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ECONOMY

Consumer spending slows in November

WASHINGTON (AP) - Despite healthy income gains, consumer spending slowed slightly in November and many retailers are expressing disappointment with the holiday shopping season.

Consumer spending rose 0.4 percent in November to \$5.59 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, the Commerce Department said today. That was down from a 0.5 percent gain a month earlier and below analysts' expectations of another 0.5 percent increase in November.

At the same time, personal incomes increased jumped 0.8 percent to a \$7.03 trillion rate, up from \$6.97 trillion in October, when they advanced 0.6 percent. It was the biggest increase since a 1 percent gain in June 1996.

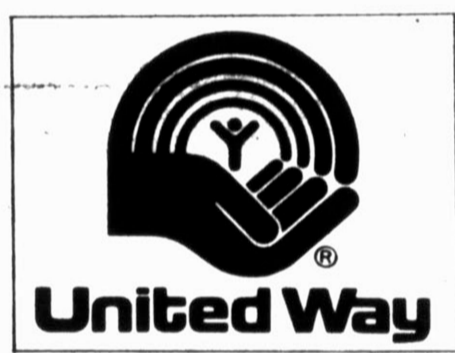
Many merchants say that despite rising incomes and widespread discounting, they are not experiencing the respectable sales gains they expected during what usually is their busiest period of the year.

Spending on durable goods - usually big-ticket items such as computers expected to last more than three years - rose 0.8 percent in November after falling 0.2 percent a month earlier. But spending on nondurable goods such as food and fuel and on services both edged up just 0.2 percent.

Consumer spending represents two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. Private wages and salaries, the most closely watched component of income, shot up \$43.1 billion after climbing \$27.6 billion in October. Employment and average weekly hours and hourly earnings all increased.

Disposable income - income after taxes - rose 0.7 percent, up from 0.5 percent a month earlier and the largest gain since a 0.9 percent increase in June 1996.

Agency achieves '97 goal



Deaf Smith County United Way received an early Christmas present as the agency hit its 1997 goal of \$132,000.

As of Monday, the UW had received \$132,059.85 in contributions. Sally Nolen, co-chair of the 1997 campaign and a member of the UW board, said achieving the goal means "all agencies will receive 100 percent of their allocation as determined by the budget and allocations committee. Plus, some of the agencies will receive bonuses for next year."

Although the agency has reached its goal, Nolen said the work isn't completed.

"There are still a number of agencies which plan to contribute, they just haven't written the checks," she said. "But we will continue to take donations."

The PACE companies raised \$65,127.37, which is 107 percent of the \$61,000 goal.

Business and industry is at \$22,796.12, slightly below its \$24,000 goal. Area feedlots exceeded the \$8,000 goal, contributing \$8,673.04 - 8 percent above the target.

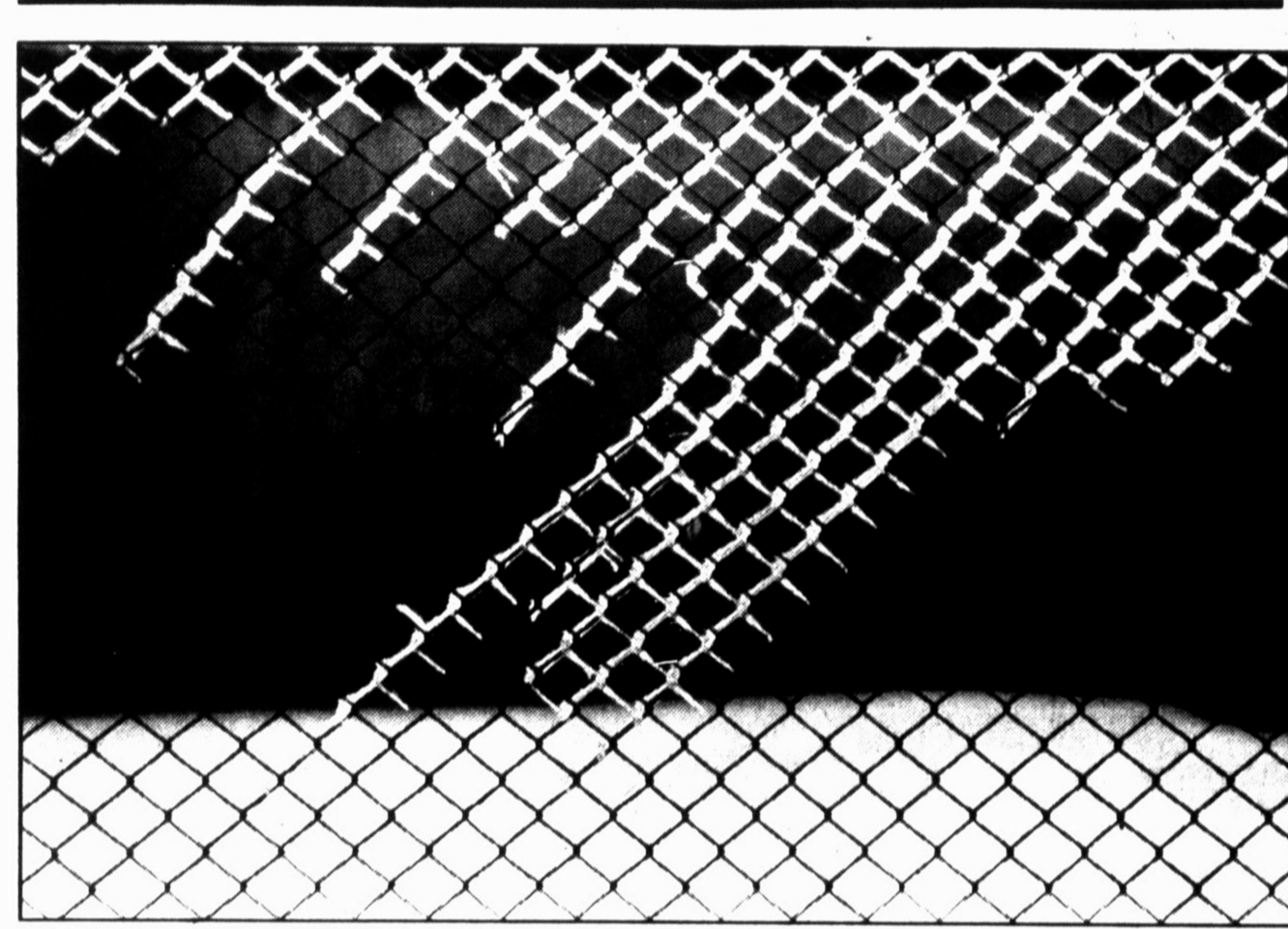
Seniors contributed \$8,590.50, which is 22 percent above the \$7,000 goal.

Commerce hit the highest percentage rate of 139 percent with \$8,319.61. Professionals pledged \$8,000 and have contributed \$4,456.36, 56 percent of their goal.

F.I.R.E. is within 20 percent of its goal, with contributions of \$4,005. The ag-industry contributed \$2,415 to surpass its goal of \$2,000 by 21 percent.

Public and federal agencies have contributed \$1,908.68 and the corporate entities are within eight percentage points of reaching their goal of \$2,000.

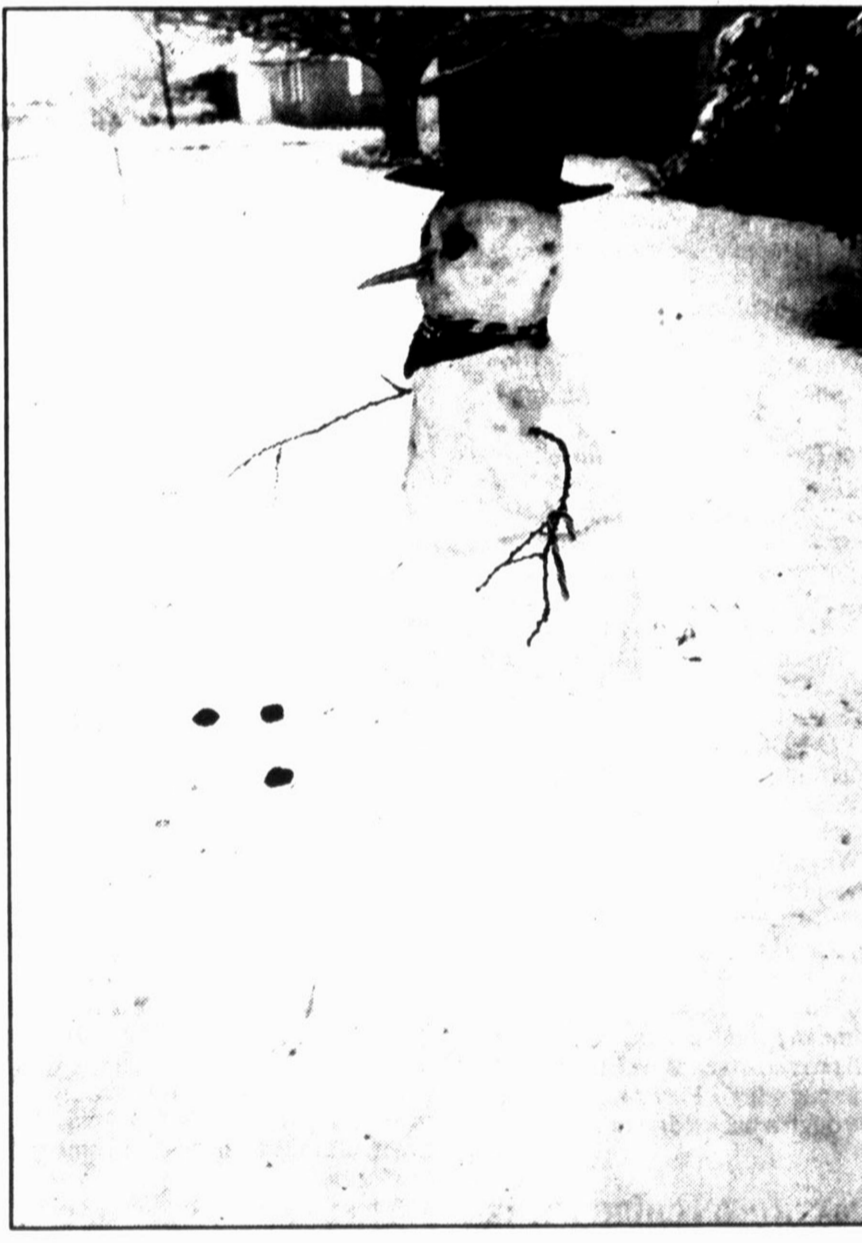
"We couldn't have received a better Christmas gift," said Nolen. "The people in Deaf Smith County have once again proven their generosity."



It's looking a lot like Christmas ...

... All around Hereford as snow has been a familiar pattern since weekend. Ice forms a woven pattern over the links of a fence (above) at the city water plant on New York Street, while a snowman (right) at 232 Douglas appears to be ready to draw on any varmit brave enough to endure winter weather. The snowman even had a few spare eyes (charcoal on the ground) to plug in if the action gets too -- hot.

Photos by Mauri Montgomery



CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND

Donations to charity set record

The Christmas holiday was made a little brighter for 140 families here Friday when the Christmas Stocking Fund extended assistance in the form of food, clothing, utility bill and medical payments.

Contributions to CSF hit a new record high Tuesday when the total climbed to \$21,772. The previous high was \$21,451 set in 1993.

Among the less-fortunate families were eight households coping with cancer. Help was also extended to homes with burdened with Alzheimer's disease, blindness, domestic violence, heart disease, paralysis, and parents in prison.

Additional families were referred to churches, businesses, civic clubs and individuals for help. The numbers are much more than statistics, however, representing help for homes that would go without some basic necessities if not for the stocking fund.

Food baskets, including a 10-pound turkey and a variety of staples, were delivered to 45 families. This included 72 adults and 94 children. Of these, 11 were elderly and 6 disabled.

Vouchers for new clothing were provided to 83 households. This included 196 children and 19 elderly or disabled persons, and 5 were nursing home residents.

CSF helped 39 households with their electric bills. These homes included 59 adults and 70 children. The anonymous committee helped 40 households with natural gas or propane payments. Sixty adults and 74 children were in these households.

Another 35 households had vouchers given to help with water bills. This helped 48 adults and 58 children. The holiday charity helped 8 households with pharmacy bills.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE SOUTH

Holiday has a legacy of stories, tales, traditions

By MARTA W. ALDRICH
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Don't let your fireplace fire go out on Christmas morning or evil spirits will come.

Don't wash and press a garment before giving it for a Christmas present. That will wash out the good luck and press in the bad luck.

For good health, eat apples as the clock strikes midnight on Christmas Eve.

And for goodness sake, never fix your roof between Christmas and New Year's or the holes will come back!

In the South, Christmas traditions range from whimsical superstitions to time-tested rituals of trimming trees, toasting with eggnog and decorating with poinsettias.

In fact, Christmas celebrations would be much different if not for the South's contributions, historian and author Randall Bedwell says.

"Christmas seems to have caught on in the Southern states first. We know the Spanish observed the holiday here, and so did settlers in Jamestown, Virginia," said Bedwell, of Nashville.

In 1831, Louisiana and the Arkansas Territory were the first to make Christmas a legal holiday. Alabama followed in 1836.

The North was slower to accept the celebration because of the puritanical influences of its early settlers, Bedwell said.

"They saw it as being too Catholic. They shunned any kind of ceremonial Christmas and called it pagan mockery. ... The South was more open and adaptable to European traditions and influences," he said.

Christmas initially was celebrated more as a social than religious occasion in the South. However, two European tales that took early root in the region honor the birth of Jesus.

One says animals drop to their knees every Christmas Eve and turn their heads toward Bethlehem. The other says that on Christmas Eve bees hum Christmas carols recounting the birth.

