. We paid to build their factories and gave them our technology. It's ridiculous to be divided."

Expanding Russia's borders appeals especially to soldiers. They voted heavily for Zhirinovskiy and the Communists, who also fared well in the Dec. 12 election.

When the Soviet Union ceased to be, the Red Army was a feared fighting force. Now, the Russian army is on the run, returning home from eastern Europe and the Baltics to low pay, declining respect, even a lack of housing.

Zhirinovskiy offers a dream of glory and empire restored, combined with racism and utter disregard for anyone opposed to his vision. That is an explosive brew in the best of times, more so for a people in such misery.

Trucks, buses barred from using radar detectors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most truckers and bus drivers will be barred from using radar detectors in interstate travel beginning Jan. 19.

Cars are not affected because the Federal Highway Administration — which is to issue the rule Monday — only has regulatory powers over commercial vehicles.

"There's no reason to have these devices except to evade the law," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., chairman of the Senate transportation appropriations committee.

Lautenberg wrote a provision of the 1992 transportation spending bill asking the Federal Highway Administration to institute the ban.

The American Trucking Association, which represents 40,000 trucking companies, said it was pleased.

"We'd like to believe the regulation came about as a direct result of our work," said John Doyle, an association spokesman. "There's one reason to use a radar detector: to break the law. You'll hear many other excuses, but none valid."

But Todd Spencer, spokesman for Owner-Operators Independent Drivers Association, which represents 21,000 truckers who operate 35,000 of the nation's trucks, thinks the regulation is useless.

"We think it is a wholesale waste of time and effort on the part of government," Spencer said in a telephone interview from the association's office in Grain Valley, Mo. "Radar detectors are not factors in highway safety or highway accidents. They have never been shown to be, and no legitimate data exists to show a relationship between radar detectors and accidents."

"A far smarter thing for the government to do would be to simply give states the authority and the guidance to set speed limits that are related to highway design and traffic conditions," he said.

Executive gets life for 30-year-old murder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 48-year-old executive was sentenced to life in prison for a murder he committed 30 years ago.

Vernon Robinson was convicted in October of first-degree murder in the Oct. 3, 1963, death of Thora Marie Rose, who was bludgeoned and strangled in her bed. Police said the attack was an apparent burglary and attempted rape.

"The fact is most people who bludgeon and murder and strangle someone don't get a 30-year reprieve before being called to the bench of justice," Superior Court Judge Nora Manella said at sentencing Friday.

The key pieces of evidence against Robinson were 30-year-old fingerprints that police matched with recent ones after print files were computerized. In 1991, police ran random unsolved homicides through the new system.

Robinson was a \$70,000-a-year building maintenance executive in Minneapolis.

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Services tomorrow

KENNER, J.R. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
STACY, Ila Mae — 2 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, Shamrock.
STOFFLE, Frances Smithson — 2 p.m., Llano Mausoleum Chapel, Amarillo.

Obituaries

HIRAM GREEN JR.

ERICK, Okla. — Hiram Green Jr., 74, a Shamrock, Texas, resident died Friday, Dec. 17, 1993, in Shamrock. Services were Saturday in the Fatheree-Albert Funeral Home Chapel with Ken Cole and Sam Holmberg officiating. Burial was in Erick Cemetery.
 Mr. Green was a native of Erick. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was involved in the air offensive in Europe during the World War II. He returned to Erick and married Mary Elizabeth Martin in 1947 at Wheeler, Texas. He worked for Sam Holmberg in Erick. He worked on the Cal Farley Boys Ranch before moving to Shamrock after his retirement in 1972.
 Survivors include his wife.

MARY JOYCE HATCHER

VERNAL, Utah — Mary Joyce Hatcher, 61, a longtime resident of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 17, 1993. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hatcher was born Aug. 16, 1932, in Amarillo. She married Charlie Hatcher 37 years ago. She was a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and an ancestor of one of the First 300 of Texas. She graduated from Pampa High School.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Hatcher, of Vernal Utah; a son, Charles D. Hatcher Jr. of Arizona; two daughters, Candy Jennings and Tami Hatcher, both of Dinosaur, Colo.; her mother, Viola Mobley of Amarillo; two brothers, Ray L. Mobley of Vernal, Utah, and Gerald L. Mobley of Neola, Utah; and six grandchildren.

J.R. 'RAYMOND' KENNER

J.R. "Raymond" Kenner, 91, a longtime resident of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hopewell Cemetery near Winnboro with the Rev. Lonnie Robbins, pastor of the Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Kenner was born on Aug. 27, 1902, in Hopkins County. He was a resident of Pampa since 1938, moving from the Black Oak Community. He married Merle Evelyn Hinson on Dec. 24, 1919, in Pleasant Grove. She preceded him in death Sept. 21, 1980. He worked as a cable tool driller in the Texas Panhandle for several years and later worked for Gray County Precinct #2, retiring in 1978. He was a member of Pampa's Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, James and Dorothy Kenner of Pampa; a granddaughter and husband, Sandra and David Harvey of Pampa; a brother, Bill Kenner of Quitman; a sister, Ruby Miller of Fort Worth; two great-grandchildren, Amy and James Harvey, both of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, 900 East 23rd Ave., Pampa, Texas 79065.

VESTA MCPHERSON

SHAMROCK — Vesta McPherson, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 1993. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ervin Emmert officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McPherson was a resident of Shamrock since 1977. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She married Ollie McPherson in 1927 at Bonham. She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Duane, in 1976.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Bobby McPherson of Knoxville; a daughter, Maysie Conner of Shamrock; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

ILA MAE STACY

SHAMROCK — Ila Mae Stacy, 89, a longtime resident of Shamrock, died Friday, Dec. 17, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Gary Griffin, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stacy was born in Cumby and married George T. Stacy in 1924 in Atoka, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1979. They moved to Shamrock from Atoka in 1925. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include a son, Herbert Stacy of Shamrock; a daughter, Nancy Bond of Claude; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

FRANCES SMITHSON STOFFLE

AMARILLO — Frances Smithson Stoffle, 72, sister of two Pampa residents, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Llano Mausoleum Chapel with Curtis Camp of Northridge Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery by Memorial Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stoffle was born in Wheeler and had been an Amarillo resident for 40 years. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lonnie Smithson, in 1964, and by her second husband, J.C. Stoffle, in 1987. She was a member of the Northridge Church of Christ.

Survivors include two brothers, George Jackson and Lee Jackson, both of Pampa; four sisters, LaVada Rector of Stamford, Myrtle Risley and Caroleene Craven, both of Lincoln, Ark., and Maurine Vance of Sulphur Springs.

The body will be available for viewing Monday and the family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 17

Sandra Paulette Kysar, 852 S. Faulkner, reported criminal mischief.
 Stanley Ray Roberts, 53, 1813 N. Faulkner, reported an injured prisoner.
 Susan Maxine Nunn, 430 1/2 Crest, reported criminal trespassing.

The Pampa Police Department reported a sick and injured prisoner.
 Wiley William McIntire, Amarillo, reported the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 The city of Pampa reported a theft of over \$200 but under \$750.

Belco, 2101 N. Hobart, reported a theft.
 An unidentified person reported found property.
 Curtis Mathes, 2211 Perryton Parkway, reported a theft.

The Hutchinson County Sheriff's Office requested an outside agency report.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18

Michael McKinney Jones, 1112 S. Sumner, reported a burglary.
 Terry Wayne Noble, 1820 Lynn, reported a theft of auto accessories.
 Clara Dean Dennis, 1325 Garland, reported a burglary.

Arrests

FRIDAY, Dec. 17

Troy Allen Fisher, 27, address unknown, was arrested at 520 Lefors on an outstanding warrant. He was later transferred to the Gray County jail.

Glenda Edwards, 36, 232 Eshom, was arrested in the 300 block of Perry Street on two outstanding warrants. He was later released from custody after posting bond.

Roger Beals, 38, 439 1/2 Crest, was arrested at his residence on a charge of criminal trespassing. He was transferred to the Gray County jail.

Stanley Ray Roberts, 53, 1813 N. Faulkner, was arrested at 852 S. Faulkner on a charge of criminal trespassing.

Calendar of events

CHAPTER #65, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter #65, Order of Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Pampa Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill, for their regular meeting and Christmas party. Members are asked to bring items for the Christmas baskets and a small favorite dessert. For more information, call 665-2665 or 669-0817.

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 669-7403 or write SIA, P.O. Box 119, Pampa, 79066-0119.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse plans to meet at 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 883-2097 or 669-3546 or write SIA, P.O. Box 903, White Deer, 79097.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Pampa

Kovette R. Bradley
 Clyde Leland Davis
 Maria Lusia Lopez
 Cindy Louise Weldon
 Edythe Hortense West

Skellytown

John Thomas Watkins

Births

To Kristi Lynn Minick

of Canadian, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy

Bradley of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals

Pampa

Evie Cordelia Clark
 Justin Lyle Hampton

Fritch

Mary K. Whatley
 Ovie Smith Tipton

White Deer

Joan Margaret Reece
 Aiice Thompson

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18

4:50 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 625 N. Hobart.

8:03 a.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to an alarm malfunction at 1321 W. Kentucky.

12:43 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 2225 N. Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

DPS - Arrests

FRIDAY, Dec. 17

Willie Earl Nickleberry, 55, 1140 Neel Rd., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Potter County. He was later released from custody after posting bond.

Ambulance

American Medical Transport Paramedic Service had a total of 42 calls for the period of Friday, Dec. 10, through Thursday, Dec. 16. Of those calls, 21 were emergency responses and 21 were of a non-emergency nature.

Doctors hope to bring expertise to Congress

By KAREN BALL
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some two dozen physicians, spurred in part by Washington's move to overhaul health care, are mapping plans to run for Congress next year.

Most are Republicans, and say doctors didn't have enough input as President Clinton and the first lady drafted a reform plan.

"There's nobody like me behind Hillary's secret door," said Dr. John Steel, a San Diego urologist who's given up his practice to make a run. Like the other GOP candidate-physicians, he thinks Clinton's plan is too bureaucratic and takes control out of patients' hands.

So far, 19 surgeons, dentists and other medical practitioners have told the National Republican Congressional Committee they're planning GOP campaigns for the House. At least two other GOP physicians plan Senate bids. And a handful of Democratic doctors are running for the House.

Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour said there's been a jump in doctors' activism at party functions around the country over the past year, too.

"They are threatened, and concerned that Clinton's government-run health care system will not only adversely affect them, but reduce the quality of health care received by their patients," Barbour said.

But it's questionable whether they could get elected in time to make a difference.

"They're sort of late, but at least they're making a move," said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., one of

two medical doctors who now hold seats in the 535-member Congress.

The other House member who is a doctor is Rep. J. Roy Rowland, D-Ga.

Clinton, Democratic congressional leaders and even many moderate Republicans hope to pass through a health care reform bill by next August, before the 1994 elections. If they succeed, anyone who wins a seat next November wouldn't arrive until January 1995 — too late to vote on the legislation.

Still, many of the doctor-candidates — and the Republicans who'd like to see them elected — predict that whatever health care legislation Congress passes next year will just be a first step. Even 1995 newcomers would have time to make an impact, they say.

"I would hope for the sake of all our patients we would be the driving force" to stop Clinton's plan, said psychiatrist Irwin Savodnik, who practices in Torrance, Calif., and is making a run as a Republican.

Some of the doctors planning races said health care isn't their only worry; they also listed the federal deficit, education and crime as concerns.

Dr. David Doman, a Democrat from Maryland, said he will work to maintain "economic competitiveness in the international arena." On health care, he calls himself a supporter of Clinton's plan, but is opposed to forcing all employers to pay for a big chunk of their workers' coverage.

Another GOP hopeful, Dr. Greg Ganske, a plastic surgeon in Des Moines, said stopping wasteful

government spending will be one of his top priorities.

"The time has passed when we can keep adding to that big black hole called the national debt," Ganske said.

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, a GOP gynecologist from Georgia who first ran in 1992, said even her presence in the '94 race might keep the Democratic incumbent from voting for Clinton's plan. But she said small business' concerns on a range of issues, such as regulation and taxes, would also be at the top of her agenda.

McDermott, one of the current doctors in Congress, backs a "single-payer" plan that would have the government finance all health care. He wouldn't benefit personally from having lots of fellow physicians elected, if they were Republicans, because they would almost universally oppose his plan.

Still, he said, he would welcome their arrival.
 "I would rather have somebody familiar with the medical system than (someone) who had some ideological view but didn't have a clue as to how the system worked," McDermott said.

Even if a record number of physicians are elected, they will face the same problem all newcomers have in an institution ruled largely by tenure, McDermott said.

"They're not going to come in and be that effective," McDermott said. "When you start in medical school, they don't take you in the operating room right away and hand you a scalpel. It takes a little while to figure out things."

Clarendon College to offer computer course series

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will offer a series of adult computer courses beginning in January.

College officials said the adult vocational computer courses will be offered at the main campus in

Clarendon beginning Jan. 13.

The first course will cover Lotus 1-2-3. The second course will cover Word Perfect and will begin Feb. 13. The final course will be Computer Desktop Publishing.

Officials said the courses will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Thursday. Students may take all three courses or just one. The courses may be taken for academic credit.

For more information, call the registrar's office at 874-3571.

City briefs

HOME ALARM \$300 plus tax. Free demonstration. 665-4237. Adv.

CARRIERS NEEDED. Various areas in Pampa. Apply now, Pampa News. No phone calls.

NOKIA CELLULAR Bag Phone, only \$29.95 with activation. Only at Berger Radio Shack, 274-7077. Owned and operated by Art and Donetta Owen. Free Pampa Delivery. Adv.

GOLF SALE. Don't forget Mom and Dad for Christmas, everything marked down for the golfer! Gift certificates also available. New jackets and bags have just arrived. David's Golf Shop at Hidden Hills. Adv.

MOUNTAIN MAN Fruit & Nut Company purveyor of fine nuts, dried fruits and candies. Christmas items galore. Will deliver. 669-7426 ask for Liz. Adv.

WOULD YOU like to have Santa visit your home, business or party? Call 669-1677 for appointment. Adv.

REWARD LOST seal point Siamese cat, 900 block Cinderella. Child's pet. Please help return by Christmas. 669-6340. Adv.

ORDER YOUR fruit baskets early, made fresh daily and flavored honey, coffee, cocoa and old fashioned candy can be added. We deliver. Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS: 1, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments, furnished or unfurnished. 2600 N. Hobart, 669-7682. Adv.

FUR CLEARANCE Sale. Reduced to sell for Christmas. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

ROYSE ANIMAL Hospital easy access due to Hobart construction, thru alley of 21st or 19th. Roys Animal Hospital, 665-2223. Adv.

DOONEY & Bourke bags, bill-folds, keychains, large selections of styles and colors. New colorlock bag. \$20 will hold any bag in lay-away until Christmas. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Spiral sliced honey glazed hams, hickory smoked turkeys, turkey breast, smoked briskets. Clint and Son's, 115 W. 3rd, White Deer. 883-7831. Adv.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, near elementary school. 669-3940. Adv.

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

TICKET DISMISSAL, Insurance Discount, 669-3871. Bowman Defensive Driving, (USA). Adv.

WIND CHIMES, dinnerbells, old fashioned butter churns, all at Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

CELLULAR SALE. Uniden Bag Phone \$79. Motorola phones \$99. Pampa Communications, 641 N. Hobart. Adv.

MATERIAL BY pound for crocheted rugs, etc. on sale \$2.50 per lb. til December 30. Ragg Nook, Pampa, 665-1651, 665-2584. Adv.

PAMPA SENIOR Citizens Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, December 21, 10:45 to 12:45. Call in for take out on Monday. Public Invited. Adv.

BASSET HOUND puppies for sale. 669-6932 after 5 p.m. Adv.

HAVE YOU ever been to a garage sale where everything was free? Ours! Come to our toy store and shop for Christmas toys. December 21, Tuesday only, 4-8 p.m. First Baptist Church. Please no early birds. Adv.

SELF DEFENSE Classes, women and teenagers. December, January openings. Gale, 665-8554. Adv.

MARY KAY Cosmetics, Deb Stapleton consultant. Facials, supplies, deliveries, 665-2095. Adv.

DALE'S BARBER Shop, 611 W. Foster, open 8-5:30 Tuesday - Saturday. Dale Ladd, Farris Young. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, mostly cloudy with a high in the lower 50s and winds blowing from the south and southwest at 15 to 20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low in the lower 20s. Monday, partly sunny with a high in the middle 30s and a 20 percent chance of light snow in the morning.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Today, mostly cloudy. Highs 45-55. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows 20-25. Monday, a chance of light snow, otherwise becoming partly sunny and colder. Highs in the 30s. Monday night, cold with a slight chance of snow. Lows 10-20. South Plains: Today, mostly cloudy. Highs near 55. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows 25-30. Monday, partly sunny. Highs 40-45. Monday night, cold with a

slight chance of snow. Lows 15-25.

North Texas - Today, a slight chance of rain west and southeast, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs 56 to 60. Tonight, a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 44 to 54. Monday, chance of showers and thunderstorms east, mostly cloudy elsewhere. Highs in the 50s.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, cloudy with occasional rain. Highs in the 50s and 60s. Tonight and Monday, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Lows in the 40s to near 50. Highs near 60 Hill Country, 60s south central. Coastal Bend: Today, cloudy with scattered showers. Highs in the 60s. Tonight and Monday, cloudy with widely scattered showers. Lows in the 50s to near 60. Highs in the 70s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Today, cloudy with scattered showers.

Highs near 70. Tonight and Monday, cloudy with widely scattered showers. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma: Today, cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the 50s. Tonight, mostly cloudy north-west, cloudy elsewhere with a chance for showers and thunderstorms. Lows from low 30s north-west Oklahoma to mid 40s south-east.

New Mexico - Today, mostly cloudy. Scattered snow showers mountains and in the northwest. A chance of showers east and south. Highs mid 30s to 40s mountains and north, mid 40s to 50s south. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Scattered snow showers mountains and north. A chance of showers south. Colder north. Lows 5 to 25 mountains and north, upper 20s to 30s south.

Alcock-Hobart intersection traffic lane to be closed

One east-west traffic lane at the Alcock and Hobart intersection will be closed for three days beginning Monday for telephone utility line work.

Jerry Haines, Texas Highway Department representative for the Pampa area, said a South-

western Bell Telephone crew will begin working on the underground lines in a manhole at the intersection at 8:30 a.m. Monday, with the work expected to

take three days.

During that time, one lane for east-west traffic on Alcock and

Serbs prepare for elections amid troubles

By JULIJANA MOJSILOVIC
Associated Press Writer

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In a state that is an international pariah, crippled by hyperinflation, joblessness, war costs and political chaos, the government might seem doomed to lose an election.

Not in Serbia. Almost nobody doubts that the Socialist Party, the renamed Communists who still monopolize power, will win the biggest share of seats in Sunday's parliamentary elections.

Some independent polls have indicated that the Socialists may lose some of their seats, which could leave the new parliament even more fractious than the one that President Slobodan Milosevic dissolved in October and further cloud prospects for peace in former Yugoslav republics.

But polling in Yugoslavia is inexact and the situation is volatile.

About 7 million people are registered to vote to fill 250 seats in parliament. More than 80 parties are running, but most are fringe groups with little chance of success.

The larger opposition parties appear too fractured and befuddled to exploit the Socialists' weaknesses, which are legion: monthly inflation of 30,000 percent, two-thirds of the work force idle, shortages of everything except rhetoric.

Milosevic, who is not up for reelection, retains a strong grip on state-run media and vast presidential powers that make him virtually unassailable. But opponents cling to their hopes.

"If you want to have a future, then you have to force Socialists into the past," Yur Draskovic, leader of the main opposition coalition, thundered at a recent campaign rally. "Dec. 19 must be their last day if Serbia is to have any more days."

He promised to stop warfare in the former Yugoslav republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, ending a world trade embargo imposed on Serbia for inciting the wars.

But then he sounded the nationalist tone that made Serbia a pariah in the first place, claiming for Serbs the contested Bosnian cities of Sarajevo and Mostar, along with Croatia's Vinkovci and Pakrac.

Such efforts to tap the potent Serb nationalist are misguided, observers say.

"The opposition is constantly making the same mistake by challenging Milosevic with nationalism," said independent journalist Ivan Radovanovic. "He is the champion of nationalism, and no one can beat him in that."

The Socialists had 101 seats in the old parliament and had hoped for a two-thirds majority in the new one. That no longer appears likely, but it's not clear how much it matters.

Milosevic has vast presidential powers and could invoke presidential rule if he doesn't like the election results.

The ultranationalist Serbian Radical Party gave Milosevic a commanding majority in the old parliament. But when the alliance collapsed and Seselj tried to engineer a no-confidence vote, Milosevic called early elections.

The Radicals are furious at Milosevic for pressuring Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia to cede some conquered territory in exchange for promises from the West to ease sanctions against Serbia.

"Milosevic is in a panic," said Radicals leader Vojislav Seselj. "He misjudged his popularity."

Seselj and other opposition leaders have said that if they win enough seats, they would unite to unseat Milosevic by changing Serbia's constitution.

That could spark civil war in Serbia. The Socialists, with allies in the military, have warned they would not go without a fight.

Much of Serbia's economic mess is due to draconic international sanctions imposed to protest Milosevic's nationalist policies. But Milosevic's Serbs' against-the-world rhetoric plays well with workers and peasants.

He has used state-run media, from which most Serbs get their news, to accuse opposition leaders of backing sanctions and taking orders from Western governments.



Milton Brown, right, chairman of the Knights of Columbus of Pampa Blood Drive, and his family — wife Donna and son Milton — wear some of the 'Holiday Hero' T-shirts given to blood donors in the annual Christmas season blood drive. (Pampa News photo)

'Holiday Hero' blood drive scheduled Monday

The Knights of Columbus of Pampa will be sponsoring the annual Christmas season blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday in the Pampa Mall.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center staff will be on hand to receive blood donations. Each blood donor will receive a specially designed "Holiday Hero" T-shirt.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center staff members invited Pampa area residents to give a "unique gift" amid the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season by donating blood during the "season of giving."

Staff members said a blood donation at this of year is especially important because area hospitals may

face critical shortages due to an overall decrease of blood donations, primarily because so many people are busy participating in holiday activities and shopping.

The Knights of Columbus of Pampa have sponsored the Christmas season drive for the past several years to give residents a chance to donate blood amid the holiday rush.

Blood drive organizers say the special "holiday donation" of live-saving blood will assure area hospitals of having adequate blood inventories for the weeks ahead.

Tips provided to prevent fires during holiday season

It's Christmas time again and people are out shopping, meeting with friends and families, and, in many cases, decorating their homes with festive lights and other electrical devices.

With that in mind, the Austin-based Texas Commission on Fire Protection is urging people to take precautions to insure everyone has a happy holiday season.

"Christmas trees and decoration, Hanukkah menorahs and New Year's Eve fireworks are all fire hazards uniquely related to the holiday season," said Michael E. Hines, executive director of the commission.

"By using common sense, you can avoid needless fires that would ruin your holiday."

Some of the things the TCFP recommend to keep this a safe holiday season are to:

- Keep natural trees well-watered and moist. Natural trees are three-times as likely as artificial trees to be involved in fires, according to commission statistics.
- Dispose of natural trees and deco-

rations safely. The commission suggests taking the trees and branches to recycling centers or landfills in an effort to keep children from being tempted to experiment with matches and the dried greenery.

- Avoid candles and assign "candle watchers." Half of the holiday fires last year were caused by candles, according to the commission. One option to candles is to replace them with battery-operated candlesticks. However, if wax candles are used, be sure someone is in the room whenever the candles are burning and make sure to extinguish the candle before going to sleep or leaving the home.
- Assign "light watchers." Faulty or unattended electrical lights caused half of Christmas tree fires last December, according to the TCFP. When the lights are on, be sure someone is at home and awake whenever decorative lights are used and then turn them off when going to sleep.
- Avoid the common hazard of fireworks. The safest option is to avoid fireworks altogether, according to the TCFP. However, if holiday plans call

for the use of fireworks, set them off in an open area clear of grass and trees. Do not use fireworks in windy or dry weather.

- Finally, apply some basic home fire safety tips. Check fire alarms in the house. For those people who don't have them or need to replace them, a fire alarm is a possible gift idea. As for cooking for the holidays, never leave items cooking on or in the stove unattended, the commission suggests.

Last year, no deaths were reported in Texas because of Christmas trees or the decorations found around them, although one person was injured in a Christmas tree fire. In 1991, five people died in fires involving Christmas trees.

The TCFP is a state agency involved in numerous aspects of fire prevention. Through the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System, the commission collected fire information during 1992 from 439 Texas fire departments.

Nearly 450 soldiers return from Somalia to Fort Drum

By WILLIAM KATES
Associated Press Writer

FORT DRUM, N.Y. (AP) — Soldiers returning from Somalia arrived at Fort Drum on Saturday to a hero's welcome, thankful to be home in time for Christmas.

Hundreds of relatives and friends packed a gym at this northern New York Army post during a ceremony to greet nearly 450 members of the 2nd Battalion 14th Infantry Regiment.

Army Chief of Staff General Gordon R. Sullivan told the returning troops they represented "the proudest traditions of the U.S. Army."

There was an extra person on hand to welcome home Sgt. David Dulen — his 2-month old daughter Jessica, whom he had never seen.

"I've been dreaming about this moment," Dulen said as he held the baby. "Not too long ago, I thought this was going to be the worst Christmas of my life. Now it's the best."

"I was prepared to stay until February or March," said Lt. Bruce Nelson of Charleston, S.C., who was enjoying hugs from his young son and wife at the same time. "Now, I'm standing here with my family. Christmas is next week but I got my gift early."

President Clinton ordered more than 8,000 U.S. troops out of the African nation by March 31 after an Oct. 3 ambush of Army Rangers by Somali militia men killed 18 Americans and wounded 75 others.

The 2nd Battalion, moving through heavy gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire in a densely populated section of Mogadishu, rescued 100 rangers and carried out the dead. Two of the soldiers

killed and 32 of the wounded were attached to the battalion.

"I have no regrets. Given the chance I would go back and do it again," said Sgt. Christopher Reid of New York City, who was one of those wounded in the attack.

Reid returned home early after losing his right hand and suffering a serious leg wound in the rescue. He joined his unit Saturday for their welcome.

"I came close to dying. There were times I didn't think I make it back. I'm just glad to see these guys get back in time for Christmas. They deserved it for what they've been through," Reid said.

About 50 soldiers returned to Fort Benning in Georgia on Friday. Another 140 soldiers will return to Fort Drum on Sunday. Troops were sent to the African nation as part of a United Nations' effort to ensure the safe passage of humanitarian aid.

Notified of the Fort Drum homecoming earlier in the week, spouses had decorated the gym with red, white and blue balloons and colorful signs.

Many wives and girlfriends on hand screamed, jumped wildly and pumped their fists in the air as the troops entered the gym.

"I guess I didn't look to dignified, but I couldn't help myself when I saw him," said Melanie Cook, whose husband, Sgt. Kevin Cook of Lodi, Calif., returned Saturday.

"This is the best Christmas gift I could receive. Nothing can top this," Cook said as he embraced his wife.

Once the fall out command was given, bedlam broke out as soldiers rushed into the bleachers and families and friends dashed down to the gym floor.

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Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

Ease gun control, do not tighten it

In the wake of the killings in the New York City train, the Clinton administration, oddly enough, has taken up a position that amounts to a tacit acceptance of something long held by the National Rifle Association: People need more proficiency in the use of guns.

If the administration, like the NRA, favored only voluntary training, there would be no problem.

The administration is on the verge of seeking more the licensing of gun owners. Attorney General Janet Reno announced that President Clinton wants her to look into imposing a system in which people would be tested on their responsible handling of guns. Only those given passing grades would be allowed to own guns. "I think it should be at least as hard," Reno testified, "to get a license to possess a gun as it is to drive an automobile."

The reasoning fails in several ways. Driver's licenses can be excused because they are needed for people to drive on public roads and highways. In fact, one does not need a license to drive on a private road or racetrack. Likewise, guns exist for use by private citizens in the defense of their persons, families, homes and businesses.

Moreover, the right to keep and bear arms antedates the invention of cars by more than a century. Gun rights existed when the most common transportation was walking and horse riding.

Clinton himself explained the increase in violence: "There has been a simultaneous decline of work, family and community, the things that really organize life for all the rest of us. And we are going to have to rebuild them all, and it is not going to happen overnight."

Well, who's really to blame? High taxes, including Clinton's record tax increase this year, take the reward out of work. Gun control itself reduces family responsibility by taking away one key role of families: home protection. And welfare replaces the private charity necessary to any community, substituting bureaucrats and handouts for private acts of grace.

