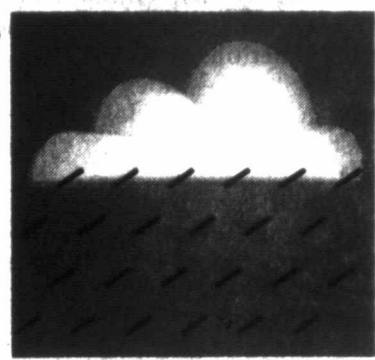


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PAMPA — Gray County commissioners will meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse to review county budget items and pay bills.

Commissioners will also discuss an alternative payout plan of Gray County Sheriff's Department comp-time.

Other agenda items include:
 • Chuck Thompson, representative of AIS Continental, to address court on latest road grader bids for Gray County.

• Request of sheriff's department to advertise for bids for cars.
 • Presentation from the sheriff's department concerning telephone service for the administrative offices and the jail.

• Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center request to release maturing securities.

• Transfer of airport hanger #47N from H.C.R. Aviation to David S. Wavra.

• Request from City of Pampa to sell delinquent tax property at 925 S. Sumner.

• Request of District Clerk Yvonne Moler to purchase a copy machine.

• Airport project.

• Holiday schedules.
 County commissioners' court sessions are open to the public.

By The Associated Press

One ticket bought in Sweetwater correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$50 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 13, 20, 21, 24, 41 and 45.

Matching five of six numbers were 292 tickets, winning \$1,923 each. Matching four of six numbers were 17,777, with a prize of \$114 each.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

DALLAS (AP) — Police found an 11-year-old girl Thursday who told police she ran away after her mother's boyfriend had improperly touched her.

Cecily Moore, last seen Tuesday playing in the courtyard of her northwest Dallas apartment complex, was taken in by police after her mother, Donna Harrison, brought the girl in from the cold.

Moore's mother's boyfriend was arrested on unrelated outstanding warrants, but police said he is a suspect in the sexual abuse allegation.

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Abortion clinic shooter Salvi dies in suicide

WALPOLE, Mass. (AP) — John C. Salvi III, who was convicted of killing two people in a shooting spree on two abortion clinics in 1994, killed himself in prison.

Ann Marie Salvi said she was told this morning that her son had died of asphyxiation. She said he had committed suicide, but didn't have details.

"I just found out at 6:30 this morning. It was too hard for me," Mrs. Salvi said by telephone from her Naples, Fla., home.

Salvi, 24, was found dead in his cell this morning, Department of Correction spokesman Anthony Carnevale said. He said Salvi's death was under investigation.

"It appears to be a suicide," Carnevale said. "It happened sometime overnight." He refused to give details.

Salvi was sentenced to two consecutive life terms March 18 after jurors rejected claims that he was insane and convicted him of murdering two receptionists and wounding five other people in the Dec. 30, 1994, rampage. It was the worst anti-abortion violence in U.S. history.

In July, he was transferred to the state's maximum security prison in Walpole, formally known as the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Cedar Junction.

Mrs. Salvi said she had told prison officials she believed her son was in danger of hurting himself.

"My young John is gone, but there are others who will suffer in prison instead of a mental hospital where they belong," she said.

Salvi was arrested the day after the killings when he fired at least 23 shots at a Norfolk, Va., abortion clinic.

Defense lawyers at the five-week trial said their client was a paranoid schizophrenic who envisioned himself a warrior fighting an anti-Roman-Catholic conspiracy led by the Mafia, Freemasons and the Ku Klux Klan.

But prosecutors argued that Salvi was in control of his senses and deliberately planned his crime. They noted Salvi prac-

ticed at a firing range the day before the killings, stocked up on 1,000 deadly hollow-point bullets and even cut his hair after the attack to disguise his appearance.

Salvi, an apprentice hairdresser, walked into the Planned Parenthood clinic in the Boston suburb of Brookline, pulled out a .22-caliber rifle and opened fire. Receptionist Shannon Lowney, 25, was killed and three others were wounded.

Then, he drove two miles to the Preterm Health Services clinic and opened fire again, killing receptionist Lee Ann Nichols, 38, and injuring two others.

"This is what you get! You should pray the rosary!" Salvi screamed as he shot Nichols, according to witnesses.

"I've always wondered what my daughter's last thoughts were when he killed her," Nichols' mother, Ruth Nichols, said today. "And I wonder what John Salvi's last thoughts were after bringing so much grief, pain and sorrow to so many people."

"He was a bad boy who grew up to be a bad man. God have mercy on his soul," she said from her home in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Richard Seron, a security guard who was wounded in an exchange of gunfire with Salvi at Preterm Health Services, said he bore little animosity toward Salvi, whom he described as "more like a rabid animal that lashes out because of the sickness."

First-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole. Massachusetts has no death penalty. He had faced the possibility of federal charges, which could have brought the death penalty, but prosecutors opted not to pursue a federal case.

Salvi was the third man to be convicted of murdering abortion clinic workers. Paul Hill was sentenced to death for killing a doctor and an escort in 1994 outside a clinic in Pensacola, Fla. Earlier that year, Michael Griffin was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a doctor outside another Pensacola clinic in 1993.

A Family Christmas



Malcolm Hinkle Inc. 1925 N. Hobart, has created "A Family Christmas" display for the holiday season at its office. Sitting beside the house are, from left, "Grandma" Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey with her grandson, Zed Richards, son of Mary Ann Richards, and "Grandma" Heidi Phelps with her granddaughter, Dakota Watson, daughter of Maxine and Benny Watson. The Christmas house was made out of cardboard and then painted and decorated by family members. The store's front window will be decorated as a small city in one half, with the other half featuring a Nativity scene in woodcut arts.

Small town residents share big Lotto pot

ROBY, Texas (AP) — A little news goes a long way in this West Texas cotton farming community.

Imagine the effect of word that 43 of the town's 600 residents will share a \$50 million Lotto Texas jackpot.

"Talk about Thanksgiving!" Mayor Cecil King told *The Dallas Morning News*. "We've really had it here today."

Confirmation won't come until today, when the Texas Lottery Commission sorts through its computer records to pinpoint the store where Wednesday night's \$50 million Lotto Texas ticket was sold.

But a group of 43 relatives and friends in Roby weren't waiting to give thanks on a very special Thanksgiving Day.

If their ticket is confirmed, the group, headed by Peggy Dickson, will split the biggest Lotto Texas jackpot of the year to date.

She told the *Abilene Reporter-News* she was at the Terry Cotton Gin, where she is a bookkeeper, and mentioned to her cousin

Vernon Terry that "we ought to all pitch in and get a pool going like they did in Snyder."

On June 5, 19 employees of B.J. Services Inc. in Snyder split half of a \$35 million jackpot. A ticket purchased in San Antonio took the other half of the pot.

But this pot belongs solely to the Roby Gang, 21 of whom are Terrys or their relatives.

Mrs. Dickson said she asked people who came into the gin office if they wanted to pitch in \$10 each to buy Quik Picks for the Wednesday night drawing.

Mrs. Dickson had a Wednesday dental appointment in Sweetwater, about 20 miles south of Roby, so she decided to buy the tickets there at the Longhorn Liquor store, which she said has a reputation for selling winning tickets.

When she arrived with \$430, store owner Jim Carson chipped in \$10 of his own and tossed in another 10 tickets for free, for a total of 450 Quik Picks. Carson will get not only his share but also a 1 percent bonus — about

\$500,000 — because his store sold the winning ticket.

The jackpot couldn't have come at a better time for the farming town, about 45 miles northwest of Abilene.

The surrounding rolling prairie and the cotton that grows there has been hit hard by the drought of the past year. A freeze last Sunday threatened even more damage to Fisher County's most valuable crop.

Cotton is Roby's lifeblood, said Gene Terry, 61, part-owner of the gin and among those who will share in the jackpot. He said many of those in the lottery pool were on the verge of quitting farming.

"These are people who really deserved this," Terry said. "Almost everybody in this was either a farmer or a rancher. And most of the employees of the cotton gin were in on it, too."

Said Mrs. Dickson, 48: "I think that it is just so much hard times. People are like, 'Why not take the chance?' We are just grasping at straws right now."

Texans mark Thanksgiving with unique celebrations

By MADELINE BARO
 Associated Press Writer

Texans found unique ways to say thanks on Thanksgiving Day — everything from making dinner for thousands to special deliveries in the rain.

In the farming community of Pep, Texas, they had plenty of turkey, but they had even more German sausage.

The town of 100 people hosted its 51st annual Thanksgiving festival on Thursday, with 5,800 pounds of German sausage, 50 pounds of breakfast sausage, 700 pounds of turkey and 145 pounds of turkey breast for the 1,000 or so people they expected to show up.

Why so much sausage? Well, Pep, which is about 43 miles northwest of Lubbock and has a post office, a gas station, a church, a parish hall and an alternative school, is known for it.

"People come from all areas to buy our sausage," said Marcy Demel, one of the principal organizers.

They weren't worried about leftovers, either.

"Sometimes we've got a little left over, but it's all gone before Christmas," Demel said.

But Pep's meat supply was

outweighed by The 17th annual Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner.

Chefs began cooking about 150 or more turkeys a day beginning Monday to prepare for the event which fed about 20,000 people at the San Antonio Convention Center.

The only thing lacking at the event was its founder — Raul Jimenez.

Every year, the restaurateur wears his trademark blue costume and oversized chef's hat to the dinner for the homeless and elderly, greeting crowds and dancing to mariachi music. This year, however, ill health kept him at home.

Patricia Jimenez said her father kept up with Thanksgiving Day preparations.