Bedwell is researching the holiday for an upcoming book, "Christmas in the South: Stories and Tales of Yuletides Past."

He became interested while researching another book, "General Lee and Santa Claus." That story is about Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee meeting Santa on the battlefield. It has been passed down through many Southern families.

Bedwell, a native Southerner, had read about the story but never heard it himself. An article about him and his work in "Southern Living" mentioned the story and prompted people to contact him with their versions.

Bedwell interviewed dozens of people, and pored over old letters, diaries and biographies to learn more. In the course of his research, he gleaned tidbits about Christmas in the Old South, including cherished recipes, legends, traditions and superstitions.

The tradition of a Christmas Day hunting expedition by father and son is believed to have begun in England and caught on quickly in the South, he said.

"I can't begin to emphasize how important the Christmas Day hunt was. It was a rite of passage between father and son and was carried on

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UNUSUAL GIFTS

Holiday cheer - from plastic surgery to animal skulls

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Everyone is used to clothing and toys at Christmas, but what about a toe-tag key chain? It's the rage at one coroner's office.

How about a stuffed version of Socks, the Clinton cat? You can find one at the White House gift shop. You can even stuff a stocking with a cat's skull - it's yours for just \$49 at a Buffalo knickknack shop.

Americans giving the unusual at the holidays isn't THAT unusual. But store owners this year are offering a wide variety of the offbeat, sure to make a lasting impression.

There's even big demand for rhinoplasty - nose jobs - and temporary wrinkle elimination.

"I'll be seeing a lot of people over the holidays and I just wanted to look better," said Fran Younger of Rochester, who spent \$400 to have her wrinkles removed.

Drs. Vito Quatela in Rochester and George Brennan in Newport Beach, Calif., are offering a deal this Christmas on Botox, an injection that eliminates wrinkles by temporarily "paralyzing" the facial muscles used to grimace or squint.

Quatela calls it the "event collagen," because so many people want to have the procedure done before holiday parties.

"This time of year, people like to give themselves a little boost but they don't want to incur any downtime like major surgery would entail," Quatela

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Local Roundup

Holiday closings

Today's edition of *The Hereford Brand* is a combined edition Wednesday because the newspaper office will be closed Thursday in observance of Christmas.

The newspaper office will reopen at 8 a.m. Friday.

In other holiday closings, Deaf Smith County and City of Hereford employees will enjoy a two-day holiday, Thursday and Friday. State offices will be closed until Monday morning, while federal offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Financial institutions will be closed Christmas Day and will reopen for normal banking hours Friday; however, there will be no drive-in banking service.

The Hereford and Walcott school districts are closed until Jan. 5, 1998.

There will be no mail service on Christmas Day.

Mostly cloudy

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light snow and low around 20.

Christmas Day, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow, high around 30. Thursday night, cloudy with 30 percent chance of snow and low 15 to 20.

5-DAY FORECAST

Friday through Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow each day, highs in the 30s and lows 15 to 25.

TUESDAY'S RECAP

High, 29; low, 25; 0.5 inch of snow; 0.03 inch of precipitation.

NEWS

in brief

ACCUSED WAR CRIMINAL LEAVES LAREDO JAIL

DALLAS - An accused war criminal was freed from a Laredo jail cell after a judge decided the U.S. government had no constitutional right to return him to stand trial before a United Nation's tribunal investigating a 1994 genocidal slaughter in Rwanda.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, 73, a retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor, was released last week after 14 months in the Webb County Jail.

U.S. Magistrate Marcel C. Notzon ordered his release on Dec. 17, calling unconstitutional a 1995 law that allowed for the return of alleged war criminals to war tribunals in Bosnia and Rwanda.

Ntakirutimana's family was happy to hear of his release.

"Oh, this is good news. It is the best Christmas gift the U.S. government could give - my father free," said his son, Dr. Eliel Ntakirutimana, a Laredo physician. "The charges against him are pure fabrication. My father is no killer."

ASIAN AMERICANS HAVE BIG IMPACT ON TEXAS

AUSTIN - While only 2.4 percent of the population, Asian Americans' impact on the Texas economy is more significant than their numbers might indicate, State Comptroller John Sharp says.

"They are helping to shape our public schools and universities, our commerce and trade, and even our sense of community," Sharp said.

Asian Americans owned nearly 40,000 businesses in Texas in 1992, totaling \$5.7 million in sales, according to Sharp. Those are the latest figures available.

"Some of our newest citizens have come for economic or job advantages, whereas others are fleeing poverty and persecution," Sharp said. "But all of them have contributed to the rich diversity of the Lone Star State."

According to Sharp, the Asian-American community will grow to 1 million by 2025, almost double the current population. At the same time, the total population of the state is expected to grow 45 percent to 27 million. Countries of origin for Asian Americans include Vietnam, India, Philippines, Korea, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, Cambodia, Thailand, Guam, Indonesia and Malaysia.

MILLIONAIRE GIVES PRESENT TO ELECTRA

WICHITA FALLS - Dink Robb wanted to see his money in action.

The 89-year-old millionaire donated \$1 million each to the First United Methodist Church, the city library and a scholarship trust fund in Electra, a one-time oil boom town just west of Wichita Falls where he was born and where he remains one of its 3,300 residents.

"I decided I don't want to have them distribute it when I'm gone," he said. "I'm having the fun of seeing done in this town things that I would like to see done."

Robb's family owned the Electra Telephone Co. He wanted to pass his fortune onto his community and have some say about it at the same time.

The scholarship fund, for instance, will be used to send one Electra High School graduate a year through college at a state school. Each May, a student will be chosen and can use the money through a bachelor's or a master's degree.

TEXANS REWARDED FOR INFORMATION ON CHURCH FIRE

AUSTIN - Richard Miller and Jerry Shawn Scott say they told investigators their friend and another man set a fire that burned down the Macedonia Baptist Church in Ferris because it was the right thing to do.

On Tuesday, Miller and Scott were rewarded for the information they provided. Charlotte, N.C.-based NationsBank gave both men checks for \$10,000 as rewards in helping to convict Robert Stillman and Randall Moore of arson.

Scott said Stillman was his best friend before the March fire at the 100-year-old church, which has a predominantly black-member congregation, south of Dallas.

"He walked up to me and ... (Miller) and said it was done. They burned it down," Scott said. "I thought he had more sense than that."

Scott added that Stillman indicated the arson was racially motivated.

MORALES: TEENS CAN BE SUPERVISED BY ADULT OFFICERS

AUSTIN - When a 16-year-old Frio County boy was arrested earlier this year as a burglary suspect, he faced 10 days in juvenile detention.

But the boy, according to Frio County Attorney James Smith, didn't want to go to juvenile detention. So he lied, saying he was 17 - and taking a risk that he would be sent to jail instead.

"It was a stupid kid thing," Smith said.

But the lie cost Smith's office time and resources, a fact he said he could not overlook.

Smith prosecuted Ricardo Ibarra for perjury, placing him in the middle of a controversy over the treatment of some youths sentenced to probation and the unusual treatment of crime of perjury.

CHARGES RISE AGAINST CONCEALED GUN PERMITTEES

DALLAS - Criminal charges filed against Texans with concealed-handgun licenses rose sharply in 1997, according to statistics compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Felony and misdemeanor cases involving permit holders rose from 431 in 1996 to 666 this far in 1997, a 54.5 percent increase, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

By comparison, the number of permit holders increased from 114,500 last year to 161,702 through mid-December, a 41.2 percent jump.

Opponents of the "concealed-carry law" say the numbers prove the need for increased restrictions on handgun permits.

Rain ruined Georgia cotton crop

BLACKSHEAR, Ga. (AP) - Rain has saturated Georgia's cotton fields to the point that farmers are harvesting into the holidays and half the crop has an ugly, gray color instead of its normal white.

"Because of this season and this weather, it's going to cost me \$45,000," said Pierce County farmer Joey Walker, standing in his soggy 800-acre field where soggy cotton

bolts were dangling from the stalks. Since the end of September, cotton fields in parts of Georgia have received close to 30 inches of rain, cotton expert Steve Brown said Thursday.

"It's been absolutely devastating," said Brown, who works for the University of Georgia extension service.

Although the harvest usually is

over by Thanksgiving, only about 80 percent of the cotton has been harvested this year, Brown said. The frequency of rain makes it tough to harvest, and some of the cotton ends up falling onto the field.

"There are a few poor individual souls who have some harvest in the field," said Lamar Zipperer, an extension agent in east Georgia's Screven County, where dry weather

has allowed most farmers time to finish their harvest.

Brown said it is unusual for the harvest to last so late in the year.

"There are fields that are so wet it will be well after the new year when they can get in" with the cotton-picking machines, he said.

Brown said the rain may have destroyed 5 percent of the crop. Instead of an expected yield of 750 to 780 pounds per acre, the yield is expected to be 650 pounds per acre.

Also, the monsoon-like weather has damaged the quality of the cotton. Cotton left hanging on the bolls longer than usual has darkened with little sunshine and exposure to air and dust.

"Cotton has to have lots of sunshine and dry conditions," Zipperer said. "We've had gray skies, and gray skies makes for kind of a gray cotton."

"A bright white turns into a gray tinge," Brown said.

Farmers in southeast Georgia's Pierce County, where 17,000 acres of cotton were planted, could lose 10 to 12 cents per pound, said agricultural agent John Ed Smith. That amounts to losses of about \$150 per acre.

In Burke County, yields are averaging about 670 pounds per acre, compared with 900 pounds per acre in 1996. Bob McElmurray, a grower in the east Georgia county, said he expects to lose \$200,000.

Farmers would have seen an increase of \$12 million if crops had fulfilled the promise they showed in the spring, said Richard McDaniel, an extension agent in Burke County.

Once the harvest is over, farmers have to face cotton prices, which are 20 cents lower per pound than last year.



Reading winners

Third grade students at Aikman Elementary broke for the Christmas holidays on a high note by being the top readers in the grade. Students who won the most points for the Renaissance Reading Contest during the last two weeks were Ismael Ordaz, Jocelyn Soliz, Erica Aguero, William Wimberly, Daniel English, Apolinar Camaro, and Estella Hernandez. 1

St. John's wort, weed or herb? Texas couple delivers angels

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - Amid commotion over the use of the age-old herb St. John's wort as a natural antidepressant or diet drug, Terry Foley is laying the groundwork for the nation's largest operation to grow the weed.

While the government has been trying to eradicate the weed, Foley's Northwest Venture Farms, Inc. is enrolling farmers to grow the commercial-grade seeds produced in his greenhouses and turn in their harvest for processing at his proposed plant near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Foley will broker the refined product to homeopathic drug companies.

St. John's wort, or hypericum, has a long record as a nerve tonic. The golden flower, with its extract hypericin, goes back 2,400 years in folk medicine, but only recently has it generated real demand in the United States as a natural cure.

"People have been taking it for thousands of years," Foley said. "It's just in the past decade that solid university studies have proven it's safe."

German psychiatrists now prescribe the herb four times as often as the antidepressant Prozac. But testing has yet to isolate the active ingredient. It could be the combination of several agents.

Foley is advertising for growers who will each plant at least 10 acres with sprinkler or subsoil watering. They would use the NVF-CH1 seed stock Foley has developed. Northwest Venture then would run the crop through a "micropulverizer" at the processing facility.

Foley has commitments from farmers for about 2,000 acres, his target, although he expects some to drop out.

If his project works out, it could be a money machine.

Foley conservatively estimates that a kilogram, or 2.2 pounds, of processed wort would bring in about \$10, with each acre producing around 600 kilos - a gross of \$6,000. He figures it costs only \$550 an acre to grow and deliver the unprocessed wort to Northwest Venture.

"So it's a quite lucrative venture," Foley said.

The Idaho Panhandle is an ideal growing area. Southern Idaho appears too hot and dry for the plant, he said.

County and state officials waging a costly war with noxious weeds are watching the entrepreneur's actions with interest.

"It's the first time that I'm aware in the state of Idaho of having the dichotomy of a weed that is planted

for other purposes," said Dale Vance, state weed coordinator for the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

When St. John's wort first appeared along Idaho highways and in fields years ago, it quickly covered ground, Vance said. An Australian insect, which is a natural enemy of the plant, was released and made great inroads in controlling the weed.



Early visit

Santa made an early visit to Blue Water Gardens Apartment complex Tuesday night and brought gifts for all the girls and boys. Sarah Clark, 6, made her wishes known to Santa in anticipation of his return on Christmas Eve.

Take Control Of Diabetes During The Holidays

(NAPS)—For millions of Americans control is not an illusion—and it may help save their lives. By closely monitoring their blood-sugar levels, the millions of people who have diabetes can reduce or prevent the dangerous and costly complications associated with this disease such as heart disease, kidney damage and blindness.

"If your fasting blood-sugar level is consistently at, or above, 140mg/dL, you need to take action," said Dr. John Holcombe, senior clinical research physician at Eli Lilly and Company. "The holidays are a time for enjoying food and family. It is also an optimum time for patients with diabetes to talk to their doctors about the benefits of good blood-glucose control."

Nearly 16 million Americans have diabetes, according to the American Diabetes Association. Each year nearly 1,700 new cases of diabetes are diagnosed. Each year more than 178,000 people die from this disease and its complications. It is the leading cause of new cases of blindness in people ages 20 to 74. It is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

The facts about diabetes are not all grim, though. People with diabetes can live full, active lives

Research has shown that people with diabetes who closely monitor their blood-sugar levels and consistently keep it under 140 mg/dL can reduce their risk of damaging complications.

Unfortunately, studies have also shown that more than 80 percent of people with diabetes do not monitor their blood-sugar levels. During the holidays, as part of Eli Lilly and Company's "Know Your Number"

"If your fasting blood-sugar level is consistently at, or above, 140mg/dL, you need to take action," said Dr. John Holcombe, senior clinical research physician at Eli Lilly and Company.

campaign, Lilly is encouraging people with diabetes to regularly monitor their blood-sugar levels.

