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 Megan Jourett appears to be having a conversation with "Spike" the snow man. Jourett and Brandon Smith, both of Pampa were bored on their day off Wednesday, so they decided to construct the more than six-foot tall snow man in the front yard on Terrace Street. With temperatures rising into the 50's, Spike's life expectancy is short.

First snow day busy for responders

by Rachel Stennett
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The first day of inclement weather for the winter season on Tuesday was full of wind, snow, and ice which brought motor vehicle accidents and a fire, but Gray County emergency service departments were able to handle the weather as if it were any other sunny day.

Deputy Chief Randy Dunham of the Pampa Fire Department, reported twice the typical call volume for the Pampa Fire Department. Although the calls were above average, he reported the department was "not overwhelmed" responding to many motor vehicle accidents in the morning.

"Most people don't allow the extra time to drive for the bad weather. They need to remember to reduce speed," he explained.

PFD also responded to one structure fire, where the inside of a chimney caught fire. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the inside of the chimney flue. Dunham said that these kind of fires are typical in cold winter months.

Chimney fires can escalate when the fire is going unnoticed, Dunham explained. Conductive heat can escape the flue and ignite the outside of a structure.

"These fires are generally from a lack of maintenance," Dunham said. "It is always a good idea to have them cleaned out once a year, prior to cold weather coming on." Dunham said that there is usually a buildup inside chimney from animals nesting in chimney's during warm months, and

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Counterfeit bill found at Pampa business, man tries to pass another

by Rachel Stennett
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On two separate occasions this week, Heard-Jones Health Mart has come across counterfeit bills.

The first counterfeit bill was unnoticed and used as tender at Heard-Jones sometime after 3 p.m. Monday afternoon. According to Carole Lesly, manager Heard-Jones, the bill was found as the money in the cash drawers was being changed.

The second \$20 counterfeit bill was passed

Tuesday afternoon, when a man tried to buy perfume using the bill.

The man, who has not yet been found, tried to pass the bill but the cashier noticed it seemed counterfeit, partially because employees at Heard-Jones had been informed ten minutes before the incident of increased counterfeit currency in Pampa.

The employee marked the bill with a counterfeit detecting pen, which turns the bill a different color when they are fake, and questioned the man making the purchase.

"He claimed that the bill was not counterfeit because it came from a friend," Lesly said.

The employee was preparing to call the authorities when the man ran out of Heard-Jones, stealing two Dr. Pepper sodas.

"It can be a problem," Lesly explained. "If you are in a hurry and not paying attention it is easy for someone to miss. If you take it, and feel it, it is obvious that it is counterfeit."

Lesly discussed increased abuse with counterfeit money and

credit and debit cards during the holiday season, and said it is imperative to check bills and ask for identification with credit cards. "We are not trying to insult the customer," she said, "it is for our protection and theirs."

Heard-Jones had been informed of increase counterfeit bills minutes before the incident on Tuesday afternoon from their bank, Bank of America, and the Pampa Police Department.

According to Lanya
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City to join water authority's well expansion

by David Bowser
 staff reporter

The City of Pampa will participate in the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's Roberts County well field expansion to provide more water to its 11 member cities, including Pampa.

The Pampa City Commission approved a resolution Tuesday to participate in the \$21.6 million dollar bond issue the water authority will float in January.

The resolution authorizes participation in the amount of project construction costs for the

Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the city's involvement in the 1996 conjunctive use groundwater supply agreement with the water authority.

CRMWA has issued bonds for the conjunctive use groundwater supply project, the Roberts County well field, in 1996, 1999, 2005 and 2006. The 2009 bonds are not to exceed \$21.6 million.

In its resolution the city agreed to use the water authority's operating reserves to fund the debt service for the bonds.

The bonds are expect-

ed to be issued on or after January 14.

Last month, Pampa City Manager Trevlyn Pitner told commissioners that several of the smaller cities in the water authority had chosen not to participate.

Pampa has 3.60 percent ownership in the Roberts County well field and would retain that percentage, Pitner said. With other member cities not participating, Pitner said that that percentage could increase.

Pitner said that Pampa had opted out of a similar project sever years ago and had lost part of its

ownership of the well field. Rising prices have prohibited the city from regaining the former position, he said.

The city holds a larger percent of the lake, but the lake level dropped to record lows last summer.

"We want to stay strong in the well field," Pitner said.

The city manager said that of the city's 11 wells, five are down. To drill and replace those wells would run almost \$4 million.

Pitner said that if Pampa didn't have CRMWA to fall back on, the city's well field would

be stretched. Pampa's share of the bond indebtedness would be 3.60 percent, or \$69,316, annually for the average bond payment.

With smaller cities dropping out, Pitner said that amount could go up but only a few hundred dollars annually.

The larger cities in CRMWA, Amarillo and Lubbock, are driving the project, he said, and they aren't going to back out.

Amarillo will have the largest share of debt from the bond issue with 40.62 percent of the project and an average annual bond

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Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 52. Wind chill values between 19 and 29 early. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.
 Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 27 and 32.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.
 Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.
 Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming southwest between 25 and 30 mph.
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Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and calls between 12 a.m. Dec. 7 and 7 a.m. Dec. 8.

Sunday, Dec. 7
 Officers conducted 14 traffic stops. Stops in the 200 block of West Atchison, at Hobart and Kingsmill streets, at Gray and Foster streets, and at Frost and Cook streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive, the 1900 block of North Grape Lane and the 600 block of North Dwight.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 300 block of East Foster, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of North Ballard.

An alarm was reported in the 2400 block of North Fir, where someone reportedly broke into a house and stole a safe.

Alarms were reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of North Banks.

A traffic accident was reported in the 1200 block of North Lea.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Denver.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner and the 1900 block of North Williston.

A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

Monday, Dec. 8
 Officers conducted four traffic stops. Stops in the 900 block of South Hobart and the 300 block of North Naida resulted in at least one arrest.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of South Russell.

Agency assistance was provided at Highways 60 and 70.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recently recorded the following arrests.

Sunday, Dec. 7
 Martha Kathryn Woods, 51, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for DWI, second offense.

Leonardo Duran-Mata, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Daniel Duran Montero, 22, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI, no driver's license and no insurance.

Luis Angel Lopez, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for driving under the influence-minor and no driver's license.

Javier Alejandro Banda, 20, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Bear Julius Raymo, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Miguel Angel Chavez, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying/possessing fictitious license plate.

Monday, Dec. 8
 Ian David Spencer, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for failure to maintain financial responsibility and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Matthew Gilbert Maul, 37, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for no driver's license.

Jackson Lee Lisle, 24, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for possession

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of a dangerous drug, possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana, no valid driver's license and no liability insurance.

Arnoldo Carrillo Dominquez, 38, of Wichita Falls was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI and no valid driver's license.

Arnoldo Armendariz Castillo, 46, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI, no valid driver's license and no liability insurance.

William Roger Klink, 49, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for three counts of public intoxication.

Tuesday, Dec. 9
 Kelli Lee Howe, 36, of Lefors was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI, second offense; no valid driver's license and no liability insurance.

Shawn Duane Carey, 22, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Faith Danyell Vespestad, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for theft by check; theft by check out of Hale County; theft by check out of Knox County; and theft of property by check out of Hutchinson County.

Joshua Lloyd Mullen, 23, of White Deer was arrested by GCSO for no valid driver's license (three counts), failure to appear, no seat belt-driver, failure to maintain financial responsibility, on warrants for burglary of a habitation, credit card or debit card abuse (two counts), unauthorized use of a vehicle, burglary of a habitation; on a bench warrant; and on bond surrenders for forgery (two counts), credit card abuse (two counts) and burglary of a habitation.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the follow-

ing calls between 7 a.m. Dec. 6 and 12 p.m. Dec. 8.

Saturday, Dec. 6
 8:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Starkweather and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sunday, Dec. 7
 10:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Lea. No transport.

7:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Naida and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Dec. 8
 1:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Seminole and transported a patient to PRMC.

10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to BSA Hospice in Amarillo and transported a patient to the 1300 block of Kentucky.

3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Triumph Healthcare Center in Amarillo.

6:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Changes to farm worker hiring afoot

WASHINGTON (AP) — As it prepares to leave office, the Bush administration is moving to make it easier for U.S. farming companies to hire foreign workers, which farmworker groups say will worsen wages and working conditions.

Farm groups said that changes to the H2A visa program, used by the agriculture industry to hire temporary farm workers, were posted on the Labor Department's Web site at midnight Tuesday but have since been taken down.

Labor Department spokesman Terry Shawn said whatever was posted wasn't the final version of the new rule, which Shawn said would be released Thursday and published in the Federal Register on Dec. 18.