"He came to all 16," she told the San Antonio Express-News. "He can recall the emotion and joy. Though he may not be here physically, he'll be here in spirit."

If anyone knows about serving large groups of people, it's the Salvation Army. In Dallas, at the Carr P. Collins Social Service Center, more than 800 people had showed up for Thanksgiving dinner by early afternoon.

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Thanksgiving gift bags



Employees and nursing assistants of Agape Health Services are shown with gift bags of Thanksgiving foods and traditional trimmings, ready for delivery, after returning from a shopping adventure and packaging the foods for eight or more home-bound patients and other needy individuals. The Agape Assistance and Management Services is a non-profit organization operated by executive directors Chuck and Charlotte Hall. Services include health care, medications, food, utilities and other needed assistance for those who are unable to provide for themselves, according to the Halls. Donations may be mailed to the organization at P.O. Box 2397, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Pampa man has old building connected to Fort Elliott history

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Lonnie Goodner is 84 years old, but chooses not to be "that old," which is his incentive to move on to other jobs.

He isn't just sitting on a front porch patting his foot and gazing into space. In June 1995, he purchased 107 acres one and half miles west of Mobeetie, and he is refurbishing the old farm home that sits on a hill overlooking his land.

And, to make room for a new barn, he wants to give away a building he believes was once part of the old Fort Elliott Army Post.

According to history, Old Mobeetie was the first town in the Panhandle, developed from the 1875 buffalo hunters' camp known as Hidetown. During the same year, the nearby army post, Fort Elliott, was established.

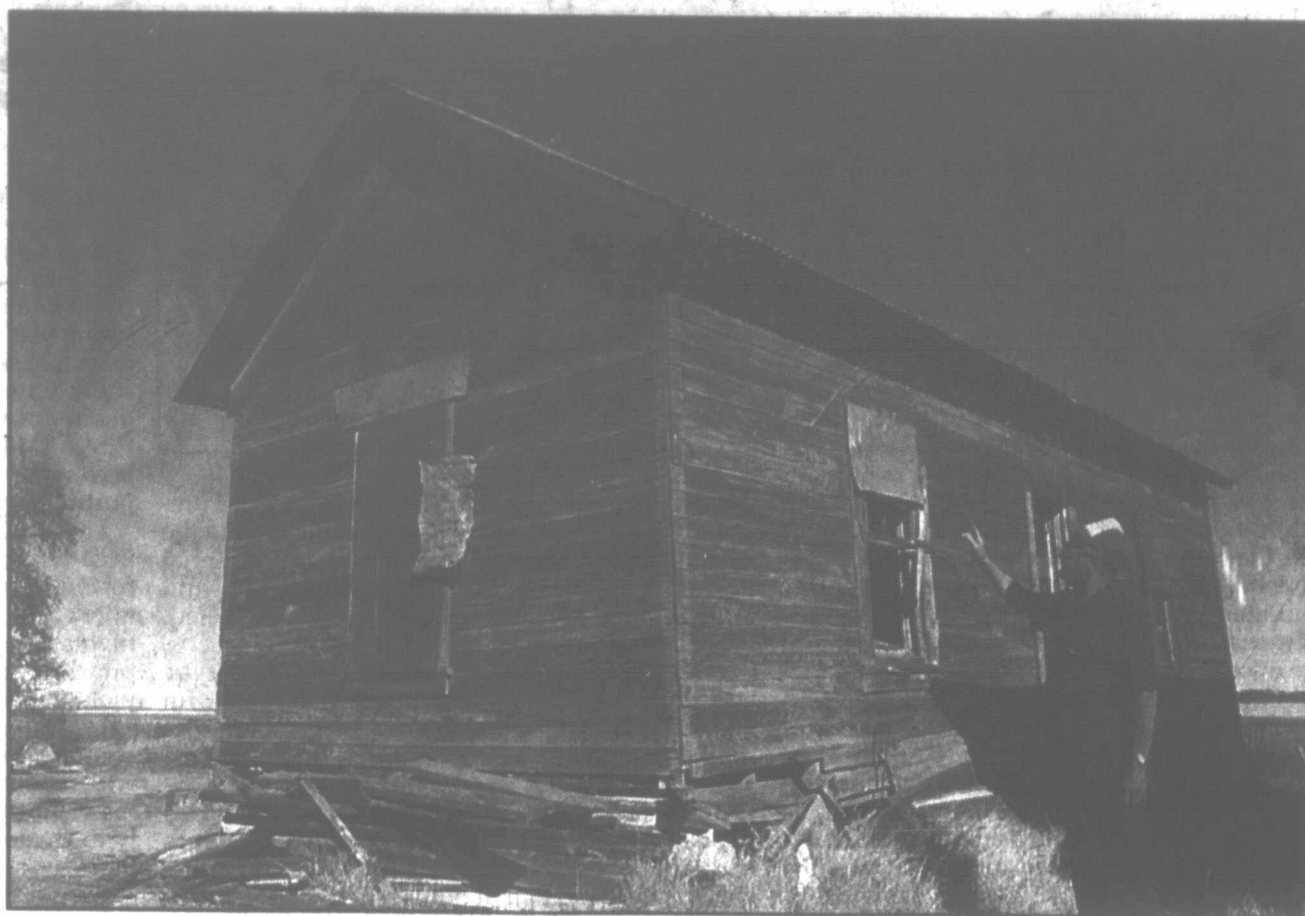
A particular building Goodner has standing on his farm site is believed to be an old officers quarters, moved from the original site of Fort Elliott. The two-room building is not placed on a permanent foundation, and even though it was moved there many years ago, Goodner thinks it can be picked up and moved again.

"There's good, strong lumber in that building, and it could be moved intact if the right people handle it," he said.

Mobeetie was also known as Sweetwater, since it was located near the Sweetwater Creek, but the post served as headquarters for the area, having a post office and telegraph station and being the stop for the daily stage, except Sundays, from Miami, 19 miles distant. Miami was also the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway station point to Fort Reno and Fort Sill and into Oklahoma Territory, around 1887.

But the railroad bypassed the town, eventually causing businesses to fail and settlers to move on. By Aug. 12, 1890, the Secretary of War ordered full abandonment of the post and evacuation began in October. By the President's order, dated Oct. 2, 1890, Fort Elliott was abandoned and troops completely withdrawn by Oct. 21, 1890.

The fort buildings were auctioned off on March 20, 1900, for a total collection of \$2,348. Goodner believes that is the reason the older building is on his land.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Lonnie Goodner points to framework on an old building he believes was moved to the farm from the Fort Elliott Army Post when the government ordered the buildings auctioned off in 1890.

However, according to Louise Hogan, historian and treasurer for the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum board, based on materials the museum board has of record, "... the building does not meet the original legal inventory descriptions of the old fort buildings, as to construction style."

She said according to photographs and descriptive architectural records, the frame buildings were constructed with the outside walls set perpendicular to the frame work, whereas the Goodner building is constructed with the outside boards placed parallel to the frame.

But, according to another descriptive list of government properties provided on Fort Elliott, Hogan says there is a description that fits the old farm building, taken from Fort Elliott residential files of the Texas Archives.

"Possibly the building in question is described as Post Quartermaster Sergeant's quarters, frame, one story, 36 by 16 feet, with wing 14 by 22 feet; porch seven feet wide in front," and Mr. Goodner's building is about the same size," she said.

The present building might have been reconstructed from original wood and effects taken from Fort Elliott buildings, because lab examinations have determined samplings of wood and paint taken from the old structure match with other samplings of the original fort materials that were torn down and then hauled away from the fort in 1890, after the government held its auction, according to Hogan.

Regardless of which is true, Goodner wants to give the building to an organization or someone who will take it and restore it for its historical value. Once someone accepts his offer, the new owner must take responsibility to remove the building in a careful manner, and not dismantle it.

Goodner is retired twice - first from Phillips Petroleum Company in 1973, and again in 1988 after 15 years developing residential acreage and building homes in Walnut Creek. When he goes to his farm, his desire to build remains strong. Taking on the task of putting new life into an old farm is a challenge he appreciates.

"There are a lot of jobs here waiting for me every day," said Goodner, who loves his new "job" and everything about the country - the fresh air, the clear, cool well water to drink, the blue skies (even the cloudy skies), and the sounds of the birds and other wildlife bustling about, unseen in the fields beyond.

Every day he discovers unusual reminders of the past, and when visiting the old-timers he learns bits and pieces of the past. Part truths and part imagination from local story-tellers weave interesting tales of what might have happened, once upon a time.

"If these old buildings could talk, ... or if this old land could [talk], just think of all the memories it holds," Goodner said.

Among the hidden truths, several yards behind the old fort building appears to be a small graveyard, overgrown with grass, enclosed by metal fencing and barbed wire in a cluster of trees.

"The old-timers believe the grave holds the remains of a woman whose family traveled across the land," he said.

'If these old buildings could talk, ... or if this old land could [talk], just think of all the memories it holds,' Goodner said.

Other remnants of recent yesteryear, from the late 1930s, is the outhouse built by World War II-WPA crews, probably placed on the site at the same time the farmhouse was moved in.

And, history again reared its head recently when a buried box was uncovered after cleaning up debris from a burned building. Perhaps soldiers may have used the site as a rest stop and buried supplies to protect them from thieves or Indians.

"I found what appears to be in an 18-inch square container, ... old carbide 'flashlight' fuses that

were probably buried for safe keeping," he said.

Goodner says the pieces of carbide cells appear untouched and probably never had been unpacked from the factory container; they could be almost 100 years old.