People with diabetes have bodies that do not properly use or produce enough insulin, the hormone that allows sugar to enter and fuel the body's cells. But it can be controlled with a variety of treatments including insulin. It is critical, however, for patients to monitor their blood sugar to ensure that they are keeping their condition under control.

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) - Homer and Ronda Hillis cite a Bible verse to explain why they drove more than 800 miles to deliver 8,800 angel pins to Bible Baptist Heartland Worship Center this week.

The verse from Hebrews 13:2: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

The Abilene, Texas, couple already had sent 2,000 angel pins for distribution at last week's Celebration of Life rally to help young people cope with the Dec. 1 shootings at Heath High School. Teen-agers and adults who attended sported the tiny angel pins on their collars.

The Hillises learned of the shooting shortly after it happened Dec. 1 through an e-mail from John Hudson, a Paducah firefighter and member of Bible Baptist who has a 14-year-old daughter enrolled at Heath.

"I asked myself what can I do," Hillis said. "I said that my store could make the angels, and I called all the store managers and asked. They said, 'Yes, we'll do it.'"

Hillis immediately set up a plan to construct 10,000 angel pins for shipment to Paducah to help the community cope with its grief.

The Hillises own a chain of stores in west Texas that sell craft-your-own jewelry supplies and other novelty and inspirational items. The pins will be distributed among high school students first and then through area churches.

Tasha Powell, 14, a Heath High freshman, took a box of pins with her Monday to hand out to friends and neighbors. Powell said the pins symbolize the three girls who died in the shooting and their strong belief in God.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNER 1997

LOTTO TEXAS

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 4-22-27-32-37

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-9-0

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Lifestyles



Now, Alvin...

Simon and Theodore, said Dave. "The Chipmunks" performed during the Christmas luncheon for clients of Hereford Satellite Center held recently at K-Bob's Annex. The food was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen in honor of their daughters Becky Bourland, Brenda Harrison, Barbara Estherly and Beth Haschke. Gifts for the Hereford workshop individuals were furnished by the Advisory Board.

Becky's Camp Site

One special letter to Santa came to our attention following the publication of the Holiday Greeting section last Sunday.

While toys are first and foremost on nearly every child's wish list, this letter is evidence that perhaps we are instilling in our children the true meaning of Christmas and the hope of a Christmas miracle.

From: Tammy Liscano
To: Santa
My Christmas wish list
Four Wheeler
Star Wars Monopoly
Lego Value Pack
Chicken Limbo
Little Mermaid Bed Set
A kidney for my sister Linda
My family together for Christmas.

Congratulations to Hereford and Deaf Smith County for the most successful Christmas Stocking Fund in several years and for reaching the United Way goal.

Once again, the spirit of caring and sharing is personified in this community that we should all be proud to call home.

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Ann Landers

In 1955, the year I began writing this column, I wrote an essay for Christmas Day. Reader response was extremely rewarding, and I have reprinted it each year, with topical modifications. This is my Christmas message for 1997:

Dear Readers: Today is Christmas. What has happened to peace on Earth, good will toward men? In many parts of the world, there is no peace, and in the hearts of many men, there is nothing that could pass for good will.

Our youth insist that we are poisoning the environment, and they are right. They resent living in a world they didn't make, and who can blame them? But what generation ever made the world it had to live in?

Although our universities are once again places of higher learning, racism abounds on many campuses. There is still a great deal of prejudice against minorities, and a lot of work needs to be done to make it better.

Unfortunately, the "war on drugs" has turned out to be a colossal

failure. The number of homicides is staggering. Guns and knives are standard equipment among teenagers. It is not uncommon for a teenager to get shot or stabbed for his jacket or his shoes. Metal detectors in schools help some but not enough.

While alcohol is still the most abused drug of all, marijuana and stronger substances like crack cocaine and now heroin again are commonplace in junior and senior high schools. The dropout rate is appalling. Why should a kid stay in school when he can get rich dealing drugs? This is the message too many young people are getting.

Suicide is the third most frequent cause of death among young people in this country, behind accidents and homicide.

More bad news is that venereal disease is epidemic, not to mention AIDS, for which there is no vaccine and no cure, although new drugs are providing hope.

We are becoming increasingly desensitized to filthy language,

garbage "art" and rotten stuff on TV. Violence, bigotry and talking dirty must be tolerated, we are told, because we dare not endanger "freedom of speech." I am firmly against censorship, but where is the moral outrage against all the filth? It's almost impossible to find a family movie these days. What has happened to plain, everyday decency?

Because this is an advice column, I spend the greater part of every day with grief and trouble. I am adored by some, despised by others, chastised, castigated and dumped on. Does it depress me? No, it does not.

After 42 years of writing seven columns a week, I still find writing this column immensely rewarding. I realize that many people who write to me don't want advice. They just need someone who will listen.

My column has provided me with an opportunity to shine a spotlight on ignorance and fear, to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

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Coming Home

... for Christmas!

Accept our gift of warmth and worship as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Please come and join us on Christmas Eve,
Wednesday, December 24th, for
our candlelight and carols worship service
beginning at 6:00 pm.

First Presbyterian Church



Gift givers

Members of Sparklers 4-H Club display needlepoint figurines made by Susan Hicks of "gift givers" and Santas. Hicks gave a program for the club during its December meeting and explained the history and country of origin of each of the different figures.

Hospital Notes

Correction on the report from Dec. 22: Stanford Knox has not been dismissed. He is still a patient at HRMC.

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for Dec. 23:

Admitted: Paula Eubanks, Edd Haskins.

Dismissed: Gladys Brewer, Jessie Sumner, Harvey Newman, Thelma McMinn, Matthew Zamora.



When planning a party, be prepared to have a variety of activities, such as dancing, games or gift exchanges. Don't let drinking become the focus of the event.

Matthew Wins BIG!



Matthew Mondragon, shown with his father David, was the GRAND PRIZE WINNER of a World's Largest Stocking given by Sun Loan Co. at 309 N. Main. Making the presentation is Janie Mireles, Mgr. of Sun Loan Co.

St. Anthony's Parish invites you to join us in our Celebrations!

**Christmas Eve
Liturgies**
6:00 pm and 8:00 pm

**Christmas Day
Liturgy**
Beginning at 10:00 am

**New Year's Eve
Liturgy**
Beginning at 7:00 pm

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Beginning at 10:00 am



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ANN

I am well aware that mine is an enormous responsibility, and I try hard, 365 days a year, never to let you down.

You, dear readers, are my friends. You invite me into your homes, and often, we have breakfast together. I want to be there for you when you need me. So, if you feel the need to unburden yourself, blow your top, register a gripe or tell me off, I'm as close as your mailbox.

God bless you all. I hope 1998 will be your best year ever. I wish for all of you peace of mind, good health and good luck. -- Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Can you stand one more item about the Internal Revenue Service? I hope so. This article appeared in our local paper, and I roared when I read it. For anyone who needs a laugh, here it is:

"Last August, the IRS said we had to either pay up or prove that our son wasn't just a ruse to get a tax break. We mailed the IRS copies of our son's birth certificate, Social Security number, school records and medical records.

"Then, the threatening letters started to arrive. Every one said 'URGENT.' The last urgent message read as follows: 'Immediate action is required. If you do not respond, we may seize your paycheck, bank account, auto or other property.'

"We decided to put an end to the foolishness and took Exhibit A -- our son -- to the regional IRS office. A taxpayer service specialist photocopied his Social Security card, birth certificate, report card and the picture of his entire second grade. Then, the specialist instructed the main computer in the IRS' office to stop sending us menacing letters. The

specialist said I could file an appeal if the IRS holds its ground, although 'I can't imagine they would,' he added."

I don't imagine they did, either, Ann, but I thought you might like to share this with your readers. -- Philadelphia

Dear Philadelphia: Thanks for the saga. I've received dozens of others, but I think we'll cool it for the time being. The IRS has been clobbered enough.

Dear Ann Landers: I could not help getting a bit unnerved by the letter from "R.N. in Southern Florida" commenting on the nurses who took care of her husband and how they appeared unprofessional because they were not dressed in proper white uniforms. She said when she was a nurse, things were different. They sure were!

I have been a nurse for six years, and I feel we have come a long way in terms of being treated as more than uniformed servants. We wear uniforms that allow us to do our jobs. Today's nurses are required to know more, accomplish more and care for more patients than ever before. We are performing newer procedures all the time and taking on more duties that used to be performed strictly by doctors.

Maybe the next time "Florida" has to spend time in the hospital, she should be more concerned about how her caregivers perform and less about what they are wearing. And a simple "thank you" would be nice, too. -- Mesa, Ariz.

Dear Mesa: Thanks for your comments. I received quite a few letters on this subject. Here are some more:

From Rockford, Ill.: As a proud, registered nurse, I agree with "R.N. in Southern Florida" that there is an appalling lack of professionalism in present-day hospitals. My husband had a hernia repaired, and I stayed with him. A disheveled woman wearing a plaid blouse and soiled white slacks came into the room carrying a stack of towels and a pitcher of water. She put the water down and reached to pull the covers off my husband. I asked to see some identification. She was indeed an R.N., but I'd have bet money she was the cleaning woman.

Somewhere in Wisconsin: I'm so glad someone had nerve enough to speak out regarding the dress code in hospitals these days. I had a nurse or aide (I'm not sure which) check my pulse. She had long, dark red artificial fingernails and greasy hair that fell in my face. She wore jeans and a skimpy top. The doctor had on a dingy white T-shirt and jeans. Hospitals aren't the only places where people dress as if they're going to a picnic. I've seen this type of casual dress in business lobbies, local stores and at my dermatologist's. I could go on and on -- churches, restaurants, schools, etc. We seem to have lost our self-respect. How sad.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)



Bake sale

Girl Scout Troop 283 hosted a bake sale Saturday at two locations, Homeland and Thriftway West. Proceeds from the bake sale will be added to the account for a trip to the Smithsonian. Items not sold were donated to the Red Cross as a community service. Troop 283 is also saving aluminum cans. If you have cans you would like to donate, drop them off at 309 Lawton or call JoNell Lyons at 364-1857, Marie Carra at 364-2248 or Lorna Haws at 364-3613 and someone will come by and pick them up. Girl Scouts is a United Way agency.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Closed for Christmas Day.

FRIDAY-Fried catfish with lemon wedge, macaroni and cheese, Scandinavian vegetables, cabbage/pepper slaw, cornbread, fruit cocktail; or beef fingers, turnip greens.

MONDAY-Chicken and dumplings, buttered parsley carrots, tossed green salad, biscuits, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookies; or great northern beans with ham, vanilla wafers.

TUESDAY-Beef brisket, baked potato with fixings, pinto beans, broccoli/cauliflower/tomato salad, Texas toast, apricot cobbler; or roast chicken, apricots.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips, gravy, sweet potato patties, spinach, rosy applesauce, biscuits; or smothered steak, D'zerta salad.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Closed for Christmas Day.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon - 4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tole painting 1-3 p.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-12 noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 1-3 p.m., New Year's Eve Dance 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.



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Sports

On the Sidelines

NHL

Tuesday's Games
 Detroit 3, Buffalo 1
 New Jersey 1, Washington 1, St. Louis 4, Montreal 3, OT
 N.Y. Rangers 4, Tampa Bay 1
 Philadelphia 4, Carolina 2
 St. Louis 3, Florida 2
 Toronto 5, Edmonton 4
 Colorado 5, Los Angeles 1
 Calgary 2, Phoenix 2, St. Dallas 3, Vancouver 1

Wednesday's Games
 No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
 No games scheduled

Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Florida at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NBA

Tuesday's Games
 Cleveland 99, Dallas 85
 Boston 102, Charlotte 86
 San Antonio 91, Indiana 79
 Chicago 84, L.A. Clippers 89
 Portland 83, Sacramento 82
 Minnesota 112, Seattle 103
 Golden State 87, Denver 75

Wednesday's Games
 No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
 Houston at Utah, 2 p.m.
 Miami at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.

NCAA Basketball

EAST
 Boston College 64, Northwestern 63
 Connecticut 72, Massachusetts 55
 Duquesne 85, Morgan St. 78
 Md.-Baltimore County 80, Quinnipiac 84
 Providence 89, Loyola Marymount 74
 St. Peter's 73, Monmouth, N.J. 57

SOUTH
 Florida St. 84, Arizona 79
 Georgia 77, Georgia Tech 71
 Kentucky 75, American U. 52
 LSU 83, Robert Morris 58
 South Carolina 90, S. Carolina St. 85

MIDWEST
 Butler 75, James Madison 66
 Dayton 70, DePaul 57
 Kent 69, St. Francis, Ind. 72
 Marquette 85, Cent. Florida 58
 Missouri 75, Illinois 69
 Wisconsin 62, Nevada 53

SOUTHWEST
 Oklahoma St. 78, Arkansas St. 62

FAR WEST
 Idaho 83, Idaho St. 63
 Kansas 74, Southern Cal 69
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 S. Utah 84, Alaska-Anchorage 79
 UNLV 77, UC Irvine 55
 Wyoming 80, Montana St. 59

TOURNAMENTS
 Christmas San Juan Shootout
 Iowa 81, St. Bonaventure 67
 Third Place
 Southern Miss. 73, Oral Roberts 62
 Fifth Place
 Loyola, Ill. 74, Tennessee Tech 64
 Seventh Place
 Furman 61, Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 57
 Coors Field Classic
 Third Place
 CS Northridge 76, North Florida 62
 Meadowlands Tournament
 Seton Hall 78, Fordham 72, 2OT
 Third Place
 Colgate 82, St. Mary's, Cal. 77

IN BRIEF

Bowlware honored

NEW YORK (AP) -- Peter Bowlware made the difficult switch from defensive end to linebacker to become a pass-rushing star for the Baltimore Ravens, and on Tuesday was selected NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year by The Associated Press.

