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Bringing home the gold

Olympic gold-medalist swimmer Josh Davis of Austin brought his gold medals to his second home of Hereford this week. He won three gold medals in the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Davis is married to Shantel Cornelius Davis, a former Hereford resident. He conducted a swimming clinic at the Hereford Aquatic Center on Thursday.

'Josh Davis Day' draws crowd to aquatic center

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

Olympic gold-medalist swimmer Josh Davis of Austin, wearing his red, white and blue Olympic jacket, returned to his second home of Hereford this week.

Davis held a swimming clinic at the Hereford Aquatic Center on Thursday.

"This is my second home. I always enjoy coming back to Hereford. It's nice now that I can come back and train in this facility.

"Tonight, I'm excited to give something back to the sport that has given so much to me," he said.

Davis won three gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta as a member of three USA men's relay teams -- the 400-meter freestyle, the 800 freestyle and the 400 medley.

In any sport, he is the only male in the world to win three gold medals.

Davis is the husband of Shantel Cornelius, a former Hereford resident. Both are students at the University of Texas in Austin.

Mayor Bob Josserrand proclaimed Thursday as "Josh Davis Day" in Hereford.

"I'm really excited tonight to have this opportunity -- probably for a town the size of Hereford, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"We're just awful glad he married Shantel and consequently, has some allegiance to Hereford, Texas," Josserrand said.

Davis was presented a symbolic key to the city, paperweight, lifetime membership to the Hereford Aquatic Center and two sweaters with the Aquatic Center's logo.

"When you talk about a man of character, when you talk about a man of endurance and when you talk about a plain, nice guy, Josh Davis fits it all," Josserrand said.

Davis shared his gold medal with

a crowd of more than 30 people, many of whom cheered him on in the Olympics from their living rooms in Hereford.

"I really hope you enjoy the medal knowing that you had a part in my success and America's success," he said.

Davis started swimming at the age of 13. He couldn't even do a butterfly or a breaststroke, so his first coach said he was wasting his time and should try another sport, Davis said.

"So I switched coaches and everything was fine," he said.

Davis then committed himself to becoming a better swimmer.

He became a member of the San Antonio Churchill High School swim team, where the relay team won several state swimming titles.

And the best was yet to come.

"This summer I reached the peak of an athlete's career by making the Olympic Games," Davis said.

As he stood on the blocks in waiting for the gun to signal the start of the 800 freestyle race, Davis said

he recited several biblical verses. "And something happened during that race that probably happens to me more than I realize. It's what I call the holy spirit swim. Somewhere in the performance, my strength ends and God's begins," Davis said.

As the anchor man of the relay team was the first to touch the edge of the pool, he said, the USA team jumped with excitement.

"It was awesome. I can't tell you how happy we were," Davis said. He counted his blessings as he shared his Olympic experiences.

"I've had great coaching, I've had wonderful genetic gifts and I'm surrounded by unconditional love with a family that loves and supports me," he said.

Davis began training for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia a couple of months ago.

"I'm addicted to wearing the red, white and blue and representing the USA," he said.

Bargain hunters flock to after-holiday sales

HOUSTON (AP) - Mary Ann Rodriguez on Thursday made her annual hunt for after-Christmas bargains.

"The ornaments, the big Santa Claus that move and stuff," she said as she listed some of her purchases. "I wouldn't buy it at regular prices."

She talked Angie Gomez into trekking to Greenspoint Mall northwest of Houston, the third-largest mall in Texas. (Only the Galleria shopping centers in Houston and Dallas are bigger.)

"I said, 'Come on and get ready. I'll pick you up by 6,'" Ms. Rodriguez said. "We had our schedule (on store openings)."

Ms. Gomez, who bought an artificial Christmas tree, and Ms. Rodriguez were like most shoppers who said they were looking for bargains, although some were returning Christmas gifts.

Lee Williams, who came to the mall to return some clothing and also shop, was surprised it was not crowded at mid-morning.

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Hostage crisis in Peru escalates to tenth day

LIMA, Peru (AP) - The latest hostage release in a drama now 10 days old is widely seen as a public relations gesture by Tupac Amaru rebels to press their demands for a negotiated peace with the government.

Guatemalan Ambassador Jose Maria Argueta, released Thursday from the Japanese ambassador's residence, said he won freedom because his government has just ended a 36-year-civil war with leftist guerrillas.

"My liberation is an acknowledgement of the process taking place in Guatemala," Argueta told reporters after walking out of the besieged compound with Red Cross official Michel Minning.

The 20 or so rebels who took over the embassy residence Dec. 17 to demand the release of comrades jailed in Peruvian prisons have told hostages they have freed that they also are seeking an eventual role in Peruvian politics.

The rebels have treated their hostages cordially and with respect, trying to cultivate an image of civility.

Argueta's release left five ambassadors among the 103 hostages still held - those of Japan, Malaysia, Bolivia, Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

The heavily armed rebels have released more than 430 hostages so far. Many of the releases seem prompted by a desire to bring the number of hostages to a manageable level and to make the rebels appear to be humanitarians.

Unlike Tuesday's release of Uruguay's ambassador, the freeing of Argueta did not raise ire among Peruvians because there was no indication it was tied to any concessions.

Few were persuaded by Uruguay's insistence Thursday that its release of two jailed Tupac Amaru rebels was in any way related to that of Uruguayan Ambassador Tabare Bocalandro just two hours later.

But the guerrillas' strategy seemed clear.

Four Tupac Amaru rebels are jailed in Bolivia, and a hostage freed earlier in the crisis, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he heard rebel leader Nestor Cerpa tell Bolivia's ambassador: "You're staying with me until the end."

The rebels in Bolivia are imprisoned for the six-month kidnapping this year of a former government minister that netted Tupac Amaru \$1.2 million in ransom, some of which police say underwrote the residence takeover.

Commerce report shows sales slump

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket durable goods unexpectedly fell 1.6 percent in November, the first decline in three months, due largely to shrinking demand for electronic equipment.

The Commerce Department, in a report that suggested a moderating economy, said today orders totaled a seasonally adjusted \$171.8 billion, down from a revised \$174.6 billion in October. The 0.5 percent advance in October was even stronger than the government's initial estimate of just 0.1 percent.

Durable goods include products such as trucks and turbines expected to last more than three years. So far in 1996, orders are 5.6 percent above those of the same period of 1995.

Shortly after the report, prices rose in the inflation-sensitive bond market. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds, which move in the opposite direction of prices, slipped to 6.55 percent this morning from 6.58 percent late Thursday.

Many analysts had expected a 0.5 percent increase in orders, a key gauge of the nation's manufacturing sector.

The two rebels freed by Uruguay were also involved in that kidnapping, Peruvian police say.

On Thursday, a Bolivian government spokesman said the neighboring nation would not give in to Tupac Amaru pressure and release the four "terrorists" in exchange for Ambassador Jorge Gumucio.

Japan, which has the second-highest number of hostages in the embassy compound after Peru, expressed displeasure at Uruguay's behavior and said the action would make negotiations to free the remaining hostages even more difficult.

