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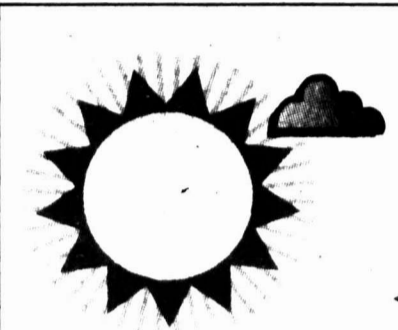


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Police check report of theft from pizzeria

Pampa police officers today were investigating the theft of more than \$100 from a local pizza place. Rebecca Sue Hilton, the area manager of Pizza Hut, reported the theft to officers Monday afternoon. Hilton told officers the Pampa store, 855 W. Kingsmill, was short \$50.83 about 4 p.m. Monday when she first counted the restaurant's receipts. After a closer accounting Monday evening, she reported a shortage of \$114.71. Police officials said this morning that the matter was under investigation.

Firefighters respond to child's Santa letter

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — When fire Capt. Carlos Mendez found a letter to Santa Claus mixed in with paperwork at the station, he had a big assignment for his firefighters.

They delivered Thursday, pulling up in front of 8-year-old Yesenia Palomares' home in a fire truck with sacks full of toys for the family.

Yesenia had written the letter while in school. She explained in the letter that her mother had been ill and times had been hard.

"My small Christmas tree is sad and I want to ask if you could please visit our home," she wrote, listing possible gifts for the family. "Thank you Santa, call me and we'll be waiting at our house for you. Feliz Navidad. Merry Christmas."

Mabel Odell Schmalz, 85, retired registered nurse.
Floyd Earl Steele, 74, retired fire marshal.
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Primary races begin to form

Contests starting to take shape

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

With less than a week left to file for political office, several local candidates are seeking election in the 2002 campaigns. Interest is building in the local elections as there will be some contested races. Deadline to file is Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Republican County Treasurer Scott Hahn will have an opponent in the race for that office. Tawrin Richard 'Tory' Peet, 30, has also filed for that position.

Peet and his father, County Judge Richard Peet, will both be seeking the nomination in the 2002 Republican Primary in March which leads to the General Election in November. Judge Peet is seeking re-election to the position he has held for seven years.

Judge Peet said his son has always been interested in public service.

"He's a high school math teacher at White Deer," said the older Peet. He said his son said he was interested in the position

of county treasurer. Incumbent Precinct 1 & 3 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez has filed to seek election to the post he has filled several months. He was appointed to the position when former long-time JP Bob Muns resigned to take retirement.

Malcomb Ray "Rusty" Horton has also filed as a candidate in the Republican Primary for this JP position.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman is being challenged by former JP Margie Prestridge. Prestridge filed Friday morning. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter has also filed for re-election, according to Republican County Chairman Doug Ware. She did not have an opponent as of press time Friday.

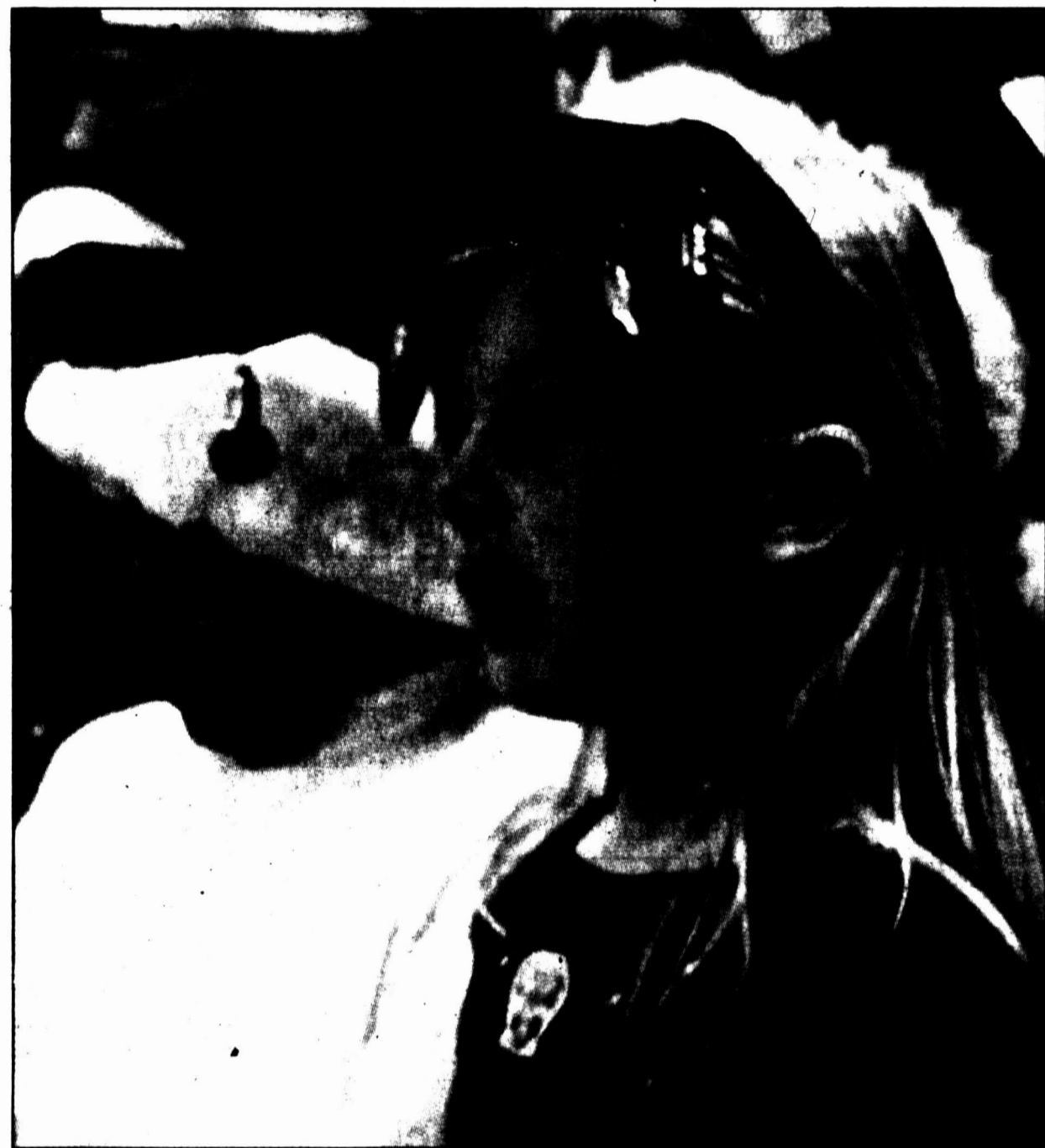
The only Democrat who has filed to seek office in that primary is 223rd District Judge Lee Waters. As Waters only serves one county, he files with the local Gray County political party chairman. Judges who serve more than one county must file in Austin.