Bowlware, the fourth pick in this year's draft, finished with 11.5 sacks, second in the AFC. He overcame his early struggles in pass coverage, so impressing a nationwide panel of 48 sports writers and broadcasters that he dominated the voting.

Chosen on 36 ballots, Bowlware easily outdistanced Miami linebacker Derrick Rodgers and New Orleans safety Sammy Knight, both receiving three votes. Miami end Jason Taylor got two votes and Detroit cornerback Bryant Westbrook had one.

Enis suspended

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) -- Penn State All-American running back Curtis Enis admitted Tuesday he accepted gifts from a Texas-based sports agent and then lied about it, coach Joe Paterno said.

Enis was declared ineligible for the Citrus Bowl and has probably played his last game for the Nittany Lions.

"I think that he realized he made a mistake," Paterno said on a conference call from Melbourne, Fla., where Penn State is practicing for their New Year's Day game with No. 6 Florida. "He was trying to come clean with everything."

Enis finished first in the conference in touchdowns (19) and third in total rushing yards. He was named his co-offensive player of the year with Tavian Banks of Iowa.

Bowling standings

Results through week of Dec. 16
Tuesday Night Blitz
 1. Beauty and the Beast 22-8, 11,870
 total pins; 2. Pin Slayers 20-4, 10,800; 3. Team No. 4 18-12, 11,058; 4. NCCs 18-12, 9,800; 5. Team No. 2 13-15, 11,223; 6. Unique Creation 12-12, 8,827; 7. Hap Hazards 10-18, 11,504.

SOARING EAGLES

Sealy's 4th title recalls team that failed

By AL PICKETT
Abilene Reporter-News
ABILENE -- Sealy's bid for a Texas high school-record fourth consecutive state football championship surely brought back memories for longtime Abilene High fans.

It was 40 years ago this month that the Eagles missed winning a fourth straight state championship by just the narrowest of margins.

For those of us who are "newcomers" to Abilene in the last 20 years or so, we have heard much about the Eagles' three state championship teams in 1954-56, which were led by stars Glynn Gregory and Jimmy Carpenter, who went on to play at SMU and Oklahoma, respectively.

We have written often that 1959 was the last year that Abilene High made it to the state football playoffs, a streak that this year's Eagles were hoping to snap.

But the 1957 team is somehow forgotten in time by most football fans.

A look at the record books shows that 1957 was the year the Eagles' streak of three consecutive state championships ended. But an hour in the library, looking at microfilm of the Abilene Reporter-News in December 1957, revealed just how close the Eagles were to making it four in a row that year.

Abilene High carried a 49-game winning streak into the state semifinal game against Dallas Highland Park, coached by Abilene Christian University graduate and former Midland High coach Tugboat Jones.

Despite the amazing winning streak, the Eagles had been underdogs a week earlier in the quarterfinals against previously unbeaten Amarillo High. Abilene High beat the Sandies 33-14, however, to move into the

semifinals.

Playing in front of nearly 30,000 fans at the Cotton Bowl in the semifinals, Abilene High took a 20-14 lead on a 76-yard TD pass from Freddie Martinez to Stan Cozby with six seconds left in the third quarter.

That lead held up until Highland Park scored on a 58-yard touchdown pass with just under four minutes left to tie the score, 20-20. The Scots failed on a conversion try after a penalty wiped out what would have been the game-winning extra-point kick.

The game finished in a 20-20 tie, but Highland Park advanced to the state championship game the next week against Port Arthur by virtue of its 5-3 advantage in penetrations.

"We were scouting in Beaumont," said longtime AHS assistant

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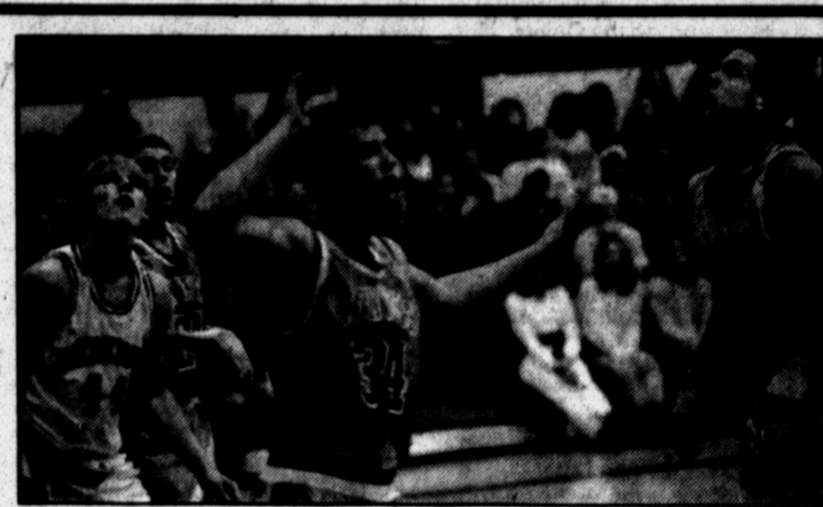


Photo by Julius Bodner

Ready for the rebound

Hereford's Will Matthews (44) and Bryant McNutt, and Lubbock Monterey's Jason Pope (24) and John McPhaul look for a rebound during a non-district game Dec. 9. The Whitefaces will return to action after the Christmas holiday Dec. 29-31 in the ABC Caprock Basketball Tournament in Lubbock with a first-round game 9 a.m. Monday against Class 4A No. 10 Lamesa at Lubbock High School.



Photo by Julius Bodner

Cheering them on

Hereford head girls basketball coach Eddie Fortenberry and assistant coach Carmen Brockman encourage the Lady Whitefaces during a District 1-4A game with Canyon Dec. 9 at Whiteface Gymnasium. Pictured for Hereford are Misti Davis and Catie Betzen (24), for the Lady Eagles Candi White (11) and Lindy Lombard. The Lady Whitefaces will return to action after the Christmas holiday at the ABC Caprock Basketball Tournament in Lubbock Dec. 29-31. Hereford will face El Paso Jefferson in the first round at 9 a.m. Monday at Lubbock Monterey High School.

Stars slap Vancouver

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) -- Despite the absence of their top two offensive players, the Dallas Stars were perfect on their power play Tuesday night.

The Stars scored on all three of their power-play chances and extended their winning streak to four games with a 3-1 win over the Vancouver Canucks.

Jere Lehtinen had a goal and an assist and Tony Hrkac picked up his 200th career point as the Stars completed a three-game sweep of their Western Canada swing.

"We just try to keep it simple," said Derian Hatcher, who had a goal and an assist for Dallas. "With Mike (Modano) and Joe (Nieuwendyk) out, we have to move it around the perimeter and try to create some chances inside."

Along with Modano and Nieuwendyk, the Stars were missing Greg Adams, Benoit Hogue and Sylvain Cote because of injuries.

Hrkac opened the scoring on the power play 1:12 into the first period when he picked up a loose puck in front of the net and flipped it past

Canucks goalie Kirk McLean.

The Stars took a 2-0 lead on Hatcher's goal in the second period, before Pavel Bure brought the Canucks within a goal by tapping in a pass from Bret Hedican.

But the Stars, 18-0-2 when leading after two periods, sealed the victory in the third when Lehtinen flipped the puck over McLean's shoulder for his 11th goal.

Hatcher said the Stars played a strong defensive game after getting the early lead.

"We tried to shut down the neutral zone and keep their quicker players to the outside and let (goalie) Roman Turek do the rest," Hatcher said.

Vancouver was awarded a late penalty when Hatcher knocked his net off its moorings with the Canucks pressing. Vancouver pulled its goaltender and put pressure on the Stars but couldn't come up with a goal.

"We knew it would be tough tonight," said Canucks coach Mike Keenan.

Robinson, Duncan pace Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- San Antonio's dominating duo of David Robinson and Tim Duncan put an end to the Indiana Pacers' six-game winning streak.

The only teammates in the league to average double figures in points and rebounds, Robinson scored a season-high 39 points and pulled down 12 rebounds while Duncan had 18 points and 17 rebounds to lead San Antonio to its sixth straight victory, 91-79 over the Pacers on Tuesday night.

"David and Tim are great players, they rebounded, scored and passed the ball well again tonight," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "But two guys don't play defense or make a basketball team. Five guys acted well together out there on offense and defense."

Indiana was led by Reggie Miller.

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No surprise, Mavs lose 10th straight

CLEVELAND (AP) -- It was a measure of how much things have changed in Cleveland over the past year. The fans actually stood and cheered.

The normally tranquil crowd at Gund Arena was on its feet Tuesday night as the rookie trio of Derek Anderson, Cedric Henderson and Brevin Knight led the Cavaliers to a 99-85 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

"We get a little extra lift when the crowd responds. That's what playing at home means," Knight said. "We want our fans to get into it. We show our emotions. Young players do that. Maybe the fans will show their emotions, too."

Anderson scored a season-high 24 points, Henderson had a season-high 20 and Knight had 14 points and 15 assists for the Cavs, who sent the Mavericks to their 10th consecutive loss.

Cleveland outscored Dallas 32-8 in the third quarter to turn a 49-41

DALLAS (85): Scott 1-13 5-5 7, Green 2-6 1-2 5, Riley 1-3 0-0 2, Puck 3-9 1-2 7, Finley 12-22 2-29, Walker 2-3 1-2 5, Davis 5-6 0-12, Reeves 5-11 6-7 18, Murresepp 0-1 0-0 0, Wells 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 31-74 16-20 85.

CLEVELAND (99): Henderson 10-14 0-0 20, Kemp 4-11 6-6 14, Igoukas 3-7 2-3 8, Knight 4-8 6-14, Person 4-8 0-0 9, Anderson 9-19 5-24, Potapenko 4-8 0-0 8, Ferry 1-3 0-0 2, Brooks 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 39-79 19-22 99.

Dallas 23 25 8 28-85

Cleveland 20 21 32 26-99

3-Point goals--Dallas 7-15 (Finley 3-5, Davis 2-2, Reeves 2-4, Scott 0-4), Cleveland 2-6 (Person 1-3, Anderson 1-3). Fouled out--None. Rebounds--Dallas 38 (Scott 10), Cleveland 52 (Kemp 11). Assists--Dallas 23 (Scott 9), Cleveland 29 (Knight 15). Total fouls--Dallas 20, Cleveland 17. Technicals--Ilgoukas A--14, 309 (20,562).

halftime deficit into a 73-59 lead.

The fans had been particularly quiet when Dallas finished the first half on a 20-10 run to lead at halftime. Khalid Reeves, who finished with 18, had 10 points in the spurt.

"I think you saw a complete turnaround in the second half,"

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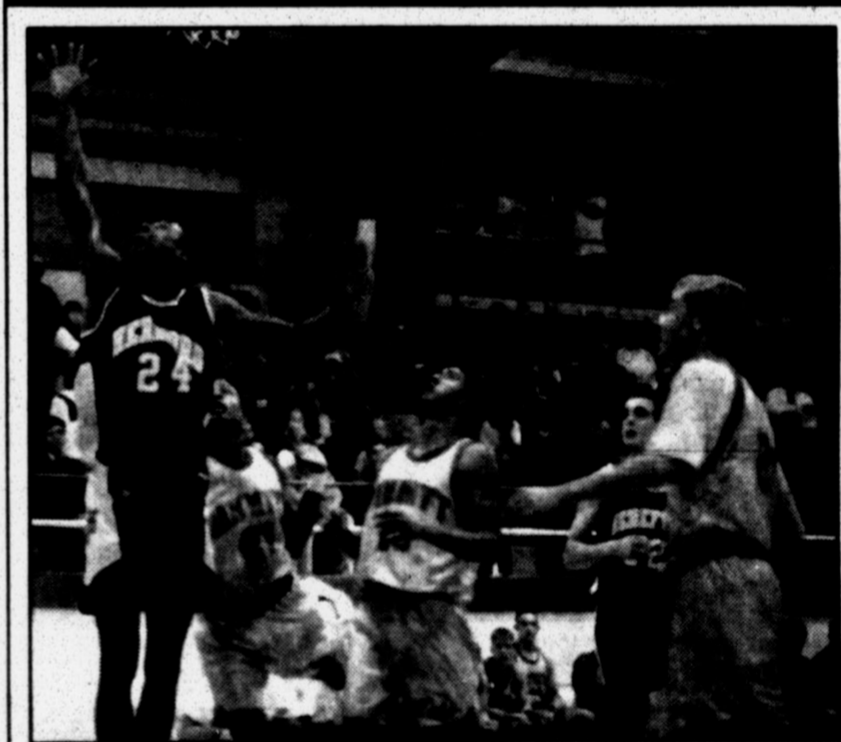


Photo by Julius Bodner

Up for two

Hereford's Nick Whatley puts up a shot during a recent non-district game with Dimmitt. Looking on are the Bobcats' Dirkston Sherman (21), Daniel Flores (20) and Jerry Thomas, and Hereford's Cody Hodges.

FoxSW plan should not come to fruition

There are people out there who think the UIL is the best thing to happen to high school football since the advent of the forward pass.

Report these people to the proper authorities so they can be sent to a padded room in Vernon.

I have to give the UIL a little credit, though. They haven't caved in to Fox Sports Southwest on the much-debated central-site plan.

Yet.

Here's the plan. Fox wants to have all the state high school title games played in one place on two weekends, the better to make a media mess out of things.

To this point, the UIL has balked because coaches are against the idea.

The Toy Department

By Bob Varnette



Fox has been trying for several years to get this going. They're even willing to bribe school districts with substantial sums of money -- \$50,000 for each Class 5A finalist, plus travel and hotel expenses; \$40,000 for the 4A finalists; \$30,000 for the 3A and 2A finalists and even \$15,000 for

the 1A and Six-man teams good enough to make it that far.

