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## They'll be home for Christmas



(AP Laserphoto)

State Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, seems to have the holiday spirit as he wears a Santa hat during Thursday's meeting of the Texas House. The House approved a compromise workers' comp measure (see related story, Page 3). Lawmakers are hopeful they they will be home for Christmas.

## Three area cities hopeful for TCDP grants

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

The cities of Groom, Lefors and Miami placed in the top 10 out of 41 this week in Amarillo with their Texas Community Development Program applications, and officials in all three cities are hopeful they will fare as well or better at the state level.

The five-minute application presentations were made before a 12-member Regional Review Committee of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Miami ranked sixth; Lefors ranked seventh; and Groom ranked eighth.

Miami's application is for a sewer system project.

"We need to expand across the Red Deer Creek. We have no sewer on the north side and we're trying to get

some money where we can get those people some sewer," said City Secretary Marla Jackson.

Making the presentation in Amarillo for \$180,870 in grant funds was Miami Mayor Newt Cox. Council member Monnett Jenkins was also at the meeting.

The city of Lefors ranked seventh with a water well project. Mayor Gene Gee made the presentation, and Lefors ISD Superintendent Ed Gilliland was also present.

Gee said the outlook "is not good" for Lefors receiving any funds this year. Last year the city ranked fifth at the region level and then was bumped to 12th at the state level.

Available for the grants is \$1.28 million in this region. The top six projects, if they remain the same at

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## City commissioners to ring bells

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

While network news stories are reporting that Salvation Army volunteers manning Christmas kettles are being thrown out of shopping centers in the northeast, local Army efforts are meeting with unprecedented cooperation from government and civic groups.

Frank Miller, a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, announced Thursday that the Pampa City Commission will be joining Army soldiers and volunteers in collecting donations Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of The Food Emporium, 1233 N. Hobart.

"To me, the thing that got this all started was when Commissioner Ray Hupp volunteered to ring the bell and it went from there," Miller said. "This shows the community spirit of the commission."

Commissioner Robert Dixon will begin the day, ringing bells from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

He will be followed by Commissioner Gary Sutherland, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Mayor Richard Peet, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Commissioner Jerry Wilson, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; and Hupp, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Peet said his volunteering is personally meaningful because of his need to rely on the kindness of others when he was growing up.

"I lived in children's homes and foster homes all my life," Peet said. "So many people helped me. This is such a small thing, but I now want to do what I can to assist others."

Peet noted that the Salvation Army has an excellent reputation for assisting those in need in Pampa and around the nation.

In addition to support from city commissioners, Miller expressed delight with the number of civic groups that have also joined the Army effort.

Members of the Altrusa Club rang bells and manned kettles last Saturday, Dec. 2.

This Saturday, Pampa Shriners will be at Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Next Saturday, Dec. 16 the Wal-Mart kettle effort will be led by members of the Rotary Club.

Lt. Don Wildish said this year the Salvation Army hopes to reach 401 needy Pampans in 167 families with money raised from kettle and mail-out undertakings.

"We're hoping to reach \$25,000 with our mail appeal and kettle efforts," Wildish said. Nationwide, Salvation Army officials have pointed out that Christmastime fund raising helps support year-round Army projects.

"Right now we're at \$7,000," Wildish said. "If the city could help us reach our goal, it would mean so much."

In addition to ringing bells at Christmas kettles, the Salvation Army is also sponsoring Angel Trees at the Pampa Mall and Wal-Mart.

Citizens who believe in the spirit of charity that Christmas symbolizes can use the Angel Trees as vehicles for providing a specific child with new clothing they otherwise would likely do without, he said.

"If they want to buy a toy," Wildish said, "I hope they will do that above and beyond. There is nothing like a child having a new pair of shoes or pants for Christmas. It might be the only new article of clothing they get this year."

Advisory Board member Miller said he first became involved with the Salvation Army when he was living in Wichita Falls and saw how they responded to needs following the tornado that hit that town in 1964.

"Seeing what they did and how they helped, it was only natural to get involved," Miller said.

## Bush urges Americans to battle in war on drugs

By RITA BEAMISH  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - President Bush is urging Americans to assume the task of ridding their communities of drugs, saying, "We can't do it by looking to the government alone."

For the second day of a three-state swing that also revolved around political events, Bush today was headed to Denver to again spotlight community-based anti-drug efforts.

He was to join a group discussion on drugs with members of the Denver Broncos football team and students at John F. Kennedy High School. Later, he was to speak at a fund-raising lunch for Rep. Hank Brown, a candidate for Senate, and then fly to Des Moines to appear for Rep. Tom Tauke, a GOP contender for the seat of Democratic Sen. Thomas Harkin.

On Thursday, Bush spoke at a once-drug infested park in Houston before doing some politicking on behalf of the state's Republican senator, Phil Gramm.

At the Astrodome dinner, Bush derided the Soviet Union and Cuba for support of leftist movements in Central America.

"Whatever the Sandinistas have told the Soviet Union, we know for fact certain that arms are going from Nicaragua into El Salvador," Bush said. The Soviets contend they no longer arm Nicaragua's Sandinista government or the Marxist rebels in El Salvador.

"And we also know that Fidel Castro continues to export revolution, not just into El Salvador, but into other countries as well," said Bush.

Such activities "weigh heavily on U.S.-Soviet relations," he said. Bush called his summit meeting last weekend with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev off the coast of Malta a success, "but tonight Malta seems far away."

Bush also told the somewhat subdued audience of some 4,000 Texans, "There is no greater threat to the health of the American mind and the American family than the



(AP Laserphoto)

President Bush waves to thousands of cheering people that jammed into Houston's Andrew Winzer Park Thursday.

poison of illegal drugs, so this administration is working to win the fight against drugs."

That boost contrasts with his remarks at the Winzer Park rally earlier, where he said, "Only the American people can make this change in attitude. Only you can cultivate character and a sense of values in our kids."