Both County Clerk Susan Winborne and District Clerk Gaye Honderich have filed with the local Republican Party chairman to seek re-election to their positions.

Gary Willoughby filed Dec. 2 to seek the Precinct 2 County

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Cute caroler



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) Alex Stevens puts her whole heart into singing Christmas carols at a recent Gray County Commissioners Court meeting. Alex and several students from Grandview-Hopkins school, all dressed for the holidays, provided a variety of musical selections for the group.

Attorney receives appointment as Child Protection Court judge

Pampa attorney Phil Vanderpool has been appointed as associate judge of the Northern Panhandle Child Protection Court.

Kelly G. Moore of Brownfield, presiding judge of the Ninth Administrative Judicial Region of Texas announced the appointment Dec. 20.

"Mr. Vanderpool has distinguished himself by his work for children in the courts. He has an excellent reputation in the courts which he will service," Moore said in announcing the appointment. "He will be an outstanding associate judge."

As an associate judge, Vanderpool will preside over child abuse and neglect cases filed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in the district courts in these counties: Bailey, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hartley, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Oldham, Parmer, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler. Gray County serves as host county for the associate judge.

A graduate of McMurry College in Abilene, Vanderpool earned his law

degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in Dallas.

Vanderpool has practiced law in Pampa since 1975, handling all types of litigation.

He also has extensive experience in litigation involving the protection of children, according to the announcement.

Currently serving as presiding judge for the Pampa Municipal Court, Vanderpool is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the College of the State Bar of Texas and is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.



Phil Vanderpool

Bin Laden on tape urges strikes on U.S. economy

By TAREK ISSAWI
Associated Press Writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The world's most wanted man, Osama bin Laden, appeared in a videotape, calling for the destruction of the U.S. economy as the surest way to bring down America.

Looking gaunt but smiling occasionally, the terrorist leader appeared in front of a brown cloth, dressed in military fatigues. Though thinner than in past tapes, his voice was strong and clear. He spoke deliberately, often leaning into the camera.

"I concentrate on the importance of continuing holy war actions against America, militarily and economically, and America is retreating with God's help," he said in a videotape sent anonymously by air courier from Pakistan to Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television, which aired it in full Thursday night.

"This economic hemorrhaging continues until today, but requires more blows. And the youth should try to find the joints of the American economy and hit the enemy in these joints, with God's permission."

In an apparent appeal to Muslim youths, bin Laden repeatedly referred to the 19 hijackers who

carried out the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon as martyrs. He said they "struck deep in the heart of America's economy."

The tape has raised new questions about where bin Laden is or if he is alive. A spokesman for Afghanistan's new Defense Ministry said bin Laden was in a border area of Pakistan. Other Afghan officials said his whereabouts was unknown.

In Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said experts would examine the tape for any valuable intelligence information on bin Laden. He admitted the United States did not know where the al-Qaida leader was. "We hear six, seven, eight, 10, 12 conflicting reports every day" on bin Laden's location, he said.

U.S. forces have been searching caves in the mountainous Tora Bora area of eastern Afghanistan, where bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters made their last stand.

It was not clear where or when the tape from bin Laden was made. His references indicated it could have been made in the past few weeks. Al-Jazeera began broadcasting excerpts of it Wednesday night and aired it in full Thursday.

Bin Laden gestured often during the 33-minute

(See TAPE, Page 3)

County Commissioners set meeting dates for next year

Meeting dates for the Gray County Commissioner Court meetings have been established for the upcoming 2002 year.

The dates for the month of January are Wednesday, Jan. 2 and Tuesday, Jan. 15.