In the meantime, he continues to work his farm project, picking up particles of the past and putting a puzzle together to make a good story.

He would like to hear from anyone interested in the old fort building, and can be called at home at (806) 826-3427.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Lonnie Goodner points out the outline of an 18-inch square box of carbide lighting-fuses he found buried under a burned building. He believes they were used by army personnel or early settlers in the area in the late 1800s, buried on the farm for safe keeping from thieves or Indians.

SWCD taking orders for trees

The conservation tree program is underway in Gray County, designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost to landowners.

According to information provided by Shonda Meadows, district secretary of Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District #125, orders are now being accepted in her office.

Planting the trees in rural areas helps control erosion and enhances wildlife, as well as providing a method to protect cropland, feedlots and buildings.

The district office is offering several species of seedlings, including potted conifers - Afghan pine, Austrian pine, Ponderosa pine, eastern red cedar, Rocky Mountain juniper, Colorado blue spruce, Scotch pine and pinon pine.

Several species of bareroot hardwoods are available, including aromatic sumac, bur oak, catalpa, desert willow, green ash,

hackberry, honeylocust, honeysuckle, mulberry, Nanking cherry, osage orange, Russian olive, Shumard oak, ash, caragana, cotoneaster, European sage, golden willow, hybrid cottonwood, lacebark elm, lilac, Lombardy poplar, native plum, sand cherry, Siberian elm and flameleaf sumac.

Wildlife packets will be available, which include 25 seedlings each of four different species designed to enhance quail and pheasant, turkey, deer and squirrel population.

"It is important to place orders as soon as possible; however, the trees will not be received at the district office until around the 20th of March," said Meadows, who can be called at (806) 665-1751 for more information.

Order forms may be picked up at the Gray County SWCD office, located in the courthouse annex building on East Frederic (Hwy. 60).

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Polo shirt bank bandit's father, acquaintances express shock

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — Family and friends had always seen William Frank Guess as an athlete, businessman, leader and neighbor.

The words "bank robber" never came to mind.

Guess, 46, was in critical but stable condition at Hermann Hospital in Houston today with a self-inflicted bullet wound in his head. Doctors were optimistic he would survive.

Authorities say Guess shot himself in the head after robbing a Houston-area bank Wednesday and being surrounded by Harris County sheriff's deputies following a chase.

But even as he lay in his hospital bed, suspected of being the dapper "Polo Shirt Bandit" whom police say robbed nearly 40 banks, those who thought they knew him struggled with their shock.

"I have no idea why he did what he did," said his father, Robert Guess, a retired city of Temple utilities director. "He didn't live high on the hog. It was a shock to all of us."

In an interview with the *Houston Chronicle*, the elder Guess said: "He'd never been in trouble. He'd always been a good boy. If you knew the guy, there ain't no way you would think he would be doing this. No way."

Police say the Polo Shirt Bandit robbed nearly 40 banks, mostly in the Houston area, during the past seven years.

William Frank Guess was a 1969 graduate of Temple High School and was the school's captain of the basketball and golf teams that year.

He became a Temple-area car dealer who lived in the nearby community of Oenaville with his wife, his former high school sweetheart, and three sons.

"He was a class leader," a former Temple High School classmate told the *Temple Daily Telegram* on the condition of anonymity. "He was a very intelligent, very articulate member of our class. Williams Guess was a very fine football player."

However, another unidentified classmate told the newspaper: "William was kind of a wild man. He lived on the edge, but at the same time he had a very calm demeanor."

However, neighbor Barry Moeller suspected Guess had faced problems since losing his Temple used-car dealership about three years ago.

"He wasn't real friendly," he told the *Daily Telegram*.

Robert Guess said his son gambled, but he did not know to what extent or whether it played any role in his robbery spree.

"You never knew a whole lot about what he did or his business because he never would tell you," the father told the *Chronicle*.

William Guess is suspected of robbing at least 38 banks since 1989, lately robbing banks in the Houston area about every 50 days. His only previous criminal history were two convictions for drunken driving.

Celebration of Lights work



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

TDCJ-Jordan Unit inmate trustees working on final projects to have ready for the Celebration of Lights cover metal-art designs with miniature lights. Other workers busily paint wood characters and directional signs to be installed at Recreation Park after Thanksgiving weekend. Approximately nine men were assigned the Christmas project this year, and have worked approximately eight hours a day, five days a week since Nov. 1. The men responsible for finishing up this year's projects, under supervision of local artists, include Joe Walsler, Joe Hughes, Robert Black, Michael Smith, Tomas Flores, Paul Michael Rivera, Jose Arturo Vergara, Melvin Coleman and Victor Lopez.

Pentagon launches new strategy, budget review to mold military for coming century

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has begun a huge review of its long-term defense strategies and spending priorities, and it's destined to be a bloody battle.

The study could mold the military into a totally new type of force designed to take on far different challenges in the next century, its supporters hope. But some defense analysts fear the Pentagon will propose just a smaller, scaled-down version of its Cold War self instead of ordering revolutionary changes and difficult budget choices.

The undertaking "will shape the course of American security well into the new millennium," predicted the Pentagon's No. 2 man, Deputy Defense Secretary John White.

White, in a recent speech announcing the effort, said the process will examine every aspect of defense, "what we do, why we do it, how we do it and how we pay for it. ... The goal is not to rationalize and protect what we have now. The goal is to visualize and pursue what we will need tomorrow."

The study, which is conducted every four years and called the Quadrennial Defense Review, will take the form of a report to Congress and President Clinton. Scheduled to be completed in May, it will affect budgets and personnel decisions well into the next century.

The need is clear since the administration's long term budgets don't pay for even the scaled-down military that has

emerged since the 1993 "Bottom Up Review" conducted by former Defense Secretary Les Aspin.

Aspin's plan slashed Army divisions from 14 to 10, cut Navy ships from 450 to about 320, and reduced Air Force active and reserve fighter wings from 28 to 20. Over the years, the number of active duty men and women in uniform shrank from 1.7 million to 1.4 million.

Many defense observers in and out of government have questioned whether today's pared-back military can meet the requirement to fight and win two far-flung major conflicts at nearly the same time.

"There is a growing concern that you can't sustain the forces required under the Bottom Up Review," said Andrew Krepevech, head of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and a specialist on Pentagon spending.

Meanwhile, the administration has decided to move ahead with — but delay payments for — some high-tech weapons: the Air Force's F-22 stealth fighter to replace the F-15; the Navy's Superhornet, a new version of its F/A-18; and the Marine Corps' V-22 tilt-rotor to replace its aging CH-46 choppers.

Also on the drawing boards are a new attack submarine, a new Army helicopter and a Joint Strike Fighter that is supposed to serve the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

This, Krepevech says, results in "a mismatch" of some \$60 billion a year between planned bud-

gets and costs projected for the time when many of those weapons systems reach their full-production stages.

And with only shrinking budgets in sight, each of the services must scramble to defend what they think they need to do their jobs — jobs that are certain to change as terrorism, regional disputes and computerized warfare affect conflicts years hence.

"The idea really is to encourage the Pentagon to think 'out-of-the-box' and take a really fresh look at the future, and not just tweak the Bottom Up Review," Krepevech said of the new strategy review.

More than 40,000 ballots thrown out due to voter confusion, paper reports

FORT WORTH (AP) — Voter confusion caused more than 40,000 ballots cast in Dallas- and Houston-area congressional races to be thrown out, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported.

More than 13,000 votes for Congress in Dallas County and nearly 30,000 in the Houston area were wasted because voters bewildered by special election procedures picked two candidates for the same office, the newspaper reported Thursday, citing election records.

More than 10,000 votes — one of every dozen ballots — were thrown out in the 30th Congressional District congressional race won by Democratic incumbent Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas because people voted twice, Dallas election records show.

"It's disappointing to think someone thought they were voting correctly and then had their vote not count," said Dallas County elections administrator Bruce Sherbet.

The special elections, ordered by a federal court, allowed more than one candidate from a particular party to run for the same congressional seat. In some districts, as many as half a dozen candidates or more were listed.

Many voters became confused and picked two or more candidates for the same congressional seat, Sherbet said.

"Where you saw it happen the most was where you had a party with more than one candidate in the race, such as two Democrats," Sherbet said.

Several thousand votes were also voided because of multiple voting in five other North Texas congressional races, including 2,193 votes in the 24th Congressional District race won by Democratic incumbent Martin Frost of Dallas.

Despite publicity efforts, election officials said, fears of voter confusion were realized.

Beverly Clark, a Harris County congressional candidate who missed a runoff against Democratic incumbent Ken Bentsen Jr. by 200 votes, is challenging the result in federal court. The challenge is based largely on a separate voting problem reported recently, in which thousands did not vote for congressional candidates, officials said.

Not enough Dallas County ballots were voided to cause a similar challenge, Sherbet said. Although 10,449 votes were thrown out in Johnson's race because people voted twice, she beat her closest challenger in a nine-candidate field by 41,000 votes.

Because of the special election, congressional races were listed separately. Voters casting straight-party ballots were required to vote separately for Congress.

But many voters mistakenly thought a straight-party vote included all races, as it usually does, and did not vote separately for Congress, officials said. More than 100,000 voters in Tarrant and Dallas counties did not vote for congressional candidates, officials said.

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Signing a petition to keep the JA Ranch herd of buffalo in the Texas Panhandle are, from left, senior Bart Wyatt of Lipscomb, Student Senate president at West Texas A&M University; senior Myra Stanford of McKinney; and sophomore Dan Driver of Childress, chair of the Campus Affairs Committee.