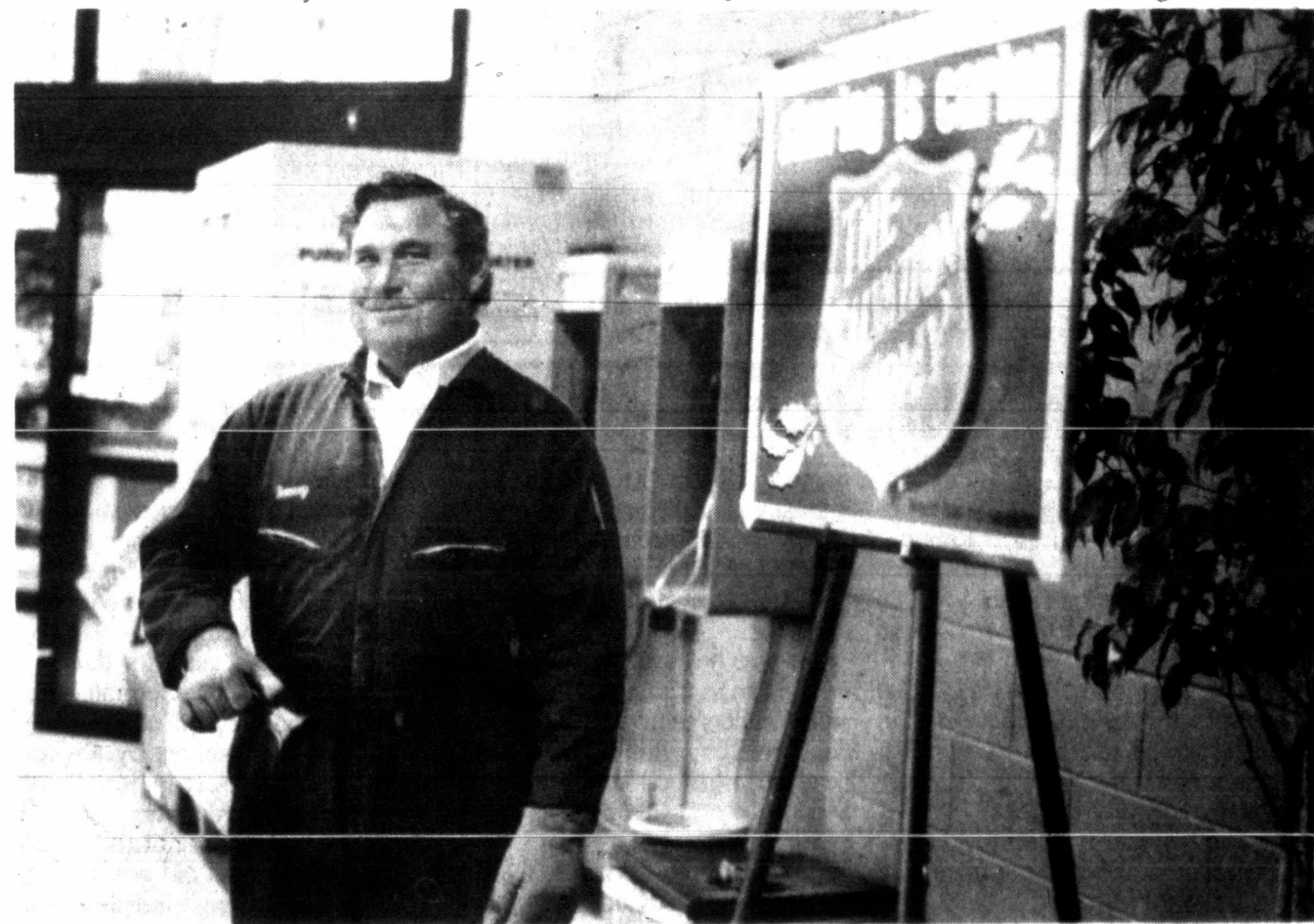
"It is not a federal problem for

which there is a simple federal solution. We can't do it by looking to the government alone."

The park in the low-income community of Acres Homes used to be the base of operations for some 30 drug dealers, according to police.

"In recent years, the dream on Main Street has become the nightmare on Elm Street, a twisted, back-

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(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Ronnie Jenkins, a Salvation Army bell-ringer at The Food Emporium, helps collect donations for the Christmas programs to aid the needy in Pampa.

## Postmaster offers tips for mailing those Christmas cards and packages

An early mail run will again be made this year from Pampa to Amarillo to benefit business and residence mailers, according to Pampa Postmaster Richard Wilson.

And to ensure cards and packages arrive on time and in good shape, Wilson offers a few tips.

"Just spend a few minutes to make sure that the gifts and greetings you have taken time to select receive secure packaging and proper addressing," Wilson said.

"Proper addressing basically means complete and legible addressing," Wilson said. "Always include apartment and suite numbers and correct ZIP codes. The ZIP code belongs on the same line as the city and state, which is where our sorting clerks look for it."

Regarding the special arrangements for the early trip to transport mail, Wilson said the items will be taken to the Amarillo General Mail Facility for processing. Other post offices in the Texas Panhandle will also use the mail facility.

The new "Christmas Mail Early" trip will leave the

Pampa Post Office at 12:45 p.m. beginning Monday. The special trip will be made daily with the exception of Sundays.

"During the Christmas season the volume of mail to be processed each day increases substantially. Our local mail will arrive at the Amarillo GMF processing center in the early afternoon before these large volumes of mail," Wilson said.

"This early trip will allow local mailers an early outlet for their mail, and in effect our mail will go to the 'head of the line,' catching earlier flights and transportation."

The temporary transportation will be in effect through Dec. 23.

To avoid delays, local customers are asked to bring the mail to the Pampa Post Office by 12:15 p.m. each afternoon.

Parcel preparation requires only a few simple precautions, according to Wilson. Following are some tips:

- Cushion - Make sure contents are well-cushioned

and there is no empty space in the box. Use crumpled newspaper around the item, including sides, top and bottom. Commercially available foam shells or air-pocket padding also make good cushioning materials. Padded mailing bags may be used for small items. It's a good idea to put a slip with the address and return address inside the parcel in case something happens to the address on the box.

- Don't Over-Wrap - Use a sturdy carton large enough to accommodate cushioning and remove or mark out any conflicting address information. Brown paper and twine cord are not necessary. In fact, they can be counter-productive. Paper can rip, and twine can become entangled in processing equipment.

- Seal Securely - Close your parcel with one of the three recommended types of tape: pressure-sensitive, nylon-reinforced craft paper or glass-reinforced pressure sensitive.

- Position Addresses Properly - Put the recipient's address in the lower right portion of the package on one

side only. Put your return address in the upper left hand corner of the package and don't forget to include your own ZIP code.

- Ensure Legibility - Use smudge-proof ink for your addressing.

Also include the apartment and suite numbers and use proper ZIP codes.

Customers should also be sure to use the right service, Wilson said. If items are mailed early enough, one would probably want to use the parcel post rates. Gifts will usually be delivered within a week.

The clerk who weighs your package will collect the proper postage based on its weight and the distance it must travel, he said.

For those who run out of time, Priority Mail provides delivery in two to three days anywhere in the country for packages weighing up to 70 pounds. Priority Mail can be sent from any Post Office, station or branch or through rural carriers to any address in the United States.



