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More shots fired outside White House

WASHINGTON (AP) - A man, said to have been running toward the White House brandishing a long knife or machete, was shot today by police in the third shooting incident at or near the executive mansion in two months.

This time, no shots were aimed toward the White House.

The incident occurred about 9 a.m. EST. President Clinton was in the Oval Office at the time. An aide said he was informed but that no changes were made in his schedule.

The man shot was taken to a hospital.

Rich James, spokesman for George Washington University Hospital, said the man was in critical condition and was undergoing surgery.

He was wounded once in the chest and once in right leg, he said.

James described him as a black male, estimated to be in his 40s or 50s.

He apparently was one of the homeless and protesters who live year-round in Lafayette Park across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House.

Others who live in the park described him as a Los Angeles native known as Marsalino who first showed up in the park two or three months ago.

Maj. Robert Hines of the U.S. Park Police said the man was running across Pennsylvania Avenue when officers stopped him.

"There was a struggle," Hines said. "They told the man to drop his knife two or three times. The man did not drop his knife, so he shot him."

"He refused to drop the knife. He was close enough that the officer felt threatened."

Hines said the two shots were fired by park police.

"We don't know what started it," he said. "All we know is that our officers tried to stop him as he got to the edge of the White House sidewalk."

One of the man's friends, Walter Gregory Jackson, said "he left due to police harassment" about a month ago, then returned two weeks later.

One of the homeless men was shouting at police. "This is not a police state, this is not a police state."

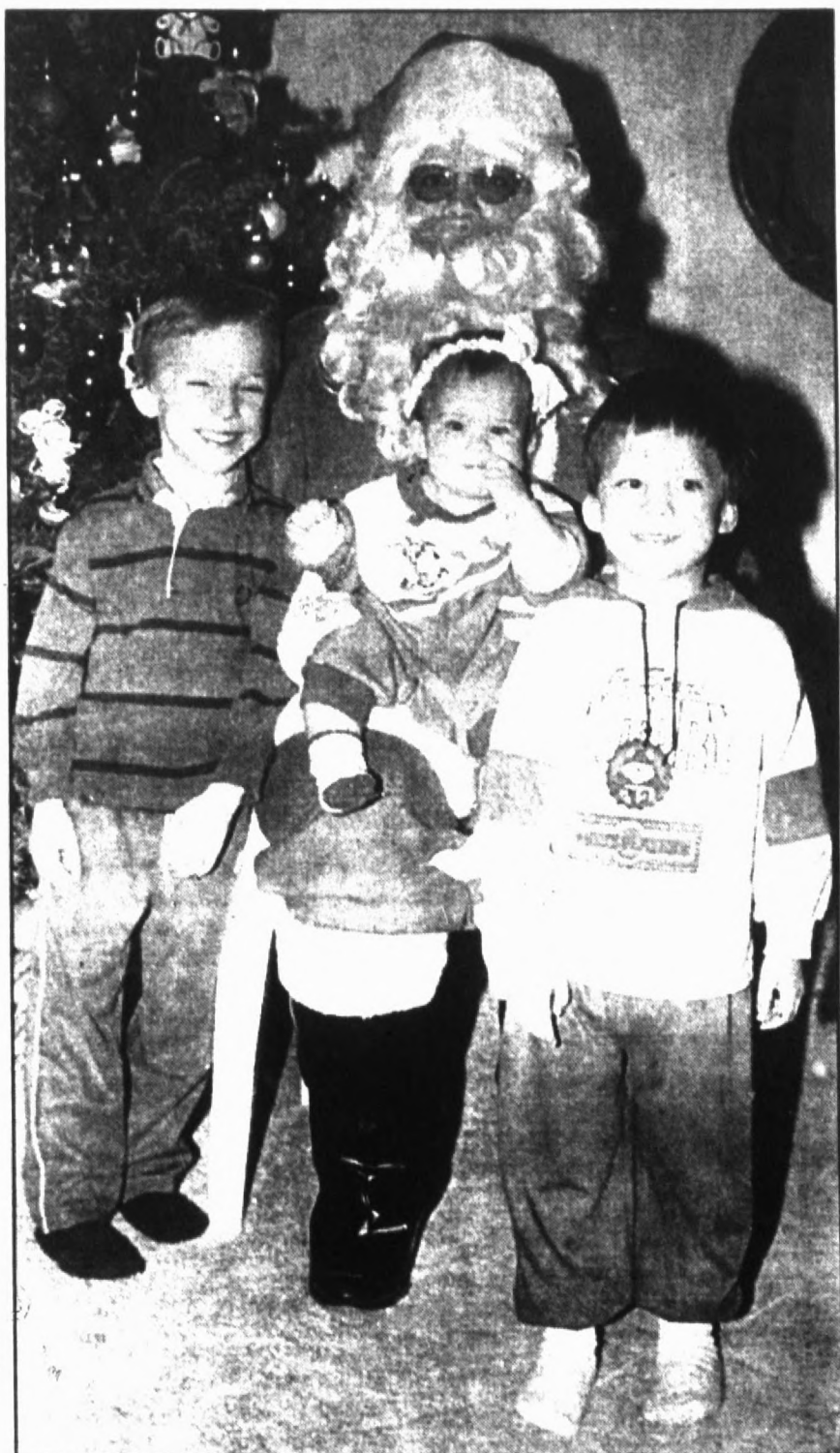
Police closed off Pennsylvania Avenue, one of the city's main thoroughfares, after the shooting.

It was the third shooting incident at the White House in two months.

Eyewitnesses said that the man, wearing a tan coat, was brandishing what appeared to be a machete. They said he appeared to be excited and was walking toward three policemen with a knife-like object on the sidewalk immediately in front of the White House.

The police ordered him to freeze and when he continued walking, two shots were fired by police, witnesses said.

"He wouldn't stop, so they shot him," said Martha Poppink-Melcher of Tecumseh, Mich., who had just left the White House gate following a tour with the Stanford University basketball team.



House call

Santa Claus sometimes makes house calls before Christmas, as shown here when St. Nick paid a visit to, from left, Matthew Harris, 6; Megan Harris, 8 months; and Mitchell Harris, 4. They are the children of Mike and Deann Harris.

Commission buys new fire tank truck

In a 15-minute meeting Monday night, Hereford City Commissioners bought a new tanker truck for the fire department and re-appointed members to a pair of boards.

Another item of business on the agenda was tabled until details of a contract can be worked out to purchase water rights on land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Patzold.

On a recommendation from Fire Marshal Jay Spain and Fire Chief David Spain, the commission turned down the apparent low bid for the water truck. The second low bid from W.S. Darley and Company was accepted. The cost will be \$124,696.

In a memo to City Manager Chester Nolen, the Spains listed 11 areas in which the \$118,459 bid of Mile-Hi did not meet specifications. Nolen reported that three specific exceptions were in the Mile-Hi bid, such as no Texas license for fire apparatus construction, chassis supplied by company outside Texas and 3,000-gallon tank instead of 3,300 as specified in the bid request.

A third bidder on the equipment, L&D Associated 3-D Manufacturing, offered to supply the truck for \$128,010.

The new tanker will replace a 5,000-gallon semi-trailer tanker that Nolen described as worn out. The new equipment will be a tandem axle bobtail truck.

The commission re-appointed Temple Abney to the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Board and Terri Johnson to the Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund local board of trustees.

PSF set to announce location of new plant

Premium Standard Farms has scheduled a public meeting at the HISD administration building for 2 p.m. Wednesday to make an announcement regarding its site selection for a new pork processing plant, it was announced this morning by Charlie Arnot, PSF's director of information.

Hereford is one of five sites being considered for construction of a \$65 million pork processing plant. The scheduled Wednesday meeting sent hopes soaring across the community this morning.

"It appears to be a wonderful opportunity, coming at a great time for Hereford and Deaf Smith County," Mike Hatley, executive director of the Hereford Economic Development Corporation, said this morning.

"We can't help but anticipate great news coming out of the meeting, and we hope the announcement will serve

as a great Christmas present for all citizens of the city and county," added Hatley. He urged all interested citizens to attend the 2 p.m. meeting tomorrow.

"Our attempt to get the plant--with all the economic benefits it could provide--has been a fine team effort," said Hatley. The HEDC has had great support from the city and county and citizens all across the community."

PSF officials outlined the scope of the project when they visited here recently. The plant would employ about 400 people initially and grow from there, the company reported. The new plant would be able to process about 7,000 hogs a day from its sow operation in the Dalhart area. The plant would use about 700 gallons of water per minute, it was reported.

At a public meeting here, PSF officials said they would anticipate filling the majority of the jobs at the

plant from the local work force. In addition to the plant jobs, such a facility would apparently provide about 100 jobs for truckers.

