

# Pampa's bill for cleaning up the drinking water was \$54,000

By LORI-ANN D'ANTONIO  
Staff Writer

Pampa water smells and tastes better than it did last spring, thanks to an extensive clean-up (done in May) of a reservoir that serves Pampa and Borger. The bills are in now, and it turns out Pampa and Borger split the cost of the clean-up, on a scale proportional to their water use, according to John Williams, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA). Pampa's total cost for the clean-up was \$54,000, Williams

said, which included \$5,700 for flushing out the water pipe between the reservoir and Pampa, bringing Pampa's actual bill for the clean-up alone to \$48,300. Since the pipe serves only Pampa, the city was responsible for the entire \$5,700 bill for its flushing, Williams said.

The total cost for the reservoir clean-up was \$89,500, he said, with Borger paying the remaining \$41,200. The Pampa-Borger reservoir is one of several managed by the CRMWA, and holds about 10 million gallons of water. The water is pumped from Lake Meredith to the location near Borger, Williams said.

The taste and smell problems were not unique to Pampa. Williams said Borger had similar problems. This rules out any particular problem in the Pampa water system, he said. When the problem occurred, there was suspicion that a recent water main rupture near the Pampa plant had been partly to blame for the problem, but Williams says that is not true, because the taste and smell problems began before the water main break and continued after it was repaired.

Since the clean-up was completed May 29, there have been

no taste or smell problems with Pampa or Borger water, he said. The reservoir is monitored more closely now, he said, but since there's no real proof of how the problem started, it's difficult to say that the same problem is one hundred percent prevented.

Williams said the CRMWA suspects some sediment in the lake water caused the problem, but the cause is difficult to prove once the problem is gone. With closer monitoring of the water and the system, he said, there is a much better chance of preventing further problems.

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## Snowstorm complicates holiday highway hazards

### Motorists 'hole up' in Tucumcari as ice paralyzes Interstate 40

By JEFF LANGLEY  
State Editor

Some New Year's holiday revelers have trouble keeping their four-wheeled machines going in a straight line on dry pavement — tonight some of those drivers may face the double trouble of both party favors and slick roads.

This morning, a Department of Public Safety spokesman in Amarillo said all roads in the Panhandle are "bad," though none have been closed.

The worst stretch of road so far this morning was Interstate 40, west to New Mexico. The DPS reports all motels were full in Tucumcari this morning with travelers who opted to pull off of the hazardous highway. Authorities there opened the National Guard Armory to dazed travelers, and early this morning, it was also being filled to capacity.

I-40 west from Amarillo this morning was covered with both ice and a snow pack, the DPS said. Panhandle travelers heading north or northeast will encounter roads covered with both ice and a snow pack. Roads going east are covered with ice to the Oklahoma border. Highway 87 south is covered with both ice and a snow pack all the way to Lubbock. Highway 287 south has a light snow and ice cover. U.S. 60 west to Clovis is covered with both ice and a snow pack.

In short, the DPS summary, labeling Panhandle roads "bad," probably best told of traveling conditions this morning. The spokesman said people should not drive in the Panhandle early today, "if they can possibly help it."

### Insurance contract for the county awarded on the toss of a coin

By LORI-ANN D'ANTONIO  
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The Gray County Commissioners' Court voted Wednesday morning to spend a total of \$24,338 in 1983 to pay for new insurance contracts.

While they set out to vote on five contracts (one for each kind of insurance needed), they ended up flipping a coin to award one of them. Panhandle Insurance Agency (PIA) was awarded the contract to write an automobile insurance policy for the county's cars by the toss of a quarter.

PIA and the Duncan Insurance Agency, the two local agencies which bid on the five insurance contracts, submitted identical bids of \$7,665 per year for the exact same coverage from the same company. County Judge Carl Kennedy who presides over the court said "the law says we must take the lowest responsible bidder, but here we don't have one."

After discussion both among the commissioners present

The DPS's Operation Motorcade for the New Year's holiday went into effect at 6 p.m. Thursday and continues through midnight Sunday. The state police predicted 43 people will die in traffic accidents in the state during the watch period.

Ironically, though, the poor road conditions may cut down on the number of fatalities, as drivers may slow down and take extra precautions on the bad roads, according to the DPS.

Travelers' advisories were issued by the National Weather Service through tonight.

Temperatures which never reached above the freezing mark most of the week have kept earlier accumulations of snow and ice on the ground.

Lows Friday morning dipped to the teens in most Panhandle towns.

More snow, up to one inch, is predicted for many parts of the Panhandle today, with up to one or two inches more tonight.

Highs today are expected in the low 30s. Lows tonight in the Panhandle are forecast again at about 15 degrees.

The high New Year's Day is expected in the mid 30s.

Other parts of the state are also expected to have poor driving conditions over the holiday.

Skies were cloudy statewide and snow was falling before dawn across the Trans Pecos and Panhandle, extending eastward into the western portions of North Texas.

Travelers advisories were posted for all of West Texas and western sections of North Texas.

and the two men who submitted the bills, the commissioners decided to flip a coin to decide who got the contract and asked each agency to choose "heads" or "tails." The toss came up heads, and the contract was awarded to PIA.

PIA was also awarded the contract for insurance to cover owners, landlords and tenants liability for the two airports, Perry LeFors Field and the McLean Municipal Airport, for which the premium will be \$2400 for 1983.

The Duncan Agency was awarded three county contracts: the liability policy covering public officials (\$1,387 per year for three years), catastrophe liability (\$1,896 per year), and the Texas Commercial Multi-Peril policy contract (\$12,640 per year for three years).

The bidding and selection process was made necessary for the first time this year by legislative changes, Kennedy said. The contracts were handled at the special meeting called today because the current insurance policies held by the county expire today.

### Miami's riots tonight may be limited to Orange Bowl action

By RICHARD T. PIENCIAK

MIAMI (AP) — Police restrictions have been relaxed in the city's Overtown section, but officials promised special precautions for tonight's Orange Bowl parade, which will come within three blocks of the riot-torn neighborhood.

At least two police officers received minor injuries Thursday during what authorities said was a quiet day.

A contingent of up to 200 officers assigned to the embattled area since Tuesday, when a Hispanic policeman fatally shot a young black man in a video arcade, was reduced by about one-third late Thursday.

The police perimeter was halved from 192 square blocks to about 90 square blocks and bans on the sale of gasoline and liquor within the barricaded zone were lifted effective this morning, said City Manager Howard V. Gary.

"We really do believe the worst of it is over," said police spokesman Raymond Lang.

But officials promised special care would be taken to guarantee the safety of tonight's parade, which precedes the Orange Bowl football game to be played January 1.

"Due to the events of the last couple days, we will be doubly vigilant and on the lookout for potential problems," police spokesman Angelo Bitsis said.

Officers remaining on perimeter duty just north of

downtown would halt all post-parade travelers trying to get on the interstate highway system by driving through the Overtown neighborhood, Bitsis said. "We don't want anyone getting lost or going the wrong way," he said.

"A few roving small groups of young males" caused two disturbances shattering Thursday's calm, said police Sgt. Jack Sullivan. The incidents, both outside Merlin's Liquors, resulted in five arrests.

The worst disturbance occurred about noon when 40 youths broke from a crowd and stormed the liquor store, tossing bottles onto the sidewalk and looting it. Some of the youths used the liquor bottles — many of them full — as weapons against police and onlookers.

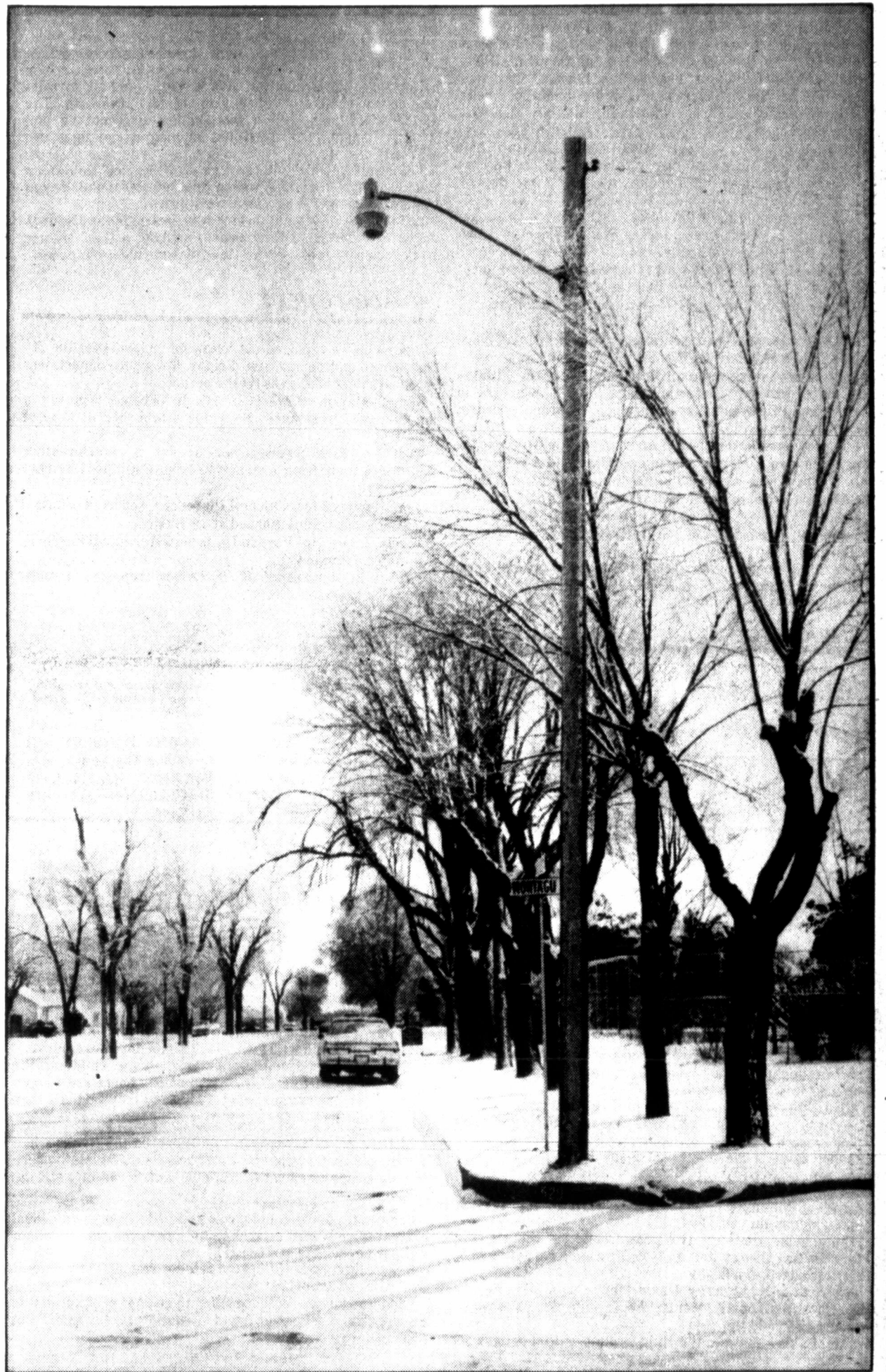
Baton and shotgun-equipped officers returned the fire with at least a half-dozen tear gas canisters.