The Bush administration published a proposed version of the new rule last Feb. 13 and received nearly 12,000 public comments, Shawn added. The next version will be a final rule and can take effect 30 days after publication. Some of its provisions would take effect in mid-January and others later in the year, the farmworker groups said.

"The government has decided to offer agriculture employers really low wages, low benefits, no government oversight to bring in foreign workers on restricted visas and thereby convince them they should do this instead of hiring undocumented workers," said Bruce Goldstein, execu-

tive director of Farmworker Justice, a group that advocates for farmworkers.

The changes in the posted version would drop a requirement that an employer get the Labor Department to certify it faces a worker shortage before it can get visas for foreign workers; instead, employers would be allowed to simply attest in writing to a shortage. That version of the new rule also would change the method for calculating wage minimums for workers and relieve employers of a requirement to recruit in states or communities where other employers already are hiring farm workers, Goldstein said.

But Assistant Labor Secretary Leon Sequeira said Wednesday evening the agency is not dropping the obligation to obtain certification, which is required by law.

Paul Schlegel, American Farm Bureau public policy director, said many of the changes will make the program a little less burdensome for employers.

"My members want to make sure they have a legal supply of labor," said Schlegel, who added that he had not reviewed all the proposed changes.

The rule changes are a part of a pattern of last-minute regulatory changes being rushed into effect by the Bush administration before President Barack Obama's Jan. 20 inauguration.

Former Congressman Bill Patman dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Patman, a former Texas congressman and state senator who championed low-interest loan rates, has died. He was 81.

Patman died Tuesday in Houston of stomach cancer, his daughter said.

Born March 26, 1927, in Texarkana, Patman served in Congress as a Democrat for two terms from 1981 to 1985, but failed to win re-election to a third term. He also served in the Texas Senate from 1961 to 1980.

His family said he once waged a 17-hour filibuster to keep Texas from raising its ceiling on mortgage rates.

He was the son of John Wright Patman, who served in Congress for 47 years, became the head of the House Banking Committee and helped write the Robinson-Patman Act, an antitrust law.

Snow

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other dubree which can cause fires.

The Gray County Sheriff's Office also reported escalated call volumes, but considered the call traffic normal for a winter storm. "We assisted DPS on several accidents (Tuesday) afternoon and (Tuesday) morning, otherwise it was normal," Lt. Joe B. Hoard reported.

The Department of Public Safety also reported a high volume of calls, most due to stranded motorists dealing with the icy roads. Accidents were also reported, many on Texas Highway 152 West of Pampa between Pampa city limits and Skellytown which had a "thick sheet of ice," according to Trooper Rafael Ortiz of the DPS. "Several vehicles went off the road," he reported. "We got the vehicles out and shut down the road for about an hour and a half to let the weather clear up."

Ortiz said that the PPD, GCSO, and the DPS all worked together to handle

the calls that he considered normal for the icy weather. He recommended that people watch the weather and stay at home if possible if icy conditions are present.

"If the forecast says it will be icy in the morning, but clear in the afternoon, we advise motorists to stay at home during the bad weather and wait till it clears up," Ortiz explained. "Don't travel in that weather if at all possible."

Ortiz said that TxDOT helped make the roads easier to travel on making them "as safe as possible for people to travel... They were there in full force clearing roads and laying down sand and dirt."

Detective Casey Ingersoll of the Pampa Police Department said that the winter storm was "business as usual" for the PPD.

The PPD did report more motorist assist calls than normal, but in general they did not work more accidents than days with good weather.

Money

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America, and the Pampa Police Department.

According to Lanya Blodgett, manager, counterfeit bill use in Pampa is "off and on" when it comes to the use of counterfeit bills. Blodgett said that the Bank of America staff tellers are trained to know the feel of counterfeit money, and go through counterfeit detecting processes. "Just from the experience of working with money, you can feel the difference in texture from other bills," she said. If the tellers at

Bank of America come across counterfeit currency, the customer is asked to relinquish the bills and they are sent to the Secret Service. After the Secret Service has determined if the bills are counterfeit, they will either take the bill to investigate, or relinquish it to the bank if it is not counterfeit.

Detective Kasey Ingersoll of the Pampa Police Department confirmed that there has been an increase of counterfeit bills used over the past few weeks.

"I advise people to pay careful attention to money received in businesses," Ingersoll said.

The case remains under investigation.

Water

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payment of \$782,130. Lubbock would be second with 37.06 percent and an annual payment of \$713,527.

Borger is fourth with 5.55 percent of the project and an annual payment of \$105,842. Plainview with 3.69 percent of the project would have an annual average payment of \$71,068.

Pampa would be fifth,

followed by Levelland, Brownfield and Lamesa, all with less than three percent of the project.

Slaton follows with 1.58 percent of the project. Then comes Tahoka and O'Donnell, each with less than one percent of the project.

Pampa's allocation of Lake Meredith water is 2,149 acre-feet per year. Its allocation of groundwater from Roberts County is 2376 acre-feet. The total annual allocation is 4,525 acre-feet.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 11, the 346th day of 2008. There are 20 days left in the year.

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

On this date:

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1882, Boston's renamed Bijou Theatre, the first American playhouse to be lighted exclusively by electricity, gave its first performance, of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe, Or The Peer and the Peri."

'A technical objection is the first refuge of a scoundrel.'

— Heywood Brown
American journalist
(1888-1939)r

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

In 1983, Pope John Paul II visited a Lutheran church in Rome, the first visit by a Roman Catholic pontiff to a Protestant church in his own diocese.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

Ten years ago: Majority Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee pushed through three articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton over Democratic objections. The Mars Climate Orbiter blasted off on a nine-month journey to the red planet. (However, the probe disappeared in September 1999, apparently destroyed because scientists had failed to convert English measures to metric values.)

Five years ago: U.S. health officials reported an early flu outbreak had hit all 50 states and was widespread in 24. A German court freed a Moroccan accused of supporting the Sept. 11 al-Qaida cell in Hamburg, saying there was new evidence he did not know about the plot. A new second home for the National Air and Space Museum opened in Chantilly, Va., some 28 miles west of the original's home in Washington, D.C.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 78. Actress Rita Moreno is 77. Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 69. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 68. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 67. Actress Donna Mills is 66. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is 65. Singer Brenda Lee is 64. Actress Lynda Day George is 64. Music producer Tony Brown is 62. Actress Teri Garr is 60. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 56. Actress Bess Armstrong is 55.

Tips for safe holiday travel

I NEVER travel, and at this time of year I can honestly say I'm glad to be a homebody. I am grateful all my immediate family is located right here in the Panhandle.

Many are not so lucky ... or unlucky, whichever way you choose to view it. Christmas is a busy time for the travel industry. People around the nation will be hopping on planes, cars and buses to make the journey home to loved ones for Christmas.

Response Insurance recently provided a facsimile on the hazards of traveling and burglars. Response offers the following tips to help ward against break-ins this holiday season.

— Examine the exterior of your house. Make sure all locked doors and windows have a tight fit when closed. Check to see if there is any "wiggle room" that could give a thief enough space to jimmy one open. Walk around your entire proper-

ty to ensure there is nothing that can be used to climb to upper floors. Look in your windows to make sure blinds are positioned to screen the interior view, but not closed completely. You may want to move any computers

— When you are away from the house, particularly for an extended period, be sure to make it look lived-in. Put timers on a few lights at varied times. Put a timer on a radio set to a talk-radio station. Install a dusk/dawn out-

— Inventory your major possessions. An easy way is to place valuables on tables and videotape your house, room-to-room of all furniture, paintings and other possessions. Place the list, any photos/video you took, and perhaps the valuables themselves, in a safe, separate location.

— Tell a trusted neighbor on your block that you will be away. Activity or noise that might otherwise seem normal to them would be alarming if they knew you are away from home.

— Be sure your homeowner's insurance coverage reflects any improvements or purchases that have increased the value of your home or its contents since you got your homeowner's policy. The only thing worse than losing your possessions is not being sufficiently covered to recoup your losses.

Skyla Bryant

Lifestyles reporter



and TVs away from prying eyes.

— Never leave an "emergency key" hidden outside your house.

— Always leave your home in a secure state, regardless of the amount of time you expect to be away. A burglar watching your house is capable of taking what he wants in a few carefully planned moments.

side light or motion detector. Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and any circulars that might pile up on your doorstep, and stop delivery of newspapers or other mail.

— In many instances installing a home alarm system will give you protection, a sense of calm and even a discount on your homeowner's insurance.



Natural selection

By Martha Randolph Carr

The greatest potential for disaster or real reform is starting to unfold in this country. While we have all been watching the stock market rise and fall on a daily basis till it became meaningless as an indicator of the economy, the number of Americans who have stopped taking their medication on a regular basis has also steadily declined.