The HEDC board has been actively pursuing the project since August. It was later announced that five sites were being considered--Hereford, Amarillo, Dalhart, Dumas, and Clayton, N.M.

The new HEDC board, appointed following voter approval of a half-cent sales tax for economic development, is composed of Shirley Garrison, Don Graham, Cliff Skiles, Rosendo Gonzalez and Jerry Stevens.

PSF is a Missouri-based company which currently has approximately 1,100 employees and expects to have 1,500 by mid 1995 with a payroll exceeding \$35 million. It is currently in the process of expanding its sow operations in the Dalhart area, from 17,000 to an 80,000 capacity.

Misfortune brings need for Stocking Fund help

Sometimes misfortunes just seem to pile up, and this is the case for a pair of senior citizens this holiday.

The wife, a 70-year-old diabetic but a hard-working house cleaner for many years despite health problems, continued to work until she was hospitalized for 10 days recently to deal with a heart condition. She must take expensive medication and her hospital bills are considerable.

Her husband was recently injured in a traffic accident. He is also incapacitated at the present.

Because these residents have a very limited pension income and their

medical expenses are large and continuing, they are having a hard time.

CSF strives to help people such as these who have worked to help themselves, but are having difficult times. CSF assistance can include help with medical and doctor bills, although the amount of assistance is limited by the sum of donations received. Still, any help that the program can extend provides a ray of hope of the Yule season.

Donations may be made to CSF in person at The Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee Avenue, or mailed to CSF in care of Box 673, Hereford.

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Run on TexPool over, says State Treasurer Whitehead

AUSTIN (AP) - State Treasurer Martha Whitehead says she believes the run on the TexPool investment fund is over and business is back to normal.

Monday's net withdrawals from the pool, a state-run investment fund for local governments, totaled \$38.2 million. TexPool's assets have fallen from \$3.77 billion on Dec. 1 to \$1.44 billion.

Mrs. Whitehead insisted that investor fears were unfounded. The

Treasury purchased many of the TexPool investments to help cover some \$2.3 billion in withdrawals.

Mrs. Whitehead said the Treasury sold \$2.37 billion of its securities to purchase the TexPool investments, resulting in a loss of \$55 million to the Treasury.

That loss will reduce interest earnings to the state's General Revenue Fund for the current fiscal year.

Red Cross volunteers deliver toys to area kids, but more are needed

Delivery of Christmas toys to hundreds of disadvantaged children began Tuesday morning after Red Cross volunteers worked over the weekend to get them ready to go.

Betty Henson, executive director of the Deaf Smith County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said some 24 volunteers began taking the gifts out Tuesday morning.

"Most of our sacks of toys have gone out now," Mrs. Henson said, praising the efforts of volunteers who came in early Tuesday and got the gifts delivered.

The only ones left to deliver, she said, are those to houses where nobody was home to receive the gifts.

The toys have been collected for several weeks to provide gifts for children who might not otherwise receive something for Christmas.

A group of 15 volunteers gathered on Saturday and collected the donated toys in sacks in preparation for today's deliveries.

As of Tuesday, Mrs. Henson said,

"We're still getting families coming in requesting toys."

--Betty Henson, Red Cross

an estimated 630 children in 224 families will receive toys that were donated by local citizens.

However, "We're getting applications in all the time" for holiday help, Mrs. Henson said. "We're still getting families coming in requesting toys."

As a result, she continued, more toys are needed even as delivery begins, in order to provide something for these children.

Mrs. Henson said toys donated this week need to be clean and in good working order, because there is not enough time for volunteers to clean them and put them together to be delivered this year.

If they are not serviceable, the toys will be sacked up and "we'll clean 'em next year."

Mrs. Henson said any toys left over from this year's deliveries also will be stored and used in next year's drive.

Also on Tuesday, anonymous volunteers with the Christmas Stocking Fund began their annual delivery of Christmas food boxes, taking supplies to needy residents to have on Christmas day.

In addition, Mrs. Henson said, a group of Kiwanis Club members will deliver an additional 50 Christmas to families in need food boxes beginning Wednesday.

Anyone wanting to donate toys for this Christmas are asked to take them to the Red Cross office, 224 S. Main, by 5 p.m. Thursday. Donations made after that time will be held until next year.

The Red Cross office will be closed for the Christmas holidays beginning Friday morning.



Readying the donations

Joanne, left, and Erica Mondragon, volunteers with the Deaf Smith County Chapter of the American Red Cross, were among those this past weekend who turned out to help sack up toys for Christmas gift distribution to needy children around the community. That distribution began Tuesday morning, with some two dozen volunteers fanning out around the city to take the gifts.

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Lifestyles

'Hobbies' are topic for sorority program

"Hobbies" was the featured program topic when Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met recently at the SPS Reddy Room.

President Ruby Lee introduced her son, Ken Hutson of Amarillo, who talked about how his hobby of drawing evolved into a profession. Owner and operator of his own shop in Amarillo, called "Air Brush Madness," he demonstrated the air brush technique of painting. He showed how three-dimensional the medium could appear, noting that he had painted items ranging from baby bibs and T-shirts to motorcycles and cars. As a special treat, Dee Hamilton's name was drawn at random and he created a colorful T-shirt for her.

Following the program, a business meeting was held. President Lee led Opening Ritual, which was repeated by the members.

Roll call was answered by members providing Christmas gift ideas for their Secret Sisters.

In the "Thank You" part of the meeting, Lee thanked Melinda Henson for her Ways & Means efforts at the Christmas Craft Bazaar held in mid-November. She also thanked her secret sister for the card and "get-away" gift. She said she appreciated the chapter's sympathy card for the loss of her cousin and the get-well cards while she and her daughter Brandi had surgery.

In other thank-yous, pledge Diane Beavers thanked the chapter for inviting her to join the chapter. Adopted sister Billie Brown wrote a thank you note for her Halloween and Thanksgiving gifts. Henson thanked everyone for the work done to make the bazaar a success, noting the

money earned there would be donated to benefit the community.

Secret sisters were thanked by Kay Williams for the birthday gift; Beavers for the Thanksgiving bouquet; Melinda Whitfill for the anniversary and Thanksgiving gifts; Sharon Bodner for the Thanksgiving gift; and Gaye Reily for the Thanksgiving card.

Service committee chairman Susan Shaw continued to collect for the Christmas Stocking Fund. To do so, she read obscure lyrics from various Christmas songs while members tried to guess the title. Wrong answers netted more money for the fund.

Program and Yearbook committee chairman Williams distributed yearbook pages for new members. She noted that the next meeting would be Dec. 20 in the home of Ruby Sanders at 7 p.m. She said that each member needs to bring a gift for their secret sister and a Christmas food item. Beverages would be provided by the social committee.

Social committee chairman Deann Harris announced that the annual Couples Christmas party would be Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at Abalos' Restaurant. An ornament exchange would follow at her home.

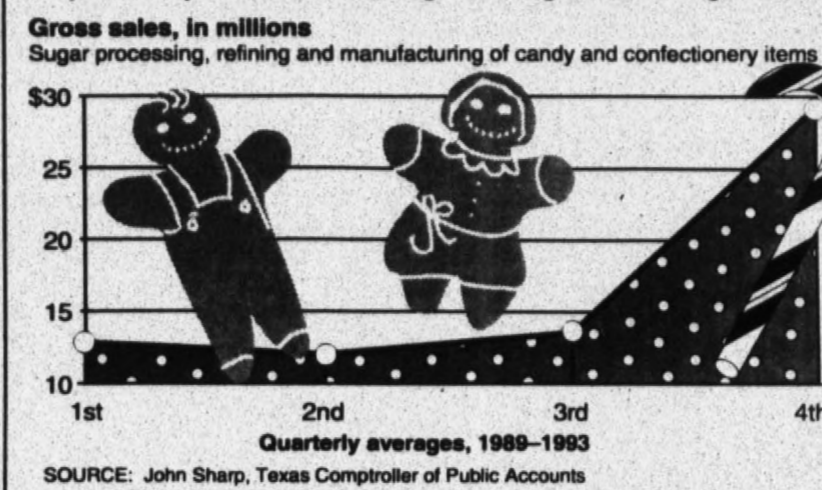
The meeting adjourned. Closing Ritual and Mizpah were repeated. Christmas snacks and drinks were served by hostess Lee and co-hostess Sanders.

Those present were Linda Arellano, Beavers, Bodner, Hamilton, Harris, Henson, Peggy Hyer, Carol Kelly, Connie Matthews, Reily, Sanders, Shaw Whitfill and Williams. Guests present were Denise Hafziger, Noel Hutson and Brandi Hutson.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Sugar sweetens Texas treats

Sugar gives Texas a sweet boost during the last part of the year. Gross sales from sugar processing, refining and manufacturing candy and confections are twice as much in the fourth quarter than any other quarter of the year. Candy makers use Texas sugar from sugarcane and sugarbeets.