WT mascot heads up buffalo drive

CANYON — Col. Charles Goodnight made history with his cattle drives. West Texas A&M University's buffalo mascot, Thunder VI (nicknamed Sadee, pronounced SAY dee), hopes to save a piece of history with her petition drive.

That piece of history is the Goodnight Herd, kinsmen of WTAMU's first mascot, Charlie, who was purchased from and named for the colonel in 1922. The herd has been wandering the JA Ranch near Quitaque, but now, according to ranch and state officials, it's time for the herd to move on to greener pastures.

Their new stomping grounds may be JA Ranch neighbor Caprock Canyons State Park — or a state park outside the Texas Panhandle. State officials are expected to make a decision within the month.

"It would be a shame to relocate the buffalo outside the Texas Panhandle," said Dr. Garry Nall, WTAMU professor of history of Panhandle-Plains Historical Society board member. "This is their natural habitat, and the buffalo have been part of the history of this region for centuries."

Woman granted new trial continues to wait in prison

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Susie Mowbray celebrated Thanksgiving Day the same way she has for the last eight years: eating turkey and dressing with her fellow inmates inside the Gatesville state women's prison.

She once thought she would be spending the holiday with her family; she thought she would have much more to be thankful for.

It was a year ago Saturday that a judge recommended Mrs. Mowbray's conviction be set aside and she be granted a new trial on a charge of killing her husband.

The ruling, based on new evidence that the state's blood-spatter expert gave scientifically invalid testimony during trial, was forwarded to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Dec. 5 for a final decision.

At the time, Mowbray and her son — a 25-year-old law student who has worked almost four years trying to prove his moth-

Representatives from the WTAMU Student Senate and various other student organizations will staff a table and collect signatures between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, and Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons Area.

Petitions are also available now through Dec. 4 in the Office of Communication Services, Old Main 238, and the Office of Student Services, JBK 116, on the WTAMU campus in Canyon.

Other petitions are at West Texas Western Stores, Westgate Mall in Amarillo and 1206 23rd St. in Canyon; the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum, 2601 I-40 East in Amarillo; Quarter Horse Outfitters, Westgate Mall; and the Cowboy Cafe, 1410 Hwy. 60 in Canyon.

"We want to collect at least 1922 signatures in honor of the year WT adopted the buffalo as its mascot," said Bart Wyatt, Student Senate president and senior ag business and economics major from Lipscomb.

"We plan to mail the petition to Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department officials Dec. 5 and hope that it will make an impact," he said. "The buffalo's home is in the Texas Panhandle, and we need to do what we can to make sure that it stays that way."

Charlie has been succeeded as the WTAMU mascot by Thunder (Lollipop), Thunder II (Buford), Thunder III (Max), Thunder IV (B.J.), the offspring of Buford and Lollipop), Thunder V (Ladee) and the university's current mascot, Thunder VI (Sadee).

Any others wishing to participate in the petition drive and unable to sign a petition at any of the above locations may draft their own petition and bring them to the Student Senate office on the WT campus or mail them to Student Government, West Texas A&M University, WTAMU Box 297, Canyon, TX 79016-0001.

The student government will mail the petitions to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Petitions or letters also may be mailed to Executive Director Andrew Sansom, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

er's innocence — had hoped she'd be out for Christmas.

But as holiday after holiday passes, Mowbray remains behind bars while her case awaits a resolution.

Although Mowbray says she still believes she will be released, she has stopped planning on holidays with her family.

"You learn to prepare for the worst," she told The Associated

Press in an interview this week. "I have to prepare myself for another Christmas here, and I have."

Her son, Wade Burnett, also struggles to deal with the uncertainty.

"It's incredibly difficult to have to live with that kind of indefiniteness, to not be able to make any plans about the future," he said. "We've lived with a year of that."

Lawuit over city's rejection of an 18-screen megatheater dismissed from federal court

DALLAS (AP) — A development corporation's lawsuit over the rejection by Dallas officials of an 18-screen movie theater has been dismissed by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders ruled the city was not liable for any harm Mayfair Development Corp. may have suffered when the City Council rejected the Tinseltown theater complex plan in January 1994.

Council members who opposed Tinseltown felt vindicated by the Wednesday ruling. "I think this is a resounding victory for the city," said City Council member Larry Duncan. "It's too bad we didn't do the same thing with the other two lawsuits."

The Mayfair lawsuit was one of three lawsuits brought against the city over the megatheater's rejection. Two were settled.

Mayfair attorney Chris Weil said he is displeased with the judge's decision and is evaluating an appeal.

The largest suit was filed by Cinemark USA Inc., a Dallas-based theater company that had proposed the complex. The company said the council's rejection of the theater was illegal because the plan complied with existing zoning. Cinemark sought damages of up to \$40 million.

The case was settled in April when council members voted 12-3 to pay the company \$5 mil-

lion plus \$1 million in legal fees.

A second suit, brought by a real estate broker who said he lost his commission because the deal fell through, was settled this summer. The city paid him \$77,000 of the \$200,000 in damages he sought.

City Council member Donna

Blumer said Wednesday's ruling was proof that her colleagues made a mistake when they settled the other lawsuits.

"It was a big win for our side," said Ms. Blumer, whose district included the Tinseltown site. "The council never should have settled."

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World briefs

Doctors perform angiogram on Mother Teresa

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Doctors removed blockages from two of Mother Teresa's heart arteries today and said she would have died without the surgery.

"Mother could not have lived had we not been able to accomplish this," said Dr. Patricia Aubenal, who helped perform the two-hour operation known as an angioplasty.

The procedure was performed after the 86-year-old Roman Catholic woke up this morning free of chest pains.

She was cheerful, sipped tea for breakfast and heard Mass in her private room in the intensive care unit, completing her first full day without the pains she began suffering a week ago.

She first underwent an angiogram, which involves puncturing an artery, usually in the groin, and threading a tube up into the chest arteries that feed the heart. Dye is then injected into the arteries and X-ray pictures are taken.

Doctors then dilated her arteries with tiny balloons to improve the flow of blood, a procedure known as angioplasty. Mother Teresa underwent angioplasties in 1993 and 1991.

Spanish, Cuban officials try to ease tension

HAVANA (AP) — Replacing angry accusations with appeals for calm, Cuban and Spanish officials worked to lower tensions provoked by Spain's new hard line against Fidel Castro's government.

"I think that prudence, good sense, balance are key elements in this matter," Miguel Alfonso, spokesman for the Cuban Foreign Relations Ministry, said Thursday.

In Madrid, Spanish Foreign Minister Abel Matutes said his country "was not going to take any precipitate action" and preferred "to let waters return to calm."

Spain — which ruled the island until the turn of this century — was Cuba's closest friend in Europe under the Socialist government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, who lost an election to Jose Maria Aznar this year.

Spain also has the largest share of foreign investments in Cuba, followed by Canada.

But under Aznar's leadership, Spain has repeatedly criticized Cuba's single-party socialist system. The new prime minister bluntly called Castro a "dictator."

Cuba responded late Monday with an announcement that the newly appointed Spanish ambassador was unwelcome.

Thousands make largest youth symphony orchestra

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — A young symphony orchestra played to a packed house Thursday, but there were no spectators — the 2,845 musicians, ages 6 to 18 had filled Birmingham's Symphony Hall to capacity.

Under the baton of Sir Simon Rattle, one of Britain's leading conductors, the musicians played "Let Music Live" by composer Howard Blake, gave themselves a round of applause, then played it again.

Officials from The Guinness Book of Records certified that they had set a new record for the largest symphony youth orchestra.

But the category is so new that it hasn't appeared in the book yet — the initial record was set in July by 2,023 young musicians at the Molineux Stadium at nearby Wolverhampton.

The record for the largest orchestra was set at the World Peace Jubilee in Boston, Mass. in 1872, when a 987-piece orchestra accompanied 20,000 singers.

Raising voices in thanksgiving



A community-wide choir sings at the Tuesday night community Thanksgiving service held at Calvary Baptist Church. Sponsored by the Pampa Area United Ministerial Alliance, the service kicked off the Thanksgiving holiday in Pampa and looked forward to the upcoming Christmas holiday season.

Independent radio station defies Yugoslavian President Milosevic, transmits street protests

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In Serbia's countryside, a majority of residents who get their only news from state-run media hear nothing about massive anti-government protests that have rocked the capital for ten consecutive days.

B-92, the nation's only independent radio station and the sole electronic medium reporting on the demonstrations, is trying to ensure that's not the case in the central part of the capital, where its broadcasts can be heard.

Their task is not an easy one. Every time they start to issue a new report on the protests, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic jams the transmissions.

Swelling numbers of demonstrators stormed Serbia's major

cities for the 10th day Thursday after Milosevic claimed victory in a rerun of local elections that opposition candidates appeared to have won the first time around.

Braving cold rain, more than 100,000 demonstrators chanted "Slobo Tyrant, Slobo Resign" as they filled the streets of Belgrade. In the second-largest city of Nis, 20,000 protesters demanded his ouster.

Milosevic, who invalidated the Nov. 17 elections because of alleged irregularities, claimed that his Socialists won Wednesday's runoffs.

A lawyer for the opposition Democratic Party said it and other opposition groups have

appealed to Serbia's Constitutional Court to overturn the vote.

While official media have completely ignored the protests, B-92 reporters have been on the scene with demonstrators. But every time they try to go live on the radio, the broadcasts are jammed.

The radio, staffed mostly with young enthusiasts, regularly tricks the jammers by falsely announcing that their street reporters are about to go on the air. They then continue to play music as the government cuts off the broadcast.