Doctors and hospitals are reporting a sharp drop in the number of people coming in for preventive medicine as emergency rooms have seen an uptick in desperate people needing stop-gap care. The effect this will have on life-expectancy is harder to quantify because the insidious slide will go on behind closed doors and be anecdotal until there are bodies to count.

To say that government policy toward a universal health care plan has been resistant in this country is an understatement at best.

However, the U.S. is the only western nation left that lacks one and each year our ranking in key categories for health and well-being has slipped.

As the unemployment rate in the U.S. rose in November to 6.7% or 10.3 million people so did the number of people who suddenly found themselves uninsured. Most people get their health insurance coverage through their place of employment, which means as the economic climate worsens the number of uninsured is going to rise to historical levels.

The 2006 U.S. Census estimated there were almost 31 million Americans already without any kind of coverage and 8.7 of them were children. Some states, such as Massachusetts were making strides at changing the overall rate by offering affordable health care and requiring every citizen of the state to purchase a policy or pay a tax. However, this was back in a boon time

when the state could afford to underwrite the difference and most people could afford to pay the smaller amount. As we all know by now, everything has changed.

President-elect Obama declared on Friday that the worst has yet to happen and the truth is it's still unknown and undefined. New ideas are being put into place but no one can be sure they will work. The extent of the damage and the steps that got us out of it will only be in hindsight this time.

So far, the only solutions lawmakers are offering is in the realm of housing or jobs but the longer this crisis goes on without anyone looking at how to keep people hardy the more we will be faced with some very grim decisions.

Parents will choose their children's needs over their own and most will choose food over medication. Many Americans are already making these choices

every day but their ranks are about to swell.

Perhaps, now that insurance companies are asking for bailouts they will be more inclined to partner with the taxpayers who are footing that bill.

Washington has already shown a willingness to step over the free market line and prop up sick or dying corporations and banks. Now, it's time to put some of that same billion dollar effort into keeping the American citizens healthy as well. If nothing is done, the consequence will be fewer of us to put back to work.

Martha Randolph Carr's latest book, *A Place to Call Home, a memoir about the reemergence of U.S. orphanages is available wherever books are sold. Martha's Big Adventure coming soon to World Talk Radio and Voice America. Email Martha at: Martha@caglecartoons.com or visit www.martharandolph-carr.com.*

Quotations of the day

"The president-elect agrees with Lt. Gov. Quinn and many others that under the current circumstances it is difficult for the governor to effectively do his job and serve the people of Illinois." — Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs in response to questions from The Associated Press on whether or not Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich should resign.

"I did not initiate nor authorize anyone, at any time, to promise anything to Gov. Blagojevich on my behalf. I never sent a message or an emissary to the governor to make an offer or to propose a deal about the U.S. Senate seat." — U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. in a news conference about his role in the replacement for President-elect

Barack Obama's senate seat.

"People realize that this bill is an incredibly weak bill (and) is the product of an administration that wants to kick the can down the road and let somebody else deal with it." — Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., on the passing of a bailout bill for U.S. auto companies.

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Group makes pig pillows to help cancer patients

By TOMIE LUNSFORD

Temple Daily Telegram
BELTON, Texas (AP) — Here an oink, there an oink, everywhere an oink, oink.

The ladies of Soft Touch Ministry at Belton Church of Christ make pig pillows.

If you stand one on its feet, the pig looks like it's walking. The snout leads the way, and the tail wags behind.

"But when you lay it down, it becomes a neck pillow," said Georgia Seals, the ministry coordinator. Its stomach becomes support for your head, and the two legs rest the shoulder.

The seamstresses recently delivered 175 of them to Scott & White for distribution among cancer patients.

Chaplains from Lifeline Chaplaincy, the statewide parent group of the Soft Touch Ministry, will be making the deliveries.

"The pillows are great gift items," said Tom Nuckels, director of spiri-

tual care for Lifeline's Austin-area branch. "No matter how old they are, people always smile when they get them. And they're useful too."

Nuckels said he's received several thank-you cards for them.

"Those pillows never get left behind," Nuckels said. "People use them on the car ride home from the hospital."

The pig pillows aren't the only comfort items Soft Touch provides.

"We also make small square pillows and Ouch Buddies," Seals said.

The Ouch Buddy is a grinning doll in the shape of a summer sausage.

It comes with a note that says, "I am your Ouch Buddy. When something hurts, squeeze me."

The item's rather popular among the recipients.

"It started out as an item for children," Nuckels said. "We'd tell them the Ouch would go right through them and into the Buddy. But the concept caught on with the adults, and soon it

became a favorite for everyone."

Mary Lee Truitt of Temple attests to the value of a good Ouch Buddy. "It's good that my husband (John) has one," Mrs. Truitt said. "He's paralyzed on his left side, but he's starting to regain some strength. So to exercise his muscles, he started squeezing the doll. The doctor said it was a great thing for him."

The gift recipients aren't the only ones who benefit from Soft Touch Ministry. The people who make the items say they derive just as much joy.

"It's a worthwhile thing to do," Seals said. "It makes you feel good because you're doing something that gives comfort to people."

Carol Thompson and Kay Taliaferro agreed.

"It's a way I can be a part of Lifeline Chaplaincy," Thompson said. "This takes advantage of my talents and fits what I can do to help."

"And it's a good excuse to visit and have fun,"

Taliaferro said.

Nuckels is thrilled with the enthusiasm from the Soft Touch group at Belton Church of Christ.

This is the first year for Lifeline's services to be available for patients in Central Texas hospitals. The Houston-based Chaplaincy started on a volunteer basis in 1983 — but in the last 25 years, it has grown large enough to sustain professional staff and offices in Austin and Dallas.

Much of the Chaplaincy's success, Nuckels said, is result of the time and effort of people like Ms. Seals and her comrades. They've been making pillows since September.

"These ladies volunteer so much of their time," Nuckels said. "We've got five cities in Central Texas helping us with this project. It means a lot. People are overjoyed when we deliver the pillows. It makes a lot of smiles."



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Nelda Patton was recently honored as "Resident of the Month" at Coronado Healthcare Center in Pampa. A Pampa native, Patton raised her two children in Pampa. She and her husband were house parents for a children's home in Pampa a number of years ago. Mrs. Patton later worked as a bookkeeper for Engine Parts & Supply. She is president of the center's Resident's Council and is active in most center activities including current events, arts & crafts, food preparation class, bingo, senior fitness, Bible study and more. Patton taught art for approximately 15 years. Her favorite medium is oil painting. She belongs to Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ and has been a resident of the center for about two years. She has five grandchildren.

Owner of big cat who bit NJ Santa comes forward

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Santa Claus won't need rabies shots after all.

It turns out that a large kitty that drew blood after biting a volunteer Santa Claus at a charity event in New Jersey had been properly vaccinated.

The cat's owner,

Christine Haughey, came forward and produced vaccination records after learning that 47-year-old Jonathan Bebbington, the Santa, might have to receive the shots.

Bebbington says the cat bit his wrist and hand Sunday after becoming terrified

because dogs were nearby at the Santa Paws photo event for an animal-rescue group.

The 25-year-old Haughey left after the attack.

Haughey tells WMGM-TV that her cat Benny is a mix between a house cat and a bobcat.

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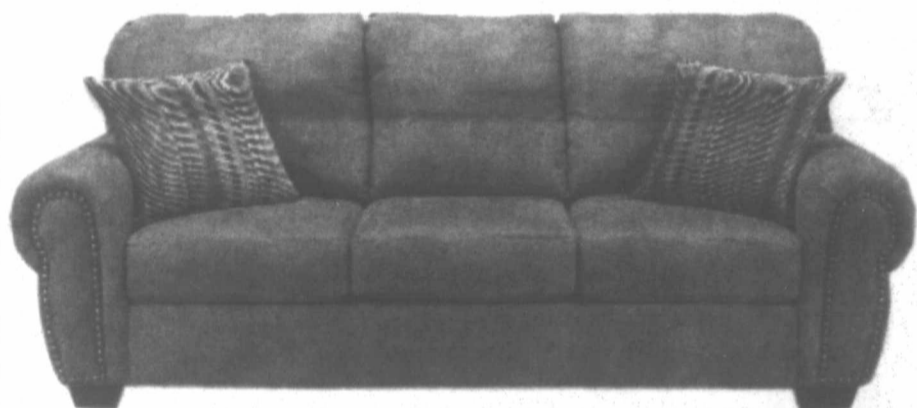


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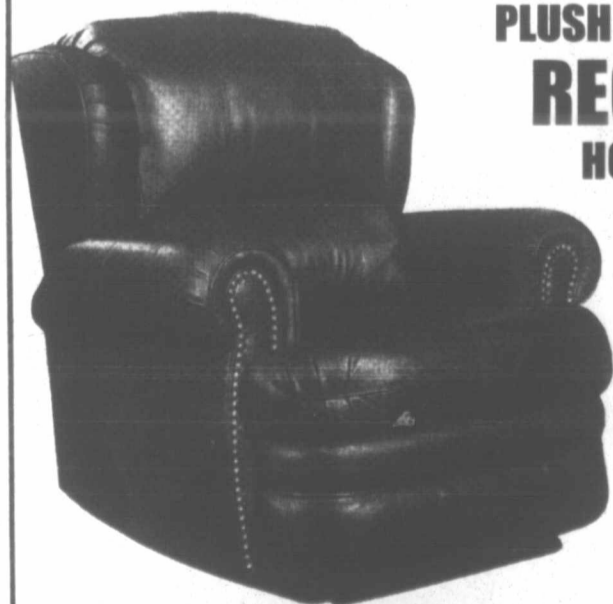


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Fire calls

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 12 a.m. Dec. 8 and 12 p.m. Dec. 9.