Students present music at La Plata Study Club

The La Plata Study Club met on Dec. 13 at the Kinsey Parlor in the First Baptist church.

Dorothy Prowell led the members in reciting the "Club Collect" and President Dorothy Mercer conducted the business meeting.

For the program "The Music of Christmas," Susan Shaw's voice students sang Christmas songs. They were accompanied by Scott Shaw on the violin and Mrs. Shaw played the piano. Jody Wilburn sang a solo and Scott Shaw gave a violin rendition. During the social hour, Scott and Mrs. Shaw played Christmas music as the members and guests were served.

Students presenting the program were Cristin Leasure, Jody Wilburn, Rebecca Gutierrez, Karon Harder, Lori Wilburn, Candi Stagner, Cady Luckerman and Scott Shaw. Lois Mitchell and Dorothy Mercer served as hostesses.

Members in attendance were Audine Dettman, Mozelle Neill, Nelda Fortenberry, Betty Mercer, Prowell, Bonna Duke, Dorothy Mercer, Mitchell, Rosemary Shook, Avis White, Dorothy Ott and Betty Taylor.



The only wild monkey now living in Europe is the Barbary Ape of Gibraltar.

Hicks gives needlepoint program at study club

The Hereford Study Club held its monthly meeting on Dec. 15 in the home of Virginia Winget. Bessie Story served as co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by President Carol McGilvary. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Members voted to continue membership in Friends of the Library organization.

Treasurer Story reported on the club's expenditures and announced the current balance.

The evening's program was presented by Susan Hicks, an expert on needlework. In 1991, Hicks began researching the origins of Santa Claus. She began creating needlepoint "dolls" representing some of Santa's foreign predecessors using various yarns, fabric scraps and miniature objects. Hicks displayed 14 of her creations, accompanying each with the legends surrounding the Santa Claus of that country.

The two guests were Hicks and the daughter of Joan Yarbro.

Members present were Barbara Allen, Doris Bryant, Hazel Ford, Mildred Garrison, Elizabeth Hellman, McGilvary, Gladys Setliff, Gracie Shaw, Story, Mary Stoy, Winget, Yarbro, Leta Kaul and Betty Gilbert.



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Books offer ways to challenge creativity during Christmastime

By SIOBHAN MCDONOUGH

For AP Special Edition

The pomp and ceremony of the holidays excite all of the senses.

The sweet smell of burning candles and potpourri warm our spirits.

Listening to glorious music sung by a choir or singing joyous songs with a group of carolers pleases our ears.

Tree-trimming and cocktail parties give us a chance to socialize with friends and acquaint our tummies with delicious foods especially

Sunday School class party held at Walls' home

The Kingdom Seekers Sunday school class held their class Christmas dinner recently.

Erma Bain gave the invocation. Fannie Townsend gave a devotional titled "A Time of Renewed Hope." The scripture was from the book of Luke.

Class instructor Pauline Landers received a gift and secret pal gifts were exchanged between the 19 classmates present.

Rosie Wall and Dorothy Sargent hosted the dinner. The Wall home was lavishly decorated in the spirit of Christmas. A revolving, jeweled Christmas tree was in the living room and a large, gift laden tree stood in the den.

The dinner table was draped in red with Christmas elves flanking a several Poinsettias.

popular during Christmas.

With the usual cheer and goodwill at Christmas, we can almost always be certain of a blitheful season. But how we go about pleasing our senses can change each year depending on our spirit of adventure.

To challenge your creativity and excite your senses this season, try some of these ideas, some offered by Leslie Linsley, author of "Leslie Linsley's Weekend Decorating" (Warner Books, \$9.99):

- Line table tops and mantles with evergreen boughs and accent with holly branches and mistletoe.

- Edge a mounted mirror with ribbons and bunched of holly. Place a moveable mirror to reflect the sparkling lights of the Christmas tree.

- Use fabrics in rich festive colors to drape over tables and chairs.

- Display artfully decorated cookies or fresh fruit on a handcrafted platters, garnish with colorful ribbon.

- Edge windows, fireplaces or shelves with soft white lights to add a glow to your home.

- Use scented and colored candles around the home.

- Pierce lemons and limes around the middle with cloves and set in clay saucers.

- Fill a small vase, basket or bowl with cinnamon sticks tied with red ribbons and set on a coffee table.

- Polish red and green apples and cut a hole in the top large enough to hold a taper candle in each. Line them on the window sill or clustered on a table.

- Make your own Wreath of Memories out of carefully selected personal mementos.

In "The Best of Victorian Christmas Crafts" (Mark Publishing, \$11.95), you'll learn how to assemble your own wreath. Glue 60 tiny objects including photos, shells, bells, dried flowers, single earrings, small wooden animals, lucky pennies, painted eggs, gold lockets, berries and ornaments onto a 30-inch artificial pine wreath. Tie ribbon scraps into bows and glue them onto the wreath. Add red wired beads in a twining pattern.

- Take on a baking and decorating project by constructing your own dream home - one you can build and eat.

In "Gingerbread Houses: A Complete Guide to Baking, Building and Decorating" (Doubleday/Mainstreet Original, \$12.95), author Christa Currie will inspire you to dust off your rolling pin and preheat the oven. Even the novice baker can learn how to make gingerbread. The hardest part is resisting eating the building materials before the house is completed!

- Holiday revelers can get tree-decorating ideas from the Exposures catalog, available by calling 1 (800) 572-2502. It offers the Celestial Holly Photo Ornament, a frame that holds a 2-by-3-inch photo.

- Little Villages, collections of lighted ceramic and porcelain miniatures from Department 56, are today's collectibles.



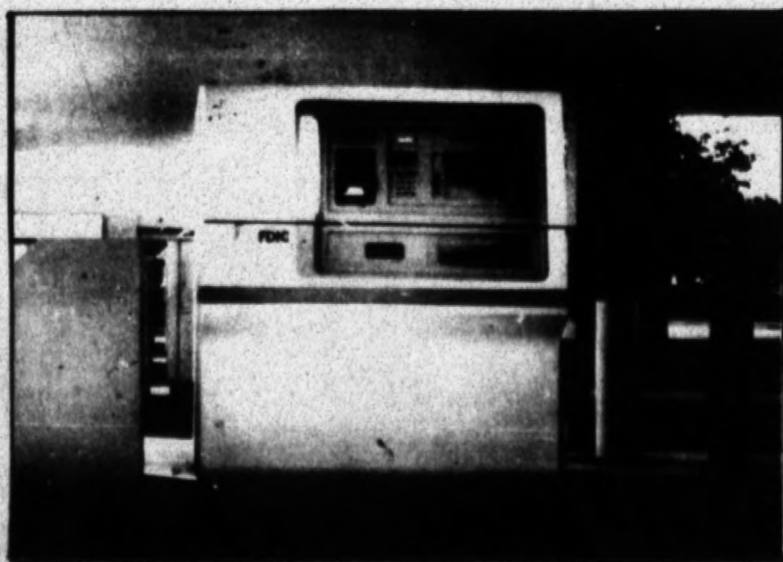
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Sports

Herd hosts Mules

The Hereford boys' basketball players will be looking for a little revenge when they play Muleshoe at 8 tonight as part of a non-district varsity doubleheader in Whiteface Gym.

Hereford's and Muleshoe's girls play at 6:30. Both junior varsity games will start at 5--one in Whiteface Gym and one in the junior high gym.

The last time the Hereford boys met Muleshoe it was in the second round of the Denver City tournament. Muleshoe handed Hereford a 72-68 loss. The Whitefaces were not happy with their performance, and it spurred them on to a six-game winning streak which ended with Friday's 67-52 loss at Lubbock Coronado. The Herd now stands at 8-5 for the year.

The Hereford girls (9-6) take a break from District 1-4A play after a narrow 43-38 loss at Randall Friday. Their district record is 1-1.

The boys start and girls resume district play Jan. 3, when Canyon comes to Hereford for a varsity doubleheader. Before that, both teams play in tournaments Dec. 28-30: the boys in Canyon, the girls in Littlefield.

Boys' basketball players of week: Isaac Walker on offense; Todd Dudley on defense; and Wade Backus academically.

Emmitt injured in Cowboys' win

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - In a game that meant virtually nothing, the Dallas Cowboys nearly lost everything Monday night when Emmitt Smith was injured.

Smith, the league's leading scorer and the key to the Super Bowl champions' running game, went down in the third quarter of a 24-16 victory over the New Orleans Saints with a pulled left hamstring. He was helped to the sideline, unable to put weight on the leg, then was taken off on a cart.

