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Good Evening!

STATE

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Workers Compensation Commission has voted for a change in the way the state identifies extra-hazardous employers.

The proposal is subject to public comment before it can get final commission approval, which could happen in February.

The extra-hazardous employers program attempts to bring attention to businesses with dangerous working conditions and requires those businesses to enact safeguards.

Under the compromise proposal, the program won't apply to small employers based on a single fatality in their workforce. The change had been sought by employer representatives on the commission.

But, as commissioners representing labor had insisted, the formula for identifying extra-hazardous employers will continue to consider fatalities.

Another change is expected to result in an extra-hazardous designation for up to 20 percent more employers that have no fatalities but show injury rates higher than expected for their industries, said Angelo Anzivino, a worker safety official on the commission staff.

In 1993, there were 393 companies labeled extra-hazardous, most of them from the petroleum and construction industries, the commission said.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About 75 people were forced to flee their homes in the middle of the night when a fertilizer warehouse caught fire, setting off a series of explosions.

Some firefighters suffered minor injuries in the fire that was still burning at mid-morning, but no other injuries were reported, said fire department dispatcher Bob Snow. The firefighters were treated at the scene.

"It's still smoldering but it's not blazing," Snow said about 10 a.m. "They're not throwing any water on it because they did not want to have contaminated runoff. They're letting it burn itself out."

The blaze also forced the closure of Interstate 10 through part of the morning rush hour. Snow said the highway was reopened at about 8 a.m. and those who were evacuated were being allowed to return to their homes and businesses.

The fire at the B&G Co. was reported about 3 a.m. The cause of the blaze wasn't immediately determined.

A 25-block area north of downtown San Antonio was evacuated, with city buses used to help people flee their homes. Classes were delayed at two elementary schools in the area.

NATIONAL

DENVILLE, N.J. (AP) — The cops are smiling today in this northern New Jersey suburb. The dispatcher is smiling. Even the police chief is smiling.

Eighteen department members will share the \$27.9 million jackpot from Thursday's New Jersey Lottery drawing, said Chief Howard Shaw, himself a winner. That works out to approximately \$1.5 million per person, or about \$70,000 a year before taxes for the next 20 years, he said.

"They found out last night. I was at a Christmas party and they were all here at headquarters, laughing and cheering," said Shaw. "I said, 'Well, come on down to the party' and everyone did."

Lottery officials could not confirm the department's announcement because they hadn't seen the ticket, but did say one winning ticket was sold. The winning numbers were 14, 21, 39, 40, 42 and 43.

Shaw said 16 police officers, one dispatcher and a secretary, out of a total force of 28, each chipped in \$5 for the drawing, a regular practice at the department.

The group once won \$79, but that money went right back into the pot for the next drawing, Shaw said.

The cops aren't the only lucky government employees in Denville, a town of 14,000 on the western fringe of the New York metropolitan area. Shaw said some teachers at the high school recently won a Pick-6 drawing, too.

"But that was only \$13 million," he said, chuckling.

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Clinton calls for 'partnership for prosperity'

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Setting the stage for a 34-nation Summit of the Americas, President Clinton today called for a new "partnership for prosperity" to open new markets and strengthen the hemisphere's wave of democracy.

Clinton was welcoming world leaders later in the day to a historic gathering expected to produce a hemisphere-wide free-trade arrangement by 2005.

"This is a magic moment," he said. "Let us seize it."

With flags of the 34 nations arrayed behind him, Clinton recalled that when the last American summit convened in 1967, 10 countries in the region were under authoritarian rule.

Clinton commended the current heads of state as leaders who "won their posts through ballots not bullets" and expressed hope that next time Cuba, too, would join the crowd.

Clinton, noting that Fidel Castro is the last authoritarian leader in the region, drew his biggest applause when he declared: "We support the Cuban people's desire for peaceful democratic change."

Clinton, framing the summit in economic and cultural terms, said the gathering was designed to open markets, strengthen democracy and improve the quality of life throughout the region.

"If we're successful, the summit will lead to more jobs, opportunity and prosperity," he said. "We will have launched a new partnership for prosperity."

The summit — the first such gathering

of hemispheric leaders in nearly 30 years — opens this evening with Clinton's formal greeting and a ceremonial dinner.

The president, speaking at midday to an audience of summit sponsors, organizers and business executives, heralded the successes of democracy in the region, saying "nation after nation has freed itself from dictatorship and debt."

And mindful of his need to build support at home in the aftermath of the Democrats' devastating election losses, Clinton argued that expanding trade and cooperation in the region would serve to benefit U.S. workers, not cost American jobs.

"If we reach out as we are ... If we act wisely, then we can make this new world work for us," he said. "Trade can be a benefit for our people."

"Every American worker in every part

of the United States should be glad that we are here at the Summit of the Americas," he said.

With a draft trade agreement already prepared for signing by leaders of the summit nations, it would appear the three-day event was already signed, sealed and delivered.

However, no sooner had Guatemalan President Ramiro De Leon Carpio stepped off his plane under Miami's balmy, sunny skies Thursday than he blasted California's Proposition 187 as "a flagrant and massive violation of human rights, especially for children."

Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo reportedly plans to try to get summit presidents to repudiate the law recently approved by California voters that denies education and non-emergency health services to illegal aliens.

Geography Bee



All the world's a geography quiz. Jeremy Goode, center, a seventh-grader at Pampa Middle School, won the school's Geography Bee Thursday. Goode poses behind a world globe with Sean Stowers, right, the alternate, and Assistant Principal Debbie Robertson. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

All the world's a geography quiz for students

Pampa Middle School seventh-grade Jeremy Goode was declared the winner Monday of the annual Geography Bee.

Goode now will take an examination and, depending upon his score, could advance to the state finals, which will be conducted in Fort Worth in March.

The winner of the state competition will advance to the nationals in Washington, D.C., in late May. There, the questions will be asked by Alex Trabek, host of the popular TV game show *Jeopardy*.

In competition at Pampa Middle School this week, Goode was declared the winner after Sean Stowers, also a seventh-grader, failed to correctly answer this question: "The North Cape Current and the North Atlantic Drift are extensions of what larger warm-

water current that originates off the southeastern coast of North America?"

This is the seventh year of the Geography Bee, sponsored nationally by the National Geographic Society. The national winner receives a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Cay Warner, who coordinated the Bee at Pampa Middle, said winners in local competitions must place within a certain percentile on their written exams in order to get into the state finals. She was not sure what the percentile is.

Students who placed as finalists in the the Pampa contest are Bryce Jordan, a sixth-grader; Jacob Lewis, Rebecca Nolte and Shawn Stone, all seventh-graders; and Trey Ford and Ryan Lehman, both eighth-graders.

School board reviews TEA 'report card'

Standardized test scores improved in the Pampa school district between the spring of 1993 and the spring of 1994, and Pampa students have scored higher than the state average in reading, writing and math.

But, Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr told the Pampa school board Thursday night, "our math performance is simply not acceptable."

"I can't tell you in confidence that our math process is working for all students," Orr told the board in presenting the Texas Education Agency's "report card" for the Pampa Independent School District.

"We've taken steps in math that are not working well," he said. "Clearly, math has to be a focus area for us."

The report of the TEA's Academic

Excellence Indicator System finds the Pampa school district progressing, but Orr expressed concern that especially in math, the district is not progressing fast enough toward a statewide goal of a 90 percent mastery level in math.

Jane Steele, assistant superintendent for instruction, said today that the district is trying to find ways to teach math in the format in which students are tested.

"Most of the math problems are story problems," Steele said. "The students are tested not only in solving the problem, but in setting it up and knowing what it requires."

She said the goal is to be able to teach math in a way that students will understand how it affects them in their everyday lives, in a way that

they won't be inclined to ask, "When will I ever use this?"

"If you are cooking dinner at home, you have to know what time to take the turkey out of the oven, and at what temperature," she said. "That's an algebraic equation, but we don't think of it that way."

Orr told school board members that probably in January each campus in the Pampa district will conduct public hearings on the TEA report so parents will know how their children's schools are doing.

In the meantime, copies of the report may be examined at Lovett Memorial Library, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

GMC truck explodes on impact in Port Arthur collision

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — The explosion of a 1977 GMC pickup truck during a collision this week came less than a week after the U.S. Transportation Department settled with General Motors for \$51 million over alleged safety defects.