February meetings will be Friday, Feb. 1 and Friday, Feb. 15 while March meeting dates will be Friday, March 1 and Friday, March 15.

April meetings will be on Monday, April 1 and Monday April 15.

During May, meetings will be Wednesday, May 1, Wednesday May 15, and Friday, May 31.

June 14 will be the date of the only meeting that month. It will be on a Friday.

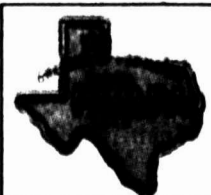
July meetings will both be on Mondays. The dates will be July 1 and July 15.

In August, two meetings will be on Thursdays, August 1 and August 15. The commissioners court will also meet on Aug. 30, a Friday.

The lone meeting in September will be on Monday, Sept. 16.

October meetings will be on Tuesdays, Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, while the November meetings will be held on Fridays, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15.

December will close the year with three meetings. Both Dec. 2 and Dec. 16 meetings will be Mondays and the Dec. 31 meeting will be on a Tuesday.



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Commissioner position currently held by Jim Greene. While Greene has completed a required campaign treasurer designation in the county clerk's office, he has not filed with either the Democrat or Republican County chairman. The treasurer designation is required by law before a candidate may file with a political party.

Greene did not list on the designation form which office he planned to seek.

Two other local residents—Tommy Ray McCracken and Lawrence G. Kurtz—have com-

pleted the treasurer designation forms, but did not indicate which office they would seek.

Precinct 4 County Commissioner James Hefley indicated on the treasurer designation form he is filing for re-election, but had not filed with either Ware or Osborne Friday morning.

All candidates must file a campaign treasurer designation with the county clerk prior to filing for office with the party chairman.

Osborne may be reached at 665-4142 while Ware may be reached at 665-0085 for additional information. Deadline to have the necessary papers filed is 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Excerpts

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Excerpts of Osama bin Laden's videotaped comments aired Thursday on the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television:

I would like to stress the true nature of the struggle between us and the Americans, which is very important and of grave danger not for the Muslims alone but for the whole world. America is accusing those migrants and holy warriors in God's name (Arab fighters in Afghanistan), but has no evidence. It is mere injustice, aggression and oppression.

If their economy ends, they will busy themselves away from the enslavement of oppressed people ... It is important to concentrate on the destruction of the American economy.

Those blessed strikes (Sept. 11) have inflicted on America, by its own admission ... more than 1 trillion dollars in losses.

Our terrorism is against America. Our terrorism is a blessed terrorism to prevent the unjust person from committing injustice and to stop American support for Israel, which kills our sons.

If America had sound evidence that those who carried out the attacks were Europeans, such as the IRA (Irish Republican Army), then it would possess many ways to solve this problem. But since there was a mere suspicion that indicated the Islamic world, the real ugly face and the Crusader hatred against the Islamic world were revealed.

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TAPE

tape with his right hand and kept his left arm at his side. He is believed to be left-handed and it wasn't clear if he avoided using that hand because of a problem or injury. Bin Laden often has been shown gesturing with his right hand.

Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador to Washington, quickly issued a statement in the United States saying the tape "contains the usual rhetoric we have seen before from a deviant and cowardly criminal. Bin Laden is deluding himself if he believes that his criminal acts are justified by any religion or principle of humanity."

Saudi Arabia stripped bin Laden of his citizenship nearly a decade ago, when his anger with warm Saudi-U.S. relations grew loud enough to become a potential threat to the stability of the monarchy.

Aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier, which is launching airstrikes on bin Laden's suspected hideouts from the Arabian Sea, the crew watched footage aired by CNN in ship lounges, mess halls and work spaces.

"It is clearly propaganda aimed at trying to show that America is anti-Islamic," Lt. John Oliveira, the ship's spokesman, said. "I think over the last three months of this campaign, the United States has shown it is not anti-Islamic. We are anti-terrorism."

The videotape was filled with Islamic parables and words dedicated to the hijackers.

Bin Laden praises the Sept. 11 attacks and defends what even he calls terror against the United States.

"Our terrorism is against America. Our terrorism is a blessed terrorism to prevent the unjust person from committing injustice and to stop American support for Israel, which kills our sons," he said.

U.S. gets more prisoners, plans to hold some at Navy base in Cuba

By PAULINE JELINEK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — American forces in Afghanistan took control of dozens more prisoners as the U.S. government considered whether to use military tribunals to try some of the terrorist suspects.

Meanwhile, officials said they were planning to hold Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Cuba.

Twenty-five more prisoners arrived at the U.S. base set up by Marines in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Friday. That brought the number of captured al-Qaida and Taliban figures in U.S. custody there to 62 and overall to 70.

Eight, including American John Walker Lindh, were being held on the Navy's amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu in the Arabian Sea.

Clarke also said the helicopter entourage that included the war's commander, Gen. Tommy Franks, may have been fired on Saturday as he traveled in Afghanistan to attend the inauguration of the new government of Hamid Karzai.

"There were a handful of helicopters. They believe some of them may have been fired upon. That's all we know," Clarke said. A report in Friday's Tampa Tribune said there were four U.S. helicopters and that pilots took evasive action and landed safely.