After the game, Smith made it clear the injury wasn't too serious.

"I'm just worried about staying healthy and getting ready for the playoffs," said Smith, the league's leading rusher the last three years and the 1993 MVP of the regular season and Super Bowl. "I'm preparing myself mentally to play in the game Saturday."

Coach Barry Switzer sounded like that won't happen.

"Emmitt thinks he'll be back this week, but obviously we're not going to even consider that," Switzer said of the season finale at the New York Giants. "The doctors don't think it's severe, but time will tell us."

The injury overshadowed a

workmanlike win for Dallas (12-3), which already has clinched the NFC East title and the second spot in the conference playoffs behind San Francisco.

The game was nothing more than a nationally televised workout for the Cowboys that almost turned disastrous.

The loss erased what little chance the Saints (6-9) had of making the playoffs as a wild card. They were victimized by two tipped passes that Dallas returned for touchdowns, digging too deep a hole.

New Orleans had a chance to tie, however, when Dallas' running game disappeared without Smith. Derek Brown scored on a 4-yard run with 5:37 remaining and the Saints got the ball back moments later. But linebacker Darrin Smith got his second interception of the game.

"The two interceptions for touchdowns obviously were big plays," Saints coach Jim Mora said. "I thought we moved the ball pretty well against these guys, we only punted one time, but we had a tough time in the red zone. We couldn't get touchdowns in the red zone and that hurt."

After a sloppy first half, the Cowboys got serious with a masterful 8 1/2-minute drive to open the third quarter. Smith scored from the 1,

completing a 74-yard, 16-play march with his 22nd TD of the season, third most in NFL history.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Darrin Smith caught a ball tipped by Saints back Brown at the New Orleans 13 and ran it in, his first career interception and first pro touchdown. That matched the earlier effort by end Tony Tolbert.

"I saw the ball coming, I just cut," Smith said. "I didn't even have time to think about it. It felt great."

The Saints moved smartly on the opening series to the Cowboys' 41. Then Tolbert, sensing a screen pass, dropped into coverage and Jim Everett threw directly to him. Tolbert lumbered down the left sideline, got a block at the 10 and eased into the end zone for his first career touchdown.

Troy Aikman completed his first seven passes on Dallas' first drive before the Saints held.

Mario Bates' 40-yard run on New Orleans' next possession, as well as the Saints' longest this season, as well as the longest against Dallas. It was wasted, however, when Morten Andersen missed a 40-yard field goal.

Then it was New Orleans' turn for a big interception return. Wayne Martin tipped Aikman's pass at the Saints' 32 and Darion Conner grabbed it. Conner, a linebacker, sped

down the same sideline Darrin Smith and Tolbert traversed. But he was run down by, of all people, 330-pound rookie tackle Larry Allen at the 15.

"I guess I must have been a little winded and he just kept running," Conner said. "He didn't give up, he just kept after me. I was watching out of the corner of my eye. I thought Aikman was the one I had to look out for. I was going to try to put a move on him and then it was too late."

"I was blessed with speed," Allen joked later. "I just ran hard. I felt I did something real good. I think that's the fastest I ever ran. I ran a 4.8 in the 40, but that was when I only weighed 305 and was a senior in college."

That saved Dallas four points when the Saints couldn't get into the end zone, instead settling for Andersen's 21-yard field goal.

Aikman was picked off by Jimmy Spencer three plays later and the cornerback raced into the end zone. But he was ruled out of bounds at the 26.

Again, New Orleans couldn't get a touchdown and Andersen made a 32-yard field goal.

"I don't think I stepped out of bounds," Spencer said. "I think the refs were picking on me all night. That and the first pass interference call."

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Herd JV wins 1-of-3

The Hereford boys junior varsity basketball team got a win in three games in the Frenship JV tournament Friday and Saturday in Wolfthorh.

Hereford's win came against Roosevelt in Hereford's third game. Hereford had not trouble, winning 60-35 behind 13 points from C.J. Kubacak and 12 from Nick Tarr.

The team didn't play very well in its first game, a 57-48 loss to Lamesa, coach Key Harrison said, but it did

play well in a 59-54 loss to Levelland. Hereford had to come back from a 39-24 halftime deficit.

"We played good defense in the second half, but we never could get back in it," Harrison said.

Jonathan Keenen led Hereford with 17 points against Levelland, and Brian Torres and Bryant McNutt added 12 and 10, respectively. Against Lamesa, Torres scored 17 and David Sims had 11.

Nine teams vie for NFL playoffs

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

The road to the Super Bowl has four branches: the ins, the outs, the wannabes and the NFC Central Division.

The ins - San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins and Pittsburgh Steelers - know the postseason road well, having won 14 Super Bowls among them. The San Diego Chargers and Cleveland Browns have also clinched postseason berths.

Sixteen of the 28 clubs won't make it into the playoffs, and the Buffalo Bills, for a change, will be on the outside looking in. The Bills have been in the loser's locker room the last four Super Bowls.

Monday night's Dallas victory over New Orleans ended the Saints' chances, slicing to nine the number of clubs in the running for the remaining six playoff spots. Those nine include four-fifths of the NFC Central.

Among the group of uncertain teams are one that lost seven straight (the New York Giants), one that has done almost all its winning behind a backup quarterback (the Chicago Bears) and one that seems to win despite itself (the Los Angeles Raiders).

"There's a lot of football left," said Patriots coach Bill Parcells, who worked his miracles in New England much quicker than anyone - including, most likely, himself -

could have foreseen. "When you've been in the league as long as I have, you retain that thought. A lot of things can happen in a short time."

A lot of things must happen in a short time, one week to be exact. But Dallas made the list a little shorter, defeating New Orleans 24-16 Monday night to eliminate the Saints.

That leaves six teams going for four NFC berths - the Central title and three wild cards. None of those combatants plays each other, but the Bears play the Patriots, who must win at Chicago or have Kansas City lose to the Raiders to get an AFC wild card. The Patriots also could win the AFC East by beating the Bears and having Miami lose to Detroit on Christmas night.

Detroit also resides in that silly Central, where everybody but, naturally, Tampa Bay, has a shot at the division crown and a wild card. In fact, the pecking order is clear in the NFC Central: Minnesota, Detroit, Chicago and Green Bay, in that order.

If all four win, all are in, with Minnesota taking the division. If any of them lose, they're in danger of having the Giants or Cardinals steal away the wild-card berth.

"I would rather be in our situation and have the pressure," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said of Saturday's game at Tampa. "To be able to go into the last game of the season with a chance to go to the playoffs if we win is good. Not every team can say that."

Not quite, but almost.

The Vikings might have the toughest task. They need a final-game victory to finish 10-6 and win the division. But that victory must come against the best team in the league, the 49ers, on Monday night, after everyone else has finished.

And if they lose, while the other three Central teams win, they could sink to fourth in the division, and out of the playoffs if Arizona beats Atlanta and Dallas beats the Giants.

Four of the contenders meet Saturday: The Patriots vs. the Bears, and the Chiefs vs. the Raiders. The winner of Kansas City-Los Angeles is in, no matter what the Patriots do.

Two contenders meet Sunday night, the Lions and Dolphins.

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Cavaliers limit Bulls to season-low 63 points

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - The Cleveland Cavaliers have become very good at making opponents look very bad. None looked worse than the Chicago Bulls.

Unable to counter the Cavaliers' slow-down offense, stifling defense and aggressive rebounding, the Bulls set a franchise record-low for points and were booed off their home court

in Monday night's 77-63 loss.

"We're not trying to keep a team under their franchise-record scoring. We're just doing what we have to do to win," said Tyrone Hill, who had 16 points and 17 rebounds in Cleveland's sixth straight victory.

The crowd of 22,301 fans reacted angrily as the Bulls shot 37 percent from the field, 42 percent from the foul line and 17 percent from 3-point range.

"Tonight was embarrassing, probably the most embarrassed I have ever felt in the NBA," Bulls guard Steve Kerr said.

Larry Krystkowiak, in his first season with the Bulls, wishes the fans would be more patient.

"If people are going to boo, I'd just as soon get in my car and leave," he said. "It's not going to help the problem."

Elsewhere Monday night, Denver beat Boston 104-85 and Phoenix downed Washington 113-102.

The Bulls, who won NBA titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993, are 5-6 at home and 11-11 overall.

"I know that people here have gotten used to championships," Krystkowiak said. "But the fact of the matter is we're a .500 team. We don't have the talent of those championship teams."

Cleveland is not overly talented, either. On Monday, the Cavaliers weren't even healthy. Mark Price (rib injury) and Tony Campbell (stomach virus) missed the game. Chris Mills arrived shortly before tip-off after getting treated for a virus. Brad Daugherty and Gerald Wilkins are out all season with injuries.