Finally, the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms cannot be licensed. It is the right of every adult American to defend himself and his family by the arms he deems necessary. Those bearing arms should get more training, certainly. But they should do so without any government coercion or licensing involved.

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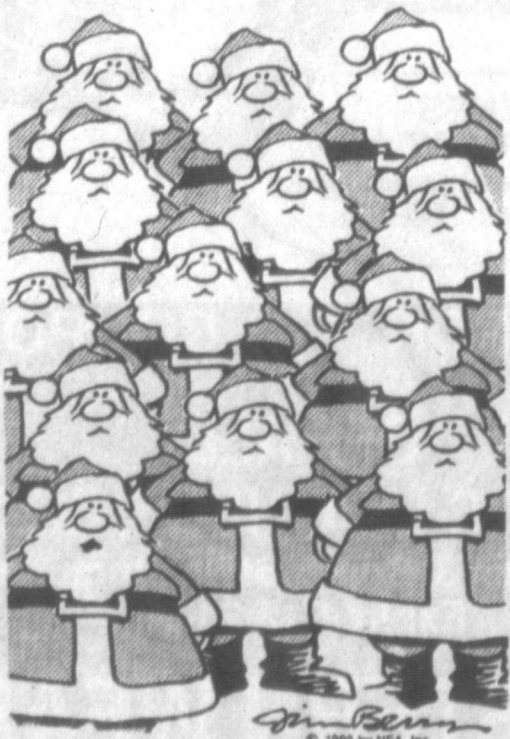
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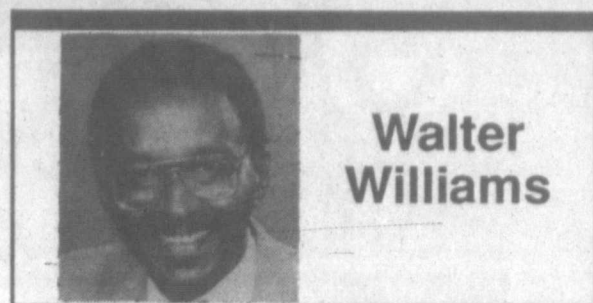
"What's the big deal about cloning all of a sudden? I had it done YEARS ago!"

Are we dumber than a dog?

There's a real healthy tragedy unfolding that's guaranteed to become more tragic if Congress adopts any feature of the Clinton health proposal. A taste of this tragedy is found in the Summer 1993 issue of *Policy Review* in a story, really a plea, by Dr. Lois Copeland, M.D.

The government imposes price ceilings on Medicare reimbursements that will become nationwide if Clinton has his way. Dr. Copeland charges non-Medicare patients \$60 for an office visit. The maximum Medicare reimbursement is \$36.81. Her initial hospitalization fee for non-Medicare is \$275 vs. \$122.71 under Medicare, and an EKG is \$50 vs. \$32.22. Surgeons in her town of Bergen, N.J., get hit even worse. Surgical fees for carpal tunnel release, a common wrist procedure, run from \$1,200 to \$2,000, but the maximum Medicare reimbursement is \$300.

The government freeze on Medicare reimbursements doesn't keep down other costs such as malpractice premiums, mountains of government paperwork requirements, medical equipment and rising salaries of office staff. Dr. Copeland says she could have solved her dilemma, as many other doctors do, by refusing additional Medicare patients, by refusing them timely appointments or by telling her existing Medicare patients to find other doctors. But she says that a number of her older patients are her friends. Then she says, "How can I refuse to treat a sick patient?"



Walter Williams

If it costs Dr. Copeland \$50 to do an EKG, what's wrong with a Medicare patient saying, "I don't want you to be ripped off, so let Medicare reimburse you the \$32.22, and I'll write you a check for \$17.78?"

That's fine, but in Canada's socialized medical system and ours under the Clinton plan, it's against the law. Dr. Copeland makes up for the Medicare shortfall, as do other doctors, by charging younger patients higher fees. She points out that this is perverse because her younger patients are far less wealthy than her Medicare patients, who are likely to own their homes and have fewer debts.

Dr. Copeland has another alternative that she doesn't mention. She could try billing Medicare for services not rendered or order unnecessary tests to make up for the Medicare shortfall. No doubt some doctors have opted for that solution. But Dr. Copeland is far too principled. Instead, she orga-

nized some of her Medicare patients to join her in a lawsuit, assisted by the American Health Legal Foundation and Freedom of Choice Fund; that challenged Medicare's prohibition against private contracts. Her case became known as *Stewart vs. Sullivan*.

Oral arguments were heard in September 1992 in the federal court in Newark, N.J. Judge Nicholas Politan held that Louis Sullivan, President Bush's secretary of health and human services, had not issued a clear statement against private contracting and, even if he did, such a policy would constitute an "injury in fact," thus giving Dr. Copeland and her patients standing to sue.

Health care practitioners should make themselves knowledgeable of the *Stewart vs. Sullivan* decision. But, even more important, doctors should rebel against the political cowardice demonstrated by the American Medical Association, which has rolled over in the face of a proposal by President Clinton that will cripple the world's best medical care system.

All of us might read Aesop's fable about a dog and his bone. It's a story about a dog crossing a bridge carrying a bone. He looks into the river and sees its reflection. The bone in the river looks bigger, and he drops the one he has to go for the larger bone. But, alas, it is just a reflection. That's the Clinton health plan. If we go for it, we're dumber than a dog.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 1993. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred and fifty years ago, on Dec. 19, 1843, Charles Dickens' classic Yuletide tale, *A Christmas Carol*, was first published in England.

On this date:
In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing *Poor Richard's Almanac* in Philadelphia.

In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay, in which he wrote, "These are the times that try men's souls."

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Penn., to camp for the winter.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Penn.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corporation began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia.

In 1946, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launched widespread attacks against the French.

Still awash in great memories

Many thanks to those who have written and called with condolences for the death of my dog Catfish, the black Lab.

He was a good boy, and I miss him. It is especially difficult when I walk into my house and he is not at the front door to greet me with a wagging tail and that excited whine of his.

That's the thing about dogs. It doesn't matter if you've been gone five weeks or five minutes, they're still happy you've come home.

And not once in the nearly 12 years we lived together did Catfish ask me, upon my return, where I had been. He was just glad to see me.

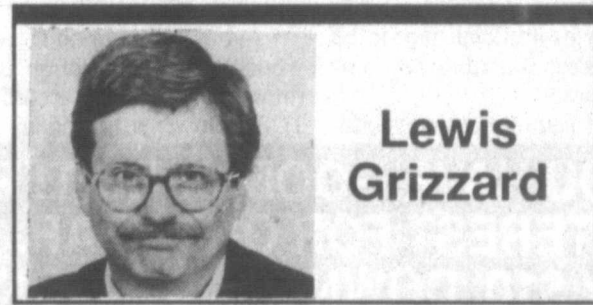
Many who have called and written also have offered me new dogs. There seems to be, as a matter of fact, an abundance of available black Lab puppies.

Thanks for those offers, too.
The void is there, no question. But it is simply too early for me to make a decision on whether or not to get another dog.

There is one side of me, of course, that says a new puppy in the house would make it easier to accept the loss of Catfish.

But another side says, "There is honor in grief. Let it run its course."
Meanwhile, Jordan, who is 5, said, "Well, there's still my cat."

I've mentioned Jordan's cat before. It's just a cat her mother and I found for her at an old country



Lewis Grizzard

store where it was living with what appeared to be its 30 or more brothers, sisters and cousins. Life for the cat then was fighting over canned salmon the store owner tossed out among the pack.

The cat was dirty, one eye was closed, and it obviously had been losing in the battle for the salmon.

Now, the cat lives in a nice Atlanta apartment, eats gourmet cat food and is one very lucky cat.

When Jordan and her mother, Dedra, visit my house, they bring the cat. Catfish never bothered it, by the way, and I was a little disappointed by that.

I'm not a cat lover. I think dogs are superior to them in every way.

But Catfish never even chased that cat the three months it occasionally entered his territory.
He died without warning. But perhaps he had been afflicted and I simply hadn't realized giving the cat free rein was a symptom of an ener-

gy-sapping malady.
Whatever, I've never warmed to Jordan's cat. It had bitten my bare feet and scratched my hands.

The evening after Catfish died I took my customary seat on my living room sofa.

Catfish's normal place was directly to the left of me. And it was his place. If an intruder occupied it, Catfish's insistent bark translated to "vacate immediately!"

I was deep into the realization that his place was wrenchingly empty now and would forevermore be so, when that cat, from nowhere, leapt into my lap.

It curled into a comfortable position and then did the damndest thing.

It looked up at me with eyes I immediately sensed knew my pain. Sappy, yes, but I swear that sense was there.

So I stroked that cat and it purred, and then it slept in my lap for over an hour.

Me holding a sleeping cat.
"Animals know," said Dedra.

And maybe they do.
That cat — no cat — could ever take Catfish's place. But I will give it that moment it at least seemed to me to offer its own condolences.

Enough. I will probably get another dog one day. For the time being, however, I am awash in great memories and surrounded by those who genuinely understand my loss.

That cat isn't the only one who's lucky.

How to stop legitimizing illegitimacy

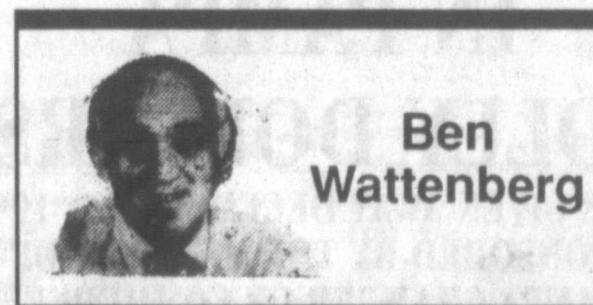
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — To get a flavor of America's welfare problem, consider a question I started to ask a group of six welfare mothers here. Roughly this: "Some people say that teenage girls are having out-of-wedlock babies in order to get welfare; now I don't think that's so, but isn't it likely that the package of welfare benefits reduces the restraints against such births, and makes them more likely?"

I never did finish the question. Most of the women vehemently jumped in: "Right, there are women out there just having children just to get it. ... that's what they'd rather do, is sit at home and do nothing ..." ... young girls out there that will brag that I have four kids so I get this amount of money and this amount of food stamps."

Not even neo-conservatives are supposed to believe that about welfare. It is permitted to suggest that welfare indirectly encourages illegitimacy. But to suggest that it is purposeful behavior is a no-no.

The women I talked to know whereof they spoke. They were not necessarily talking about majorities, and they weren't talking about themselves. They were part of the "Futures" program in Kansas City.

Most of them were African-American and in their 20s, mostly now going to school, beginning to work or getting ready to begin work, trying to get out of a tough personal situation, and deeply concerned about their children.



Ben Wattenberg

They represent one part of the welfare dilemma: how to get existing recipients off the rolls.

That mostly involves education, training, day care, medical care, getting child support from so-called "dead-beat dads" and jobs. In short: rehabilitation.

But there is a second, bigger, aspect of the welfare problem: prevention.

How do we see to it that girls don't fall into the welfare trap, either purposefully or indirectly? After all, a girl who doesn't have a first out-of-wedlock child doesn't need special day care. Nor Medicaid. She doesn't have to get a father to pay up.

There's no argument about paying added benefits for a second child. She can get an education and a job, get married, and — later — have children.

Is there an answer? Across the river, in Kansas City, Kan., there is a moderate Republican congresswoman, Jan Meyers, who says there is. "We

have created our own teenage pregnancy epidemic," she says. "The current system provides an indirect incentive for out-of-wedlock births. A young girl on welfare gets a cash grant, food stamps, medical care, day care, a transportation allowance and, in many instances, a rent allowance."

Meyers says that as long as that situation continues the welfare case load will keep going up. (It is now at an all-time high.) "We have to take away the incentive," she says.

Denying the cash part of welfare to teenagers would remove much of the incentive — direct or indirect — that draws people into welfare. And, under Meyers' proposal, innocent children would not be abandoned: food stamps, Medicaid, day care and the rest of the package would continue.

Unfortunately Meyers' Republican colleagues approved a less bold plan, whittling welfare as we know it, cutting off grants to minors, but, alas, allowing states to exempt themselves from such provisions.

The next act in the welfare drama will be made by President Clinton, who promised to really end welfare as we know it.

Clinton, too, condemns the rise in teenage pregnancy. But will he come up with a plan that removes the incentives for it, right from the first child? Perhaps a plan that is more pointed than even House Republicans dare. A plan that shows that he cares enough to be tough.

Letters to the editor

Land for the people

To the editor:
Yesterday [Dec. 4], I took a trip up the Canadian River, north of Pampa, to do a little hunting. I turned just south of the bridge, went under the bridge and across the water, then drove west a few miles. I drove right along the water, sometimes in danger of falling in, because of the fence, put up ILLEGALLY, after the Meredith Dam was built. Sometimes the fence and road might be 50 yards away from the water. The land between the water and the fence is all the land I could hunt on.

If I had crossed the fence, I could have been issued a citation for trespassing on state land that has been confiscated illegally by the land owners on each side of the river. It reminded me of the serfs in medieval England who were killed or maimed as poachers for hunting game (to feed their families) on the land of their noble lord.

I really had a good time. I flushed some quail and few prairie chickens, saw a coon waddling off, scared some ducks out of the river, and even saw a coyote in the distance. I visited with a fellow from Perryton who had seen a buck and a doe, and he had a friend who had killed a buck a few days earlier. Most people that go up there to hunt seldom get anything, but it's fun to be out anyway.

I like to walk. I probably walked six or seven miles down that river and saw a water hole that I didn't know was there with some fish in it. Later I saw a couple of men with their sons, who were going to fish. There were quite a few vehicles going up and down the river. Most seemed to be people on a family outing.

I understand the landowners want to restrict the public from using this land at all. It couldn't be they just want the grazing, for they have already illegally confiscated that, and gotten it enforced by the courts in their area.

The state law clearly states what the boundaries are, but the courts here make their own law. Some area courts are controlled by judges who are landowners themselves. Any decision they make would be a CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

What these landowners really want is for the State of Texas to make a law just for them so they can get more land. Most of these ranchers use this land for themselves and their friends to hunt on. Some land is even leased out to hunting clubs. There is very little land in the Panhandle for people to use without paying \$500 to \$1,000 to hunt, and I don't think we should have to give this to a few large landowners.

Whatever happened to the concept of COMMON DOMAIN (land set aside for use by the common/average people)? Should the rest of us be punished because the land along the river was confiscated by people with many acres of range land?

The Texas Attorney General said these local judges don't have jurisdiction over that property. The people of this area should make such a fuss about this matter that the powers-that-be would rule in favor of ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PANHANDLE, not just a privileged few.

An interested citizen,
Calvin Lacy
Pampa

Skaters appreciate help

To the editor:
In a world where all we seem to hear about is the greed and selfishness of people, we wanted to let everyone know about some people who have gone out of their way to help others.

The Bandaide Bunch Speed Skating Team has grown from only four members to 25 members in just over a month. But there has been a lot of work to be done in both fund-raising and fixing up the skate rink in order for the team to even exist. Gene Rippetoe and James DeVoll have put in many hours working to fix up the rink, as well as acting as chaperones at skate meets and fund-raising events. Without them, the team would not be where it is today. Also, Albertson's grocery store has let us sell their homemade chocolate chip cookies every Saturday, for which we get 50 cents for every bag we sell. This is very important to us, because this money helps to pay the rent and utilities at the rink.

There are also some other people who have been very generous. Mr. E.E. Simmons, CPA, has donated his time and helped us with all of the team's legal matters. Mr. Dick Wilkerson at Builder's Plumbers was kind enough to donate bathroom fixtures so we could have working bathrooms at the rink! And Mr. Burton Doucette of A-1 Rental, which

is located next door to the rink, has gone out of his way to help by lending us tools and other supplies, and even donating items to our garage sale.

There is no way we can repay the generosity and kindness of these people have shown us, but we would like to say "Thanks" and let them know how much we appreciate all they have done.

The Skaters of the Bandaide Bunch Speed Skating Team.
Bernice Rippetoe
Pampa

Thanks for DHS Christmas

To the editor:
I had the privilege to attend the Christmas that was given for all the folks, the shut-ins and handicapped of the Department of Human Services, by Shawn Bybee and the Baptist churches and several other folks of Pampa had today [Dec. 11] at the church, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. We even had rides to and from, door prizes, table prizes and gift certificates from Walmart.

The meal was delicious: turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, coffee, tea and cherry desert. This was truly making us feel like king and queen for a day. This proves that we cannot out-give God in parts of our lives. Oh, yes we were given nice Christmas bags, too.

And the best was the program: singing - it was like an old-fashioned Christmas out in the country in a school house, back to the basics of God - great.

Thank you,
Audry Huff
Pampa

Erase WASP image for GOP

To the editor:
Recently there was a news story concerning action by the county commissioners in Williams County disallowing a TAX BREAK for Apple Computer Co. because the commissioners did not like how that company would use their benefit funds. This came as no surprise, coming from the "red-necks" in central Texas.

What I could not believe was that the Texas Republican chairman stated that the GOP condoned the action. I abhor the lifestyle of the homosexuals; however, it is none of the county's nor Republican Party's business as to how a private concern chooses to dispense its own benefits. Although the county commissioners reconsidered their action, the damage was done relative to other companies thinking of moving their factories to Texas.

It was such narrow-minded thinking by several factions in the Republican Party that helped defeat George Bush. If the Republican Party hopes to assume leadership in the country, it must erase the "WASP" image. The Texas Republican chairman did not speak for this Republican.

W.A. Morgan
Pampa

Letters to the editor policy

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District Judge Kent Sims announces re-election bid

Judge M. Kent Sims, 31st Judicial District judge and lifelong resident of Wheeler County, has announced his candidacy for re-election to the office, subject to the Democratic primary in March.

Sims has served as 31st District judge since his election in 1990.

"I have worked diligently for the past three years attending to the many diverse issues brought to my court. These controversies have involved private individuals, corporations, state government, criminal matters and individual rights as well as public policy. Throughout all of these, my efforts have been to follow the law and merit the trust you have placed in me."

As well as handling the controversies through court cases, Sims points out that the many administrative duties of a district judge, such as serving on five juvenile boards, being chairman of the adult probation departments, appointing county auditors and other duties, have kept him extremely busy while not on the bench.

Sims received state recognition from his peers, having been selected to serve as a faculty member for the College for New Judges for the state of Texas in 1992 and 1993. Sims was on the curriculum committee for the state judicial section meeting in 1993 and most recently was elected by the membership of over 950 state judges to the board of directors of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, the state organization in charge of the education of all state judges.

Sims is the son of Mrs. Lyndon H. Sims, Wheeler, and the late Lyndon H. Sims. He and his wife, Andrea, have four daughters, Angelique, Gayla, Anissa and Stacy.

After he earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University in 1969, he earned his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Tech in May 1972. Sims opened an office in Wheeler and continued to practice locally until elected to the bench.

The judge is active in civic and



District Judge Kent Sims

church activities, having served as president of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and president of Wheeler Kiwanis Club. He is active in all aspects of the United Methodist Church of Wheeler. Sims served as Wheeler County judge in 1974 and served as county attorney from April 1977 until 1990.

Sims is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Texas Center for the Judiciary and Judicial Section of the State Bar. He has attended the National Judicial College as well as other seminars and schools in order to stay abreast of the many changes in state laws and seek ways to be a better judge.

In his announcement, Sims emphasized his desire to continue to serve the people of the 31st Judicial District as judge. Sims considers himself a conservative Democrat and stressed that he has enjoyed and will continue working with the people and all officials throughout the district.

"It has been an honor to serve as 31st District judge for the last three years. Many of you helped me in my election in 1990, and I now ask you and all the voters of the 31st Judicial District for your help and support in this election," Sims said.

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Another baby boom arrives nine months after the Blizzard of '93

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - A blizzard last March was blamed for six deaths in West Virginia. Nine months later, it's being credited with dozens of new lives.

Hospitals around the state say births are booming in December, nine months after the record-setting March storm that paralyzed much of the East and dumped three feet of snow in West Virginia.

Nurses at Women and Children's Hospital in Charleston predicted the baby boom when the blizzard hit, said maternity ward nurse Gloria Friddell.

"When they get stuck at home, it always hits us. You've got to do something to keep warm," Friddell said Friday.

Edna and Mike Marker's son

Dylan was born there Thursday. "We were snowed in for four or five days. We couldn't get out of our driveway," said Mrs. Marker.

The hospital normally has 18 to 20 women on the maternity floor each day, but is averaging more than 30 this month.

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Rocking horse raffle



Stacey Gross won the rocking horse raffled off by the Pampa High School senior developmental class. The four top sales persons in the class are, from left, Laurie Mangus, Randy Swires, Heidi Venal and Chris Brudley. The class sold \$571 worth of tickets. The money will be used for an end of school banquet honoring area businesses that work with the developmental program, according to instructor Jarilyn Wichert. (Pampa News photo)

Seat belt use rises to record level

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record number of Americans strapped on seat belts this year, a trend advocates attribute to tougher restraint laws in some states, the Department of Transportation said Saturday.

The 1993 figure was 66 percent, an increase over 62 percent in 1992 and 59 percent in 1991, the first year the survey was done in the current format.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said the rise translates into 500 lives saved and more than 14,000 serious injuries avoided in 1993.

"Untold pain and suffering and more than \$1 billion in health care and other costs to society also were avoided," he said.

Pena said his goal is to get 75 percent of drivers and passengers to use seat belts by 1997.

He is scheduled to travel to North Carolina on Monday to highlight that state's aggressive enforcement policy, known as "click it or ticket."

Brian O'Neill, president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said compliance in North Carolina is about 80 percent due in part to a four-week campaign involving random checkpoints.

"The thing that makes the difference is the law and the extent to which that law is enforced," O'Neill said.

He said part of the national increase also was due to an upgrade in California's seat belt law that made it "primary," meaning law enforcement officers could stop a motorist simply for failure to wear a seat belt.

Only 10 states have the so-called "primary" laws. They are California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon and Texas.

Other states have "secondary" laws, meaning police officers can cite drivers or passengers for failing to wear a seat belt only if they are stopped for other reasons. Georgia is the exception — its seat belt law is primary for children and secondary for adults.

Five states have no restraint law at all. They are Massachusetts, Maine, Kentucky, New Hampshire and South Dakota, O'Neill said.

"Handing out tickets is what you need to do to increase safety belt usage," said Judith Stone, president of the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. "And awareness is increasing."

Mike Brownlee, associate administrator for traffic safety programs for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said the national percentage relies on survey numbers provided by each state.

He said there is a variation among state reporting systems, with some

reporting only driver compliance, some including passenger compliance, and some including light truck occupants.

But each state reported this year the same way it did in each of the two previous years, making the comparisons possible.

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Rice students like unisex bathrooms; parents don't

HOUSTON (AP) — There's some grumbling about the unisex bathrooms at one Rice University dormitory, but it's not coming from the men and women who shower in adjacent stalls and brush their teeth side-by-side wearing bath towels.

Restrooms have been an issue at Brown College, one of eight dormitories on the Rice campus, since it went from women-only to coed in 1987. The seven-floor building has only one large bathroom on each floor.

Officials assigned bathrooms on alternating floors for men or women exclusively, but residents soon tired of hiking to other floors.

They started holding secret-ballot votes on each floor to determine whether residents wanted unisex facilities. If even one person votes no, the bathroom on that floor and the one above and below it must be single-sex.

For the past two years, each resident on all seven floors has voted for unisex.

Although the arrangement has worked well for the students, prudent parents and judicious Rice officials want the practice stopped. A plan emerged a few months ago to divide each bathroom in two at a cost of about \$200,000.

Students object to that type of expenditure. Typically Rice students, they'd rather have another study room. Some residents even say they like sharing bathrooms.

"I'm for it because it creates more

natural attitudes between men and women," said Rice senior Meredith McCree. "They don't see each other as separate when there are no divisions."

Said Rachele Harless, a senior resident at Brown and president of its governing body: "We don't see any reason to change them."

Robert Truscott, who coordinates dorms at Rice, cites several, including parental complaints and concern that some residents feel pressured to vote for unisex bathrooms.

Officials also worry about liability regarding student safety, and they say a Houston city code requires them to

provide facilities for each sex on every floor.

But Hal Caton, the city's chief building official, said the current official restroom designations — single-sex facilities on alternating floors — is perfectly acceptable. If students choose to ignore the bathroom signs, the city can do nothing to stop them, he said.

Disregarding the sign cards is just what happens now. Men and women stroll in and out of the bathrooms indiscriminately. Each bathroom has four toilets and four showers, each surrounded by a stall. Showers have fully enclosed changing areas.

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Ex-convict kills two, self in Oklahoma parking lot

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — An angry ex-convict bought an assault rifle from a pawn shop and opened fire in a store parking lot, killing two people before driving down a dead-end road to end his own life.

David Mack Flinn, 39, remained a mystery today as police struggled to find a motive in the shootings, which injured three others Friday in this southeastern Oklahoma town of 6,000.

Detectives from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation searched Flinn's trailer home in neighboring Grant and interviewed relatives for clues to the private, violent vendetta of the single, unemployed man.

This is what they know: Hours before the 11:14 a.m. shootings, Flinn lodged a complaint about a neighbor shooting his dog.

"I'll prosecute this myself," Flinn told a deputy before storming out of the sheriff's office. A Choctaw County Sheriff's deputy who checked out the complaint found no dog and no sign of violence at Flinn's house.

Flinn's next stop was a pawn shop, where he lied about his string of theft and burglary convictions to buy the .223-caliber semiautomatic assault rifle and ammunition.

About two hours later, Luke Sheehan, 52, and Mary Sheehan, 49, were killed as they walked out of Wal-Mart, the bureau said.

"It was just bam, bam, bam," said Mary Lou Wilkins, who works in the shopping center. "I thought, this is not for real. And then I saw

people ducking and running. "There was fire coming out of his gun. Then he took off and there were people lying there on the ground."

Bullets injured two people, including a woman hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the leg and a woman who was grazed by a bullet and also was cut by flying glass from the shattered storefront; a third victim was injured by glass.

"We're very fortunate that more people aren't dead," Hugo Police Chief Roylia Akins told the *Tulsa World*. "The store was pretty well packed. We thank God it was only two."

Minutes later, Flinn was found dead in his truck on a dirt road a few miles away, said the bureau. Three guns and ammunition were in his truck. Police found another rifle in Flinn's home.

Investigators initially said the Sheehans were his intended victims, but later backed away from that.

"Basically this is just a random shooting," Assistant District Attorney Clark LeForce said.

Flinn's rap sheet lists a string of burglary and theft convictions in Pomona, Calif., and Dallas between 1976 and 1987. He also pleaded guilty in 1979 to assault with a deadly weapon in San Bernardino, Calif., records show.

"People are alarmed," said Judy Wilson of the Hugo Chamber of Commerce, characterizing the shooting as "something that happens in large towns."

After bloody 15 days, what will happen next — and where?

By ROBERT DVORCHAK
AP National Writer

The repetitiveness of multiple killings seems like a staccato burst from some fiendish gun aimed at America's sense of security.

Six commuters killed on a New York train. Four pizza parlor workers slain in a Denver suburb by a man police say is a former employee.

Two shoppers gunned down in Oklahoma; the gunman commits suicide. A police officer and four unemployment workers killed in California; police shoot the gunman.

In separate work-related shootings on Thursday, a geologist shot and killed his brother and another man before committing suicide in Boise, Idaho, and a Chelsea, Mich., teacher involved in a union grievance was charged with slaying a school superintendent and wounding the principal and a teacher.

All were among mass slayings in a 15-day period beginning Dec. 2.

The workplace toll came on the same day as a Postal Service-sponsored forum on violence on the job.

Six shootings. Twenty-two dead. 22 wounded. What next? Where next?

"It could happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. It seems so

unpredictable. The idea that it's happening so frequently is unnerving," said James Alan Fox, dean of the School of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University in Boston.

"These types of things tend to feed off each other. Seeing someone else commit this kind of crime can precipitate someone who's angry and bitter. That's why they often come in bunches," said Fox, who co-wrote the book *Mass Murder: America's Growing Menace*.

Even in a nation with a violent history and a homicide rate that startles other countries, the body count is mounting at a numbing pace.

Just two weeks after signing the Brady bill requiring a waiting period to purchase handguns, President Clinton used his national radio address last weekend to speak of an "epidemic of violence."

"The crime rate has hit every American community, from our oldest cities to our smallest towns to our newest suburbs," Clinton said.

But to call the murderous trend new is to forget the headlines of summer.