### A kitten's Christmas



(Staff photos by Beth Miller)



Lefors elementary school students presented their seasonal programs Thursday evening in the high school auditorium to a full house. In top photo, from left, Michael Steele, Cindy Velasquez, Shanna Elkins and Eric Connell, all second-graders, tell the part Christmas gifts play during the season through a song. At left, Misty Downes, a second-grader, portrays the kitten who is learning the story of Christmas in *This Is Christmas*. Students also presented *Santa and the Three Scrooges*.

### House approves workers' comp reform package

SCOTT ROTHSCHILD  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The battle for the hearts and minds of the Senate, especially the fight over two votes, has turned into a struggle between Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Sen. Carl Parker that will be the main attraction today in a showdown over workers' compensation reform.

On Thursday, the House approved 111-31 a business-backed workers' comp bill that is similar to a proposal previously rejected by the Senate, 17-14.

But with a two-vote swing meaning the difference between passing a bill and possibly another special legislative session, Senate leaders on both sides of the debate exchanged harsh words.

The House-approved bill is supported by Gov. Bill Clements, Speaker Gib Lewis and Hobby, who packed a legislative conference committee with members who favored the bill even though a Senate majority had earlier turned it down.

"It's not a fair game. It hasn't been a fair game. And if some of the Democratic leadership in the Senate had worked as hard to sell the majority view of the Senate to the House as they've worked trying to bludgeon and coerce members of the Senate into changing their votes, we'd have a bill," Parker, D-Port Arthur, said.

But Hobby countered that change is needed now — and those who are blocking it are doing the state a disservice.

"If this (bill) is not adopted, the death spiral in compensation coverage will continue. More businesses will drop their coverage. More workers will be unprotected," Hobby said.

Parker said the plan OK'd by the House Thursday was worse than current law.

"Once they (senators) see what the conference committee did, I think it'll be absolutely clear that there was no attempt to negotiate. There's simply been an attempt to badger and coerce," Parker said.

But Hobby said he believed the latest plan would do the trick despite its flaws.

"I have every confidence that the conference committee report will be adopted," Hobby said. "It's a better bill. It's not an entirely good bill, but the question is whether it's significantly better than current law and the answer is yes."

"It's going to increase benefits for workers and it's going to decrease (insurance) rates," said Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan, the House leader on the issue.

"It puts the system back the way it was intended to be," Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said.

Although the maximum weekly benefits would increase from \$238 to \$416 under the bill, trial lawyers and labor groups claim most injured workers would receive less benefits and the bill would make it more difficult for them to fight their employer and insurance companies over disputed claims.

"The people who authored this bill have forgotten that the person of great political power or wealth who walks into a state agency doesn't always get treated like the guy who can't read or write and has dirty overalls on," Parker said.

Clements has called workers' comp reform his top priority and threatened to keep lawmakers in session through Christmas to win passage of a bill.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

All-Region members of the Pampa High School Band.

### 15 PHS band members win seats at All-Region

Fifteen Pampa High School band students won seats in the All-Region band during tryouts on Saturday, Dec. 2, at West Texas State University.

Those students will now compete to make the All-State band during try-outs on January 6 in Lubbock, according to Band Director Charles Johnson.

Students who made All-Region band include Ladonna Sumpter, 4th chair flute; Damian Hill, 1st chair oboe; Charles Killebrew, 1st chair bassoon; Bryan Stephenson, 5th chair clarinet; and Brandie Eads, 7th

chair clarinet.

Other All-Region band members are Amy Malone, 9th chair clarinet; Christy Wingert, 10th chair clarinet; Jennie Shufelbueger, 1st chair alto clarinet; Anthony Gilreath, 1st chair bass clarinet; and Dawn Duree, 1st chair tenor saxophone.

Rounding out the PHS students to make the band were Troy Avandanio, 1st chair cornet; Brandon Wood, 6th chair cornet; Jeremy Woods, 7th chair cornet; Shannon Harper, 3rd chair French horn; and Doug Williams, 1st chair percussion II.

### Former Boeing executive convicted of illegal trafficking of documents

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The conviction of a former Boeing Co. marketing executive sends a clear signal that the government won't tolerate illegal trafficking of classified Pentagon documents within the defense industry, says the U.S. attorney whose office tried the case.

A U.S. District Court jury deliberated only two hours Thursday before convicting Richard Lee Fowler on 39 counts arising from his possession of secret Defense Department and National Security Council budget documents.

Fowler, a 64-year-old former Air Force officer who had worked in the Pentagon, could be sentenced to 310 years in prison and fined \$225,000. Sentencing was set for Jan. 12.

Fowler's lawyers said they would appeal.

The charges against Fowler included conspiracy, mail fraud, illegal conveyance of classified documents and conversion of the papers for his own use.

The documents, known as "planning, programming and budget system documents," generally dealt with Pentagon procurement plans, sometimes for five years.

Employees for several defense contractors testified that they were part of a nine-company network whose Washington representatives swapped the classified documents in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The nine companies were identified in testimony as Boeing, Honeywell, Bendix, IBM, RCA (since merged into General Electric Co.), Grumman, Raytheon, Rockwell and Martin Marietta.

"This case, in my view, puts everyone in the defense contracting industry on notice that theft, conversion and conveyance of classified documents will not be tolerated," said Henry Hudson, U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Virginia. "It sends a clear message it won't be tolerated."

Hudson said investigations continue into the use by defense contractors of classified Pentagon documents, but he refused to discuss specifics.

Fowler seemed stunned as he faced the jury while the court clerk read the verdict on each of the 39 counts. At times, he closed his eyes and other times stood stoically while members of his family cried.

### City looking for residents to serve on boards

Pampa city commissioners are currently taking applications from citizens interested in filling one of three vacancies on local boards, according to Glen Hackler, city manager, and Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary.

Jeffers said the three boards with vacancies to be filled by the commission include the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Gray County Appraisal District Board.

Members of the Canadian River board are responsible for handling the allocation and distribution of several cities' water supply from Lake Meredith, Jeffers said. She explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission handles municipal issues of zoning and rezoning, and the Appraisal District monitors the appraisal and collections process for local taxes.

Jeffers noted that vacancies on the three boards are scheduled to be filled by the commission on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

"Each of these boards serves a critical function for this community," Hackler said. "This is an opportunity for those interested to become involved in local government."

Hacker said terms for the Canadian River board and Planning and Zoning Commission are two years while Appraisal Board terms will be drawn for in January under a new reorganization plan.

Persons interested in serving on one of the boards should apply to Jeffers at City Hall, Mayor Richard Peet or a city commissioner in writing or by phone no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11.



The Crystal River Band

### Crystal River Band to be in concert Saturday night

The Crystal River Band of Chickasha, Okla., will be in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at Hi-Land Pentecostal Holiness Church, corner of 18th and Banks streets. Admission is free.