"We've been doing it on the defensive end, and team chemistry is a big part of playing that style," Mills said. "We just go out and try to hold a team to their average or less. We may not be the most talented team, but on the court we will give the most

out there. We always feel we're going to stop an opponent."

The 63 points were the second-fewest points ever against the Cavaliers, who held Indiana to 61 last season. Cleveland is allowing only 88.1 points per game - by far best in the league.

John Williams had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Cavs, who won despite shooting only 42 percent.

Scottie Pippen led the Bulls with 14 points. Like the rest of Chicago's starters, he sat out the fourth quarter.

Afterward, Bulls coach Phil Jackson was contemplating more changes.

"I just think we have to get some things done differently," Jackson said.

Suns 113, Bulls 102

Rookie Wesley Person scored 10 of his 12 points in the first 5-1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter as the Suns won their seventh straight game and improved to 12-0 at home.

Mitchell Butler made three 3-pointers in the final quarter for the

Bullets, who got within six twice in the final 3-1/2 minutes. But a layup by Dan Majerle with 2:05 left gave Phoenix a 108-100 lead, and the Suns went on to hand the Bulls their sixth consecutive defeat.

Kevin Johnson, Danny Manning and Charles Barkley had 19 points each for the Suns. Juwan Howard had a career-high 22 points for the Bulls.

Nuggets 104, Celtics 85

At Denver, reserve Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored 27 points as the Nuggets defeated cold-shooting Boston.

Abdul-Rauf hit 10 of 15 shots and handed out six assists for Denver, which led 74-67 after three quarters and gradually pulled away in the final quarter.

Dikembe Mutombo had 13 points, eight rebounds and seven blocks for the Nuggets. Rick Fox had 17 points for the Celtics, who shot 38 percent from the field without leading scorer Dominique Wilkins, sidelined with an ankle injury.

Top 25 teams roll to wins

By The Associated Press

Final exams are either going on or have just ended at most campuses. Christmas is less than a week away. There aren't supposed to be many good college basketball matchups at this time of December.

There weren't any good ones Monday night as the six ranked teams that played won by an average of 33.8 points. The squeaker of the night was No. 18 Georgia Tech's 94-73 win over Furman, while the most lopsided victory was No. 13 Cincinnati's 116-54 dismantling of Cal State Northridge.

"It was good for me," Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins said. "I don't know if it was good for them, but I had fun."

In the other games involving ranked teams Monday night it was No. 9 Duke 99, North Carolina A&T 56; No. 14 Syracuse 103, Robert Morris 67; No. 22 Virginia 100, VMI 73; and No. 23 Illinois 90, Mercer 66.

Cincinnati made quick work of the Matadors, setting a school record with 65 points in the first half as the Bearcats took a 36-point halftime lead. Unlike two weeks ago when Cincinnati (7-2) blew a 20-point lead to Canisius and lost, the Bearcats opened it up even more against Northridge.

"Blame it all on Canisius," Matadors coach Pete Cassidy said. "I think Canisius ticked them off. It gave them a wake-up call."

Freshman Danny Fortson and LaZelle Durden each had 24 points for Cincinnati, which scored the most points in Huggins' six years there.

"We had two rough games last week. Some of us were a bit tired," said Durden, who has scored 94 points in his last three games. "We haven't run a Bearcat press in a

while, so we got to work on that today. I broke a sweat, but it's just one of those games. We were kind of tired. It's good to have a game where you can rest."

Unrelenting full-court pressure intimidated the Matadors, who turned it over 17 times in the first half and 30 times overall. In a one-minute span, they failed to make it past midcourt on four consecutive possessions.

"They came after us like a boxer in the ring," Cassidy said. "They hit us with a 1-2 punch right off the bat, and we were like a boxer holding on. You can't get knocked down that early."

Michael Dorsey had 15 points to lead the Matadors (2-4).

No. 9 Duke 99, North Carolina A&T 56

The Blue Devils (6-1) won their 93rd consecutive home game against a non-conference opponent as Cherokee Parks had 19 points to lead five double-figure scorers. Duke led 47-18 at halftime, holding the Aggies (1-4) to 4-for-26 shooting (15.4 percent). John Floyd led North Carolina A&T with 19 points, all but two in the second half. Duke was without freshman forward Ricky Price, who sprained an ankle in practice Saturday. Price, averaging 11.8 points, is expected to miss the Blue Devils' three games next week in the Rainbow Classic.

No. 14 Syracuse 103, Robert Morris 67

The Orangemen (6-1) forced 16 turnovers and held visiting Robert Morris to 7-for-22 shooting (31 percent) in the first half as they rebounded from being taken to overtime by Princeton. John Wallace's 16 points led six Syracuse

players in double figures as the Orangemen topped the 100-point mark for the first time this season. Gabe Jackson had 20 points to lead the Colonials (2-3).

No. 18 Georgia Tech 94, Furman 73

Drew Barry scored 25 points, James Forrest 23 and Travis Best 22 as the Yellow Jackets (7-1) broke it open at home in the second half. Furman (2-5) scored the first three points of the second half to close to 43-42, but Georgia Tech scored the next 10 points, with Barry and Best each hitting a 3-pointer.

Pokes' Williams gets probation

DALLAS (AP) - Erik Williams was sentenced Monday to two years' probation in connection with a one-car accident early Oct. 24 in which the Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman suffered torn knee ligaments that ended his season.

Williams also will be required to perform community service, including talking to high school students about alcohol problems.

Williams agreed on Nov. 4 to plead no contest to a misdemeanor drunken driving charge.

In exchange for the plea, Williams' attorney, Donald Godwin, said at the time, Dallas County prosecutors agreed to halt the grand jury's investigation, which included a subpoena for a blood-alcohol test given to Williams at a hospital.

Prosecutors also agreed to recommend probation for Williams.

Godwin said then that the All-Pro tackle agreed to the no-contest plea in part to protect the privacy of the records and to spare himself the time, expense and unwanted publicity of fighting the charge.

Williams has maintained his innocence, but was "willing to acknowledge that he made a mistake," Godwin said.

"He's admitted to having had a few drinks on the evening preceding his automobile accident, but does not believe he was intoxicated," Godwin said.

COWBOYS

We're playing the Dallas Cowboys, back-to-back champions, America's Team, so I think I got screwed."

Spencer was flagged for pass interference in the second quarter when he knocked a ball away from Alvin Harper, drawing a 16-yard penalty. Replays showed no illegal contact on the play.

Chris Boniol kicked a 30-yard field goal after Kevin Williams returned a short kickoff 24 yards, making it 10-6 at halftime.

Andersen, who had five field goals the previous week, added a 29-yarder in the third quarter for the Saints, who have their first losing season since 1986.

"I think we made too many mistakes to beat these guys," Mora said. "You can't give them things. You can't help them."

In games played Sunday, it was Kansas City 31, Houston 9; Green Bay 21, Atlanta 17; Chicago 27, Los Angeles Rams 13; New England 41,

Buffalo 17; San Diego 21, New York Jets 6; Tampa Bay 17, Washington 14; Indianapolis 10, Miami 6; Arizona 28, Cincinnati 7; New York Giants 16, Philadelphia 13; Pittsburgh 17, Cleveland 7; and Los Angeles Raiders 17, Seattle 16. Saturday's scores were Detroit 41, Minnesota 19 and San Francisco 42, Denver 19.

In the final weekend of the regular season most of the games will be played Saturday; only one will be played Sunday (Christmas) night - Detroit at Miami.

On Saturday, it will be: Arizona at Atlanta; Buffalo at Indianapolis; Dallas at the New York Giants; Green Bay at Tampa Bay; New England at Chicago; Philadelphia at Cincinnati; Seattle at Cleveland; Kansas City at the Los Angeles Raiders; New Orleans at Denver; the New York Jets at Houston; Pittsburgh at San Diego; and Washington at the Los Angeles Rams. Monday's game will be San Francisco at Minnesota.

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Victorian holiday traditions can be recreated by kids' decorations

By The Associated Press

Children 100 years ago used to occupy themselves making paper decorations for the holidays. Snowflakes. Lanterns. And families would create Advent wreaths and calendars together. They might have had a taffy pull to amuse themselves during long winter evenings.

Dear Reader, families have it within their power to resurrect these wholesome and homely pastimes. Mrs. Sharp will tell them how.

"Children learning how to amuse themselves is practically a lost art," says Sarah Ban Breathnach, author of "Mrs. Sharp's Traditions" (Simon & Schuster), a compendium of Victorian customs, ceremonies and amusements for seasons and holidays the year round.