It was the first drop since orders fell 3.6 percent in August. Continued losses could result in declining production and fewer jobs.

Orders for electronic and other electrical equipment plunged 9.3 percent in November, reversing a 16.9 percent jump a month earlier. Most of the decline was due to shrinking demand for electronic components and communications equipment such as telephones.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that new claims for jobless benefits fell by 15,000 last week to 335,000. Many analysts had expected a mere 5,000 decline.

The previous week's 350,000 level had been the highest since last July and raised concerns the labor market had been softening.

The four-week moving average of new weekly jobless claims dropped to 341,250 from 342,250 the previous week. Many analysts prefer to track the less-volatile four-week average because it smooths out the spikes in the weekly reports.

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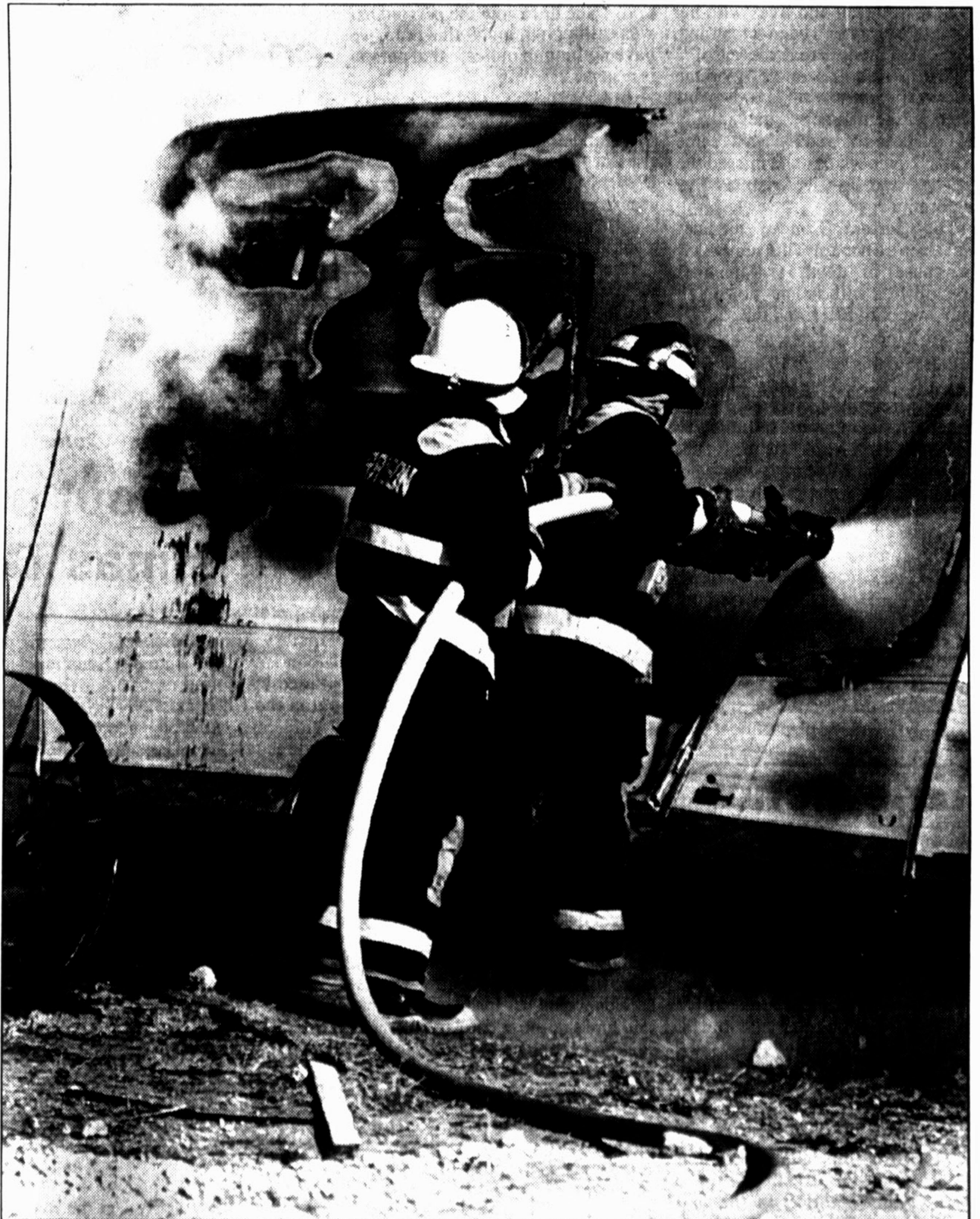


Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Not a happy camper

Hereford firefighter Jerry Harrison, left, backs up fellow fireman Zane Watts Thursday while keeping a wary eye on spouting flames from a camper fire on Windsor Street. The mid-afternoon fire gutted the camper unit, but firemen helped keep an adjacent house unscathed by the blaze.

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Local Roundup

Cloudy and cool

Hereford reached a high temperature of 40 degrees on Thursday and an overnight low of 32 degrees. The forecast for Friday night calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the mid 30s. Saturday will be partly cloudy with a high in the upper 50s and west to northwest winds of 10-20 mph.

News Digest

NATION/WORLD

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - President Slobodan Milosevic's riot police resorted to force to try to enforce a new ban on anti-government rallies, clubbing defiant demonstrators who turned out by the tens of thousands against Milosevic.

LIMA, Peru - The latest hostage release in a drama now 10 days old is widely seen as a public relations gesture by Tupac Amaru rebels to press their demands for a negotiated peace with the government. Guatemalan Ambassador Jose Maria Argueta, released Thursday from the Japanese ambassador's residence, said he won freedom because his government has just ended a 36-year-civil war with leftist guerrillas.

WASHINGTON - Beginning next month, sophisticated X-ray machines designed to detect explosives in checked baggage will begin arriving in major U.S. airports.

WASHINGTON - Antonin Scalia is the Supreme Court's bad boy - as brash and bold as he is conservative. And now he's being mentioned as the model Republican presidential candidate in 2000.

STATE

ARLINGTON - Investigators are turning to the FBI for help in solving the death of a woman whose body was found in her bathtub. On Christmas Day, Wendie Rochelle Prescott, 22, became the second young female resident to be found bound and slain in her bathtub within four months.

HOUSTON - Christmas may be over, but the bargain-hunting isn't. Deep discounts on holiday decorations drew Norma Thomas to Greenspoint Mall northwest of Houston for her traditional, post-holiday shopping trip.

EDINBURG - Five inmates apparently escaped from the Hidalgo County Jail with help from rotten wood inside an aluminum-covered dormitory, Sheriff Henry Escalon said Thursday.

BEAUMONT - A jury has ordered Chevron U.S.A. to pay nearly \$61 million to a contractor that claimed its workers were sickened by unsafe conditions at one of the oil company's refineries.

BROUSSARD, La. - A 3 1/2-ton white rhinoceros bought from a breeding facility in Clifton, Texas, broke out of the zoo Thursday and had to be killed when she charged the man who most wanted to keep her alive.