Willie Davis Jr., 65, of Port Arthur escaped death or serious injury on Tuesday by opening the door on the

driver's side and leaping from the vehicle, officials said.

GM's older model trucks have been criticized as more susceptible to fire upon side-impact collision because of the saddlebag gas tanks located on the outside frame.

Davis' pickup was struck on the right rear fender, which is the same side the gas tank was on, as an

unmarked police car en route to assist another officer in a chase sped through a Port Arthur intersection.

The pickup truck then burst into flames and went on to hit a compact car.

The GM gas tank was placed on the outside of the full-sized pickup from 1973 until 1988, when the tank was moved to the inside.

Sammons gives survey results to cable board

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Preliminary results of a survey conducted by Sammons Communications were given to members of the city's Cable Advisory Commission Thursday which indicate while 105 respondents like MTV, 438 would choose to block it, while another 202 have "no opinion."

The panel learned 856 people have answered a 13-question survey about service, programming and reliability. Survey questionnaires will be accepted through Dec. 31, advisory members decided.

Respondents indicated:

- Picture quality is excellent or good - 707
- Telephone courtesy is excellent or good - 304
- Service personnel work is excellent or good - 148.

No technicians were reported to have been in 617 homes in the last six months.

- Service personnel courtesy is excellent or good - 121.
- No technicians were reported to have been in 609 homes in the last six months.
- During the last six months, cable outages not due to inclement weather were reported at zero or one time by 356 respondents. Reporting cable outages two, three or more than three times were 218. Those who didn't know about cable outages numbered 220.

- Of those who indicated their age and sex, 340 are under the age of 50 and 485 are over 50. At least one respondent was over 90. Female respondents were 568 and males 283.

Comments included complaints about MTV, "snow" on some channels and monthly rates. Viewers requested Arts and Entertainment Channel, Sci-Fi Channel, Learning Channel and CNN.

Others complimented personnel for courtesy and thanked Sammons for including a variety of channel choices.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Bill Brady, Secretary Sandy Crosswhite, Vice Chairman David Webster, members James Braxton, Vickie Phillips and Tom Mechler.

They voted to present a letter addressed to Sammons Communications Vice President Geary Stills to Pampa city commissioners on Tuesday. The letter, if approved by the commission, will ask Sammons to consider scrambling the MTV at the head end and providing descrambling devices to those wishing to view the channel. The letter also asks Stills to provide clarification about the contractual relationship between Sammons and MTV.

The group voted to meet regularly at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

NASA names candidates for training as astronauts

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA named 13 military officers and six civilians Thursday to enter a yearlong program leading to certification as astronauts.

The astronaut candidates, 10 of whom will be trained as space shuttle pilots and the rest as mission specialists, were selected from among 2,962 applicants, officials said.

NASA brought 122 of the applicants to Houston last summer for interviews and medical evaluations.

Those chosen will report to the Johnson Space Center in March to begin a year of training. They will then be assigned to the astronaut office to prepare for shuttle flights.

The astronaut candidates named Thursday were:

- Lt. Commander Scott D. Altman, Navy; Maj. Michael P. Anderson, Air Force; Commander Jeffrey S. Ashby, Navy; Maj. Michael J. Bloomfield, Air Force; Kalpana Chawia; Lt. Commander Robert L. Curbeam Jr., Navy; Lt. Commander Joe F. Edwards Jr., Navy; Commander Dominic L. Gorie, Navy; Kathryn P. Hire; Maj. Rick D. Husband, Air Force; Janet L. Kavandi; Maj. Steven W. Lindsey, Air Force; Edward T. Lu; Maj. Pamela A. Melroy, Air Force; Maj. Carlos I. Noriega, Marine Corps; James F. Reilly; Stephen K. Robinson; Lt. Susan L. Still, Navy; Capt. Frederick W. Sturckow, Marine Corps.

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All Region Band members



Pampa High School Harvester Band members chosen for the 3A-4A All Region Band pose in front of the Music Building on the high school campus. The students will perform in the All Region Band concerts at Randall High School on Saturday, beginning at 7 p.m. From left are, front row, Brittany Jones, Heather Herndon, Doc Welch, Nick Warren, Gena Dougherty, Amanda Jacobs, Dottie Youngblood, Shanna Jameson and Robbie Payne; second row, Thorban Weaver, Melanie Rutledge, Rachel Laycock, Denise Reynolds, Michael Plunk, Patty Dinges, Shana Grusendorf and Amber Crosswhite; third row, Robert Underwood, Wayne Bryan, Andrew Hanks, Summer Belt, James Thaxton, Heather Fernuiik, Jaime Silva, Jeremy Nolte, Nathan Knight and Jason Jones. Not pictured are Jason Etheredge, Shonie Garland and Bambi Sargent. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Texas to lose 5,000 jobs under military cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Separate Army and Air Force restructurings will hit defense-rich Texas harder than most, costing the state almost 5,000 military and civilian positions.

The Army restructuring, touted as a way of better positioning the United States' smaller force in the post-Cold War era, will eliminate 3,300 military jobs at Fort Hood in Central Texas and Fort Bliss in El Paso.

The Air Force's decision to pare more than 9,100 civilian jobs to meet its share of the federal government downsizing will cost Texas 1,566 civilian jobs at six Air Force bases.

Both services' actions were announced Thursday at the Pentagon.

Texas takes the biggest hit in the

Air Force cutbacks, followed by California with 1,120 cuts and Ohio with 888.

The biggest loser nationally is Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, which was ordered to trim 1,007 positions from its civilian work force of about 16,000. The bulk of Kelly's cuts will come in its San Antonio Air Logistics Center, which performs aircraft and engine maintenance.

Three other San Antonio defense installations — Lackland, Randolph and Brooks AFBs — will lose 182, 171 and 62 jobs respectively. Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls will lose 102 positions, while Dyess AFB in Abilene will have 42 cuts.

Kelly already has cut 1,021 civilian positions this year through a combination of layoffs and early

retirements — meaning the cuts announced Thursday could have little impact on employment.

This year, 759 civilian Kelly employees have agreed to resign or retire in exchange for buyouts of up to \$25,000. Another 262 lost their jobs during a reduction in force in September.

"It looks like because we have taken these actions that we are going to be able to absorb the majority of these announced reductions," said Kelly spokeswoman Cynthia Bauer.

The Air Force, which has a civilian work force of almost 153,000, has been ordered to cut 38,000 jobs by 2000.

Judicial election reform gains bipartisan support

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's system of direct, partisan election of judges is broken and needs fixing, says a bipartisan group of state officials, including the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court and the attorney general.

"The quality, impartiality and moral authority of the Texas judiciary are severely undermined by the shortcomings in the judicial election system. Let there be no mistake: the system is not working," the officials said in an essay being published this week by numerous newspapers.

The comments come from Chief Justice Tom Phillips, a Republican; Attorney General Dan Morales, a Democrat; and Sens. O.H. "Ike" Harris, R-Dallas, and Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

The officials noted that other state leaders, legislators, judges, lawyers and the U.S. Department of Justice all have called for change. They said the system is rife with problems.

"Though Texas' population is very diverse, the Texas judiciary remains nearly all Anglo. In last month's elections in Harris County, for example, every single minority candidate for the bench — Republican and Democrat alike — was defeated, despite the fact that more than 40 percent of the population is minority," the four wrote.

"Other problems with the current system are equally disturbing. Judicial campaigns are too expensive, forcing candidates to raise huge sums of money from attorneys who appear before them in court. Judicial elections are on a partisan ballot, even though judges by definition must be nonpartisan in office."

The chief justice, attorney general and the two senators are urging support for a compromise reform plan adopted by a task force created by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. Phillips and the senators were members of that panel.

That proposal would replace direct, partisan elections with a com-

ination of gubernatorial appointments, retention elections and nonpartisan district court races.

The proposal is a constitutional amendment that would require two-thirds approval in the Legislature and ratification by voters. It calls for — Judges on the Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and 14 regional appeals courts to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.

Two years later, voters would decide whether the judge should continue to serve. It would be a yes-or-no vote, not a contest in which the judge faced an opponent. If approved, the judge would face voters for re-approval every six years.