"A modern child, if there's nothing on television, or he doesn't have a ready-made toy, is bored," says Ban Breathnach (pronounced Bon Brannock). In contrast, the Victorian child could turn to inspiration and instructions for simple crafts from children's or women's magazines, such as Godey's Lady's Book, Dearest's Family Magazine, The Mother's Magazine, or the Illustrated London News (many of these were published on both sides of the Atlantic). "The crafts gave them a sense of the family working together."

Ban Breathnach says the Victorians practically invented the "traditional" Christmas. Before the middle of the 19th century, the holiday was observed but not celebrated, a legacy of the Puritan era. By mid-century, though, Dutch and German immigrant families arrived, bringing their customs for merrymaking and celebrating with them. And across the ocean, Queen Victoria married Prince Albert, who introduced the Christmas tree and other German traditions to England and America.

The reasons behind their yearning for ceremony and custom were surprisingly similar to those for

present-day revivals.

"There was a great upheaval in the lifestyle of the Victorians. They were moving from the farms to the cities. The railroad had changed their lives by letting them move more freely around the country. Along with this, the woman's role as an educator and home manager became magnified. She was responding to what she thought home life should be," says Ban Breathnach.

They often felt threatened by new things; there even were sermons preaching against the corrupting influence of ice cream parlors.

"They turned to traditions to give them a sense of control over their lives."

So today, with violence on the street and on television, and a recession possible, people feel the same way, she says. "There's the sense that things are out of control again."

She became interested in the period when she found some of the old magazines while browsing in an antique shop. "I got transported back to the Victorian era when life seemed so ordered, so serene and blissful - so completely unlike my own life," she writes in the foreword to the new book. "Like fifty million other working women juggling the demands of work and raising a family, all I knew about home life was that when push came to shove, what got shoved out of my life was the very thing I valued most: quality family time."

So she created the mythical Mrs. Sharp, a Mrs. Beeton-like authority on family tradition. Ban Breathnach did a radio series on the subject for National Public Radio and ran workshops about Victorian holiday and seasonal pastimes. Later, she started a column for the Washington Post Writers Group.

Though the character is fictional, the name is real. She is married to Edward F. Sharp, a Washington lawyer and city council member in Takoma Park, Md.

Now dear readers can find how to cut snowflakes for their trees or holiday tables (instructions below). They can learn about Stir-Up Sunday, when preparations for holiday goodies, including the Christmas pudding, begin. They can read about Victorian Sugarplum Trees, or Santa Lucia's Day, or the entire Christmas holiday cycle culminating in Twelfth Night celebrations. They can try recipes and crafts, included in the text.

Ban Breathnach also has a few words of advice to single parents. "Sometimes single parents feel left out of it. But it's important to carry on the traditions to help establish an equilibrium for the children."

And she urges Jewish parents to invite their children's Christian friends to share Hanukkah traditions and not feel pressured to turn the holiday into a "Jewish Christmas." She recalls her own daughter was fascinated by the menorah when invited by a Jewish schoolmate to share a family festival of lights observance.

But whatever they do, families should celebrate together, she says. "The Victorians did these things all year round. It gave them a sense of continuity, of being in rhythm."

VICTORIAN PAPER SNOWFLAKES
Based on instructions from "Mrs. Sharp's Traditions" (Simon & Schuster):

Have an older child or adult first cut a hexagonal template from cardboard (one for each child).

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Open it up and mount on colored paper, or string a dozen or so together on thread to hang from branches, or lay across a table.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I was sorry to see an entire column devoted to discussing judges with no judgment, without at least balancing the scales.

How about asking your readers to comment on judges who have put litigants' lives on the right track? How about mentioning judges who have stayed up all night reading briefs and researching case law to make sure the correct and just verdict was reached? Or the judges who have silently wept in a private moment after seeing the devastation of a beaten child? Or the judges who have shown tremendous compassion to the mentally ill or the emotionally torn who appear before them daily?

What about the judges who are awakened in the middle of the night to issue court orders dealing with medical emergencies or matters of domestic violence? Or the judges who donate their time off the bench to teach, perform weddings (often gratis), deliver speeches or attend meetings so that the public will better understand the system that is theirs?

I ask only that you do what you expect of us. View all of the evidence fairly, Miss Landers, and draw your own conclusion concerning our dedication, hard work, compassion and

competence.--Lawrence J. O'Neill, presiding judge, Fresno County Superior Court

DEAR JUDGE O'NEILL: Citing the shortcomings and lunacy of some judges does not mean I am not well aware of the splendid service rendered by many others all over the country. Ilana Diamond Rovner, judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, has all the fine qualities you describe. Her compassion and reputation for fairness are legendary. The same can be said for Judge William Bauer, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Add to the list Joseph Schneider, former presiding judge of the Law Division of the Cook County System, and Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Sr., U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Confederate Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded in 1863 by one of his own men in the battle of Chancellorsville, Va. Jackson died eight days later.

Artist Leonardo da Vinci died in 1519 at Cloux, France.

I could go on and on, and I'm sure my readers could add many names to the list, but I do thank you for giving me the opportunity to let the world know that there are many fine judges and that justice is being well served in many courts around the nation.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Getting tired of your job? Lazy maybe?

You've been telling lots of people lately, "See your clergyman."

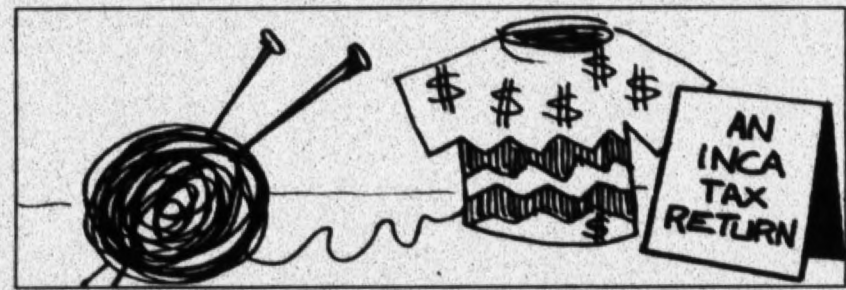
I need to talk to somebody about my daughter who wants to marry outside our faith. I quit going to church 10 years ago, so I don't have a clergyman. Most of the clergymen in this town are so busy doing society weddings and funerals for the rich that there isn't one left to listen to the problems of ordinary, everyday parishioners, so please don't suggest it. Sign me--Rude Awakening in New Jersey

DEAR N.J.: For a person who hasn't bene in a church for 10 years, you seem to know an awful lot about the clergy.

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Cardiologists are more likely to recognize heart trouble

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP) - Heart specialists are more likely than family doctors to provide the latest and most aggressive kinds of care for heart attacks, the nation's most common medical emergency, a study concludes.

Its authors question the often-repeated belief that more medical care should be turned over to general doctors. In this case, at least, it appears that greater medical knowledge actually does translate into better care.

In recent years, a variety of research has shown that clot-dissolving drugs and aspirin can reduce the severity of heart attacks. Furthermore, long-term treatment afterward with aspirin and drugs called beta blockers can also save

lives. The new study attempted to see whether these widely accepted practices are actually being followed by doctors who treat heart attacks. It turns out that generally they are, but the chances of getting state-of-the-art care are better if the doctor is a cardiologist.

"For drugs that are clearly shown to benefit patients, cardiologists were more likely to recognize their benefit and to use them in practice," said Dr. John Z. Ayanian of Harvard Medical School, one of the researchers.

The idea that specialists know more about a specific area of medicine than their generalist colleagues may seem hardly a surprise. But until now, there has been little evidence that their greater expertise leads to healthier patients. Heart attacks are the nation's

biggest killer. This year, they will strike 1.5 million Americans and kill about one-third of them. Victims are routinely seen by cardiologists in large hospitals, but this is not necessarily the case in smaller ones.

The latest study, based on a survey of 1,211 physicians in New York and Texas, was published in the Oct. 27 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. The doctors compared the approach of cardiologists with that of general internists and family practitioners.

Among the findings: -94 percent of cardiologists said they were very likely to prescribe clot-dissolving drugs for heart attack victims, compared with 82 percent of internists and 77 percent of family practitioners.

-About 90 percent of the general doctors said they would give aspirin,

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Russian new-rich cotton to high dollar Christmas presents

By CANDICE HUGHES Associated Press Writer MOSCOW (AP) - Contrary to popular belief, the Grinch didn't steal Christmas. He sold it to Russia's new rich.

For a whole lot of money.

In cash.

Christmas might seem to be something Russians don't really need. After 70 years of official atheism, Christmas - which falls on Jan. 7 in the Russian Orthodox calendar - really isn't much of a holiday here. Russians exchange gifts and decorate trees for New Year's instead.

But Russia's new rich are embracing Western-style Christmas consumerism with greedy glee, gobbling pricey baubles at an astounding clip.