Early today, police said their records showed 43 arrests since the disturbances began Tuesday night and 26 injuries, including four police officers.

The route of the parade, slated to begin at 7:30 p.m., takes marchers within three blocks of the southeast corner of the original Overtown perimeter.

Gary said at news conference late Thursday that city officials had "implemented the necessary programs to insure the safety and convenience, as we always have in the past, for large numbers of people."

More coming



This scene on N. Somerville makes Pampa look like Snowtown, U.S.A., with melting ice starting to bend tree branches over with its weight. Before the weekend is over, we may have more snow to complete the winter holidays in white. (Staff photo by Lori-Ann D'Antonio)

### Weather

Travelers advisories are in effect through tonight, with snow on icy roads expected to make driving hazardous. The forecast calls for cloudy and cold weather through Saturday, with a 20 percent chance of snow tonight. Snow accumulations are expected to be 1 to 2 inches tonight.

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## Investigator quits after murder is bargained

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Department of Health nurse whose complaints about conditions at a Texas City nursing home led to landmark murder indictments against the facility has resigned in protest to a plea bargain of the charges.

Betty H. Korndorffer, 52, of Dickinson, resigned Thursday after six years with the agency as a nursing home investigator.

"I just feel defeated — I don't feel effective any more," she told the Dallas Times Herald.

Mrs. Korndorffer said she alerted the Galveston County district attorney's office to conditions at the Autumn Hills Nursing Home after she was unable to get state health officials to take action.

A grand jury investigation led to the issuance of indictments alleging murder by neglect in 1981 against the

home's parent corporation and eight present and former employees.

In a plea bargain approved Monday, the charges were dismissed after Autumn Hill Convalescent Centers Inc. pleaded no contest to a single charge of involuntary manslaughter and paid a \$100,000 fine.

Mrs. Korndorffer said the plea bargain shows "there's no great penalty for letting all those people die from neglect."

The indictments cited the deaths of eight patients, but former Assistant District Attorney David Marks said there was evidence that the deaths of 56 patients were caused or hastened by neglect.

Marks, who headed the prosecution of Autumn Hills, was fired after he initiated an unsuccessful court attempt to block the plea bargain, which was negotiated by District

Attorney James Hury. Marks contended Hury agreed to the deal for political gain.

Hury, who leaves office Jan. 1, was elected to the Texas House in November. He said the plea bargain enabled Galveston County to avoid the expense of lengthy litigation and also contended the evidence in the case did not back the murder charges.

"The system simply doesn't work — there's no penalty for providing poor care for the elderly, either through the Health Department or the legal system," Mrs. Korndorffer said.

Mrs. Korndorffer said she spent "well over 1,000 hours" assisting Marks in the case and that Hury "never asked me one question regarding my findings" during that time.

The former inspector said she quit because of the pressure of allegations leveled against her by Autumn Hills attorneys,

who said she filed false reports because she was once passed over for promotion while working for Autumn Hills.

Mrs. Korndorffer denied the charge and voluminous evidence was presented to the grand jury to support her position, the Times Herald reported.

Dr. Robert Bernstein, commissioner of the Department of Health, said Mrs. Korndorffer was "an outstanding worker. Nobody's more dedicated than she is."

Bernstein said he agreed with Mrs. Korndorffer that the Autumn Hills case warranted greater punishment.

"If what the grand jury found is accurate — and I assume it is — something should have happened," he said.

The state's policing of nursing homes has improved since the Autumn Hills allegations surfaced, Bernstein said.





# Viewpoints



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Anthony Randles  
Managing Editor

## Volunteers' army

A cute photo in the paper the other day showed a U.S. Marine colonel in Beirut holding a couple of hamburgers as some Lebanese gazed upon this exotic foreign food with scarcely concealed distaste - or at least doubt. It seems a disc jockey in Dayton had heard that the American "peace-keeping" force was eating cold chow while the French troops were dining on gourmet fare. He convinced White Castle, a Midwest chain, to send the 1,500 troops 3,000 of its hamburgers, and Emery Air Freight whisked them to the Mideast free of charge. The Marines have been promised at least one hot meal a day so long as they're in Lebanon.

Whatever your opinion of the wisdom of the commitment of U.S. troops in Lebanon (and ours is somewhere between skeptical and outraged), those are American "boys" over there. The idea of supporting them, feeding them, offering them a link to home through entirely voluntary means is attractive.

We're wondering if the idea couldn't be extended, with benefits accruing both to the young men in uniform and the ordinary citizens they are supposed to be defending. Would American companies, or individual citizens, be willing to feed soldiers on a more regular basis? Could this apply not only to Americans stationed overseas, but to those on military bases here at home? Might churches bring military personnel into the social

hall once every few weeks for a meal? Might this happy duty be rotated among other civic groups and individuals? Might this contact help us to think of them less as "personnel" and more as people?

How many people might help to sew uniforms? How many would be willing to press them or patch them? Frankly, we're talking about something a little more far-reaching than an enlarged USO. If more of the needs of the military could be filled voluntarily, fewer of them should require coercive means (i.e. taxes). Many community service organizations maintain a staff paid through contributions - why not the military, to some extent? If taxes could be reduced, could some people be persuaded to donate a portion of their income to help pay not only for salaries, but for extras like officers' clubs or recreation halls?

It wouldn't have to be a one-way street. Marines from El Toro helped to fight the Orange County fires this month, and the military is often available for, even eager to perform various kinds of community service. More of this activity could help citizens feel closer to the people committed to defending them and help military people gain a keener appreciation of what they're sworn to defend.

We're not saying the idea could be implemented next week or even next year. But the White Castle airlift ought to open our eyes to the possibilities.

## On grabbing when grabbing is good

It isn't so much the money as the attitude. It doesn't begin or end in the military; it pervades certain government workers who view their positions not so much as an opportunity to serve as an opportunity to... well, the word loot comes to mind, though it may be a little strong.

The example for today happens to come from the military. Recently, a House Government Operations subcommittee looked into Defense Department travel costs. The immediate purpose was to check out suggestions from the Defense Audit Service that military and civilian Pentagon brass wasted \$28 million in unnecessary flights, commandeering military aircraft when commercial seats were available at a fraction of the cost.

In one case investigators discovered that an unnamed general demanded a high-performance military plane for a flight. According to Government Operations Committee chairman Jack Brooks, D-Texas, "that plane got him where he wanted to go 15 minutes earlier, but at an additional cost of \$12,400." The General Accounting Office also found, after reviewing only a limited number of flights over a few months, that \$2.8 million could have been saved by having civilian officials fly commercially.

The dismaying thing is that waste of this sort, after a while, becomes almost second nature. Some government workers view expensive perquisites as their just due, as some kind of recompense for performing

their difficult, underappreciated jobs.

It can be easy for a dedicated civil servant to occasionally indulge in an expensive perquisite and then cross still more fuzzy lines to become an arrogant bureaucrat who comes to act as if the public not only owes him a living, but a lavish one. The last sort seem to be increasing in number, and why not? The gravy train has grown so long that it's almost too much to expect an ordinary, imperfect mortal not to climb on.

To be sure, there are plenty of people in private business who play the angles, pad expense accounts, and engage in silly corporate games involving office size and location, expensive furniture and thick carpets. The difference is that those people haven't been hired by the taxpayers with money extracted from working people against their will.

This seems to be an age when only "suckers" fail to grab what they can while the grabbing is good. In government service, there's another way to describe that kind of sucker, however. It's a person with a modicum of integrity who remembers that he or she went into the job in the first place to serve the public.

If more government workers retained or rediscovered that kind of attitude, those of us who make a profession of carping about government would have fewer justifiable occasions for complaint.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 31, the 365th and last day of 1982.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 31, 1879, inventor Thomas

Edison gave the first demonstration of his incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1890, Ellis Island in New York was opened as a center to receive immigrants.



## Goal of condensed Bible commendable

A seven-year project to condense the Bible is completed, and the result will be well worth the effort if the new version attracts more readers throughout the world to follow the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

The work was accomplished by eight editors of Reader's Digest, tops in the world when it comes to bringing books down to size - a task it has been performing for a number of years.

The text of the Revised Standard Version Bible, a translation completed in 1952, has been slimmed by 40 percent; the number of words reduced from 800,000 to 480,000. The editors pared

more than half the Old Testament and about a quarter of the New Testament.

The job was undertaken because, as one editor explained, "The Bible is not read as much as people think it is, and the reason is, simply, because it is too long and too complex." Reviewers have found the new version successfully shortens the text while preserving the essential content of the biblical materials.

The whole business, however, is displeasing to those Christians who hold that the Bible is the word of God and should not be subject to tampering. Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell said Reader's Digest should stick to "condensing books by

men. To condense something God has written gives unusual powers to human beings. I personally don't feel we have that right."