Monday, Dec. 8

1:39 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a call of unconscious/unresponsive in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

9:24 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2600 block of Seminole on a call for medical assistance.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

7:28 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to an elevator rescue in the 200 block of West Foster.

8:23 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Hobart and Florida streets. No injuries were reported.

9:33 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Price Road and Kentucky. No injuries were reported.

10:10 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident on Highway 60 East.

12:36 p.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to a chimney fire in the 2700 block of Beech Lane.

12:50 p.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to a downed power line at Gwendolyn and Zimmers.

Pampa events & opportunities

• Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa launched its annual Tree of Blessing program this month to benefit victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Client families are screened and submit "wish lists." Paper ornaments are made for each item requested and hung on the tree. Families are kept confidential. Persons interested in picking up an ornament and purchasing the item listed may contact Tralee. The deadline to return all items unwrapped to the office is Dec. 19. All ornaments must be returned even if an item is not provided so that organizers can purchase what was not purchased. For more information, contact Tralee Crisis Center at 669-1131.

• Lovett Memorial Library will host a free centerpiece/wreath-making class at 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at the library. For more information, contact the library at 669-5780.

• Memory Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum of Pampa will host its Sixth Annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum on the west side of the cemetery. The service is dedicated to those who are no longer living. For more information, call 665-8921.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough

(pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Dec. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

• The 26th Annual Benefit Bridal Show will be staged from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the Heritage Ball Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo by Bride's World. The event will include 100 merchants, continuous modeling of bridal wear, a silent auction and a grand prize giveaway. Tickets will be \$6 at the door or may be purchased in advance at www.bridesworld.com on the Internet.

• Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2x3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

• Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

Curry County jail mistakenly releases Texas prisoner

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — A warrant has been issued for a Texas man who was mistakenly released in September from the Curry County jail rather than being returned to Texas authorities to serve out a 12-year drug sentence.

Willie Windom, 46, was released Sept. 29 after charges against him were dismissed in district court in Clovis, interim jail administrator Audrey Barriga said.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark says Windom was serving a 12-year sentence in Texas and had been transported to Clovis to face rape and incest charges. He had been held in Texas since February 2007.

The TDCJ records and classification division discovered the mistake Tuesday during a routine audit and authorities immediately issued a warrant for Windom's arrest, Clark said.

"There certainly seems to be a lapse in communication here because he still has a sentence here in Texas that he must continue on," Clark said. "We'll be tak-

ing appropriate measures to get him back into our custody."

Barriga says Curry County jail administrators are trying to determine what led to Windom's release.

"An investigation is being conducted to see where the mistake happened so we can rectify that to make sure it doesn't happen again," she said. "We are looking into whether or not the paperwork to detain him was in his file."

When charges against an inmate are dismissed, detention officers run a check of the National Crime Information Centers database, which tracks active warrants, but not current incarceration status, Barriga said.

The Curry County jail has been beset by problems in recent months, including the escape of eight inmates, who stole a key to a plumbing closet, climbed pipes to the roof where they cut a hole to get out Aug. 24.

All but one of the escapees have been recaptured. Convicted killer Edward Salas, 24, remains at large.

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Oil field shacks, military barracks, college rooming houses, hotels catering to traveling salesmen, smoke-filled railroad cars or the outhouse - anywhere in Texas young men could be found, so could a copy of Captain Billy's Whiz Bang.

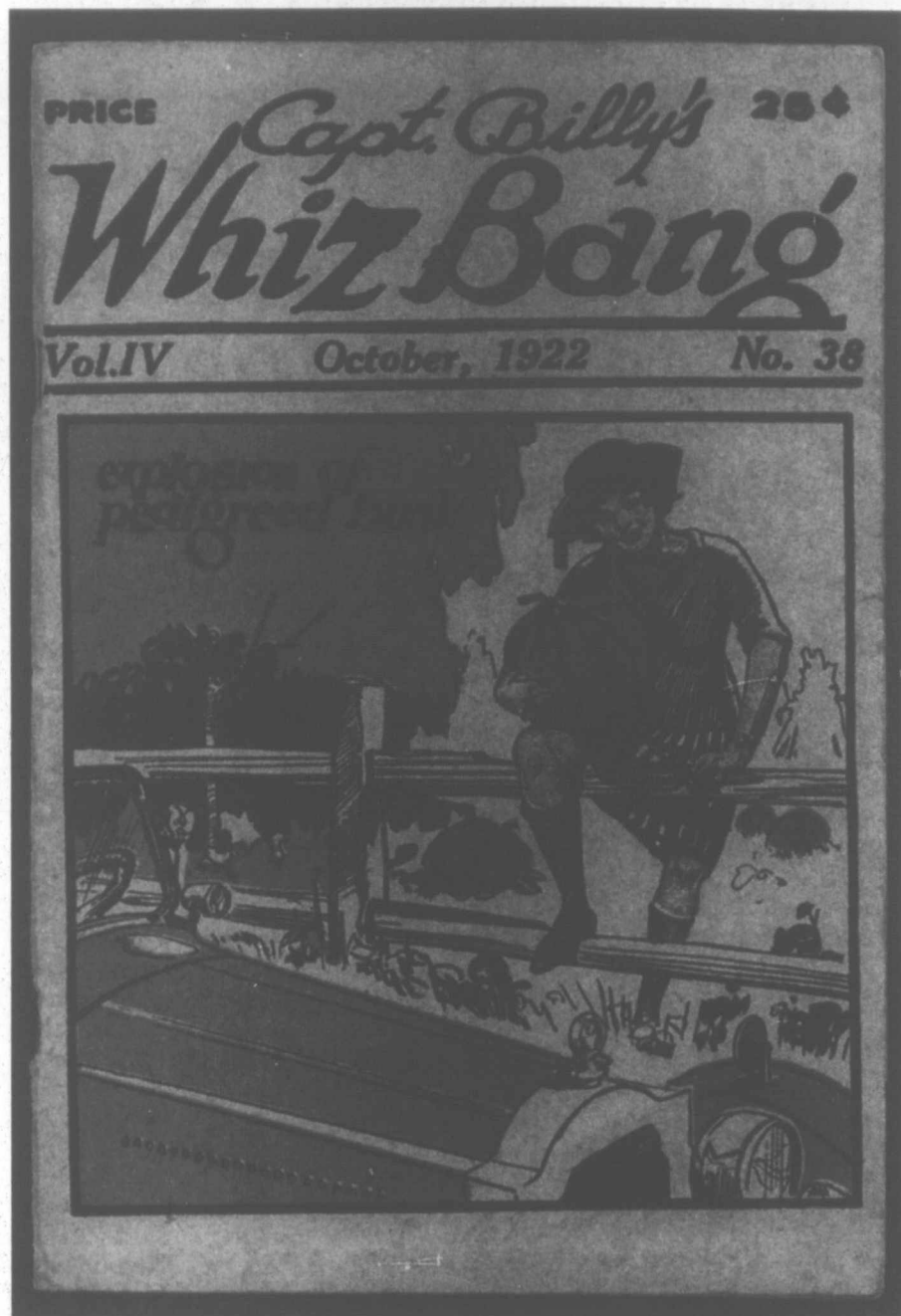
Virtually unknown today, in the 1920s and early '30s, the Reader's Digest-sized magazine was one of the most widely read publications in the United States. But the comparison to Reader's Digest ends with a similarity in dimensions.

Reader's Digest would become a proper mainstream publication but Captain Billy's Whiz Bang pushed the proverbial plain brown envelop - if it had come in one. No matter its masthead's assertion that it was "America's Magazine of Wit, Humor and Philosophy," it was more like a men's magazine sans cheesecake.

Given the times, of course, the Whiz Bang contained no harsh words or lurid prose. Still, with just the right arrangement of perfectly acceptable words, an article or anecdote could become one extended wink and nudge.