Take the Ten Thousand Dollar Stuffed Horse.

The life-sized toy with a velvety black coat has become the feature attraction at Sadko Arcade, a central Moscow mall catering to the well-heeled and heedless.

"We're desperate that it will sell," says Sadko manager Frances Dumphy.

Why not? The emu and the crocodile did.

At Sadko, you can drop a cool \$1,168 on an artificial tree, \$3,859 on a blonde doll in a blue smock or - for those on a budget - \$500 on a stuffed gorilla.

When Sadko opened three years ago, the managers expected it would cater mostly to foreigners. But most of the customers are now Russians.

Fur-clad women stride through the arcade, bulging shopping bags dangling from elegantly manicured

hands. They scarf down cappuccino and cake and count their blessings after a hard day of shopping.

"They have a lot of money. Quite a surprising amount of money," Dumphy said. "Cash doesn't seem to be any problem. They come in and buy fur coats for \$14,000 or \$15,000. In cash."

Then they drop a few thousand on toys for their tots.

Although other retailers in Moscow are pushing Christmas too, Sadko is the star of the show.

Garlands of artificial fir and silver bells hang overhead. Christmas tunes tinkle from ornate musical boxes. Tables heaped with toys and games and decorations line the arcade. Shops are crammed with everything from crystal and china to fine Italian leather.

"Do you want it?" a man with a credit card clutched in one hand and an elaborate model car in the other asks his son. "No," whines the overwhelmed child, tiny among the towering stacks of toys.

The man reaches for another gleaming plastic car. "Do you want it?" he asks again.

It is the quintessential question in today's Russia. And, yes, Russians want it. They want all the goodies, all the glitter, all the things they never had before.

A lucky few can afford to feed this hunger. Russia's wild ride toward capitalism has created some immense - and murky - fortunes. But millions more have been left behind.

Every now and then, one of those millions wanders into the arcade. It is a rare sight. But it happens.

Small populations hinder, but don't stop, counties' operations

By BRIAN COFER Lubbock Avalanche-Journal SNYDER, Texas - On the first Monday of the month, the district judge travels from Snyder to Gail to hear cases.

When there's a case for him to hear, that is.

"We didn't have anything for him this time, so he didn't come," said County Judge Van York.

Welcome to Borden County, population 800, which boasts fewer than one person per square mile. Not too far away, Kent County has lots of cows and oil rigs, but barely 1,000 souls.

There are no supermarkets, drugstores, physicians or attorneys in either county. But they're still governmental entities with many of the same responsibilities as their urban counterparts.

"It can be challenging," said Kent County Judge Mark Geeslin. "It sure can be."

Roads must be maintained. Law and order must be upheld. And someone has to hear those court cases. Try doing all that and more with a budget of \$1 million or \$2 million and 20 or 30 employees.

"It gets done," York said. "We never have a problem getting people to do it all."

Sometimes, to get it done, people have to do double and triple duties. In Kent County, the county and district clerks are the same person. In Borden County, the sheriff also holds the titles of assessor-collector and chief appraiser. In both counties, one justice of the peace serves the entire county.

But even when wearing more than one hat, it's not necessarily an overload of work.

"Well, there was a DWI, and there's been an assault," Geeslin said, looking back on his judicial responsibilities for the past year.

Fact is, little crime happens in Kent County, where Geeslin estimates that he has seen about a dozen criminal cases in the past four years. In the event of a trial, Geeslin shuts the courtroom upstairs, preferring the table and chairs in the commissioners courtroom.

When asked where he conducts jury trials, Geeslin laughs. "I've never had a jury trial."

York gets a little more business in his courtroom, only because Borden County gets more traffic passing through on U.S. 180. "Almost everybody I see is from somewhere else."

And he knows if someone isn't a Borden County resident. After all, these people aren't just his constituents, they're his friends and neighbors, too. That allows him to lend a more personal touch to public administration, he said.

"I'll sometimes have someone who's trying to get a birth certificate. They're planning to retire and want to apply for Social Security, but they were born back when he didn't record that kind of thing," he said. "I'll try to help them out and see that they get one. That's one of the nice things about living in a small county. I get to help people out. It's just more personal."

Sometimes a little too personal for comfort, York acknowledged. Not every decision is popular, and his neighbors can and do hold him accountable. "I'll give the people of Borden County one thing," he said. "They might not like something you do, but they won't hang you for it. They might not elect you again, but I can go out and we'll still talk, and we're still friends."

Geeslin agreed. His decisions don't always make people happy, he said, but people accept him for who he is.

"In a small town, people know who you are. Everybody knows everybody else, and they know what you stand for and if you're a straight-shooter."

It's a pleasure serving their constituents, they both said, but their jobs get harder all the time.

For example, government-imposed standards threaten the shutdown of Borden County's water system and landfill. In Kent County, maintaining fire protection and ensuring even a little health care remain challenges.

Then there are the diminishing returns of oil.

For decades, the two counties have relied on mineral wealth to relieve the tax burden and finance such amenities as community centers in Kent County and high-grade roads in Borden County.

Both Geeslin and York know the oil fields are playing out. Neither knows how the shortfall in revenue will be alleviated.

But York has a solution, if only a fleeting one. When it all gets too difficult, he can go back to his ranch and look after his cattle.

"Every now and then, I tell my secretary I'm going to look after Van York."

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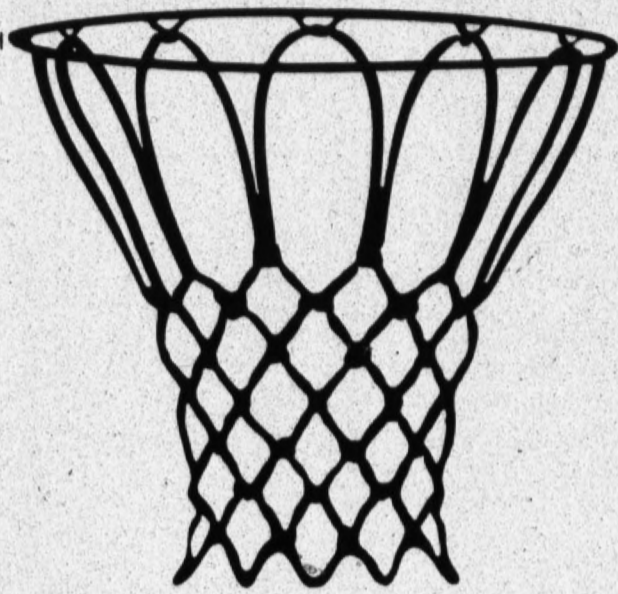
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Boys

Day	Date	Opponent/ Tournament	Site	Vars. Time	JV Time
Tue.	Dec. 6	Dimmitt	Hereford	8	5
	Dec. 8-10	Abernathy tournament (V)		TBA	
	Dec. 8-10	Borger tournament (JV)			TBA
Fri.	Dec. 16	Coronado	Lubbock	7:45	
	Dec. 16-17	Frenship tournament (JV)			TBA
Tue.	Dec. 20	Muleshoe	Hereford	7:30	6
	Dec. 28-30	Canyon tournament (V)			TBA
Tue.	Jan. 3	*Canyon	Hereford	7:30	6
Fri.	Jan. 6	*Dumas	Dumas	7:30	6
Tue.	Jan. 10	*Borger	Hereford	7:30	6
Fri.	Jan. 13	*Caprock	Amarillo	7:30	6
Fri.	Jan. 20	*Pampa	Pampa	7:30	6
Tue.	Jan. 24	*Randall	Hereford	7:30	6
Fri.	Jan. 27	*Canyon	Canyon	7:30	6
Tue.	Jan. 31	*Dumas	Hereford	7:30	6
Fri.	Feb. 3	*Borger	Borger	7:30	6
Tue.	Feb. 7	*Caprock	Hereford	7:30	6
Tue.	Feb. 14	*Pampa	Hereford	7:30	6
Fri.	Feb. 17	*Randall	Randall	7:30	6

Girls

Day	Date	Opponent/ Tournament	Site	Vars. Time	JV Time
Tue.	Dec. 6	Dimmitt	Hereford	6:30	5
	Dec. 8-10	Abernathy tournament (V)		TBA	
	Dec. 8-10	Randall tournament (JV)			TBA
Mon.	Dec. 12	*Pampa	Hereford	7:30	6
Fri.	Dec. 16	*Randall	Randall	7:30	6
Tue.	Dec. 20	Muleshoe	Hereford	6	noJV
	Dec. 28-30	Littlefield tournament (V)			TBA
Tue.	Jan. 3	*Canyon	Hereford	6	7:30
Fri.	Jan. 6	*Dumas	Dumas	6	7:30
Tue.	Jan. 10	*Borger	Hereford	6	7:30
Fri.	Jan. 13	*Caprock	Amarillo	6	7:30
Fri.	Jan. 20	*Pampa	Pampa	6	7:30
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Front Left - Right: Terance High, Todd Dudley, Benton Buckley, Jason Eades, Michael High, Cody Marion, Isaac Walker Back: Wade Backus, Michael Brown, Gregg Kalka, Ashley Noland, Michael Power, Keith Barrett, Ronald Torres, Coach Randy Dean, Asst. Key Harrison not pictured.