The effort has also been the subject of comedians. The long editing process offered time for the jokesters to come up with condensation humor: Moses making his way down from Mount Sinai with the Five Commandments; mixing the new Bible with holy water to produce the full version of the holy book; and a bailiff in the courtroom asking a witness, "Do you swear to tell the half-truth?"

In full truth, the Bible has undergone many translations throughout the ages, starting before

the time of Christ when interpreters offered biblical teachings in Aramaic for Jews who could not understand Hebrew. By far the most popular version in English was that of King James I of England, who in 1604 authorized 50 scholars to revise earlier translations. The beauty and grace of the King James Version is one of the great treasures of the English language.

The new, slimmed-down version offers a Bible that can be easily understood. If it increases Bible reading, it has accomplished its task. Those who object to the new work are still free to rely on the spiritual words of the more traditional Good Book.



By PAUL HARVEY

## Our precarious perch

This next is so you won't run out of things to worry about.

Tylenol suspect James Lewis is also accused of writing a threatening letter to the White House in which he detailed a plan to use radio-controlled model airplanes to jeopardize the security of our President.

It is not funny. It is not even impractical.

During my son's growing-up years many of our happiest hours were spent buying and flying radio-controlled model airplanes.

I don't know if you know...but the electronic controls have become so sophisticated that these model planes can be maneuvered altogether as skillfully as real airplanes.

Aerobatics with precision. Formation flying. Dogfights.

Altitudes which rival man-carrying aircraft.

With alcohol fuel in tiny pistons fired by glow plugs, RC-model planes have flown more than 100 miles an hour.

Some big ones.

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These flying model aircraft...controlled by a pilot on the ground with controls corresponding to

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those in real aircraft, ailerons, elevator, rudder, throttle...have been used to string cables across canyons, have been used for spy missions over enemy lines, have been adapted with sensors to scout air pollution over the Houston ship channel.

And, yes, they have been used for ship-to-shore drug trafficking on our Gulf Coast.

All of us experienced in RC flying have recognized the potential for sabotage. To talk publicly about it could only plant seeds in sick brains...but among ourselves we worried about it.

Now...as a direct result of this letter threat to the White House...a longtime leader of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, John Clemens, has asked the Radio Control Frequency Committee of that organization to study and recommend an appropriate response.

The FBI, responsible for our internal security, is familiar with radio-detonation of bombs and incendiary devices and is not unmindful of the greater threat of "flying bombs."

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A specific area...the White House for example...conceivably could be defended from the intrusion of radio-controlled aircraft with jamming devices on vulnerable frequencies.

However, the extent to which this might snafu other essential electronic communication and devices could be a deterrent.

I have asked around among Chicago area modelers and equipment suppliers. Nobody remembers James Lewis.

His inexperience is further indicated

by the overkill suggestion in his letters that RC model aircraft might be used to scramble the communications of the President's Secret Service protectors.

The greatest threat which is now receiving serious study is the potential use of such devices to airdrop bug bombs, gas bombs, or explosives. Security agencies may be in debt to James Lewis for encouraging accelerated development of countermeasures.

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## Berry's World



"You should have been with me at the mall today. I freaked 'em out!"

## Growing Child: Learning is watching

As soon as a babies sit up and looks around, they get a different view of the world which they enjoy and which make them feel important. They're probably pulling themselves up in their bed and playing with their toes, rolling around on the floor and reaching for their toys, making new noises and trying to "talk" to you at about seven months old.

They show likes and dislikes for things they eat and toward the people they see and hear.

They begin to use their hands, mouth and tongue to touch and explore things. If you give them a plastic cup, they will probably look at it, feel it, mouth it, and end up banging it against something. In this way, they learn about size, texture, taste and weight of objects within their reach.

You can encourage a

baby's natural curiosity by exposing them to a variety of objects. Allow them to reach for and feel such natural objects as snow, leaves, and rocks. Talk to them about what they're doing and about the shape, feel and texture of what you've given them.

At mealtime, give them a small unbreakable juice glass and a spoon. Continue to feed them as before, but let them try to feed themselves.

At about 7 months, babies have learned to grasp quite well, although precise thumb-forefinger pickup will not yet be fully developed. Now she is also beginning to learn how to "let go." This is the second half of the grasp-release movement pattern.

At first, release is done simply by relaxing the hand when attention is distracted. Voluntary release (or, letting

go when she wants to) is a more difficult skill and is learned in several stages: throwing, exaggerated letting go after putting the object down and controlled letting go.

So, as babies begin to develop voluntary release they find it necessary to straighten their whole arms in order to straighten their fingers and open their hands. In other words, they throw the object in order to release their grasp on it. This usually begins at about seven months.

Very soon they begin watching to see where the object goes and to listen to the sound it makes when it strikes something. Then they begin to throw to see what happens. These are all learning behaviors. They may be a little hard on mother and dad for a time, but throwing is an important part of learning. Babies are not just doing it to be "bad" or get attention. They are learning how to let go of objects when she wants to AND learning a lot about cause and effect and about gravity.

But what can mothers and dads do to let babies learn these essential lessons without constantly retrieving objects thrown to the floor? First, some toys can be fastened to the chair with cord or elastic. These can be retrieved without stepping. Now babies have a new experience to learn about. Some things thrown fall to the floor — but some things don't! They will learn that the ones on cord or elastic can be pulled back up and they will begin to retrieve these themselves.



Growing Child Column  
"Learning is Watching"

## FAMILY CRAFTS

by Chris and Janet Beckett

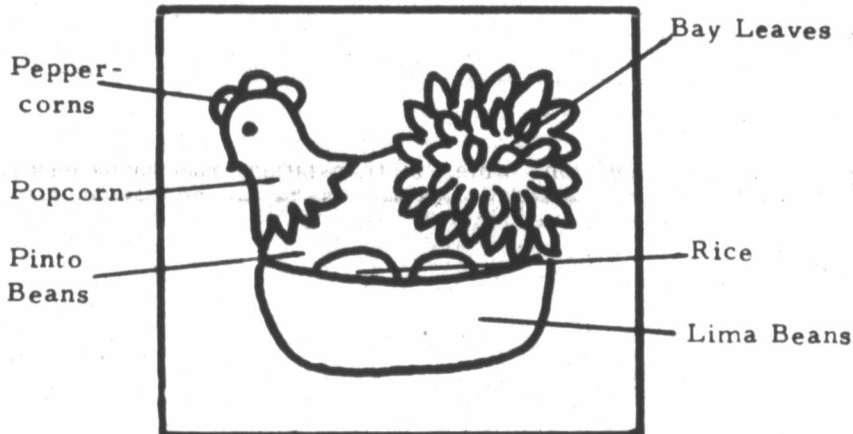
### Cheer up the kitchen with seed applique hen

This pretty hen sitting on her nest will be a cheerful addition to your kitchen! We drew the hen design onto a decoupage board. The kids had a great time gluing the seeds onto the board. The result was so good that our son's cub scout troop is

making them as a special project.

To make your own, you can copy our design for the hen or create your own. The only materials you need are a decoupage board, white glue and a picture hanger. The rest of the materials you may

This is such a special project to complete that you'll be amazed how good-looking it is when you have finished. It is easy to come up with original designs, too. Good sources of ideas include magazine pictures, greeting cards or children's books.



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already have on your kitchen shelves: dried lima beans, pinto beans, bay leaves, rice, popcorn and peppercorns.

Just trace the design and transfer it to an appropriately-sized decoupage board.

Spread a layer of white glue on the area of the design to be applied with seeds. Place each seed individually — don't pour the seeds on or the result will look messy. It also looks prettier if you place each seed pointing in the same direction.

Before you begin gluing the seeds in place, it's a good idea to attach a picture hanger to the back of the decoupage board. It is difficult to attach after the design is finished without dislodging the seeds.

When you have finished applying all the seeds and beans, let the entire picture dry overnight. The seal the whole surface with a clear acrylic spray or a mixture of two parts white glue and one part water. Again, let it dry overnight.

If you would like instructions and full-size iron-on transfer patterns to make the hen pictured plus six other designs (butterfly, flowers, owl, frog, mushrooms and rooster), specify Project No. 1228-9 and send \$3.95 to Family Crafts, P.O. Box 52189, Tulsa, Okla., 74152.

## Dear Abby A happy New Year can be built day by day

By Abigail Van Buren  
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DEAR ABBY: Last New Year's Eve you published some New Year's resolutions. I cut that column out and taped it on my bathroom mirror where I could read it every morning. I want you to know that it has helped me to become a better person. I am not saying that I kept every one of those resolutions every day, but I kept most of them, and they have now become habits that have made a remarkable improvement in my personality and character.

I hope you will repeat that column every New Year's Eve. I'm sure it will benefit many others as it has me.

NEVER TOO OLD

DEAR NEVER: By popular demand, my "resolutions" column has become an annual tradition, and here it is:

DEAR READER: These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have taken the liberty of using that theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will try to be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will try to change those things that I can change and accept those things I cannot change.

Just for today I will try to improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will do a good deed for somebody — without letting him know it. (If he or she finds out I did it, it won't count.)

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Just for today I will be totally honest. If someone asks me something I don't know, I will not try to bluff; I'll simply say, "I don't know."

Just for today I'll do something I've been putting off for a long time. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call, clean that closet or straighten out those dresser drawers.