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Strokes of a champion

Olympic gold-medalist swimmer Josh Davis shared his secrets to success at a swimming clinic at the Hereford Aquatic Center on Thursday. He won three gold medals at the summer Olympics

as a member of three USA men's relay teams -- the 400-meter freestyle, 800 freestyle and 400 medley. Here, Davis, center, teaches stroke techniques to a group of Hereford youth.

Mix of snow, freezing rain causes power outages in Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A miserable mix of snow and freezing rain hit the Pacific Northwest on Thursday, making driving treacherous, knocking out power to thousands of homes and plunging Portland's airport terminal into darkness.

"I've never seen it so bad in all my life," truck driver Wes Kronk said after making the 80-mile trip from Hood River to Troutdale, Ore., at a cautious 25 mph. "Freezing rain is coming down like mad."

The sloppy mix triggered mud and snow slides and sent icy tree limbs crashing down onto roads and power lines. Arcing power lines lit up one major commuting route into downtown Portland like a giant camera flash.

Lights went out downtown,

chasing away shoppers looking for post-Christmas bargains. At an Ann Taylor outlet, women tried on clothing in dressing rooms lighted by candles.

"People shop if you let them," said store manager Dawn Pacheco.

Two major power sources failed at Portland International Airport, cutting electricity to the terminal for three hours.

The outage forced dozens of flights to be canceled and snarled operations on a day when as many as 45,000 holiday travelers were expected to pass through the airport, said Darrel Buttice, a spokesman for the Port of Portland.

Baggage was being stored in the terminal because the carousels weren't working, and jetways used

to carry passengers from planes to gates were shut down, Buttice said.

At the storm's peak, an estimated 122,000 homes and businesses were without power in the Portland area.

The Oregonian newspaper didn't publish its afternoon street edition because the power went out just as the presses were about to roll.

An 18-year-old Portland man was trapped nearly an hour when a 25-foot tree limb crashed down on him while he was standing on a woodshed cutting limbs away from a power line leading to his house.

"I thought I was going to die because I could feel the line on my leg and I'm laying on this metal roof and I'm soaking wet," said Peter Riesterer. Rescuers freed him, and he suffered only a bump on the head.

More snow was in Friday's forecast, with heaviest accumulations predicted in the hills surrounding Portland.

Snow gave way to freezing rain for a while in hilly Seattle, but up to 6 inches of new snow was in the forecast for Friday. Holiday traffic was light, so serious accidents were kept to a minimum.

Elsewhere in Washington, about 4,000 homes in Thurston County were without power, said Puget Power spokeswoman Betty Werblun. Up to a foot of fresh snow fell in the Cascades, shutting down a 50-mile stretch of Interstate 90, a mountain pass between Issaquah and Cle Elum.

The problem was "heavy snow and poor visibility, not avalanches," said state Transportation Department spokeswoman Clarissa Lundeen.

At one point, all three major east-west routes through the Cascades were closed due to weather, including Interstate 90's Snoqualmie Pass.

Five people remained hospitalized with injuries from a Christmas Eve bus crash in eastern Oregon. The Greyhound bus was carrying people home for the holidays when it slid off Interstate 84 in freezing rain, sending 28 people to hospitals.

In the northern Plains, the icy air plunged many towns into a deep freeze. The Minnesota towns of Hibbing and St. Cloud were the coldest, with overnight lows of 34 below zero. St. Cloud's cold snapped an 82-year-old record of 29 below.

Second victim found slain in own bathtub

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The first time, residents of Peartree apartment complex told themselves it was a fatal case of domestic violence.

But on Christmas Day when 22-year-old Wendie Rochelle Prescott became the second young female resident in four months to be found bound and slain in her bathtub, the unease turned to fear.

"I'm very scared," said 30-year-old resident Lisa Carson, who works at a credit union and lives with her fiancé. "My sister's been screaming, 'Get out of there! Break the lease!'"

Miss Prescott's uncle, Norman Norwood, found the nude body of his niece, an elementary school aide, in several inches of water when he came to check on her after she missed the family's traditional Christmas Eve celebration.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office on Thursday ruled the cause of death as "manual strangulation with submersion of the body in a partially filled tub."

Police in this suburb 15 miles west of Dallas said Thursday there is growing reason to believe Miss Prescott's slaying may be linked to the Sept. 17 death of Christine H. Vu, a 25-year-old Morton Elementary School teacher who was strangled as she was held under water.

"The investigators at this point are looking at a very strong possibility that the cases are related and that we are possibly, if not probably, looking at the same suspect," said Arlington police Lt. Kim Shoemaker.

Police have issued no arrest warrants and have no suspects, Shoemaker said.

Ms. Vu lived in an apartment less

than 150 feet from Ms. Prescott's. Ms. Vu's nude, bound body was found by her live-in boyfriend, whom police questioned but never identified as a suspect.

There was no forced entry into the apartment of either woman, and police are not saying if Ms. Prescott was sexually assaulted.

Although Ms. Prescott filed a report with police in May describing harassing telephone calls, "the comments that were made to her were very vague and indirect," Shoemaker said. "She did know the person that was calling her, but at this time, we have nothing to indicate that person is a suspect."

Ms. Prescott, a 1994 graduate of Mansfield High School, was raised by a grandmother, aunt and Norwood after her mother was murdered in 1977. Ms. Prescott was in her second year as an educational aide at Erma Nash Elementary School and also worked at a beauty salon.

She was remembered by students and parents Thursday as a kind person who genuinely loved children.

"I always saw her smiling," said Linda Collins, a mother of three whose 8-year-old daughter, Ashley, worked with Ms. Prescott daily to learn colors and numbers. "Every time she walked by the kids they always hugged her. She was good. Ashley loved her."

Said 8-year-old Amber Burke, another second-grader who knew Ms. Prescott: "She helped my teacher. She's nice when we ask her questions and what the words are."

Ms. Prescott had lived less than a year at the Peartree complex, a collection of well-tended, three-story brick buildings. With one-bedroom apartments starting at \$385 per month, the complex is home to many teachers in the surrounding suburban districts.

One teacher, Christi Davidson, said she and her husband planned to move immediately.

When Ms. Vu was killed, Mrs. Davidson said, "I think we just thought that was domestic violence." She also felt safer, paradoxically, because she thought the odds were against a repeat incident. But Mrs. Davidson and her husband, Patrick, said news of the second murder was spurring them to move to another section of town.

"We're going apartment hunting today," said Mrs. Davidson, as she and her husband and a single female neighbor came down to buy a newspaper from a rack.

A woman in the apartment complex's leasing office referred questions to First Worthing Co. in Dallas. Anita Marcino, executive vice president over property management, did not immediately return telephone calls.

COMMERCE

The Commerce Department report showed that transportation orders were unchanged in November after falling 6.8 percent a month earlier. They were held back by lack of aircraft tickets. All other transportation industries reported gains.

Excluding transportation, orders were off 2.2 percent, also the first drop since August and the largest decline since a 2.4 percent decrease in January 1993.

But orders for industrial machinery and equipment posted a 0.3 percent gain following October's 1.7 percent

drop. It was the first advance since July.