— District court judges to seek office in nonpartisan elections with no runoff. The winner then would face confirmation elections every four years. After 12 years, they would run again with opponents in a nonpartisan election.

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Cinema fire kills more than 300

BEIJING (AP) — More than 300 children and teachers were killed when fire broke out in the theater where they were watching a variety show and the panicked audience bolted for the exits.

More than 100 people were injured, and officials suggested the casualty toll would rise in this latest of a series of deadly fires in China.

The fire broke out Thursday night in the Friendship Theater in Kalamayi, 1,600 miles northwest of Beijing in Xinjiang province, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Most of those killed were primary school students, Xinhua said.

An official in the foreign affairs office in Kalamayi, who gave his name only as Mr. Sun, said the number of deaths and serious injuries was changing, indicating the death toll was likely to rise. He refused to give an estimate.

An initial investigation showed the fire may have been caused by a short circuit, Xinhua said.

Officials contacted by phone in Kalamayi refused to give details, and one woman said local leaders had imposed a news blackout. But an

official told CNN that 754 people were in the cinema, and that 310 were killed and 150 injured.

The British Broadcasting Corp. said most of the children who were killed were crushed in the stampede to leave the building, and others succumbed to smoke and fumes. It said the fire began after an explosion in electrical wiring. The report did not cite any sources.

A woman who answered the phone at the Xinjiang regional government office described Kalamayi as a small community of oil workers.

China has been plagued by a series of serious fires.

Last week, a fire in a dance hall in northeastern Liaoning province killed 233 people and injured 16. The recently renovated building had only a single narrow exit, and most victims died of smoke inhalation.

Three days later, 11 people were killed and 38 injured in a hotel fire in coastal Shandong province. It took nearly 100 firefighters an hour to bring the blaze under control.

Official reports have said that the number of serious fires has risen this year.

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Sewing for the holidays



Yvonne Carruth Howdeshell works on sewing items for her four daughters and nine grandchildren in preparation for the Christmas holidays. Born and raised in Pampa, Howdeshell is the daughter of Clyde Carruth. She moved back to Pampa two years ago and has recently opened a new business for alterations and sewing, Especially for You. Howdeshell says her family prefers home-sewn gifts that she makes for Christmas and birthdays. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Reporter, photographer stung by bees

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Working on a story about mountain lions, reporter Vivienne Heines scanned the thick brush, wary that a lioness might attack to protect her cubs.

The attack came suddenly — but with tiny stingers instead of claws and roaring teeth.

Heines wrote a first-person account about being swarmed by suspected Africanized bees, commonly called "killer bees," in Thursday editions of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

The attack occurred Wednesday while Heines and *Caller-Times* photographer George Gongora were trailing three mountain lions on the Dobie-Welder ranch, between Freer and Cotulla.

One of their guides, Louis Harveson, a graduate student at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, was stung at least 50 times. "I'd rather be mauled by a lion," he quipped.

Michael Tewes of A&M-Kingsville's Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute and wildlife tracker Frank Smith of New Mexico also were on the trip.

"Accompanied by Smith's five

lion-tracking Walker hounds, we drove down dirt roads dotted with cow chips, trying to pick up the lions' radio signals on our transmitter," Heines wrote. "We eventually set out on foot for a creekbed and stand of thorny mesquite where the lions were waiting. One eager hound, Freckles, was chosen to go on the search."

Harveson warned: "She (the lioness) could be really upset when we walk in there. Stay with the group. Do not run. Do not yell, under any circumstances. Keep your voices low."

Freckles located two 2-month-old cubs, and Harveson let Heines hold one while he refastened a radio collar used to track them.

"The cub, about the size of an adult housecat, hissed fiercely as Harveson maneuvered carefully around the cub's sharp teeth and claws. But the other cub was in a tree filled with bees, and our arrival sparked an attack," Heines wrote.

Gongora, who was attacked by bees several months ago while on assignment, shouted for the others to run. Getting stung 15 times didn't stop him from snapping off pictures of the hasty retreat.

Jury selection completed for O.J. Simpson trial

By JEFF MEYER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ending a grueling two-month search for the people to decide O.J. Simpson's fate, lawyers have selected a panel of 12 alternate jurors that closely resembles the main jury picked last month.

The alternates sworn in Thursday range from a 44-year-old black female computer technician who said Nicole Brown Simpson "wasn't a saint" to a 28-year-old female Hispanic real estate appraiser who said Simpson was "the only person who had a visible motive" to kill his ex-wife.

There are nine women and three men among the alternates. The group is comprised of seven blacks, four whites and one Hispanic.

The main jury, selected Nov. 3, consists of eight women and four men. Eight jurors are black, one white, two Hispanic and one of mixed race.

Some of the alternates could be pressed into service immediately. Superior Court Judge Lance Ito was scheduled to meet with attorneys Monday to discuss unspecified allegations of juror misconduct.

If any jurors are dismissed, members of the alternate panel would be selected at random to replace them.

Regardless of the possible dismissal of jurors for misconduct, some of the alternates probably will sit in judgment of Simpson because it's likely that jurors will be lost for various reasons during the trial, which could last six months.

Ito asked the alternates to return to court Monday for instructions on what they can and cannot watch, lis-

ten to and read before the opening statements begin, probably in late January or early February.

Simpson is charged with murder in the June 12 stabbing deaths of his ex-wife and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Ito scheduled a hearing today on whether to remove Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden from the case.

Simpson's lawyers claim Darden should not be allowed to work on the case because he headed a grand jury investigating Simpson's friend Al "A.C." Cowling.

The grand jury was considering whether to bring criminal charges against Cowling, who drove the Ford Bronco in the famous June 17 freeway chase. No charges were filed.

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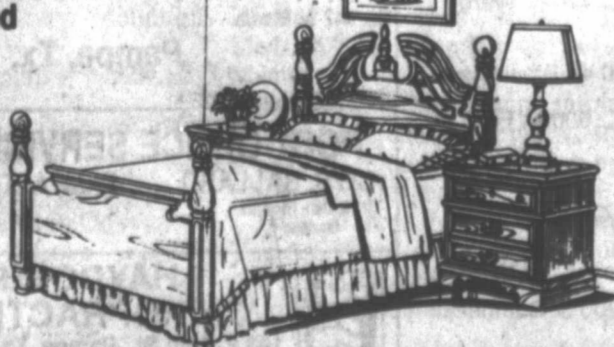


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Religion

Historian shows early Mormonism to be different from today

By VERN ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormons today may not recognize the contradictory, sometimes violent early church of their ancestors depicted in a new book based in part on documents the church now keeps locked up.

"Nineteenth century Mormonism was not polite," unlike the congenial 20th century faith, says author D. Michael Quinn.

Indeed, the rough-and-ready frontier Mormonism described in Quinn's 660-page "The Mormon Hierarchy: Origins of Power," bears about as much resemblance to the modern church as a prickly pear to a hothouse orchid.

The contrast helps explain the discomfiture of later generations of Mormon leaders with aspects of the early church founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith. Quinn details how that unease led to official doctoring of the historical record after Smith's death in 1844.

"I don't see it as insidious," said

Quinn, a Yale-trained historian. "I see it as their way of trying to make sense to an audience (in Utah) that has come to expect certain fundamentals. And those fundamentals are absent in the early documents, so they just reintroduced them."

Quinn's book, more than half of which is notes and appendices, is based on 30 years of research in Mormon history. And for 15 of those years, Quinn enjoyed free access to the vast archives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Since 1986, however, church leaders, unhappy with the secular bent of the so-called New Mormon History, have sharply restricted access.

"My experience in the early 1970s was like a kid in a candy store. Every day was Christmas," Quinn recalled in an interview. "I had no idea at the time I would be the only outside researcher who ever saw these documents. Years later, I saw that was the case."

What he found there, and in many other archives, was the ingredients for a "warts and all" revisionist

history that startlingly supplements the sanitized official accounts — designed to be faith-promoting — that are familiar to most Mormons.

For example:

— Smith organized the church in 1830 without the authority of the Melchizedek priesthood, or "higher priesthood," which he did not receive until more than a year later. Traditional accounts claim that permission came in 1829.