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Just for today I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half-hour to relax alone. During this time I will reflect on my behavior and will try to get a better perspective on my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions. I will expect nothing from the world, but I will realize that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

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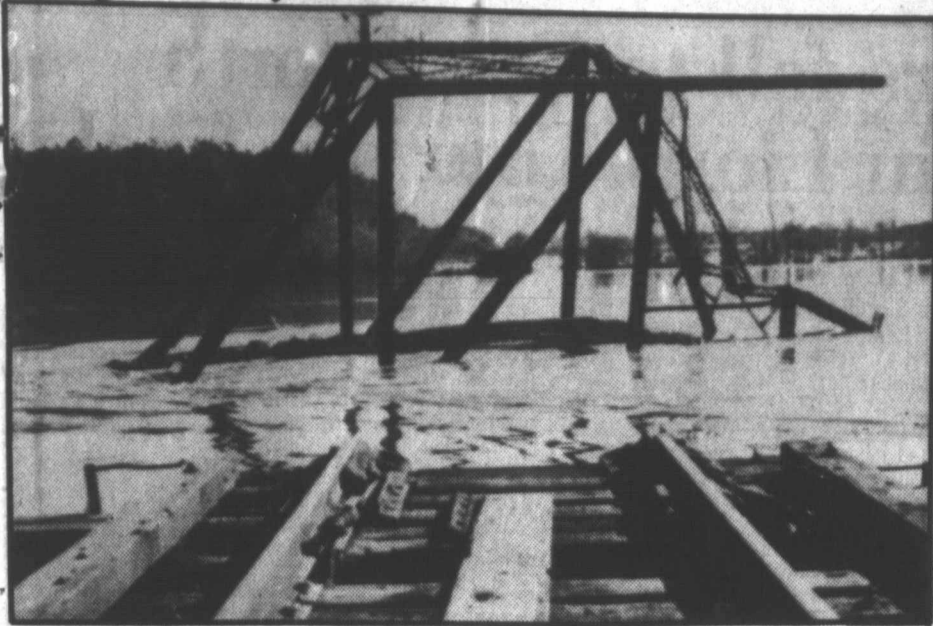
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**Tough year for Helms**

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent  
WASHINGTON (AP) — It hasn't been a good year for Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, and there may be tougher ones ahead.  
His issues and his candidates fared poorly in 1982. He ran into trouble at home for casting a crucial, turnaround vote for one tax bill, and he faces trouble in the Senate for obstructing action on another.  
In North Carolina, Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. is waiting, already at work on his challenge to the Republican senator who has been a hero and leader of the New Right for a decade.  
Helms will be up for a third Senate term in 1984, and Hunt would be the most formidable rival he's had to face.  
Not that Helms doesn't have plenty going for him. He is the ranking figure on the Republican right. He has a campaign bankroll ready. His National Congressional Club is a high-powered, high-bankroll political finance committee.  
Helms got 55 percent of the North Carolina vote in his last Senate election. Hunt got 62 percent when he was elected to a second term as governor in 1980.  
If would make quite a race: the patriarch of the New Right against a popular, 45-year-old, New South Democratic governor. It would unless Helms decided to call it a Senate career and go national in 1984 with a campaign for conservative purity.  
Helms and other ardent conservatives have complained, loudly and often, that President Reagan has parted with some of the precepts they thought he shared, and has installed suspect Republicans in high administration places.

Helms threatened to challenge Reagan's chosen vice-presidential nominee, George Bush, at the 1980 Republican convention. He said calls were coming in from all over the country, urging him to run in order to display conservative dissatisfaction with Bush. In the end, Helms dropped the challenge and settled for nationally televised time to address the convention on conservative principles.  
There may be other options in 1984, and they could prove enticing to Helms, particularly if the North Carolina Senate odds look bad.  
One is the possibility that Reagan might not run again, leaving the Republican field open with Bush as the likely leader. The conservatives didn't want him to be vice president, and they certainly don't want him nominated for president.  
Another is that Reagan runs, but conservative disenchantment grows, as it probably will in view of the compromises the administration will have to make with a more heavily Democratic Congress. That could prompt a challenge to Reagan, or to Bush from the Republican by the state highway and public transportation commission.  
Local levels of government now may request the department to accept initially an amount equal to 10 percent of the cost of needed right-of-ways. The department will accept the voluntary contribution and take responsibility for the acquisition of the land.  
Previously, local governments were required to purchase the right-of-way and were later reimbursed at least 90 percent by the department. Some counties and cities have had difficulty funding the purchase prior to reimbursement, thus delaying needed projects.

**Farm commodity prices down**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's farm "parity" yardstick dropped in 1982 to the lowest level in more than 70 years of record-keeping, figures show.  
The latest statistics issued Thursday by the Agriculture Department showed commodity prices at the farm declined 1.6 percent in December.  
That was enough, according to USDA records going back to 1910, to unofficially push the historic "parity" ratio to its lowest annual reading ever.  
The financial indicator has never sunk so low, not even in the depths of the Depression in the early 1930s.  
The parity formula was designed half a century ago — and incorporated into federal law — to help express farmers' financial situation by relating prices they receive to expenses and other factors.  
The December price index also remained below year-earlier readings, where it has been in 16 of the last 17 months.  
Commodity prices generally have been depressed because of huge grain harvests the past two years, along with lagging exports and consumer demand for meat, poultry and dairy products.  
The price report said that lower prices for oranges, tomatoes, cattle, turkeys and eggs were mostly responsible for the December decline in the index. However, higher prices for corn, lettuce, hogs, soybeans and sorghum partially offset the gains for the

other commodities.  
Prices paid by farmers to meet expenses, meanwhile, declined 0.6 percent during the month but still averaged 3.3 percent more than a year ago.  
Weaker commodity prices have helped dampen consumer food prices, which are expected to rise 4.5 percent in 1982, the smallest annual increase in six years. Department economists say the 1983 gain may be held to 3 percent to 6 percent.  
With the December decline, farm prices, on the average, rose in six months in 1982, dropped in five and held steady in one. In 1981, the index failed to show an overall gain in any month, the first time that had happened since 1933.  
Farm prices in December averaged 127 percent of a 1977 base-price average used for comparison, according to the preliminary figures. The November index was 129 percent.  
The December parity ratio was 54 percent, down from 55 in November. According to USDA records, that was the lowest since the indicator also averaged 54 percent in April 1933, one of the worst years of the Depression. It sagged to 57 percent last winter and hovered near that mark since.  
With the preliminary December reading, the 12-month average for 1982 was 57 percent, compared to 61 percent in 1981. The previous all-time annual low was 58 percent in 1932.  
At 100 percent, the indicator would theoretically mean that farmers have the same buying power they had in 1910-14.

**Union wants Gramm kicked out**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The president of the Texas AFL-CIO has urged the state's Democratic congressman to oust Rep. Phil Gramm from the House Budget Committee, calling him "a Democrat in name only."  
Harry Hubbard asked the Texas congressman in a letter Thursday to note the efforts of Gramm, a Democrat from College Station, to support "Reaganomics."  
"The entire thrust of his speech-making activity was that Texans should 'stay the course,' presumably by supporting Republican candidates who backed the

president," Hubbard said.  
"Gramm's actions, coupled with his role in developing the whole Reagan budget and tax package which has been so devastating to workers, farmers and small business people, must not go unnoticed by the Democratic Caucus in the House."  
"Gramm should be stripped of his seat on the House Budget Committee," Hubbard said. "He is a Democrat in name only. He says that if he loses his Budget Committee seat he will defect from the party and become a Republican. Good riddance."

**Brazil to withhold debt payments**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Hoping to avert insolvency in March, Brazil says it will withhold more than \$800 million in principal payments due on loans from U.S. and other foreign banks.  
"There doesn't exist any alternative," Jose Serrano, international director for the Brazilian central bank told reporters Thursday. International bankers were told of the plan last week in New York.  
If Brazil's plan for rescheduling principal payments due in January and February is not accepted by international bankers, Serrano said, "We will enter into de facto insolvency on March 1."  
Brazil has the world's ninth-largest economy and is the Third World's largest borrower with \$90 billion due foreign lenders. It owes \$446 million in principal on loans in January and a similar amount in February, Serrano said.  
In Sao Paulo, central bank president Carlos Langoni stressed the procedure involved only payment of principal and interest payments would continue to be made on schedule.  
Serrano said the central bank has given 686 creditor banks a proposal to turn the January-February principal into deposits that lenders would have to leave in Brazilian banks, which would in turn deposit them in the central bank. He said a "good portion" of the foreign banks had responded favorably, but not a majority. He said Brazil would go ahead on its own and withhold payments to any foreign bank that does not respond to the plan by Saturday.

Langoni said the money deposited in the central bank would be repaid to the foreign banks under new terms similar to a regular eight-year loan, beginning with a 30-month grace period in which no payments would be made.  
The central bank will pay interest on the money and the foreign banks will have the option of reloaning the money to a Brazilian client, rather than leaving it in the central bank, Langoni said.  
Brazilian reports say large U.S. banks were agreeing to the deal but smaller regional American banks, along with European and Japanese lenders, were balky.  
"If the majority accepts, the minority will have to go along," Serrano said, adding he was certain the majority of banks would accept the deal.  
Meeting with international bankers in New York on Dec. 20, Langoni and other Brazilian officials asked them not to take \$4 billion in loan payments out of Brazil when they are due in early 1983. At that time, the Brazilians also asked for new loans totaling \$4.4 million.  
On Dec. 15, Brazil reached a tentative agreement with the International Monetary Fund to borrow \$5.9 billion as an emergency financing measure. That agreement followed a \$1.2 billion loan by the United States.  
Brazil, along with Mexico and Argentina, has experienced major problems in repaying its foreign debt this year. The world recession, decline in prices for their exports and rising costs for imported goods have drained the dollar reserves from all three nations.

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### Sports Scene

#### Former College Rivals



Guard Larry Drew (left) of the Kansas City Kings passes the ball by Darnell Valentine of the Portland Trailblazers during the first half of an NBA game Thursday night.

#### NBA Roundup

### Trail Blazers surprise Kansas City, 113-107

By The Associated Press  
He had come to praise Cotton Fitzsimmons, not to bury him.  
But, on Thursday night, Portland Trail Blazers Coach Jack Ramsay accomplished both.  
The Blazers, behind the center play of Mychal Thompson and some crucial reserve work by Peter Verhoeven, had just scored a 113-107 victory over the Kings at Kansas City.  
"We beat a very good team tonight," Ramsay said. "I liked our intensity and our tenacity. What Kansas City has done is not a great deal short of amazing."  
"It's a tribute to Cotton's coaching ability," Kansas City, leading the National Basketball Association's Midwest Division, lost for only the 10th time in 27 games.  
In other league games, New York defeated Cleveland 94-89, San Antonio edged Chicago 105-102, San Diego beat Houston 108-93, Boston outslugged Denver 145-132, Indiana edged Utah 115-114, Phoenix walloped Detroit 115-98, Milwaukee beat Dallas 111-99 and Los Angeles defeated Seattle 137-117.  
"Portland came ready to play, but I knew they would," Fitzsimmons said.