Bookings for primary metals also rose, up 0.2 percent after falling 1.9 percent a month earlier. That also was the first increase since July.

Orders for nonmilitary capital goods excluding aircraft fell 1.6 percent, erasing an identical 1.6 percent gain in October.

These orders often are a barometer of business plans to expand and modernize and have been a major source of economic strength during the current expansion.

The volatile military category shot up 55.2 percent, compared with a 2

percent advance the previous month. Excluding defense, orders were off 3.4 percent.

Unfilled orders edged up 0.3 percent after gains of 1.2 percent in October and 0.7 percent in September. It was the sixth increase in the last seven months.

A growing backlog suggests businesses could find it necessary to increase production facilities and manpower to meet demand.

Shipments, a measure of current activity, also rose, up 0.8 percent after falling 1.2 percent a month earlier.

Film about promiscuous angel makes Christmas Day debut atop box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The fantasy film "Michael," starring John Travolta as a promiscuous angel tailed by tabloid reporters, debuted atop the Christmas Day box office with \$5.5 million, according to figures released Thursday.

Madonna's "Evita" opened Wednesday at two theaters in New

York and Los Angeles and earned an average \$35,654 per location. That compares to the \$2,569 per-location average of "Michael."

The Tom Cruise sports agent film "Jerry Maguire" was second with a single-day take of \$3.1 million, followed by the animated buddy movie "Beavis and Butt-Head Do

America" with \$2.7 million.

The bloodbath "Scream" was fourth at \$2 million and the Denzel Washington-Whitney Houston film "The Preacher's Wife" was fifth with \$1.6 million.

Films opening Wednesday included "The Evening Star" with \$1.1 million in wide release, "Evita" at two locations with \$71,308, "Mother" at six locations with \$53,866, "The People vs. Larry Flynt" at five locations with \$48,483 and "Hamlet" at two locations with \$30,211.

The Christmas Day top 10, according to figures compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co.:

1. "Michael," \$5.5 million.
2. "Jerry Maguire," \$3.1 million.
3. "Beavis and Butt-Head Do America," \$2.7 million.
4. "Scream," \$2 million.
5. "The Preacher's Wife," \$1.62 million.
6. "One Fine Day," \$1.6 million.
7. "101 Dalmatians," \$1.4 million.
8. "Mars Attacks!," \$1.13 million.
9. "The Evening Star," \$1.1 million.
10. "My Fellow Americans," \$1 million.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Friday:

- POLICE DEPARTMENT**
 - 36-year-old male arrested for violation of probation and traffic offenses.
 - Theft of beer reported at two convenience stores.
 - Report of 71-year-old male with mental problems filed.
 - Criminal mischief reported in 200 block of Star Street.
 - Assault reported in the 500 block of Avenue J, with charges filed.
 - Four traffic citations issued.
 - One minor motor vehicle accident reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Dispatched to Windsor Street in reference to a structure fire.

LOTTO TEXAS
TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-5-3

(seven, five, three)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

12-21-28-33-34

(twelve, twenty-one, twenty-eight, thirty-three, thirty-four)

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: For the past month, my next-door neighbors have been having construction done on their house. Last week, I was at home doing chores in my family room when I noticed the light flicker and dim. This has happened when my husband has been using power tools in the basement, but he wasn't home that day.

I went outside and discovered that my neighbors' construction workers had plugged equipment into MY outdoor outlet. I was so angry, I ripped the plug out and tossed it into my neighbors' yard. What nerve! I could not believe they would try to pull this stunt. Heaven only knows how long they have been doing this.

When I went back inside, I contacted the Better Business Bureau but was told it doesn't handle this type of situation. I would take the construction company to court, but how do you prove electrical theft?

I left a message with the company saying that I was aware of what its crew had done and that I was plenty mad. I don't expect to hear anything, but at least by printing this letter, you can help warn others to watch out. --Irate in Michigan

Dear Irate: Thanks for the warning. Readers, take note. If your electric bills are unusually high, check around.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in response to a letter from "Concerned Citizen in Wichita." He wrote regarding prison and privileges. He said no privilege can replace freedom. He is correct. However, if you value your freedom, don't commit crimes.

He also mentioned that while people are in prison, their children grow up, their parents grow old, their spouses divorce them. While I am sympathetic to the fact that these things happen, people who commit crimes should know that if they get caught, they may have to miss out on some important events in their lives.

Then he said there should be more funds for reform and parole. Yes, everyone should be given the opportunity to turn their lives around,

but I don't agree that we taxpayers should have to foot the bill. I think if the TVs and VCRs were removed from the cells and the money were spent on reform, we would be on the right track.

As a final note, I have to say that people aren't afraid of the prison system anymore. Criminals know they will get three meals a day, clothes to wear, a bed to sleep in and more recreational luxuries than a lot of upstanding citizens have access to. This in itself is a pretty sad commentary when you think about the homeless people who don't have it anywhere near as good as prisoners. --Just Plain Mad

Dear J.P. Mad: You aren't the only one who is upset by the perks enjoyed by inmates, but be aware, please, that the treatment of prisoners varies according to locale. Changes are, however, being made nationwide because of complaints like yours. Thanks for the input.

Dear Ann Landers: If you never do another thing for me, I implore you to put this in your column.

So many well-educated people say, "I feel badly," when we know that "feel" is like the verb "to be," which NEVER takes an adverb. Either you feel good or you feel bad. I cringe every time I hear "badly."

Thanks, Ann. I know you will follow through on this special gripe of mine and print this letter. --College for Teachers, Class of '47

Dear '47: Here's your letter. Please know I feel GOOD about your comments. It is one of my pet gripes, too. Thanks for writing.

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Keeping an eye on Texas



Pizza by the acre
Americans eat 100 acres of pizza each day.

Texas pizza facts
The average Texan spends about \$57 a year on pizza.
The pizza capital of Texas is Killeen-Temple, with one of 10 restaurants serving pizza. Other top markets are El Paso, San Angelo, Wichita Falls, McAllen, Brazoria, and College Station.
2,360 retail pizzerias in Texas had annual sales of \$1 billion in 1994.
Half of all pizza orders occur from Friday to Sunday.
Each consumer eats pizza an average of two to three times a month.
The popularity of pizza decreases with consumer's age.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Restaurant Association.

Bell ringers are sought to bring in millennium

By SUE LEEMAN
Associated Press Writer
LONDON (AP) - Needed: Quasimodo.

Or anyone with stamina and a good sense of rhythm.

Britain wants to ring in the millennium with a national peal of bells on Jan. 1, 2000.

The call is going out for 10,000 volunteers to ring the country's 1,200 unused sets of chimes, most of them in churches belonging to the state Church of England. Some have been silent for a century.

The country's 40,000 existing ringers aren't enough for the planned festivities, said Harold Rogers of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, which has overseen the ringing of Britain's 5,000 sets of bells since 1891.

"So in January, we launch the 'big push' to recruit some more, with adverts on TV, radio and in the press," he said.

"Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a Christian. Our message is that bell ringing is important church work - but it is also a fun hobby and a good way to socialize."

Volunteers will be given accelerated training, starting with lessons in how to control the bells and then ring simple "changes," or sequences. Normally, bell ringing is mastered in six sessions of 1-1/2 hours, he said.

Rural counties like Norfolk and Northamptonshire are worst off because they are dotted with remote hamlets, each with its own church and bells - but no ringers.

Many of the disused bells need replacing or restoring, a project the Central Council of Church Bellringers says will cost 6 million pounds (\$9.6 million).

The Millennium Commission, which receives money from Britain's highly successful national lottery, announced a grant of \$5 million for the Central Council of Church Bellringers in July.

The money will be used to revamp the bells in 100 churches and other buildings across the country.

Rogers said bell ringers need not be musical, and can be aged from 9 to 90.

"But it does help if they are well coordinated," he added. "Some people take longer than others, but almost anyone can be taught to ring."

Bells have traditionally been rung

to call the faithful to worship, to toll the hours and to mark important public events. While technically the next thousand years of the calendar don't begin until Jan. 1, 2001, Britain's bell ringers will join with most people in welcoming the millennium with the arrival of 2000.

Chiming bells, which are swung through a short arc using a rope or lever, date from the Middle Ages, and "change ringing" in which the bells of a set are rung in shifting patterns began around the 15th century.

It was only in the 17th century that British ringers developed a wheel structure that allows a ringer to control a bell as it rotates through 360 degrees.

That means bells weighing up to two tons can be rung without extraordinary strength.

Rogers has been ringing bells since 1934 and keeps records of the "peals" - 5,000 or more changes without breaks or repeats - that he has rung. Some last more than three hours.

In the 14th century bell tower of All Saints Church by the River Thames at Isleworth in west London, he is currently training a class of new recruits, including the vicar's 10-year-old daughter.

"In the beginning, it's all about getting control of the bell," said Stef Symak, who has reported to the small bell room each Tuesday for more than three months.

His friend Barbara Jones signed up because she thought bell ringing "would be a nice, historical thing."

"It's great fun. But it's definitely harder than it looks," she said.

Church News

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
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All ladies are invited to join Carlynn Delozier on Monday nights at 7 or Cindy Cole on Wednesday morning at 10. "The Covenant" is the lesson for both.

Each Wednesday, children grades K-4 through 6th are welcomed to Bible Club starting at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. the youth meet with Jeff O'Rand.

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Sunday night services begin at 6 p.m., while Wednesday night services are at 7.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of the Frio Baptist Church invite you to join them for services each Sunday and Wednesday.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and is followed by worship at 11 a.m. Evening services begin with Discipleship Training at 6 which is followed by evening worship at 7.

We would also like to invite youth to join us and our youth minister David Splawn.

Wednesday evening prayer services begin at 7.

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Barn Church services will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Services are held at the B-S Indoor Arena which is 6 miles west on FM 1058 and 2 miles north on FM 1057.

The next regular service is Jan. 16.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I know you speak of TIAs often, but I wonder if you would please indicate if it might cause memory loss. — M.S.

ANSWER: Transient ischemic attacks — little strokes — are short episodes of brain malfunction occurring from a fleeting blockage of its blood supply.

Symptoms, which rarely last more than an hour, depend on the area of the brain involved. An arm might weaken, speech might slur or vision could change. Memory loss can occur, but that, too, would be transitory.

One jarring statistic should be borne in mind: A third of those who have a TIA will have a stroke within five years.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recently had a 24-hour urine test. I got a note back from the doctor's office saying that the urine level was "elevated." What does that mean? — T.Y.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Dec. 27:
Admissions: Nora Ortega, Michael Lopez, Roy Leingang, Beatrice Torres.

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ANSWER: Something is missing from your account.

You want to know what substance in the urine was elevated. Red cells, white cells, protein, sugar or what? Usually urine tests evaluate those and other substances, whether they're at normal levels, too high or too low.

Now, perhaps your note meant to convey the information that your actual volume of urine was greater than expected for a 24-hour period. That could indicate diabetes insipidus, compulsive water drinking or loss of kidney function. Each can lead to overproduction of urine. Too much urine volume also could mean standard diabetes, but a urine test for that also would show elevated sugar content.

FOR A.L.: A "sed rate" refers to sedimentation, the rate at which red cells settle in a graduated tube of blood. A high sed rate indicates inflammation somewhere. The where of it requires detective work.

Many ills are considered, including infection and inflammatory illnesses such as rheumatoid arthritis. Many times, an elevated sed rate is only a transient quirk. In that case, the next one would show all normal. A normal sed rates for a man is under 15; for a woman, under 20.

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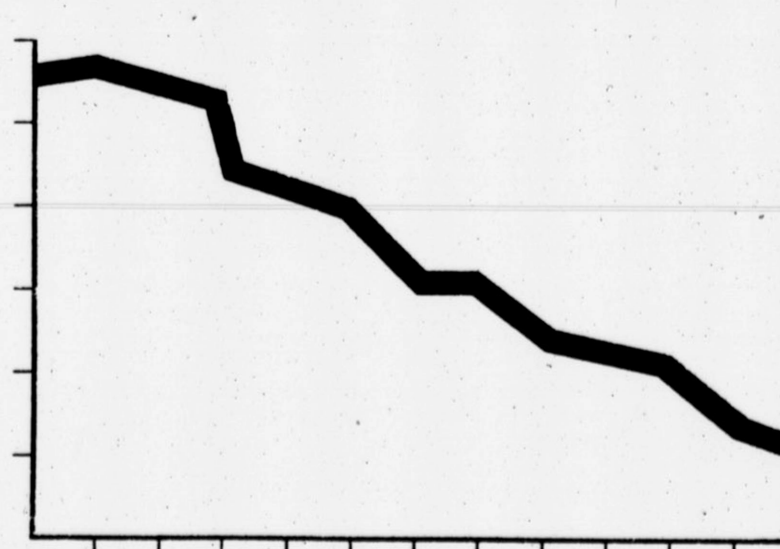
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Sports

Whiteface rally falls short in Caprock Tourney

The Levelland Lobos used a 21-5 run in the second quarter to forge ahead of the Hereford Whitefaces, then held on for a 68-57 victory in first-round game of the Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament in Lubbock.

The Herd was to play Floydada in first-round consolation bracket action today. Floydada lost to Lubbock High, 63-55, in the first round.

In other first round action of the

big holiday tourney, Lamesa downed Shallowater, 62-53; Sweetwater rolled over Lorenzo, 70-45; Odessa Permian defeated Borger's Bulldogs, 68-49; and Dimmitt edged Slaton, 53-48.

Monterey also trounced Trinity Christian, 68-33; San Antonio Taft romped to a 93-38 win over Cooper; Estacado downed Panhandle, 68-49; Coronado blew past Muleshoe, 91-41;

and Frenship beat Hale Center, 55-41.

The Herd took a 18-17 lead after the opening period Thursday, but the Whitefaces couldn't find the hoop in the second quarter. Levelland used a 21-5 run to take the halftime lead by 38-33.