For the past seven years, The Crystal River Band has enjoyed weekends on the road, traveling in six states singing the music they love, Southern gospel music.

Band members say their goal is "to encourage you, bless you, worship with you, cry with you, laugh with you and entertain you."

The band has recorded five cassettes, four of which were recorded in Oklahoma City. In May 1989 they signed a recording contract with The Eddie Crook Co. of Nashville, Tenn., under the Harvest

label. This project, *Praising the Lord*, includes four original songs by James Sparks.

A single, "I Hear an Echo," has been released to 1700 radio stations nationwide.

The Crystal River Band has appeared on several television programs. Their main ministry is in the church, but they also appear at parades, conventions, amusement parks and outside singings during the summer.

Band members include David Johnson, vocals; James Sparks, vocals and songwriter; Deborah Johnson, vocals and pianist; Clint Street, bass guitar; and Terry Bussey, drummer. Renee Sparks serves as sound engineer, and Rae-Jean Street handles sales.

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### Tens of thousands rally in support of President Corazon Aquino in Manila Friday.

## Thousands rally in support of Aquino's stay in power

By DAN BIERS  
Associated Press Writer

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino urged the nation today to unite against those "who want to destroy our democracy" as 100,000 Filipinos rallied to support her government against a violent coup attempt.

Mrs. Aquino bitterly criticized Vice President Salvador Laurel, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and others who have called for her resignation after mutinous soldiers launched the sixth and strongest attempt yet to oust her.

"He (Laurel) cannot wait to be president," she told a rally at the site where hundreds of thousands of Filipinos filled the streets to support her 1986 "people power" revolution. "I will never give up this position to him."

She made no reference to any of the complaints of the rebels or of other critics who claim her government has failed to live up to the promises of social justice and reform.

In the southern city of Cebu, a leader of rebel soldiers holding a military base today ruled out surrendering to loyalist troops, keeping the insurrection alive.

Aquino had called on Filipinos to turn out into the streets today for a rally and Roman Catholic Mass, hoping to rekindle the spirit of the huge demonstrations that propelled her into office in February 1986 and ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

Estimates of the crowd size at today's rally varied widely. Government television said 1 million people joined the rally, but reporters estimated the crowd at more than 100,000.

Government offices encouraged their employees to turn out in a show of support for the embattled president. Some government workers were bused in from as far as Angeles, 50 miles to the north.

"I want all of us to unite and to give support to the democratic systems of government and to go after these people who want to destroy

our democracy, who want to destroy our economy, who want to destroy the Filipino people," she said in English.

In Tagalog, the main Philippine language, Aquino bitterly criticized Laurel and Enrile, leaders of the opposition Nacionalista Party. The crowd cheered wildly and chanted "Cory! Cory! Cory!" at mention of the two opposition leaders' names.

"He keeps on urging me to resign," Aquino said of Laurel. "What does he think I am? Stupid?"

"... If Laurel really loves our country like he always says, then I suggest he resign so we can use the money from his office," Aquino said.

In his homily, Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, Roman Catholic archbishop of Manila, condemned "self-appointed messiahs" for launching the coup attempt.

He called for the mutinous soldiers to face punishment "with the full force of the law."

"We have condemned the naked and brazen bid for power through violence and bloodshed," Sin said.

At least 79 people have been killed and more than 570 others since Dec. 1, when rebel soldiers took over several military garrisons and bombed the presidential palace.

Loyal forces, backed by air cover from U.S. F-4 fighter jets, counterattacked and regained most bases. Early Thursday, mutineers marched back to their bases from the financial district of Makati, claiming they were voluntarily returning to their barracks.

But negotiations broke down with the final rebel group of 400, which has held Mactan air base at Cebu City, 350 miles south of Manila, since the coup attempt began.

"To negotiate for surrender is still out of the question," Brig. Gen. Jose Commendador, leader of the Mactan rebels, told reporters early today.

## Gunman had fear of being rejected by women

By SOLL SUSSMAN  
Associated Press Writer

MONTREAL (AP) — A man who killed 14 women at the University of Montreal had a deep fear of being rejected by women and once hoped to attend the engineering school where he carried out his suicidal rampage, police say.

The bizarre shooting spree by Marc Lepine, described as a bright but jobless loner who had an apparent hatred for women in general and feminists in particular, sparked new calls to tighten Canada's weapons laws.

Armed with a semi-automatic rifle, the 25-year-old Lepine walked through the engineering school Wednesday afternoon, singling out women and shooting them.

He killed 14 and wounded nine, plus wounded four men, before killing himself.

Police found a three-page suicide note that blamed feminists for his troubles. They pieced together a troubling profile of a man whose father ran out on the family when he was a boy, whose life was a succession of failures.

The modern university that rests on a hill overlooking the city was stunned after the massacre, the worst mass slayings in Canadian history.

About 2,000 mourners held a wrenching candlelight vigil Thursday evening in Montreal, and people held memorials for the dead in Ottawa, Toronto and Edmonton, Alberta.

The school was closed Thursday in mourning. Final exams set for Thursday were pushed back four days.

Police spent more than a day trying to confirm the identity of the killer, who signed his handwritten suicide note only as "Marc."

Police spokesman Andre Tessier told a news conference Thursday night that Lepine had trou-

ble developing relationships with women and broke off all communication at the first sign of rejection.

If things weren't going well with a woman "he would just stop the relationship right there and never come back to the person he was talking with," said Jacques Duchesneau, a police investigator.

"He didn't have any girlfriends," the detective said.

"I think he blamed women in general, saying that if his life was ruined it was mainly because of women," Duchesneau said.

Duchesneau, who said the information about Lepine came from numerous sources, said Lepine was fascinated by war movies. His suicide note said he tried to join the armed forces but was rejected "because he was anti-social."

Duchesneau described Lepine as intelligent but added he had suffered a number of academic setbacks and had been fired from a job in a Montreal-area hospital.

Lepine had taken courses with the aim of entering the engineering school of the University of Montreal, but there was no indication he applied there, Tessier said.

Police said that according to the suicide letter, Lepine said he was going to commit the massacre because "feminists have always ruined my life."

The officials said the man's name at birth was Gamil Gharbi but he took his mother's surname and the name Marc in 1982. His Algerian father, who now lives abroad, had left the family when Lepine was 7 years old.

Police said Lepine's mother and sister still live in Montreal, and they said he had lived with a male friend.

Lepine bought the .223-caliber Sturm Ruger, the semi-automatic rifle he used, in a hunting store on Nov. 21, the police spokesmen said.



(AP Laserphoto)

### A girl breaks into tears at a vigil in Montreal Thursday to mourn the death of 14 women.

In Ottawa, Justice Minister Doug Lewis said he would move to ban the import of military assault rifles, such as Uzis and AK-47s, but not the hunting rifle used by the gunman.