When the radio goes back on the air a couple of minutes later, the station hurriedly tries to carry news and live reports before being switched off again.

Judge throws out case against officer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has thrown out cable theft charges against a San Antonio police officer who argued that a warrant against him was improperly obtained by an off-duty detective working for the cable company.

Willie Mendez was facing charges of misdemeanor criminal mischief and cable theft, both Class B misdemeanors punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine up to \$4,000.

"I'm not defending anybody for stealing cable... but the problem was the way the cable company went about (recovering stolen boxes)," said Mendez's attorney, Bill Berchelmann.

The case was dismissed Tuesday by County Court Judge Karen Crouch. Mendez still could be disciplined by the police department pending an investigation.

Paragon Cable spokesman T.J. Connolly said the company has had a longstanding relationship with the police in which off-duty officers have served warrants for the cable operator.

Berchelmann said the detective didn't tell a magistrate he was working for Paragon at the time he requested the warrant.

According to court records, Mendez was served the warrant at his North Side apartment Sept. 1 by Detective James Jones.

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Retailers: Holiday shopping season gets underway day-after Turkey Day

NEW YORK (AP) - A shorter-than-usual holiday shopping season began today with some stores open as early as 6 a.m., trying to lure customers with early-bird discounts.

Retailers count on the holidays for about half their annual sales and profits, and look at the day after Thanksgiving as the official kickoff.

"I look forward to this and I save all year long," said Claudette Storach, who thumbed through discounted shirts at Filene's Basement in Boston early this morning. "I'm here every year as soon as the store opens."

After a dismal Christmas season a year ago, retailers are optimistic that shoppers will be eager to spend thanks to a rebounding economy and high levels of consumer confidence.

But merchants remain fearful that the shortened season - five fewer days between Thanksgiving and Christmas than last year -

could hurt sales. To lure customers early, they launched pre-Thanksgiving sales and advertised aggressively. Some, like discount retailer Kmart Corp., kept stores open on Thanksgiving. Others opened early today.

"Consumers are starting to realize they have less time this year with Dec. 1 coming right at the end of the Thanksgiving weekend," said John Konarski, vice president of research at the International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade group.

"So they're heading into stores early so that they finish their shopping on time," he said.

Last year, consumers did 16 percent of their Christmas shopping on the Friday after Thanksgiving, also known as Black Friday in the trade, according to the National Retail Federation, a Washington, D.C.-based industry group.

Consumers are expected to spend lots on apparel this year, a big boon to clothing retailers who have struggled over the last few years. Toys, jewelry and sporting goods are also expected to sell well, which will help department stores' profits.

But computers, computer software and home appliances may not sell as well as in past years, which could hurt merchants like Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Circuit City that depend on such big-ticket sales.

Although retailers are mostly optimistic about the holidays, a number of variables could still affect how they fare this Christmas. For one, wintry weather could keep some shoppers away from stores, while warm weather may stop others from buying sweaters and other cold-weather goods.

Shuttle hatch stuck - spacewalk canceled

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - They pushed. They pulled. They tugged. They jiggled. But two astronauts trying to leave the space shuttle Columbia for a spacewalk couldn't open the hatch.

Finally, after more than two hours of struggling with the handle Thursday night, Tamara Jernigan and Thomas Jones were told to take off their bulky spacesuits and forget it for the night.

"Today didn't go exactly as we had hoped," commander Kenneth Cockrell told Mission Control.

Jernigan and Jones could not fully rotate the handle to release the hatch, which separates a cramped indoor chamber from the shuttle's open cargo bay. They said something seemed to be jamming the latch.

"I'm pushing as hard as I can," Jones said. Flight director Rob Kelso said today it didn't appear debris was in the way. If the problem is fixed quickly, the two could perform the spacewalk as early as today, NASA said. Another option is to cancel both spacewalks planned for the flight, which is scheduled to end on Thursday. The second spacewalk was scheduled for Saturday.

The astronauts, who had trained for their first spacewalks for the past year, took off the handle and put it back on several times. But that didn't help.

Wearing big gloves and confined in a small area, the astronauts had a hard time applying much force to the handle. Jones tried standing on Jernigan so she could put more force on it.

The chamber was repressurized so astronaut Story Musgrave could go in and check the handle with his bare hands. But his luck was no better.

Jerry Ross, the astronaut on the ground in charge of spacewalking, said from his experience in orbit, the hatch was easy to open.

"It's fairly light forces overall. That's what was a little bit surprising to us," Ross said. The force is "certainly not as high as a lug wrench on a bolt," he added.

After the spacewalk was called off early today, the five Columbia astronauts feasted on turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin-colored cakes. Their Thanksgiving dinner originally was to follow the 6 1/2-hour spacewalk.

Teens linked to vampire cult arrested on murder charges

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) - Five teens who call themselves a "Vampire Clan" were wanted for murder and on the run for four days until one of them called home for money and landed in a police trap.

The teenagers were arrested Thursday night as they tried to check into a hotel in Baton Rouge, La.

Police believe the teens fatally bludgeoned a couple in Eustis, Fla., on Monday. The victims, Richard Wendorf, 49, and Naoma Ruth Wendorf, 53, are the parents of 15-year-old Heather Wendorf, one of teens.

Florida police said Heather had told friends she was a demon in past lives and had talked with spirits during human blood-drinking rituals.

Police in Kentucky, where four of the suspects are from, said the teens were involved in vampire-like activities.

"They cut each other's arms and suck the blood. They cut up small animals and suck the blood," Murray, Ky., police detective Sgt. Mike Jump said Thursday. "They honestly believe they're vampires."

Roderick Ferrell, 16, and Dana Cooper, 19, both of Murray, and 16-year-old Scott Anderson of Mayfield, were arrested on murder warrants along with Miss

Wendorf, whom investigators originally feared had been abducted by her parents' killers.

Charity Keesee, 16, was charged with being an accessory to murder after the fact.

Ferrell had lived in Florida and attended high school with Miss Wendorf before dropping out last year and moving back to Kentucky, according to news reports.

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Secretary of Defense William Perry tells troops of hard road ahead

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
AP Military Writer

CAMP DOBOL, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Defense Secretary William Perry joined U.S. soldiers in the mud and freezing rain Thursday to deliver a Thanksgiving message of discipline and patience for their still-unfinished mission in Bosnia.

"This is not exactly the first place you want to spend your Thanksgiving, and it's not my first choice either," Perry, making a farewell visit to the troops, told some of the 850 Army soldiers based in tents here, about twelve miles outside Tuzla. "I'm here to say thank you. You are doing the work of the Lord."

The soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division stood in an icy rain to hear the defense secretary, who also held top-level meetings with U.S. and Russian generals on the mission of NATO's new 31,000-member international force.

The new group, which succeeds a NATO peacekeeping force of twice that

size, takes over Dec. 20 and includes about 8,500 U.S. troops.

Later, during a flight to Kuwait where he was meeting with more American troops, Perry said he expects the U.S. force in Bosnia to be cut to 5,500 soldiers by next fall if peace is maintained. He said NATO planners also are making preparations to bolster the number of peace keepers should an emergency develop.

"This is going to be a difficult task. It's not fighting in a war. But maintaining the security situation will demand discipline," Perry said.

He lavished praise on the soldiers, who came to Bosnia in October to protect departing U.S. troops who had been part of the year-old peacekeeping force. But he warned the young troops that they will be required to remain as part of the alliance's new "stabilization force."

At U.S. troop headquarters in Tuzla, Air Force Technical Sgt. Basil Forrest of Brooklyn, N.Y., noted that Thanksgiving is the first of several

holidays he'll spend in this war-scarred land. "I'll be here for Christmas and New Year's and my birthday" on Jan. 16, he said. "Tell my mom not to forget my present."

While the military has done its job separating Bosnia's warring factions and getting local forces to put their heavy weapons aside, Perry said, much needs to be done on the civilian side. He said that includes the return of refugees, holding local elections and advancing the work of the war crimes tribunals.

"Civilian work has been, bluntly, slow to get off the ground," Perry said.

Perry met with Russia's deputy defense minister, Gen. Vladimir Toporov, who told reporters he expects his 1,500-member airborne brigade to stay on for the new mission along with the Americans. But its size might be cut by 20 to 300 soldiers.

Russian and U.S. forces have been conducting joint patrols in the region, a development Perry often points to with great pride.

"The peace is pretty fragile, but there is still a peace," Toporov told reporters. Perry also met with top NATO commander Gen. George Joulwan, who said that the 31,000 NATO troop level could be reduced by the end of 1997 if peace endures.

Perry joined U.S. and Russian soldiers for a traditional Thanksgiving feast that included turkey, ham, corn bread dressing, cranberry sauce, peas and pumpkin and apple pie.

Americans also got a holiday break at the Aviano Air Base in northern Italy, where British and Spanish airmen took over their scheduled flights over Bosnia for the day, said Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, a senior Democrat on the House National Security Committee.

Skelton, who celebrated the Thanksgiving meal with two Marine squadrons, said he was impressed by their high spirits and dedication to their job. "I wish every American could see what I saw today. I'm afraid they are being forgotten at home," he said.

It is Perry's third year of visiting troops in the field on Thanksgiving. He travels on to Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Japan to continue his holiday troop visits.

The 69-year-old defense secretary has given notice he won't be at the Pentagon's helm in President Clinton's second term. He appears to be using this holiday trip as a farewell to U.S. troops and to let the 1.4 million men and women in uniform know they haven't been forgotten.