In August, killings came in clusters. At a McDonald's in Kenosha, Wis., a man in jungle fatigues who had left his job and lost his girlfriend killed two people, then himself. In Fayetteville, N.C., a man

carrying three guns and shouting about gays in the military killed four people and wounded seven in a restaurant.

That followed a July shooting in San Francisco in which a man embittered about a real estate lawsuit roamed five floors of an office building stalking lawyers. Eight people were killed and six wounded before he shot himself.

On May 6, two postal workers were killed in Dearborn, Mich., and a mail carrier was killed in a post office in Dana Point, Calif. They were the 10th and 11th Postal Service attacks in 10 years.

Rather than picking targets at random, a killer is more likely to lash out at a specific group based on race, gender or profession, experts said.

The gunman on New York's Long Island Rail Road train was a 35-year-old black man who left rambling notes raging about whites, Asians and "Uncle Tom Negroes," among other things.

There are no reliable statistics

concerning the settings in which shootings occur. And it may not even be part of a pattern.

"When these things go on, they're terribly unnerving," said Murray Strauss, a sociologist at the University of New Hampshire. "It's too early to say whether this sequence represents any sort of trend."

So what are we to do? Stop eating Big Macs or pizza? Quit shopping at the mall or riding commuter trains? Bunker ourselves behind dead-bolted doors?

Northeastern's Fox said multiple killings are still a rare event and people are more likely to be struck by lightning than struck down by a mass murderer.

"If we start thinking that the meal in a fast-food restaurant may be our last, or the gift we buy at the mall will be our last, we will victimize ourselves," Fox said.

"You'd be ruining your lifestyle because of a very unlikely event. If you feel that way, you'd probably never get in your car."

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Man goes on rampage in Round Rock

AUSTIN (AP) — A woman was in critical condition Saturday after a man opened fire on her in a Round Rock parking lot, then killed a former neighbor and himself, officials said.

Police said the shootings may have been sparked by a sexual assault charge against the gunman, identified by authorities as 45-year-old Daniel D. Martin of Georgetown.

The woman shot in Round Rock "is the mother of a victim in a sexual assault," said Round Rock police Sgt. Dan LeMay. "He (Martin) was scheduled to be on trial Monday."

Martin fatally shot himself in the head at 6:08 p.m. Friday after killing 47-year-old Dale Cockshutt, police said. Cockshutt lived at the home where the shooting occurred.

Friday's rampage began at 5:55 p.m. in the parking lot of the Hester's Crossing Shopping Center on Interstate 35 in Round Rock. The gunman confronted a 38-year-old woman who had just gotten off work at the Walgreen Drug Store. She was shot as she was getting into her vehicle, police said.

Round Rock police Capt. Chris Bratton said the gunman "just walked up and opened fire on her."

The woman was shot at least twice in the abdomen with a 12-gauge shotgun fired at close range. She was in critical condition Saturday at Brackenridge Hospital, a nursing supervisor said.

"The woman did know him. It was not a stranger shooting," Bratton said. "He made no threats toward any other person in the parking lot. This was purely directed at the victim."

After the shooting, the gunman fled in a car south on Interstate 35.

He stopped in front of a former neighbor's home in the Wells Branch subdivision. The gunman walked into the residence through the front door, said Andy Saenz, a spokesman for the Travis County sheriff's department.

Saenz said the gunman shot a dog in the home before fatally shooting the dog's owner.

"He goes around into the dining room, when he sees the victim standing there. Boom. He cuts him down in the thigh, the man drops to his knees, and boom, he shoots him again in the face."

After killing the man, the gunman shot himself in the head with a handgun, Saenz said.



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Business

Minding your own Business
By Don Taylor



A Christmas tradition

The story of "Unlucky Jimmy" has become a Christmas tradition for this column. Because we have added more than 200,000 new readers this year, I think it's worth sharing again.

It's a story my mother often read to me when I was small. It's about a little boy named Jimmy. Jimmy's family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and had to spend most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope or joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jimmy would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jimmy knew way down inside that he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive. He even called himself Unlucky Jimmy.

Then, one night just before Christmas, Jimmy received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jimmy a special gift. Jimmy grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jimmy saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jimmy's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little truck was still under the tree. As Jimmy reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jimmy there were only enough presents for one per child.

Jimmy looked longingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blond hair just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jimmy clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jimmy began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jimmy didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jimmy lay in his little sister's bed, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. In her arms, she held the red fire engine. She explained to Jimmy that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told them why Jimmy had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring the fire engine to Jimmy.

The True Meaning

I often think of Jimmy at Christmas time, usually when I'm feeling selfish. Would you join me this Christmas season in beginning a "Jimmy" tradition? We can make the coming year a joyous occasion for all the people in this community by giving of ourselves.

Volunteer time to your favorite church or charity. Make or bake something for someone less fortunate. Take time to listen to someone who needs you. Let's make this year a year of giving.

Remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas is Christ's birth. It is his life of giving we should emulate. Today, like 2,000 years ago, wise men and women still seek him.

Edward D. Jones to host satellite broadcast show on investments

Roger D. David and Richard P. Russell, the Edward D. Jones & Co. investment representatives in Pampa, will host a live satellite broadcast for individual investors Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1994. The program will review the investment markets in 1993 and examine what the experts anticipate for 1994.

"The stock market reached new highs this year, and interest rates plunged to record lows," David said. "Individual investors have a lot of questions about what might be in store for them in the New Year, and we hope to provide some answers for them."

In addition to a broad market overview and general outlook for 1994, the program will address whether utility stocks are still a good investment given their recent decline in response to rising interest rates, what's in store for health-care stocks in light of the administration's health-care reform package, and whether telecommunications stocks really stand to benefit from the consolidation of the telephone and cable television industries.

The program will feature Jones' research director, Ray Robbins, and a panel of the firm's top research analysts. Their special guest will be H. Bradley Perry, chairman of David L. Babson & Co. and author of the widely read *Babson Staff Letter*. The program will be aired live from the firm's St. Louis headquarters, and viewers will have a chance to call in questions following the opening remarks.

Edward D. Jones & Co. traces its roots to 1871. Today, with more than 2,500 branches in 48 states, it is the largest investment firm in the nation in terms of retail offices. Its investment representatives have more than 1.5 million clients and serve individual investors exclusively.

For more information on the Jan. 5 program or to reserve a seat, contact David at (806) 665-7137, and Russell at (806) 665-2432.

Rig count jumps

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's oil and gas rig count, led by a strong gain in Texas, rose by 15 this week to 883, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

The current count recovered some ground after losing eight rigs last week, but it still lagged behind the total of 935 posted a year ago.

Of the rigs running this week, 445 were exploring for oil, 433 for gas and five were listed as miscellaneous.

The count is the widely watched index of domestic drilling activity and represents the number of rigs actively exploring for — not producing — oil and natural gas.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The count peaked at 4,500 in December of 1981 during the oil boom.

Last summer, it dropped to a record low of 596. The previous low was 663 in the summer of 1986.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas posted the biggest gain of 18 this week. Last week, Texas' count was down 17.

Pharmacy technician certification



Melissa A. Roye, employed at Keyes Pharmacy for the past seven years, recently received her pharmacy technician certification. She began working for Lyle Gage as a pharmacist assistant in September 1983 at Family Pharmacy and then at Hiland Pharmacy before joining Keyes Pharmacy. This August, she traveled to Dallas for the Texas Pharmaceutical Association's Pharmacy Certified Technician Exam. In November she was notified that she had passed the exam and received her certification. According to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, some of the duties Roye is now qualified to perform are nonjudgmental technical duties, including preparing prescription labels, entering prescription data in the computer system, preparing and packaging of prescription drug orders, and reconstituting medications. Keyes Pharmacy congratulates Roye on this accomplishment. (Pampa News photo)

TAB offering Texas Business of Year competition

Texas Association of Business (TAB) has announced the call for entries in the 1994 Texas Business of the Year competition.

The prestigious Texas Business of the Year Awards are presented by TAB each year to the most outstanding publicly held company and privately held company in the state. The two winning companies in this year's competition will be honored at the 22nd annual Texas Business of the Year Awards Luncheon in Austin on April 6, 1994.

TAB initiated the awards in 1972 to recognize excellence in providing economic opportunity through the state's free enterprise system. Companies representing many industries from across the state participate in the competition each year.

Participating companies will be evaluated by a statewide committee, based on achievements in the areas of business operations, growth, product and service innovation and contributions to the community.

Staged attacks?

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A senior government investigator accused Pepsi-Cola of staging attacks against its own trucks to discredit consumers seeking compensation in a botched promotion campaign.

The accusation Friday came after a government probe into complaints by Pepsi's Philippine subsidiary that angry consumers firebombed trucks.

The attacks were allegedly to protest the company's refusal to pay millions of dollars in claims by consumers after the 1992 promotional campaign.

Chamber Communique

There are only two days left to register for the Dec. 22nd 500 "JOLLY DOLLARS" drawing.

Stop by the following participating merchants: Alco Discount Store; Brown's Shoe Fit; C. R. Anthony's; Culbertson-Stowers, Inc.; Dorman Tire & Service; Dunlap's Department Store; Easy's Liquor Store; Footprints; Images; J C Penney Co.; Kids Stuff; Mr. Gatti's Pizza; Nu-Way Cleaning; Pampa Office Supply; Rheams Diamond Shop; Tarpley's Music Company; Wal-Mart Discount Cities; and Wayne's Western Wear.

This Christmas promotion is sponsored by the Chamber Retail Committee.

Fred Brook (retired), Pete Denney (Peter D. Denney Real Estate Appraisal Service), Kerrick Horton (Warner-Horton Janitor Supply) and Tom Spencer (Southwestern Bell Telephone) were introduced as new Chamber board directors by R. D.

Business briefs

NEW YORK (AP) — Paramount Communications Inc. turned away a request from QVC Network Inc. to sell itself in an open, rather than sealed-bid, auction. QVC and Viacom Inc., which have been in a bidding war for the entertainment conglomerate for three months, must submit new bids by Monday.

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. said it will raise prices on some 1994 models to catch up with competitors, which raised prices more than GM did when the models were introduced this fall.

GM, which disclosed the price hike on Friday, is the first of the U.S. Big Three to impose a mid-year price increase. Only Japan's Mazda Motor Corp. has raised prices of 1994 models beyond introduction prices.

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Parliament refused to loosen Swiss bank secrecy laws, a move critics said will revive charges that the country is a haven for drug trade profits and other illicit money.

Conservative lawmakers in the National Council, or lower house, defeated three government motions Friday that would have opened Swiss-based banks to unprecedented outside scrutiny and offered foreign investigators quicker help.

"Jimmy" Wilkerson, president. These new board members will begin their three-year term in January.

Jerry Moore (Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group), Ben Shackelford (National Bank of Commerce) and Bill Wade (Energas) were recognized for being re-elected for the 1994-1996 term.

Retiring board members Norman Knox (Coronado Hospital administrator, retired, and life insurance agent); Richard Stowers (Culbertson-Stowers, Inc.); and Ken Fields (Waters, Holt & Fields) were recognized and extended appreciation for their past service.

The staff of the Chamber joins the Board of Directors in wishing you a merry, merry Christmas!

'Tis The Season to be Jolly



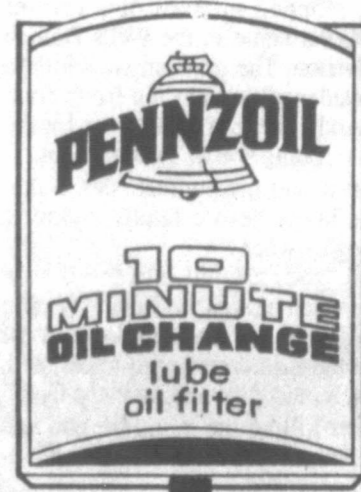
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Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Trans Terra Corp., International, #3 Kelley (116 ac) 593' from North & 1588' from East line, Sec. 154, B-2, H&GN, 8 1/2 mi south from Pampa, PD 3500' (Box 2814, Pampa, TX 79066)

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Trog Corp., #4 Langham 'A' (10 ac) 848' from North & 1786' from West line, Sec. 1, B-2, H&GN, 1 mi SW from Lefors, PD 3100' (Box 311, Big Spring, TX 79720)

HANSFORD (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Douglas) Medallion Production Co., #134-3 Sparks (640 ac) 1250' from North & East line, Sec. 134, H&TC, 4 mi NW from Spearman, PD 5500' (401 S. Boston, Suite 2000, Tulsa, OK 74103)

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Payne (640 ac) 2500' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 210, H&TC, 20 mi N-NW from Miami, PD 7550' (Nine East Fourth, Suite 800, Tulsa, OK 74103)

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & KILLEBREW Lower Morrow) Oswego, Inc., #193 Killebrew (640 ac) 2640' from North & 1320' from East line, Sec. 206, H&TC, 25 mi NE from Miami, PD 10250' (500 West 8th., Amarillo, TX 79101)

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LEDRICK RANCH Upper Morrow) Trans Terra Corp., International, #1 Mickey (160 ac) 750' from South & 2125' from East line, Sec. 58, C,G&M, 16 mi NW from Miami, PD 9000'

WHEELER (WILDCAT) El Paso Natural Gas Co., #1208 CP Rectifier (40 ac) 72' from North & 1563' from West line, Sec. 25, —, Camp County School Land, 18 mi east from Wheeler, PD 1000' (Box 1492, El Paso, TX 79978) Catholic Protection Well

Application to Plug-Back
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & N.E. MORSE Douglas) Sidwell Oil & Gas, Inc., #2 Sun-Jones (640 ac) 722' from South & 1250' from East line, Sec. 309, 2, GH&H, 5 mi south from Gruver, PD 7040' (Box 2475, Pampa, TX 79065)

Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #198 Combs, Sec. 60, 3, I&GN, elev. 2981 kb, spud 7-28-93, drlg. compl 8-2-93, tested 10-27-93, pumped 13 bbl. of 60 grav. oil + 5 bbls. water, GOR 5538, perforated 2634-2920, TD 3304', PBTD 2954'

LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Tonkawa) Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Bradford-Laurie 'F', Sec. 686, 43, H&TC, elev. 2458.5 kb, spud 10-5-93, drlg. compl 10-21-93, tested 12-1-93, pumped 32 bbl. of 38.4 grav. oil + 150 bbls. water, GOR 906, perforated 6503-6554, TD 6688', PBTD 6661'

OCHLTREE (COUROIL Upper Morrow) Devon Energy Corp., #6 J.H. Jines, Sec. 479, 43, H&TC, elev. 2858 kb, spud 10-3-93, drlg. compl 10-24-93, tested 12-4-93, flowed 406 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + no water thru 18/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure pkr, tbg. pressure 475#, GOR 658, perforated 8648-8669, TD 8825', PBTD 8742'

OCHILTREE (PSHIGODA Douglas) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #2-2874 Ranch 'A', Sec. 574, 43, H&TC, elev. 2877 rkb, spud 11-16-93, drlg. compl 11-26-93, tested 12-6-93, flowed 119.3 bbl. of 42.9 grav. oil + 13 bbls. water thru 12/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 395#, tbg. pressure 161#, GOR 553, perforated 5640-5654, TD 5800', PBTD 5761'

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #9 Flowers, Sec. 40, —, D.P. Fearis, elev. 2531 gr, spud 7-27-93, drlg. compl 8-20-93, tested

11-11-93, potential 13000 MCF, rock pressure 2862, pay 10402-10508, TD 10700', PBTD 10650'

HUTCHINSON (ARRINGTON Morrow) Arrington CJM, Inc., #24 West Turkey Track, Sec. 5, H, H&GN elev. 2909 gr, spud 10-23-93, drlg. compl 11-4-93, tested 11-24-93, potential 3800 MCF, rock pressure 2459, pay 6415-6570, TD 6900', PBTD 6830'

LIPSCOMB (SOUTH MAGOUN Lower Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Heil, Sec. 971, 43, H&TC, elev. 2398 gr, spud 8-5-93, drlg. compl 8-25-93, tested 10-8-93, potential 1350 MCF, rock pressure 3509, pay 9258-9277, TD 9535', PBTD 9461'

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #4-6 Flowers 'C', Sec. 6, —, BS&F, elev. 2738 kb, spud 8-27-93, drlg. compl 9-23-93, tested 11-20-93, potential 27500 MCF, rock pressure 3219, pay 9720-10050, TD 10400', PBTD 10297'

Plugged Wells
HANSFORD (WILDCAT) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Thor, Sec. 12, 1, PSL, spud 9-20-93, plugged 10-4-93, TD 7498' (dry)

HANSFORD (HITCHLAND Atoka) Bristol Resources Corp., #1 Thoreson, Sec. 48, 1, WCRR, spud 3-13-78, plugged 10-15-93, TD 6698' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Andover Oil Co.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., South Herring, Sec. 3, J, TWNG (oil) — for the following wells: #43, spud 6-28-55, plugged 10-14-93, TD 3112' — #47, spud 7-30-55, plugged 10-18-93, TD 3124' —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #147 South Herring, Sec. 6, J, H&GN, spud 3-9-79, plugged 10-20-93, TD 3115' (oil) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #905 Bryan-Mayfield Unit, Sec. 2, M-24, TCRR, spud 6-22-42,

plugged 10-28-93, TD 3310' (oil) — **HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #6012 Bryan-Mayfield Unit, Sec. 3, R-2, D&P, spud 11-30-55, plugged 10-11-93, TD 3260' (oil) —**

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #C-5 Mayfield B-C, Sec. 2, —, A.B. Pedigo, spud 9-8-55, plugged 10-26-93, TD 3263' (oil) —

LIPSCOMB (SOUTH FOLLETT Tonkawa) Continental Trend Resources, Inc., #2 Travis 'N', Sec. 1134, 43, H&TC, spud 11-13-84, plugged 8-27-93, TD 6576' (oil) — Form 1 filed in TXO

LIPSCOMB (N.E. KIOWA CREEK Tonkawa) Continental Trend Resources, Inc., #1 Smith 'RR', Sec. 1074, 43, H&TC, spud 8-28-92, plugged 9-3-93, TD 6520' (gas) — Form 1 filed in TXO

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Stahl Petroleum Co., (oil) — Form 1.1-PD, B&O Quarter (oil) — Form 1 filed in Lyric Energy, for the following wells: #1, spud 1-3-83, plugged 10-22-

93, TD 3471' — #2, spud 5-13-83, plugged 10-20-93, TD 3467' —

ROBERTS (KIM FLOWERS Morrow & CLARK MORTON Granite Wash) Medallion Production Co., #1-T & #1-C Kim Flowers, Clay County School Land, spud 2-1-87, plugged 8-23-93, TD 9700' (oil & gas) — Dual Plugging

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FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Eight NCAA Division I-A conference commissioners met Friday in Dallas to discuss a plan that could slice the top division of college football schools by a fourth.

Represented at the meeting at the DFW-Hyatt were the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Eight, Big Ten, Pac-10, Southeastern, Southwest and Western Athletic, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"It was a really good meeting, but I am reluctant to say anything more at this time," SWC commissioner Steve Hatchell said.

The Morning News said a proposal was discussed that could reduce the number of top football schools from 106 to about 80.

Paring the I-A membership could pave the way for a super football division, known as Division IV, with similar programs competing against each other and legislating their own NCAA rules.

Any possible restructuring would not occur until at least the January 1985 NCAA convention, unless a special NCAA convention on restructuring were called.

The 10-team Mid-American Conference and the 10-team Big West Conference were not at the meeting and apparently were not invited. Their champions met Friday night in the Las Vegas Bowl.

In the 1992 season, the latest for which national comparisons are available, the Mid-American and Big West were the lowest ranking I-A conferences in attendance with about 14,300 fans per game each. The SEC was highest at 63,737.

A source close to the discussions said the big-time schools want to control their own destiny in voting matters except for basketball.

A move to eliminate schools at the major football level would give the remaining schools greater control of passing rules and wrestling with the financial problems that gender equity will present.

Tougher attendance and budget requirements also could prevent schools now in Division I-AA from moving into the top division.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers say they expect free agent right-handed reliever Jay Howell to accept a contract offer.

General manager Tom Grieve said Friday he envisions Howell as a set-up man for closer Tom Henke, and the closer when Henke is unavailable. Henke, 37, pitched 74 1-3 innings last season, his most since 1990, and the club would like to cut his load next season.

If Howell joins the team, he would become the third member of the Los Angeles Dodgers' 1988 world championship team to join the Rangers. Coach Mickey Hatcher and catcher Mike Scioscia, a recent free agent signing, also played for the 1988 Dodgers.

Howell, 38, has at least 16 saves in seven consecutive seasons, beginning in 1985 with Oakland. However, he has only four saves in the last two seasons, with Los Angeles and Atlanta.

HORSE RACING

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The fire that swept through most of the Fair Grounds Race Track wiped out over 120 years of memories. It did not end racing at the historic track, however.

"We plan to be running again by Jan. 5," Fair Grounds president Bryan Krantz said Saturday. "The horses will be back on the track tomorrow and training will continue as before."

Track officials met with New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival director Quint Davis Saturday to map out plans to erect temporary buildings to house track offices and the grandstand so racing can resume.

"Quint Davis is the master of the portable structure," said Marie Krantz, chairman of the Fair Grounds Board. "He did the presidential inauguration this year and has been doing the Jazz Fest for 22 years. He knows the track and how to get it back into business."

About 50 firemen were at the track Saturday, dousing the smoldering wreckage with water. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigators helped New Orleans firefighters search for the cause of Friday's seven-alarm fire that ravaged most of the structures that made up the 10,000-seat grandstand and office complex at the nation's third oldest race track.

The only part of the structure left standing was the 2,500-seat clubhouse and 1,000-seat Turf Club with its upscale restaurant and seating area.

"The damage to the club house was minimal," deputy fire chief Edward Daspit said. "The fire burned in about 20 feet. There was smoke and water damage, but compared to the rest of the buildings, that's nothing."

A sprinkler system in the clubhouse helped save that building, Daspit said. The other structures, which were moved to the track in 1918 after fire destroyed the 1872 buildings, did not have sprinklers.

The fire did not endanger the horses or barns on the back side of the track. Most of the 1,950 stalls were filled, Krantz said.

BASKETBALL

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma showed the effects of a 11-day layoff but still managed to beat Lamar 98-87 on Saturday, led by Ryan Minor's 25 points.

Minor was one of three players in double figures as the Sooners improved their record to 4-1. Oklahoma has won four games in a row since losing its season opener to Massachusetts.

Oklahoma held a slim 4-point lead early in the second half but used a 13-2 run to pull away from the Cardinals and lead 59-44 with just over 12 minutes remaining.

Jeff Webster scored 10 of the Sooners' 13 points during that run.

Lamar (3-2) made one more threat when Atiim Browne's 3-pointer cut the lead to 7 points with 5:42 left in the game. Oklahoma responded by getting the ball to Ken Conley, who scored 11 points during a 13-2 spurt to give the Sooners a 91-75 advantage with 2:30 remaining.

Oklahoma trailed by 2 points three times during the first half but used an 11-4 run to take a 42-31 lead by halftime. The 11-point margin was the Sooners' largest lead of the first half.

Cowboys shoot down Jets, 28-7

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Some teams win with muscle.

The Dallas Cowboys do it with speed and skill, which is why they seem back on track to defend their NFL title.

The Cowboys qualified for at least a wild-card playoff berth Saturday by beating the New York Jets 28-7 as Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin combined on touchdown passes of 42 and 4 yards and Kevin Smith returned an interception 32 yards for a score.

Aikman was 21-of-27 for 252 yards, throwing only three incomplete passes. The Jets intercepted three in a game that featured nine turnovers, five by the Cowboys.

"We're getting better even with the turnovers," coach Jimmy Johnson said as his team set the stage for a return visit in two weeks against the New York Giants, the team they're trying to catch in the NFC East.

The first Aikman-Irvin TD came at the end of a dazzling four-play, 78-yard drive that took just 52 seconds at the end of the first half after the teams had exchanged mistakes for two quarters.

"Troy can make plays that other quarterbacks can't," Johnson said of the drive, which came after a sloppy two periods in which both teams squandered numerous chances.

The second TD came at the end of a perfect 95-yard march with 1:13 left in the third quarter. Then, just 51 seconds later, Smith stepped in front of Chris Burkett, picked off Boomer Esiason's pass and raced untouched to the end zone to make it 21-0.

Dallas (10-4) is a half-game behind the Giants, who play at New Orleans Monday night and are the only other NFL team to have clinched a playoff berth.

The Jets (8-6) dropped behind a pack of seven other AFC teams with five or fewer losses. New York's only consolation was Brad Baxter's 1-yard TD run with 11:28 left in the game

that broke a streak of nearly four games without a touchdown. The Jets now go on the road for their final two games, to Buffalo and Houston.

"We're not out of this by any stretch of the imagination," Jets safety Ronnie Lott said. "But we keep gambling and you can only roll the dice so many times. We've only got a few rolls left."

The first half appeared to be heading for a scoreless tie, fitting for the Jets, who came into the game without allowing a TD in 12 quarters and without scoring one in 14.

But the Cowboys struck suddenly, using all the skill at their command.

"The bottom line is that they overcame mistakes and we didn't," Esiason said. "Troy threw three interceptions and he's still out there throwing and making the plays. It's hard to keep them down, even when they make mistakes."

That's what happened at the end of the half.

Starting at their 22 with 1:28 left, Aikman hit Emmitt Smith

for six yards; Smith, who had 91 yards in 20 carries, ran for nine more; Aikman found Alvin Harper for 21, then found Irvin, who leaped over Eric Thomas and fell into the end zone.

"It's always important to get on the board," Irvin said. "They were mixing it up real well, double-teaming on me, doing different things. They were a defense yet another chance early in the second half, when Mo Lewis intercepted a pass at midfield after Bill Pickel tipped it, the Cowboys took off."

Starting at their 5, they went all the way on a drive featuring a 20-yard pass from Aikman to Harper and a 20-yard scramble by Aikman on third-and-16.

Aikman capped it by finding Irvin, who had six catches for 91 yards, in the right corner of the end zone.

Two plays later, Smith stepped in front of Burkett and raced to the end zone. The final Dallas TD came on Johnson's 3-yard run with 5:53 left.

Esiason was 21-of-37 for 194 yards.

Pampa downs Garden City, loses buzzer-beater to AHS

Four players scored in double figures for Pampa and the ninth-ranked Harvesters' defense did a super effective job in a 58-41 win over Garden City, Kan. Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

With Hank Gindorf and Coy Laury scoring six points apiece in an early run, the Harvesters jumped out to a 15-2 lead and never trailed in the contest, which was only the second one played in McNeely Fieldhouse this season.

The Buffaloes used the 3-point line to help trim Pampa's lead to seven, 19-12, at the end of the first quarter. But after Aaron Guardian scored the first two of the second quarter to make it, 19-14, Pampa never let the visitors get any closer. A 3-point goal by Rayford Young followed by Gindorf's 12-foot jumper put the Harvesters ahead by 10 about midway in the second quarter.

Pampa led, 28-18, at halftime and 40-27 after three quarters.

Seivern Wallace paced Pampa's scoring attack with 17 points. Coy Laury followed with 13, Young 11 and Gindorf, 10.

Guardian was high scorer for the Buffaloes with 8 points. The Harvesters shut down Garden City's career scoring leader Randy Perryman, who managed just 7 points. Perryman is going to the University of

Texas on a basketball scholarship.

"I was real pleased with the way we played. I was the most pleased with our fighting and scrapping," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "It was a pretty physical game and we did a good job of handling the pressure."

Pampa overwhelmed Garden City on the boards, 30-18. Wallace and Duane Nickelberry led Pampa with 8 rebounds. Pampa forced the Buffaloes into 22 turnovers. The Harvesters had a dozen miscues.

Pampa was 10 of 16 from the foul line while Garden City was 4 of 8.