## AIDS immune monkeys may hold clue to vaccine

By PAUL RECER  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine monkeys that have been made immune to the simian AIDS virus may hold in their blood cells and tissues the critical clues needed by scientists to develop an AIDS vaccine for humans.

"These are now very valuable animals," said Michael Murphey-Corb, head of a team of scientists at the Delta Regional Primate Research Center in Covington, La. "There's a lot we can learn from them."

In a study published today in the journal *Science*, Murphey-Corb and her Tulane University colleagues announced they have developed a vaccine that protects rhesus monkeys from simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV), which causes AIDS in monkeys.

Nine animals inoculated with the vaccine are healthy, despite being injected with powerful doses of the killer virus. SIV is a close genetic relative of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS in humans.

"We can look at these animals' immune system and (learn) what exactly these monkeys' immune systems did to cause them to be

protected," Murphey-Corb said in an interview.

"We now have a foundation ... so that we can progress in a straightforward fashion toward development of a human HIV vaccine."

Dr. Robert Gallo, director of AIDS vaccine research at the National Cancer Institute and co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, called the Tulane research "very important and highly significant."

"Although SIV is not the same as HIV and a rhesus monkey is not the same as a human, SIV is the closest virus that we have to HIV," he said. "It has quite a bit of similarities and it produces a similar disease."

Dr. Wayne Koff, chief of AIDS vaccine research at the National Institutes of Health, said the work by Murphey-Corb and her colleagues "has dispelled any doubts about our ever being able to create a vaccine against HIV."

He called the monkey study results "the most significant advance in the vaccine field since we started the AIDS vaccine program. It is a giant leap."

"It's terrific," said Dr. Allan Goldstein, a George Washington University School of Medicine researcher who in May started testing a type of human AIDS vaccine.

Koff said the Tulane study proves that the primate immune system can be primed to protect itself against a retrovirus.

Both SIV and HIV are retroviruses that kill by destroying the immune system of the host.

Gallo said researchers will be able to examine the monkeys' immune systems and determine how the extremely complex network of cells, proteins and organs interact to produce an immunity to AIDS.

From these clues, he said, scientists may be able to determine which

combination of HIV viral proteins will produce such an immunity in humans.

Murphey-Corb said her team developed the monkey vaccine by purifying samples of SIV, then killing the virus with a chemical called formalin.

That left the virus inactivated, but with all its proteins intact.

Gallo, Koff and others said the technique used for developing the monkey vaccine could not be applied safely to humans because it is difficult in using a whole virus to be absolutely certain that every viral particle is killed when the vaccine is prepared.

Murphey-Corb acknowledged the problem.

"There is a conceptual chance that one virus particle would remain alive after treatment so that when you immunize an individual, you might actually infect them," she said.

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# Eagles soar to Texas from as far as Canada for winter

By MARK McDONALD  
Dallas Times Herald

**BURNET (AP)** — As morning lows dip near or below freezing over much of the northern part of Texas, Shawn Devaney roots for even colder temperatures.

He runs bird-watching tours on Lake Buchanan in the Hill Country and he knows that when winter arrives, so does the bald eagle.

"Bring it on," he said. "Chillier the better."

Indeed, a growing number of bald eagles — 800 to 1,000 by most official estimates — migrate from as far north as Canada to make their winter homes in Texas.

"They like to ride one of those 100 mph jet streams to save energy," said Austin-based biologist Dede Armentrout, regional vice president of the National Audubon Society. These great birds of prey,

coasting on a six- or seven-foot wingspan, may fly hundreds of miles without food or rest.

Once here, the bald eagle roosts in remote stretches of major reservoirs such as Lake Texoma and Lake Fork, eating fish, turtles and other aquatic prey. Farther south, on the rice prairies outside Houston, eagles dine on dead or dying ducks and geese.

Still farther south, on the mid-Texas coast between Galveston and Rockport, 23 pairs of Southern bald eagles, which only biologists can tell from the Northern subspecies, build nests to raise their young.

Bald eagles usually start crossing the Red River by late September and stay until early March, have been slow to arrive this year.

"We got our first eagle here the third week in September, just about like normal," said Devaney, a host and boat captain for Vanishing

Texas Tours on Lake Buchanan. "But since then, things have really slowed down."

Biologists point to unseasonably warm weather in the northern United States. "We've had late migration patterns from all species," Armentrout said. "The eagles fit the trend."

Overall, Texas' population of wintering bald eagles is slowly and steadily growing, said Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist David Mabie, thanks to tighter federal controls on pesticides, hunters using non-toxic steel shot on the eagles' prey and landowner cooperation in protecting nests and roosts.

"It has been a matter of educating the public," Mabie said. "People are more sensitive to the environment in general, but particularly to bald eagles and other endangered species."

Tapping into this public interest, the TP&W has joined other state agencies in a cooperative study of bald eagles through the National Wildlife Federation. In January, TP&W biologist Catrina Martin will have civilian volunteers monitoring the birds at Lake Whitney, Buffalo

Lake Wildlife Management Area in the Panhandle and 15 other areas where the eagles congregate.

"We haven't been doing this but four years, so we don't have enough data to give any solid conclusions," Martin said. "But in time, we should be able to establish some long-term trends."

Already, one basic truth has surfaced: For the bald eagle, especially the juvenile bird, it's a jungle out there.

Almost every year, Texas authorities find a bald eagle that has died from eating a goose or duck that had ingested lead pellets from shotgun shells. Other hazards include urban development and the occasional joy-riding pilot in a light plane that buzzes the giant raptors off the roost. Then there is the trigger-happy outlaw, driven by some twisted sense of curiosity — who shoots a bald eagle — despite federal and state protection under the Endangered Species Act.

"I think people, usually youngsters, want to see one up close," said Mabie, "so rather than go to a zoo, they pull the trigger."

Fines for killing a bald eagle

could run as high as \$15,000 — plus another \$5,000 in civil restitution. TP&W game warden Capt. Harold Oates said it is prohibited to possess so much as a part of an eagle, be it a talon, a beak or a feather.

Twice last winter, citizens found wounded eagles in the Houston area and authorities took them to Last Chance Forever, a rehabilitation center for raptors in San Antonio. One eagle recovered and was released in January, the other still is rehabilitating.

A third was not so lucky. "We had at least one mortality that we know of," Martin said. "The carcass was so badly decomposed when we found it in Lake Buchanan, we could not determine the cause of death."

The bald eagle, like owls and other raptors, is vulnerable to crashing into or being electrocuted

by power lines, Martin said. Juvenile birds are the most frequent victims, she said.

But the chief dangers for bald eagles are chemical spills and sloppy oil-drilling practices, Armentrout said.