Perry, who has traveled more than any other civilian head of the military, earlier told several hundred sailors in Naples that he loves traveling "to see firsthand, to hear firsthand from the troops, 'How's it going?'"

Two years ago on Thanksgiving he visited U.S. troops sent to help restore democracy in Haiti. Last year he was in Macedonia to meet with the several hundred U.S. soldiers working to ensure that the Bosnia conflict did not spill across Balkan borders.

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Religion

Polish shrine offers a little bit of heaven

By SUSIE PHILLIPS GONZALEZ
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tucked away in a Southeast Side neighborhood known more for graffiti and crime than spiritual retreat lie a few acres of paradise.

From the moment a visitor enters the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in the 100 block of Beethoven Street, the feeling is one of tranquility and serenity.

Birds chirp as red and yellow leaves fall ever so gently from trees that dot the grounds, giving the complex the feel of a park or refuge.

The shrine, run by five Seraphic Sisters from Poland, is a destination for burdened souls and adventuresome tourists.

"It is a very peaceful place," said Pauline Munoz, who has been going to the shrine for three or four years, particularly on Tuesdays to join in the novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. "You feel the Holy Spirit very strong."

"The more devoted you are, the more blessings you receive," said Lupe Contreras, a visitor for the last 12 years.

The shrine, which is not affiliated with any Catholic parish, has been such a powerful influence that Archbishop Patrick Flores has authorized its expansion.

Earlier this year, he announced plans for the Jesus of Mercy Chapel to be built by next April for the Feast of Divine Mercy, which follows Easter.

The \$200,000 project is to be funded solely by contributions, which are trickling in, said Sister Hedwig Marek, one of the shrine's resident nuns.

The expansion plans are awaiting approval by city officials.

In the meantime, the sisters are suggesting that donors sponsor construction of a stained-glass window, a pew or some other part of the new chapel.

"When we start building, we think donations will go up," Sister Marek said.

Built in 1966 to commemorate Poland's 1,000 years of Christianity, the shrine includes a chapel that seats two dozen people, a grotto and a museum dedicated to Our Lady of Czestochowa, the venerated Black Madonna of Poland.

The chapel is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily for Mass, rosary recitations, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and other prayers. On the first Friday of every month, an all-night prayer vigil is held. Retreats are held when scheduled.

The Peace Grotto also stands as a memorial to soldiers who fought in both World Wars, the Korean War and Vietnam.

The grounds include a path that accommodates both foot traffic and vehicles for people wishing to brave the elements to pray the Stations of the Cross that recall the passion of Jesus before he was crucified.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Getting ready to deliver the Thanksgiving food boxes on Wednesday for the Church of the Good Shepherd are, from left, Christine Marlett, the first member of the church; Brenda Barr, wife of Pastor Ronald Barr; and Naomi Driggers, the second member of the church.

Church of the Good Shepherd may be small, but it's showing it has a big heart

Thursday, 24 households in Pampa enjoyed a fine Thanksgiving Day meal thanks to the caring labors of members of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

That's nearly one box of food provided for others for each member of the church.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 407 W. Foster, is only seven months old (it marks its eight-month point on Dec. 17), with 27 members to date.

But though small in numbers, they are big in heart.

"We're really trying to reach out and be a positive force in the community," said Pastor Ronald Barr.

The Thanksgiving meal effort began in October with a fish fry to raise funds for the project, including the purchase of the turkeys.

Aiding the church members to make a better Thanksgiving for the recipients was the generosity of local merchants, Barr noted.

Albertson's, through Floyd Gafford, donated a case of cranberry sauce, along with dinner rolls. Albertson's also gave a discount toward the purchase of the turkeys included in the food boxes.

Homeland, through John Leland, donated two cases of Jiffy cornbread mix, and Frank's Thriftway on Hobart gave 40 pounds of sweet potatoes.

Barr and his wife, Brenda, give a lot of credit for the success of the Thanksgiving project to Naomi Driggers, who was the second member of the church when it formed in April. They said she performed a lot of the groundwork to get the boxes together, shopping and picking up the items for the food boxes.

Driggers has been "a right hand to the pastor," Mrs. Barr stated.

Mrs. Barr also noted that Driggers was going to be cooking

Thanksgiving dinners for three handicapped people to enjoy.

While pleased with being able to provide Thanksgiving meals for the 24 people, mostly for the elderly, the church doesn't plan to sit back and rest on its accomplishment in that project.

Members hope to have 50 food boxes and hams to give to the elderly and low-income people for Christmas, focusing on women with children who might not be able to afford a really good Christmas meal.

Then they hope to double or even triple the amount next year, "the good Lord willing," Barr said.

"We want to reach out and touch people with what God is," the pastor said of the ministry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, in imitation of God.

Of their service, the church does not require anyone to pay back what is provided. "We give it," Barr said.

"We do what the Bible says about helping others," he said, aiding in the betterment of people, both black and white, in becoming a positive force for God in the community.

Members believe that it is the responsibility of God's people to take care of the people, not the government's responsibility.

Christine Marlett, who became the first member of the church, said she has seen that desire to take care of others be shown in her own life. The church has

helped to pay for utility bills, eye-glasses and gasoline for her car when she was in need. Members also helped to watch her children for two weeks when she didn't have a babysitter so that she wouldn't lose her job.

Marlett said the church also came to the assistance of a friend of hers who has cancer and helped to pay for some medication not covered by insurance or government assistance. Marlett and Barr both praised The Medicine Shoppe for being kind in helping the church to help others needing medications or prescriptions.

"We try to reach out and help as many as we can," Marlett said.

Pastor Barr noted that the church itself has been the recipient of caring assistance, citing the Rev. Nathan Hopson, pastor of Hi-Land Pentecostal Holiness Church, for being instrumental in helping the church to get started and lending his support to its efforts.

Serving with Barr in the operations of the church is Don Haddock, assistant pastor.

The Church of the Good Shepherd has Sunday School at 10 a.m. on Sunday, with worship service at 11:15 a.m.

During the week, there are other sessions: choir practice at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, pastor's Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and the Christian Women's Fellowship, led by Clarice Boyd, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Sally Stringer, left, Shirley Winborne and Nancy Brogdon are hanging bows on the Christmas tree in the church sanctuary, getting ready for the annual "Hanging of the Greens" worship service Sunday morning, Dec. 1. Women and men volunteers of the church worked last week hanging yards and yards of Christmas greenery and decorated wreaths in the building for the occasion.

First Christian Church plans 'Hanging of Greens' service to begin the Advent season

First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, will be having its 19th annual "Hanging of the Greens" worship service Sunday morning, marking the first service of the Advent season.

The service will begin at 10:50 a.m., with the Rev. Darrell W. Evans, senior minister, and the Rev. Jim Hodson, youth minister, conducting the special seasonal service. The public is invited to attend, according to director of membership Mrs. Shirley Winborne.

The entire congregation plays a part in this meaningful service. Green wreaths will be hung on the columns by families of the church. The older youth will hang garlands, and the young children of the church will bring in poinsettias and place bows on the pews.

The youth range in age from three to 18. More than 60 poinsettias, which have been given in memory of past members of the church who are now deceased, will be placed on the chancel. All youth are under the direction of Mrs. Sally Stringer, Nancy Brogdon and Winborne, who are co-chairmen of the "Hanging of the Greens" service for this year.

Rev. Evans will deliver the message and lead the worship service.

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Fred Mayes, will be accompanied by Mrs. Sue King, organist, as they present special music for worship. Mrs. Dee Dee

Laramore will be the soloist with the choir.

Also participating in the services is the Bell Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Robbie Pepper. Christmas carols will be the hymns of the morning hour with the congregation and choir.

A highlight of the worship service is the lighting of the Christman Tree, with ornaments which have been handmade by the women of the church through the Christian Women's Fellowship.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, the Chancel Choir will present the musical cantata titled "A Christmas Masterpiece," under the direction of Mayes, during the morning worship hour at 10:50 a.m.

Other Christmas activities being planned for First Christian Church will be the Live Nativity outside on the front lawn of the church on Sunday, Dec. 15, with the program beginning at 6 p.m.

Also at this time the senior citizens of the church will be taken on a tour of the community to see all of the lights for the holiday season.

The annual Christmas Eve candlelight worship and lighting of the Christ candle in the Advent wreath will be held at 6 p.m. and again at 11 p.m., with the public invited to attend.

The public is invited to attend not only the Christmas Eve services but any and all of the special worship services during this most holy of holidays, Rev. Evans said.

Church teenagers get involved in 'fowl play' fund-raiser project

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) — Some teenagers are in the pink with their neighbors, even though they've been involved in some "fowl play."

Under the cover of night, young people with Covenant United Methodist Church in High Point have been secretly planting pink flamingo garden decorations into the yards of parishioners.

The same group of youngsters who perpetrated the flamingo invasion, called "flocking," will remove the birds as part of a church fund-raiser.

Covenant's youth group has been posting signs at homes so

residents will know who to call for "fowl control assistance."

For a donation, the fowl control group will come and clean up your yard. For another donation, you can have the flamingos sent to a fellow church member or neighbor.

The Rev. Amy Coles, an associate pastor at Covenant, said the youth group has flocked its way to about 12 families and amassed more than \$300 to help finance youth projects.

"Rather than having another soup dinner," she said, "we were looking for some new ways to raise some money. We've become the talk of the town now in some circles."

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Teens Defend Parents Who Lay Down The Law

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to Mary Lou Childs' letter about how parents today are so much more lenient with their kids, and "more concerned with being their children's pals" than with disciplining them.