— In attempting to establish his kingdom of God, Smith embraced a set of what Quinn calls "theocratic ethics" that placed Mormon priesthood authority above civil law. At times, primarily after Smith's death, those ethics sanctioned public denials of actual events, counterfeiting and stealing from non-Mormons, threats and physical attacks against dissenters, killing and castration of sex offenders, murdering of anti-Mormons and bribery of government officials.

— Smith was acquitted in 1837 of conspiring to murder anti-Mormon Grandison Newell, even though two of his supporting wit-

nesses, both apostles, acknowledged Smith had discussed with them the possibility of killing Newell.

— Some historians have argued that Smith was unaware of the secret "Danite" band of up to 1,000 Mormon men who threatened dissenters with death and burned and stole from non-Mormon Missourians in 1838. In fact, Smith sanctioned and had general oversight over the Danites, repudiating them only after their leader testified against Smith in court.

— Three months before his death in 1844, Smith organized under vows of secrecy the Council of Fifty, trusted followers who elected him Mormonism's theocratic "king." When Smith, as mayor of Nauvoo, Ill., authorized destruction of the anti-Mormon Nauvoo Expositor newspaper — an act that led to his assassination — he did so out of fear his kingship was about to be exposed, according to Quinn.

— When he entered jail in Carthage, Ill., while awaiting trial for destruction of the newspaper,

the Mormon prophet was sick at heart, beset by anti-polygamy dissenters and perhaps fearful he had become a fallen prophet. The secret of his kingship had been betrayed and Smith had gone to Carthage. Smith told a confidant he turned himself in contrary to divine revelation and therefore he felt he no longer had prophetic powers.

Still, he was not a willing martyr, as traditionally believed. The day of his death he issued orders that the Mormons' Nauvoo Legion attack Carthage and free him from the jail. But to avoid a bloody civil war, the legion's commander refused. That afternoon, Smith and his brother Hyrum were shot to death by a mob that stormed the jail.

In an extraordinary sermon in 1858, Brigham Young, Smith's eventual successor, said that if the church founder had obeyed the spirit of divine revelation, he never would have gone to Carthage. Young, who idolized Smith, said Smith felt he no longer had prophetic powers once he decided to give himself up and stand trial in

the newspaper attack.

Quinn offers other evidence that Smith's final days were spent in an agonizing reappraisal.

"During the last days of his life, Smith's words and acts suggested that he was willing to forsake all the secret developments of Nauvoo — polygamy, the (temple) endowment ceremony and the Council of Fifty," Quinn wrote.

"To Young and others this must have seemed like a surrender of sacred principles."

Quinn, a seventh-generation Mormon and former missionary and Brigham Young University professor, was excommunicated from the church 15 months ago after publishing a paper in which he contended Smith had given women the priesthood, but subsequent leaders had excluded them.

Quinn still considers himself a believer, but knows mainstream Mormons will not be scrambling to purchase his book, published this week by Signature Books, or a companion volume planned for 1995.

Religion briefs

CHICAGO (AP) — The Rev. John Kochurov, a Chicago priest-stain in Russia 77 years ago, has been canonized. He is the first Russian Orthodox saint from Chicago.

Kochurov built Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral on the West Side at the turn of the century.

"This binds us to the church and makes us closer to God," said Holy Trinity member Anatoly Bezkorovainy, who edited the church's centennial history book.

"We have someone of our own who is in a special place with the Lord and he prays for us."

A committee in Moscow on Sunday bestowed him with the honor.

Kochurov was born in Russia in 1871 and came to Chicago in 1895 to be a missionary to immigrants from Russia and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. His congregation worshiped on the ground floor of a dilapidated rented house; Kochurov lived on the second floor.

In 1907, Kochurov returned to Russia and 10 years later died a martyr, killed during the Russian Revolution.

LONDON (AP) — John, Paul, George and Ringo have a new record in British and Irish shops. So does Pope John Paul II.

The pope is featured on half of a double album, reciting the rosary in Latin. The other half is a recording of an Irish priest, the Rev. Colm Kilcoyne, reciting the rosary in

English.

The recording of the pope, made from a Vatican Radio broadcast, was first sold in Spain, said Colin Eims, national account executive for Telstar Records PLC of London.

The recording came out two days before EMI released the double album "Live At the BBC," a collection of Beatles' recordings from the 1960s.

The pope's disc was a best seller in Spain, and a platinum record was presented to the pope at the Vatican three weeks ago.

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Morning News is offering a weekly section with news stories, features and regular columns about religion.

"Religion" will focus on spirituality and religion in the Dallas-Fort Worth community, the United States and around the world.

Ralph Langer, senior vice president and executive editor, said he and his staff spoke with people from virtually all religious groups to get ideas for the section.

People want an opportunity to read about religion and spirituality from an in-depth perspective "with the same kind of coverage they expect from our Sports and Business sections," Langer said.

The section will include guest columns, letters from readers, stories of inspiration, features detailing current spiritual trends, book and movie reviews, calendars of events and a classified advertising directory of worship services.

American Family Radio plans holiday programs

American Family Radio, heard in Pampa and Gray County at 90.9 FM, has scheduled more than 40 Christmas specials for area residents. AFR, a non-commercial Christian station, began playing only Christmas music Dec. 5 and will continue it through Christmas Day.

"We look forward to provided the very best in Christmas programming in music and drama," said station manager Marvin Sanders. "We think our programming will help remind our listeners of the reason for the season," he said.

Listed is the scheduled of specials planned:

- Dec. 10 - 9:30 a.m. - Welcome Home King
- 10:30 a.m. - Back to Bethlehem - Adventures in Odyssey
- 2 p.m. - You Are There (complete drama)
- 4 p.m. - The Night the Angels Sang
- 8 p.m. - Home for Christmas
- Dec. 12 - 2 p.m. - Stories and Songs of Christmas
- 5 p.m. - David T. Clydesdale Musical Suite
- 9 p.m. - All Is Well
- Dec. 13 - 8 p.m. - Christmas at the Ranch
- Dec. 15 - 1:30 p.m. - The Crippled Lamb
- 5 p.m. - All Is Well
- 8 p.m. - A Smoky Mountain Christmas
- Dec. 16 - 5 p.m. - Make His Praise Glorious
- Dec. 17 - 9:30 a.m. - Psalty's Family Christmas
- 10:30 a.m. - Here We Come A Caroling - Adventures in Odyssey
- 2 p.m. - O What A Love
- 4 p.m. - Twelve Voices of Christmas

- Dec. 18 - 2 p.m. - The Good Shepherd
- 9 p.m. - David T. Clydesdale's Musical Suite
- Dec. 19 - 1 p.m. - O What a Love
- 8 p.m. - Pleasant Hill
- Dec. 20 - 5 p.m. - The Crippled Lamb
- 8 p.m. - One Special Christmas
- Dec. 21 - 1 p.m. - The Sounds of Christmas
- 5 p.m. - God Came Near
- 8 p.m. - Steve and Annie Chapman Christmas Special
- Dec. 22 - 1 p.m. - Precious Child
- 8 p.m. - The Good Shepherd
- Dec. 23 - 1 p.m. - Stories and Songs of Christmas
- 5 p.m. - It's the Thought
- 8 p.m. - Like Christmas All Year Long
- Dec. 24 - 9:30 a.m. - Psalty's Christmas Calamity (Part 1)
- 10:30 a.m. - Psalty's Christmas Calamity (Part 2)
- 11 a.m. - Ticket to Christmas
- Noon - Joy to the World - An International Adventure
- Dec. 25 - Noon - A magnificent Season
- 1 p.m. - One Special Christmas with David T. Clydesdale
- 2 p.m. - It's the Thought
- 3 p.m. - Celebrate the Gift
- 8 p.m. - Bethlehem's Treasure
- 9 p.m. - O What a Love
- 10 p.m. - George Frederic Handel's choruses from "The Messiah" by Eastman School of Music

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- Dec. 10 through 23 - 2:15 p.m. - Christmas Whispers
- Dec. 10 through 14 - 5:10 p.m. - You Are There (segmented version)
- Dec. 10 through 20 - 9:40 a.m. - A Word for Christmas

First Pentecostal to host singing, birthday party

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will host its monthly gospel singing from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday.

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South rising again on Capitol Hill

By JILL LAWRENCE
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The South is rising again on Capitol Hill.