Thompson scored a season-high 26 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and passed off for nine assists to lead the Blazers, who snapped a 101-101 tie with a 12-4 spurt with less than four minutes to play. Verhoeven added 16 points in just 19 minutes' play.  
Center Steve Johnson led the Kings with 21 points in a reserve role. Knicks 94, Cavaliers 89.  
Bernard King scored 27 points and led New York to its 16th consecutive victory over the Cavaliers, dating back to Jan. 15, 1979. King now has led New York in scoring 13 straight times.  
Paul Westphal added 10 points for the Knicks, all in the final quarter, to help New York turn back a last-gasp rally by the Cavaliers. Leading 71-70, the Knicks ran off 10 straight points midway through the fourth quarter — five by Westphal — to put the game away. Spurs 105, Bulls 102.  
Artis Gilmore hit two free throws and Mike Mitchell added another foul shot in the final two minutes to lift San Antonio over Chicago, which lost its fourth straight. The Bulls missed their final five shots. Chicago tied the score 102-102 with 2:28 to play on a layup by Reggie Theus.

## Harvesters fall to Fort Worth Dunbar in Lions Tourney finals

FORT WORTH—Pampa was just one step away from winning the prestigious Lions Club Tournament, but Fort Worth Dunbar effectively blocked the way Thursday night.  
Dunbar, the third-ranked Class 5A team in the state, used deadly outside shooting to topple the Harvesters, 80-68, in the championship finals.  
Pampa trailed all the way, but stayed within striking distance the first half as Dunbar led at intermission, 37-31.  
Dunbar outscored Pampa, 8-2, at the start of the third quarter, about the same time the Harvesters' leading scorer, Mike Nelson, was collecting his fourth foul. Pampa could never recover.  
Dunbar was leading by 14,

63-49, going into the fourth quarter and the Harvesters could pull no closer than 10 in the final period.  
Pampa shot 46.9 percent (31-66) from the floor while Dunbar hit on 49.2 percent (32-65) of its shots, coming mainly from the 15-foot range and beyond. Pampa suffered one of its worst nights from the foul line, hitting only six of 17 attempts.  
John Johnson led the Wildcats in scoring with 21 points while Lawrence Hudson, the tournament's most valuable player, followed with 19.  
Phil Jeffrey led the Harvesters in scoring with 16 points and also pulled down 10 rebounds. Nelson and Coyle Winborn accounted for 14 points apiece. Nelson, a 6-3 senior, was named to the all-tournament squad.

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Team	W	L	Pct.	W.L.	Pct.
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TCU	0	0	.000	0	0
Houston	0	0	.000	0	0
Baylor	0	0	.000	0	0
SMU	0	0	.000	0	0
Rice	0	0	.000	0	0
Texas	0	0	.000	0	0
Texas A&M	0	0	.000	0	0
Texas Tech	0	0	.000	0	0

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Wednesday—Rice 47, Dartmouth 46 (Merrill Lynch Classic); Virginia Tech 53, Texas Tech 49 (Rainbow Classic); Utah St. 84, Texas Christian 59 (Big B. U. C.)  
Thursday—Connecticut 68, Texas A&M 63 (Connecticut Mutual Classic); Southern 74, Methodist 74 (Sun Carnival Classic); Kansas St. 50 (Sun Carnival Classic); Santa Clara 70, Texas Tech 67 (Cable Car Classic); Thursday—Baylor 70, Southwestern 69, Texas Tech 66 (Sun Carnival Classic); North Carolina 79, Texas Tech 47 (Big B. U. C.)

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#### Grimsley's Sports World

### Paterno hopes to claim elusive national crown

By WILL GRIMSLEY  
AP Special Correspondent  
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Joe Paterno is a mild, soft-spoken man who espouses an unusual philosophy for a football coach — "Winning isn't everything" — but there's no hiding his intense desire to win Saturday's Sugar Bowl game against No. 1 Georgia.  
"For the national championship," says the 54-year-old coach of Penn State's second-ranked Nittany Lions. "Not for Joe Paterno. mind you. As a coach, I feel I have had a legitimate claim three times—in 1968, '69 and '73."  
"But for the kids, I'd like for them to be able to wake up Sunday morning and see the headlines, 'Penn State National Champions.' Recognized by everybody. It's more important to them than it is to me."  
Paterno is one of a group of

very influential college coaches who think the NCAA should have a national collegiate football playoff to determine a true titleholder, just as in every other sport, even basketball, with many more teams.  
"But, of course, there are the strong roots and traditions of the bowl games," he acknowledges. "They have been a wonderful asset to the game. But no one has devised an accepted way of setting up a playoff without destroying the bowls."  
Although he denies it and reflects no bitterness, disappointment and frustration must eat away at the insides of this bandy-legged onetime Brown University quarterback who owns the best winning percentage of all active coaches, including the great Paul "Bear" Bryant, and stands eighth in the all-time listing headed by such legends as Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Bob Neyland and Fielding "Hurry Up" Yost.  
In his 16 years at Penn State, Paterno has won 161 games, lost 34 and tied one for an 820 winning percentage. Bryant, who now is retiring after an all-time record of 323 victories over 38 years, ranks third behind Paterno and Bo Schembechler of Michigan. The Bear's average is .780-plus.  
This is Paterno's 15th bowl game in 16 years. His teams once had 23 straight victories and 31 consecutive games without a defeat. He and his squads have had other winning streaks of 19, 15, 12 and 10 games. In 1968 his team went 11-0 and beat Kansas in the Orange Bowl. In 1969, the Nittany Lions repeated the 11-0 mark and trounced Missouri in the Orange Bowl. In 1973, they

won 12 straight and beat Louisiana State, also in the Orange Bowl.  
"This is the fifth national title situation for me as a coach," he said. "Sure, I think it would be nice to be accepted as national champion by the voters and the fans, but I refuse to let it get me down."  
"I try to win every game. I think if it's a question of winning or losing, football is a silly game. It's hard for me to picture myself in a situation where the only important thing is whether we win a game or not. I really believe there's more to a college football experience than that."  
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### Nebraska out to break Orange Bowl jinx

MIAMI (AP) — Nebraska's last two trips to the Orange Bowl ended on a sour note. But the third-ranked Cornhuskers are hoping for a sweeter finish when they meet No. 13 Louisiana State in the 49th annual college football classic here New Year's night.  
Nebraska, 11-1, led the nation in total offense, rushing and scoring while capturing a second straight Big Eight Conference championship.  
This will be Nebraska's ninth trip to sunny Miami's Orange Bowl. The Huskers have a 4-4 record, losing their last two games here — a 22-15 decision and possible national title to Clemson last year and a 31-24 loss to Oklahoma in 1979.  
LSU, 8-2-1, will be making its fifth Orange Bowl appearance with a 2-2 mark.  
Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne believes the Tigers, who already have beaten three Top Ten teams this year, are a team that rises up for big games.

"They played extremely well in the games they had to play well," he said. "They'll have to play well to beat us, and that's exactly how we expect them to play."  
Nebraska is making its 14th consecutive bowl appearance and has been in post-season play 19 of the last 21 years. LSU is 10-11-1 in bowl play.  
It will be the fourth time Nebraska and LSU have met. The Huskers won their first national title in an Orange Bowl outing with the Tigers in 1971, took a 10-7 regular season victory in 1975 and settled for a 6-6 tie in 1976.  
James Britt, a senior cornerback who led LSU in interceptions, said Nebraska is loaded with talent.  
"They've got so many players, it will be difficult," Britt said of the Huskers.  
Britt says Nebraska's offensive threat comes from quarterback Turner Gill and I-backs Mike Rozier and Roger Craig. "Gill does a good job with the offense. If we can contain him, Rozier and

Craig, we'll be in the ballgame," Britt said.  
LSU has its own offensive threat in the freshman tandem of Dalton Hilliard and Garry James and in the dangerous arm of senior quarterback Alan Risher.  
The running duo compiled more than 1,600 yards this year with Hilliard rushing for 901 yards and setting an NCAA freshman record by scoring 16 TDs to finish 12th among all collegiate scorers. James, who accounted for 790 yards rushing, scored nine touchdowns.  
Risher holds 22 LSU passing records and two of those are Southeastern Conference marks. He finished second in the nation in 1981 and third this season in pass completion percentage, recording a 63 percent and 63.7 percent mark respectively. This year, Risher set an SEC record with 137 consecutive passes without an interception. The streak ended with a last-minute end zone interception against Tulane in a season-ending loss.

### Unranked Seminoles rout West Virginia

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Billy Allen scored on a 95-yard kickoff return and Greg Allen, the nation's scoring leader, tallied twice as Florida State overpowered 10th-ranked West Virginia 31-12 in the Gator Bowl football game Thursday night.  
The unranked Seminoles, a slight favorite, turned the game into a rout on Blair Williams' 27-yard scoring pass to Dennis McKinnon with only 15 seconds left in the first half and on Greg Allen's two third-quarter scores, a 29-yard run and a 1-yard dive over the Mountaineer line.  
Greg Allen finished with 138 yards on 15 carries.  
It was a bizarre game, most of which was played in light to moderate rain. The Mountaineers had a field goal and punt blocked and squandered several scoring opportunities, including one when Willie Dreyer raced 82 yards to the FSU 6 on the longest punt return in Gator Bowl history.  
Both teams completed the season with 9-3

records, and the setback probably cost West Virginia its highest finish ever in The Associated Press poll. WVU was ranked 10th in 1953, long before The AP began releasing a final poll after the bowl games.  
FSU's other score came on Phillip Hall's 20-yard field goal in the first quarter. The Seminoles also unleashed McKinnon on a 65-yard reverse that set up Greg Allen's second touchdown.  
The Mountaineers gained a 3-3 deadlock 46 seconds into the second quarter on Paul Woodside's 48-yard field goal, and Billy Allen followed that with his 95-yard kickoff return, also a Gator Bowl record.  
Woodside kicked a 34-yard field goal to chop the lead to 10-6:13 before halftime.  
West Virginia scored a touchdown with only 51 seconds remaining in the game on substitute Kevin White's 26-yard pass to Darrell Miller.