Levelland outscored Hereford 18-16 in the third, but the Whitefaces rallied with an 18-12 advantage in the fourth quarter.

Cory Schumacher hit four treys

and three free shots to lead Hereford's scoring with 15 points. However, Hill was the only other Whiteface in double figures with 10 points. Jonathan Keenan hit two three-pointers and totalled 8 points.

Levelland's Jason Pitts hit three treys and took game scoring honors with 32 points. Dustin Dorman had 11.

Levelland moved on to the second round Thursday afternoon and scored

a 70-65 victory over Lubbock High. Pitts and Dorman each tallied 14 points for the Lobos.

Dimmitt also played a second-round game Thursday, losing a 60-58 thriller to the Seminole Indians. B. Smith led Dimmitt scoring on both

games. He hit 16 against Slaton and had 27 in the loss to Seminole.

On the girls' side of the tourney, Dimmitt beat Panhandle, 52-32, in the first round but lost a close one to Claude, 58-55, in second-round action.

Dallas-Phoenix trade upstages rare Bull loss to Atlanta in NBA

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

On most nights, a loss by the Chicago Bulls would be the biggest story in the NBA.

Not this time. Jason Kidd was involved in the first blockbuster trade of the season, and it overshadowed everything else—a loss by the Bulls in Atlanta, the end of the 76ers' 10-game losing streak, the return of Charles Barkley and a home loss for the Pistons.

Kidd was sent from Dallas to Phoenix in a six-player deal Thursday night. In return, the Suns sent Sam Cassell, A.C. Green and Michael Finley to the Mavericks, who also gave up Loren Meyer, Tony Dumas and a second-round draft pick.

It marked the end of the "Three Js" era in Dallas, where Kidd, Jimmy Jackson and Jamal Mashburn were

expected to lead the Mavericks back to respectability after a two-year period in which they were the laughingstock of the league.

"If we can ever add quality persons to our basketball team, we will look seriously to do that," said Mavs coach Jim Cleamons, whose slow-down style wasn't accepted by Kidd.

The Mavericks had only eight players in uniform for their game against Golden State, and the distraction of the trade clearly had an effect.

Joe Smith had 30 points and 16 rebounds and Latrell Sprewell added 27 points, including two key baskets down the stretch for the Warriors, who used a 10-2 run to open a seven-point lead with 1:10 left.

In other NBA games, Atlanta surprised Chicago 108-103, Philadel-

phia crushed Denver 118-89, Houston defeated Milwaukee 101-90, Indiana edged Detroit 95-89 in overtime, Minnesota beat New York 88-80, Seattle downed San Antonio 94-86, Miami defeated Orlando 96-76, Utah beat Portland 99-94, Toronto nipped New Jersey 98-96 and Sacramento clobbered Vancouver 111-88.

Mullin added 16 points and B.J. Armstrong scored 15 for the Warriors, who extended their winning streak to three games for the first time this season.

Chris Gatling scored 25 points and George McCloud 22 to lead the Mavericks, who have lost six of seven.

Hawks 108, Bulls 103

At Atlanta, Christian Laettner had perhaps the best game of his professional career, scoring a career-high 37 points and adding a

season-high 14 rebounds as the Hawks snapped the Bulls' eight-game winning streak.

"He played well," Michael Jordan said of Laettner. "No one could stop him. He played like an All-Star. He really gave them the lift that they needed."

Mookie Blaylock scored 24 points and Steve Smith had six of his 18 on free throws in the final 39 seconds as the Hawks snapped a nine-game losing streak in the series and handed the defending NBA champions only their fourth loss in 29 games.

76ers 118, Nuggets 89

At Denver, rookie Allen Iverson broke out of a prolonged slump in a big way, scoring 31 points on 13-for-19 shooting as the Sixers won for the first time in the month of December.

Jerry Stackhouse added 20 points for Philadelphia. Dale Ellis had 15 points for Denver, which saw its season-high three-game winning streak end.

Rockets 101, Bucks 90

At Milwaukee, Barkley returned from a two-game suspension and had 20 points and 16 rebounds to help Houston snap a four-game losing streak.

Barkley held Vin Baker to a harmless 23 points, and his rebound total included 15 on the defensive end to stop the Bucks' second-chance efforts.

"The paint is mine. I think we're a little better with me in there," Barkley said.

Clyde Drexler added 20 points and Matt Maloney 19 for the Rockets, who made 39 of 65 shots

Rested Smith key to Dallas attack against small Viking line

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Emmitt Smith has been battered and bruised and even benched in one of his toughest seasons.

But the four-time NFL rushing champion has had two weeks of rest and the Minnesota Vikings are coming to town with one of the lowest-ranked run defenses.

The Dallas Cowboys hope they can open defense of their Super Bowl title in the playoffs Saturday by gouging enough holes in the smallish Vikings line to give Smith the kind of room he had on Thanksgiving Day against Washington, when he scored three touchdowns.

The Cowboys have a huge offensive line, but the likes of Mark Tuinei, Nate Newton, Larry Allen and Erik Williams have to locate the quicker Vikings to block them.

"If power gets its hands on you,

power wins," Smith said. "The hard thing is getting hands on you. What looks like an advantage could work against us."

Smith needs all the advantages he can get. Dogged by injuries since the start of the season, Smith has averaged only 3.7 yards per rush and, although he went over 1,000 yards again, he lost his rushing title to Barry Sanders of Detroit. Things got so bad in one game that Smith was benched in the second half in favor of Sherman Williams.

"It's been a long, difficult road this season," Smith said. "It all boils down to execution and we haven't been executing. We've been pressing. We haven't done the job on third down and we haven't been doing a good job inside the red zone. We've just been good from the 20 to the 50."

Dallas finished the regular season 18th rushing. The Vikings come into Texas Stadium with the 24th ranked defense against the run.

"We've got to run the ball to be successful," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "We have to find a way to start doing it."

Minnesota coach Dennis Green said Smith still looks good to him. "We know what he can do," Green said. "He's beaten us before. We have a lot of respect for Emmitt Smith."

Smith scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime to beat the Vikings in a regular-season game last year.

He said one of the Cowboys' big problems this year has been the inability to create a big play.

Rice wins NFL defensive rookie award

NEW YORK (AP) - The scouting reports on Simeon Rice said he had loads of natural talent. He simply didn't always apply it.

The reports were wrong. Rice went all-out in 1996, and it earned him the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year award, announced today by The Associated Press.

The Arizona Cardinals defensive end received 60 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers. He easily beat Miami linebacker Zach Thomas, who had 16 votes.

"The most important thing I've

learned is persistence, working to be a champion at this level," said Rice, who had 12-1/2 sacks, matching the NFL rookie record set by San Diego's Leslie O'Neal in 1986. "I knew how it felt to win four (prep) state titles and how it felt to go to a bowl game. But forever battling the monotony of pursuing something to be excellent at it, I think that's the biggest thing I learned."

The league quickly learned about Rice, an All-America linebacker at Illinois. His final season at Illinois was considered inferior to his

previous year, and questions arose about his work ethic.