Conservative Southern Republicans intent on shaking up Congress are chasing away the ghosts of the powerful Southern Democrats who once dominated the landscape.

The top three leaders of the new House are from the South, as are the chairmen of some key committees. In the Senate, a Mississippian ousted a Westerner from the No. 2 leadership post. The strict Senate seniority system, meanwhile, will put elderly Southerners in charge of the Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees.

The regional resurgence signals changes in both politics and policy. There are more Southern Republicans than ever, and they often reflect the country's most conservative leanings on fiscal and social issues.

The November midterm elections were a breakthrough for Republicans in the 11-state South from Virginia to Texas. The GOP now holds a majority of Senate and House seats in the region — 64 of 125 in the House, 13 of 22 in the Senate.

"They've never been able to achieve that before. And there's still considerable potential for more Republican seats in the South," said Earl Black, a Southern politics specialist at Rice University.

Some Southerners say it's taken over 100 years for their region to forgive the Republican Party for the

Civil War and its aftermath. Disillusionment with Democrats began with the civil rights movement, and has gradually trickled down from the presidential to the congressional level.

The trend has been reinforced by what some see as a reversal in party roles. The GOP, long faithful to business interests, is now viewed by many as a populist party. And its increasing social conservatism in recent years is compatible with prevailing Southern cultural attitudes toward religion, the military and other institutions.

But the major driving force behind the shift, according to political scientists, is suburban sprawl and the conservative economic attitudes it spawns wherever it occurs.

At the head of lineup are incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia and incoming Majority Leader Richard Armitage of Texas, both of them Northern transplants who represent affluent suburban districts.

The other rising Southerners in the House include Tom Delay and Bill Archer of Texas, the No. 3 House leader and designated chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, respectively; Bob Livingston of Louisiana, incoming chairman of the Appropriations Committee; Floyd Spence of South Carolina, new chairman of the newly named National Security Committee; and Larry Combest of Texas, incoming chairman of the Intelligence Committee.

On the Senate side, Trent Lott of Mississippi ousted Alan Simpson of Wyoming for the No. 2 whip job. But Lott, like his close ally Gingrich, has a national, rather than Southern, vision of conservatism.

Only a couple of decades ago, when term limits were not even a gleam in an eye, the House and Senate were run by people like Wilbur Mills, the House Ways and Means chairman who represented Arkansas from 1939 to 1977, and James Eastland, the Senate Judiciary chairman who served from Mississippi from 1943 to 1978.

The contemporary counterpart is South Carolina's Strom Thurmond, 92, a 40-year veteran who'll chair the Senate Armed Services Committee. The other Southern chairman will be North Carolina's Jesse Helms, 73, who is inflaming political passions as he prepares to head the Foreign Relations Committee.

The preponderance of Southerners — particularly Texans — in the new leadership raises the question of whether the region will benefit in the traditional manner of regions with influential legislators. The answer, given the party's national emphasis on shrinking government and cutting spending, may be no.

Pork barrel "has been a part of politics forever and it's certainly going to be a part of this Congress," says former Rep. Vin Weber, R-Minn. But he says it's not as potent as it once was and urges new legislators to focus on the broader picture.

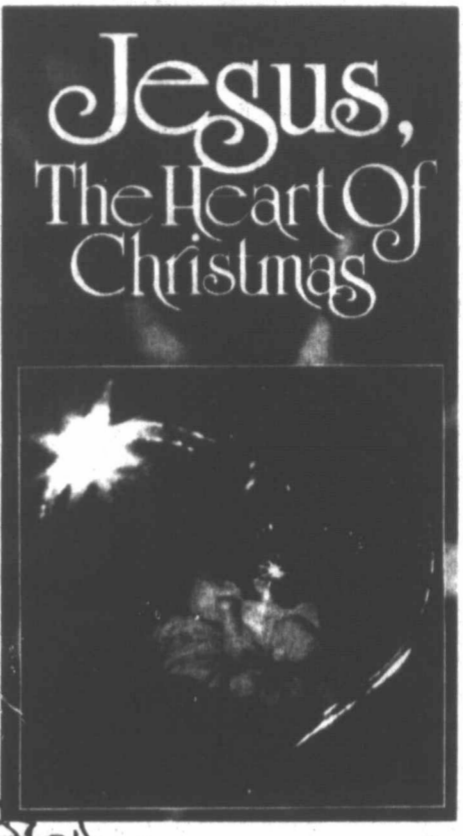
Wayward whale disappears after freeing itself from mud

PENNSAUKEN, N.J. (AP) — A right whale that has been roaming the Delaware River got stuck on mud flats near an oil refinery, but kicked itself free two hours later and disappeared into a crowded shipping channel.

Marine biologists feared the whale would die when it got stuck Thursday night. They threw rocks at it while trying to coax it back into the water.

"The animal did it himself. It kicked itself free with his tail," said Bob Schoelkopf, director of Marine Mammal Stranding Unit in Brigantine. "The rocks they were throwing at it may have stimulated it."

The whale first appeared along Philadelphia's riverfront last Saturday, swimming in circles with a head wound.



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Chemical terrorist targets Bell

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. offices have been attacked by a chemical terrorist armed with "the smelliest substance known to man," authorities say.

Bell officials say there have been three attacks in which mercaptan, a noxious and potentially deadly liquid, was planted on company grounds since May 1993.

The overwhelming odor generated by the chemical has forced evacuations and made employees ill.

Tom Nolan, area manager of security for Southwestern Bell, said mercaptan is a sulfur compound used to give natural gas an odor.

Dr. Ira Hessel of the University of Texas at San Antonio described mercaptan as highly toxic and narcotic.

"A little bit of it expands to a lot," said Hessel, adding that mercaptan is known as "the smelliest substance known to man."

"It's wretched," Hessel said. "The smell is related to some of the chemicals in rotten cabbages."

Internal probes have turned up few clues, forcing Bell to turn to Crime Stoppers for help, Nolan told the *San Antonio Express-News*.

"Someone knows who's doing it," said Nolan, who hopes a witness will come forward. "We don't know

when he'll attack us again."

The most recent incident occurred Nov. 17 when mercaptan was poured onto the grass at company offices at 4119 Broadway, also the site of the initial attack.

The mercaptan odor sparks fear of a gas leak, Nolan said.

The telephone company or an employee is the target of the attack, Nolan believes.

The first chemical assault on the company offices, which took place May 20, 1993, was the most severe, he said.

The eight-story building was evacuated along with other nearby businesses and offices and nearly 50 Southwestern Bell employees were treated for nausea.

Some received oxygen. Others were treated and released at area hospitals.

An investigation revealed that mercaptan fumes were emanating from an employee's truck.

"The chemical had been sprayed or poured into a pickup window," Nolan said.

The remaining assault took place Sept. 19 at company offices at 110 Warner Ave. on the Northwest Side.

"The incident there was nowhere near as disruptive (as the other two)," Nolan said.

Colorful house draws protests

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The purple and hot pink guest house was bad enough. But the 9-foot wall painted aqua, orange and yellow was the last straw.

Lisa Frank's neighbors objected to the offbeat displays in their affluent, manicured subdivision and took her to court. City Magistrate George Anderson ruled Wednesday that the wall exceeded the city's six-foot limit.

By afternoon, brick dust was flying and concrete was crumbling as workers knocked off the wall's excess height, much to the satisfaction of neighbor Denise Rollings.

"It was like looking at a prison wall from my living room," she said.

Frank, an artist who runs a business that makes colorful school supplies, hasn't commented about the dispute. But neighbor Brad Rollings — no kin to Denise Rollings — said as long as no safety problem were involved, people should have minded their own business.

"I find it somewhat reprehensible that someone can tell me what I can do with my property," he said. "This is America, after all."

There is some hope for America, Mr. Rollings — the guest house is still standing.

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Tralee Crisis Center acquires new director, victim services coordinator

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

Moving from her position as victim services coordinator, Sandy Carr was recently appointed as executive director of the Tralee Crisis Center where she has worked for the past year and a half. Succeeding her in the position of victim services coordinator is Sana Alexander who joined the Tralee Crisis Center staff in October.

"I've known about the center since it opened," said Carr whose mother, Judy Warner, was a previous executive director during the 10-year period the center has been open.

Prior to working at the center, Carr performed legal investigative work and was with the adult probation program in Potter County.