Each cover explained the publication's title by including the words, always in lower case, "explosion of pedigree bunk." The Doughboys who survived the War to End All Wars, the first of the 20th century's devastating Roman numeral wars, knew a Whiz Bang was a type of artillery shell. It whizzed through the air and went bang when it hit.

Captain Billy, aka Wilford H. Fawcett, had served in the military both



in the Spanish-American War and World War I, which is how he came up with the title.

Fawcett grew up in Robbinsdale, Minn. and so did his magazine. He started it in 1919 and by the early Roaring Twenties, it had spread just about "Everywhere!" as its back page always declared.

"Whiz Bang is on sale at all leading hotels, news stands...on trains...or may be ordered direct

from the publisher," the house ad explained. A single copy cost a quarter, 30 cents on a train.

With each issue rolling across the country as fast as a steaming locomotive, plenty of copies ended up in Texas. Clearly, Fawcett realized that.

In July 1921, the Whiz Bang published a drilling lingo-filled poem called "Shoo Fly, Oil Man!" that demonstrates Fawcett knew he had readers in the oil patch, which back then

lay largely in West Texas:

A horse-fly lit on the old cow's skin,

Hung his tools and spudded in.

Bowed his back and jiggered his pole

And all the time he was making a hole.

The cow browsed on, in her usual way,

Till the horse-fly's bit struck regular "pay."

Then she swung her tail with a vicious dig

And deftly skidded the horse-fly's rig.

Another issue has a joke whose principal character is someone named Panhandle Pete. While the boy-girl content of the Whiz Bang would be considered tame by today's standards, the concept of political correctness did not exist when Captain Billy bargained the Lone Star state with his monthly publication. Surviving issues are filled with material that would be career-enders for anyone printing or uttering them today.

Back then, however, few readers worried about racism, anti-Semitism, sexism or any other -ism with the exception of communism. On the other hand, the Whiz Bang's innuendo-filled jokes about flappers (young women with short hair and shorter skirts) and assorted male-female scenarios ranging from stolen kisses to stolen spouses came across as quit risqué in the day.

A typical issue included "Drippings From the Fawcett," assorted observations from the publisher, Hollywood gossip, jokes, a corny advice column called "Dear Capt. Billy," poems, puns ("What is the difference between a sewing machine and a kiss? One sews seams nice and the other seems sew nice"), and limericks. The Whiz Bang also had a strong editorial voice, one of its chief targets being prohibition.

One reader was a young Joe Austell Small, who grew up in Burleson County. He furtively devoured every copy of the Whiz Bang he could get his hands on, laughing at the jokes and ogling the cover drawings that usual-

ly showed some young lady's exposed knees.

And now, with due homage to Paul Harvey, here's "the rest of the story":

Fawcett went on to start other publications, eventually relocating to New York City. What started with Captain Billy's Whiz Bang exploded into Fawcett Publications, which grew into a publishing empire that lasted until its corporate absorption in 1977.

At its height, Fawcett published dozens of national magazines, including Women's Day and Mechanix Illustrated. The company also pioneered mass market paperbacks.

Part Two of the rest of the story is what one of Captain Billy's faithful readers went on to do. Inspired by Fawcett, "Hosstail" Small ventured into the writing-publishing world as well.

First he produced Southern Sportsman, a hunting and fishing magazine. He dropped that during World War II. After the war, Small returned to magazine publishing, getting out another outdoor magazine called Western Sportsman.

In 1953 he had the idea that made his fortune, launching True West Magazine, a hugely successful nationally circulated publication featuring true tales of the Old West.

Two years after the Fawcett brand disappeared from newsstands, Small sold his Austin-based publishing operation. Though it has had several owners since then, True West is still in business, a venture with a pedigree tracing to a Whiz Bang.



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14-year-old Houston boy set to graduate from college

By JEANNIE KEVER
Houston Chronicle
HOUSTON (AP) — David Levy was worried his classmates would stare when he walked into his first class at San Jacinto College three years ago. They didn't, even when his feet didn't quite reach the floor after he sat at a desk. At 11, David was the youngest student to enroll at the community college. Now 14, he will graduate this month with an associate degree in mathematics.

He already is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Houston, where he is a junior.

Younger students have become more common on community college campuses with the growth of programs offering both high school and college credit. The Guinness Book of Records lists Michael Kearney as the world's youngest college graduate; he graduated from the University of South Alabama in 1994 at the age of 10.

Even so, David Levy has been something special on the San Jacinto College south campus, where he attends classes. "The thing that is scary

is the speed at which he learns stuff," said Jim Meeks, chairman of the computer science and information technology department. "It's exciting."

But David, a tall, slim teen with braces and stylish glasses, shrugs off the accomplishment.

"I'm a hard worker," he said. "It's not like I'm anything special. If anyone has the same determination, they could do it, too."

Maybe. But David was never an average child.

His father, Bob Levy, an engineer who works on the space station, said he began teaching David to read at 3 1/2. By age 4, he was reading "Hamlet."

He worked math problems instead of watching TV.

When his mother, Susan Levy, began taking classes at San Jacinto College after her only child started elementary school, David was fascinated by her math homework.

"I asked her to teach me and then it got over her head, so she asked Dad to do it," he said.

By then, David, who skipped both kindergarten and fifth grade, was taking the most advanced

classes offered at Clear Lake Christian School.

Finally, he exhausted the curriculum there. Susan Levy approached Pam Campbell, one of her former professors.

Campbell, who now is dual credit director at the San Jacinto College south campus, had a colleague check with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to ensure the school could accept David as a student.

The state had no age restrictions. Next Campbell wanted to meet with David.

"My usual question to students that are young is to make sure they want to do this, that it's not their parents pushing them," she said.

David alleviated that concern, too.

"He was very curious. He was very driven," Campbell said. "He'd taken our trigonometry textbook and taught it to himself."

He plays basketball and hangs out with friends from his family's church, Evangelical Formosa Church in Clear Lake. He saw "Twilight" on its opening weekend. He recently changed the oil in his mom's car, and he loves to ski.

"It's not going to be all textbooks," Bob Levy said.

Susan Levy has spent the past three years driving David to class, first at the San Jacinto College campus and now to the UH central campus, as well.

But she long ago stopped ducking into the classroom to see how he was doing.

Now, students don't give David a second look as he walks across campus, and he says most don't know how old he is. He's part of the Gaming Guild at San Jacinto College's south campus, where students program and develop video games, as well as play them.

Ultimately, he hopes to attend graduate school and work in the space program, like his dad.

He's pretty quiet in class.

"For the first two semesters, I didn't speak up in class," he said. "I'm just a quiet kind of guy."

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Protesters disrupt state meeting

AUSTIN (AP) — Angered by reports of deaths and abuse of residents in Texas institutions

for the mentally disabled, more than a dozen activists disrupted an Austin meeting of the state agency that oversees the facilities to demand changes.

Chanting "Fifty-three murders on your watch," the group waved signs and shouted over attempts to restore order at

Wednesday's council meeting of the Department of Aging and Disability Services. After security arrived, the protesters agreed to leave after about 10 minutes instead of face arrest.

A federal Department of Justice report released this week found at least 53 patients in Texas' large

residential facilities died in 2007 from preventable conditions that were often the result of lapses in care.

It concluded that the Texas facilities violate residents' rights and called the number of injuries to patients "disturbingly high."

DPS trooper hurt during traffic stop near Bonham

BONHAM, Texas (AP) — A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper was injured Wednesday when she tried to prevent a woman wanted on outstanding warrants in Fannin County from leaving the scene of a traffic stop, authorities said.

Texas Rangers were searching for the woman Wednesday night. Trooper Carmen Barker was "home and resting" after she was "knocked to the ground," Trooper Mark Tackett, public information officer, told The Associated Press.

Tackett said Barker stopped a black pickup truck on a traffic violation Wednesday morning on State Highway 78 north of Bonham.

"A check of the driver's name and DOB turned up some outstanding warrants for her arrest," Tackett said. "She asked the violator to get out of the vehicle and the vehicle took off," Tackett said.

He emphasized that the vehicle did not strike Barker, the Sherman Herald Democrat reported Wednesday in its online edition.

Barker called for assistance and a Fannin county deputy took her to a hospital where she was treated and released, Tackett said.

The vehicle was later found next to a mobile home on a county road in north of Bonham.