Now the majority of coaches are against it because they don't like losing control over when and where the games will be played.

Here are some other reasons to be against the central-site plan.

First, the crass commercialism Fox wants to introduce into high school football. Fox Southwest President Jon Heidtke wants to make it "a week-long celebration of high school football."

According to Heidtke, game days would feature a carnival-like atmosphere, with, of course, the requisite sponsor involvement.

He's talking about interactive games and displays promoting the event and the history of Texas high

school football. What he doesn't mention are the displays to promote all the various sponsors' products and services.

Is that what you want you son or daughter to think Texas high school football is all about?

Second is the travel factor.

Now the plan covers the travel expenses of the players, and I'm guessing the bands, cheerleaders, etc. But what about the fans?

None of the rotating sites (Dallas, Houston and San Antonio) are exactly travel-friendly to West Texas. And what if an El Paso school made it to the finals (I can dare to dream)?

Is Fox going to pay for their way to the game?

When I covered high school football in Minnesota, I was lucky enough to cover two state championship games. They use a central-site plan.

In Minnesota, the site is the Metrodome in Minneapolis. I wasn't totally in favor of it there, but it did have some advantages.

Minneapolis is actually fairly centrally located. And the weather makes it almost a have-to thing. Playing inside a dome is definitely better than sitting outside in Minnesota's late-fall weather.

Neither is the case in Texas. Dallas, San Antonio and Houston can be centrally located if you live east of I-35, but not if you're from

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NBA ROUNDUP

Celtics 102, Hornets 96
BOSTON (AP)— Ron Mercer had career-highs of 28 points and eight rebounds Tuesday night as Boston's bench made up for Antoine Walker's poor shooting and led the Celtics their fourth consecutive win, 102-96 over the Charlotte Hornets.

Walker, who led the Celtics in scoring in 19 of their first 24 games, shot just 3-of-21. But Dana Barros pitched in with 18 points and even Greg Minor — the last player on the Celtics' bench — scored four consecutive points in an 11-2 run that essentially decided the game.

Glen Rice had 23 points and Bobby Phillips added a season-high 22 for the Hornets. Charlotte was playing its fourth game in five nights, and the Hornets lost three of the four, beating only the woful Toronto Raptors on a tip-in at the buzzer Monday night. The Celtics' bench outscored Charlotte's 58-17.

Bulls 94, Clippers 89
CHICAGO (AP) — Phil Jackson reached the 500-victory mark faster than any coach in NBA history as his Chicago Bulls got 27 points from Michael Jordan and a season-high 25 rebounds from Dennis Rodman to defeat the Los Angeles Clippers 94-89 Tuesday night.

Jackson, who has agreed to step aside after this season at the request of Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf and general manager Jerry Krause, got No. 500 in his 682nd game — one earlier than Pat Riley accomplished the feat.

Jackson, who holds league records for winning percentage in both the regular season (.733) and playoffs (.96-35, also .733), earned his milestone victory against his former college coach. Bill Fitch, whose 1,064 losses over 25 seasons is the NBA record, guided Jackson at North Dakota from 1964-67.

Trail Blazers 93, Kings 82
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)— Arvydas Sabonis had 19 points and 12 rebounds as the Portland Trail Blazers dominated inside for a 93-82 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday night.

Brian Grant added 17 points and 12 rebounds against his former team, and Kenny Anderson also scored 17. The Blazers outrebounded the Kings 62-40, including 19 offensive boards. The Blazers, who had lost four of their previous five games, used Sabonis' nine points and seven rebounds to break open a close game

'Noles upset No. 5 Arizona

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — LaMarr Greer scored a career-high 26 points, including a pair of 3-pointers in the final 1:44, as No. 17 Florida State beat No. 5 Arizona 84-79 Tuesday night. Greer hit an off-balance 25-footer as the shot clock was about to expire

in the third quarter and take an eight-point lead into the fourth.

They led 80-65 with 7:48 remaining before the Kings scored eight straight points, including four by Corliss Williamson. Anderson countered with eight straight Portland points over the next 1:28 to put the game out of reach. The Kings were led by Mitch Richmond's 30 points. Williamson and Billy Owens each scored 18.

T'wolves 112, SuperSonics 103
SEATTLE (AP) — Stephon Marbury scored 35 points, including eight 3-pointers, and the Minnesota Timberwolves broke a record 26-game losing streak to the Seattle SuperSonics 112-103 Tuesday night.

Seattle's 26-game winning streak against the Timberwolves over six seasons was an NBA record by one team against another.

Gary Payton, one of the NBA's top defensive guards, was on Marbury much of the game but couldn't stop him. Marbury made 13 of 19 shots from the field.

Payton led the Sonics with 27 points, but missed two key free throws with 1:43 left with Minnesota in front 101-94.

Seattle saw its NBA-best record drop to 21-6. The Los Angeles Lakers, who were idle Tuesday night, also are 21-6. The Sonics had a six-game winning streak broken and a string of 12 consecutive victories at home ended.

Warriors 87, Nuggets 75
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Donyell Marshall scored 20 points, including five during a decisive 15-0 surge, and the Golden State Warriors held Denver to seven fourth-quarter points in an 87-75 victory Tuesday night.

The seven points were a franchise low for a quarter. The Nuggets' previous low was eight points in the second quarter against Detroit on Dec. 9.

The win was Golden State's fifth straight at home, all of them coming since the Dec. 3 departure of Latrell Sprewell after his attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo.

Denver, outscored 25-7 in the fourth quarter, lost its eighth straight and remained winless in 14 road games this season.

Joe Smith's 22 points and 10 rebounds led the Warriors, who beat the Nuggets for the fourth straight time. Binmo Coles added 13 points.

Danny Fortson tied his career-high with 22 points and LaPhonso Ellis had 15 for the Nuggets.

to give Florida State an 82-77 lead with 50 seconds left.

Greer made 11 of 13 shots from the field and all three of his 3-point attempts for the Seminoles (9-2), whose only two losses this season were to top-ranked North Carolina and No. 2 Kansas.

Plan

West Texas. And wintry weather is not generally a factor, at least wintry weather on a scale with Minnesota.

In a perfect world, a team would have a chance to play a state championship game on its home field.

Of course, even now, that rarely happens. Most games are played at neutral sites or at designated "home" sites other than their home stadium, i.e. Sealy designating the Astrodome this year or Flower Mound Marcus designating Texas Stadium in 1995.

Proponents of the central-site plan expound the "thrill factor." They say the disadvantages of traveling are more than offset by the "thrill" of playing in Texas Stadium or the Astrodome.

Uh, is that what they're there for? I thought they were there to win a football game.

And the biggest "thrill" would be winning a state championship. I would think that would be just as

"thrilling" whether you won in some pasture behind the school or at one of those monolithic monuments to our nation's obsession with building the most boring stadium possible.

Is it really the "thrill of a lifetime" or a distraction?

It is probably a foregone conclusion, that at some point in the future, coaches will either come around to the thinking of Fox Southwest. Or the UIL will just mandate the central-site plan. There's just too much money involved.

And by the way, for those of you that watched the Class 5A and Class 4A title games, didn't you get tired of the announcers shamelessly promoting the central-site plan?

My father always told me if someone was trying that hard to sell you something, what he was selling wasn't worth buying.

For once, I have to agree with him.

Robinson

Miller with 25 points. Rik Smits added 14.

"Robinson played well, very well. He killed us. Duncan's a big guy, very skilled. I scouted him for three years. He's legitimate," said Indiana coach Larry Bird, who picked up his first technical foul as an NBA head coach in the third quarter.

"All they did all night was post-up, and we usually play better defense in those situations. We knew they were going to do that but we were late getting help," Bird said.

"It's the same offense we've been running since training camp," Popovich said. "As the year goes on it will get better and better. We have to try and catch teams that have been running the same offense for five or six years."

After trailing 47-40 at halftime, San Antonio opened the third quarter with a 18-6 run as Robinson and Duncan each scored eight points.

San Antonio outscored Indiana 26-15 in the quarter, with Robinson and Duncan combining for 22 of the points, and the Spurs led 66-62 going to the final quarter.

"Once guys like David Robinson and Tim Duncan get going, it's hard to slow them down," Indiana's Antonio Davis said.

The Spurs stretched the lead to 83-70 in the fourth quarter on a 3-point shot by Sean Elliott with four

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Fratello said. "You saw our guys kick it in gear."

The ball-hawking defense of the two rookie guards helped turn the game around.

Knight, who leads the NBA in steals with an average of 3.12 a game, had two in the midst of the third quarter run.

Anderson finished with a career-high for the fourth time in five games, and Knight had the fifth double-double of his career. Cleveland is 4-1 in those games.

"Anderson was my favorite player in the draft and Cleveland stole him just ahead of us," Nelson said. "And we love Knight, too, but we had three point guards under long-term contracts and it didn't make sense to take him."

"The difference was we went out and got after them defensively," Knight said. "Coach (Mike Fratello) challenged us at halftime to pick up our intensity. We responded."

Michael Finley scored 29 for Dallas, which used an 18-7 run at the start of the fourth quarter to pull to 80-75. A steal and 15-foot jumper by Wesley Person helped Cleveland regain command.

minutes to play. Indiana, which shot only 38 percent, could get no closer than 10 the rest of the way.

Robinson had 13 of his points in the fourth quarter.

"From the beginning my mindset was to be aggressive and go the rim," said Robinson, who also had three blocked shots. "Tim is playing well. He's just fantastic. Right now our confidence is starting to build and we're feeling real good about ourselves."

After trailing by as many as eight points in the second quarter, Indiana ended the first half with a 20-5 run to lead 47-40 at halftime.

Miller connected on back-to-back 3-point field goals as the Pacers scored the final eight points of the second quarter.

INDIANA (79): Mullin 0-6 2-22, D. Davis 2-4 0-0 4, Smits 7-16 0-0 14, Miller 7-13 9-10 25, M. Jackson 2-6 0-0 4, Rose 2-9 0-0 6, A. Davis 2-4 4-8, McKey 1-7 0-22, Holberg 1-5 2-2 4, Best 5-7 0-0 10. Totals 29-77 17-22 79.

SAN ANTONIO (81): Elliott 2-7 6-8 12, Duncan 9-15 0-4 18, Robinson 15-24 9-13 39, J. Jackson 2-3 1-36, Johnson 2-4 4-8, Perdue 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 1-4 0-0 2, Alexander 0-1 0-0 0, Person 0-4 2-2 2. Totals 33-66 22-34 81.

Indiana 19 28 15 17-79
San Antonio 25 14 28 25-81

3-Point Goals—Indiana 4-11 (Miller 2-3, Rose 2-4, M. Jackson 0-1, Holberg 0-1, Mullin 0-2), **San Antonio** 3-9 (Elliott 2-4, Jackson 1-1, Alexander 0-1, Person 0-3). **Fouled Out—None.** **Rebounds—Indiana** 46 (Smits 8), **San Antonio** 59 (Duncan 17). **Assists—Indiana** 16 (M. Jackson 5), **San Antonio** 19 (Johnson 11). **Total Fouls—Indiana** 25, **San Antonio** 17. **Technical—Indiana** coach Bird, A-15, 690 (20,557).

Shaq, Pippen still get votes

NEW YORK (AP) — In a case of reputation over performance, Shaquille O'Neal and Scottie Pippen are among the leading vote-getters for the NBA All-Star game.

O'Neal has played only eight games this season for the Los Angeles Lakers. Pippen has not played all season for the Chicago Bulls because of a foot injury.

In the first balloting results released Tuesday, O'Neal is the top vote-getter among fans on the Western Conference team.

O'Neal, sidelined by an abdominal strain and now a hairline wrist fracture, drew 125,766 votes. He is far in front in voting for center, with David Robinson of San Antonio next at 83,885.

Pippen has received 85,286 votes, good for second place among forwards.

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Eagles

coach Blackie Blackburn, who is retired but still living in Abilene. "When we found out that we had lost, we closed our books and went home."

In reality, the Eagles still owned a streak of 50 straight games without a loss, but their 49-game winning streak was over. And so was their dream of winning an unprecedented

fourth consecutive state championship.

"We've had lots of glory in the last four years," the late Chuck Moser, the legendary head coach at Abilene High, told Reporter-News sports editor Don Oliver the next day.

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Investors: Be responsible unto yourself

NEW YORK (AP) - Yes, there is a Santa Claus. Ask those who doubled their money in stocks last year without the slightest knowledge of how they did it. There are many thousands of them, and they are about to declare themselves winners.

It could be their downfall, because making it in the market involves two distinct stages: 1. Getting it and 2. Keeping it. And the latter may be the more difficult of the two.

That's because the easier the first stage, the harder the second. Having sought to make 10 percent, and having made 20 instead, the inclination is strong to believe that 30 is next. But "next" is often the fatal step, related in countless fables and moral tales.

Sound money managers almost always agree that, after having made a killing in stocks, a smart investor might consider turning conservative for a while, parking the money in safe investments while contemplating what to do next.

It's what many foreigners, especially Asians, are doing now. Uncertain of the immediate future, they've been investing funds in U.S. government securities. While the returns on government bonds might be a mere fraction of what they made in stocks, they have security.

In brief, if emotion enters the decision-making process, fear rather than greed might be the emotion to follow. But better than either is reason, especially the common kind.

Professionals without an ax to grind are almost unanimous in another bit of advice: Accept more

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responsibility. Do your own thinking.

Over the past two decades, Americans have increasingly abandoned decision-making to mutual fund managers and various other advisers. Institutions owned 6.1 percent of New York Stock Exchange listings in 1950; by the third quarter of 1996 they owned 45.6 percent.