First, I would like to know whose house she has been visiting. I am a 15-year-old girl, and both my younger sister and I are severely punished for anything our parents find inappropriate. Trust me, it's happened. And I can tell you, Abby, that neither of us whines or carries on when we get punished because if we don't realize our own mistake in the first place, we know that arguing won't change their minds.

Granted, my mother and father set pretty fair rules and usually leave them open for discussion. But this does not mean that we don't have rules at all. If my parents do consult with me on such issues as extending a curfew, it's only because they believe I am old enough to start forming my own opinions and looking out for my own good.

I also found Childs' comment about "when I was a kid" extremely stereotypical of adults. It's time to quit reminiscing about those days. The past is simply that — over and done with. Maybe parents were more strict "back then," but I feel that growing up is a much more difficult task in the '90s than it was years ago. And please remember that teens today have different circumstances and rules to live by.

Laura N. Kelly, Joliet, Ill.

Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR LAURA: Thank you for an intelligent letter. Obviously you come from a home where expectations for your ability are high — but limits are set and enforced. My response to Mary Lou Childs was that many parents seem reluctant to enforce their own rules for fear of traumatizing their little ones, and an excellent way to ensure obedience is to state one's wishes in a tone that lets the child know this is not something open for discussion. Also, Ms. Childs was writing about small children, not young adults.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to Mary Lou Childs of Eugene, Ore. In her letter she complained about how parents today, after telling their children to do something, will follow with, "OK?"

I don't know how everyone in the world does this, but when my parents say, "OK?" they are not asking

if that's all right with me or opening it up for discussion. They are making sure I have heard them. (They say I have a case of "selective hearing," as all teens my age do.)

An example that I hear regularly is, "Go to bed at 10:00, OK?" And then I reply with a simple, "Yes," or else I'll go to bed right then no matter what time it is.

Abby, I am just writing to defend my parents and others like them who do not deserve to be insulted by her harsh comment. Please do not print my name. Sign me...
OFFENDED IN ARIZONA

DEAR OFFENDED: Ms. Childs' complaint was less about language and more about the issue of enforcing parental authority. You do not need to defend your parents. They appear to be doing a fine job.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from Mary Lou Childs — and you are right! Totally right! One hundred percent right! I hear it every day: "Don't do that — OK?"

Part B cancels Part A! Forty years as a psychiatrist and 35 years as a parent lead me to say, "Dear Abby, thank you once again."
THOMAS P. LOWRY, M.D., WOODACRE, CALIF.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 1, 1996

In the year ahead, you may establish new objectives, especially in regard to increasing your net worth. Your probability of realizing your full potential looks extremely promising.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The good news you've been waiting to hear could be forthcoming today. Continue to remain positive and enthusiastic. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift! Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill

Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A valuable lesson can be learned today from observing the way a successful associate handles her affairs. Later, you can use these techniques.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, constructive information could be the byproduct of a discussion you'll have with a friend who has a nontraditional way of thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are pursuing a successful path, so do not ignore your instincts today. You will find a new way to achieve your goals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you'll have a chance to convey information about an interesting topic. Anyone within earshot will be impressed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instead of just thinking about them, implement the creative ideas you get today and make constructive changes in your household.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be a delightful person to associate with today, because you will focus on doing whatever

you can to please your friends and colleagues.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Look for little ways to economize today. For example, if something is broken, see if you can fix it yourself before calling a professional.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) As time goes on, your mood will become brighter. By late in the afternoon, you should begin to make plans with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A friend who knows you can be trusted not to repeat things might reveal some confidential information to you today. You will keep your word.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you will be more comfortable participating in activities that are mental rather than physical. Select companions who share similar inclinations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're alert today, there is a good chance you may spot a developing situation that could provide an opportunity for profit. Do not let it slip past you.

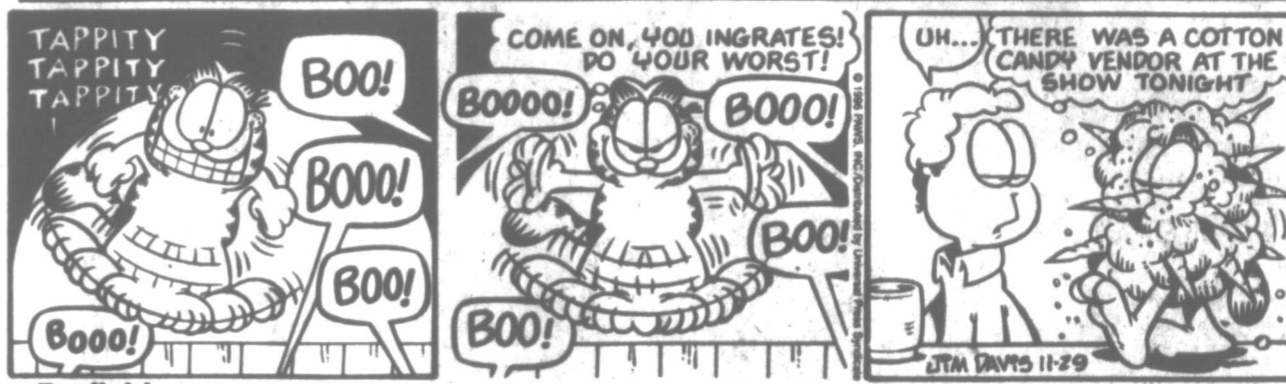
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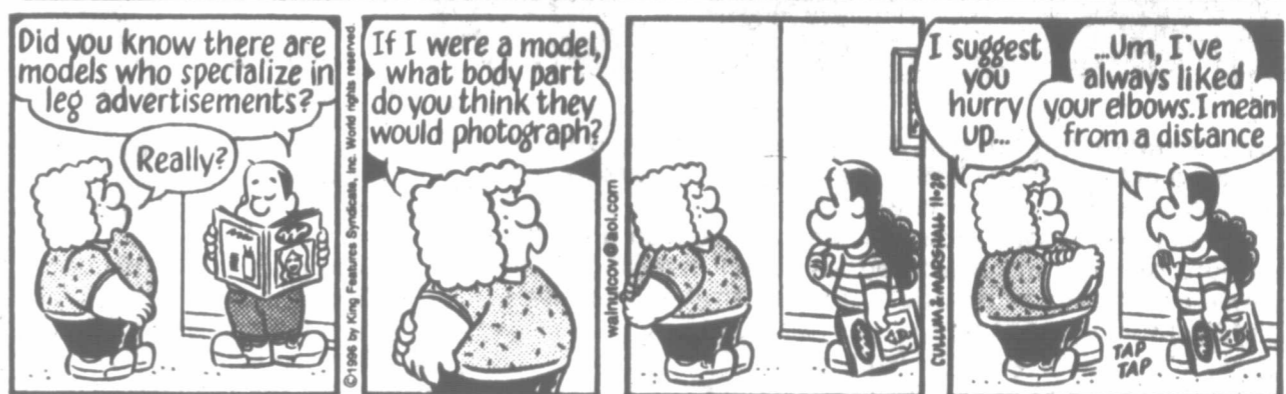
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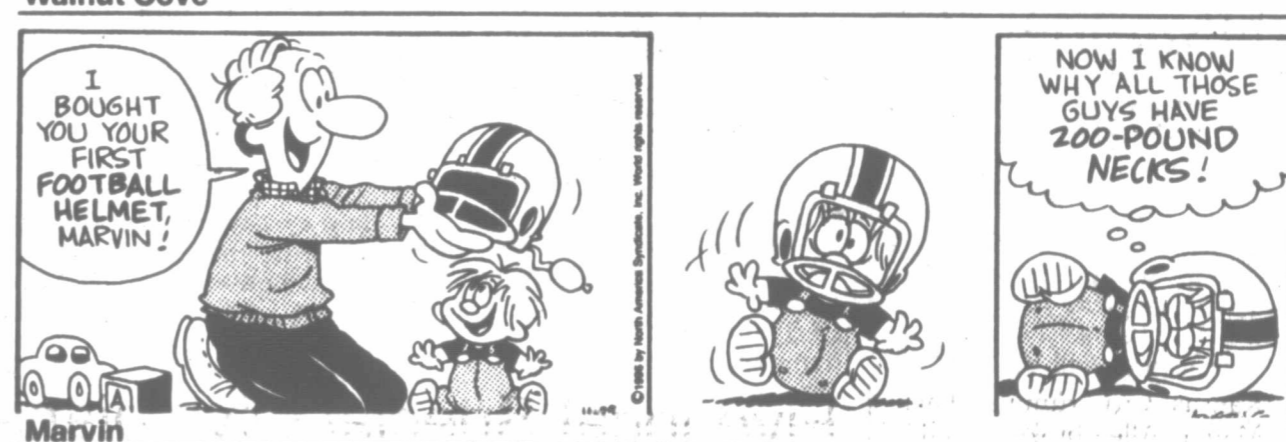
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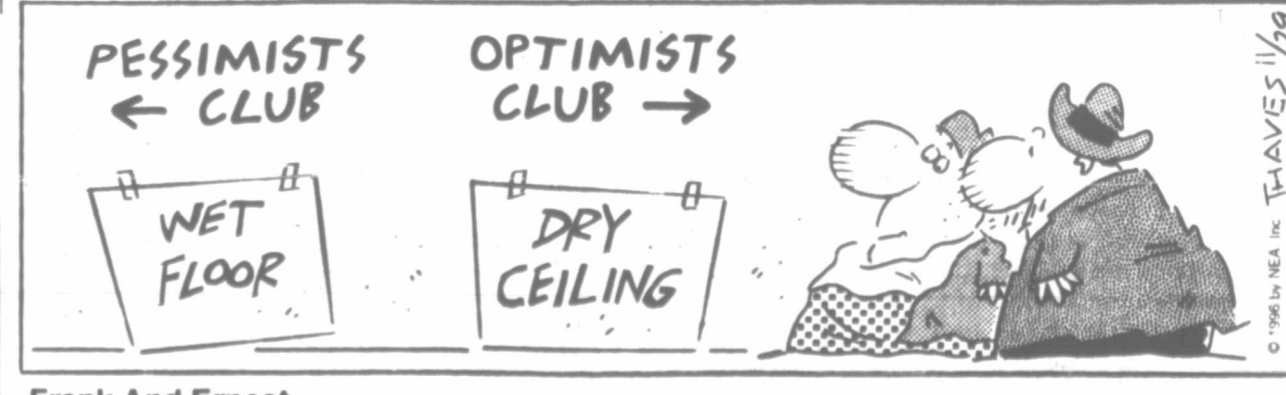
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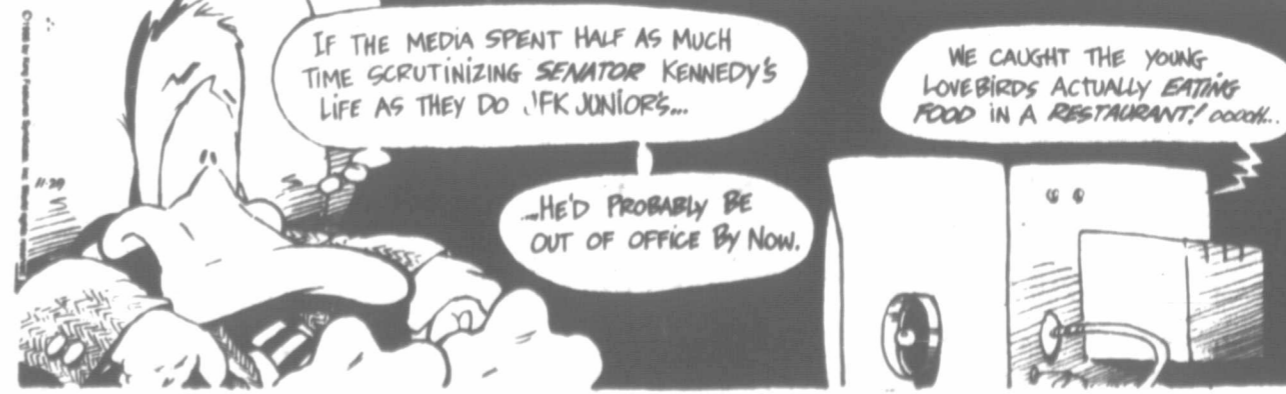
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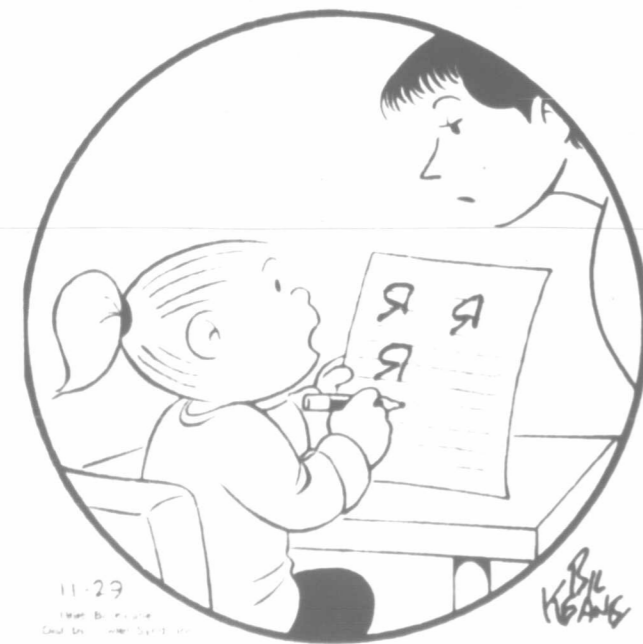
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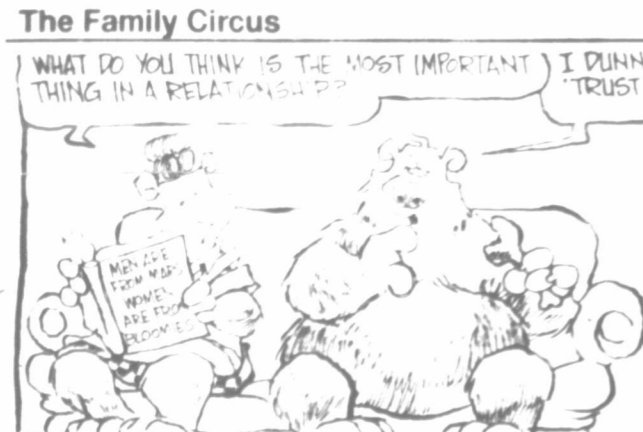
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"But that's how they print their R's at the toy store."