"But I think we're making progress," Mabie said. "The fact that some of the eagles we banded as chicks have returned to Texas as adults to build nests of their own shows us we're doing some things right."

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## Fear blocks police inquiry into gang rape of three girls

**DALLAS (AP)** — The three-month-old investigation of the gang rape of a 12-year-old girl and two teen-age companions has been hampered by gang-instilled fear, say Dallas police.

Reports of the Aug. 25 rape, allegedly by 20 gang members, were not in public files or discussed openly until Wednesday, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Sgt. Larry Lewis said leads in the case have been scarce, thwarting efforts to confirm the identity of even one of the rapists. The inability to develop leads in the case is an example of the fear that gangs can instill in communities and among their own members, detectives said.

Officers investigating the rape, which occurred in an East Dallas apartment, think the assailants belong to a large East Dallas gang whose members adhere to a code of silence. Outside the gang, those who may know about the case are apparently not talking because they fear retribution, Lewis said.

"We've had leads that normally would help break a case open. But here, they never go anywhere because we can't get people to confirm the information," Lewis said. "We're running into brick walls."

"People don't tell us why they are

scared, but you can sense it from the lack of cooperation."

The 12-year-old, 16-year-old and 17-year-old victims told police they had gone to an Oak Cliff club on the afternoon of Aug. 25. When they left, a teen-age boy known to the older two offered them all a ride. He then drove them to an apartment in the 4500 block of Columbia Avenue and left them with several other teens, according to police reports, saying they would be safe there. The teens at the apartment turned on a pornographic movie and at least 15 other boys and men, ages 16 to 20, arrived shortly after.

When the girls protested the movie, several men pulled out guns and dragged the 12-year-old into a bathroom.

All three girls said they were raped. The older two said they were also beaten, choked and held at gunpoint.

The girls escaped from the apartment after being left alone after 11 p.m. and flagged down a passing police cruiser. Detectives searched the apartment that night, but no one was there. Neighbors reported hearing noises but were not prompted to call the police, Senior Cpl. Gail Kansier.

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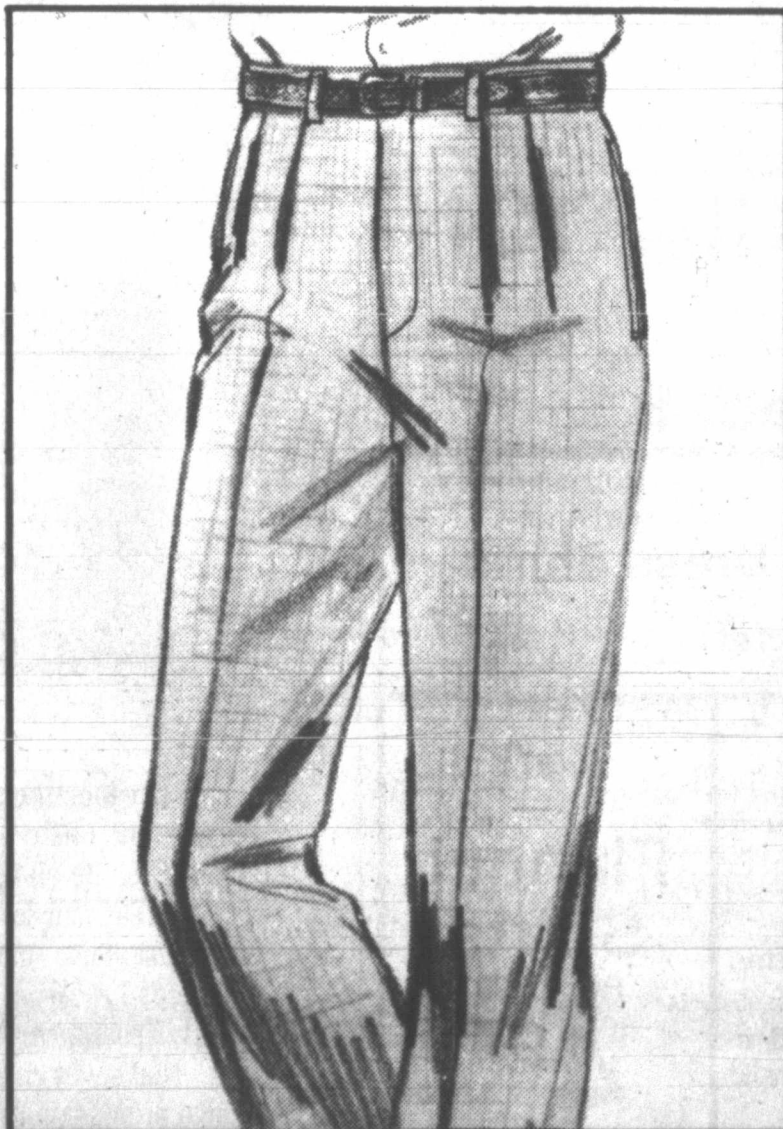


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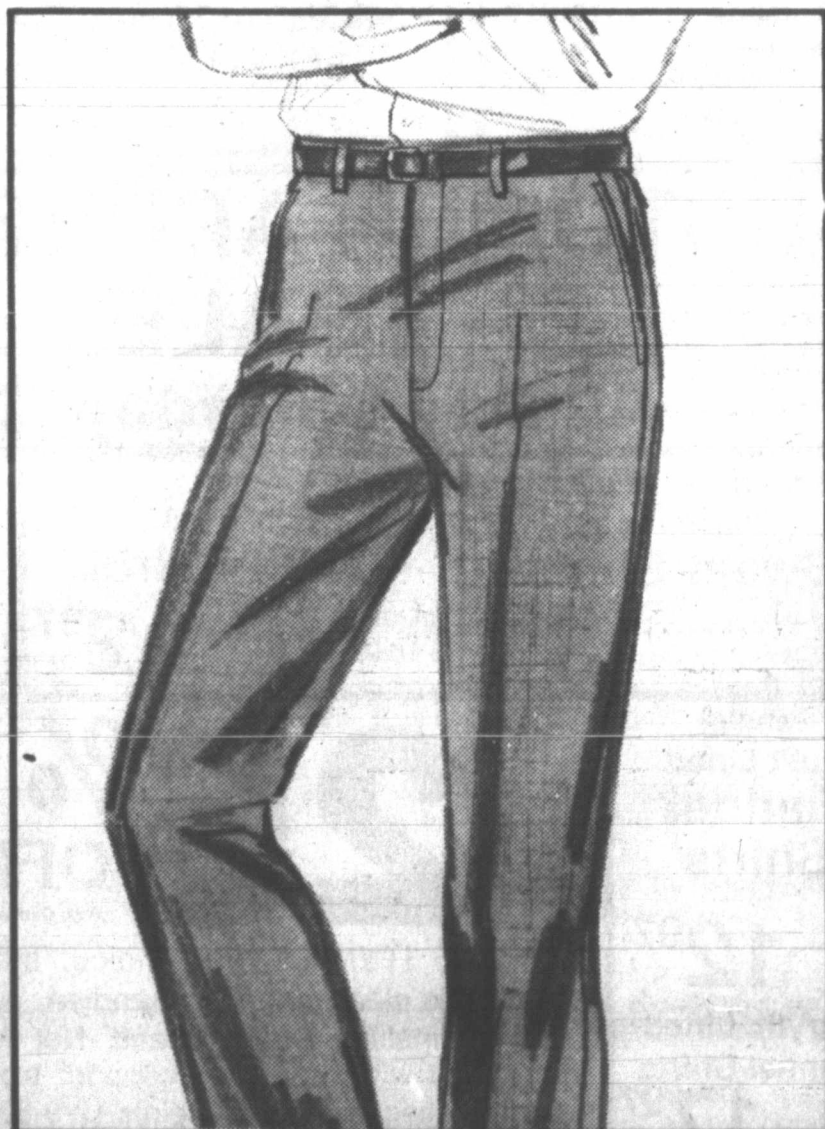