"I've been doing work in the system for a long time," said Carr.

Switching from working with offenders to victims was something she said "just turned out" but it became something that she really enjoys doing.

Carr said she has always had an interest in the crisis center and had previously been a volunteer.

She holds a degree in psychology from West Texas State University in Canyon.

Working at the center instead of a police department appears to have more advantages as Alexander, a 24-year-old with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, points out.

"You can do more for the victim at Tralee than at a (police) department," she said. Police officers, Alexander explained, have to follow the same guidelines and procedures with every victim they come in contact with.

"My job is more flexible," she said, adding that she can use her own judgement in determining what each individual's needs are.



Sandy Carr (right), recently stepped into the role of executive director at the Tralee Crisis Center. Sana Alexander (left), took over as victim services coordinator. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Alexander works with law enforcement personnel who put victims in touch with the center. The center also counsels other people who see the center's ads and flyers.

"We 'crisis counsel,'" said Alexander, which means they try to talk with the victims as soon as possible.

"Sometimes it's easier for them to

talk to someone they are not related to," said Alexander. Family members are rather difficult for some individuals to talk with because they don't like the pity their family gives them.

"Sometimes I can say the smallest thing that can make a difference," said Alexander. She gave as an example a sexual assault victim who

made her that she was the first person who *didn't* tell them that everything was going to be O.K. — and the victim appreciated that. Family members tend to tell them that things will get better and some victims don't want to hear that.

Carr said Alexander has also restructured the policies and procedures for sexual assault calls by

making sure law enforcement personnel know who is on call at what hours to make sure no one is left out of a response.

Alexander is working on establishing a similar program with the sheriff's department.

Carr said the center has initiated a few additional programs with her as the director and plans to

add more.

"I see the need to grow in programs and directions," said Carr.

One program which has been established is the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program, or BIPP. In this program, the court orders abusers to attend counseling.

"We feel it is a good preventative program that treats the whole family," said Carr.

The clothesline project, which is a program where victims paint T-shirts about their feelings towards the crimes committed against them, has also been initiated.

Carr feels painting the T-shirts has been very therapeutic for the victims.

"They let out so much what they have inside," she said.

The Tralee Crisis Center also plans to operate a thrift store from a building which has been donated to them by NBC Bank.

In September, a shelter and a transition house were recently opened in Borger.

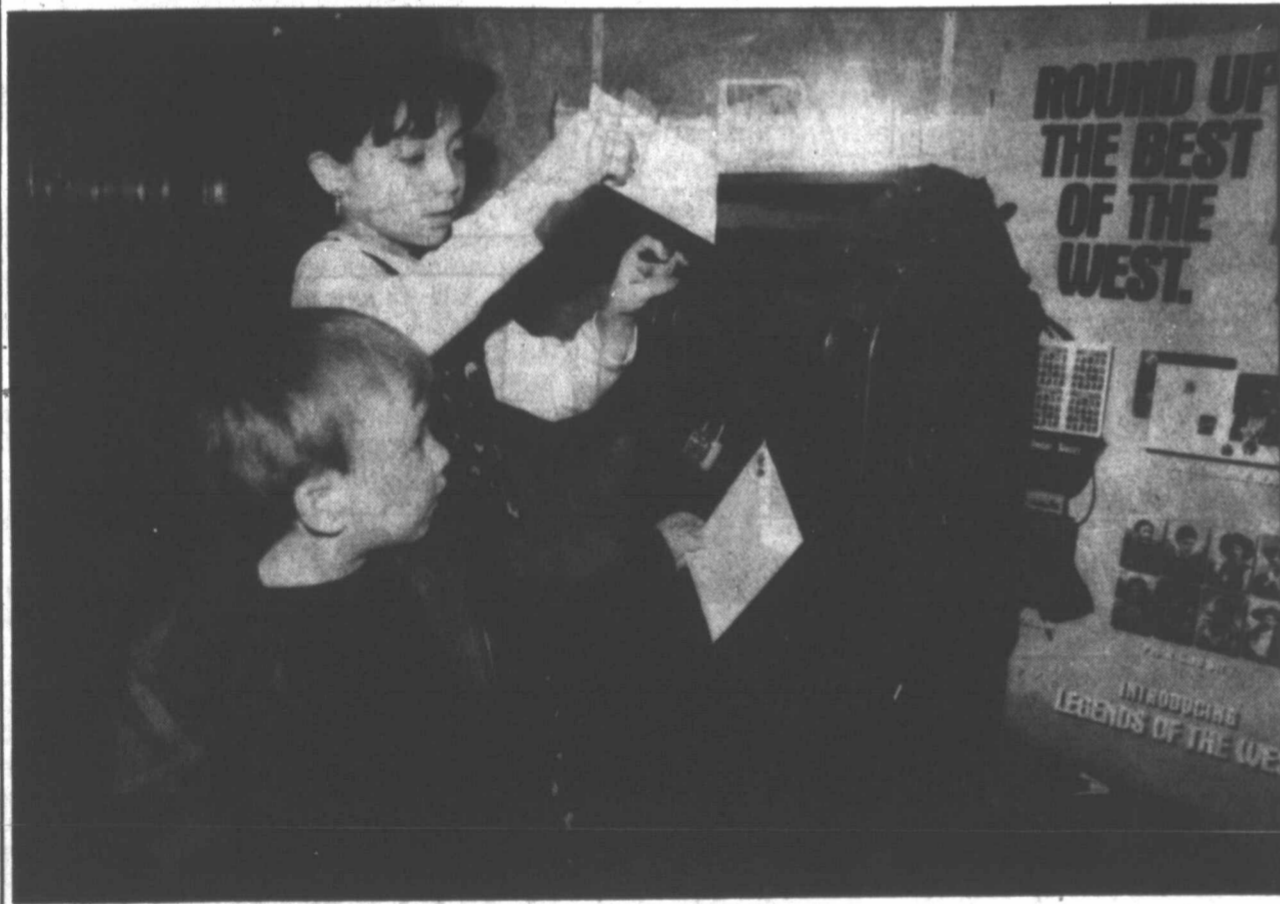
Carr said she would like to hear from individuals whom they have helped and find out what in what ways the center was helpful and what could use improvement.

The center also serves people in a variety of other ways such as helping victims obtain compensation from the crime victims' compensation fund which was set up by Texas Attorney General's office. Criminals pay into this fund to help with crime victims' expenses such as hospitalization and counseling.

With the help of the county attorney, the center tries to obtain protective orders for their clients.

The Tralee Crisis Center services eight counties in addition to Gray County. Alexander travels throughout a five county area on Thursdays to visit with local law enforcement and courthouse personnel and volunteers.

"Dear Santa,..."



Seven-year-old Amber Jenkins (back), and Zackery Schwartz, 2, get their letters to Santa Claus mailed off early to beat the Christmas mail rush to the North Pole. Amber asked Santa to bring her a microbake oven and Zackery asked for toys. The Pampa Post Office has added an additional mail dropbox exclusively for letters going to Santa Claus. Those letters will appear in *The Pampa News* until Dec. 23.

Walking with arthritis

ATLANTA (AP) — People suffering from arthritis should follow a walking program to maintain a range-of-motion and use of arthritic joints, advises the Arthritis Foundation.

According to the foundation, frequent exercise by walking will help keep joints flexible, build endurance and provide an overall sense of feeling good without undue stress.

The foundation recommends the following:

— Start slow. Be cautious the first two weeks if you haven't been active for a while. Start with just 10 minutes of walking and gradually build up your time to 20 or 30 minutes of brisk walking.

— Walk on a flat, firm, level surface. Walking on steep grades or uneven surfaces may lead to hip, knee or foot pain. Fitness trails, shopping malls and quiet neighbor-

hoods with sidewalks all are good choices.

— Wear comfortable shoes of the correct length and width and with shock-absorbing soles and insoles.

— See a doctor before starting any exercise program to determine the best types of exercise for you, an appropriate duration for exercise and your optimum exercise pulse rate.