Asked if the helicopter carry-

Guantanamo naval base, which the United States has held since 1903, is near the U.S. mainland and highly secure.

ing Franks took evasive action, Clarke said: "Don't know."

She said the Pentagon has given the go-ahead for work to begin at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to ready a facility for some prisoners after they are removed from Afghanistan.

Although President Bush has authorized military tribunals to try terrorist suspects from other countries, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday the military has made no plans to hold such tribunals at Guantanamo.

But officials already were considering how such tribunals would be conducted. A draft of proposed Bush administration rules for the tribunals states that a unanimous vote of a tribunal's military officers would be required to impose a death sentence on a foreign terror suspect, an official said Friday on condition of anonymity.

Civil rights groups and some members of Congress have said

they were concerned about the fairness and openness of the tribunal process.

The draft was first reported in The New York Times and The Washington Post. Clarke said the proposed rules were still "a work in progress" being drawn up by the Defense Department, Justice Department, White House and National Security Council.

The new prisoners in U.S. custody were from among hundreds held by Pakistan. Afghan fighters hold some 7,000 more captured as they took one city after another and wrested control of the country from the former radical Islamic rulers and the al-Qaida terrorist network they harbored.

The United States has been sorting through prisoners to determine which might be useful for intelligence and which might be punished. CIA and FBI agents are among those who have been interrogating them to learn about leader Osama bin Laden's whereabouts, trying to determine which ones should be brought to trial and trying to get information about other terrorists or planned terrorist attacks.

The Guantanamo base, which the United States has held since 1903, is near the U.S. mainland and highly secure. The Cuban military prohibits access to areas around the base, and the U.S. military patrols its side from behind tall fences topped with razor wire.

Associated Press writer Matt Kelley contributed to this report.

Toddler's accused kidnapper caught

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A woman accused of kidnapping a 16-month-old girl at a Chicago bus station on Christmas Eve appeared in court Friday, and the toddler's mother prepared to be reunited with her daughter.

Sheila Matthews, who was arrested Thursday on a tip from her boyfriend's mother, appeared before a U.S. magistrate.

Matthews, who gave her age as 35, sat quietly through the hearing, repeatedly rubbing her forehead. When Magistrate Mary Stanley asked her if she had any mental or physical illnesses that would prevent her from understanding the proceedings, she did not understand the question until her court-appointed attorney explained.

Stanley told her she was charged with a serious felony and could spend years in jail. She asked if she understood that. Matthews indicated she did.

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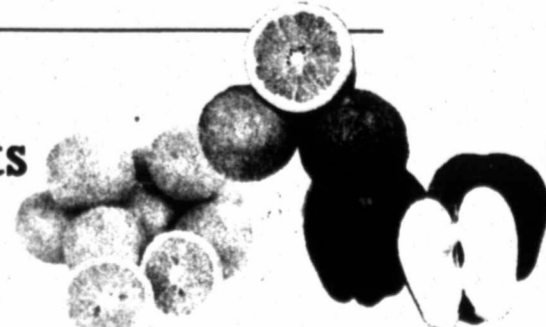
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RELIGION

American Jews wrestle with old question

Should they reconcile with Germany now?

By DAVID MINTHORN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The question still roils the Jewish community: Is reconciliation with Germany possible or even desirable after the slaughter of 6 million?

Some believe relations were poisoned forever by the Nazi's campaign to wipe out Europe's Jews. To them, "Never forget" means refusing to buy German products, travel to Germany or having anything to do with Germans.

But more than five decades after the war, political realities are challenging unbending attitudes. Modern Germany bears no resemblance to Hitler's era, the government has made restitution to many victims and Germany has become a stalwart ally of Israel, as well as the United States.

Harriet Mandel of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, a coordinating body for 60 groups, favors reconciliation, but other Jews in the United States do not.

"Sentiment to continue boy-

cotting Germany is quite deeply imbedded," Mandel said. "Second- and third-generation American-born Jews are the most reluctant to move on."

An estimated 250,000 children of Holocaust survivors live in the United States, researchers say, some banding together to discuss childhoods colored by their parents' efforts to deal psychologically with the death camps, losses of family members and guilt about their own survival.

Even American Jews not directly touched by the Holocaust say they are expressing a tribal solidarity with the victims and their offspring by refusing to buy German or visit the country.

Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, a German-Jewish Holocaust refugee, believes Jewish sentiment for shunning Germany has declined over the last 20 years as German democracy has strengthened.

"The German generation in power today is trying very hard to make amends," said Blumenthal, who heads the new national Jewish Museum in Berlin. "They recognize that the worst thing that could happen is to forget."

Still, he said survivors' views on Germany are influenced less by political developments than by whether close family members were victims of the Nazis.

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— Michael Blumenthal
Holocaust refugee

her childhood in the German city of Kassel and was deported to a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia, visited Germany and recalled seeing her parents' name on a plaque for Holocaust victims.

"I got hysterical at the realization of what happened," she said.

She discussed her experiences at the Jewish Heritage Museum of New York in a recent symposium on Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, the Nov. 9, 1938, attack by Nazi followers on synagogues and Jewish businesses across Germany.

Oppenheimer sensed the Germans she met on her visit felt uncomfortable around Jews, which she saw as a legacy of the Holocaust. Still, she said, "Today Germans are different. I must admit it."