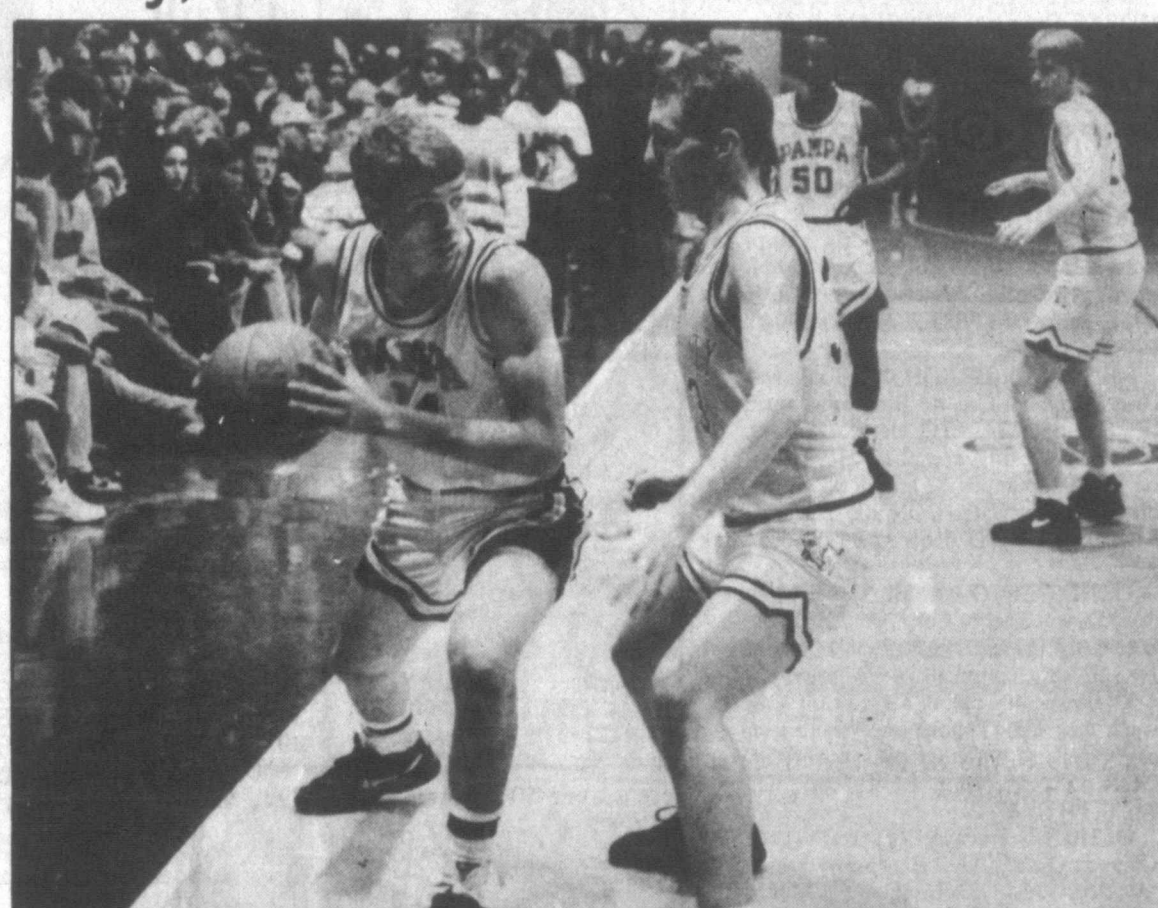
Pampa improves to 8-5 for the season while Garden City drops to 1-4.

Pampa 58, Garden City 41

Individual scoring
Pampa: Seivern Wallace 17, Coy Laury 13, Rayford Young 11, Hank Gindorf 10, Justin Collingsworth 5, Duane Nickelberry 2; **Three-point goals:** Young 2.

Garden City: Aaron Guardian 8, Randy Perryman 7, Nathan Standmark 7, Eric Van Campen 6, Todd Smith 6, Brent Mueller 4, Erin Clark 3. **Three-point goals:** Guardian 2, Clark 1, Perryman 1, Standmark 1.

AMARILLO — Trey Kemp hit a 3-point shot at the buzzer to give Amarillo High



Pampa senior Robert Bremerman (left) looks to pass around Garden City's Randy Perryman in first-half play Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. (Pampa News photo)

a 51-50 win over Pampa Saturday.

Rayford Young had given Pampa a 50-48 lead on a foul shot with five seconds remaining before Kemp threw up the off-balanced 3-pointer.

The score was tied at 11-all

at the end of the first quarter and Pampa went up by two, 25-23, at halftime. The Harvesters were trailing, 35-32, going into the fourth quarter.

Todd Platt was the Sandies' high scorer with 13 points, followed by Chris Schipper

with 11. Kemp finished with 9.

Pampa's Duane Nickelberry led all scorers with 17 points. Young had 13 points followed by Seivern Wallace with 11, Justin Collingsworth 5 and Coy Laury, 4.

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| FE - Nelson 15, Ja. Wesbrooks 11; W - Baize 10, Eliason 7. | | Clarendon | 6 12 21 31 |
| Groom | 13 29 38 51 | G - Homen 14, Friemel 11; C - Floyd 11, McAnear 6. | |
| Clarendon | 15 37 45 58 | Fort Elliott | 10 21 27 52 |
| G - Hall 33, Burgin 10; C - Collins 18, Wilson 12. | | Wheeler | 12 27 40 56 |
| Wheeler JV | 8 19 32 47 | FE - A. Dukes 21, Fillingim 17; W - Boedecker 16, Nelson 15. | |
| Lefors | 10 23 49 61 | Wheeler JV | 7 20 33 60 |
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| Miami | 19 38 47 57 | W - Good 13, Dollar 11; L - Murray 7, Gilbreath 4. | |
| McLean | 10 19 30 48 | | |

Broncos' defense shuts down Bears

CHICAGO (AP) — Denver's defense did the dirty work Saturday on a rainy, muddy day at Soldier Field. The Broncos intercepted three passes and fell on two fumbles in soiling another performance by the Chicago Bears' ineffective offense.

"We had to play their kind of game because of the weather," Denver coach Wade Phillips said after a 13-3 victory improved the Broncos' playoff chances and improved their record to 9-5.

"It just shows that we can play any kind of game. We are not just a passing team. We can run the ball, throw the ball or do whatever it takes to win the game. ... We are not worried about the division. We will find out what happens tomorrow and go on to the next game," added Phillips.

Chicago backup quarterback P.T. Willis, starting for Jim Harbaugh, who has a bruised right hand, never got a grip — not on the ball or the game — during a miserable afternoon at Soldier Field.

He completed only 14 of 29 passes with three interceptions and also fumbled to set up Denver's only touchdown, a go-ahead score late in the first half.

"P.T. is the second quarterback, so he's not as good as Harbaugh. He's a good athlete but we'd rather have seen him than Harbaugh," said Denver defensive end Shane Dronett,

who made the first interception.

"We knew it was going to be a defensive battle coming into the game. The games that they have won, they've won defensively. We knew if our offense got on the board that we were just going to have to hold them," he added.

"It was tough for the Bears having to go with their second-team quarterback, and I know that hurt their chances some but I thought we played well," said Phillips. "We kept thinking Harbaugh might come in, so we had some things ready in case he came in."

Bears coach Dave Wannstedt said Harbaugh could have played and he talked about using him after the Bears fell behind 10-3 at the half and again late in the game should Chicago have needed a two-minute drive.

"The main thing was the turnovers, we got to make some plays down the field," said Wannstedt, announcing that Harbaugh would return as the starter next week against Detroit, a game the Bears (7-7) must win to stay alive.

"We're wounded badly in the playoff hunt," said Wannstedt. "But we're not out of it yet."

Willis, completing only 6-of-16 first-half passes, threw an interception to stop one drive early in the second quarter, and his fumble after a hit by Mike Croel left to Denver's touchdown with 1:24 left in the first half.

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PHS girls fall to Garden City

Visiting Garden City, Kan. broke open a close game in the second half for a 65-51 victory over Pampa in a girls' basketball contest Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The two teams were involved in a seesaw battle at the start with the first quarter winding up in a 15-all tie. A fullcourt press employed by the Lady Buffaloes in the second quarter forced Pampa into 10 turnovers, allowing Garden City to take a seven-point lead, 30-23, at the half.

Garden City scored eight unanswered points in the third quarter to up its lead to 17 (42-25). Pampa made a run at Garden City late in the third quarter and scored eight of the last 10 points to cut the gap to 12 (50-38) going into the final period. However, the Lady Buffaloes stayed at top by at least 11 points the rest of the way to claim the win.

Cindy Ochs topped Garden City's scoring attack with 22 points and she also helped give her team a 23-19 advantage on boards with 11

rebounds. Allison Wheeler chipped in 10 points for Garden City.

Jennifer Jones and Elisha Calloway led Pampa in scoring with 10 points each. Serenity King, who had 8 points, led Pampa rebounders with 6.

The Lady Harvesters had a good night from the foul line, dropping in five of seven attempts. Garden City was 17 of 23.

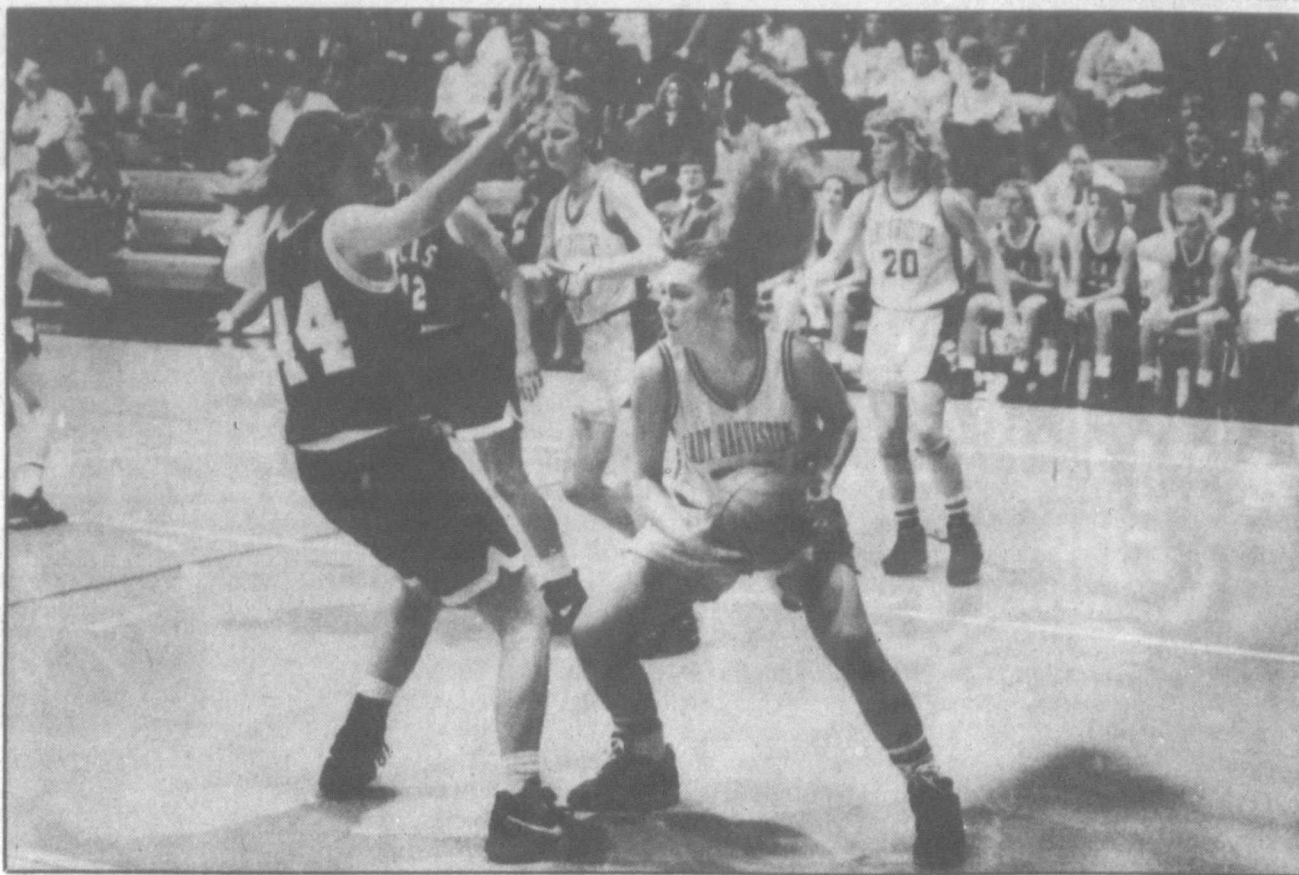
Pampa played Amarillo High Saturday afternoon and lost, 84-14.

Stephanie Andrus led Amarillo High with 17 points and Jane Brown led Pampa with five.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Duncanville Tournament Dec. 27-29.

Garden City, Kan. 65, Pampa 51

Individual scoring
Pampa: Jennifer Jones 10, Elisha Calloway 10, Serenity King 8, Selena Miller 8, Misty Scribner 5, Jayme Davis 4, Misty Plunk 4, Jane Brown 2; Three-point goals: Jones 2, Miller 2.
Garden City: Ochs 22, Wheeler 10, Dew 9, Smith 6, Needham 6, Bluml 4, Thompson 4, Miller 2, Stockham 2; Three-point goals: Ochs 2.



The Lady Harvesters' Jayme Davis looks to go upcourt after hauling down a rebound in the second half Friday night against Garden City, Kan. (Pampa News photo)

Lewisville wins 5A Div. II title

HOUSTON (AP) — Chad Nelson ran for touchdowns of 55 and 39 yards and his second pass completion of the game set up the game-winning touchdown, leading Lewisville to a 43-37 victory over Aldine MacArthur in the Class 5A Division II state championship game.

Trailing 37-36 after a dramatic comeback by MacArthur, Nelson ran six yards on fourth-and-1 from the Farmer 39-yard line to keep the game-winning drive alive.

Then, facing third-and-eight on the MacArthur 38, Nelson completed a 28-yard pass to LaDarrin McLane to the General 10 and on the next play Dwayne Brazzell, who rushed 143 yards on 25 carries, scored with 21 seconds left in the game for his second touchdown of the fourth quarter.

"I just wanted to get as close to the end zone as possible," Brazzell said of his game-winners. "I wasn't even thinking touchdown. It seemed like slow-motion. It was the longest 10 yards I've run in my life."

Nelson complete two of five passes for 37 yards. His other completion was a nine-yard touchdown pass to Byron Mitchell that gave the Farmers a 21-14 halftime lead. He rushed 125 yards on 14 carries.

"When I'm not key on, I can run," Nelson said. "They keyed on (Dwayne) Brazzell as if they wanted me to prove what I could do and they did. Teams think I can't pass but those teams get burned."

The Farmers have been in the playoffs 19 times since 1939 but it was their first state title. They reached the finals in 1972 before losing to Uvalde in the Class 3A championship game.

Nelson's performance overshadowed an outstanding effort by MacArthur quarterback Odell James, who ran for touchdowns of 8, 40 and 1 yard, completed a 55-yard touchdown pass to Ramond Robinson and accounted for three two-point conversions.

Speed skaters compete in Elk City, Okla. meet

Eleven members on the Pampa BandAide Bunch speed skating team finished fourth or better in a meet last weekend at Elk City, Okla.

The Pampa skaters ranged in ages from 8 to 15.

In freshmen girls' inlines, Ann Gaddis placed first and Rebecca Gaddis was second.

Caryn Hendricks won the freshmen girls' quads.

In freshmen boys' quads, Aaron Malenadro came in first while Tre Stokes was second.

Brandon Smith placed fourth in juvenile boys' inlines.

In freshmen boys' inlines, Roy Devoll was third and Jeff Twigg, second.

Thad Born won the sophomore boys' quads.

In sophomore boys' inlines, Kenny Fritz was second and Chris

Smith was fourth.

Skaters attending, but not competing were Amanda Daugherty, Clayton Phillips and Scott Phillips. Adult chaperones were Marvin and Peggy Smith, Gene and Bernice Rippetoe, James Devoll, Vercie Twigg and Gaylon Phillips.

The team is hoping to take some of its best skaters to a large meet in Fort Smith, Ark. on Jan. 15 if enough money can be raised to pay for transportation costs and entry fees.

In order to raise funds, the skaters are holding dances every Friday night from 7 to 12 at the skating rink, located on the corner of Ward and Kingsmill.

Admission is \$2 per person and refreshments will also be sold.

The team is also planning a New Year's eve dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Funeral services held for Oilers Alm

WORTH, Ill. (AP) — More than 100 people crowded into a small funeral home chapel in this south Chicago suburb to mourn Houston Oilers tackle Jeff Alm.

A car Alm was driving in Houston on Tuesday hit a freeway guardrail, throwing his best friend, Sean Lynch, from the car to his death.

Police said Alm then took out a shotgun and shot himself.

At funeral services Friday just an hour after Lynch was eulogized at St. Michael's Church in neighboring Orland Park, the Rev. Walter Ledogar of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church read from Job and described the Old Testament

character's story as one of "despair, a story about depression, a story about what happened to one guy when everything was seemingly taken away from him."

"None of us can fully understand the despair of another person," he said. "We cannot walk the path that Jeff tried."

"His world went bad," Ledogar said, snapping his finger, "like that. You and I cannot judge him because we did not feel what he felt."

"All you and I can do ... is to think of those moments in our own lives when you and I have felt that our lives were empty and just try to imagine" that Alm felt even worse, Ledogar said. "We can't understand it, but it was real."

Trying to console Alm's family and friends, Ledogar said, "God is always there in the midst of despair even when the darkness seems to hide him, to shroud him."

Roses along with a picture of Alm and his fiancée rested atop the brown and golden casket. Nearby were photos of Alm wearing his Notre Dame football uniform and playing with the Oilers.

Alm's Oilers teammates held a private memorial ceremony in Houston on Wednesday night. The team is dedicating the 1993 season to Alm's memory, and players' game-day helmets will bear Alm's number, 76.

None of the Oilers players or coaches attended Alm's service, but David Lang, assistant to the team's board chairman, spoke at the service, as did an NFL representative.

Lang spoke of Alm's "competitive intensity, his easy sense of humor."

"He was remembered as a thoughtful friend who cared for others" and who anonymously donated money to the needy.



Alm

Iowa's trip to Alamo Bowl will be one big reunion for head coach

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Iowa's trip to the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio will be one big reunion for coach Hayden Fry.

Fry grew up in Texas, where he played high school and college football and coached before taking the Iowa job. The New Year's Eve game with California in the Alamodome will be Fry's first in Texas since 1978, his last season at North Texas State, and he plans to make the most of it.

"I'm going to see a lot of my classmates that I played with on our state championship team in 1946 (at Odessa)," Fry said. "We won against the Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio team that had Kyle Rote and all those great players. We beat them for the championship and finished 14-0."

Fry also will get together at a local watering hole with teammates from his playing days at Baylor,

where he was a quarterback from 1947-50.

"There's over 50 of them that have already said they're going to come down one night," Fry said. "Some of those guys I haven't seen since I got out of school. That's going to be great."

And that's not all. Fry will have a chance to see his family, too.

"All my family lives down there, so they're all going to be there — all my children and grandchildren," said Fry, who has four sons and a daughter.

With so many family members and friends watching, the pressure will be on Fry and the Hawkeyes to put on a good show. That won't be easy.

Iowa takes a 6-5 record against a California team that Fry thinks would have gone to the Rose Bowl if so many key players hadn't been injured. The Golden Bears are 8-4 and have averaged 37.3 points in

winning their last three games.

"They've got skill, they've got size, they've got momentum, they've got a tremendous kicking game," Fry said. "It's a typical Pac-10 team in regards to speed and quickness."

"We've got to improve an awful lot with our football team. Otherwise, I might be looking for a hole to dig in that Astroturf to hide in."

Fry got his trip to Texas only because the Southwest Conference didn't have enough bowl-eligible teams.

The Alamo Bowl was supposed to have taken the third-place team in the SWC. But when Texas A&M beat Texas on Thanksgiving night, it left the league with only two teams with the six victories needed to get into a bowl — A&M and Texas Tech. That opened the door for Iowa.

Fry said Iowa had agreed beforehand to become the replacement

team for the Southwest Conference spot, gambling that A&M would beat Texas. But he said the Alamo Bowl wasn't the Hawkeyes' only option.

"I got a big kick out of all you guys doing your speculating and guessing on the bowl games and how we just had to sweat it out," Fry said. "We actually had four different bowl games that contacted us. Certain things had to happen, certain teams had to lose, and a couple of them did."

"We had certain choices, but we made the deal. We put all our money on Texas A&M whipping Texas so that we could go to the Alamo Bowl because that was our choice. But we had other choices. Even though we're 6-5, we still have a good image out there and people like us."

"All we had to do was win that sixth game and we had it locked." Iowa ended up in a better location

than Big Ten rival Indiana, which is 8-3 and beat the Hawkeyes 16-10. Indiana will play Virginia Tech in the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La. Fry said he recently told Indiana coach Bill Mallory that winning games isn't the only thing that matters to the bowls.

"I told coach Mallory, 'Hey, you guys have got a heck of a football team, you beat us, but you got 30-something thousand (fans) at

homecoming when we came over there.'" Fry said. "The bowl people are in the business of making money. They've got to look at the bottom line."

"You can get out and use this to motivate your fans. Tell them, hey, we did the job in football, you guys fill the stands. Take that back home and try to get it across. Because football's more than just winning."

Brigham Young downs Red Raiders, 84-74

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Randy Reid had a career-high 26 points as Brigham Young defeated Texas Tech 84-74 early Saturday, the Cougars' fourth straight victory.

Russell Larson added 17 points for BYU (5-2) in the ESPN-televized game, which began at 10 p.m. Friday and ended shortly after midnight.

After falling behind 51-50, the Western Athletic Conference Cougars used a 19-9 run to take control of the game. Craig Wilcox

had all 5 of his points in that spurt as BYU took a 69-59 lead with 6:35 left in the game.

Texas Tech (2-4) of the Southwest Conference closed to a 72-67 deficit on Mark Davis' tip-in with 4:07 left. But BYU responded with a 7-0 run and finished by hitting five of eight free throws.

Jason Sasser led Texas Tech with 18 points while Coy Smith had 17 and Lance Hughes added 16.

BYU shot 60 percent for the game while Texas Tech hit just 38 percent.

Texas Tech had a 38-32 edge on the boards with Hughes grabbing nine rebounds. Kenneth Roberts paced BYU with eight rebounds.

BYU 84, TEXAS TECH 74
TEXAS TECH (2-4)
Sasser 5-15 8-13 18, Davis 5-6 4-8 15, Ham 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 5-15 2-2 17, Hughes 5-17 5-8 16, Collins 2-3 0-0 6, Clayton 0-1 0-0 0, Cooper 1-1 0-0 2, Lloyd 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 23-61 19-33 74.
BYU (5-2)
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Budget shortfall for Pentagon deemed smaller, officials say

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An expected gap in the Pentagon's post-Cold War budgets is not as severe as first thought, President Clinton and top advisers said Friday, seeking to dampen talk of a Pentagon-White House dispute.

The shortfall is in the range of \$31 billion over five years, not the \$40 billion to \$50 billion estimated earlier, and can be worked out, three officials said at a briefing.

"We haven't got all the answers yet, but I was most encouraged that OMB (Office of Management and Budget) and the Council of Economic Advisers and the Pentagon all agreed that the number is considerably smaller than \$50 billion," Clinton said. He spoke to reporters after a holiday event in the East Room.

Despite the still-large shortfall, the president has pledged to support the military strategy and force structure developed by Defense Secretary Les Aspin, the advisers said.

The officials, speaking to reporters on condition they not be identified, said new inflation figures from the Council of Economic Advisers would narrow the budget gap.

Now needed, they said: about \$20 billion more in funds to back planned military expenditures and around \$11 billion for a congressionally mandated military pay raise.

The officials called reporters in on Friday after reports that the White House and Pentagon were at odds over the budget issue, which had been cited as one of the primary reasons for Aspin's resignation on Wednesday.

On Thursday, Clinton named retired Adm. Bobby Inman to replace Aspin, and Inman stated clearly that he had agreed to take the job only after he had received what he felt was the president's "absolute commitment" to build bipartisan support for a military policy.

While neither Clinton nor any of the top officials offered any suggestions for solving the \$31 billion problem, they all insisted it would be worked out.

They declined to state whether the money would be taken from Pentagon or other budgets. Nor would they say whether long-term weapons procurement or modernization accounts would be hit harder to preserve Aspin's force structure and "readiness" funds, which pay for the military's ability to train to go to war.

National Security Adviser Anthony Lake said Clinton "remains committed to the strategy and force structure in the 'Bottom-Up Review' and remains committed to maintaining the readiness of our armed forces."

That strategy calls for 10 active Army divisions, 12 aircraft carriers, 20 active and reserve air wings, and a sizeable Marine Corps.

But Clinton will have to resolve the budget dispute before Christmas, one of the senior officials said.

The number-crunching comes as the president prepares to assemble his 1995 spending plan — his first formal budget — which will debut in early February and is expected to total about \$1.5 trillion.

The president has spent weeks in line-by-line budget meetings, finally tackling the ledgers for the Pentagon and State Department on Friday.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher has been reported to be asking \$3 billion more than had been projected for the 1995 foreign affairs budget. Spokesman Mike McCurry said that figure was incorrect.

However, he added, "I think the secretary's intention is very much to tell the president, outline for the president, both the opportunities that exist in the world through the conduct of diplomacy and some of the opportunity costs of not fully financing those types of diplomatic efforts."

In other budget issues:
— The big ticket item in this year's Health and Human Services' discretionary budget is expected to be Head Start, the early childhood development program that now

reaches 721,000 children and their families. One of the big losers may be the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps poor families heat their homes in the winter.

Congressional aides and advocates say the energy assistance budget, now \$1.44 billion, may be cut in half or by a third. They are not sure, however, how big an increase Head Start will receive.

The program's funding this year totals \$3.326 billion, up from \$2.8 billion last year. Clinton, however, had sought to increase spending on Head Start in fiscal 1994 to \$4.15 billion.

— The Social Security Administration faces mounting backlogs in its disability programs and a congressional aide expects to see some increase in spending to deal with the problem.

— Homelessness is the Department of Housing and Urban Development's main priority, and — after the death of a homeless woman outside HUD headquarters — the Clinton administration is designating more money for the problem.

With Clinton's blessing, HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros earmarked \$25 million for a special program to aid the homeless and advanced \$250,000 from a \$20 million pilot program so that the District of Columbia can provide warm shelter to homeless people this winter.

— The Environmental Protection Agency may be one of the few agencies to get an increase. Officials are optimistic EPA will make up the overall cutback it suffered last year and move ahead a bit. The government's environmental regulatory arm took a \$300 million cut, to \$6.6 billion.

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LIFESTYLES

Pampans create gifts from the heart

A growing number of Pampa-area residents have largely forsaken the buying of mass-produced items for Christmas presents in favor of making handcrafted presents themselves for friends and relatives.

"It's just a neat idea for a gift, because it's unusual," said Joy Shelton, an arts and crafts store owner in Pampa who said she has observed a trend toward homemade Christmas presents in Pampa in the last three or four years.

Shelton, who is among those Pampa residents who have a tradition of creating Christmas presents with their own hands to give to friends and relatives, cited baskets, rugs, placemats, paintings, religious ornaments, clothes, pillows, and stuffed dolls as among the commonly produced homemade gift items of this time of the year. Shelton added that people of all ages can create gift items in their homes to be given to others at Christmastime.

Other handicraft store owners in Pampa said common Christmastime gift items include key rings, billfolds, watchbands, purses, book covers, belts, jewelry, Christmas wreaths, and tree ornaments.

Shelton explained the recent

trend toward homemade Christmas presents in the Pampa area by saying, "...I think people are being aware that gifts are given from the heart, and when you make it yourself it becomes more a part of the gift."

Shelton recalled that she felt profoundly touched six years ago at Christmastime when a grand-

"... I think people are being aware that gifts are given from the heart, and when you make it yourself it becomes more a part of the gift."

Joy Shelton

daughter of hers, Kilyn Shelton of Pampa, then age 13, gave her a painting the teenager had created that featured a raccoon.

"I cried because she'd want to do it for me," Shelton confided. "It was so special. I didn't have any idea she was doing (it) for me."

The raccoon painting has remained on permanent display in the den of the home of Shelton and her husband, J.R. Shelton Jr., ever since she received the present in 1987, she said.

Aubrey Steele, a retired president of a Pampa bank who makes handcrafted presents for friends at his home, also noted the affection that such gift items can convey at Christmastime.

"It's the sentimental value

more than the intrinsic value of the item" that lends merit to the homemade gifts, reflected Steele, who has practiced his woodworking hobby for approximately 50 years in creating wooden handicraft items for relatives and friends. "But they are not great works of art."

In response to a suggestion from a visitor to his home that he was being modest, Steele mused that "I have to leave that to somebody else's judgment."

For this Christmas, Steele plans to give such wooden items as a homemade jewelry box and a folding stepstool to relatives of his, he said. "Sometimes it's wrapped and sometimes not," Steele replied, when asked how he presents his homemade gift items to relatives and friends.

Not only do handcrafted items carry more sentimental value than mass-produced items from the store, but the homemade gifts can be more practical than store-bought items in many respects.