Christmas in Clarendon

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- 11 — Open Jackpot Show, Pampa.
- Ambassador 4-H Club meeting, 2 p.m., 2601 Duncan.
- 12 — Shooting Sports, 7 p.m., Recreation Park Rifle Range.
- 13 — Shooting Sports, 7 p.m., Recreation Park Rifle Range.
- 16 — Rabbit Raiders project group meeting, 7 p.m., Annex.
- 18 — Showmanship Workshop, 2 p.m., Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

Angie Davenport, and Amanda Kludt. Results will be in next week's column.

4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING PROJECT

Soon after the first of the year we will be starting our 4-H Consumer Life Skills and decision making project. If you are interested in participating in the project or being a leader, please contact the Gray County Extension Office.

E.T. 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

The E.T. 4-H Club will sponsor kids for the Christmas Shopping Experience sponsored by the Pampa Kiwanis club and Opti-Mrs. organization. The club will make a financial donation and any 4-Her wishing to help with the shopping experience should be at the Pampa Optimist Club at 8 a.m. on Dec. 17.

DISTRICT FOOD SHOW

Ten Gray County 4-H members participated in the District 4-H Food Show on Dec. 10, at Caprock High School in Amarillo. They included: Cory Jackson, Kaylee Shank, Julie Davenport, Jessica Fish, Kimberly Organ, Sarah Myers, Kim McDonald, Shelly Davenport,

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Woman hurt by friends who ignore great-grandchild's birth

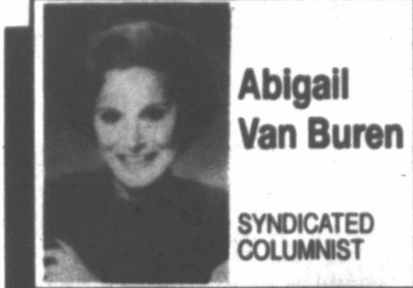
DEAR ABBY: I need some advice on how to deal with a matter that has hurt me deeply. My husband and I are longtime friends with three couples in their 70s (as we are). Over the years, when we have received announcements of high school and college graduations, marriages, and births of their grandchildren, we have always responded with gifts or checks. (We can well afford it.)

My granddaughter recently had a baby. (She is unmarried.) She is opposed to abortion and chose to keep her baby and finish college. I wrote to an etiquette expert and asked the correct way to word the printed birth announcement. She suggested sending baptismal announcements instead. So I sent the announcements to my three closest friends, and not one of them sent my granddaughter a card — much less a gift!

I am very bitter with these so-called friends and will never send them even a Christmas card again. If they are good Christians — deliver me! Thanks for letting me release this anger. Sign me ...

DEEPLY HURT

DEAR HURT: I cannot fault you for feeling hurt, but instead of ignoring these longtime friends, may I suggest you tell them how disappointed you are in them for having ignored the birth of your great-grandchild.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: For years I have been wanting to write to you about a problem many of us older folks have during the Christmas and Hanukkah season: Many of us have exchanged holiday greetings with longtime friends and relatives year after year; then suddenly, their cards and letters stop coming. We can only assume that they are seriously ill, or dead.

Occasionally, a thoughtful relative will send a note saying, "Uncle Elmer died peacefully last August," or, "Aunt Martha is incapacitated and is no longer able to send holiday greetings," etc. However, all too often we are left wondering.

If my holiday cards are not returned to me, I naturally assume they were received, but Abby, it would be comforting to know what happened — and when.

LOUISE HAUTER, LA CANADA, CALIF.

DEAR LOUISE: Your point is well-taken. Thank you for a let-

ter that I hope will jar some readers into action.

DEAR ABBY: I recently had lunch with my two sisters, whom I don't see very often. The get-together was long overdue.

The problem: One of my sisters has gone from alcoholic to religious to fanatic. She prayed over her food so loudly nearly everyone in the restaurant could hear her. It was very embarrassing! I feel that she should do her praying in private. How can I get the message through to her without hurting her feelings?

EMBARRASSED, RED WING, COLO.

DEAR EMBARRASSED: No need to feel embarrassed. Let your sister pray wherever she wants to pray. Prayers are not the worst things people overhear in restaurants.

DEAR ABBY: Here's another name you might like to add to your "odd names" list: A friend of mine from years ago, Jim Paradise, married a girl by the name of Helen Courtney. Thus a new name — Helen Paradise.

GENE D. WARD, LOS ANGELES

DEAR MR. WARD: Cutel!

Horoscope



Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994

A lucky turn of events could make the year ahead a special time for you. An arrangement that was masterminded by others may soon be in your control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The stars indicate you might be unusually lucky today dealing with large enterprises. Things on a large scale will work to your benefit, so don't back away. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have a number of good things working to your advantage today, but they might not be immediately visible to associates. Your aces will be revealed as events unfold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Despite what others think about your ideas today, trust your imagination. Your schemes might seem outlandish to them, but you'll know how to make them gel.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Focus on potential money makers today. Your instincts for making financial plans a success are right on target.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your powers of observation are sharp today; apply them. Try adapting the behavior of those you admire to fit your personality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be patient today, especially if you're involved in something you can't control. You will come out okay if you don't rock the boat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not hesitate to ask for favors from friends today.

They are in your corner and would enjoy an opportunity to repay you for your help in the past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions look very promising today for you. Elevate your sights and proceed with the confidence of a winner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Involvements with socially influential people could turn out advantageously for you during this cycle. Make it a point to develop relationships with those who know how to get things done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Several important matters that have been left hanging could now be finalized. Make a strong push for the finish line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Partnership arrangements usually work out well for you and today is no exception. A temporary alliance for a specific need will be successful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your chances of financial or material increases look strong today. Give top priority to matters that can increase your resources.



"You aren't throwing that ball in the house, are you?"
"Not yet."



"You bet I'm mad at him. The snowblower has a bone stuck in it."