Boyfriend gets 50 years in child's death

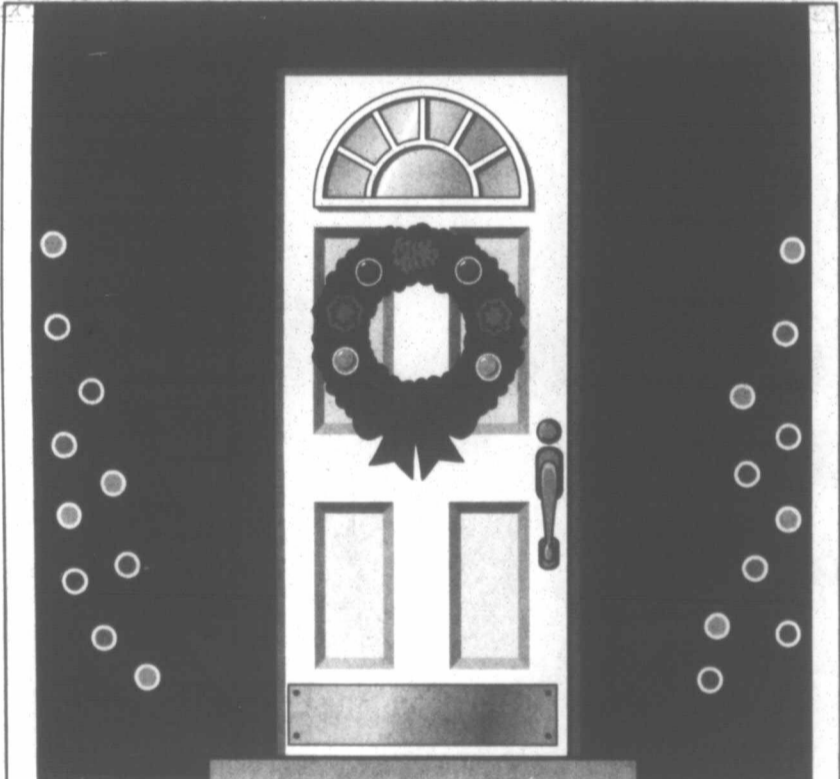
GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — A man who says he wanted to "hurt someone" has been sentenced to 50 years in prison over the death of his girlfriend's toddler.

The Williamson County district attorney's office says 28-year-old Timothy Moncebiaz pleaded guilty Wednesday to felony injury to a child.

The victim was 3-year-old Angelica Ubillus.

The Austin American-Statesman reports Moncebiaz, in court, said he swung the girl and let her go because he "just wanted to hurt someone." She hit her head on a tree.

Moncebiaz will not be eligible for parole for at least 25 years.



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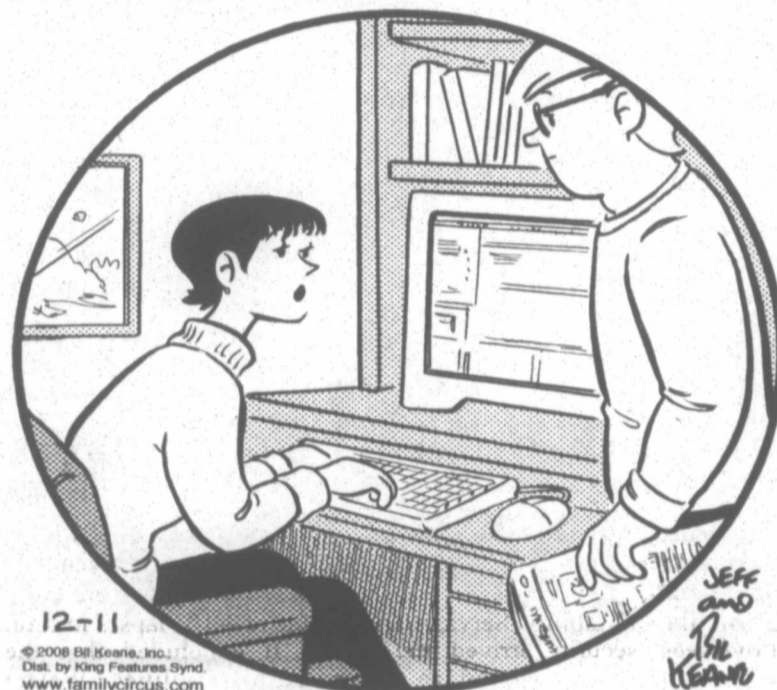
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"Okay, you can come in, but stay away from the thermostat."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

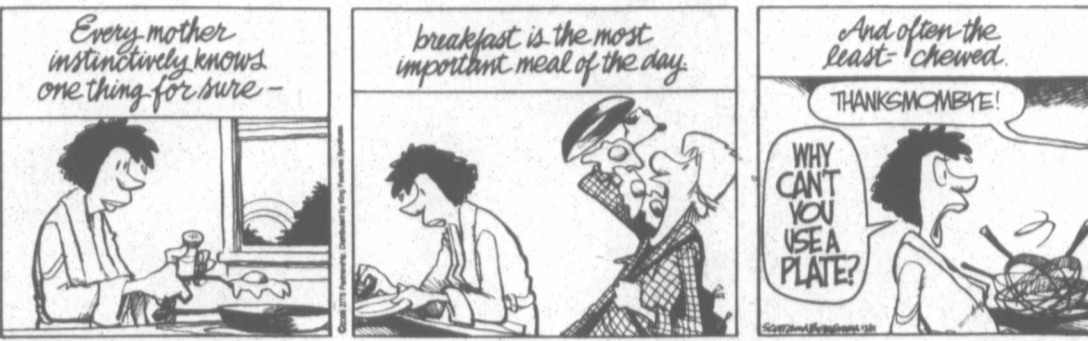


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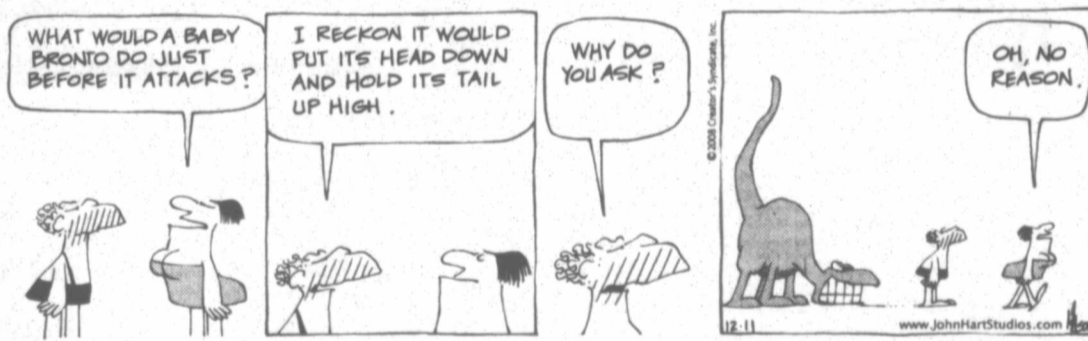
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 13 Pretentious
 - 14 Join together
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 - 16 Theater nosh
 - 18 Cotton fabric
 - 20 Purr producer
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 - 23 AFL affiliate
 - 24 Raw info
 - 26 1982 Disney movie
 - 28 Pea holder
 - 29 Old Italian coin
 - 31 They hold power
 - 32 Willow's cousin
 - 36 Teen star
 - 39 Yale rooster
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 - 41 "Alice" star
 - 43 Track events
 - 44 Tiny dot
 - 45 Furtive one
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 - Lanza
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 - 4 USO audience
 - 5 Highway exit
 - 6 Tina's TV co-star
 - 7 Casa-blanca setting
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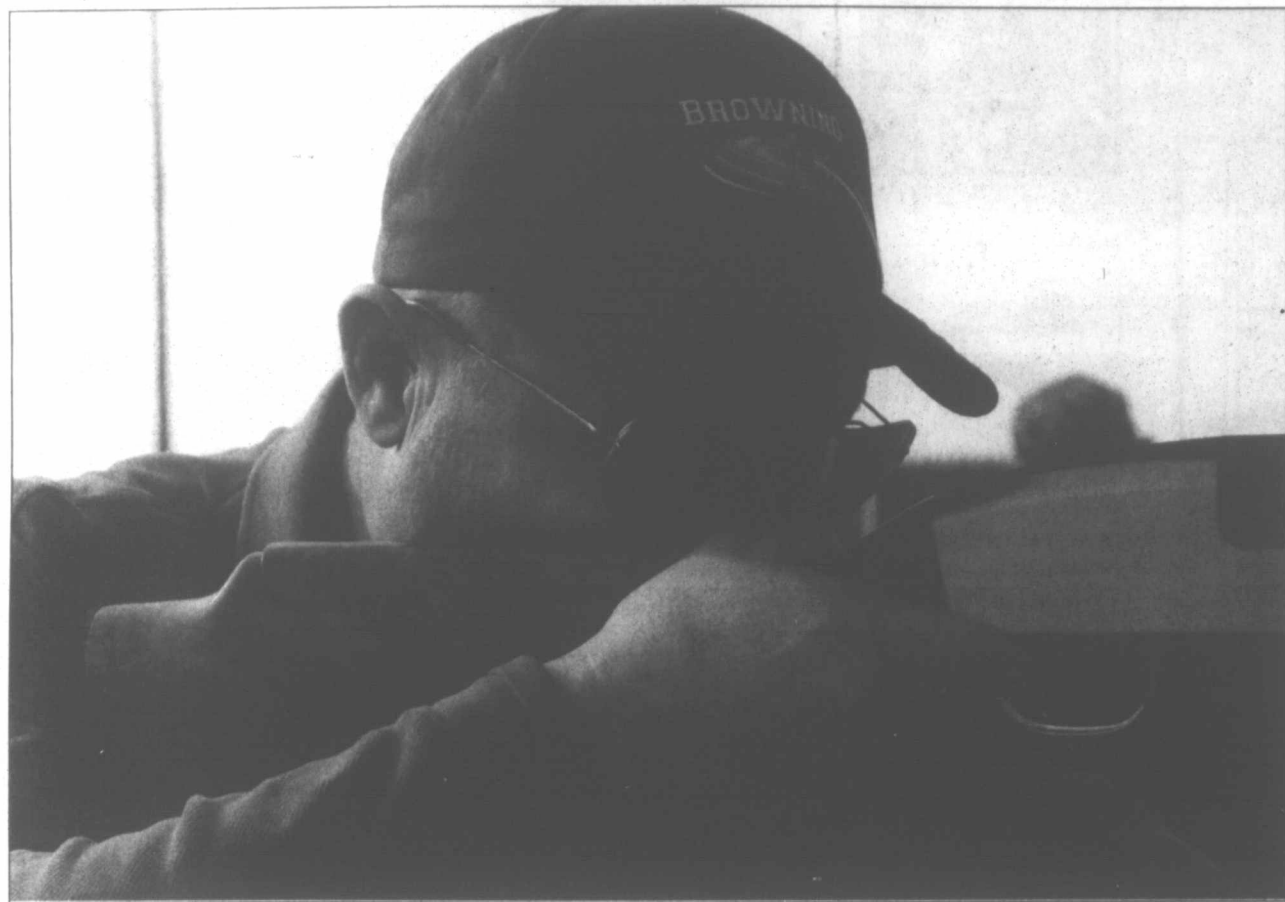
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Sports