Roman Weingarten, originally from Krakow, Poland, and a survivor of the Dachau concentration camp, agreed. "Today to put them all in one bushel, I don't associate with that," he said.

The Jewish population in Germany now numbers more than 100,000, the largest commu-

nity in Western Europe, with most coming from Russia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe over the last 10 years. It is a remarkable rebirth, considering Germany's prewar Jewish population of 500,000 was almost wiped out.

Blumenthal addressed several hundred people in October at Temple Emanu-El in New York, tracing Jewish evolution from ghettos to assimilation in Germany, as typified by his own ancestors dating back to the 17th century.

In his high-profile position at the Jewish Museum, Blumenthal often meets Germans forced to fully confront the history of the Third Reich for the first time. As a 12-year-old in Berlin, Blumenthal saw his merchant father dragged away to Buchenwald concentration camp on Kristallnacht. When his father was released, the family fled Germany for Shanghai, China, where they spent World War II, then emigrated to the United States in 1947.

In speaking to younger Germans born after the Holocaust, Blumenthal said, "I tell them, 'You have no reason to feel guilty. But you have to learn about the past.'"

However, Blumenthal takes a different approach with Germans old enough to have lived through the war.

"I tell them, 'Of course you knew what was being done to the Jews,'" he said. "These are people who come to me and say they didn't know, it wasn't their fault."

Dieter Kastrup, German ambassador to the United Nations, said Germany's Holocaust reparations so far have amounted to 100 billion marks — more than \$50 billion in current terms.

"Of course, no amount of money would compensate," he told the seminar.

A lesson of the Holocaust for Germans?

"Never again will we accept the exclusion of people because of their religion or origin," Kastrup said.

Hobart Baptist hosts 5th Sunday singing service on Dec. 30

Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, invites the public to a 5th Sunday singing, a time of praise and worship, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 30.

Another cure for faith

Mary Alice Reynolds, the wife of a well-known real estate agent in Indianapolis, had been an invalid for a year. Doctors had tried every means to help her, but she gradually grew worse.

Mrs. Reynolds was a member of a Methodist church, but, admitted she was hardly a model member. God had not left her, however, and He was about to do something that would bring glory to His name.

One evening in March 1883, during a most discouraging time, Mary Reynolds' thoughts turned to God. A question formed quietly in her mind: Why don't you take your case to the Lord in prayer?

At that moment a friend came into her room and suggested that she might like to have a Quaker evangelist R.H. Ramsey, pray for her. Evangelist Ramsey was ministering in the area, and he prayed for the sick.

Mrs. Reynolds accepted the suggestion. She later told about her meeting with the evangelist: "When Mr. Ramsey anointed me, I urged that he not only pray for me bodily, but my spiritual welfare also." The next day she was overjoyed when she realized she had been healed body and soul.

Group aids, restores old church buildings

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — The roof on the 91-year-old Omega Seventh-day Adventist Church roof in New Haven has collapsed, its heating system needs an upgrade and other repairs.

In Philadelphia, the Acts of the Apostles Church in Jesus Christ needs more than \$170,000 to repair a crumbling bell tower. New York's 150-year-old Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Synagogue was ravaged by fire that wrecked its copper roof and plaster ceiling. These are just a few of the countless religious buildings around the country slowly crumbling into piles of debris and neglect, according to a New Haven-based group, Partners for Sacred Places, which is trying to change that.

The group Monday released a list of what it said were the 10 most endangered religious buildings across the country, and called for federal and private aid to save the facilities and the social services they provide.

"This report, '10 Sacred Places to Save,' could have been called '10,000 Sacred Places to Save,' because this is just the tip of the iceberg," said Diane Cohen, co-director of the nonprofit preservation group. "We will start to lose these buildings and the vital community services they house" if nothing is done to help restore them.

Weekly Word
By Pastor Leland Lewis
First Assembly of God

When a well-known family has this kind of an experience, word soon gets around. The editor of the Indianapolis Journal (a friend of Charles Reynolds) interviewed the former invalid who was now up and taking care of household responsibilities. The editor's long and detailed account, "Another Cure by Faith," was published on the Journal's front page, March 24, 1883. The story was also reported in the Indianapolis News on the same day. The next day, a brief story, along with other news from Indianapolis, appeared on page one of the New York Times. The story published in the Indianapolis papers created a tremendous amount of interest. People began to parade into the Reynolds home — sometimes as many as 30 people a day — to talk with Mary, about her healing. Many of these people were looking for spiritual and physical help. And, Mary had the joy of pointing them to the Great Physician. Now, here is the rest of the story. Eight years after Mary Alice Reynolds was healed, she gave birth to a daughter who was given her mother's middle name. The daughter grew up to become Alice Reynolds "Mother" Flower, the wife of J. Roswell Flower, one of the founding fathers of the Assemblies of God. Mary Alice Reynolds' healing nearly 117 years ago was for real. She lived another 35 years and influenced the spiritual lives of countless people including some of the founders of the Assemblies of God.