The Family Circus



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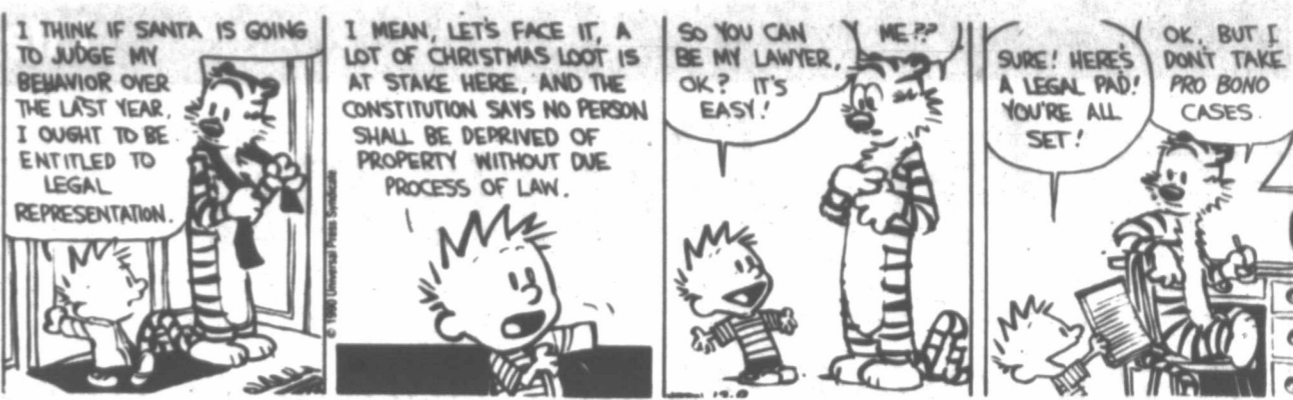
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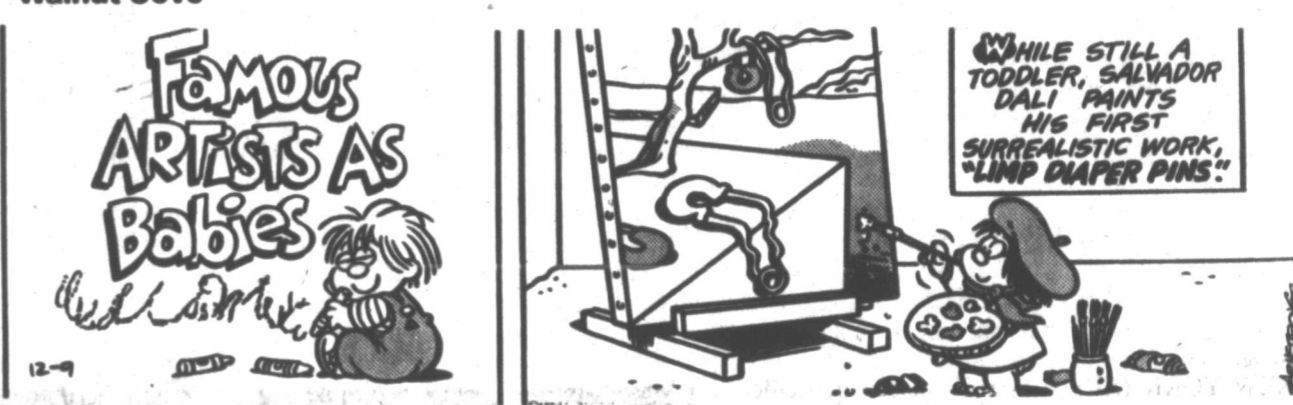
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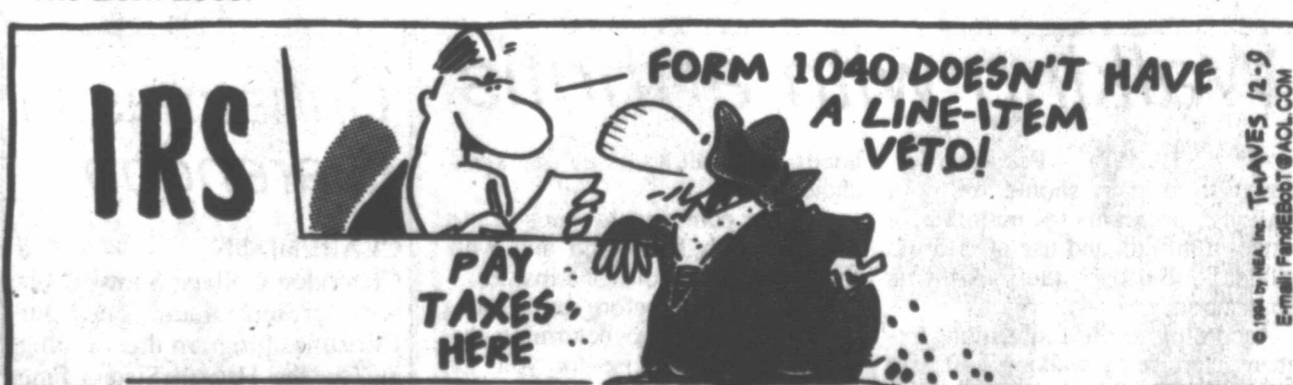
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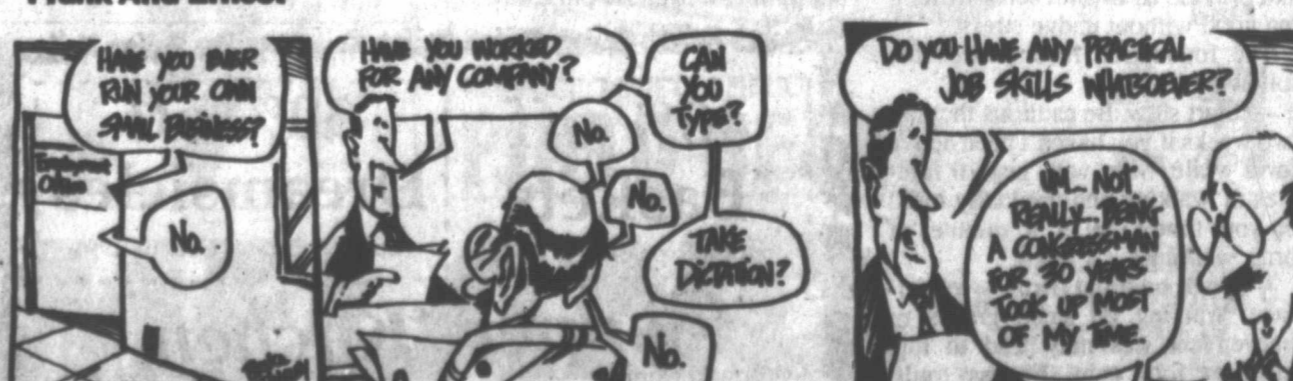
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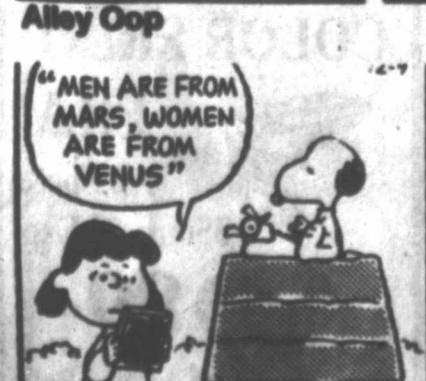
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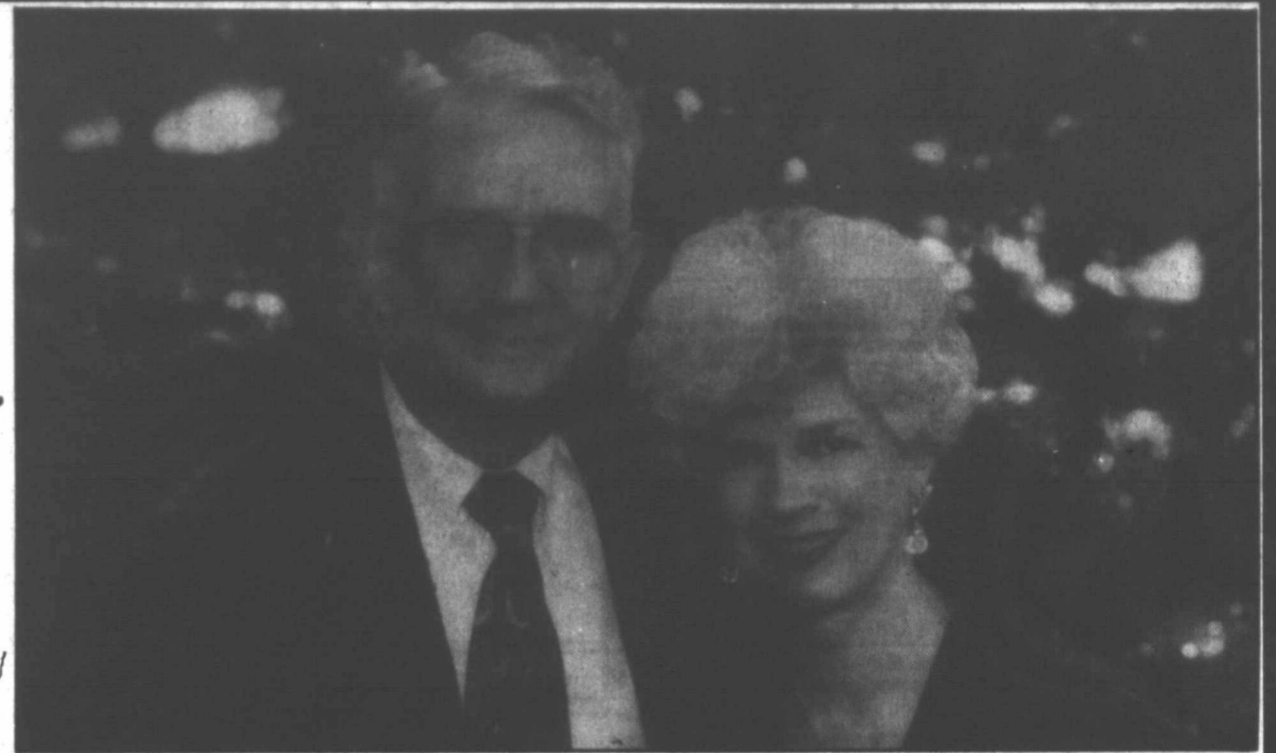
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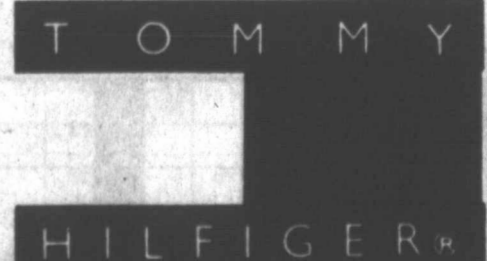
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