That is only part of the story. Individuals who continue to own stocks directly, rather than through mutual funds, often have turned over decision-making to advisers. In effect, they often add a layer of commissions between themselves and the market.

Worse, the marketplace is riddled with ersatz advice. Some mutual fund portfolio managers are inept, surviving only because the stock market has risen like the tide. So-called financial planners may or may not be qualified. Some mislead for their benefit.

The January issue of "Consumer Reports" found just 10 percent of 500,000 licensed advisers qualified to give financial advice. Of these, only 4,000 were fee-only financial planners not earning commissions from the sale of products they recommend.

The information and opinions

provided by fund managers can and often do mislead.

Tony Sagami of ProFutures Capital Management, Austin, Texas, offers the example of fund managers who urge their investors to stay for the long term, while they turn over the fund portfolio two or three times a year.

"Hypocrites," he calls them. "The only way they get paid is if you leave your money in their funds." Their real advice, he says, is "do as I say not as I do."

Patrick Watson of the same firm comments on the number of funds proudly promoting their 10-year averages, now that the October 1987 crash is out of range.

Based on the 10 years through October 31, one fund claims an average annual yield of 13.98 percent. But, based on 10 years through Sept. 30, which includes the debacle, it averages only 7.05 percent.

So, while Santa provides the gifts, investors have the responsibility of securing them. And one of the best ways of doing so is to learn that investing isn't a game but a competitive enterprise that involves total responsibility and demands one's full mental skills.

Sales up for unrespected fruitcake

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) - You've heard the jokes. "What are 10 good uses for a fruitcake? A Christmas tree stand, an anvil, a fallout shelter ..."

So why, then, is Harry and David, the nation's biggest food catalogers, selling more fruitcake than ever this Christmas? Blame the baby boomers.

"As people get older, their palates get more sophisticated," says Bill Williams, the chief executive of Bear Creek Corp., Harry and David's parent company.

Despite the wisecracks over its brick-like consistency, fruitcakes are enjoying a booming business this Christmas. Millions of people around the globe are sending the dense, sweet cakes to friends and family.

Harry and David says fruitcake sales are up 20 percent to nearly 100,000 this year, while Collin Street Bakery in Corsicana, Texas, the industry leader, plans to ship 1.6 million cakes over 200 countries.

Fruitcake originated in ancient Egypt and was

cherished as an essential food for the afterlife. Collin Street Bakery has been making fruitcake since 1896, and its global notoriety began when a Collin employee slipped fruitcakes into the luggage of Ringling Bros. Circus performers before a world tour.

Now fruitcake fans include Princess Caroline of Monaco, singer Lyle Lovett and "Wheel of Fortune" letter-turner Vanna White. A fruitcake even went on an Apollo space shot.

"I think fruitcake is misunderstood," says Collin Street president Bob McNutt, whose grandfather bought the Texas business in 1946.

"There is no standard of identity," he says. "If you ask someone what is butter, they know what butter is. If people had the same consistent quality in their fruitcake as we have, I don't think there would be that problem."

Agency OKs diabetes drug

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration has approved a new medicine to help certain diabetics produce insulin just at mealtimes.

About 16 million Americans have Type II, or adult onset, diabetes and generally can take once-a-day pills to boost insulin production and decrease blood sugar all day.


But blood sugar skyrockets after meals and then naturally dips. If patients skip a meal, some drugs can cause blood sugar to drop dangerously low.

Prandin, known chemically as repaglinide, was approved Tuesday. It is designed to work only when a Type II diabetic eats. The idea is that a pill 15 minutes before meals would avoid the risk of hypoglycemia.

Manufacturer Novo Nordisk found Prandin as effective as other diabetes drugs. In safety studies of 1,200 patients, no one suffered hypoglycemia serious enough to require medical attention. About 1.5 percent of patients dropped out the study citing mild to moderate hypoglycemia, compared with about 2.5 percent of "control" patients who quit older diabetes medicines for the same reason.

Prandin will be on pharmacy shelves by April. A price was not announced.

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2 Disney Channel	9 WGN, Chicago	16 The Weather Channel	23 Turner Classic Movies	30 Headline News	37 History Channel
3 Local Weather	10 KFDA (CBS), Amarillo	17 The Family Channel	24 Nashville Network	31 Nickelodeon	38 Odyssey
4 KAMR (NBC), Amarillo	11 C-SPAN	18 Showtime	25 The Discovery Channel	32 USA Network	39 QVC
5 KACV (PBS), Amarillo	12 C-SPAN II	19 Local Access	26 Arts & Entertainment	33 Univision	40 ESPN2
6 WTBS, Atlanta	13 KCIT (FOX), Amarillo	20 HBO	27 Lifetime	34 CMT	41 MTV
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8 TBN	15 CNN	22 CNBC	29 TNT	36 Cartoon Network	43 Galavisión

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Goof Troop	Mermald	Pool	Katie-Orbie	Jack Frost	Bluetoes	Madeline	Mole	Circus	Better	
Today				Leza		Geraldo Rivera	Mauri		Oprah	
Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Arthur	Barney	Graves	
(:05) Little House on the Prairie	Movie: Little House: Bless All Dear Children	(:35) Little House on the Prairie								
Good Morning America				Magical Walt Disney World Christmas		College Football: Blue-Gray Classic				
Tiny Toon	Captain	C'mas-Church		BugsDaffy	Animanics	PinkyBrain	Batman	Geraldo Rivera	News	
This Morning				Home for Christmas	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
Bobby	Casper	101Dalmts	X-Men	Paid Prog. Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Kenneth C.	Paid Prog.	Home Team	
Sportsctr.	Beat of Sportscenter			Beat of Sportscenter		Beat of Sportscenter				
Pinocchio's Christmas	Bugs Bunny	White Xmas	700 Club		Fit TV	Movie: The Christmas List				
(6:45) Movie: ** Salt Water Moose 'G'	Movie: The Song Spinner Patti LaBelle	(:15) Movie: Max Is Missing Toran Caudell. ** 1/2 PG	Movie:							
Storybook	Movie: Short Circuit Ally Sheedy. PG	Spell God	(:45) Movie: The Bridges of Madison County Clint Eastwood. PG-13	Movie:						
(5:30) Movie: Hello, Dolly!	Movie: Police Academy 4: Patrol	Movie: Multiplicity Michael Keaton. ** 1/2 PG-13	Movie: Kissin' Miranda							
(6:30) Movie: *** Meet John Doe (1941)	Movie: The Man Who Came to Dinner (1941) *** 1/2	Movie: Christmas in Connecticut (1945)								
(Off Air)	Club Dance	Crook & Chase	Dallas	Alene's Crafts	Wildhorse					
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Interior Motives	Home					
Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure	Northern					
Baby Knows Kids These	Sisters	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Movie: I'll Be Home for Christmas (1988) ** 1/2	Movie:					
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Figure Skating: Skate Int'l Champions	Skating	Bobsled	Boardwid	Skating Mag.				
Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. ***	Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. ***	Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. ***								
Looney	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	Muppets	Wubulous	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Allegro
Movie: Smoky Mountain	Movie: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971)	Movie: K-9 (1989) James Belushi, Mel Harris. ** 1/2	Movie:							
(6:00) Despierta America	Desfile de Navidad de Disney	Control on Navidad	Lucero							
Classroom	Trains Unlimited	Trains Unlimited	Trains Unlimited	Trains Unlimited	Trains					
Auto Racing	Auto Racing 1988 NASCAR Winston Cup - Budweiser 400			Auto Racing: 1988 NASCAR - Bud at the Gen						

FRIDAY DECEMBER 26

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Goof Troop	Mermald	Pool	Katie-Orbie	Bear	Wonderland	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Mermald	Pool	Jungle Cubs
Today				Leza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Arthur	Barney	Days-Lives
Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Arthur	Barney	Katzen	
Brady	Brady	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	(:05) Matlock	Movie: Gold		
Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Martha	Gayle King	People's Court	News		
Chann/Jm	Captain	Animanics	PinkyBrain	Batman	MerinBick	Children's Hospital	Geraldo Rivera			
This Morning				Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
C-Bear	Casper	101Dalmts	X-Men	Paid Prog. Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Kenneth C.	Paid Prog.	Home Team	
Sportsctr.	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter				
Rescue 911	Waltons	700 Club			FR TV	Diagnosis Murder	Home			
(6:30) Movie: *** A Perfect Couple PG	(:25) Movie: Awakenings Robin Williams. *** 1/2 PG-13	Movie: Babes in Toyland ** G	Movie: Bible							
Movie: The Cable Guy Jim Carrey. *** 1/2	(:45) Daddy's Girl	Movie: Warrior Spirit Lukas Haas. PG-13	Movie: La Bamba Lou Diamond Phillips.							
Movie: The Wolves Darren Dalton. **	Movie: Big Bully Rick Moranis. ** PG	Movie: Rough Cut (1980) Burt Reynolds, David Niven.	Movie:							
(6:40) Movie: **** Fort Apache (1948) John Wayne.	Movie: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon (1949) *** 1/2	Movie: The Searchers (1956) ****								
(Off Air)	Club Dance	Crook & Chase	Dallas	Alene's Crafts	Wildhorse					
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Interior Motives	Home					
McMillan and Wife	Equalizer	Quincy	Northern Exposure	Law & Order						
Baby Knows Kids These	Sisters	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Our Home	Main Ingrid	Handmade	Movie:			
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Outdoors	Fishing	Ditka Live		
Scobby Dooby Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Spencer: For Hire	Movie: Spartacus (1960) ****				
Looney	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	Muppets	Wubulous	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Allegro
Gargoyles	Sailor Moon	Webster	Facts of Life	Strangers	Gimme B.	Movie: Fletch Lives (1989)	Chevy Chase. ** 1/2	Movie:		
(6:00) Despierta America	Malta	Volver a Empazar								
Classroom	War and Remembrance							(:15) War and Remembrance		
Cheerlead	Cheerlead	NFL's Greatest Game						NFL Great	Moments	NFL Great

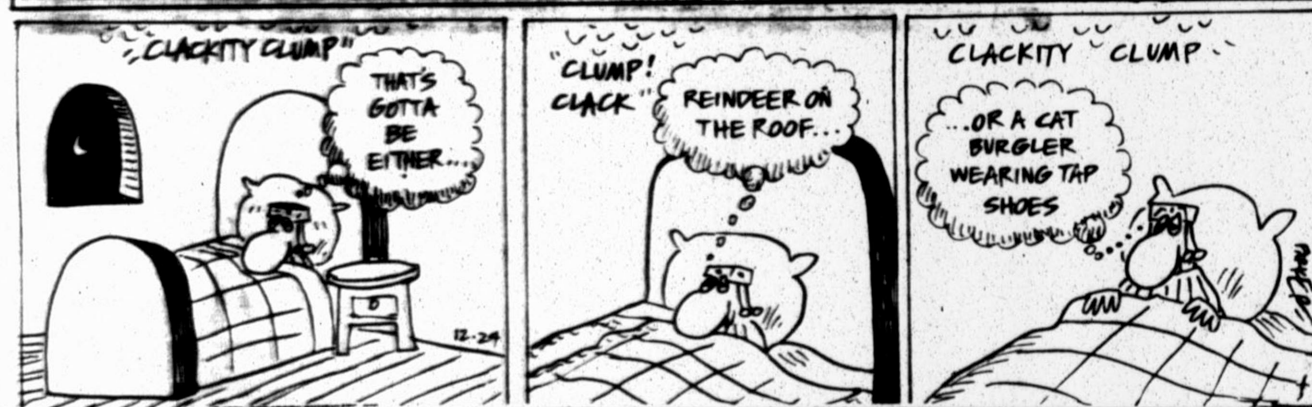
THURSDAY DECEMBER 25

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Bestest	Donald	Rudolph's Shiny New Year	(:45) Movie: It Nearly Wasn't Christmas ** 1/2	(:25) Disney Christmas						
Oprah	Paid Prog.	NBA Show	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Utah Jazz	NBA Basketball: Heat at Bulls						
Graves	Cincinnati Pops Holiday	Christmas at St. Olaf	Denyce Graves	Merry Christmas-Bailey	Wishbone	Bus				
(:35) Little House on the Prairie	Movie: Little House									
(11:00) College Football Blue-Gray All-Star Classic	College Football: Alpha Bowl - Michigan State vs. Washington									
News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	WiseGuy	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
Bold & B.	Golf Tiger and Friends			Sally	Am.Journal	Edition	News	CBS News		
Home Team	Medicine Woman	Little House on the Prairie	Life-Louis	Beetleborgs	Rangers	Tick	BoyWorld	Roseanne		
(12:00) Golf	Cheerlead	Gymnastics Rock 'n' Roll	Figure Skating	Nutcracker on Ice	Sportstr.					
Movie:	Movie: Christmas Every Day (1996) Robert Hays.	Movie: To Grandmother's House We Go (1992) **	Jesus of Nazareth							
(12:00) Movie: Whiskers	(:45) Movie: Shadow Zone: The Undeas Express ** 1/2	Movie: Robin of Locksley Devon Sawa.	Movie: Salt Water Moose							
(12:00) Movie: Bogus Whoopi Goldberg.	Cable Guy	Movie: Mr. Write Paul Reiser. ** PG-13	Stomp Out Loud	Movie: One Fine Day PG						
Movie:	(:15) Movie: Sabrina Humphrey Bogart. *** 1/2	(:15) Movie: Sabrina (1995) Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond. ** 1/2 PG	Movie:							
Movie: The Belts of St. Mary's (1945) *** 1/2	Movie: Meet Me in St. Louis (1944) Mary Astor *** 1/2	Movie: Blossoms-Dust								
Wildhorse	America's Country Hits	Crook & Chase	Dallas	Club Dance	Dukes of Hazzard					
Home	Housemart	Interior Motives	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers	Wings				
Northern	Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure	Northern Exposure				
(12:00) Movie: ** Home for Christmas	Movie: On the Second Day of Christmas (1997)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
Skating Mag.	Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. ***	Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. ***	Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. ***							
Rupert	Muppets	Tiny Toons	Beetlejuice	Gadget	Tiny Toon	Garfield	You Afraid?	Rocko-a-Live	Figure It Out	Tiny Toons
(12:00) Movie: ** Beethoven (1992)	Movie: The Empire Strikes Back (1980) Mark Hamill. ****	Movie: Return of the Jedi (1983) *** 1/2								
Lucero	Pellicula de Anunciara	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Club	Noticiero					
Trains	Trains Unlimited	Trains Unlimited	Trains Unlimited	Trains Unlimited	Trains					
(10:30) Auto Racing	Auto Racing 1988 NASCAR Winston Cup - CRBaker 500			Auto Racing						