"The bag still smelled like candy, so he didn't believe me when I said it was empty."



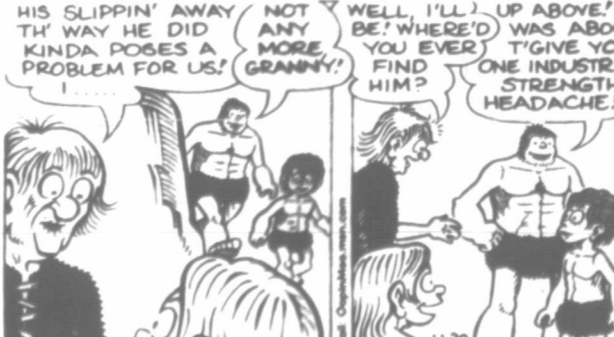
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Nation briefs

Winston the whale receiving the brush-off

MYSTIC, Conn. (AP) — Winston is not a whale of a lover. The 15-year-old snowy-white beluga is the only male in a tank with three females at Mystic Marinelife Aquarium, but he hasn't been getting any attention yet. "We think when mating begins we may see some things we have not seen in the wild," said David J. St. Aubin, a beluga expert at the aquarium.

Winston has been entrusted with making a new \$50 million expansion, including a breeding project, a success for the aquarium.

Winston has playfully flirted with Kela, although so far she hasn't been interested. And another female whale, Naku, is "letting Winston know who the boss is," whale expert David Desimone said.

Bank robber too loose with cash, blows his cover

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A cash-flashing bank robber blew his cover when he ordered a drink and flopped \$10,000 on the bar.

Steven Jeffrey Raines, 37, walked into Testa's Restaurant in West Palm Beach on Wednesday, sat down at the bar and ordered a vodka with a plate of lemon slices and sugar.

Bartender Chip Welfeld said Raines asked if he could count his money at the bar.

"I said, 'No, go ahead,' and he dumped \$10,000..." said Welfeld, who got suspicious and called the police.

Police say Raines, wanted in West Virginia on burglary charges, robbed two banks in Palm Beach before going to the bar.

Utica tops survey of media oriented cities

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — Want to know what's new in the news? Ask the folks in Utica, which topped a recent national survey for reading, watching and listening to the media.

A survey by the national media consulting firm Young & Rubicam found that Utica-area residents spent the most time with newspapers, radio, television, magazines and the Internet.

In the survey, Utica placed first in overall media consumption, with the average adult spending eight hours and 36 minutes each day reading, watching and listening to the media. The national average was seven hours and 54 minutes, according to the survey.

Elderly crossing guard fired for being too friendly

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — A 73-year-old grandfather got fired from his crossing guard job because some parents said he was just too nice to their children.

"I'm too good-hearted," Joy Pfaff said. "It gets me in trouble."

On the day he was fired, Pfaff had dressed up as a Pilgrim to celebrate Thanksgiving. He had also come to work dressed up like the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus, and often gave candy and hugs to the children.

Parents were concerned Pfaff was too close to the children and asked that he resign, police Maj. Larry Woodyard said Tuesday.

"There was no complaint of criminal misconduct," Woodyard said. "But we're dealing with concerns voiced by a number of parents about his behavior, which caused them to be uncomfortable with his being around their children."

Pfaff, a retired custodian for the police department, had taken on the \$7-an-hour school crossing job to keep busy.

Stars perform in Grand Ole Opry benefit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Some Grand Ole Opry stars are going home for the holidays — to the Ryman Auditorium.

Martina McBride, Ricky Skaggs and Porter Wagoner are among those who will perform Dec. 15 at the Opry's historic former home to benefit the Opry Performers Fund, which helps pay for entertainers' medical needs.

"For every Opry artist, the Ryman has a special home feeling and always ill," said Opry member Jeannie Seely, who is coordinating the event.

"All of the stars on the show except Martina performed on the Opry when it broadcast from the Ryman, so this is indeed a homecoming," she said.

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"FONTANA" Highly Distressed Washed Pine Finish

- 40x60x78 Farm table
- 4 Ladder Back Side Chairs
- 2 Ladder Back Arm Chairs
- 61" China

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Kellers "Colonial Heirloom" is crafted from solid, heavy-grained oak with hand glazed timeless beauty, finished in light oak from a ten step process.

•48" x 48" Round Split Pedestal Table With 3 Extra Fillers: \$2988

- 4 Duxbury Side Chairs
- 56" China COMPLETE

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- 42" x 62" x 109" Rectangular Table
- 4 Ladder Back Side Chairs
- 2 Ladder back Arm Chairs
- 64" Buffet/Hutch

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- 42" x 60" Solid Oak Table With 3 Fillers
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