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Let's Talk Real Estate



by Jim Davidson
Realtor

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If you think that you are too young to own your own home, you may have to adjust your expectations. According to the National Association of Realtors, 42% of homebuyers are first-time buyers, many of whom are under the age of thirty. Thus, if you are a younger worker who is currently renting, you might want to investigate the idea of homeownership. begin by assessing how stable your position is at work, as well as your prospects for advancement and pay raises. Also take into account the tax ramifications of homeownership and your ability to come up with a down payment. Homeownership is not for everyone, but do not automatically assume that owning a home is beyond your reach.

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Religion briefs...

U.S. Catholics asked to pray for peace on New Year's Day, a response to terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking Roman Catholics to pray for peace on New Year's Day in response to Sept. 11.

The Vatican traditionally designates Jan. 1 as the World Day of Peace. The U.S. bishops at their November meeting issued a special request for prayer on that day, in light of the war on terrorism.

The bishops approved a document acknowledging the United States' moral right to a military defense against terrorism. But church leaders also said the response must be part of a broader foreign policy that battles poverty, human rights abuses and violence.

On Dec. 19, 68 Catholic leaders of missionary, political, peace and other organizations, issued a statement making the opposite argument — that the U.S. war on terrorism was not morally justifiable according to church teachings.

The group said too many innocent civilians had been harmed in the air strikes on Afghanistan and the U.S. government had failed to explore all diplomatic options.

The group also called on the United States to set up a commission to study the roots of injustice that terrorists exploit to justify their acts.

Church council criticizes Bush administration on detentions in domestic fight against terrorism

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Council of Churches criticized the Bush administration's prolonged detention of hundreds of mostly Middle Eastern men as part of the terrorism investigation.

The council, which represents 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, said in a Dec. 20 statement that it supports a civil rights suit demanding the federal government release names of those arrested and the charges they face.

The council condemned the use of military tribunals, saying they "have the potential to undermine legal rights under our Constitution."

Attorney General John Ashcroft has defended the administration's approach as necessary to fight terrorism. He has accused his critics of giving "ammunition to America's enemies and pause to America's friends."

The NCC contends, "Our nation should model the rights and behaviors that we would hope to see throughout the world. If it does not, we should speak up loudly and clearly and say so."

Episcopal priest, accused of preaching without license, faces church charges in Texas

LANHAM, Md. (AP) — An Episcopal priest who has clashed with church leaders over his conservative views will be tried in a church court for preaching at a suburban Washington parish without the approval of his bishop.

The Rev. Samuel Edwards was charged Dec. 19 with breaking church laws when he ignored an order from Jane Holmes Dixon, acting bishop of Washington, to leave Christ Episcopal Church in Accokeek in May. He was later forced out of the parish by a federal order.

Edwards is among a group of conservatives who believe the current practice of ordaining women and a growing acceptance of gays is a break with traditional Episcopal teachings.

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Mom Who's After Golf Pro May Get Stuck In The Rough

DEAR ABBY: My mother is divorced and currently dating "Scott," a golf pro. He lives with another woman I'll call Alice. When Scott and my mother met in a bar a year ago, he was honest about the fact he was living with someone. Alice is the woman Scott left his wife for. They moved here together from another state. However, he told my mother his relationship with Alice was essentially over and he was waiting for the "right time" to leave.

According to Scott, he owns no furniture or household appliances, and the truck he drives is in Alice's name. He says if he had any assets his ex-wife would claim them. He's not even listed in our local phone book.

My sisters and I see red flags and have warned Mother. She ordered us to stay out of her life. Mother believes if she holds out long enough, Scott will leave Alice and come running to her. She believes everything he says.

This has caused a huge rift in our family. I know Mother doesn't want to be alone, but her desperate attempts to turn this "romance" into something lasting frighten me. She did give Scott an ultimatum about leaving Alice, which he did briefly, and then returned to her — but Mother continues to see him.

I don't understand why Mother isn't angry and has so little pride and self-respect. It has taken all my strength not to call Alice and tell her what is going on. Scott is taking advantage of two women.

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Abby, am I way off base, or does this situation have all the makings of a disaster?
LOVE IS BLIND AND STUPID IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR LOVE IS BLIND: Your mother knows the risk she is taking. She is after a swinger with a serious "handicap." Sadly, even if she wins, she's going to wind up with a loser. Please try not to judge her harshly. If you can, involve her in activities where she might meet someone eligible who shares her interests. Then cross your fingers and pray.

DEAR ABBY: I am married. I love my husband, but I kissed another man. I feel awful about this. It was crazy, but I enjoyed the momentary escape from reality. Any advice on how to deal with this?
FEELING GUILTY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: What you did was impulsive, foolish and risky, and sent the wrong message to the man involved. Before it happens