FSU set the tone for the second-half rout by moving 73 yards in less than a minute near the end of the second quarter. Greg Allen had runs of 16 and 15 yards and there was a 15-yard pass interference infraction before Williams fired the 27-yard scoring strike to McKinnon 15 seconds before intermission.  
The Mountaineers drove 51 yards with the opening kickoff, but stalled at the 19 and Woodside's 35-yard field goal try was blocked by Garth Jax.  
On the next possession, Steve Superick's punt was partially blocked by John McLean and traveled only 10 yards, but the Seminoles were unable to take advantage of either blocked kick.  
FSU finally broke the scoreless tie on Hall's field goal, which came after the first of two pass interceptions by Brian McCrary, who returned it 20 yards to the WVU 33.  
FSU's defense kept Mountaineer star Jeff Hostetler under pressure. He completed only 10 of 28 passes for 118 yards.

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# Sugar Bowl game Why Penn State-Georgia is No. 1

By Murray Olderman

**NEW ORLEANS (NEA)** — The clamor for colleges to institute a national playoff system for football at the Division I level can be put on hold for at least another year. Almost inadvertently, the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the country are meeting in the Sugar Bowl here on New Year's night for the right to be called the national champion.

The Nittany Lions of Penn State, ranked second on the basis of a 10-1 record, are seeking to reward coach Joe Paterno with his first national title. They face the undefeated and top-rated Georgia Bulldogs (11-0), who used the legendary talents of Herschel Walker to gain that same honor two years ago.

It's a dream match between the top two teams in the wire service polls.

That's not meant to denigrate the other pretenders who'll be appearing in major bowl games on the first day of the new year. It's even conceivable that if Penn State barely squeaks by Georgia while Southern Methodist (10-0-1) rolls convincingly over Pittsburgh

(9-2) in the Cotton Bowl, those who pick the mythical champions may opt for the SMU Mustangs.

And then there's Nebraska (11-1), which barely lost to Penn State in the third game of the season on a touchdown with two seconds remaining for the Cornhuskers' only defeat. They'll feature the nation's most productive offense in their Orange Bowl tussle with Louisiana State (8-2-1).

But the fact is that Georgia vs. Penn State is rightfully billed as the game for the national championship. And it's a rare chance for college football to produce an undisputed leader.

A preliminary check reveals that it has happened a couple of times previously in the last two decades:

— Unbeaten in 1962, Southern California took on second-ranked Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl and emerged with the national championship after a 42-37 shootout — in which the Trojans were almost gunned down by the aerial pyrotechnics of quarterback Ron Vander Kelen of, of course, was played Jan. 1, 1963.)

— The most glamorous of

the bowl matchups had to be Notre Dame against Alabama on Dec. 31, 1973, in the Sugar Bowl. The Tide, at the height of its glory under Bear Bryant, had swept to an 11-0 record and was rated No. 1. The Fighting Irish, equally heady during the reign of Ara Parseghian, was also unbeaten and untied in 10 games. (But Oklahoma was ranked No. 2, ahead of Notre Dame, in the polls leading up to the game.) In a Sugar Bowl thriller, the Irish nosed out Alabama, 24-23, for the national title.

— When the Irish (10-1 in 1977) took on unbeaten and top-rated Texas in the 1978 Cotton Bowl, the Irish hurried to the national championship from the fifth position in the polls.

— After the 1978 season, Penn State, pointing to a national championship, was thwarted by Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. So, the Crimson Tide ended up No. 1 according to the AP. UPI switched over to Rose Bowl champion USC.

Besides the numerical aspects, the impending Georgia-Penn State duel also promises a fascinating, exciting display of college

football at its best. It's more than one man — the valiant Walker, winner of the Heisman Trophy as the top player in the country — against the legions of Penn State.

The fact is, coach Vince Dooley's Georgia troops depended heavily on an enterprising defense to weave through the traps of an 11-game schedule. Two juniors in their secondary, Terry Hoage and Jeff Sanchez, led the nation in interceptions, picking off 12 and nine passes respectively.

The offense leaned heavily on Walker to carry the load, and he did with 1,752 yards and 16 touchdowns rushing. The passing of John Lastering provided just enough threat to keep opponents wary and actually proved decisive in the Clemson and Georgia Tech games.

The Bulldogs, however, had soft spots in their schedule — such as Kentucky and Memphis State. In meeting Temple and Rutgers, Penn State wasn't confronted by national powers either; but, overall, Joe Paterno's team faced tougher opposition than Georgia did.

# There goes another striking year

**NEW YORK (NEA)** — Nineteen eighty-two dealt more of the same to America's sports fans. Unfortunately, this meant another record-breaking labor strike that cleared professionals off the field.

Millions of TV viewers spent empty Sundays while the National Football League battled what became the longest strike in the history of U.S. sports — outdoing even the baseball fiasco of 1981.

Forfeiting eight weekends of games, negotiators for the 28 NFL teams and their 1,500 players argued from September into November over the spoils of success. At stake was the richest TV pact in sports: the NFL's new five-year deal for an estimated \$2 billion.

Once all-powerful NFL czar Pete Rozelle watched from the sidelines until club owners obtained a five-year labor truce that awarded the players some \$1.3 billion, a third less than they had wanted. For the first time, though the NFL — which managed to deny the players control of any TV receipts — agreed to a pay scale that will help push an average salary above \$100,000 a year.

The pro teams — including the San Francisco 49ers,

trying to defend the Super Bowl title — were left with a nine-game regular season, leading to a crazy 16-team, two-conference round of playoffs before crowning a new champ.

And the NFL, meanwhile, still had to face legal battles over the efforts by Al Davis to move his Raiders from Oakland to Los Angeles, where they played "home" games in 1982. This, while the new United States Football League, backed by a network TV deal, geared up to launch its first off-season campaign next spring.

Actually, the Heisman-winning exploits of Herschel Walker, junior tailback for the University of Georgia, did more than anything else in 1982 to save football. He rushed for 1,752 yards (5.2 yards per carry) and 16 TDs.

College football this season was dominated by Georgia (11-0), Southern Methodist (10-0-1), Penn State (10-1), Nebraska (9-1), UCLA (9-1-1) and the defending national champion, Clemson (9-1-1).

And by the departure of Paul "Bear" Bryant, 69, the long-time Alabama coach who retired after his Crimson Tide fell to an uncharacteristic 7-4.

Off a 49-day strike that created its worst season

ever, major-league baseball recovered in 1982 by luring a record 44.5 million fans to watch 26 teams revive the Great American Pastime. They saw four new winners — the Cardinals (NL East), Braves (NL West), Brewers (AL East) and Angels (AL West) — survive the closest divisional races ever. It took the Cards seven games to edge the Brewers in a sloppy World Series.

Baseball stars who earned 1982 honors: Phillies hurler Steve Carlton; Brewers shortstop Robin Yount; A's base-stealer Rickey Henderson; and Braves outfielder Dale Murphy. Ancient Mariner Gaylord Perry became the 15th pitcher to win 300 games in a career.

After the season, baseball owners, looking to modernize the structure of the major leagues, voted to oust commissioner Bowie Kuhn, despite the soaring attendance figures.

Pro basketball, meanwhile, faced lagging gate receipts and limited TV exposure while crowning a new champion, the Los Angeles Lakers, for the 13th year in a row. Ace Laker Magic Johnson earned MVP honors in the 1982 title series.

The nation's most-sought college basketball star, 7-

foot-4 center Ralph Sampson of Virginia, passed up the NBA draft for a second year. He decided to lead the highly rated Cavaliers this season in a bid to knock off 1982 NCAA champion North Carolina.

In hockey, 1982 was the year of "The Great Gretzky." High-scoring Edmonton center Wayne Gretzky won his third consecutive MVP title, rewriting the NHL record book. The New York Islanders became the first U.S.-based NHL team to win the Stanley Cup three years in a row. For the Islanders, goalie Billy Smith won the Vezina Trophy; Mike Bossy earned fame as the best wing in hockey; and Bryan Trottier challenged for top recognition.

The year 1982 was gloomy for boxing — from the bank fraud conviction of promoter "Harold Smith" to the retirement of Sugar Ray Leonard, to the ring death of Korean pug Dik Koo Kim. Heavyweight champ Larry Holmes stopped Great White Hoag Gerry Cooney in the year's richest bout. But Aaron Pryor's victory against Alexis Arguello might have been the fight of 1982.

## College bowl lineup

**All Times EST**  
By The Associated Press  
Saturday, Dec. 11  
Independence Bowl  
At Shreveport, La.  
Wisconsin 14, Kansas State 3  
Friday, Dec. 17  
Holiday Bowl  
At San Diego, Calif.  
Ohio State 47, Brigham Young 17  
Saturday, Dec. 18  
California Bowl  
At Fresno, Calif.  
Fresno St. 25, Bowling Green 28  
Saturday, Dec. 19  
Cotton Bowl  
At Atlanta, Ga.  
Auburn 23, Boston College 25  
Saturday, Dec. 25  
Sun Bowl  
At El Paso, Texas  
North Carolina 20, Texas 10  
Saturday, Dec. 26  
Alamo Bowl  
At Honolulu  
Washington St. 33, Maryland 20  
Wednesday, Dec. 29  
Liberty Bowl  
At Memphis, Tenn.  
Alabama 21, Illinois 15  
Thursday, Dec. 30  
Gator Bowl  
At Jacksonville, Fla.  
West Virginia 19-21 vs. Florida State 8-3, 8 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 31  
Hall of Fame Bowl  
At Birmingham, Ala.  
Vanderbilt 15-21 vs. Air Force 17-51, 2 p.m.  
Fiesta Bowl  
At Atlanta  
Tennessee 6-4-1 vs. Iowa 7-4, 3 p.m.  
Blackburn Bowl  
At Houston  
Arkansas 8-21 vs. Florida 8-3, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 1  
Fiesta Bowl  
At Tempe, Ariz.  
Oklahoma 18-31 vs. Arizona St. 19-2-0, 1:30 p.m.  
Cotton Bowl  
At Dallas  
Southern Methodist 119-8-11 vs. Pittsburgh 19-21, 1:30 p.m.  
Rose Bowl  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
Michigan 18-31 vs. UCLA 19-1-1, 5 p.m.  
Orange Bowl  
At Miami, Fla.  
Louisiana State 12-11 vs. Nebraska 11-11, 8 p.m.  
Sugar Bowl  
At New Orleans  
Penn State 118-10-1 vs. Georgia 111-6-0, 8 p.m.