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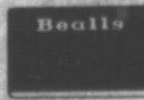
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# Lifestyles

## Cox's Classic Endeavor wins Reserve World Champion

By KAYLA PURSLEY  
Lifestyles Editor

Recognize these names: Sir Prince Plaudit (National Halter Champion in Canadian National Appaloosa Horse Show); Run for Blue (National Halter Champion and fourth nationally in reining, top 10 in World Finals in cutting, Show Horse of the Year in 1983); Doc's Prescription (World Champion Cutting Horse); Impressive Dandy (World Champion Quarter Horse); Jill Straw (twice World Champion Appaloosa); Classic Endeavor (Reserve World Champion Appaloosa, 1989)?

Ask Dr. Harbord Cox. He can tell you plenty about the world of appaloosa horses in particular and the horse business in general.

The Bar DK Ranch (pronounced de-cay - he's a dentist after all) is located west of Pampa on family land originally homesteaded by Cox's grandfather, N.A. Cobb. It was Grandfather Cobb who gave Cox his first experience with horses.

"I'd ride around with the water jug when I was young, thinking I was working," jokes Cox. The family moved to the ranch in 1972 and began their always interesting, sometimes tragic adventures in horse ranching.

Wife, Dolores, was agreeable to the move having been a trick rider herself in younger days and a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

"We tried the quarter horse business but became disillusioned," says Cox. "Then we saw an ad in the Dalhart paper for an appaloosa mare and colt."

That was the beginning of the appaloosa trail that have taken the Cox family from coast to coast, meeting and making new friends who share a love of animals and the razzle-dazzle of showmanship.

On the tragic side, in 1981 Cox lost 36 head of horses to poisoned feed from the manufacturer.

"It liked to wipe us out," comments Cox. "It did wipe us out of the 'show' business and we tried our hand at training cutting horses."

Classic Endeavor is Cox's current champion. Raised from a colt, Classic Endeavor's sire was Impressive Dandy, a World Champion Quarter Horse, and dam was Jill Straw, a two-time World Champion Appaloosa. He is currently standing in Desota, Tex. at the ranch of partner, Sam Nelson.

On July 3, Classic Endeavor won the National Championships in the two year old halter class and on Nov. 4 was awarded Reserve World Championship at the International Show in Fort Worth.

At one time Cox kept 50 to 60 horses but today keeps 10 mares and one gelding out on the ranch. "We breed only what we feel like we can sell," says Cox, adding "We sell them as soon as they are old enough to wean."

His office walls are filled with trophies, ribbons and photographs that can lead from one story to another. Not all the pictures represent horses currently owned by Cox.

"Even when a colt sells, cus-

tomers let you know they are happy by sending us pictures. It is almost more fun to see a horse you sold winning in the ring," says Cox.

Off the office to the east, through double glass doors, Cox has a small show ring for viewing a horse out of the wind and rain (more for the convenience of the wives, says Cox). There is also a

large indoor show ring to the south, stud barn with laboratory, show stalls and a place for training cutting horses and breaking horses. In an adobe style building to the east of the office is a barn for mares and new colts each with its own stall and private lot plus several open corrals.

Amid the scurry of a menagerie

of cats and kittens, this visitor viewed the horses, a little scraggly looking from putting on their winter coats, and listened to Cox identify each one as if it was a member of the family.

Love of the animals and a sense of accomplishment are worthy partners in the enterprises of Dr. Harbord Cox and the Bar DK Ranch.



Dr. Harbord Cox and wife, Dolores, stand with their appaloosa, Classic Endeavor, winner of Reserve World Champion, in the two year old division at the World Championships in Fort Worth in November.

## Money is the root of all argument between mother and daughter

DEAR ABBY: I am a single, 36-year-old woman who has never been married. My mother (retired) now lives with me.

I have worked full time, have supported myself and have lived alone since I was 18 years old.

Mom and I often have arguments over how much money I spend. She thinks I'm extravagant. I disagree. I have had to tell her politely to please stay out of my financial affairs, but she can't seem to stop meddling.

I try to avoid telling her how much my things cost, but she asks anyway, and I don't want to lie to her, so I tell the truth. Then the arguments begin.

How can I deal with this? And what would be your advice to people in my situation? I don't think I'm wrong. Or am I?

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DEAR MONEY FIGHTS: Even though you are a grown woman now and have done an exceptional job of becoming self-sufficient at a very early age, you are still a little girl to your mother. Unfortunately, she can't break the habit of criticizing you and telling you what's good for you.

When your mother is in a good mood, say, "Mom, let's talk. I love you very much and I don't like these arguments about how much I spend, so I think we should have some ground rules: Please don't ask me how much anything costs. I support myself, and what I spend is my own business."

"Since we seem unable to agree on what I can afford, let's keep the atmosphere peaceful and trouble-free by declaring that 'money talk' is out of bounds." Then give her a hug.

And if she forgets and asks you how much something costs, say, "Mom, remember - money talk is out of bounds."

DEAR ABBY: I am having a problem deciding what to do about a "mother's ring" I want to buy my mother for Christmas. She has four living children and a fifth child buried in Kentucky. Should I get a ring with four stones for each child who is living? Or should I get a ring with five stones to include the one she lost?

**PRISCILLA IN DETROIT**  
DEAR PRISCILLA: Buy the ring with five stones. Although your mother has only four living children, her fifth child will always live in her heart.