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: Ernest Saves Christmas PG	(:35) Movie: Mary Poppins (1964) Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke. 'G'	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro							
(4:30) NBA Basketball	Friends	Men-Badly	Seinfeld	Veronicas	ER	News	(:35) Tonight Show			
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Christmas	Perspective	Merry Christmas-Bailey	Christmas	Christmas at St. Olaf	Sundance	Newshour			
Little House on the Prairie	(:05) Movie: Cocoon (1985) Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley. ***	(:35) Figure Skating Stars on Ice								
News	Fortune	Movie: To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) Gregory Peck, Mary Badham. ****	News	Seinfeld	Nightline					
Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: Return to Mayberry (1996) Andy Griffith. ** 1/2	News	Beverly Hills, 90210	Heat					
News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Movie: The Christmas Box (1995) Maureen O'Hara.	News	(:35) Late Show					
Grace Under	Mad-You	Single	Between	413 Hope St.	Soldier of Fortune, Inc.	Frasier	Roseanne	Real TV		
Sportstr.	Best of Up Close Special	Col Hawaii	Games of the Year	Super Bowl	Sportscenter	Snowbird.				
(5:00) Jesus of Nazareth	Movie: Airport (1970) Burt Lancaster, Dean Martin. *** 1/2	700 Club	3 Stoooges							
Movie: Salt Water Moose	Movie: Doom Runners Tim Curry.	(:35) Movie: Top Gun (1986) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.	Movie: The Scarlet Letter							
Movie: One Fine Day PG	Movie: The Bridges of Madison County Clint Eastwood. *** PG-13	Amistad	Inside the NFL	Movie:						
(5:30) Movie: Space Jam	Movie: Eraser Arnold Schwarzenegger. ** 1/2 R	Movie: Broken Arrow John Travolta. ** R	Movie: Alive							
Movie: Blossoms-Dust	Movie: Billy Rose's Jumbo (1962) Dons Day. ***	(:15) Movie: Teshove of the August Moon (1956) Glenn Ford *** 1/2								
Dukes of Hazzard	Twelve Videos	Prime Time Country	Miracle on Highway 31	Dallas	Dukes					
Gimme Shelter	Wolves at Our Door	Unknown	Movie Magic	Wings	Justice Files	Wild Disc.				
Northern Exposure	Biography	Unexplained	Law & Order	Biography						
Movie: Babycakes (1989) Ricki Lake, Craig Sheffer. **	Movie: Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes: Funicello	Homicide: Life	Mysteries							
College Basketball	College Basketball: Puerto Rico Classic: Semifinal	Cowboys	FOX Sports News	Sports						
Movie: A Christmas Story	Movie: Wuthering Heights (1992) Juliette Binoche. ** 1/2	Rough Cut	Movie: Wuthering Heights (1992) ** 1/2							
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Trains Unlimited	Christmas Unwrapped	Movie: A Christmas Carol (1938) Reginald Owen. ***	Christmas at War	Christmas						
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NEWS

in brief

JURORS NOW MUST DECIDE FATE OF NICHOLS AFTER VERDICT

DENVER (AP) - Jurors who decided Terry Nichols shares the blame for the Oklahoma City bombing but is no murderer now must determine if he will pay with his life for the nation's deadliest act of homegrown terrorism.

To the wrath and anguish of bombing victims and relatives of the dead, jurors on Tuesday refused to convict Nichols of murder, instead finding him guilty of involuntary manslaughter and of conspiring with Timothy McVeigh.

The conspiracy conviction carries the death penalty. The sentencing phase is scheduled to begin Monday.

Survivors and victims' relatives cried out for a harsher verdict as they learned that only McVeigh will be branded a murderer for killing 168 people in an act that ripped apart the nation's sense of security. Nichols, portrayed as a willing participant in McVeigh's plot to avenge the government's 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian compound, was actually acquitted of two charges.

"CARLOS THE JACKAL" DRAWS LIFE SENTENCE

PARIS (AP) - Ever defiant, the aging revolutionary known as "Carlos the Jackal" smiled and raised his left fist after a French court sentenced him to life in prison early today for the 1975 murders of two French investigators and a Lebanese national.

Defense lawyers for Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, linked to some of the Cold War's most sensational terror attacks, said they would appeal the verdict.

After Ramirez' rambling, four-hour monologue - and four hours of deliberation - jurors convicted the man who has claimed responsibility for 83 killings. Among other attacks, he has been tied to the 1975 seizure of OPEC oil ministers in Vienna and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France jet to Uganda.

"Viva la revolucion," Ramirez, who was born in Venezuela, said in Spanish after hearing the verdict. He was escorted out by police guards; the Venezuelan government said it will not seek extradition.

SCIENTISTS TRY TO DETERMINE BIRD FLU THREAT

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a high-security laboratory, U.S. scientists wearing protective "spacesuits" are working deep into the nights to solve a medical mystery: Is the new flu that jumped from sick chickens into humans in Hong Kong a threat to the rest of the world?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is mailing special diagnostic kits to more than 150 laboratories worldwide this week to gauge whether the new virus is lurking anywhere other than Hong Kong. Up to 30 CDC scientists are furiously studying how the pathogen made the huge species jump from chickens into people and hunting a vaccine in case it spreads.

"The days are quite long here," said Dr. James Hughes, director of CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases, who had to shut down experiments on dangerous bacterial infections to make room for the new flu in CDC's special high-security lab. "The microbes are challenging us in ways that seem to be increasingly difficult to deal with."

There's no need to panic, doctors emphasize. Hong Kong has nine confirmed cases of the new flu and three other suspected patients. Four people have died. That's far fewer illnesses than expected if the bug were about to explode into an epidemic.

GUNMEN SLAUGHTER 45 INDIANS IN SOUTHERN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY (AP) - A sputtering Indian rebellion, a village power struggle and perhaps even a squabble over a gravel pit exploded into a massacre of 45 people, creating a serious challenge for President Ernesto Zedillo.

In southern Mexico's Chiapas state, even the most local of conflicts can erupt with national complications.

A day after gunmen descended Monday on the Indian village of Acteal, chasing down residents with AK-47s, survivors blamed supporters of the president's Institutional Revolutionary Party. They have been struggling for local dominance with sympathizers of the Zapatista National Liberation Front and other independent groups.

Zedillo called it "a cruel, absurd, unacceptable criminal act whose only response can be the most firm and severe application of justice." He ordered his attorney general to take over the case to punish the killers "regardless of their social, political or religious condition."

CLINTON TO PROPOSE "STAY-THE-COURSE" BUDGET

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton will put forward a stay-the-course budget in February offering targeted tax breaks in such areas as child care and pollution control while steering clear of any massive overhaul of the nation's tax system.

The spending blueprint for the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1 will provide some increased funding for some of the administration's favorite programs - education, medical research and the environment - but stay within the spending caps agreed to in the balanced budget agreement reached last summer.

Officials said Tuesday that the president had completed the major decisions needed on his 1999 spending blueprint although a few details still needed to be worked out in the massive spending document, which is scheduled to be presented to Congress on Feb. 2.

The spending plan is certain to spark a lively debate in Congress, where some Republicans are calling for a major effort to simplify the current tax code.

CLINTON PLANS JANUARY TRIP TO TEXAS

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton will travel to New York City and Texas on Jan. 8 and 9 to raise money for Democrats and highlight new government help for college students.

With details still being decided, the president plans a fund-raising stop in New York on Jan. 8 before heading to McAllen for an appearance at a local high school and an overnight stay, the White House announced Tuesday.

While in Texas, Clinton will hold a rally in Brownsville and appear at a Houston-area community college. He also planned at least one fund-raiser for the Democratic party.

White House communications director Ann Lewis said higher education, and the new benefits available to students under last year's balanced budget legislation, would be the theme of Clinton's trip.

"We've made college affordable for everyone who wants it, but that won't help if kids don't know it and their families don't know it," Lewis said.

RESEARCHERS TOUT FASTER TEST FOR MAD COW DISEASE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Researchers have developed a fast reliable test for mad cow disease, allowing more efficient screening of blood, medicines and other health products derived from cattle.

The trick was engineering a strain of laboratory mice especially sensitive to the bovine disease that can cause a similar brain-wasting ailment, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, in humans who eat tainted meat.

When cattle are infected, symptoms don't show up for at least three to five years. But the genetically engineered mice, after being injected with cattle tissue, would display the staggered gait and other warning symptoms of the fatal brain disorder within 120 days, researchers said Tuesday.

By further manipulating the mice in the lab, the group expects to cut that time down to 40 days or less.

At least 1 million cows in Britain and France have contracted the highly infectious disease that is fatal in cattle. And at least 20 people, mostly in Britain, have contracted Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease from infected meat.

ALLEN WEDS EX-LOVER'S ADOPTED DAUGHTER

NEW YORK (AP) - Nearly six years after shocking the public with their relationship, Woody Allen and Soon-Yi Previn, the adopted daughter of his former lover, have married, the *Daily News* reported Wednesday.

Allen, 62, and Previn - the 27-year-old adopted daughter of Mia Farrow and conductor Andre Previn - had a quiet ceremony in Venice, Italy, on Tuesday, unidentified sources told the newspaper.

Close friends and family members attended the secret wedding officiated by Massimo Cacciari, the mayor of Venice.

Allen's spokeswoman Leslee Dart did not confirm the wedding took place, but issued a statement saying: "Six years ago, Woody and Soon-Yi decided that one day they would come back to Venice and get married. That city is very meaningful to them. Over the past six years, they have weathered a lot together, and have always been very much in love."

LAWMAKER'S AIDE FIRED AFTER ADOPTING BABY

LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Kelly Ginster thinks mothers should stay home to raise their children. Her boss of seven years, conservative Rep. Jack Horton, agrees.

So when Mrs. Ginster, 36, adopted an infant daughter this fall, Horton thought it best that she stay home. The Lowell Republican demanded her resignation two weeks before Christmas.

Horton has said that he was as unhappy with Mrs. Ginster's poor performance on the job as he was with her decision to have a child and work. He said he will stick with his decision.

"It's an issue of conscience," Horton told Lansing-based Gongwer News Service. "How can I deny the philosophy that it is better for women to be home nurturing? But that doesn't negate the performance issue."

Mrs. Ginster said all her performance reviews have been positive, and that Horton didn't mention her work when he told her Dec. 11 that he wanted her to leave.

ABSCAM AGENT GETS NO. 3 POST IN FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) - An FBI agent who once posed as the head of dummy companies in the undercover ABCAM operation is the new head of the agency's criminal division.

The announcement Tuesday by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh elevates Thomas J. Pickard from head of the bureau's Washington field office to its No. 3 post.

Freeh noted that Pickard, 47, played a primary role in the investigation of the crash of TWA Flight 800 and helped personally take into U.S. custody two terrorist suspects who were in foreign countries.

He also supervised the FBI's role in the trials of four World Trade Center bombing defendants and Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, a blind cleric convicted in 1995 of conspiring with nine others to blow up the United Nations headquarters and other New York City landmarks.



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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Least	1 Drain of vigor
7 Distantly	2 Boxing great
11 Hockey's Zhamnov	3 Court divider
12 Poet Teasdale	4 Live
13 Felt sorry for	5 Spotted
14 Map dot	6 Neat
15 TV interviewer Tom	7 Climb
17 Huck's transport	8 Punt return choice
20 Friend of Natty Bumppo	9 Skill
23 Greek letter	10 Devilish
24 Summer house	16 Kind of doors or oven
26 Yale player	17 "Superman" star
27 Circle segment	18 Map collection
28 Smidgen	
29 Wood coat	
31 Filing asst.	
32 German steel center	
33 In the past	
34 Country variety series	
37 Peruse	
39 Banishes	
43 Actress Sommer	
44 Give a new handle to	
45 Ran, as color	
46 Exploded	

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PSALM	FINED
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Yesterday's Answer

19 Real chance	36 Oregon or sage
21 Visibly stunned	36 Skating maneuver
22 Car choice	37 Yank's foe
24 Actor Michael	38 Pipe band
25 Surgery sites: abbr.	40 Bar concert
30 Called for	41 Cassowary's kin
33 Binding stuff	42 Aug. follower

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SGKKC XSZTYMDGY DGQC
MTDRY ERPWZR EFM RLRZC
CRGZ JR JTYS TM DWZR.—
CWFZ KFHHNR PZTRQVY
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MAY YOU BE CONTENT ALL YEAR ROUND AS CHRISTMAS FINDS YOU.—IRISH TOAST

CROSSWORD

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Give a bias to	1 Bee group
5 Baseball's Roger	2 Gold unit
10 Tall boot	3 Archie's wife
12 In the air	4 Horror director
13 Stand	Craven
14 Polite denial	5 "Death in Venice" author
15 Squealer	6 Oodles
16 Western capital	7 Cole Porter song
18 Oregon's highest point	8 Beatles song
20 Actress Thompson	9 Window-washing goof
21 "Baretta" bird	11 Tourist spots
23 Sort	17 Citrus
24 Loony	
26 Stagger	
28 Collection	
29 Look for	
31 Fall mo.	
32 Domed home	
36 Sentence parts	
39 Color	
40 Ship in a Wouk book	
41 Dodge	
43 Banks of baseball	
44 Find a new tenant for	
45 Takes it easy	
46 Some bills	

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SNYDER	
RAFT	UNCAS
ETA	COTTAGE
ELI	ARC
TAD	
VARNISH	CPA
ESSEN	THEN
HEEHAW	
READ	EXILES
ELKE	RENAME
BLED	BLEWUP

Yesterday's Answer

drink	28 Field game
19 Switch position	30 She sheep
22 "The Stoic" author	33 Biggest mammal
24 Aver	34 "Nones" poet
25 Gets	35 Runs into
27 Heart chart, for short	37 Hand or foot
	38 Envisions
	42 Dog doc

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Capital Report

TEXANS WEIGH IN ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

In large margins, Texans strongly support reforming federal campaign finance laws by imposing limits on a broad range of contributions. My annual questionnaire, which your newspaper published last August, asked Texans to tell me how they feel about the ongoing campaign finance reform debate.