## Lady Panthers off to sizzling start

By L.D. STRATE  
News Sports Editor  
Although overshadowed by Panhandle's football successes during the past few seasons, the Pantherettes continue to build a winning girls' basketball program. The Pantherettes, expected to take a nose dive this season due to inexperience, have instead won 9 of 12 games going into the New Year. Like the past two seasons, in which the Panhandle girls have won 43 games, it's been a total team effort.

"We've had girls coming off the bench who have been high scorers or second high," said first-year Panhandle Coach Greg Slover. "We've had some injury problems this season and anybody I've put in the lineup has done a good job."

Staci Charles, a senior starter and a letterman a year ago, is the latest casualty. Charles is expected to be out the remainder of the season with a broken jaw, but Leslie McCaskey is expected to take up the slack without any problems.

Karen Strawn leads a balanced scoring attack, averaging 13 points per game. Sheryl Sherwood, Alison Kotara and Monica Reining round out the starting lineup. Sherwood and Reining are the only returning starters' from last season's club. Sherwood was an all-district pick a year ago.

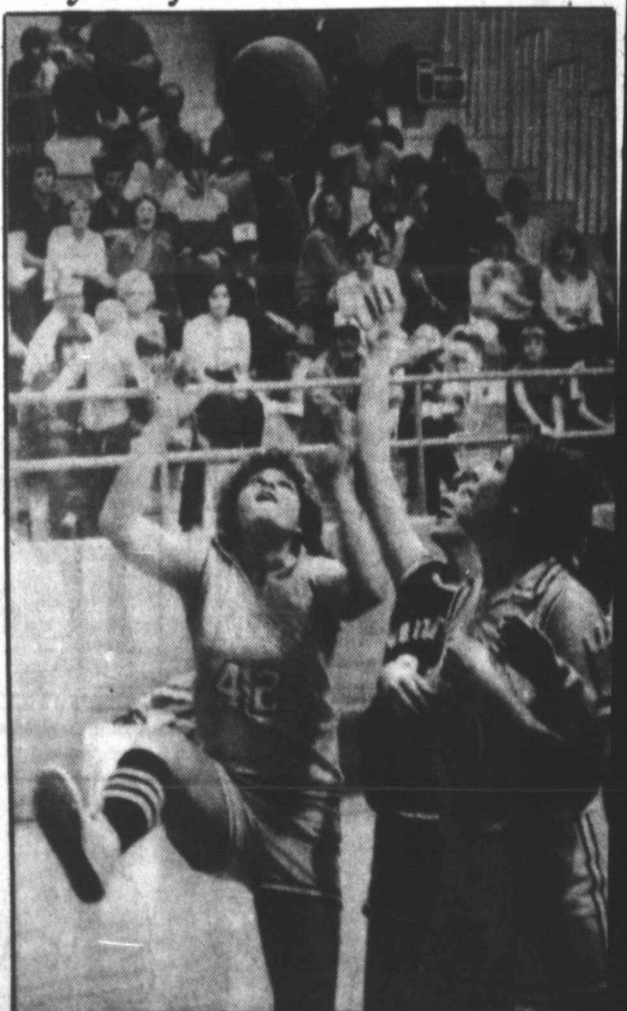
Kim Soseby, Amy Kennedy, Shannon King and Leslie Canning have all come off the bench to play vital roles this season.

"Our defense and hustle have been good this year," Slover said. "That's the main reason we've been winning."

Panhandle is entered in the White Deer Tournament Jan. 6-8 before traveling to Memphis Jan. 11 for the first district clash. Slover looks for Panhandle to be in contention for the District 2-2A title again this season. The Pantherettes were runnerup to Clarendon last season for the district title.

"Clarendon, Wellington and Shamrock all have tough teams, but I feel like we'll be right in there," Slover said. "Being in the thick of a district race has become almost second nature to the Pantherettes."

### Key Performers



Leslie McCaskey (42) and Karen Strawn (50) have been key performers for the Panhandle Pantherettes during the first half of the 1982-83 basketball season. (Sta Photo)

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- Issue
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- Erin
- Skin problem
- Flying saucer (abbr.)
- Short jacket
- Life jacket (2 wds.)
- Levels
- Yes
- Extremity
- Sudden blaze
- Plunder
- Leared
- Electric fish
- Small cube
- Miscalculate
- Scruff hair
- Metallic sound
- Actor Nimoy
- Vapors
- Snaky letter
- Dentist's degree (abbr.)
- Hides

**DOWN**

- Long piece of timber
- Charitable organization
- One (Ger.)
- Chamberlain
- Extinguish
- Skilled
- Excessively
- Cattle
- Religious service
- Ferrous metal
- For males
- Organ of sight
- Long time
- Touch
- Musical instrument
- Air (prefix)
- Cleaves
- Common ancestor
- Movie
- Barrels
- Corn plant
- Church
- For males
- British sea hero
- Drug agency (abbr.)
- Swamp
- City in Pennsylvania
- By itself
- Seth's son
- Soviet river
- Ready
- Existence
- Summer time (abbr.)

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

STEVE CANYON

WELL, MY HERO IS HOME FROM THE PATRIOTISM BOWL GAME AT MAUMEE

DID THEY TRY TO PULL THE BADGER GAME TRICK SUCH AS WAS DONE ON THAT FAMOUS CARTOONIST...

...WHERE A COED CAME TO HIS ROOM FOR AN AUTOGRAPH - AND WHEN THEY WERE ALONE...

...HER HUSBAND BURST IN AND ACCUSED THE VISITING LECTURER OF ATTACKING HIS WIFE?

ONE LOOK AT MY BIRTH CERTIFICATE

AND WHAT JURY WOULD BELIEVE THE CHARGE?

By Milton Caniff KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

I KNOW IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE, AND YOU KNOW IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE, BUT HE'S ONLY A KITTEN! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SAY, "SEE YOU NEXT YEAR, CARLYLE"?

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE GLADIATORS ARE OUT ON STRIKE!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

...START THE BOXING MATCHES!

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By Frank Hill

TOO BAD THINGS FAILED, PROF! IT MUST BE HARD TO AIM AT THE HALL OF FAME AND STAGGER INTO FLOP CITY!

ON THE CONTRARY, BUSTER! IT'S EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO DISCOVER SOMETHING THAT ISN'T TRUE!

HE LIKES LOSIN'? REMIND ME NEVER TO SPLIT A DAILY DOUBLE TICKET WITH HIM!

HOW IS COME A GUY THAT CONFUSED ISN'T A TV COMMENTATOR?

OR AT LEAST IN CONGRESS

EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

MONIQUE INSISTS THAT SHE AND I BE ABSOLUTELY EQUAL IN OUR RELATIONSHIP

WHAT ON EARTH DOES SHE WANT YOU TO DO?

BE STRONGER

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

HAPPY NEW YEAR, CLUMSY.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, B.C.

SOME DAY THEY'LL PROBABLY MAKE A BIG PRODUCTION OUT OF THIS.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, GUY, WHEREVER YOU ARE

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"I want to report a missing husband!"

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

THE SAFEST TIME TO BE ON YOUR WORST BEHAVIOR...

SPLOOSH!

MUSTN'T DO THAT, MARVIN

...IS WHEN YOUR PARENTS ARE TRYING TO BE ON THEIR BEST

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

DO YOU SUPPOSE THERE ARE SCHOOLS IN HEAVEN?

I'M PRETTY SURE THERE MUST BE.

THEN WHY DO THEY CALL IT "HEAVEN"?

TUMBLEWEEDS

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DID I EVER TELL YOU HOW MUCH I ADMIRE YOU, BIG GUY?

NO.

HOW COME?

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

I THINK THE ONLY GUY WHO EVER GOT ALL HIS WORK DONE BY FRIDAY WAS ROBINSON CRUSOE.

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

THERE'S A SPIDER! I HATE SPIDERS!

HA HA, I'LL JUST FLICK HIM AWAY

WHANG!

JON? ARE YOU OKAY?... JON?

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This coming year sudden shifts in conditions or unusual changes will prove lucky for you, especially where your career is concerned. Be prepared to move with events.

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Authorship is not all that important today. If your companions have a better way of doing things, be supportive and go along with the group.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Put your ingenuity to work today and you'll find difficult tasks can be performed with ease. If you don't employ your thinking cap, the jobs could be tough.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
As long as you keep things light and breezy, friends will be supportive of your efforts today. However, if you start to pressure them it will be another story.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Let events run their course today.

rather than try to force uncalculated changes. Things are trying to go your way, so don't bungie the blueprint.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Before making any agreements today, iron out all details to avoid any unexpected conditions which could tempt you to go back on your word.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Personally handle today any situations of financial importance to you. If you delegate matters to others, they could be mismanaged.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Activities you'd enjoy today may not be equally as appealing to your mate. Take his or her feelings into consideration before making plans.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
You will go out of your way to be helpful to others today, provided it is of your own choice. If people make demands on you, you may refuse to comply.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Try not to pin yourself down to a rigid schedule today. You'll want to avoid situations which could lock you in. Stay foot-loose and fancy-free.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
This is one of those days when your objectives can be fulfilled if you don't push too hard. Getting uptight is likely to impede your progress.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
Try not to take yourself or others too seriously today. If you don't turn molehills into mountains you'll be able to step right over them.