Rice's teammate at Illinois, linebacker Kevin Hardy of Jacksonville, tied for third with six votes. He was selected one spot ahead of Rice in the draft.

Also with six votes was Denver linebacker John Mobley, who came from tiny Kutztown (Pa.).

Defensive end Tony Brackens of Jacksonville was next with four votes, while linebacker Ray Lewis of Baltimore got one.

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1A. GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: 108 Quince, Saturday, 7 to ???. Children's toys, clothes & a little bit of everything. 33465

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS the quarter-back

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5 Cripple 9 Change

11 Sacrifice site 4 Surfer's hit

13 Indian group 5 Homer's wife

14 TV's O'Donnell 6 Lotion ingredient

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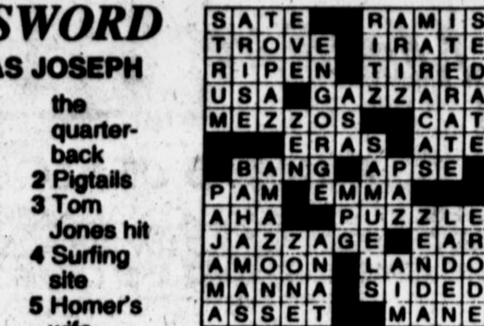
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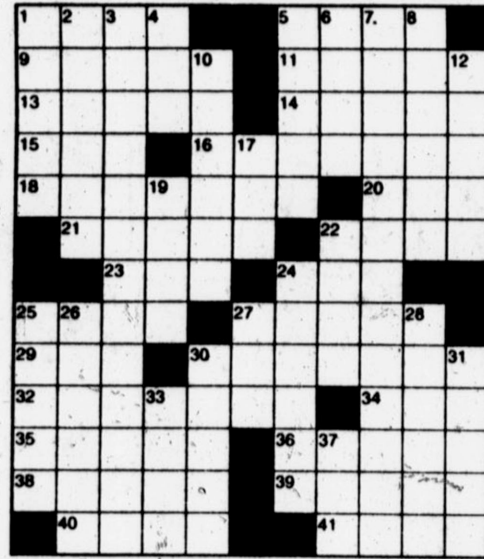
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12-27

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12-27 CRYPTOQUOTES

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LAUGHTER IS THE SOUND YOU HEAR WHEN YOU STUMBLE OR LOSE YOUR HAT IN THE WIND.—SOURCE UNKNOWN

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The Hereford Brand Classifieds
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For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs." Then, remember these hints:

- Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.
- Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.
- Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Under the National Tree

During this joyful season, I would like all Texans to reflect on all the wonderful, marvelous things we have to enjoy under our national tree.

That large, sparkling package taking up a great deal of room there under our tree is the richest, most powerful nation on earth in which we live. The spiritual and material abundance Americans enjoy is unequalled in the world, and unparalleled in history. It encompasses sparkling beaches, mighty rivers, breathtaking mountains, boundless plains, rich, fertile farmland, wealth-bearing natural resources and many of the world's great cities.

Another package, wrapped in red, white and blue, contains the freedoms we enjoy — freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from fear, freedom from want. If some of its corners appear a little dented, that is only because of the high standards of perfection we have come to expect from its contents. It remains a precious treasure, one worth fighting and dying for to this day.

The package draped with a large yellow ribbon repre-

sents the sacrifices made by all the brave men and women who are serving their country at home and overseas, and all who have served us in the past. At this time there are 237,000 American fighters deployed around the world. They are united by a commitment to defend America and Americans here and abroad. They have given and continue to give their country a gift without price.

The modern-looking, angular present wrapped up in gold and silver contains the gifts of modern science we all enjoy — not the least among them the most advanced system of medical care in the world. We are blessed with long, healthy and comfortable lives. Many of us are alive today to enjoy the holiday season because of the modern-day miracles science has wrought. Our scientists have taken us to the moon, and into the very substance of life itself, stretching our minds and spirits as well as our grasp.

Yet another present under the tree, the one with mysterious bulges sticking up like church spires through its multicolored paper, reminds us of the numberless endeavors of American volunteers. These are the selfless individuals who labor year-round to make this country a better place to live, to solace the heartbroken and dispirited, to feed the hungry, warm the cold, entertain and cheer us and do the countless other tasks that go toward making a happier life for all.

And finally, under our tree, is a gift we've shared with all the world: freedom. More nations were free societies in 1996 than ever before; 1.25 billion people are living in freedom — the most appreciated Christmas present anyone could wish.

Our tree is decorated, the stockings are hung and goodwill washes over the land. My wish for you is that this season's spirit of hope and promise allows us all to look forward with confidence toward the future.

Welfare reform changes life for many recipients

By PAUL SHEPARD
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - When the kids outgrew their shoes, it helped buy new ones. And when the bone-chilling wind off Lake Michigan kicked up, it provided a warm coat.

It was welfare. And for people like LaTanya Boler, the monthly government stipend was a dependable port in stormy seas - and a crutch of sorts.

But times are changing. President Clinton ensured that in August when he signed a historic overhaul of America's welfare system to end six decades of guaranteed federal cash assistance to the poor.

So with the port being dismantled, the crutch snatched away, Boler and other able-bodied recipients find themselves facing an uncertain future.

"It's an opportunity to do something for myself and my kids," Boler said, nuzzling her daughter Tania, 2. "But you get used to it. And it won't be easy giving it up."

Recipients like Boler who have bounced between work and welfare know the prospects of finding a good paying job with health benefits aren't bright for poorly skilled workers.

Boler and other welfare recipients who spoke with a reporter recently said a rarely discussed aspect of the welfare debate is how they will break the psychological dependence on the aid.

Some spoke of welfare like an addictive drug. They talk about how, knowing that another check was on the way, it was easy for initiative and goal-achieving to atrophy.

They said clearing the mental hurdle - that they can thrive without government aid - will be a crucial factor in determining whether the nation's grand scheme of welfare reform will actually work.

"I know I'm going to make it. I have to. But I'm wondering about a lot of other people out there who don't know what they'll do," said Charlotte Tate, an employed welfare recipient. "The bad part is that if they don't make it, their kids won't make it. That scares me."

Some analysts have predicted more than 1 million children will be pushed into poverty by the new law, which places a five-year limit on cash benefits and requires most recipients to find work within two years. Most recipients will lose all benefits after five years, though 20 percent of the most unemployable recipients will be allowed to keep getting payments.

Like millions of Americans, Boler and Tate won't fall into the hard-core unemployable class.

Boler, who is raising six children

alone, took courses at a local business college and is a certified stenographer. She worked as a secretary for the Chicago health department in the early 1980s.

While living with her mother, Boler quit working when she became pregnant in 1982. That same year, she entered the welfare world.

She received \$250 cash, about \$200 in food stamps and a card for medical benefits monthly.

"I didn't even know the government would just give you money until a friend told me when I got pregnant," Boler said. "It sounded good to me. I figured I would be on once for some short-time help."

Short-time turned into two years. She returned to the work world as a clerk in a Woolworth's in early 1985 but had trouble finding child care.