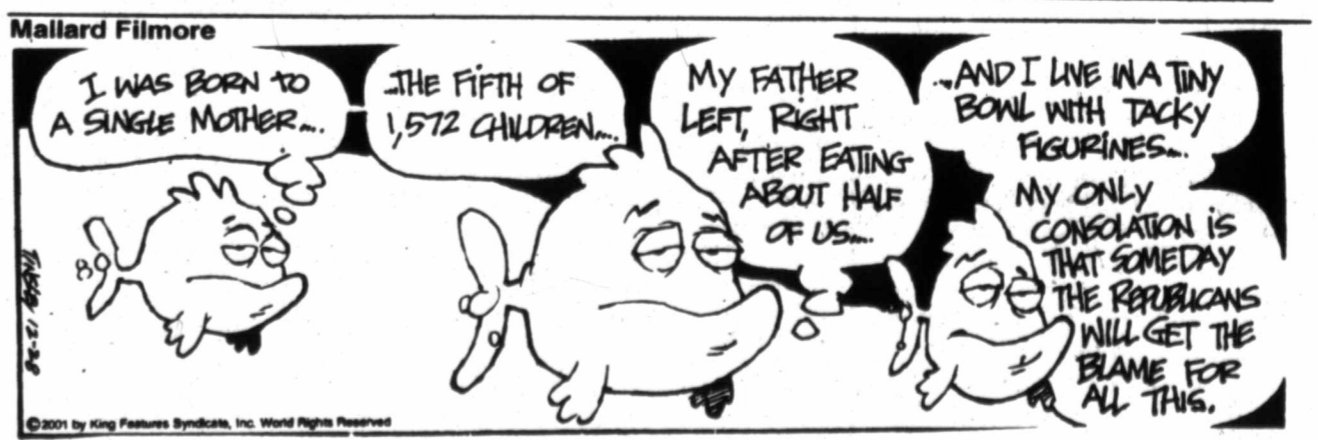
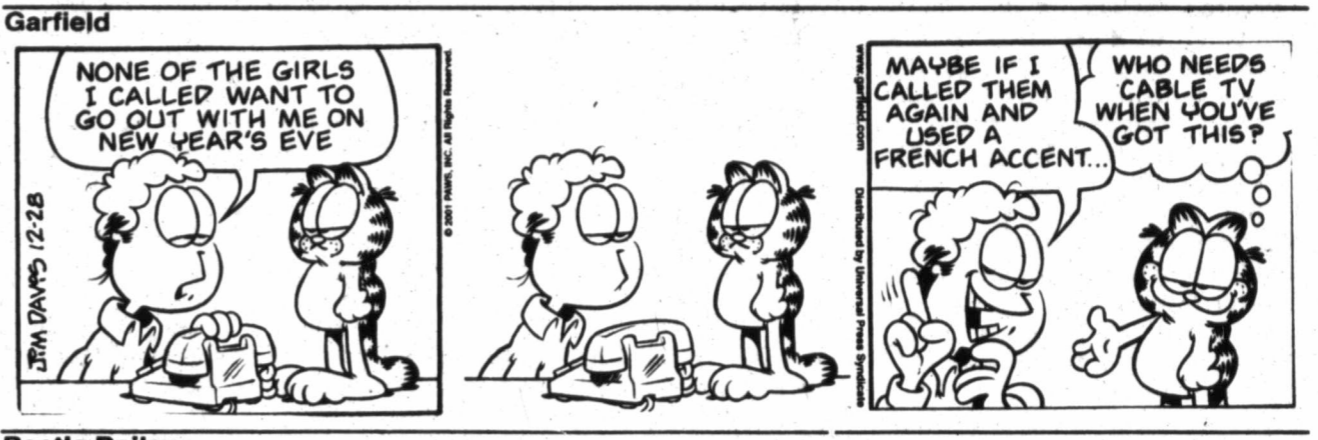
again — and you feel even worse — please schedule some sessions with a counselor to find out what made you vulnerable to this indiscretion.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are looking forward to entertaining in our home. Neither of us drinks alcohol, and we prefer not to have any in our home. Can you help us with an appropriate way to communicate that to our guests?
T. TOTALLER IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR T.: Actions speak louder than words. An appropriate way to get your message across is simply to serve a variety of tasty, non-alcoholic beverages at your gatherings. If one of your guests mentions it, don't hesitate to tell that person exactly what you have told me. In your home, you make the rules.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Horoscope
SUNDAY, DEC. 30, 2001
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 *** New possibilities break open if you are receptive. Be open to someone or, perhaps, to where changes might be necessary, especially those revolving around your home life. Your anger comes out with someone at a distance. Don't trigger over news. Tonight: Nestle in at home.
 This Week: Give up worrying about a last-minute change of plans on Monday — you'll christen the New Year well anyway. News this week shakes you up. Relax. Use your skills.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Morning conversations prove fruitful. You're working on the same wavelength as someone else. Don't walk away from changes or an opportunity, even it means a little shake-up. Understand a friend better through talks and sharing. Tonight: Out and about.
 This week: All eyes turn to you for direction, be it for play or work. You won't feel like really working until late on Wednesday. Do everything 100 percent.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** Your finances need a hard look. You realize this after a morning extravagance and someone's confrontation. Think in terms of positive changes. A partner or associate could be overly demanding. Do a better job of listening. Don't strut your stuff. Play it low-key. Tonight: Expenses add up.
 This week: You raise Cain starting on New Year's Eve. You won't retreat on any matter this week. You'll only come up with better ideas.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** You're going to change directions. Think in terms of making your life better. In one week, one month and six months, you will see developments occur that encourage you to let go of what no longer works. Don't let news aggravate you. Flow with it. Tonight: Detach from the immediate.
 This week: Your theme song right now will be indulge and indulge some more.