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WELL, GUZ, I LEFT THE GALS HAPPY!

YEP! I THINK THEY'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO HOZAY'S VISIT TOMORROW!

SOM I! LET'S GO SEE HOW HE'S DOING!

GOOD IDEA!

SAY, WHAT DID YOU EVER DO WITH STRETCH AN' HIS BOYS?

OH, THEY'RE TUCKED SAFELY AWAY OUT IN TH' JUNGLE!

...BELIEVE ME, WHEN TH' TIME'S RIPE THEY'RE GONNA BE SO HUNGRY, THEY'LL EAT TH' BARK OFF A TREE!

HMM... HMM!

GOOD!

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOUR PARENTS, CHILD.

THEY AIN'T HERE.

"AIN'T HERE"! MY DEAR HURRICANE, WHERE IS YOUR GRAMMAR?

TALK ABOUT STRAIGHT LINES...

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

IS IT NEW YEAR'S ALREADY?







## Its short on space, but long on history

By CLARA HEMPHILL  
Associated Press Writer

SAN MARINO (AP) — It looks more like the setting for a fairy tale than a real republic but this tiny state has its own parliament, its own stamps and its own army and once upon a time it even had a coup d'etat.

It is the oldest republic in the world, founded in 301 A.D., and one of the smallest, with 23 square miles of territory in the hills on the Adriatic coast. It is surrounded on all sides by Italy and its 22,000 residents speak Italian.

Although it has a leftist coalition government — the only Communist-led government in Western Europe — most people here seem more interested in preserving the status quo than promoting class struggle.

"San Marino has a reality that is all its own," said Roberto De Biagi, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry.

There's no poverty, almost no unemployment, very low taxes, free medical service, free day-care centers and schools, clean streets, no terrorism, almost no crime and no compulsory military service.

Its capital, San Marino, is a medieval walled village perched on the top of a craggy mountain called Mount Titan. A winding road leads through green pasture land to the top, where policemen with white helmets and white gloves politely direct traffic. A funicular glides up and down the slopes.

The state's major source of income is tourism — an estimated 2.5 million visitors pass through each year. Tourists cram the narrow cobblestone streets and tidy squares surrounded by stone houses with red tile roofs and balconies.

The souvenir shops, the little post office selling commemorative stamps, the modern government palace made to look like a 13th-century building and the soldiers in medieval dress all make the state seem more like a cute place for tourists than a real-life country.

But World War II showed the republic's sovereignty was real. San Marino was neutral in the war, and so was spared from the Allied bombings. About 100,000 Italians sought refuge inside the city walls, and people in surrounding areas are still grateful to San Marino for saving their lives.

The people of San Marino don't pay taxes in Italy and have certain privileges Italians do not. The young men need not serve in the military — compulsory in Italy — though many choose to take part in the largely ceremonial militia.

The San Marinese, as the citizens are called, may drive on Italian roads without paying hefty road taxes. And, although San Marino gets the profits from the commemorative stamps, the mail is turned over to the Italian postal system for delivery.

San Marino receives 4.5 billion lire (\$3.1 million) from Italy each year, a payment in exchange for the tiny state's agreement not to open a gambling casino or broadcast from its own television station.

San Marino was founded by a Christian stonemason named Marinus, later made a saint, who fled persecution by the Roman Emperor Diocletian and settled on Mount Titan with a few followers.

The republic, now a secular state, has retained its ties to the Roman Catholic Church over the centuries. Divorce and abortion — both of which are legal in Italy — are banned here.

The Communist Party ruled in coalition with the Socialists from 1947 to 1957, when they were ousted in a bloodless coup. The party returned to power after the 1978 elections, and has ruled in coalition with Socialists and the Unified Socialist Party since then.

## A businessman battles recession

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — Marty Kostere, founder and owner of United Block Co., supplier of building blocks and transit-mix concrete to builders and subcontractors, was upset.

"I can't believe we have so many brilliant people in this country, and yet we've been headed for disaster," he said. "Whoever is doing the thinking," he had said earlier, "is way off base, killing the economy. We have to get interest rates down to 9 percent or 10 percent. People are out of work, not paying taxes, not paying to Social Security."

Kostere — trim, disciplined, straight-talking, and hardly looking his 70 years — is upset about many things.

Though he supports President Reagan, he is very concerned about the economy. And about "spoiled" youth and labor, "spendthrift" cities and states, the size of the defense budget, taxes, unions.

Upset as well because he's had to lay off workers. Before the recession he had 45 employees. Now he has 20 workers, and as he spoke many of his 30 trucks seemed to be idle in the yard.

Kostere has been able to deal with recession by cutting expenses to the nub. Though his work force is half what it was, he claims volume and profit are off only 30 percent.

"Now we get a day's work out of them," he claims, some workers "thought all they needed to do is show up and they'd get paid."

In that sense, and despite his earlier criticisms of economic policy, he feels Reagan has steered the economy onto the recovery road. "He made unions realize they can't go on getting everything they want."

Some presidents, snapped Kostere, who reminds people of Humphrey Bogart, "should have been impeached."

When business is good, Kostere says he can take in \$3 million a year, and in very good years keep 10 percent of that, an amount he suggests isn't large when you consider all he put into the business.

In 1944, fearing he might become "a gray-haired grandfather playing for the kids" at high school proms, Kostere left music. He had played all over the country, taught, and sold instruments. He knew little about construction.

Driving around, he spotted the brick company, then "only a little lean-to." He and a friend bought it for \$1,000 down and \$30,000 to be paid over five years. Times were good. The business expanded.

United Block now is operated from a single-story, red brick building with green and white awnings and a lawn running 40 feet to the sidewalk. Behind it rises the mix plant, surrounded by a repair garage, a block factory, trucks and a five-acre yard and many piles of gray building blocks.

It costs a lot to keep it all going. "I have a mechanic who earned \$34,000 plus \$12,000 in fringe benefits," he said. "A new transit mixer costs \$80,000. A train (a 57-foot-long hauler) runs \$120,000."

Kostere has expenses on the tip of his tongue. "Fleet insurance, \$17,000 a year. License plates, \$15,000. We pay a federal tax of \$10 a year for each axle, and the train has 11 axles, so we pay \$110 on that alone."

The list continued with the union pension plan. "We contribute to that, \$51 a week (each) for all union people, the Teamsters. And \$45.50 for health and welfare per person every week."

There is also unemployment compensation. Back in the office, Kostere calls his secretary. "How much do we pay for unemployment compensation?" he asks. "Eight and a half percent," she replies. "Of the entire payroll," said Kostere. The figure is high, he agrees, because of all his layoffs.

He handles dismissals himself. "Letting guys go is the very last step I take, and then only because the guy sandbagged, sat around on the job. It's not as if they're the productive people."

His feelings seemed ambivalent. "The poor working guy," he said later. "These guys working for you will work as hard as you do if you set a good example. None of these guys takes an hour off."

Kostere also has cut customers. "We keep it down," he said, referring to writeoffs of about \$7,000 a year. "We cut about 10 or 12 a year. You find little fellows who don't know how to run a business. They're better off working for someone else."

Why does he continue to deal with the problems? "For one thing, it's a good living. Kostere and his wife spend nine weeks of winter at Pompano Beach, Fla. He plays golf, but also keeps a suggestion pad and calls the office several times a week.

His family won't be taking over the business. His daughter died of leukemia. His son has his own business in Royal Oak, designing and manufacturing leather garments.

## Study weighs exercise role in heart ills

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Duke University researchers are using mice and men in experiments aimed at determining why some hearts become diseased — and why exercise seems to keep others healthy.

"Fifty percent of all deaths in the U.S. every year are caused by heart disease," said Dr. R. Sanders Williams, chief of research in preventive cardiology at Duke. "We know exercise has some preventive

effect, but we don't know exactly why. If we can find out, we might be able to design better exercise programs."

In one experiment, scientists led by Williams observe laboratory rats performing such exercises as running on a treadmill and swimming. Other rats get no exercise, but "sit around in their cages and get fat."

After their daily "workouts," the rats are tested to see how their systems have changed in comparison to their slothful counterparts. The scientists check such things as blood

pressure and cholesterol levels in the blood, Williams said. From their study, the scientists hope to draw conclusions about the effects of exercise that can help people ward off heart disease.

"We're trying to understand the effects of habitual exercise at the biochemical level," Williams said in a telephone interview. "It's a complicated process — as if we were building the Empire State Building one brick at a time and were on the 14th floor now. We have a long way to go."

Another experiment involves Durham, N.C., public-safety officers and firefighters, who are undergoing tests to study the effects of regular exercise on hypertension.

Firefighters are especially vulnerable to high blood pressure because they tend to fluctuate between periods of inactivity and periods of extreme stress, Williams said. Also, he said, many firefighters are smokers.

In a third experiment, volunteers give blood samples, which are tested for the effects of exercise on clotting.

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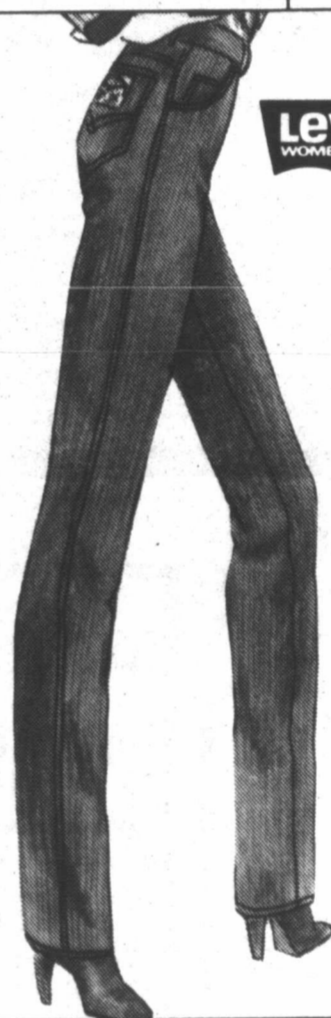
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