"I was frustrated because I wasn't making money and I couldn't find reliable people to look after the kids," Boler said. She returned to welfare late in 1985, getting \$345 monthly in cash with food stamps and medical care.

Boler bounced between welfare and several low-paying jobs, including braiding hair in a beauty shop and bookkeeping at a grocery store until 1992. She has been getting welfare since then.

"On talk shows I hear about how lazy we are and how they have to stop welfare, but I haven't heard a word on how they are going to find me a \$10-an-hour job," Boler said.

About 4.8 million adults currently receive federal public assistance, with the bulk being high school educated with limited skills. The total U.S. work force is about 127 million workers.

Thanks to a strong economy, 7.2 million more employed people have entered the labor force since 1993, about 200,000 positions monthly, according to Labor Department statistics.

Robert Lerman, an economist at the Urban Institute, a Washington research group, said that if the economy can continue to churn out jobs at that rate, it could absorb the influx of new workers dropping off the welfare rolls.

The problem is that the majority of new jobs are in the professional-managerial category for which most welfare recipients lack skills.

"I don't think it will be as bad as some people forecast because no local government wants to see an increase in homelessness," Lerman said. "But policy will produce some winners and some losers. It's very difficult to change social policy and have absolutely no losers."

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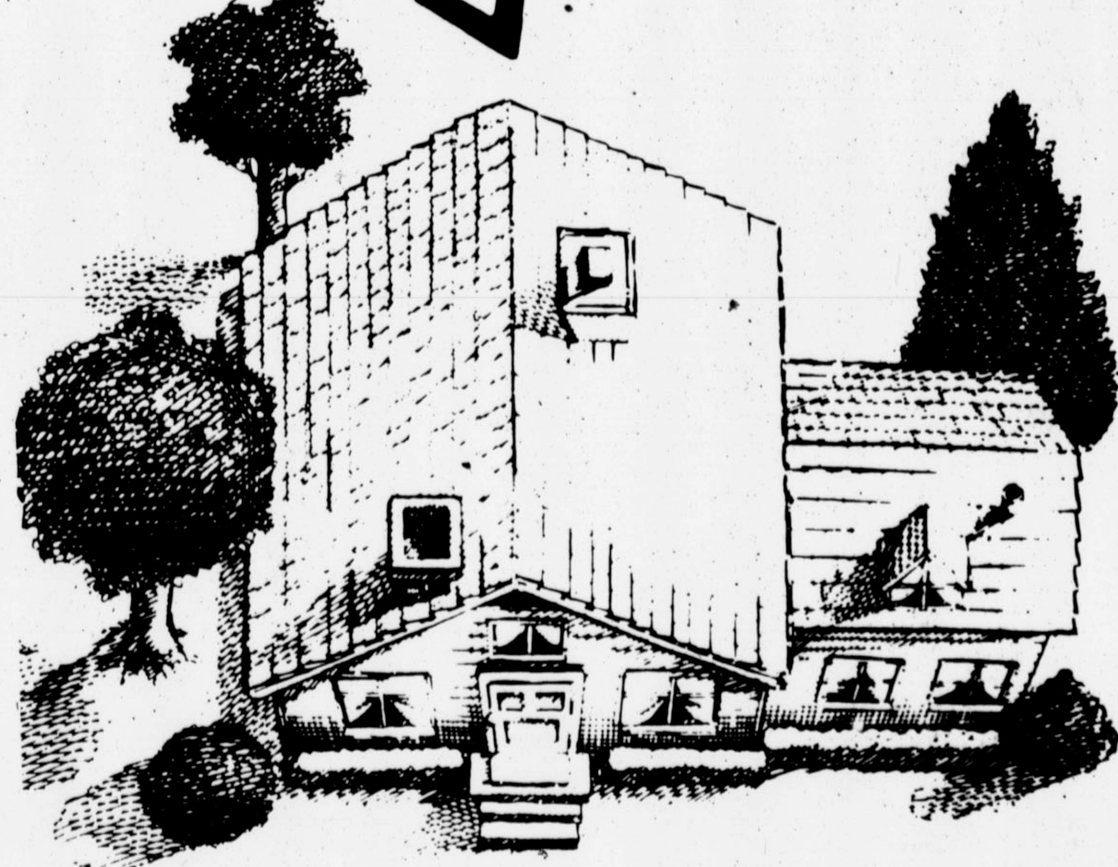
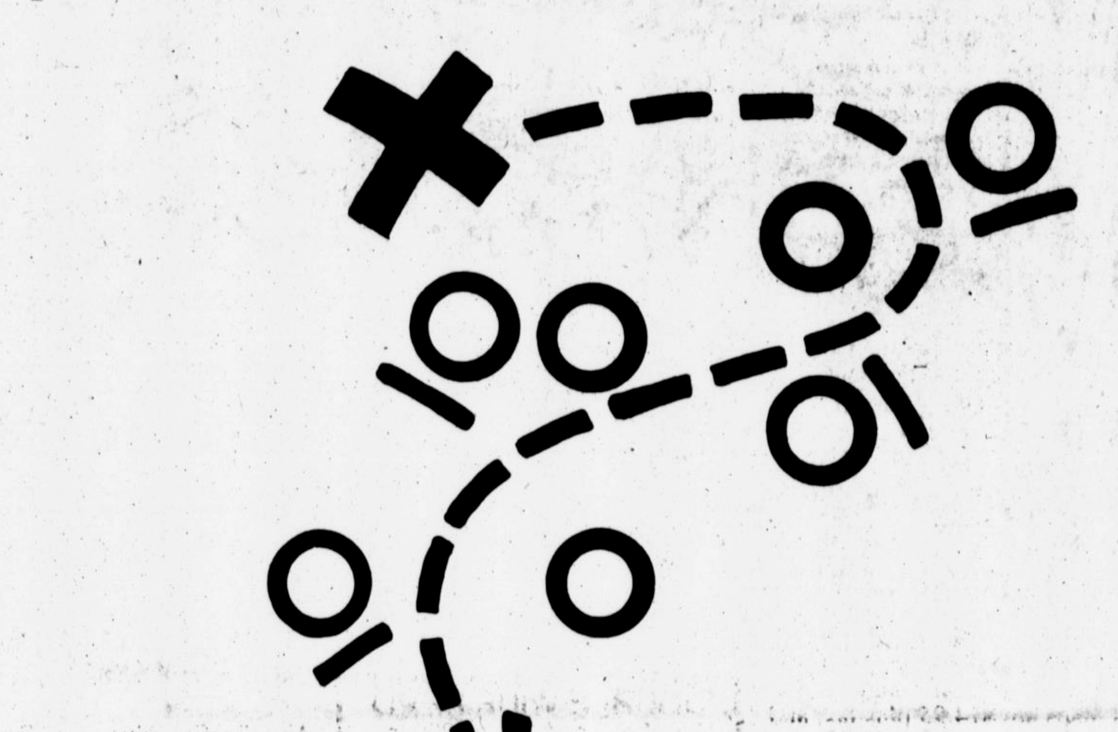
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