Sanity returns on Wednesday, and you can opt on news and maybe work.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 *** Your instincts serve you well. You know what you want, and you're bound and determined to get just that. If you move too quickly, you'll hit a wall of obstacles. Stalk like a lion. Observe your prey (objective) and decide what would be best to do. Tonight: Remember, time is your ally.
 This week: The moon enters your sign tonight. You cheerlead the New Year in and won't stop until you must. Late Wednesday or Thursday you return to normal. Maybe.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Your friends surround you, as does Lady Opportunity this morning. Change into what you want then, because the going gets difficult in the p.m. A lunar eclipse will impact your circle of friends over the next year. Flex with different needs. Tonight: Follow a loved one's idea.
 This week: You might have a lot on your mind tonight. Still, somehow you do manage to relax. Wednesday night you sparkle. Now the world is your oyster!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 *** Pressure builds. You could also look at a situation as if you have so many opportunities. Understand exactly what you want and clear out the excess. Slow down, because you could be slightly accident-prone as concentration flies out the window. Listen to someone's advice. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.
 This week: Handle last-minute details on Monday. You might even work New Year's Eve is just up your alley. You're on a winning streak. Slow down on Thursday.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Gather a fuller perspective through becoming an even better listener. Grab an opportunity to travel or just take off for a few days. Don't let spending get out-of-control again. How's that for a resolution? Express your playfulness more often. Tonight: Start partying in the New Year.
 This week: Remain light and easy with those around you for the next few days. BORN TODAY
 Exciting developments mark the end of the week.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Deal with someone on a one-at-a-time level. Your sense of humor helps people relax, especially on the home front. Direct your anger correctly. Don't get into a situation where you swat the cat because the dog ran away. Expect long-term implications if you do. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.
 This week: Follow the music this New Year's. Get into the intensity of a relationship. Responsibilities call on Wednesday night.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** You sense changes in the wind involving a partnership. Today's eclipse and full moon will transform your relationship, not necessarily in a bad way. If single, your status could change faster than you anticipated. Express yourself and talk about your needs. Tonight: Accept an invitation.
 This week: Someone makes an offer that is too good to be true. Find out for yourself, and you might be whistling away through Friday. Wow!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Work through a problem and deal with others directly. You might need to take a walk to do some thinking and evaluating. Opportunities stem from your willingness to deal with different situations. A friend could cost you some money. Tonight: High energy marks your actions.
 This week: You might not have plans, but before you know it, others have you out and about. Intimacy and closeness mark this period, personally and professionally.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Your high energy delights a loved one. You could romp away; however, a problem with a parent or authority figure distracts you. Realize more of what is going on with this person. Your efforts draw the result you wish. See what a difference you make. Tonight: Where the action is.
 This week: You're full of fun as the week begins. Don't worry so much. In fact, make that your New Year's resolution. Start practicing it immediately!

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Q Before our baby was born last month, our 3-year-old daughter, April, was thrilled about having a new brother or sister. Now, however, she shows signs of jealousy, sucking her thumb sullenly when I nurse the baby and getting very loud and silly when friends drop by. Please suggest some ways I can ease her through this period of adjustment.

A Your daughter is revealing a “textbook” reaction to the invasion that has occurred in her private kingdom. It is typical for such a preschooler to throw temper tantrums, wet the bed, suck her thumb, mess her pants, hold tightly to Mama, talk “baby talk,” etc. Since the baby gets all the attention by being helpless, the older child will often try to “out-baby the baby,” behaving in immature ways form an earlier stage of development. That pattern seems to be occurring with your little girl. Here’s what I would suggest:

1. Bring her feelings out in the open and help her verbalize them. When she is acting silly in front of adults, take her in your arms and say, “What’s the matter, April? Do you need some attention today?” Gradually, a child can be taught to use similar words when she feels excluded or rejected. “I need some attention, Dad. Will you play with me?” By verbalizing her feelings, you also help her understand herself better.
2. Don’t let infantile behavior succeed. If she cries when the baby sitter arrives, leave her anyway. A temper tantrum can be greeted by firmness. However, reveal little anger and displeasure, remembering that the entire episode is motivated by a threat to your love.
3. Meet her needs in ways that grant status to her for being older. Take her to the park, making it clear that the baby is too little to go; talk “up” to her about the things she can do that the baby can’t—she can use the bathroom instead of her pants, for example. Let her help take care of the baby so she will feel she is part of the family process.

Beyond these corrective steps, give your daughter some time to adjust to her new situation. Even though it stresses her today, she should profit from the realization that she does not sit at the center of the universe.

Q In recent months, there have been two occasions where a woman at work has made a pass at me. I love my wife very deeply, have no interest in this lady, and have communicated this to her in no uncertain terms. Do you think I should share these incidents with my wife?

A Yes, I do. First, because I believe the healthiest marriages are those that are open and honest on such matters. Second, because sharing important information is a step toward accountability in a situation that could prove dangerous. And third, because your wife should be your best friend with whom you discuss troubling circumstances and how they will be handled.

My only caution is that you be careful not to reveal these incidents in order to make your wife jealous or to use them to manipulate her. Some spouses seize an opportunity like this to play power games with a mate. Check out your motives carefully before you talk to your wife and share the experience as objectively as possible. She will appreciate you for it.

Finally, I urge you to continue to reject the advances of the lady in your office, regardless of how attractive she is or how flattering her interest in you may be. To pursue her may give your ego a ride now, but only pain and sorrow lie down the road—for her and for you.

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