staff photo by David Bowser

David Brogdin was out last Sunday shooting clay pigeons at the Pampa Trap and Skeet Club.

Pampa Trap and Skeet Club one of oldest recreation groups

by David Bowser
staff reporter

Each Sunday, the sound of gunfire can be heard near Recreation Park.

The prey, however, need have little fear, laughs Harvey Rochelle, a five-year member of the Pampa Trap and Skeet Club.

Located in an isolated corner of Recreation Park north of the softball diamonds, the Pampa Trap and Skeet Club is one of the oldest recreational clubs in the city.

It was founded right after World War II, said Robert Brogdin, one of the oldest members of the club.

"I've been a member 56 years," Brogdin said.

He said he first started shooting out here when he was 10 years old.

His younger brother, David Brogdin, said he grew up here amid the shotgun shells.

Robert Brogdin said the original equipment used to set up the club was all hand operated.

It came from the old Pampa Army Air Corps Base east of town.

Brogdin said the old buildings and equipment wore the signatures of people from New Jersey and California and other places from around the country that had come to Pampa to learn to fly bombers.

After the war, the air base was abandoned and the trap and skeet

equipment was moved and set up in one corner of what is now Recreation Park.

"It took four people to operate it then," he said. "Three to operate the equipment and one to shoot."

Now, it's all electronically operated. The range master can sit overlooking the field and with a push of a button launch the small round clay pigeons across the horizon in front of four men brandishing their shotguns.

Despite his self-deprecating remarks, Rochelle did better than average as the clay disks exploded in flight at the sound of his shotgun.

Tech's Harrell not invited to Heisman ceremony

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Tebow will go for two against a pair of talented quarterbacks from the Big 12 when the Heisman Trophy is handed out Saturday night. Sam Bradford from Oklahoma and Colt McCoy from Texas joined Tebow as Heisman finalists.

The last time all the Heisman finalists were quarterbacks was 2001, when Nebraska's Eric Crouch won the award and QBs held the first six spots.

Tebow, the rugged and multitalented junior from Florida, was the first

sophomore to win the Heisman last year and is trying to become the second player to win it twice.

Tebow's Gators will play Bradford and the Sooners in the BCS national championship game Jan. 8 in Miami.

Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell, who leads the nation with 4,747 passing yards, was surprisingly not invited to the ceremony, to be held at the Sports Museum of America in downtown New York for the first time.

Junior High basketball

submitted by Stefani Goldsmith

• 8th Grade A: beat Borger 32-20. Taylor Morgan lead the team with nine points and Claire Hopkins lead the team with 5 steals. Elizabeth Woody had seven points and four steals. Bailey Beck had four points and four steals. Rachel Jones had 6 points and six rebounds. Callie Brewer had 2 points and 6 rebounds.

• 8th Grade B: was defeated by Borger Tuesday night 20-25. Arcelia Torres lead the team with 11 points. Kelly Taylor lead the defensive side of the ball with 6 steals and 3 rebounds. Sanya Coutts and Jessica Kenney had 6 rebounds and 2 steals. We have made great progress and look forward to wins in the future.

• 7th Grade A: beat Borger 36-33 in overtime. Bailey Wichert lead the team with 21 points and had 7 rebounds and 5 steals. Krysten Miller lead the team with 8 steals and had 12 points. Alexa O'Brien and Kylee Metts each had 3 steals.

• 7th Grade B: beat Borger 23-12. Mattie Eldridge lead the team with 8 points and 6 steals. Kelly Silva had 4 points. Madison Joyce led the team with 5 rebounds and had 4 points.

Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 10. (Report also available on Web: www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 47 degrees; 27.59' low. Black bass are slow on black/blue jigs or live baits along tree lines. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on live baits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait along channels and rocky points. Walleye are fair on live bait and crankbaits. Catfish are good on minnows and prepared bait.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 46 degrees; 76.12' low. Black bass are slow on live baits worked around stickups and rocky points. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows and chrome jerkbaits. Smallmouth bass are slow on live baits. Walleye are fair on minnows and small crankbaits. Catfish are fair on live baits.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 46 degrees; 72.50' low. Black bass are slow on shad-colored crankbaits and minnows along rocky points. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on live bait and shad colored crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are good on live baits around rocky points. Walleye are fair on live baits. Channel catfish are fair on cut or live baits.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 43 degrees; 52.52' low. Black bass are slow on live baits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are slow on live baits. Walleye are fair. Channel catfish are fair on minnows.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 0.02' low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored spinnerbaits and black/chanteuse jigs or minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on live baits.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 5.96' low. Black bass are fair on chatter-

baits and slow running crankbaits off secondary points. Crappie are good on jigs fished deep off the derrick. White bass are fair while schooling chasing shad on the surface early and late in day. Blue Catfish are fair on juglines and fishing with cut shad or cheese bait on flats at 9-13 feet depth.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 55 degrees; 6.12' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 55 degrees; 0.52' low. Black bass are slow on live baits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair on prepared baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 2.57' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits along shallow stickups and timber. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass and hybrid striper are good on live baits and crankbaits. Catfish are good on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees. Black bass are slow on live baits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair on cut shad.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 2.10' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared baits.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 11.78' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs and live baits worked along points and drop-offs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live baits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live baits. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 58 degrees; 2.25' low. Black bass are fair along creek channels bends in 12-18 feet depth on brown jigs. Crappie are fair on small white-jigs worked along wood structures. White bass are fair on silver spoons along the river channel on the North end. Catfish are good on live shad, cut baits and liver in the Rock Creek area.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old man who has never been in a serious relationship until now. I have been seeing "Stephie" for eight months and think I may be in love with her. I have successfully managed to evade Stephie's questions about my past and got away with it until recently. She keeps asking me about the scars on my body. (I was physically abused by my parents when I was a child.) Regrettably, I lied to her about the nature of the scars. Stephie wants to be married and start a family, and so do I. She wants her kids to have a great dad, and I think I can be a very good parent. I would never do to my kids what was done to me. On the one hand, I want an open, honest relationship with her. On the other, I'm afraid if I

tell her the truth she will leave me, and I'll spiral into another five-year depression I may not be able to escape from.

My parents are both dead now, so I could continue to lie without Stephie ever knowing. But I get the feeling she doesn't entirely believe what I've been telling her. What should I do? -- SURVIVOR IN OHIO

DEAR SURVIVOR: Because you are discussing a future together, it's time to level with Stephie about everything. That you would not want to discuss this painful subject at the beginning of a relationship is understandable. But please do not continue the deception. You should also explain to Stephie about your period of clinical depression. If she's going to

marry you, she has a right to know your medical history. Yes, telling her may be risky. However, if she loves you, she will accept you just the way you are. And if she isn't up to the challenge, it's better to find out now before becoming any more involved.