Of those who responded, 87 percent favor stricter limits on contributions from non-citizen permanent U.S. residents; 86 percent favor stricter limits on labor unions' contributions and 71 percent said they support imposing stricter limits on contributions by individuals.

Asked if you think there should be limits on the amount of money individuals or organizations can spend to support or oppose candidates or specific issues, 74 percent of Texans answered yes. But only 22 percent of you favor government funding of campaigns.

Here are some of your comments on this perplexing issue: From Arcadia: "Individual contributions should be unlimited because restricting them would be a limit on free speech. I am against government funding of any campaigns."

From Lake Jackson: "No contributions should be allowed by any entity except a (single) qualified voter. Contributions should only be acceptable from an individual's current personal earnings or savings. Corporations, foreign countries, labor unions, trade associations, etc. are not voters and should be prohibited from giving financial support to anyone or any party. The U.S. Constitution is clear about qualifications to vote, and the same should apply to contributors to political campaigns."

From Aledo: "We are not even enforcing our current laws. Deregulate individual contributions, but require full, immediate disclosure. Forbid business and political action committee (PAC) contributions, including unions."

From Port Isabel: "There should be a clear-cut cap on campaign contributions to level the playing field. Special interests should not be allowed to influence government this way. Capping contributions would allow them to represent us, not whoever has the most money. Right now, when money talks, government listens."

From Vernon: "I think non-citizen permanent residents should not be allowed to contribute toward campaigns. If they are not willing to become legal citizens, they should not have a say in any area of government...The buying of candidates needs to be stopped. Candidates need to focus on what is best for the United States instead of pleasing special interest groups."

From San Antonio: "The cost of campaigns should be borne by the candidate entirely, but with free TV and radio time. That way the candidates would not be influenced by corporate interests."

From Hurst: "There shouldn't be any limits on spending or donations, but we should require contributions and expenditures to be reported within three days on a web site, so everyone will know where support comes from."

From Blanco: "Public campaign finance is a misuse of tax dollars. If you're not a U.S. citizen, you have no right to participate. The whole system is out of control."

From Garland: "It's simple. Increase the limit on what an individual can donate (either individually or through a PAC or corporation) to \$5,000 for any legitimate candidate or party. All congressional candidates should be required to raise 75 percent of their funds within their home state. On the income tax returns, people could select \$10, \$25 or write in up to \$100 for support of presidential and senatorial races."

From El Paso: "I believe in total freedom for all people. Anyone from any country should be able to donate or vote."

Congress will take up campaign finance reform next spring. I have introduced a bill designed to remedy the most significant shortcomings in federal campaign finance laws.

These new rules would help return control of federal campaigns and elections to individual voters. My bill:

- * Limits to \$250,000 the amount a Senate campaign may reimburse a candidate for loans the candidate makes to his or her own campaign.
 - * Requires at least 60 percent of a Senate candidate's campaign funds to come from individual residents of his or her home state.
 - * Curtails the congressional franking privilege for mass mailings during election years.
 - * Limits PAC contributions to the same level as allowed for individuals; indexes this uniform limit to the rate of inflation.
 - * Prohibits contributions from non-U.S. citizens.
- These are clear, workable reforms designed to encourage greater political participation while curbing the abuses that are undermining public confidence.

SOUTH

From Page 1

for years and years. Many Southern families continue it today," Bedwell said.

Christmas trees of pine or cedar were decorated with sugared fruits, popcorn strings and candles. "That's a Southern tradition that I can't track anywhere else," he said.

Another is the practice of giving children oranges, nuts and even coconuts. The coconut shells were decorated and used as ornaments.

Eggnog was considered essential for a proper Southern Christmas. The most daring recipe comes from Virginia. Called "George Washington eggnog," it includes brandy, whiskey, sherry and Jamaican rum.

Christmas in the territory of Texas included spiced chicken and meat dishes. The Christmas poinsettia was imported there from Mexico.

In West Virginia and Virginia, the holiday included a ritual hog-killing. And in Florida, a military post was named Fort Christmas in 1835. Today, it is the Town of Christmas and thousands of holiday cards and letters to Santa arrive each Christmas season.

Papa Noel, France's version of St. Nicholas, first appeared in New Orleans in the early 1800s. He wore red and spoke French.

The pivotal year for Santa was 1862, when *Harper's Weekly's* illustrator Thomas Nast drew the Jolly Old Elf as he is seen today.

Soon after, President Abraham Lincoln recruited Nast to illustrate Santa with Union troops as propaganda during the Civil War. "It had a demoralizing effect on Southern soldiers," Bedwell said.

The story of "General Lee and Santa Claus" sought to boost morale in the South.

It centers around three Southern girls who write to Lee and ask why Santa did not visit them during the Civil War. Lee wrote back that he met Santa once at the battle lines and asked him to exchange the children's toys for medical supplies for his soldiers.

"It's the message of sacrifice, forgiveness and reconciliation... that is part of the fabric of the South today - about the importance of family and values," Bedwell said.

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"General Lee and Santa Claus" sells for \$9.95, plus \$1.50 for postage and handling. Published by Scribner Press, a portion of the proceeds benefit Robert E. Lee's Virginia home. Call 1-800-472-0438 to order.

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Names in the News

TOM HANKS
NEW YORK (AP) - Back-to-back Academy Award winner Tom Hanks doesn't want to be consumed by his work, so he took things kind of easy in 1997.

"I make a comfortable living at it, but I can't say I live and die by the entertainment industry," Hanks says in *Entertainment Weekly's* holiday double issue. "I've been home a lot. I was pretty much with my family all year long."

Hanks won his first best acting Oscar for the 1993 film "Philadelphia," followed the next year by repeating for "Forrest Gump." Since then, he made his directorial debut with "That Thing You Do!"

He didn't take the whole year off, working on "Saving Private Ryan" and HBO's "From the Earth to the Moon," but he deliberately cut back on his schedule to get more quality time with his wife and children.

"I had my family with me the whole time," Hanks said. "That's the most memorable thing about 1997 because we are still in our child-rearing years. And to not miss out on big chunks of my kids' lives for the first time was really nice."

SYLVESTER STALLONE
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) - Sylvester Stallone will receive a career achievement award at the Palm Springs International Film Festival early next year.

Stallone built a career as a muscle-bound action hero in the "Rocky" and "Rambo" films, then expanded his repertoire this year with a critically-acclaimed dramatic role in "Cop Land."

Stallone will receive the Charles A. Crain Career Achievement Award at a party in his honor Jan. 10.

The film festival will show 105 films from Jan. 8-19, including 41 U.S. premieres and eight world premieres.

CON HUNLEY
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -

Singer Con Hunley, best known for his 1980 hit "What's New With You," was acquitted of drunken driving after his lawyer argued Hunley's shaky demeanor following a car crash came from a concussion, not from drinking too much.

A police officer testified Hunley smelled of alcohol, appeared unsteady and had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech after a July 19 single-vehicle highway wreck.

Hunley reportedly said he had been drinking, but refused to take field sobriety tests or a breath-alcohol test. His attorney said Hunley, who has a previous drunken driving conviction, had only one beer, and suffered a concussion in the crash.

Judge Joseph J. Nigro issued the acquittal ruling Thursday.

Hunley first gained fame with a rendition of "Oh, Girl" before scoring his biggest hit, "What's New With You," which made it to No. 11 on the *Billboard* charts.

JOAN STAPLETON
BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) - Joan Stapleton, publisher of *The New Republic*, is getting married and moving from the nation's capitol to Big Sky country.

Stapleton, publisher and president of the political opinion magazine based in Washington, is marrying Charles Tooley, the mayor of Billings, Montana's largest city with 87,000 residents.

Stapleton, 44, who has worked at *The New Republic* for 18 years, plans to work out of Billings after the wedding as magazine's national advertising director.

The February wedding will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in

Arlington, Va. Tooley is a Protestant widower. Stapleton has never been married.

"She's the sweetest girl in the world," said Tooley, 50, who is also a marketing consultant.

COOLIO
LOS ANGELES (AP) - The rapper Coolio changed his tune, singing traditional Christmas songs Tuesday as he made the rounds in his hometown with presents for needy families.

"We sing a few Christmas songs, 'Jingle Bells,' things like that," he said. "There's lots of good rap Christmas songs but nobody knows the words."

Coolio, 34, handed out bags containing food, cassette tapes, T-shirts, books, crayons and coloring books, with the help of workers for the nonprofit group Heritage Begins Within, which was started by his wife, Josefa Salinas.

About 950 families in several parts of the city received the gift bags Monday and Tuesday.

"They seem a little shocked," Coolio said. "Nobody does that type of stuff.... This is something I have been trying to do for a couple of years. I just haven't had the time and the know-how to do it."

"I don't understand why more people don't do it. That's one of the nice things about having things in life, you get to give back a little. To be able to do this brings a smile to me."

THREE TENORS
HOUSTON (AP) - The owners of the Astrodome are suing the promoters of the Three Tenors World

Tour over a concert that was canceled in March.

Astrodome U.S.A. accuses the promoters, Dur United Entertainment Inc., of failing to pay a \$350,000 cancellation fee.

Sound system problems were blamed for the cancellation of the Houston concert with tenors Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras. But only an estimated 20,000 to 25,000 of the 67,000 tickets, ranging from \$50 to \$2,500, had been sold when the show was canceled.

It was never rescheduled.

THOR HEYERDAHL
ORONO, Maine (AP) - Thor Heyerdahl's latest expedition is taking him to Maine.

The Norwegian scientist and explorer best known for his 1947 Kon-Tiki voyage accepted a research post with the University of Maine, the school announced Tuesday.

Heyerdahl, 84, was named distinguished research associate with the university's Institute for Quaternary Studies, which examines geologic and archaeological phenomena and their effects on climate.

KEVIN COSTNER
SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) - First they loved him. Then they hated him. Now Kevin Costner says he has had it with critics.

"I could deal with critics better if I could learn something from them, but when they write in a vein of cynicism and elitism, I can't learn from that," said Costner, whose new movie, "The Postman," opens Christmas Day.

"There are times when I want to say the heck with it and stop making movies, but I'm not a quitter," said Costner.

He produced and directed "Dances With Wolves" in 1990, snaring seven Oscars, including best picture and best director. But his three-hour post-apocalyptic epic, "Waterworld," was widely panned.

STUDY: Men who eat fat have fewer strokes

CHICAGO (AP) - Adding a rich dollop of confusion to the question of what's good for you, a new study found that the more saturated fat men eat, the less likely they are to suffer a stroke.

The publication of the study in today's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association* raised howls of protest from health experts who have spent years trying to teach Americans to eat less fat, not more.

The 20-year study found a dramatic trend: Highest intakes of saturated fat, monounsaturated fat and total fat were associated with the fewest strokes. Researchers said the explanation may be that brain arteries responsible for strokes have a much different architecture than heart arteries, and some fats may protect brain arteries even if they clog arteries in the heart.

One thing is still certain - saturated fat drives up blood cholesterol and promotes heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer. And some studies indicate it may contribute to cancer and the leading cause of age-related blindness. JAMA "should never have accepted this paper," said Dr. Scott M. Grundy, who helped write federal guidelines that advise limiting total fat intake to 30 percent of calories consumed and saturated fat to 10 percent.

Grundy criticized the research for linking stroke risk to dietary fat based on what each subject said he had eaten in one 24-hour period at the study's outset.

"That's a very weak method," Grundy said. "These studies - they're never meant to be reported in the newspaper."

He said hundreds of studies like this need to be done before scientists can look for definitive trends.

"To try to say, 'What does this study mean?' It's just totally confusing to the public," said Grundy, who directs the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

The study's lead author, Dr. Matthew W. Gillman of Harvard Medical School, agreed the findings are very preliminary and said that Americans should continue to limit dietary fats.

But he said the new findings agree with others and indicate "that we don't know everything there is to know about fat in the diet."

He noted that only 10 percent to 15 percent of strokes are caused by fatty buildup in arteries anyway. In the most common kind of stroke, a blood clot clogs an artery. Such strokes account for 90 percent of strokes overall.

Previous studies have linked less dietary fat with a higher risk of death by stroke in Japanese men, the researchers noted. They said their study is the first on the subject in the West.

The researchers analyzed data on 832 men, ages 45 through 65, starting in 1966. The men were subjects in the Framingham Heart Study, which began in 1948 among residents of Framingham, Mass.

The 832 subjects were divided into five groups by fat intake. The highest-intake group ate about 50 percent of calories from fat and had the lowest stroke rate - equivalent to about 42 strokes per 1,000 subjects. The lowest-intake group ate about 26 percent of calories from fat and had the highest stroke rate - about 112 strokes per 1,000 subjects.

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