Steele pointed out that the handcrafted goods generally last longer than the factory-produced items, and Shelton estimated that expenses incurred from producing a handcrafted



Joy Shelton of Pampa displays homemade items that she and her granddaughter made as Christmas presents.

item at home cost a presenter an average of only one-third what he would pay for a comparable item at the store.

Although handicraft hobbyists conceded that there is more likely to be a defect of some kind on a homemade gift than on a storebought item — a missed stitch from sewing on a handcrafted item, for instance — they cited the uniqueness of each homemade gift as a source of appeal for those receiving it. "The things that are made in a store are not unique," observed Pampa resident Lynn Colville,

retired president of a construction company, who began making homemade Christmas presents for relatives and friends shortly after his retirement about five years ago. "When you make the item by hand, they're every one a little different."

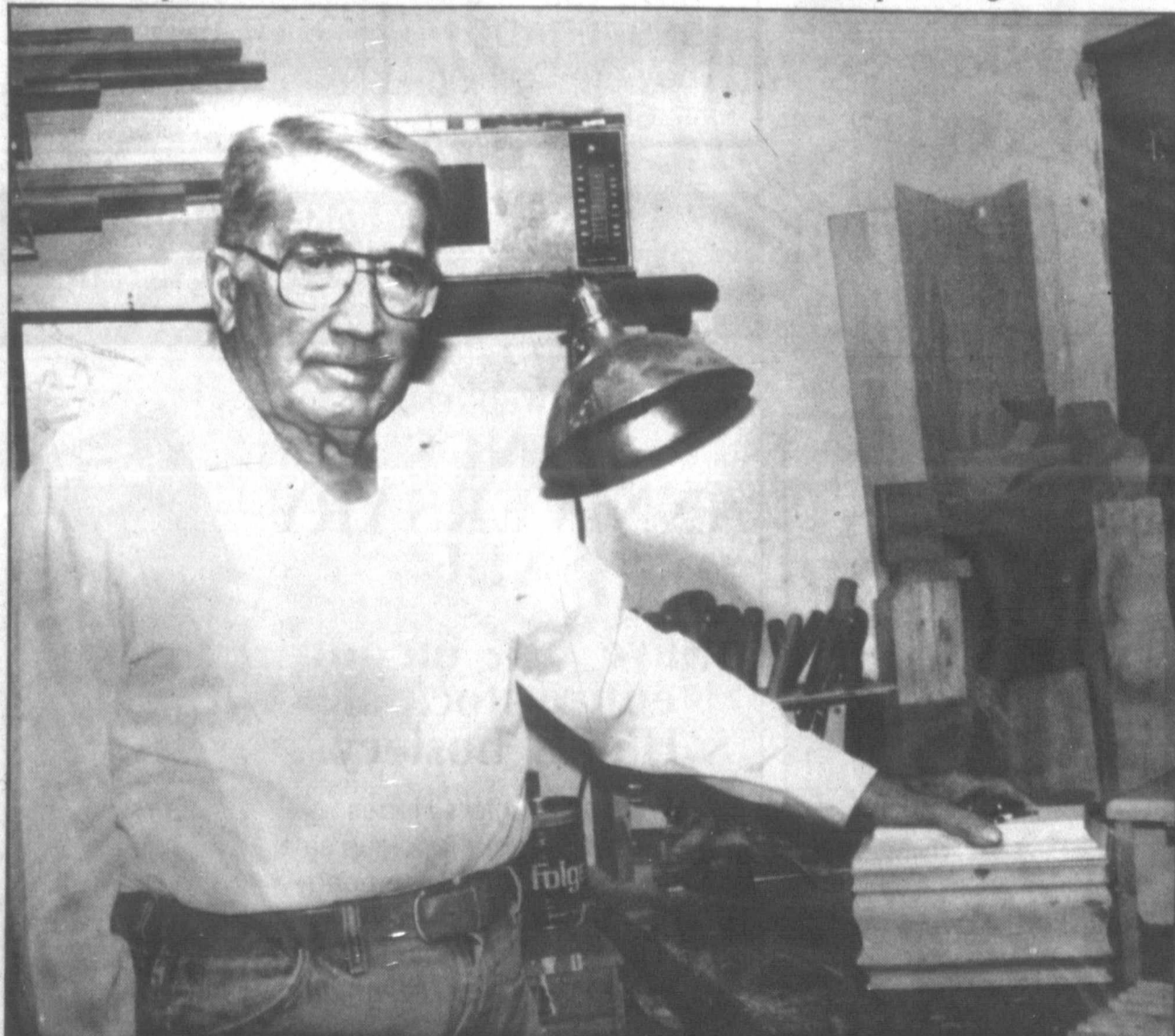
Colville installed a wood-working shop in his garage about five years ago, and has been making wooden gift items — including mantlepiece clocks and jewelry boxes — ever since.

In response to a question,

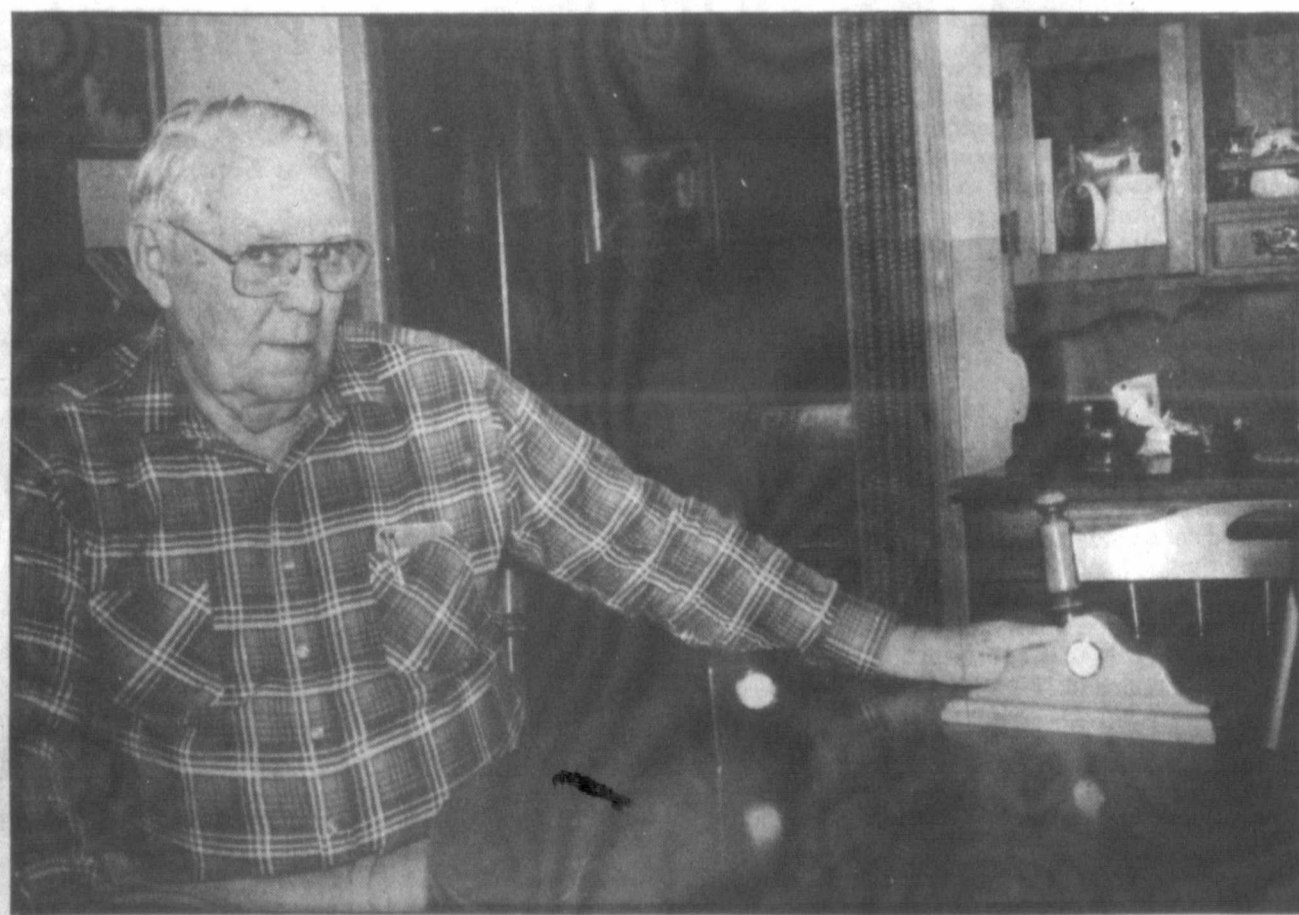
Colville said he expects that some of the jewelry boxes he plans to give away to relatives this Christmas may eventually assume the stature of a family heirloom.

Regardless of how posterity judges his lovely handcrafted presents, Colville said he derives a lot of pleasure from creating gift items in his wood-working shop.

"I just enjoy working with wood," Colville said, adding that two of his favorite wood scents as he creates a gift item are those of cherry or walnut.



Aubrey Steele of Pampa displays several of the wooden items that he gives away as Christmas gift items.



Lynn Colville sits near several of the wooden clocks that he's made as Christmas presents at his home.

Story and photos by John McMillan



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Thompson Jones
Stephanie Ann Sagebiel

Sagebiel - Jones

Stephanie Ann Sagebiel, Waco, and Jeffrey Thompson Jones were married Nov. 20 at Zion Lutheran Church, Walburg. Officiating were the Rev. Dennis Bragdon of Mt. Calvary Lutheran, La Grange, and the Rev. Dave Londeberg of Zion Lutheran, Walburg.

The bride is the daughter of Gayle and Vernell Sagebiel, La Grange. The groom is the son of JoAnn Jones, Pampa.

Maid of honor was Vanessa Sagebiel, Waco, and matron of honor was Kasi Cooley, Houston. Christie Jones, Pampa, and Margaret Shepley, Houston, were bridesmaids. Alexia Cooley, Houston, was flower girl.

Standing as best man was John Cooley, Houston. Groomsmen were Bill Howser and Chris Duke, both of Waco, and Roby Conner, Kerrville.

Serving as ushers were Allen Zwernemann and Jason Marek, both of Waco. Candles were lit by Amy Shepley, Houston. Guests were registered by Carol Walton, Houston.

Providing vocal music were Sharon Shepley-Fink and Richard Paul Fink, both of Houston.

Following the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception at the Ramada Inn of Georgetown. Guests were served by Marcie Kelly, Judy Kelly, Jean Lynn Schwausch, Gwyndolynn Potter, Bethany Noack and Karen Brown.

The bride graduated from Memorial High School and attended Baylor University. She is employed by a Waco law firm.

The groom is a graduate of Pampa High School and Baylor University. He is a student at Baylor Law School.

They honeymooned in Galveston.



Mrs. Christian H. Steele
Amy Leigh Heard

Heard - Steele

Amy Leigh Heard of Pampa and Christian H. Steele of Tyler were married Dec. 18 at the Pine Cove Conference Center in Tyler.

Officiating were father of the bride, Dr. Larry Heard, assisted by the Rev. J.L. Bozeman, grandfather of the bride, Hereford.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Heard, Pampa. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steele, Houston.

Maid of honor was Angela Harvey, Pampa. Bridesmaids were Michelle Towery of Nacogdoches, and sisters of the groom Katie Steele and Carrie Steele of Houston. Ashley Blair of Lubbock was flower girl.

Standing as best man was Mark Steele, who is station with the U.S. Navy in Kittering, Maine. Groomsmen were Brad Mercer, Dan Dotson and Sam Moreton of Tyler. Serving as ushers were brothers of the bride Rick Heard and James Heard of Dallas, and Jim Irving of Tyler and Todd Atchison of Baton Rouge, La.

Guests were registered by Michelle McMurtry of Austin. Piano music was provided by Charlene Hinds of Tyler; vocalists were Kyle Cochran of Tyler, Laura Bohlander of Shawnee, Okla., and Andrea Miller of Brownwood.

Following the service the couple was honored with a reception in the Lake Side Room of the conference center. Guests were served by Joanna Winkle of Clovis, N.M., Jennifer Bates of Nacogdoches, Dawn Lewis of Tyler and Melinda Cochran of Tyler.

The bride is a December graduate of Howard Payne University and is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1989.

The groom is a graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon, Ohio. He attends the University of Texas in Tyler and plans to graduate in August, 1994.

Following a honeymoon trip to Maui in the Hawaiian Islands, the couple will make their home in Tyler where the groom is employed by the Pine Cove Conference Center.



Mrs. Larry Scott Read
Jennifer Kathryn Topper

Topper - Read

Jennifer Kathryn Topper, Pampa, and Larry Scott Read, Krum, were married Dec. 18 at Briarwood Church in Pampa by Dean Whaley of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Kathy Topper, Pampa. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Potts and the late William Brainard McIntire, Pampa, and June Topper, Clarendon, and the late John Topper.

The groom is the son of Doug and Suzanne Emery, Justin. He is the grandson of Buck and Aline Fritz, Justin, and Frances and Dean Padgett of Krum.

Keely Topper, sister of the bride, Pampa, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Leigh Ann Lindsey, Lubbock, Christy Heuston, Canyon, and Summer Ziegelgruber, Lubbock. The flower girls were April Newsome, cousin of the bride, and Haley Skinner, both of Pampa.

Standing as best man was Shay Read, brother of the groom, Justin. Serving as groomsmen were Michael Schertz, Lubbock, and Tanner Hess and Jon Ivy, both of Clarendon. Ringbearer were Trevor Yarbrough, cousin of the groom, Aubrey, and Hayden McIntire, cousin of the bride, Arlington.

Ushers were Paul McIntire, Arlington, and Wiley McIntire, Amarillo, uncles of the bride, and Matt Freeman, Clarendon.

Candles were lit by Sara Holloway, Justin, sister of the groom. Guests were registered by Brooke Hamby, Canyon.

Vocal music was provided by Corey Coon, Amarillo, and Shanda Winton, Pampa. Organ music was provided by Myrna Orr, Pampa.

Following the ceremony the couple was honored with a reception at the Biarritz Club. Guests were served by Lisa McIntire, Arlington, Cindy Pohnert, White Deer, Jan Parks, Pampa, all aunts of the bride, and Tiffney Soukup, Pampa.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School and attends Clarendon College-Pampa Center. She is employed by Footprints.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Krum High School and attended Clarendon College. He is employed by Pampa Machine/WKM.

They plan to make their home in Pampa.

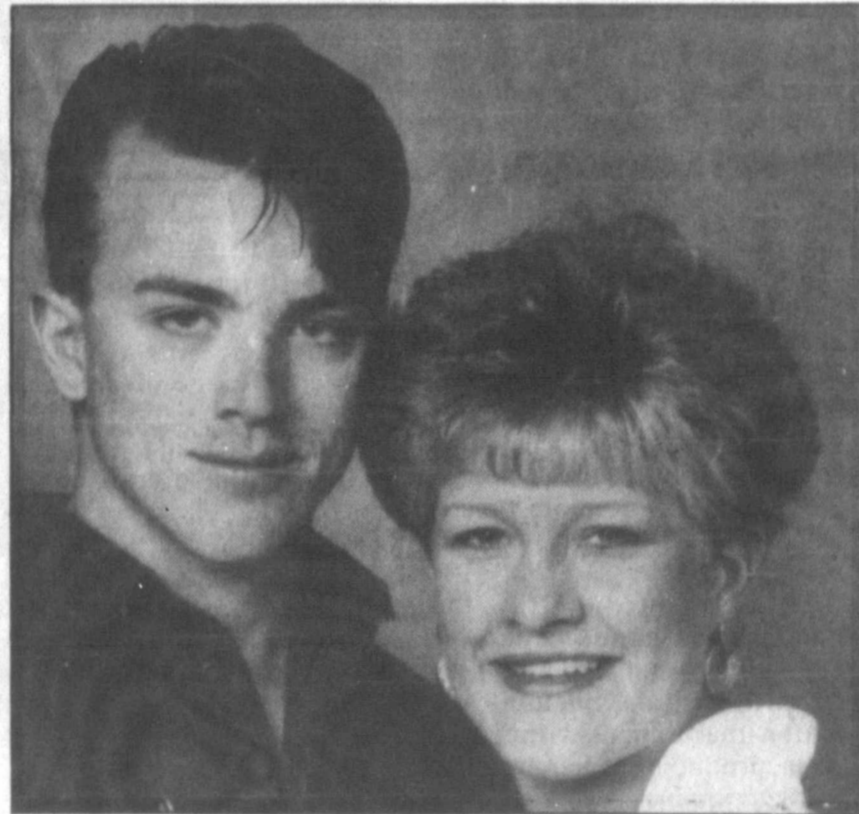


Charles and Paula Vick

Vick anniversary

Charles and Paula Vick of Pampa celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on Dec. 15. They were married in Shamrock and moved to Pampa in 1956.

They are the parents of Stan Vick and Brenda Futch. They have three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Tonita Stefanatos and Jerod Cox

Stefanatos - Cox

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Day, Clarendon, and Henry Michels, Johnstown, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tonita Stefanatos, Amarillo, to Jerod Cox, White Deer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Cox, White Deer.

She plans to graduate this month from West Texas A&M with a bachelor of business administration in accounting degree. He is employed by Team Environmental Services in Pampa.

The couple plan to marry Jan. 29, 1994 at the Wedding Chapel, Amarillo.

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By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine

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Keep family peace by heeding holiday advice

DEAR ABBY: With the holidays coming up, I think many people will relate to this.

My husband and I live in a metropolitan area, with no relatives in town. My family is 200 miles away in one direction, his family is 240 miles in the opposite direction. We have other relatives at points varying from 120 to 1,200 miles away. Those family members have their own commitments with various in-laws, etc., that we are expected to work around.

I am tired of hearing that we do not spend the holidays with any of these people. In 10 years, we have spent one holiday on a vacation — just my husband and me. The other 19 Thanksgivings and Christmases we have spent gallivanting cross-country, trying to keep everyone happy.

I just want to say, stop being angry at relatives who are unable to make it to where you are for Christmas. You have no idea what they may be dealing with. You may not know that your brother-in-law's mother just found out that she has cancer and wants to spend a quiet Christmas with just her immediate family. Or, your sister just took a hefty pay cut at her troubled company, and is too embarrassed to admit that she can't afford to make the trip.

If people aren't able to come, be satisfied with a five-minute telephone conversation, and tell them so. And to those who do show up, please don't say, "You haven't been here in three years; how come you decided to come now?" Be grateful that you have contact with them, and say, "It's wonderful to see you!"

Abby, if you print this, do not use my name, initials or city, or I will be in big trouble. Happy holidays!

A LONGTIME ABBY FAN

DEAR FAN: Thank you for a letter that many readers will identify with.

DEAR ABBY: Every year, my husband and I receive many baskets of fruits, candies, meats, wines, etc., from his business associates. These "holiday baskets" are very expensive. Fortunately, we do not need anything. We have received about 20 of these baskets every year for the last 15 years.

Abby, there are needier people than us, and it would be nice to know that some underprivileged family could enjoy these gifts. Our hope is that others who receive such lavish gifts will consider this alternative.

NOT NEEDED,
CORAL SPRINGS, FLA.

DEAR NOT NEEDED: It is impolite and presumptuous to tell people to whom to give a gift, but there is no reason why recipients can't take gift baskets to the local Salvation Army or homeless shelter.

DEAR ABBY: As the holidays approach and the recent fires in California bring to mind the trauma of those families who lost all of their possessions, we should consider whether we know anyone who may have lost treasured photographs in a fire, flood or hurricane.

If so, we could give no greater gift than copies of any pictures of their families that we may have. Copies now can be easily reproduced without the negatives.

KATHERINE M. DONNELLY
BOSTON

DEAR KATHERINE: I'm passing along your excellent idea, and I'm sure many will thank you for it.



Robert and Billie Johnson



Mrs. John Korak III
Jennifer Brinson

Johnson anniversary Brinson - Korak

Robert and Billie Johnson, Pampa, will be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception at 4 p.m. Dec. 26 at Zion Lutheran Church. It is to be hosted by Barbara and Corky Pearson of North Ogden, Utah, Jim and Judy Johnson of Seguin, and Kenneth and Pat Johnson of Arlington.

Johnson married Billie Yvonne Burkett on Oct. 16, 1943 at the Presbyterian Church in Altus, Okla. They have lived 23 years in Pampa, 1945 to 1966 and 1992 to the present.

He worked for Celanese for 30 years and retired from Winston Refinery of Fort Worth in 1986. The couple lived in Pampa while working for Celanese. They were transferred to Corpus Christi and later to Houston by Celanese. In 1976, Johnson left Celanese to work as a refinery manager at Scott City, Kan. He was transferred to Fort Worth in 1982 where he retired in 1986. After retirement, they lived in New Braunfels and West Columbia, before returning to Pampa in 1992. She is a homemaker and mother.

They are members of Zion Lutheran Church. They are the grandparents of six and great-grandparents of four.

Jennifer Brinson, formerly of Pampa, now of Dallas, and John Korak III, Flower Mound, were married Dec. 18 at Saint Rita Catholic Church, Dallas. The Rev. Paul Schott officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Brinson, San Angelo, formerly of Pampa. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Korak Jr. Flower Mound.

Matron of honor was Lillian Brinson, Irving. Bridesmaids were Lisa Korak, Carrollton, René Havlak, Riverview, Fla., and Kiri Daines, Plano.

Isidore Rudnick, Augusta, Maine, stood as best man. Groomsmen were James Korak, Flower Mound, Larry Jones, Memphis, Tenn., Richard Williams, Dallas, and Jeff Korak, La Coruña, Spain. Serving as ushers were Andrew Naimann, Oconomowoc, Wis., and Zachary Brinson, Irving.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Central High School, San Angelo. She earned a bachelor of music education degree from Angelo State University and a master of music degree from Texas Christian University. She is employed by Plano Independent School District.

The groom is a 1980 graduate of Eldorado High School, Albuquerque, N.M. He earned a bachelor of music education degree and a master of music degree from the University of North Texas, and is pursuing a doctorate of musical arts in trumpet performance at the university.

Menus

Dec. 20-24

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| Pampa Meals on Wheels | or fruit cup, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, hot rolls. |
| Monday | Wednesday - Friday |
| Gumbo, cornbread, peaches. | Closed for holiday. |
| Tuesday | For those who intend to order carry out, please call in Monday or early Tuesday. You have a choice of ham or turkey and pumpkin squares or cherry cobbler. |
| Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, cookie bars. | |
| Wednesday | |
| Ham loaf, corn, mixed greens, jello. | |
| Thursday | Pampa Schools |
| Turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, fruit salad. | Monday |
| Friday | Breakfast: Cowboy bread, fruit or juice, choice of milk. |
| Closed for holiday. | Lunch: Pizza, green beans, applesauce, choice of milk. |
| Pampa Senior Citizens | Tuesday |
| Monday | Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, fruit or juice, choice of milk. |
| Chicken fried steak or chicken chow mein in rice; mashed potatoes, turnip greens, squash, pinto beans; slaw, tossed or jello salad; chocolate pie or orange cake, cornbread or hot rolls. | Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, mixed fruit, hot rolls, choice of milk. |
| Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Baked ham or turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans with bacon bits, fruit salad, jello, tossed salad, pumpkin squares or cherry cobbler | Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. |
| | Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, pears, choice of milk. |
| | Lefors Schools |
| | No school through Jan. 3, 1994. |



Suvana Mungcharoen and Don Phillips

Mungcharoen - Phillips

Mrs. Njamsomchit of Bangkok, Thailand, announces the engagement of her daughter, Suvana Mungcharoen to Don Phillips, son of Jay and Evelyn Phillips of White Deer.

The couple will marry Jan. 15 in the Cactus Drive Church of Christ. The bride-elect is the sister of Dr. Suvipa Wiri and sister-in-law of Dr. Weerachai Wiri. She is employed by Drs. Weerachai and Suvipa Wiri.

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Homemaker News

by Donna Brauchi

Delicious food is often a special part of Christmas and other holiday events. Entertaining for family or friends on a small or large scale is fun, but often demanding, and definitely needs to be done with food safety in mind.

When planning a large scale event, keep in mind that preparing and handling large amounts of food will take planning ahead of time for safe preparation, storage and serving. If large quantities of food will be prepared ahead of time, quickly cool and refrigerate them. Divide into portions and store in shallow containers. Deep containers increase the time the center of a pot of food stays warm, encouraging bacterial growth. Consider the amount of refrigerator space available.

If perishable foods are picked up from a deli or purchased from a caterer, transport them quickly, and serve immediately; or if purchased ahead of time, transport them quickly to your refrigerator where they should remain until serving time. If you're purchasing a large quantity of food items such as meat trays or any perishable foods, ask that they be packaged in small portions, or do this when you get home. By doing this, you can replace trays often at the party event and not leave one large tray out for too long.

If holiday meals are served buffet style, this may mean that the food remains on the table as guests come and go. This is not the safest situation as foods left at warm room temperatures are susceptible to bacterial growth that causes foodborne illness. Plan serving times so that perishable foods do not remain at room temperature for more than two hours. Use smaller portions on the serving table, and replace them often from the heat source in the kitchen or from the refrigerator.

On the serving table, or in the kitchen, keep hot foods hot. Chafing dishes may or may not keep foods at the necessary temperature of 140 degrees F. or above. Keep cold foods cold on the table by nestling serving containers in beds of ice.

When replenishing foods on the buffet, it's best to replace containers, rather than putting fresh food in a container that contains food that has been sitting out, especially if the food has been at room temperature.

Make your holiday events special and food safe by following safe food handling practices. If it is an even to remember, make it a pleasant one. Protect you and your guests from foodborne illness.

For more information on food safety, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

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Haiduk family looks to Polish heritage for traditions

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

It's a might journey from Poland to White Deer, but Christmas traditions - albeit somewhat modified - live on through the descendants of early Polish settlers.

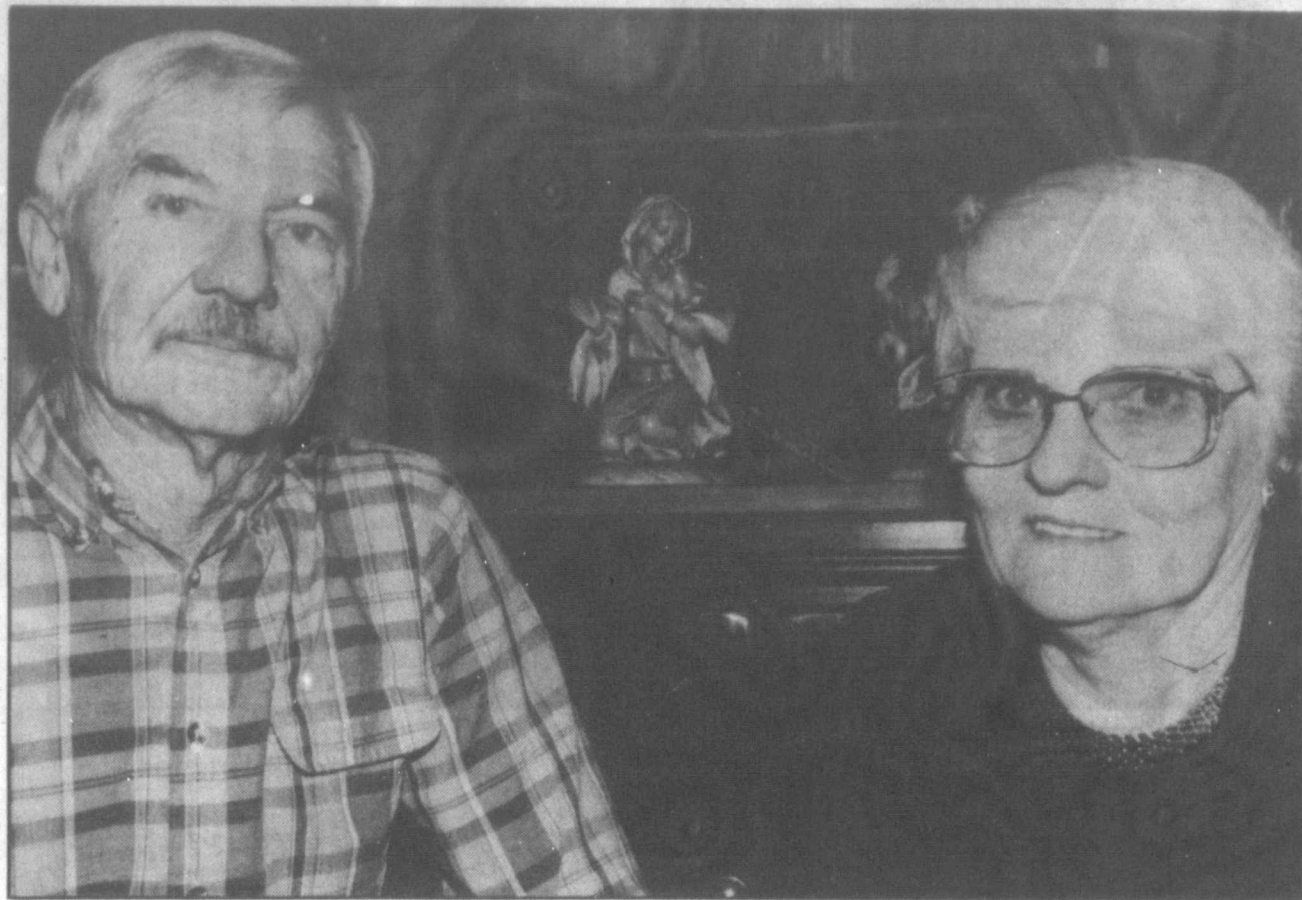
Recreating those customs in honor of the Christ child brings to life the spirit of the season for Bert and Evelyn Haiduk, their seven children, assorted spouses, significant others and grandchildren.