Front Left - Right: Misti Davis, Julie Cole, Danielle Cornelius, Julie Rampley, Mindi Davis, Heather Hodges, Back: Head Coach Eddie Fortenberry, Tarabeth Holmes, Kari Barrett, Brittney Binder, Catie Betzen, Asst. Coach Loy Triana

Hereford Whitefaces

Senior	4	Michael Brown
Senior	10	Ashley Noland
Senior	12	Keith Barrett
Junior	14	Ronald Torres
Senior	20	Cody Marion
Senior	22	Michael Power
Sophomore	24	Isaac Walker
Senior	30	Wade Backus
Senior	32	Benton Buckley
Junior	34	Michael High
Junior	40	Todd Dudley
Senior	44	Gregg Kalka
Senior	50	Jason Eades
Senior	52	Terance High

Head Coach: Randy Dean - Asst. Key Harrison, Rodney Allen

Lady Whitefaces

Sophomore	10	Kari Barrett
Junior	22	Brittney Binder
Freshman	24	Catie Betzen
Freshman	30	Julie Rampley
Junior	34	Heather Hodges
Junior	42	Mindi Davis
Freshman	44	Misti Davis
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/s/ CARROLL TRUETT THAMES
 Independent Executor of the Estate of ROSA LEE ELEANOR THAMES, Deceased, No PR 4142 in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who vowed to foster more bipartisan cooperation in the upcoming 74th Texas Legislature, knocked off the task of naming Senate committee appointments a solid month before the session convenes Jan. 10.

Bullock, a Democrat, named five Republicans as committee chairmen — three more than last session. New appointments include Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, Nominations; Sen. David Sibley of Waco, Economic Development; and Sen. Chris Harris of Arlington, Administration.

Reappointed as chairmen were Republican Sens. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant, Education, and Don Henderson, of Houston, Jurisprudence.

As Nominations chairman, Bivins will lead the committee that will consider Republican Gov.-elect George W. Bush's 3,000 appointments to state boards and commissions. Bivins' committee will also be charged with confirming some 600 appointments that the outgoing Democratic administration has made.

Bush's communications director Karen Hughes told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "The lieutenant governor said he wants to run the Senate in a bipartisan way, and this is evidence of that spirit of bipartisan cooperation."

Sibley takes over the Economic Development chairmanship formerly held by the powerful Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, who was defeated in his bid for reelection. The committee considers bills related to business.

Democrats still hold the edge in

the Senate, with 17 members to the Republicans' 14.

Run on TexPool

In a matter of a few days last week, state and local officials withdrew more than \$1.5 billion from TexPool, an investment pool managed by the Texas Treasury.

Many depositors reportedly are taking their money out because interest rates offered by the Treasury Department are lower than those offered by investment funds elsewhere and the Orange County debacle provided an additional kick.

To counteract the massive pull-out, the Treasury has begun using state funds to buy investment securities and paying depositors who wish to withdraw funds at the original price they paid, rather than the present market value, which is lower.

Although finance experts maintain that the TexPool is a safe place to invest tax dollars, state and local government officials continue to make withdrawals, in part due to the highly publicized bankruptcy of Orange County, Calif.

State Treasurer Martha Whitehead said depositors can withdraw any or all of their money and the interest due them from TexPool. "I am confident we will weather this storm and calm any concern raised due to the irresponsible and unjust comparisons to the Orange County situation," she said.

Child Support Bill Resurfaces
Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, co-chair of the Joint Interim Committee on the Family Code, is carrying a bill proposed by Attorney General Dan Morales to bolster efforts to collect support from deadbeat parents.

A similar bill failed in the 1993 legislative session, but chances are improved that such a bill will pass in 1995 with the support of Gov.-elect Bush and the endorsement of Comptroller John Sharp.

The bill would allow the state to revoke driver's, professional and other state licenses and permits from residents who don't pay or are late in paying court-ordered child support.

New Insurance Commissioner
Outgoing Gov. Ann Richards has appointed Rebecca Lightsey, executive director of a state health insurance pool, to replace J. Robert Hunter, who resigned as Texas insurance commissioner.

As head of the Texas Department of Insurance, Lightsey will serve the remainder of Hunter's term, which expires Feb. 1. That's all the time she needs to approve a change in the state benchmark for automobile insurance.

Lightsey told the Associated Press she would honor Hunter's commitment to Gov.-elect Bush not to start rate hearings until after Jan. 1.

Budget Watchdogs Named

Gov.-elect Bush last week appointed a three-man budget team that he says will help serve as a taxpayers' watchdog on state spending.

Bush, who takes office Jan. 17, appointed Lubbock accountant Mike Weiss to serve as director of fiscal policy.

Wise, 50, named Albert Hawkins, currently deputy director of the Legislative Budget Board, as budget director and said Jim Oliver, former budget director, would serve as senior budget advisor.

"This budget team combines the very best of the public and private sector, and brings together the brightest budgetary minds in the state of Texas," Bush said.

Other Highlights

U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela of Brownsville says he is leaning toward throwing out a state lawsuit that seeks more than \$5 billion from the federal government for the costs associated with illegal immigration.

Craftsman of Indian descent makes museum-quality flutes

By GALE BRADFORD

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
WEATHERFORD, Texas - Butch Hall lifted the cedar American Indian flute to his lips and fingered the holes. A haunting tune filled the still air, made all the sweeter by the aromatic smell of cedar shavings that littered Hall's woodworking shop.

Hall, 49, is of Cherokee descent and he credits that ancestry for his love for Indian art. He uses his talents to make American Indian art in the shape of museum-quality, traditional courting and love flutes, ceremonial pipes and war clubs.

"Even as a young boy, my father, who was born in Tecumseh, Okla., took me to visit reservations and the museums and on archaeological hunts for arrowheads and that sort of thing," Hall said.

"I've always felt a closeness to that side of my heritage. But also, on my mother's side, the Italian side, I come from a very long line of famous Italian furniture makers that go all the way back to Milan, Italy," he said.

Hall's wife, Laura, has decorated their home around his collection of American Indian artifacts, and her painstaking handiwork, penchant for detail and research guarantee the authenticity of the products they make and sell, Butch Hall said.

The Halls said flutes were traditionally used by American Indians for courting.

"Up through 1977, the Lakota reservation still practiced the tradition of courting with these flutes. A young man would create a melody for some girl he was interested in and play it for her," Butch Hall said.

Tunes were distinguishable and an Indian swain could tell his beloved that he waited for her or missed her through his music. When an Indian died, his tunes and his flute were buried with him, Hall said.

American Indians built the most complex flute of any civilization, which curiously makes it the easiest to play, Laura Hall said, adding that her husband courted her with his flute-playing.

Hall's flutes, various ceremonial pipes and war clubs all bear Laura Hall's designs and include fur decorations, hand-painted feathers and inlaid glass beads.

Pipes were used in ceremonies such as the making of war or peace, healing, and in rituals to ensure a good hunt or a good harvest, Butch Hall said.

His pipe bowls are made from a low-fired terra cotta that is hand-rubbed and polished.

Designs and woods vary in Hall creations. Mesquite, cedar, oak, walnut and Colorado aspen receive hand-rubbed, special blended finishes, he said.

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Community tries to help boy after father's death

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) - The Plainview community has been trying to comfort an 11-year-old boy with Down Syndrome who thought his father was sleeping for three days before others found the man to be dead.

"Everybody's pretty much helping us out," said Marvin Graham, who is taking care of fourth-grader Vincent Fuller. "We're not alone in this. It really does show that people do care."

Last week, Vincent continued his routine of going to school and heating up food in the microwave oven for dinner while he let his father sleep because he thought the man was sick. Finally, last Thursday, a neighbor

who saw the youngster wandering around the complex realized she hadn't seen the boy's father since the previous Friday, police said.

When the boy said his father was sleeping, she asked him to wake the man. He couldn't and authorities later figured Ronnie Dewayne Fuller had been dead for at least 48 hours.

Fuller, a 45-year-old trucker, died of natural causes, said Plainview police spokesman Capt. William Mull.

"It really didn't dawn on (Vincent)," said Graham, whose wife Roxanne used to be married to Fuller. "He just thought he was laying there sleeping."

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