P.S. If you feel that a breakup could trigger another round of depression, it is important that you talk to a therapist NOW.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not sure how to react to something a friend of mine recently told me. We have known "Lois" and her husband for more than 30 years. They no longer live in this city, but visit occasionally. When they do, we always invite them to stay in our home. On their last visit, Lois was talking about her only child, "Deidre," whom I have always liked. Lois, out of the blue, began chuckling and then told me that Deidre does a good imita-

tion of me. Lois sat there giggling for a few minutes, then said that Deidre sounded almost as much like me as I do. I made no comment. Frankly, I was taken aback that someone would do an imitation of me. I got the impression that Deidre has been doing my "act" for a while, and I found it disturbing. My husband says it's a form of flattery, but I think it's demeaning. I also think impersonating someone for the amusement of others -- especially if the person is not around -- is rude. What do you think? -- JOKE'S ON ME IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR J.O.M.: I think you should have asked your friend Lois to clarify her remark at the time she made it. But because you didn't, bring it up the next time you talk to her and let her explain what was so funny. Personally, I think such imitations are often a form of ridicule and are unkind.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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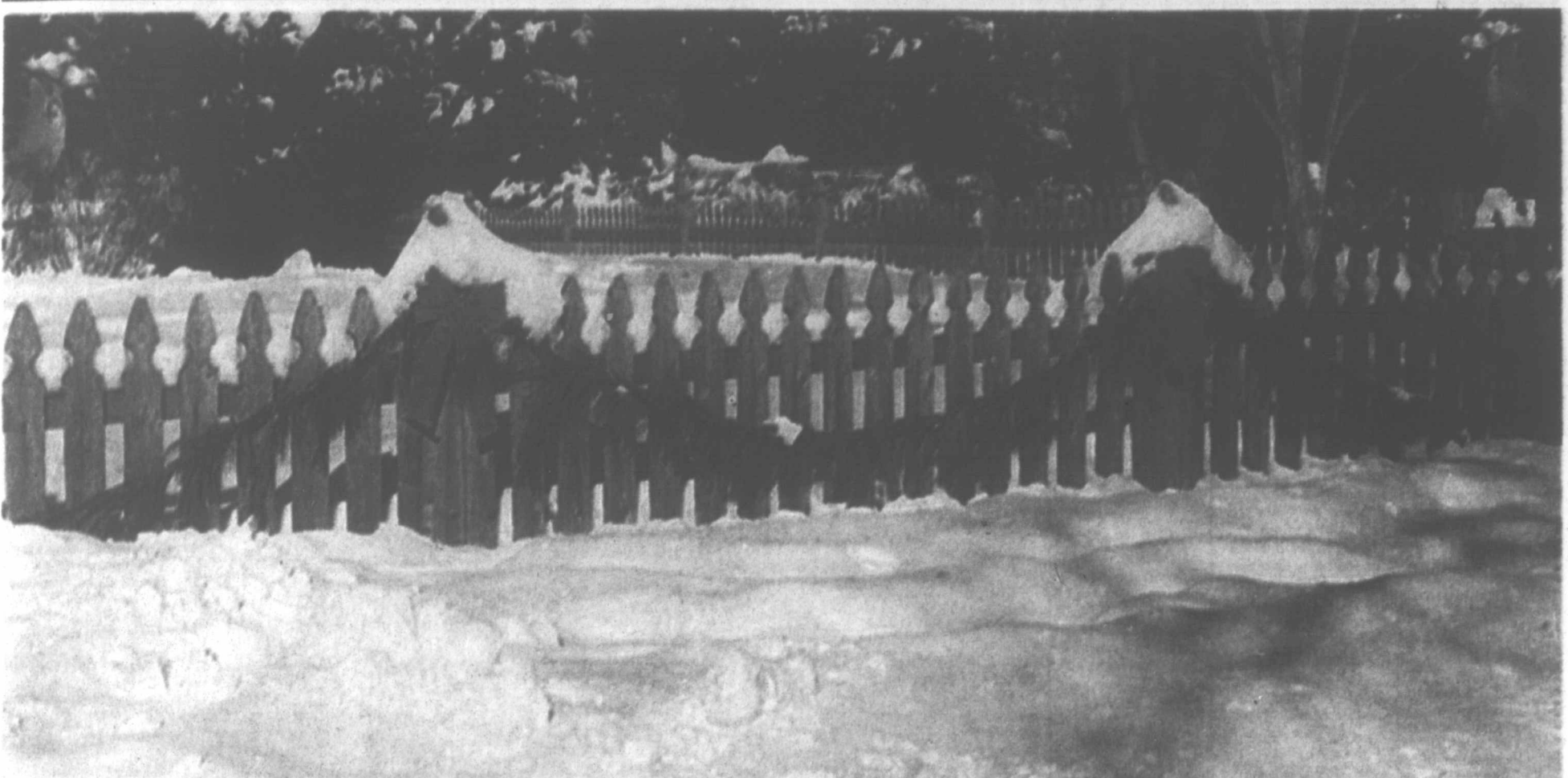
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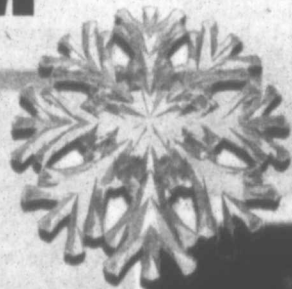
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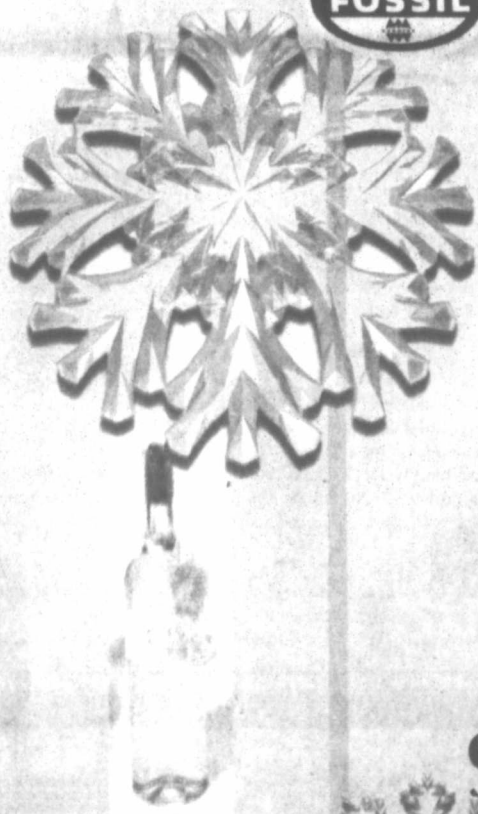


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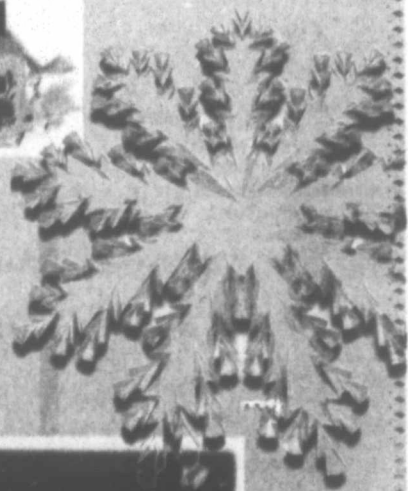
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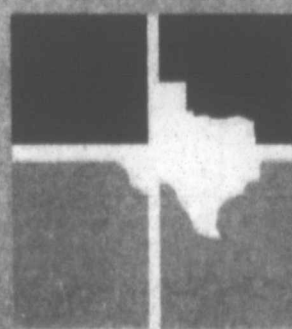
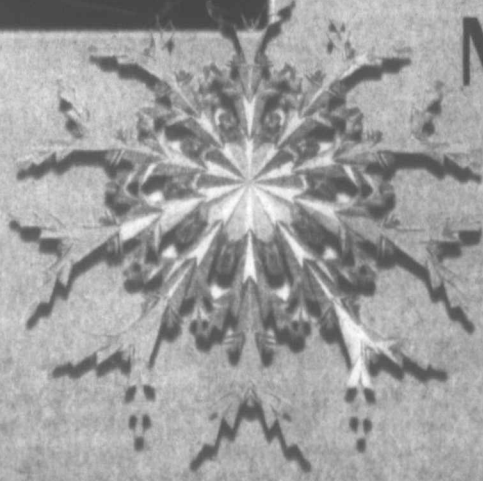


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