Through the holidays the family carries on the customs of food, fellowship, and worship handed down to them from Mr. Haiduk's parents the late Ben and Tekla Haiduk, themselves born at Panna Maria of the earliest Polish settlers in Texas.

Christmas Eve is the focus of the Haiduks' celebration when pajama-clad adults heist a jigger of whiskey first thing in the morning "to kill a bug" and toast each other with the Polish words "Na zdrowie," or "To your health!" The "kill a bug" ceremony is to ward off any ill of soul, mind or body in the coming year.

The women folk begin to prepare the late afternoon meal of turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, and a variety of salads or as Mr. Haiduk said, "The works!" which will be served on a straw covered table to remind everyone of the manger in which Christ was born.

The evening turns solemn as the family patriarch takes a wafer much like a communion host, called an



Bert and Evelyn Haiduk are shown with the manger scene which will be completed when baby Jesus is added on Christmas Eve.

oplatek and breaks off a bit then passes it to the next family member and says, "No matter how little I have, I will always share with you. And no matter how little you have, if need be, I will accept it from

you." The recipient in turns breaks a bit of the wafer, passes the remainder and repeats the pledge.

"They know better than to ask me to say it, I always cry," said Mrs. Haiduk.

"It's a real sweet thing," her husband agreed.

The pledge is followed by an individual blessing and the group joins in to repeat the tradition Catholic blessing.

The family, at least some of the 24, eat around the table Mr. Haiduk played under when he was a boy. Others gather around another long table in the den for the evening feast. Every family member has a wooden place card with his or her name written in calligraphy by the Haiduk's son, Eric Haiduk of White Deer.

Family worship begins with a processional from the Haiduk's home shrine - where candles burn for the absent and dead - through the hall to the homemade creche in the den. The youngest co-operative grandchild places the ceramic newborn Baby in the manger.

Family members gather around and read through a service of worship and prayer which includes the gospel reading from the second

chapter of Luke. Once again, Mr. and Mrs. Haiduk say, they are moved to tears.

Christmas carols, both in Polish and English follow. Their favorite is "Dziś w Betlejem" or in English, "Today in Bethlehem," which describes the angels singing and the cattle around the manger at Christ's birth. It is printed phonetically in a program booklet so that family members, both Polish and non-Polish speakers can sing with gusto.

Santa's arrival is heralded by the sound of jingle bells. The jolly old elf, a/k/a Eric Haiduk, passes out gifts for the young ones.

Midnight mass is celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer. The Haiduk's "choir practice" after the family members arrive in town comes in handy when the congregation sings Polish carols together.

The family, which occupies two pews in the church, sing out loud and clear on both Polish and English songs. For the Polish carols, the Haiduks use the phonetically written versions they practiced at home.

"All of our non-Polish in-laws

were just singing. It put the Poles to shame," said Mr. Haiduk. "'Dziś w Betlejem' is probably the favorite."

After mass it is family time again.

"Then we come home home and yack until about three in the morning," said Mrs. Haiduk.

Christmas Day is more relaxed. Mrs. Haiduk makes Polish egg dumplings like Tekla Haiduk taught her.

"Everybody loves to just make a meal on chicken and dumplings after they've had so many sweets," Mrs. Haiduk said.

A wine tasting party with cheese,

inscription "That in all things God may be glorified" which is from the rule of St. Benedict.

Animals are not left out of the festivities. Mr. Haiduk, as did his parents, gives them an extra measure of grain for their part in the nativity of Christ.

One of the Haiduks most-sentimental possessions is a 33-RPM record of Polish Christmas carols purchased in 1951.

"It is scratchy. I put it on tape so it couldn't get any worse," said Mr. Haiduk.

"Everybody cries when they hear that," Mrs. Haiduk said.



Grandchildren of Bert and Evelyn Haiduk watch for Santa on Christmas Eve 1992. They are Therese Haiduk, at left, Dylan Haiduk and Jordan Haiduk. Therese is the daughter of Eric Haiduk and Dylan and Jordan are the children of John Haiduk, White Deer.

crackers, chips and dip is another feature of the Haiduk celebration, though not always on Christmas Eve. Wine made by Eric Haiduk or a variety of Texas wines may be used. When Eric makes wine he stores it in the cellar which was once his grandparents storm/food storage cellar. Over the door is the

The couple decorates outdoors with evergreen wreaths and a light bedecked windmill.

The very best tradition is having the family together.

"Even if we didn't do anything, just being here would be great," Mr. Haiduk said. "They're the best friends we have."



Eric Haiduk, White Deer, holding his son Brendon, and son Alberic are ready to join other family members at the traditional wine tasting party.

Threat of malpractice is driving physicians crazy, doctor says

By COSMOPOLITAN
For AP Special Features

American doctors today practice defensive medicine — they tend to over-X-ray, over-medicate and even over-operate in order to satisfy their patients and avoid malpractice suits.

The result, Dr. Michael Oppenheim wrote in an article in the current issue of *Cosmopolitan*, is that patients face the expense and aggra-

vation of too many tests, X-rays and other procedures.

"The malpractice situation is driving American doctors a little crazy," Oppenheim wrote. "We're forced to do things to avoid getting sued that most of us agree don't prevent lawsuits anyway."

One problem is X-rays — they are routinely ordered for injuries when they are not necessary or could wait for future developments without

harming the patient.

"Doctors also order huge numbers of unnecessary blood and urine analyses, cultures and electrocardiograms," Oppenheim wrote.

As for penicillin, Oppenheim said 90 percent of patients who say they're allergic to penicillin really aren't. But if a patient even hints at a penicillin allergy, no doctor will use it.

"Breaking out in an annoying rash after you've told the doctor of an allergy is like being rear-ended in your car," Oppenheim wrote. "In legal terms, your case is a sure winner; you'll always collect some money. The doctor will have a loss on his record, a boost in his malpractice premium, and some explaining to do whenever he applies for a job."

He added penicillin costs three cents per pill and, except in those seriously allergic, has few wide side effects. Good substitutes cost \$1 per pill and often are unpleasant to take.

Cesareans are another area of concern. Oppenheim wrote that cesarean sections now approach 30 percent of all births, compared to 5 percent in 1970.

"This statistic is wildly high," he wrote, "and fears of malpractice are partly responsible. A cesarean is somewhat safer than vaginal delivery for the baby, but three to five times as likely to kill the mother. A good obstetrician needn't worry about being sued? No. The odds are 100 percent that it will happen. All obstetricians are sued sooner or later."

You can't avoid defensive medicine, Oppenheim wrote, but

you can minimize the risk by following the following rules:

— Stop behaving like an American. Americans love action, machines and the latest technology and doctors tend to give it to them. You should tell your doctor you don't want a test, surgery or medication unless it is really necessary.

— Have a regular doctor. "Seeing a doctor who doesn't know you guarantees the maximum amount of defensive medicine (emergency rooms are notorious for

this)," Oppenheim wrote.

— Go where they practice medicine by the book.

"If you don't want an unnecessary cesarean, go to a medical school clinic," he wrote. "Obstetric residents there are still learning, so they stick closer to the book and perform far fewer cesareans. Or don't see an obstetrician at all. Use a family practitioner or a licensed midwife."

— Understand your medical problems. Listen carefully when a doctor makes a diagnosis. Ask questions.

4-H Futures and Features

DATES
19 — Showmanship Clinic, 2:00 p.m., Bull Barn
24 — Extension office closed
27 — Extension office closed

STEP AHEAD ROCKET PROJECT

Six 4-H'ers in the Step Ahead group launched the rockets they made under the direction of teen leader, Nathan Dawes. Completing the rocket project were: Jonathon Brockington, Dasirae Davis, Tamika Davis, Anne Gad-

dis, Kaydrain Grays, and Raynesia Oliver.

In January, a sweatshirt painting project will be conducted at the Step Ahead Center at 500 W. Crawford. Interested boys and girls are invited to attend at 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 5.

CONSUMER LIFE SKILLS PROJECT

The 4-H Consumer Life Skills project will be starting in January. Interested 4-H'ers should contact the Extension Office.

"IT IS IN TRUTH, THE WORD OF GOD"

"And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe." (I Thess. 2:13.) Paul had met a lot of opposition from the Jews when he first came to Thessalonica (Acts 17.) But there were some there who accepted his teaching as it truly was, the word of God.

There were skeptics in the days of Christ and His apostles, even as there are today and have always been. Jesus was constantly questioned regarding His teaching and the source of it (Jn. 5:30-47; 6:28-40; 8:14-24.) The preaching and teaching of the apostles and other Spirit-directed individuals was questioned by many of that generation (Acts 17:16-20; 23:6; 24:21.) In his encounter with Jesus the devil leveled his attack upon the word of God (Matt. 4:1-11.) Satan has never questioned the existence of God but has always sought to create doubt in the word of God. Such is the case today when so-called Bible scholars seek to undermine faith and confidence in the Bible as the

word of God.

Jesus, and those to whom were given the miraculous powers of the Holy Spirit, proved and confirmed that the word they spoke came from God by the signs and wonders which they did (Jn. 5:36; 20:30-31; Mk. 16:17-20; Acts 8:4-8; Heb. 2:1-4.) When the revelation was completed, the signs and wonders ceased (I Cor. 13:8-9.) Paul said that the things which God had prepared for them that love Him were revealed through the Holy Spirit to him and others like him (I Cor. 2:10-13.) Peter said that he, and others, did not "follow cunningly devised fables" but saw Jesus transfigured and heard God announce His approval of Him as His only begotten son. Further, Peter said, they were guided by the Holy Spirit in recording the scriptures (2 Pet. 1:12-21.) God told Jeremiah that He watched over His word (Jer. 1:12.) Isaiah stated that God's word would stand forever (Isa. 40:8.) Jesus said that His words would never pass away (Matt. 24:35.) God has not revealed how He has protected His word but we can rest assured that He has and that the Bible is, in truth, the word of God.

- Billy T. Jones

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Entertainment

Book examines love, sex and murder in Texas

"Heaven has no rage like a love to hatred turned, nor hell a fury like a woman scorned." — William Congreve, 1670-1729.

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — In October 1983, two paramedics entered a suburban Dallas home and discovered a young woman nude and near death, her hands and legs bound to a four-poster bed.

She had been shot twice in the head and strangled. Her 4-year-old son was at home but unharmed.

Rozanne Gailunas, 33, the estranged wife of a prominent Dallas kidney specialist, died two days later without regaining consciousness.

So began a marathon murder case that, 10 years later, still has not run its serpentine course but is nonetheless the subject of Ken Engle's latest true crime offering, *To Hatred Turned*.

A second book on the same case, *Open Secrets*, by Dallas author Carlton Stowers, is due out in June.

Engle, of Albuquerque, N.M., has become something of a quick-and-dirty journalistic gun with six books on several of the nation's most lurid and widely publicized cases.

To Hatred Turned (St. Martin's Press, \$22.95) is, as the publisher proclaims, a steamy story of passion, vengeance and murder in Texas.

It's also a page flipper.

There's a dour and jealous husband, a ministerial student turned killer, a dope-smorting lawyer, a plodding investigator and a purported villainess just recently extradited from France.

To Texans, at least, the name Joy Aylor should ring a bell.

Mrs. Aylor, then 34, a voluptuous interior designer and wife of a wealthy Richardson contractor, is accused of capital murder in the killing-for-hire of Rozanne Gailunas.

She is also charged in a separate murder attempt on her husband, Larry. Larry Aylor and Mrs. Gailunas were engaged in a torrid love affair at the time of the slaying.

In light of later events, it's a bit puzzling that Mrs. Aylor was not first arrested until 1988 and the hired killer remained at large for more than five years.

Engle gives us an early clue, however, when Aylor tells the chief investigator he believes, correctly, his lover's death was a contract job.

"You've been watching too many movies," the cop shrugs.

Since the logical suspects had aibis, and the victim was neither raped nor robbed, it would seem that the possibility of a hired killer would be better than remote.

And it's hardly a tribute to the investigative skills of the Richardson Police Department that the killer was caught and Mrs. Aylor implicated.

No stranger to high-profile murder cases, Engle does an admirable job of weaving a strong story out of a bundle of loose threads and a truly bizarre cast of characters.

He is less successful in illuminating the character of Joy Aylor, who, allegedly, was the Machiavellian influence behind the whole sordid affair.

Legend Seven has new album out



The Christian rock group Legend Seven, featuring Pampa native Randy Ray and Andy Denton and Billy Williams of Amarillo, has released its second album on Word Records. *Blind Faith* continues the hard-driving rock sound of the group's self-titled debut album, *Legend*, but takes it a step further. The talents of Grammy- and Dove-winning producer Bubba Smith are teamed with those of engineer Marc Desistro, known for his work on the *Princess Bride* soundtrack and projects by U2, Don Henley, Amy Grant and others. Legend Seven members are, from left, Randy Ray, Andy Denton, Billy Williams and Mike Jacobs. Ray, a 1980 graduate of Pampa High School, plays bass for the group. Denton is lead vocalist and Williams plays the drum. Guitars are handled by the only non-Texan, Jacobs of South Bend, Ind. Ray is the son of Larry and Lynn Ray of Pampa. (Word Records photo)

Top videos

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in this week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission:

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 2. *Free Willy*, (Warner)
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 5. *Playboy Celebrity Centerfold: Dian Parkinson*, (Playboy)
 6. *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey*, (Disney)
 7. *The Bodyguard*, (Warner)
 8. *Tom and Jerry: The Movie*, (Family Home Entertainment)
 9. *Playboy 1994 Video Playmate Calendar*, (Playboy)
 10. *Beauty and the Beast*, (Disney)
 11. *Miracle on 34th Street*, (Fox)
 12. *Pinocchio*, (Disney)
 13. *Home Alone 2*, (Fox)

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 8. *Born Yesterday*, (Hollywood)
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'X Files' probes the paranormal

By JACKIE HYMAN
For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ever wonder how — or even if — the FBI handles cases that involve the paranormal or alien abductions?

Producer Chris Carter did, and the result is *The X Files*, a Friday night suspense series on the Fox network.

The existence of such files may not be all that far-fetched, says Carter, who created the series, serves as executive producer and wrote five of the first 12 episodes.

"I've talked to people who've been in government institutions and seen drawers full of files about these subjects, the paranormal," he said over breakfast at a sunny Santa Monica cafe where the only being lurking in the background was a waitress with a carafe of coffee.

"I have this coy answer when people say, 'Are there X files?' I say, 'I don't know that there are, but I don't know that there aren't.'"

"I'm a natural-born skeptic," added Carter, 37, whose previous scripting credits were mostly comedy series for Disney Studios. "Someone has to show me something before I believe it. But I've met so many sane and reasonable people who tell me they've had experiences with paranormal phenomena, it chips away at my skepticism."

When the Fox network asked him to propose a series, Carter said he was motivated by a childhood love of the supernatural-tinged mystery series *The Night Stalker*.

"I didn't have any agenda," he said. "I just wanted to create a wildly entertaining show that would scare the pants off you."

"I have this buzz phrase that the writers have to live by," he said. "All the stories have to take place within the realm of extreme possibility."

The X Files focuses on brilliant

but eccentric FBI agent Fox Mulder, played by David Duchovny, who takes it upon himself to investigate unorthodox cases. He is aided by a mysterious higher-up (Jerry Hardin), who serves as a Deep Throat-style adviser.

Mulder's superiors assign a skeptical agent with a medical degree, Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson), to keep tabs on him and debunk his theories.

The series, filmed in Vancouver, British Columbia, covers subjects from aliens to ghosts to mutant killers and renegade computers. Some strange events turn out to have scientific rather than occult explanations.

Although the show is not top-rated, it draws well enough to have been picked up for the entire season, and Carter said there has been talk of a second year.

The emphasis is on fast-moving stories and surprise twists that have won over some fans who may not believe in the paranormal.

"I think we're just telling good stories in the suspense genre," Carter said. "The comment I get a lot is, 'This isn't something I would normally be interested in, but I love your show.'"

One recurring theme is secretive actions by undisclosed government agencies, possibly the military or the National Security Council, that interfere with Mulder and Scully's investigations.

"I love that idea and I think it has a certain resonance," Carter said. "That was the thing that was really surprising in my research and in the tests of the pilot (episode), was how pervasive the belief is that the government acts in secretive ways."

He said he and his staff do their own research rather than employing consultants. The real FBI provided information on procedures and protocols, but is not involved with the production.

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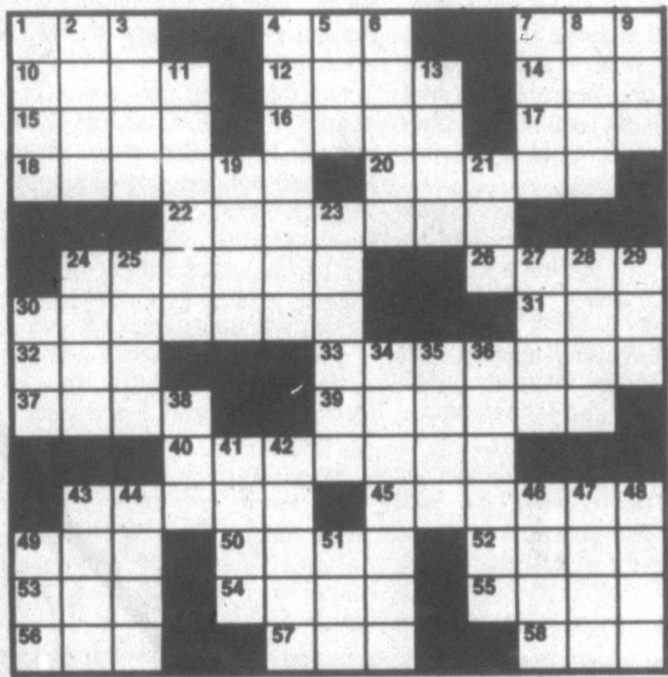
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- 28 Arabian garments
- 29 Insect egg
- 30 JFK's predecessor
- 34 Headwear makers
- 35 Periods of time
- 36 Back out
- 38 Organ of sight
- 41 Layer of eye
- 42 Singer — Lauper
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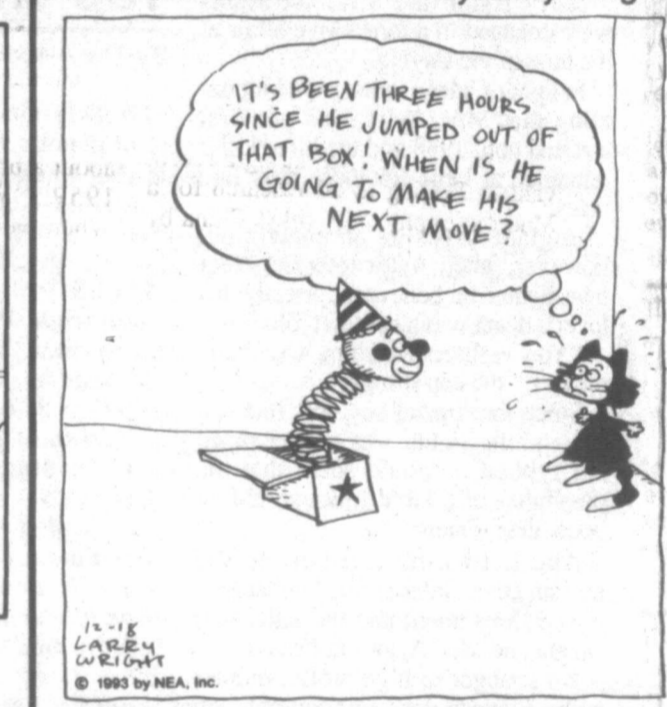
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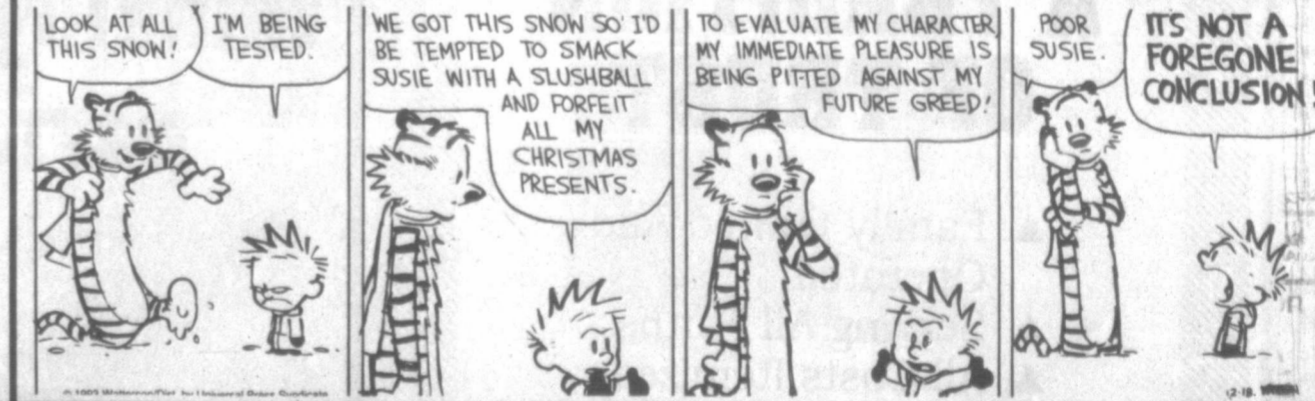
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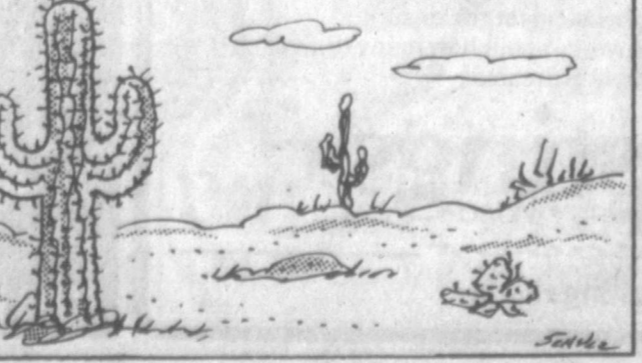
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If things feel like they're a bit more difficult than usual today, be objective and ask yourself if you're the one who is generating the extra stress and strains. You may be the culprit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make it a point today not to air family disagreements in front of others. Additionally, if you are having trouble at home, work it out yourselves free from outsiders.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Monitor your involvements with a prudent eye at this time, or else you might be drawn into something with friends that they can afford but you can't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you become involved in a competitive development today, don't underestimate your competition or reveal your intentions too early. Either could put you behind the 8-ball.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Treat things that occur today as fresh experiences. Letting a grudge from the past influence your attitude could be counterproductive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It could prove unwise today if you yield to suggestions from others that lead to rash or impulsive behavior. In order to be successful, you must keep a cool head at all times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you enter into any partnership arrangements today, each party must have something to offer, or else the alliance could collapse from lack of parity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is not a good day for you to tackle assignments you find distasteful. Your heart won't be in your work and you're apt to perform far below par.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't take gambles on situations today where the control is in the hands of others rather than yourself. If you can't call the shots, pass the action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to resolve disagreements between you and your mate as promptly as possible today. If you don't, it could negatively influence everything you do collectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll get a better performance from subordinates today if you don't constantly peek over their shoulders. If you must monitor developments, do so from a distance.

Chinese mark communist leader Mao's centenary with mixed emotions

By KATHY WILHELM
Associated Press-Writer

BEIJING (AP) — A physicist who spent 20 years exiled on a farm because of Mao Tse-tung's policies grew livid when asked how Chinese should commemorate the 100th anniversary of the late leader's birth.

"China shouldn't commemorate Mao!" sputtered Xu Liangying, 73. "No one in the (former) Soviet Union commemorates Stalin!"

But 22-year-old Liang Jiangang, who was an infant during Mao's last purges, gave up three hours one recent evening to listen to leaders of his Communist Youth League branch read sermonettes on Mao and patriotism. The gathering sang Maoist songs.

"We love Mao Tse-tung, because his ideas can encourage us to do new work" in building a better nation, Liang, a junior economist at a large state corporation, said in halting English.

Xu and Liang exemplify ends of the wide spectrum of emotions about the Dec. 26 centenary of the man who unified China under a strong central government in 1949, then tore it apart with endless campaigns to create a pure Communist society.

Some Chinese, like Xu, look unblinkingly at Mao's failings — his economic policies that led to famine, his betrayal of old comrades and persecution of loyal intellectuals, his encouragement of factional bloodshed during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution — and condemn him.

But most Chinese seem unready or unwilling to tear aside the veil the Communist Party has drawn over Mao, blurring his responsibility for the nation's backwardness and suffering.

With many of his features erased, Mao can be turned into almost anything: an inspirational nation-builder, as Liang sees him; a benevolent father figure, as in recent memoirs by his bodyguard and other aides; a symbol of clean government, as used by student protesters in 1989; a protector of worker rights, as seen by a labor activist who recently began wearing a Mao pin.

"I think of the 20th century giants he is the least understood," said author Jung Chang, who left China after his death in 1976 and wrote a book, "Wild Swans," about her family's experiences under Mao.

"He dominated the first 26 years of my life," she said during a recent visit to Beijing to do research for a Mao biography. "He ruled China by his personality, by his charisma. Every whim of his would drive the nation of 900 million people into the most ridiculous actions — like cooking steel in a school kitchen, like pulling out grass."

Even Xu, who now has little use for Mao, remembers being captivated: "I worshipped him. Whatever Mao said, I believed."

All in all, Mao has aged much better than might have been expected in the first years after his death. His wife, Jiang Qing, was in jail for helping lead the Cultural Revolution. A man he purged twice, Deng Xiaoping, took charge and began dismantling Mao's programs.

Chinese intellectuals were returning to cities from rural exile, shattering the image of a socialist paradise under Mao with stories of hunger, venality and injustice. Mao, like Stalin, seemed headed for the trash heap.

But Deng, lacking other sources of legitimacy, found it in claiming to be Mao's heir. De-Maoification stopped with a public statement that Mao made mistakes but was a great man.

This leads to strange contradictions, especially now that supporters of the feeble, 89-year-old Deng are stepping up efforts to cement his place in history as the architect of China's modernization. Official newspapers tell the public one day to learn from Mao, and another to study Deng.

Most ordinary Chinese are too busy trying to cope with the new opportunities, rising prices and job uncertainties created by Deng's economic policies to pay attention to ideological matters.

Mao's centenary means they will watch a few more television programs about him. They may buy a Mao poster or Mao wristwatch for fun.

But there are no plans for mass public commemorations like parades or rallies. Mao's birthday will not even be a holiday from work.

Most centennial activities resemble the gathering of Liang's Communist Youth League group — small, intimate, full of patriotic heartiness, blithely indifferent to their own departure from Mao's ideals.

"Chairman Mao, like the sun, leads the people forward," a young policeman crooned to a karaoke video as the group met in the lounge of the Mao Family Restaurant, just opened by a woman from Mao's hometown. A disco ball flashed orange and green beams onto his earnest face.

Most of the two dozen young men and women at the meeting still wore their work clothes — jackets and ties and nice dresses that contrast with



A group of Chinese stand in front of the huge portrait of Mao Tse-tung at Beijing's Tiananmen Gate. Even 17 years after his death, Mao remains an influential force in China. (AP photo)

the plain clothes of Mao's era.

Liang insisted that Mao, who preached the virtue of living the austere life of a peasant, would not have objected to their affluence or their gathering in a karaoke bar.

"If Mao were alive now, his thinking might be even more daring than that of Deng Xiaoping. He was not a backward person," Liang said.

The restaurant owner, Tang Ruiren, who reportedly has become a millionaire from a restaurant next door to Mao's birthplace in Shaoshan in rural Hunan province, heatedly rejected a suggestion she was commercializing his memory.

"I'm not a big capitalist. My purpose is to spread Mao Tse-tung thought," said the 64-year-old woman, who likes to tell visitors about a brief encounter with Mao in 1959. "We should do business. When we have money, our country will be rich and strong."

Li Haibo, once one of Mao's youthful stormtroopers, the Red Guards, said he does not regard commercialization of Mao as disrespectful. "It's pragmatic," he said.

Li, 43, now assistant editor in

chief of an official magazine, *Beijing Review*, recently went back to Mao's birthplace for the first time since the Cultural Revolution. He was immediately rooked by a trucker who charged him the relatively steep sum of 5 yuan (90 cents) for what turned out to be a three-minute ride.

"Shaoshan people used to be a bit naive," Li said ruefully. "Now they know how to cheat when they see you're a stranger."

Like many Chinese, Li expressed ambivalence about Mao's era.

"People see it as an ideal time, when people were more equal and there was less crime," he said.

But he also remembers how he and other teenagers felt used by Mao when, after attacking the party establishment on his orders, they were exiled to the countryside to live like peasants.

"I don't love him. Hate is too strong. I blame him," said Li. "He is responsible for many of the backward aspects of the country. It would have been better if he had died earlier."

He added, "Deng's China is better."

Hoopla surrounds Mao's 100th birthday

By DAN BIERS
Associated Press-Writer

BEIJING (AP) — His face is on pink yo-yos. He gazes from diamond-studded watches. Mao Tse-tung's image has been affixed to all kinds of products in a rush to cash in on the centennial of his birth.

Spin the yo-yos, and they play the Communist standard "The East Is Red." So do Mao cigarette lighters. There is a compact disc of Mao's greatest hits — seven of the late leader's speeches for an evening of listening pleasure.

Miniature bronze Mao statues, gold and silver commemorative coins, and gold-gilded souvenir Mao badges are all for sale.

And there are Mao timepieces to fit anyone's budget.

The equivalent of \$10 will get you a basic watch, its face showing a portly Mao in front of Tiananmen Square. More than \$1,000 buys a watch decorated with a golden likeness of Mao, diamonds and sapphires (act now, only 9,999 copies).

No proletarians need consider the granddaddy of commemorative items, a gold pocket watch adorned with a platinum Mao image, 36 diamonds, a ruby and four sapphires. Prices for the limited edition of 99 watches range from \$17,888 to \$19,388, depending on whether the serial number is considered lucky.

Mao, who spent his life fighting capitalism, probably would have conniptions over the commercialization tied to his Dec. 26 birth date. But as an eager orchestrator of momentous events, he likely would be pleased by a media blitz that is painting him in a favorable light.

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There have been countless reminiscences in official newspapers describing Mao as benevolent grandfather and plain-living man rather than the ruthless leader whose misguided agricultural policies and brutal political purges caused millions of deaths.

We find out from a personal cook, Wang Jinren, that Mao disliked seafood but loved chilies and garlic.

From his bodyguard, Li Yinqiao, we learn Mao was no clotheshorse. "From his underwear to his coat, from his upper outer garments to the soles of his shoes, everything was patched and patched again."

A series titled "Places Chairman Mao Visited," a Chinese version of "George Washington Slept Here" vignettes, has appeared in China's leading daily. Another newspaper listed the dates, locations, weather conditions and length of Mao's 13 swims in the Yangtze River.

Inquiring minds that want to know more can choose from

dozens of new books on Mao.

On a recent morning at Beijing's main bookstore, a steady stream of people snapped up Mao histories and collections of his poems and photos. A hot seller was a tellingly slim volume on his sense of humor.

The renewed interest in Mao has even led to a rash of reported discoveries of mountain peaks said to resemble the "Great Helmsman."

Despite the hoopla, official activities have been mostly limited to seminars, discussions and exhibitions — including one that displayed 30-year-old raisins and sunflower seeds given to Mao by ethnic minority groups.

"Mao fever" has been hottest in his southern hometown, Shaoshan, which is putting up a larger-than-life bronze statue, setting out 20,000 pots of flowers and holding a marathon, a variety show and a fireworks display.

But officials rejected a suggestion to whitewash all houses, showing concern that commemorative activities not go too far.

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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT — (BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: There's a mixed set of fundamentals affecting the wheat market at this time.

Negatives include (1) exports to China, which should be down dramatically, and (2) the Australian crop. Australia is now harvesting a very large crop and will be a strong competitor in the world market. Positives include (1) a tight corn supply, which makes wheat a competitive feed, and (2) problems with the Argentinean crop.

The market will now focus on the development of our new crop. At any hint of crop adversity, prices could surge higher. Without weather problems, however, wheat appears to me to be fully priced at current levels.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* You are short up to 50 percent of your inventory in the March contract above \$3.50. Spring wheat farmers should consider using the Chicago contract to hedge. I look for good quality spring wheat to remain strong and continue to gain in relation to winter.

Remember, this tool is for the purpose of protecting the value of stored wheat and should only be used by those who have wheat on hand. We're still unhedged in the remaining 50 percent at this time.

Traders: Aggressive traders who went short March Chicago a few weeks ago were stopped out for a 7¢ loss. New recommendation: Buy March Minneapolis and sell March Chicago on a spread with the Mpls. trading no more than 25¢ over the Cgo.

Risk 10¢ (\$500/spread) for a minimum profit objective of 45¢ (\$1000/spread minus commissions). There is a shortage of the Minneapolis variety and I don't look for it to be any less short in the coming few months.

CORN — (BULL)

OUTLOOK: At press time we're still waiting for the December USDA crop report. The November report lowered production dramatically to 6.5 billion bushels, with a tight ending stocks level of 881 million bushels. If the trend for production continues to be lower for this month's report, an even tighter supply situation points to much higher prices — certainly over \$3/bushel on the futures market.

Of course, the USDA can always throw a curve ball at the market and raise production, but my guess (based on our internal survey of customers who generally were disappointed with yields this year) is the report will be bullish!

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* Our recommendation remains unchanged: Sell your stored corn and immediately buy "at the money" March or May call options. In this way, you maintain corn ownership and can benefit from future price improvement. You own it "on the board" instead of in the bin, and the extra cash flow can be used to pay down debt and save on interest expense.

Advantages also include no storage costs or storage problems and downside risk limited to the option price. Also, due to contract specifications, if you are one of the many farmers whose corn was light this year, your ownership on the futures exchange could represent better quality.

Traders: Based on a previous recommendation, you may have bought corn on the close Dec. 8. The price on that date was \$2.96 1/2. The risk is 10¢/bu. (\$500/contract + commissions). The objective is in the \$3.10-\$3.20 area.

CATTLE — (BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: Aggressive feedlot placements last summer pushed inventories to the highest levels

since 1978. We believe the market is now in a transition phase and in the process of cleaning up this increased supply. Since the summer, there has been a decline in placements, which should lead to higher prices down the road. While there may be a bit more weakness ahead in the next week or so, I still believe this market is setting up for a major bottom!

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* You own February 74 puts and they're doing their job — gaining in value to protect against declining cash and futures prices. If you bought your feeder cattle right, and hedged your corn as we've suggested for months now, the puts should have allowed you to lock in at worst a break-even or modest profit while other feeders are now experiencing losses.

"Selective" hedgers can consider cashing in the puts now and assuming the risk of the marketplace from this point on. "True" hedgers, stand pat.

Cow/calf operators: You still own "at the money" feeder cattle puts. The market has fallen about \$6/cwt. since we first recommended this hedging strategy. The puts have done their job and should have helped you establish a floor price plus lock in a profitable margin.

"Selective" hedgers can consider cashing in the puts now and assuming the risk of the marketplace from this point on. "True" hedgers, stand pat.

Speculators: Consider the following spread which I like to enter this time of year: Buy February Live Cattle and sell April Live Cattle, with the April trading at least 250 points greater than the February. Enter 1/2 of your position here. If the spread moves out to 280, enter the remaining half. Risk to a close above 350. With this spread at these levels or a little wider, the risk is generally small.

If a winter storm develops anytime in the coming few months (and cattle performance is hindered), historically the spread can generate significant profits as the February trades stronger in relation to the April. Some years Feb. has traded significantly higher than April, so the profit potential is huge in relation to the margin requirement (only \$100/spread at our clearing firm). We do recommend a backup cushion of an additional \$400/spread to avoid margin calls.

Imported ladybugs to feed on pecan pests

DALLAS (AP) — Texas A&M scientists think they have taken an important first step toward countering aphids that have been causing extensive damage to the state's pecan crop.

Texas pecan production, valued at about \$39 million annually, occurs in most regions of the state and represents 20 percent of the nation's total pecan crop, second only to Georgia.

But in Georgia, the aphids are kept in check by large numbers of ladybugs who feed on them.

If it's good enough for Georgia, it's good enough for Texas, at least in this case.

Texas A&M entomologists Allen Knutson and Bill Ree made a trip to Georgia last month and collected 12,000 ladybugs, formally known as Harmonia lady beetles, to bring back to Texas via commercial airplane.

The ladybugs will hibernate in refrigerators, 1,000 per carton, at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Dallas until their release next spring to feed on aphids that attack pecans.

"Our only opportunity to capture such large numbers of beetles was during three or four days in November when they congregate around overwintering sites," Knutson said.

"These migrations only occur on warm, sunny days, so we kept changing our travel plans until weather forecasts for Georgia appeared favorable for beetle flights."

Knutson and Ree, both specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will place the benefi-



These ladybugs, a few of the 12,000 flown by commercial airline with Texas A&M University escorts from Georgia to Dallas, will hibernate in refrigerators until their release in spring to feed on aphids that attack pecans. (AP photo)

cial insects in pecan "nursery sites" next spring in 10 locations in Texas, hoping they quickly begin to feed on yellow pecan aphids.

The Texas Pecan Growers Association will assist in choosing the sites to evaluate how the Harmonias adjust to varying Texas climates.

The alternative to collecting Harmonia in Georgia and releasing them in Texas, Knutson said, was to rear them in greenhouses and labs. It is a costly, labor-intensive process.

The Harmonia ladybug was imported from Japan and released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Georgia about 15 years ago. Scientists recently discovered that the ladybug had become established there.

The Harmonias are similar in size to other common ladybugs but dis-

tinctive in appearance because of white markings around the eyes that look like goggles. Their color varies from light orange to the familiar deep red, and there may be no spots or as many as 18.

The bugs will rest up from their trip, needing only an occasional misting of water during the winter.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Knutson gave them a water misting and let them "exercise" by removing them from the refrigerator long enough to warm up, get a drink and move around a bit.

"We hope the released beetles will multiply and become established in Texas," Knutson said.

"If the Harmonia lady beetle establishes as well here as in other states ... they'll be natural residents of Texas, helping to control aphids on trees and shrubs."

Perry offers holiday safety tips for farmers, ranchers

AUSTIN — In all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's easy to forget or overlook some safety measures around the farm and ranch, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

"Folks in urban areas are exposed to all kinds of safety reminders during the holidays," Perry said. "But often this information is not directed toward our farmers and ranchers. Because many of them live a good distance from the nearest emergency response center, they are the ones who may need this information the most."

A freshly cut green tree loaded with lights, tinsel and ornaments is still central to the spirit of Christmas. However, it is also the cause of most of the household fires during the holidays. Even though the number of fires caused by Christmas trees is small, these fires can be destructive if not extinguished quickly.

"By following a few safety tips when putting up that tree for Christmas, rural citizens can enjoy a safe and happy holiday," Perry said.

- When choosing a tree, make sure it is a freshly cut one. If possible, buy from a local tree farm where you can cut your own.

- Place the tree away from any heat sources, including fireplaces, space heaters and even the television.

- Limit the time the tree is up. A tree standing in plenty of water will stay green and fresh a couple of weeks before Christmas.

- Lights approved by the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) will reduce drying. Do not connect more than 200 midget lights together through one string or cord. Inspect the lights each year.

- Unplug the lights before going to bed or leaving the house. A short circuit can also cause a fire.

- Candles should never be used as tree decorations.

- Farmers and ranchers are known for having common sense — and that's just what safety habits are," Perry said.

- "By following a few good, safe, commonsense safety practices, Texans can enjoy a safe and happy holiday season."

People encouraged to buy Texas Grown holiday plants

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said plenty of Texas-grown poinsettias are available and are waiting to brighten the holiday season.

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Clark to head Conservation Research Lab at Bushland

BUSHLAND — Dr. Charles Onstad, associate area director for the Southern Plains Area of the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, recently announced that Dr. R. Nolan Clark would be the new director of the USDA-Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland, effective Dec. 13.

Dr. Clark will succeed Dr. B. A. Stewart, who retired on Oct. 1.

Dr. Clark is an agricultural engineer who has been at the Research Laboratory since 1971. During his time with the Agricultural Research Service, he has conducted studies on collection and safe disposal of runoff from beef cattle feedyards, evaporation from sprinkler irrigation systems, furrow dikes for dryland crop production and wind energy.

Prior to joining the ARS, Clark received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering from Texas Tech University in 1964. He earned a master of science degree in ag engineering from Mississippi State University in 1967. He served as an instructor at MSU from 1964 to 1967, teaching surveying and water conservation. He earned his doctorate's degree in ag engineering from Texas A&M University in 1970. While at A&M, he served as a



Dr. R. Nolan Clark

research associate in the irrigation research program.

Since 1976, Clark has headed the wind energy research program for ARS. The major focus of this research has been to develop new energy sources for pumping water for irrigation and livestock. Recently, the Bushland program was awarded a new research project to develop a wind-

solar-diesel hybrid electrical generating system for remote areas and large farms.

In 1992, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers gave Clark its Engineering Concept of the Year award for his unique contribution to the advancement of new engineering concepts in wind energy technology. The American Wind Energy Association presented him its Academic Award for his "long-term commitment to world-wide utilization of wind energy technology to meet rural needs."

Dr. Clark completed a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers this year. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas and is often invited to make technical presentations to engineering groups.

The USDA-Conservation and Production Research Laboratory was established in 1938 to develop technology to eliminate severe wind erosion that created the infamous Dust Bowl that occurred during the drought of the 1930s. The laboratory current has three research units — water management; wind, soil and crop resource management; and bovine respiratory disease — with 33 employees and 1600 acres of crop and pasture land.

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Ag briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rural Electrification Administration and the Federal Financing Bank have agreed to expand a program that allows loans guaranteed by REA and held by FFB to be repriced.

REA Administrator Wally Beyer said the repricing permits a borrower to obtain a current interest rate on an advance of funds against an existing note rather than continuing to pay the rate set at the time the advance was made. However, Beyer said before the debt of an REA-financed rural utility qualifies for repricing it must meet certain criteria.

For example, the note must have been executed prior to Jan. 28, 1983 and the advances being repriced must have a long-term maturity and have been advanced for 12 years or more.

Also, payment of the premium due on the advance must be made in cash to the FFB when it is repriced. The premium would equal about one year's interest. Between \$3 billion and \$4 billion in debt could be repriced in fiscal 1994, the REA estimates, if eligible borrowers decide to take advantage of the program.

The majority of borrowers who could participate in repricing are suppliers of electric power to distribution cooperatives.

Under repricing next year, the average annual interest rate on a guaranteed loan fund advance is expected to drop from 9 percent to 6 percent or less. If borrowers repriced \$3 billion to \$4 billion in debt, Beyer estimates they would save at least \$60 million to \$80 million in the first year.

"The potential savings will be very beneficial to rural America's communities and families," Beyer said.

During fiscal 1993, REA borrowers repriced more than \$1.9 billion in FFB debt. It represented several hundred advances against notes of 24 borrowers. The revised interest rates ranged from 5.4 percent to 7.1 percent from a high of 13.6 percent before repricing.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1993 U.S. cotton harvest has progressed ahead of schedule and is complete or nearly complete in all states, according to the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

As of Nov. 28, it said, 92 percent of the cotton crop was harvested, compared with 83 percent last year and a five-year average of 85 percent.

States nearing completion include New Mexico, 79

percent complete; Texas, 83 percent; and Oklahoma, 85 percent. They were well ahead of their averages.

Before Dec. 1, there were 13.6 million bales of cotton that had been ginned, up from 12.9 million bales in 1992.

The 1993 crop is estimated at 16.3 million bales. Based on that estimate, 83 percent of the crop has been ginned, compared with 80 percent in 1992, the report said.

Cotton consumption for the first three months of the season totaled 2.67 million bales, and mill use was expected to reach 2.79 million bales by the end of October.

"Since August-October consumption is below the seasonal expectations, mill use will have to strengthen in the coming months to reach the current 1993-94 estimate," it said.

"Although holiday slowdowns are expected to be reflected in the next two consumption reports, mill business continues good for most cotton products, particularly denims, housewares and industrials."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says about \$1.1 billion in deficiency payments will be made to eligible producers of the 1993 wheat, barley and oats crops.

Wheat producers will receive about \$940 million, barley producers about \$125 million and oat producers about \$5 million.

The payments, which began Monday, are being made in cash through Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county offices.

Deficiency payments are made under the 1993 wheat, barley and oats programs when the national weighted average market prices received by producers during the first five months of the marketing year are below established target price levels.

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. farm-raised catfish processed during October totaled 39.5 million pounds, up 1 percent from October 1992.

The average price paid to producers was 73 cents per pound for the month, 12 cents above a year ago.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during October totaled 19.4 million pounds, a decrease of 1 percent from the comparable month in 1992.

Sales of fresh fish, at 7.44 million pounds, represented 38 percent of total sales and were down 12 percent from October 1992.



Participants in Project OnGrowing, a farm program in the New York City borough of the Bronx, give thanks for a productive growing season. (AP photo by Jerry Speier)

Homeless families raise own crops in Project OnGrowing in New York

By MARY MacVEAN
AP Food Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Edward Simmons had come a long way from the North Carolina farm where he spent his first 13 years — too long a way.

Now, in a sense, he is on his way back.

Less than a year ago, Simmons, his wife and two sons lived in a rat-infested apartment. Hope, along with plenty of other things, was in short supply.

But recently, the Simmons gathered with 50 or so other people, most of them recently homeless, and celebrated the harvest of more than a ton of organic produce from an acre of land they farmed each Sunday this past summer in a project meant to teach job skills and a love of the land.

Simmons, who has been homeless, had two other milestones to celebrate: through the farm program, called Project OnGrowing, he had secured an apprenticeship at Rusty Staub's On Fifth restaurant to learn the business. And just two weeks earlier, he had moved his family to a new apartment.

One day he hopes to run a kitchen, perhaps, he said, for the homeless.

"This program helped me get back in touch with myself," said Simmons, 35. "We turned nothing into something. It worked out real good."

For Simmons, and everyone else who was part of OnGrowing, it was the end of a long, sometimes difficult, summer.

OnGrowing was organized by Wendy Dubit through her FarmHands-CityHands program, which gives urbanites a taste of life on a farm. The participants were from H.E.L.P. Bronx, which pro-

vides counseling and temporary housing for homeless families. Green Chimneys, a residential farm program for city youths, donated an acre of land in Brewster, an hour north of the city. Share Our Strength, a food industry grants-making organization, provided \$13,000.

In past years, FarmHands-CityHands had brought homeless families north of New York to spend a day on a farm and sent them home with seeds and information about shopping the city's farm markets. But OnGrowing was to be different, offering fun and rewarding work as well as a lesson in self-sufficiency.

"I've always wanted to do something ongoing and permanent," Dubit said at the celebration buffet dinner, held at H.E.L.P. Bronx and prepared by OnGrowing participants using some of their crops.

Tiffany Jackson, age 10, speared brussels sprouts with a toothpick for a snack while she waited for the dinner to start. Over the summer, she had planted and pulled weeds, she said, but she most liked the weekends, when participants camped out at Green Chimneys.

"I took everything into my tent and had a midnight snack. We saw the deer and the owl. It was fun," she said.

Work began early one Sunday in May, when 15 people made the first trip north. All was not bucolic as they prepared the soil for planting.

"The next day, none of us could get out of our beds. We worked so hard," said Brooke Norton, 15.

"The concept of work is something they're not all used to," Dubit said. "There were times it wasn't the smoothest going. But we got through it."

Unlike Simmons, many participants had never been to a farm, said Oswald Thomas, director of recre-

ation at H.E.L.P. Bronx. "Some were commenting on how pretty the soil was. They were so used to concrete."

The families planted tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, beans, onions and herbs.

Once the crops started coming up, participants brought food home at the end of each workday. There was enough to feed some friends, preserve some and sell some at Native Farms, an organic food store in Manhattan.

Before dinner, Dubit offered a "radish toast" in honor of the first vegetable to be harvested, after six weeks of work.

She noted that from the start, she had expected OnGrowing participants to learn to plant, to harvest, to work hard. "What we got was so much more than we wanted, a feeling of family, a feeling of 'Let's begin again, it was so wonderful.'"

And begin again they will — with at least two acres of land next summer, and probably no shortage of volunteer farmers.

"It was a tremendous success," Thomas said. "We had people on a waiting list, waiting for someone to drop out."

The project, he said, fit perfectly with the goal of teaching residents to "break out of the mold that everything has to be done for you." And while they're not likely to become farmers, some plan to build window boxes for their apartments, and all will be better able to shop for their families.

Norton said she'll never forget the taste of really fresh vegetables.

"The tomatoes were sweeter, juicier than regular tomatoes. The cucumbers were crunchier and still juicy," she said as she dished out rice and vegetable soup at the dinner. "Everything just tasted fresher, cleaner. There was something about it."

Year passes without planned USDA reorganization

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — This was supposed to be the year the Agriculture Department began shedding field offices and created a leaner, more efficient headquarters.

But a ready-made plan left by the outgoing Bush administration last winter to consolidate 1,300 field offices is still on hold — until next spring at the earliest. Likewise a blueprint for trimming the Washington headquarters.

As a result, a centerpiece of Vice President Al Gore's proposal to reinvent government stays on the drawing board. The same for the five-year savings, estimated at \$2.3 billion.

"You've got employees and the farmers out in the country saying, 'What the heck is going on?'" said David LaVe, spokesman for the American Farm Bureau Federation and a former department official.

Field employees have been waiting since January to find out whether they will have jobs or have to move. That's when former Secretary Edward Madigan, in his last two weeks in office, presented a plan for closing and merging field offices.

The Agriculture Department says it could go ahead with the closings and has virtually completed a list based on the Madigan plan. But it says agencies will have to be merged and headquarters management will have

to be streamlined for real savings to occur.

"Nothing like this has happened in the federal government, I don't think, since Franklin Roosevelt's days," said Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard Rominger, the man in charge of the reorganization effort. A department with 112,000 employees and a host of agencies can't be changed overnight, he said.

Still, critics like Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, the top Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee and a leading advocate of reform, say Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy may have missed his opportunity.

"Anybody who wanted to dig in their heels has had ample opportunity now to do so," he said. Some heel digging has begun.

The House Agriculture Committee told Gore in a letter Dec. 9 that it will speed up action on Espy's reorganization bill only if the administration provides evidence of similar cuts for other civilian agencies.

In the Senate, Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., told Espy at an Agriculture Committee hearing in early October to make deeper cuts at the Washington headquarters and come up with more details for restructuring headquarters before closing any field offices.

"We've sent a lot of information back to the Hill, probably not in the detail that Sen. Boren would like to see, but we do propose that percentage-wise there will be more cuts here

... than cuts out in the field," Rominger said.

The plan would reduce the number of employees by 7,500 over five years and cut agencies from 43 to 30. A Farm Service Agency would replace three that handle crop subsidies, crop insurance and farm loans. Food and nutrition programs, which account for more than half the department's \$71 billion spending in 1994, will be given a higher status.

But the agency that helps farmers meet the conservation requirements of farm programs would be kept separate, under an assistant secretary in charge of natural resources.

Farm groups don't like the move, but Rominger defends it as necessary because the conservation programs extend beyond work with farmers to include watershed protection in city water districts.

The department would include nine assistant or under secretaries, the same number that now exists, leading critics to suggest the overhaul has largely been a matter of shuffling boxes.

Despite its challenge for the administration to cut elsewhere, the House Agriculture Committee has begun a series of hearings outside Washington and has scheduled a session to finish work on a bill in early February.

"It's going to take a long time to work it out, and it's not going to work out the way that Espy envisioned it," says Lane at the Farm Bureau.

World sugar consumption to outpace production again, USDA says

WASHINGTON (AP) — World sugar consumption is expected to outpace production for the second straight year, the Agriculture Department says.

With that, global stocks are forecast to fall, putting upward pressure on prices, the department's Economic Research Service said in a report on sugars and sweeteners.

Ending stocks in the 1993-94 crop

year are projected to fall to 20.29 million tons, it said, the lowest since 1989-90.

"For 1993-94, world price increases will continue to be tempered by relatively low trade volumes and global supplies large enough to cover import requirements," it said.

"However, considerable uncertainty remains regarding some of the

world's largest sugar exporters, including Cuba, Brazil, Thailand (and) Ukraine and major importers such as Russia and potentially India," it said.

World sugar production for 1993-94 is forecast at 112.36 million metric tons, up 890,000 tons from the forecast published in September and 360,000 tons above 1992-93 production.

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'A Christmas Carol' continues to be popular — 150 years after Dickens first published it

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year." — *A Christmas Carol*.

By GRAHAM HEATHCOTE
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — As he worked on a new story toward the end of 1843, Charles Dickens said he felt as if Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit were ever tugging at his coat sleeve, impatient for him to get back to his desk and continue the story of their lives.

Although *A Christmas Carol* didn't immediately sell as well as Dickens had hoped, it came to exert that grip on the whole world.

Now 150 years old, its Victorian mixture of fireside merrymaking and spectral gloom and doom followed by triumphant redemption shows no sign of fading.

New editions are in the bookshops and new versions are on theater stages, television and radio.

Once more, the crusty miser Ebenezer Scrooge is reformed and turned into a fairy godfather by Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future who lead him through scenes of happiness, poverty and want.

Dickens had this to say about old Ebenezer:

"Oh, but he was a tightfisted hand at the grindstone. Scrooge! a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner! Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster."

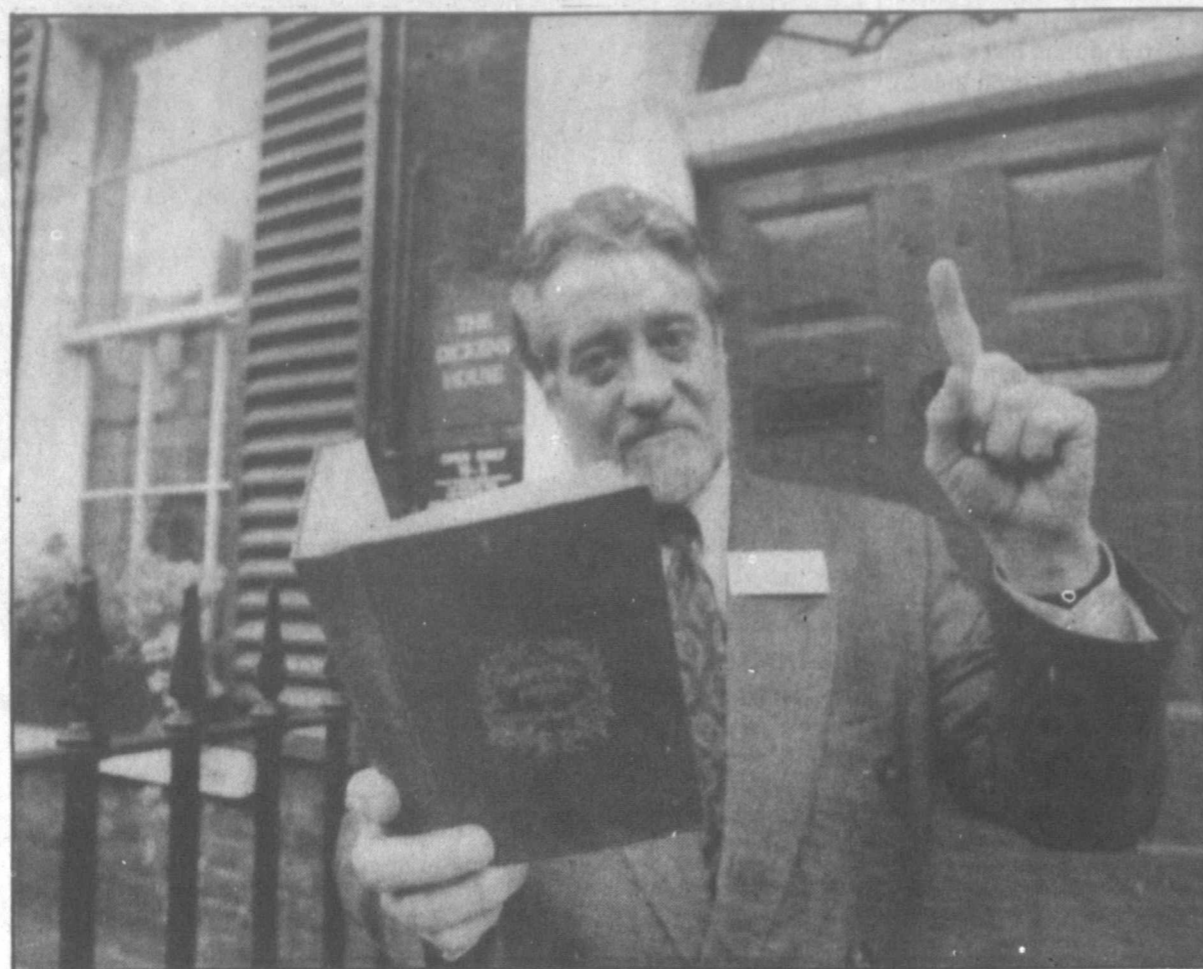
"The current popularity of the story is as astonishing as ever," said Malcolm Andrews, lecturer in English literature at the University of Kent and editor of *The Dickensian* which three times a year brings the latest in studies of the great novelist.

"Nearly 50 separate editions are in print in Britain and there are well over 225 adaptations for stage, screen and radio here and in the United States. It is also on cassette, record and compact disc. It is a ballet, an opera, a musical, several animated cartoons and several movies and its characters are used everywhere in advertising," Andrews said in an interview.

The story survives, he thinks, because of Dickens' "ability to tap a kind of folk tale quality."

"Although Dickens set it specifically in the 1840s, his original idea was to give it propagandist power to ease the hardships of the poor, to promote charity and give people a sense of the larger family community. One of the triumphs of the redeemed Scrooge is that he takes a fatherly responsibility for Tiny Tim, the crippled son of his poor clerk, Bob Cratchit," Andrews said.

Dickens got the idea when he visited the northern industrial city of Manchester where he made a speech referring to the necessity of educating very poor children. Cratchit and his family almost duplicate Dickens' own poor childhood, and the Ghost of Christmas Past leads Scrooge through the Medway river landscape of north Kent which Dickens knew from his boyhood in Chatham.



David Parker, curator of Dickens House in London, reads from an early edition of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' outside the house which served as Dickens' home from 1837 to 1839. (AP photo by Denis Paquin)

Seven months before he began the story Dickens had thought of Christmas appeals for poor children, hence their prominence in the tale. The Ghost of Christmas Present produces from his robes two object children: a boy called Ignorance, and a girl named Want.

Dickens described them thus: "Yellow, meager, ragged, scowling, wolfish; but prostrate, too, in their humility. Where graceful youth should have filled their features out, and touched them with its freshest tints, a stale and shrivelled hand, like that of age, had pinched, and twisted them, and pulled them into shreds."

The story has the feel of snow, cold air, green holly leaves and red berries and blazing hearths. The reader feels the beating of human hearts in good cheer and in dread.

Dickens confessed to being gripped by the story as he wrote it and said he "wept and laughed, and wept again."

He wrote to his American friend, Cornelius Felton, a professor at Harvard University, that it so excited him that he "walked about the black streets of London 15 and 20 miles a night when all sober folks had gone to bed."

Felton called Dickens "one of the greatest minds of the age ... the most original and inventive genius since Shakespeare."

The novelist Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton, Dickens wrote that the subject seized him with strange mastery and that the writing of it so closely preoccupied him that he "never left the house before the owls went out, and led quite a solitary life."

Dickens, then 31, wrote *A Christmas Carol* in about six weeks, from early October to November 1843.

He said he wanted to write a "cheerful, glowing, heart-warming story in which he would appeal to all of people's warmest feelings."

In fact, he needed money. He had a large family whose members constantly pestered him for favors and his latest novel, *Martin Chuzzlewit*, was selling much less well than his previous books.

As a result, Dickens was even repaying Chapman and Hall, his publishers, for an advance they had given him, although his works had raised them from nobodies to wealth and fame.

Dickens wrote the story in London in his house at 1 Devonshire Terrace, York Gate, facing Regent's Park, where he lived from 1839 to 1851. There he also wrote *The Old Curiosity Shop*, *Barnaby Rudge*, *Martin Chuzzlewit* and *David Copperfield*.

Five of Dickens' 10 children were born in the house but its association with England's greatest novelist did not save it. In the 1958, the house was demolished and replaced by an office block.

Dickens insisted on a low price of five shillings, just under \$5 in those days, for copies of *A Christmas Carol* as he wanted it widely bought and read. But he also demanded an expensive format, with gilt edges, colored endpapers, a blue and red title page and hand-colored plates by John Leech.

It was his first story to be published whole and not in weekly or monthly parts and by doing it, Dickens invented the special Christmas book.

The *Carol* was published on Dec. 17 and by Christmas Eve one week later it had sold 6,000 copies. It went into a seventh edition within four months.

The novelist William Makepeace Thackeray said of it: "It seems to me a national benefit, and to every man or woman who reads it a personal kindness. The last two people I heard speak of it were women; neither knew the other, or the author, and both said by way of criticism, 'God bless him!' ... What a feeling is this for a writer to be able to inspire, and

what a reward to reap!" One legend has it that an American factory owner on reading the story gave his employees an extra day's holiday.

Dickens had letters by every post from complete strangers to say they had read the story aloud and delighted their families.

From the sales of the first 15,000 copies, Dickens got less than 750 pounds (then about \$3,400) when he had hoped for 1,000 pounds (about \$4,500) and he said he should have produced the book more cheaply. He got nearly double the sum for the first 20,000 copies of his next Christmas story, *The Chimes*, which is now little regarded.

"It's utter tosh to say that Dickens invented Christmas but *A Christmas Carol* gave the festive season a deep emotional charge, in addition to any religious one," says David Parker, curator of the Dickens Museum in London.

"What Dickens demands is that Christmas is the operation of memory, thinking of the past and its joys and sorrows, its good and bad fortunes. It is remembering, experiencing and feeling everything and allowing that to shape the man, to shape moral sentiment."

Vicky Featherstone, who is directing a stage version of the story at the Octagon Theater in the Lancashire town of Bolton this Christmas, said the tale survives because it is a story in the old-fashioned sense of the word. "It has a sense of horror, love, morality and a central character who has a major journey that we follow. It is fundamentally about people taking responsibility for each other within a community," she said.

"But it goes much further than charity: It's about opening your eyes to what is going on around you and being prepared to do something about it and that's as relevant now as in Victorian times."

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WHITE Deer High School Book of Remembrance, P.O. Box 656, White Deer, Tx. 79097.

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

2 Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa, Tuesday thru Sunday 1:00-4 p.m. Special tours by appointment.

ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean, Regular museum hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Sunday 1-4.

DEVIL'S Rope Museum, McLean, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 1-4 p.m.

HUTCHINSON County Museum: Borger. Regular hours 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

LAKE Meredith Aquarium and Wildlife Museum: Fritch, hours Tuesday and Sunday 2-5 p.m., 10 a.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, closed Monday.

MUSEUM of The Plains: Perryton, Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during Summer months, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

OLD Mobeetie Jail Museum, Monday, Saturday 10-5. Sunday 1-5. Closed Wednesday.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, weekends 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

PIONEER West Museum: Shamrock. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.

RIVER Valley Pioneer Museum at Canadian, Tx. Tuesday-Friday 10-4 p.m. Sunday 2-4 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday.

ROBERTS County Museum: Miami, Regular hours, Tuesday-Friday 10-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday. Closed Holidays.

SQUARE House Museum Panhandle, Regular Museum hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 1-5:30 p.m. Sundays.

3 Personal

MARY Kay Cosmetics. Supplies and deliveries. Call Dorothy Vaughn 665-4953, 665-5117.

MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin-care. Facials, supplies, call Theda Wallin 665-8336.

BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and skin-care. Offering free complete color analysis, makeover, deliveries and image updates. Call your local consultant, Lynn Allen 669-3848, 1304 Christine.

Alcoholics Anonymous 910 W. Kentucky 665-9702

SHAKLEE: Vitamins, diet, skin-care, household, job opportunity. Donna Turner, 665-6065.

IF someone's drinking is causing you problems try Al-Anon meetings, 910 W. Kentucky, Monday and Wednesday 8 p.m.

3 Personal

WANT to lose weight? I lost 40 pounds and 27 inches in 4 months. Lee Ann Stark, 669-9660.

5 Special Notices

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PAMPA Masonic Lodge 966 will be meeting Thursday, December 23, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. for Proficiency in Master Mason degree.

TOP O Texas Lodge #1381, Saturday 18th Pancake Breakfast, Tuesday 21st, E.A. Degree, meal at 6:30.

10 Lost and Found

REWARD-Lost seal point Siamese cat, 900 block Cinderella. Child's pet. Please help return by Christmas, 669-6340.

12 Loans

Christmas Loans Available \$1,000-\$10,000 609-561-5224

13 Bus. Opportunities

ESTABLISHED Hamburger and Restaurant business including equipment for sale. 669-3945.

VENDING Route Established-Immediate Cash Flow, \$2000 week potential. Must sell. 800-898-2021.

14b Appliance Repair

RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN We have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for estimate. Open for business in our warehouse. Johnson Home Furnishings 801 W. Francis

14d Carpentry

Ralph Baxter Contractor & Builder Custom Homes or Remodeling 665-8248

Panhandle Home Leveling Excellent Floor Leveling and Home Repairs, call 669-0958.

DEAVER Construction: Building, remodeling and insurance repairs. 21 years experience. Ray Deaver, 665-0447.

RON'S Construction, Capentry, concrete, drywall, fencing, masonry and roofing. 669-3172.

OVERHEAD Door Repair. Kidwell Construction. 669-6347.

CALDER Painting: Interior/exterior, mud, tape, acoustic, 30 years experience in Pampa. 665-4840, 669-2215.

ADDITIONS, remodeling, new cabinets, ceramic tile, acoustical ceilings, paneling, painting, patios. 18 years local experience. Jerry Reagan, Karl Parks 669-2648.

ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. No job too small. Mike Albus, 665-4774.

Childers Brothers Leveling House Leveling Professional house leveling. Free estimates 1-800-299-9563.

14e Carpet Service

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost... It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341. Free estimates.

CARPET installation-repairs, stretch and new. 669-0141, no answer leave message.

RON'S Floor Service. Carpet, tile, wood. Installation and repair. Free estimates. 669-0817.

14f Decorators-Interior

SARA'S Draperies. Blinds, verticles, bedspreads, custom draperies. 665-0021, 665-0919, 800-569-5662.

14h General Services

COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. 669-7769.

Commercial Mowing Chuck Morgan 669-0511

ASPHALT Repair. Ron's Construction, 669-3172.

BAKER Services. Custom design and building, wood or steel. Home repairs, improvements. No job too small. 665-3346.

CONCRETE work, all types, driveways, sidewalks, patio, etc. Ron's Construction, 669-3172.

FENCING of all types. Joe Johnson, 35 years experience. For free estimates 665-3368.

MASONRY, all types. New construction and repair. Ron's Construction, 669-3172.

SMALL repairs. Painting, concrete, roofing. Now hanging Christmas lights. 665-5557.

14i General Repair

IF it's broken or won't turn off, call the Fix It Shop 669-3434. Lamps fixed.

14m Lawnmower Service

PAMPA Lawnmower Repair. Repairs on all makes of mowers and chainsaws. Pick up and delivery available. 665-8843, 501 S. Cuyler.

14n Painting

PAINTING and sheetrock finishing. 35 years. David and Joe, 665-2903, 669-7885.

PAINTING done reasonable, interior, exterior. Minor repairs. Free estimates. Bob Gorson 665-0033.

14n Painting

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14q Ditching

RON'S Construction. Loader, Dirt Work, Fill Dirt and Fill Sand. 669-3172.

14r Plowing, Yard Work

MOW, till, tree trim. Light hauling. Flower beds. We contract. 665-9609, 665-7349.

TREE trimming. Yard-alley clean up. Hauling. Kenneth Banks, 665-3672.

14s Plumbing & Heating

Builders Plumbing Supply 535 S. Cuyler 665-3711

LARRY BAKER PLUMBING Heating Air Conditioning Borger Highway 665-4392

McBride Plumbing Co. Complete repair Residential, Commercial 665-1633

CHIEF Plastics has steel and PVC pipe, pipe fittings, water heaters and plumbing needs. 1237 S. Barnes.

JACK'S Plumbing Co. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer and drain cleaning. Septic systems installed. 665-7115.

Bullard Plumbing Service Electric Sewer Rooter Maintenance and repair 665-8603

Jim's Sewer and Sinkline Cleaning 665-4307

Terry's Sewerline Cleaning 669-1041

14t Radio and Television

Johnson Home Entertainment We will do service work on most Major Brands of TV's and VCR's. 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.

Wayne's Tv Service Microwave Ovens Repaired 665-3030

14y Upholstery

Furniture Clinic Refinishing Upholstery 665-8684

14z Siding

STEEL siding, windows, storm doors, carports, Rv covers and patio covers. Free estimates. Pampa Home Improvement, 669-3600.

19 Situations

TOP O' Texas Maid Service. Bonded. Jeannie Samples, 883-5331.

21 Help Wanted

NOTICE Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

POSTAL JOBS Start \$10.79/hour. For exam and application information call 219-769-8301 extension TX605, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Friday.

CNA'S NEEDED who love working with other people and show it in daily duties. Borger Nursing Center has vacancies for Nursing Assistants. If you qualify you will be paid to learn proper nursing care. Call Theresa Brown, 273-3785. EOE

LVN's or RN's needed to love the elderly and show it in daily work. Borger Nursing Center is expanding Residential care and has 2 vacancies. Call Theresa Brown, 273-3785. EOE.

TEXAS REFINERY CORP needs mature person now in PAMPA area. Regardless of experience, write E.G. Hopkins, Box 711, Ft. Worth, Tx. 76101.

GRAY County Adult Probation Office is taking applications for an officer, bachelor's degree is required, preferably in criminal justice or related field. Send resume to P.O. Box 1116, Pampa, Tx.

LA Fiesta now hiring waitress/waiters, part time hostess and bus person. Apply in person.

HIGH Energy Sales Manager part or full time for highly needed services in Panhandle. High commission, fast growth, but Oilfield experience required. Resumes welcome. Mail resume to P.O. Box 54274, Tulsa, Okla. 74155.

EXPERIENCED oilfield truck driver needed. Drug test, DOT physical and current Class A CDL required. Good driving record. Call Bill or Leon for appointment at Bourland & Levecher Supply Co. 665-0061.

LVN's needed. PRN and night position. 9-5 in person only, 1504 W. Kentucky, Coronado Nursing Center, Pampa, Texas.

CORONADO Hospital is currently seeking LVN's and RN's for PRN pool, including RN's with emergency room experience. Compensation competitive with agency rates. Please forward qualifications to Coronado Hospital Human Resources/PRN Pool, 1 Medical Plaza, Pampa, Tx. 79065. EOE.

PAMPA Manor Apartments, seeking Manager and Maintenance position. Please send resumes to Alpha Management, 8111 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1000, Dallas, Tx. 75251.

CHEMICAL Distributor seeks experienced warehouse man for Pampa Operation. Ability to operate forklift and knowledge of hazardous material storage critical. Current CDL with HZMAT endorsement a big plus. Send response with salary requirements to Delta Distributing Inc., 11344 Plano Rd. Dallas, Texas 75243 Attention: Operation Manager.

Fancy things can make life more playful for Christmas, not necessarily productive

By EVAN RAMSTAD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — They file. They schedule. They fax. They locate. They translate. Some even talk.

This Christmas, office supply and electronics stores are selling a variety of pocket-sized, tiny-screen organizers, directories, calculators and translators.

The best-sellers are truly productive. But others require more work than they produce or have such limited use that they're really adult toys, high-tech versions of the do-it-all knives and salad tossers advertised on afternoon TV.

One of the glitziest new devices for consumers this year is the global locator. Several companies, including Sony Corp. and Panasonic Co., make versions of these \$1,000 to \$2,000, purse-sized computers that catch signals from satellites and show where you are

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21 Help Wanted

MCLEAN Home Health Agency accepting applications for RN's and LVN's and Certified Home Health Aides. 806-779-2485. BOE.

CUSTODIAN needed for First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Pick up application at church office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

30 Sewing Machines

WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler, 665-2383.

48 Trees, Shrubs, Plants

DAVIS TREE SERVICE We do all types of tree work. Free estimates. 669-2230, 665-3659.

50 Building Supplies

HOUSTON LUMBER CO. 420 W. Foster 669-6881

White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

60 Household Goods

SHOWCASE RENTALS Rent to own furnishings for your home. Rent by phone.

1700 N. Hobart 669-1234 No Credit Check. No deposit. Free delivery.

JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS

Open for business in our warehouse. "Pampa's standard of excellence in Home Furnishings" 801 W. Francis 665-3361

62 Medical Equipment

HEALTHSTAR Medical, Oxygen, Beds, Wheelchairs, rental and Sales. Medicare provider 24 hour service. Free delivery. 1541 N. Hobart, 669-0000.

69 Miscellaneous

RENT IT When you have tried everywhere and can't find it, come see me, I probably got it! H. C. Eubanks Tool Rental, 1320 S. Barnes, phone 665-3213.

CHIMNEY Fire can be prevented. Queen Sweep Chimney Cleaning. 665-4686 or 665-5364.

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OAK Firewood \$160 cord, \$80 1/2 cord. 665-8843, Pampa Lawn-mower.

Seasoned Oklahoma Oak Jerry Ledford 848-2222

GREET the New Year with the New Year! Don't wait until January 1st!!! Call Now! Cindy 806-665-6043, 1-800-460-6043.

LOSE It Now! Get ahead of Holiday Pounds! Carolyn Stroud, 669-6979.

REMARKABLE body cream here now! Coming soon delicious, energizing tea! Call Cindy 806-665-6043 or 1-800-460-6043.

MESQUITE, cured and aged, dry, \$125 you pick up, \$125 delivered. 806-874-5155.

FOR the Cleanest Car in town, come by 1246 Barnes, wash and vac \$10. References furnished.

WILL Haul any and all items, to and from Amarillo; daily trips made. 665-9300.

ALMOST new dual action 400 exercise bike, large seat. Brass trundle bed that makes into full bed, all accessories included. 665-7530.

DOGWOOD Apartments, 1 or 2 bedroom. References and deposits required. 669-9817, 669-9952.

1 bedroom, dishwasher, central heat/air, carpeted. 665-4345.

LARGE Efficiency \$175 month, bills paid. After 5 665-4233.

1 bedroom, bills paid, \$55 a week. 669-1459, 669-3743.

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69 Miscellaneous

REWARD: Any Information on a 1982 White, Olds Delta 88 license BKY-56K or James Roberson. Confidential. 372-3360 collect.

69a Garage Sales

INSIDE Sale: 1041 S. Sumner. 4 rooms full of furniture and miscellaneous. Saturday and Sunday afternoon. 665-2254.

70 Musical Instruments

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 6 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarpley Music. 665-1251.

GIBSON Electric Guitar Sonex 180, made in USA. Excellent condition and Fender amp. sidekick reverb 20. 665-7602.

75 Feeds and Seeds

Wheeler Evans Feed Full line of Acco feeds We appreciate your business Hwy.60 Kingsmill 665-5881

80 Pets And Supplies

GROOMING, exotic birds, pets, full line pet supplies. Iams and Science Diet dog and cat food. Pets Unique, 407 W. Foster. 665-5102.

CANINE and Feline grooming. Also, boarding and Science diets. Roys Animal Hospital, 665-2223.

Grooming and Boarding Jo Ann's Pet Salon 1033 Terry Rd., 669-1410

MONA'S Canine Bed and Bath. New facilities. AKC Pomeranian puppies. 669-6357, Mona.

Lee Ann's Grooming All breeds-Reasonable rates 669-9660

HARRIET'S Canine Design Grooming at a Personal Touch, no tranquilizers. 669-0939.

FOR Sale Siberian Husky puppies W.C. Also part Wolf/1/2 Siberian puppies. 669-2255.

FREE Cocker Spaniel mix puppies. 665-6026 after 5.

FREE puppies, just in time for Christmas. 665-3719.

FREE CUTE PUPPY 665-5278

FULL blood Chow puppies, 4 males, 2 females, all black. 7 weeks old. \$50, no papers. 665-7317.

PUPPIES to give away. Can see at 523 N. Wells.

CUTE, cuddly, black/white female kitten, litter trained, free to good home. 669-2411.

89 Wanted To Buy

WILL buy good used furniture and appliances. 669-9654 after 5 p.m.

94 Will Share

RESPONSIBLE, good-humored, non-smoking roommate sought in Pampa. I will move to your place or join you in house/apartment search. John McMillan, 665-7135 anytime.

95 Furnished Apartments

ROOMS for rent. Showers, clean, quiet. \$35 a week. Davis Hotel. 116 1/2 W. Foster. 669-9115, or 669-9137.

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95 Furnished Apartments

COTTAGE, large, nice clean, lots of storage. 823 1/2 N. Somerville.

CLEAN Furnished 1 bedroom apartment. Utilities paid. Inquire 712 W. Francis.

96 Unfurnished Apts.

1 or 2 bedroom furnished or unfurnished, covered parking. Gwendolen Plaza Apartments, 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875.

1 bedroom, covered parking, appliances. 1-883-2461, 663-7522, 669-8870.

CAPROCK Apartments-1,2,3 bedrooms. Swimming pool, huge closets, appliances, beautiful lawns. Rent starting at \$275. Open 7 days. 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.

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SMALL Apartment, suitable for single person. See at 1616 Hamilton or 669-9986.

VERY clean 2 bedroom, washer, dryer hook-up. Call 665-1346.

97 Furnished Houses

LARGE 2 bedroom and FHA mobile home spaces in White Deer. 883-2015, 665-1193.

NICE, clean 2 bedroom. \$275 plus deposit. 665-1193.

98 Unfurnished Houses

1,2, and 3 bedroom houses for rent. 665-2383.

1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, \$135. 609 Texas. References. 669-3842, 665-6158 Realtor.

2 bedroom mobile home on private lot. HUD approved. \$275. 665-4842.

3 bedroom, attached garage, warm nice carpet. HUD approved. 665-4842.

3 bedroom, cook stove, fence. \$235. 420 N. Wynne. 665-8925.

Small 2 bedroom Water paid 665-5419

FOR Rent: 2 bedroom, near elementary school. 669-3940.

FOR Rent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, mobile home. 669-6623 after 6 p.m.

FOR Rent: Redecorated 3 bedroom, 2107 N. Nelson. 669-7597.

LARGE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, central heat, air, \$425 month, 324 N. Dwight. 669-6582.

NICE 2 bedroom, HUD approved. \$275. 665-4842.

NICE house, 2118 Williston. \$325 month, \$150 deposit. HUD. Inquire 524 N. Faulkner.

SMALL mobile home, clean, 2 bedroom, central heat, stove, refrigerator. 610 Carr str. 665-3650.

3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car detached garage, fenced back yard, water softer, cellar, almost 1500 square feet. \$32,000. 669-7366.

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99 Storage Buildings

CHUCK'S SELF STORAGE Some commercial units. 24 hour access. Security lights. 665-1150 or 669-7705.

TUMBLEWEED ACRES SELF STORAGE UNITS Various sizes 665-0079, 665-2450.

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Action Storage 10x16 and 10x24 669-1221

Econostor 5x10, 10x10, 10x15, 10x20 and 10x30. Now Vacant. 665-4842.

INDOOR Storage for RV's, Boats, autos and anything you want to keep out of the weather. Nothing too large. Gale Harden, 669-0063 or 669-6182.

10x24 foot Morgan building, wired for electricity and phone, insulated, paneled. 665-9278 leave message.

1002 Twiford Neat two bedroom, close to school, new paint inside and out, very nice carpet, well insulated, call, Assumable FHA loan, seller will carry part of equity. MLS 2834. BALCH REAL ESTATE, 665-8075.

3 bedroom brick house, 1 bath, single car garage. 2709 Navajo Rd. \$31,000. 669-3705.

NICE brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 story, big den and fireplace. Corner lot, good location. 665-9141, 665-2859, 1601 Fir. Will trade for smaller house.

2 choice (front) burial lots in Memory Gardens, Pampa, \$500 each. Collect 214-923-0703.

CHOICE residential lots, north-east, Austin district. Call 665-8578, 665-2832 or 665-0079.

Human rights group: Political rights, civil liberties decline despite growth in democracies

By DAVID BRISCOE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Political rights and civil liberties are declining worldwide despite an increase in the number of democracies, a private human rights monitoring group said.

Half a billion more people are living in countries ranked as "not free" this year, although the list of nominal democracies has increased from 99 to 107. Twenty nations now are given the group's lowest ranking as most repressive, up from 12 last year.

"The period of rapid democratic expansion appears to have ended," declared Bette Bao Lord, chairwoman of the New York-based Freedom House, whose annual report has brought lobbying efforts by governments wanting to change their ranking.

Among the worst of the worst, said Freedom House scholar Joseph Ryan, were Somalia, Sudan and North Korea. Others among the bottom 20 were Burma, China, Cuba, Haiti, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Vietnam.

In all, 55 countries were declared "not free," up from 38 last year. And the number of "free" countries dropped from 75 to 72.

Countries added to the "not free" list were Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mozambique, Oman, Swaziland, Tanzania,

Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

The figures show that the "trend towards freedom, human dignity, the idea that democracy works ... has been threatening to many people in power, to established tribal groups and religions," said Max Kampelman, former arms control negotiator and former Freedom House board chairman.

Ethnic violence, religious tension, poor economic conditions, inexperience with democracy and political repression were blamed for what was characterized as the first retreat from freedom in five years.

The survey said the number of people living in "not free" societies rose by 531 million, while the number living in free countries fell by 300 million. Many countries were listed as "partly free." The percentage of free people worldwide stood at 19 percent, the lowest in 17 years.

The report is based on the observations of Freedom House regional experts, consultants and human rights specialists around the world.

The group uses checklists for political and civil liberties, grading each country on two dozen questions. The questions attempt to get away from simply evaluating governments and focus on the freedoms people actually have.

A sample: "Does the country have the right of self-determination, and are its citizens free from domination by the military, foreign powers, totalitarian

parties, religious hierarchies, economic oligarchies or any other powerful group?"

In all, 55 countries were rated "not free," 63 "partly free" and 72 "free." The report deplored what it said was a lack of support for freedom from the West as many industrial democracies turn inward.

"With the world increasingly unfree and conflict-ridden, the growing public mood supporting withdrawal from foreign affairs is out of synch with the more ominous global setting and should be reversed," said Adrian Karatnycky, Freedom House executive director.

Karatnycky said most countries with significant increases in political repression share two critical factors: They are either multiethnic states in which there is no dominant majority group or they are Muslim states confronting a serious challenge from Islamic fundamentalists.

Countries listed in Freedom House's annual Survey of Freedom in the World and their combined ratings on 24 questions assessing political rights and civil liberties. Ratings of 1.0-2.5 are considered "free," 3.0-5.5 "partly free" and 5.5-7.0 "not free."

The cutoff for "not free" was slightly lower than 5.5, so those rounded off to 5.5 fall into both categories.)

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1.0 — Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Kiribati, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, United States.

1.5 — Andorra, Bahamas, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominica, France, Germany, Grenada, Hungary, Ireland, Mauritius, Monaco, St. Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Slovenia, Solomon Island, Spain, United Kingdom, Vanuatu.

2.0 — Bulgaria, Chile, Gambia, Greece, Guyana, Israel, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Lithuania, Nauru, Poland, Uruguay, Western Samoa.

2.5 — Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Ecuador, Estonia, Jamaica, Mali, Mongolia, Namibia.

PARTLY FREE
3.0 — Albania, Bangladesh, Colombia, Congo, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Latvia, Macedonia, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea,

Paraguay, Panama, Suriname, Venezuela.

3.5 — Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Brazil, Central African Republic, Fiji, Lesotho, Nepal, Niger, Philippines, Russia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Zambia.

4.0 — Comoros, Croatia, India, Jordan, Kirghiz Republic, Mexico, Pakistan, Romania, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Turkey, Ukraine.

4.5 — Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Yemen.

5.0 — Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Moldova, Morocco, Peru, Singapore, Zimbabwe.

5.5 — Guinea-Bissau, Lebanon.

NOT FREE

5.5 — Cameroon, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda.

6.0 — Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Djibouti, Egypt, Liberia, Maldives, Nigeria, Oman, Togo, United Arab Emirates, Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

6.5 — Algeria, Brunei, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Mauritania, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Zaire.

7.0 — Afghanistan, Angola, Bhutan, Burma, Burundi, China, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Iraq, North Korea, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam.

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