DEAR ABBY: Please lobby for children's toys to come with batteries included.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

ally rushing around to buy Christmas toys at the last minute before the store closes. I'm sure they would appreciate toys that came with batteries included.

I wonder why toy manufacturers don't wise up and market all their toys with batteries included.

**A GEORGIA GRANNY**  
DEAR GRANNY: I wondered, too, so I contacted Glen Bozarth, a spokesman for Mattel Toys Inc., who said that the shelf life of batteries must be considered. Some toys remain on the retailer's shelf for as long as two years, which is longer than the life of some batteries.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old mother of four beautiful, healthy children. After my last child was born, my husband and I had decided that two boys and two girls was an

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ideal family, so I had a tubal ligation to ensure that I would have no more children.

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So what's my problem? I just found out my husband went and got a vasectomy. If I got myself "fixed," why did he have to get himself fixed?

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# Economy for Texas or her neighbors shows little growth

By JOHN A. BOLT  
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Despite an expanding service industry and some hopeful signs in other sectors, the economy in Texas and parts of two neighboring states is showing little growth, according to a survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

"The services industry continues to grow strongly," the Dallas Fed said Wednesday in its summary of conditions in Texas, northern Louisiana and southern New Mexico.

"Service industry employment is growing significantly faster than overall employment. Business services firms, in particular, report strong sales growth. Of such firms, the highest rates of growth are being reported by computer and data processing services."

The survey was conducted prior

to Nov. 28 in preparation for the Dec. 18 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, the Federal Reserve Bank's monetary policy-setting arm. The views are based on information from non-Fed sources and are not necessarily the conclusions of the Fed itself.

Nationally, the so-called Beige Book said, "economic activity (is) stable to modestly expanding, though two (districts) note some recent softening."

The service sector is the only clearly bright spot in the bank's outlook.

"Sales patterns vary widely among district manufacturers, but on balance there has been a slight decline," the Fed says.

Demand for fabricated metals used in construction has dropped but energy-related demand has improved as the need for oilfield equipment improves.

The report also cautions that apparel manufacturer inventories have "crept up to undesired levels."

Retail sales were looking down until Christmas shopping kicked in after Thanksgiving and "some stores that concentrate in non-durables have reported that sales growth ... slightly exceeds national rates," the report says.

Car and truck sales also are down, "in large part as a backlash to September's heavy end-of-model-year purchases that stemmed from special incentive programs."

In other sectors, the report says: "Construction activity remains far below the levels of the mid-eighties, but there are tentative signs of expansion. Industry spokesmen are cautiously optimistic about the future, but they also express a great deal of uncertainty." "Although district oil and gas drilling activity is expanding, recent

growth only reflects seasonal patterns. After seasonal adjustment, drilling activity has shown little change. Leading indicators of drilling, including well permits and seismic crew count, also suggest little near-term expansion beyond nor-

mal seasonally based growth." The report says the outlook beyond 1990's first quarter is brighter because of confidence oil prices have stabilized plus applications of new drilling techniques.

"In agriculture, the principal

problem is low soil moisture. Conditions are particularly serious in South Texas and along the Gulf Coast. In Texas, drought damage this year is valued at \$1.5 billion, more than half of that in South Texas.

## Hundreds attend Spindletop hearing

BEAUMONT (AP) — A federal judge hopes to decide next month if hundreds of people will get a chance to try and prove they are entitled to a share of the famed Spindletop oil fortune.

About 400 people converged on the federal courthouse Wednesday, and most were members of the Humphries Heirs Trust Association — a Tennessee-based group of people who claim a relationship to Pelham Humphries.

Humphries, they say, acquired a tract of Spindletop land in 1835. He died later that year and had no children.

Descendants of Humphries' only known sibling, William, contend the land was never legally transferred to the oil companies, and so they are due all the oil, gas and other mineral rights from the legendary Spindletop gusher of 1901.

U.S. District Judge Howell Cobb heard arguments in a \$250 million lawsuit filed by the group but made no decision on whether to grant a request by the defendant oil companies for a summary judgment in their favor. Cobb said he hopes to make a ruling by the final week of January.

The suit originally was filed in federal court in Tennessee on behalf of the 300 to 500 members of the trust association, headed by Brown Perego. The judge there transferred the case to Texas in May.

Cobb on Wednesday refused a request by Max Wilson, attorney for the families, to transfer the case back to Tennessee, saying the case belongs in Beaumont, where the disputed land is located.

Several members of a rival group, the Pelham Humphries Heirs Association, also based in Tennessee, were at Wednesday's hearing.

During the two-hour hearing, Cobb repeatedly asked Wilson why the case should be tried again when at least 18 similar suits had been heard in state and federal court. Alleged heirs were unsuccessful each time.

"Please convince me why you

## Appeals court acquits La Feria police chief

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — An appeals court has acquitted John D. Bryson, former police chief of La Feria, of official oppression and reversed his official oppression conviction in another case.

In both cases, women accused Bryson of using his position to harass them sexually.

The 13th Court of Appeals in Corpus Christi ordered Bryson acquitted of an Oct. 1988 conviction in which 197th District Judge Darrell Hester in Brownsville found Bryson guilty of grabbing the buttocks of a female police officer. Hester had sentenced him to 90 days in jail, probated for a year.

The court last week ordered Bryson acquitted because it found that the police chief took advantage of his position as a superior officer, but not as a public official.

In the case of a woman who alleged that Bryson promised not to charge her with marijuana possession if she would have sex with him, the same appeals court last week reversed his official oppression conviction, due to improper jury arguments in the 107th District Court of Judge Gilberto Hinojosa in Brownsville.

The court found that the prosecutor's closing arguments with two references to Bryson's failure to testify in the November 1988 trial were inflammatory remarks that could not be cured by the judge's instruction that the jury disregard them.

Bryson had been fined \$1,000 and sentenced to a year in jail for the Class A misdemeanor.

are now entitled to litigate these same issues a 19th time," Cobb told Wilson.

Wilson said none of the current plaintiffs were parties to the lawsuits filed by earlier heirs. And, he said, he will raise new issues and present new evidence.

"And if they lose this case, is the next generation entitled to their day in court with a lawyer more ingenious than you?" Cobb asked.

Wilson said the case will finally be resolved for good if Cobb declares it a class-action case including all Humphries heirs.

"All they want is their day in court," Wilson said.

Perego and other members of the group said later they feel optimistic Cobb will rule in their favor and that they will win in the trial of the case.

"There is a lot of new evidence," Perego said.

Several members of the group said they are pursuing a dream they inherited from their parents, sometimes as children.

"I've heard about it all my life, since I was a kid," said Douglas Perego of Sarasota, Fla.

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# Newlywed octogenarians say it's love that really counts in marriage

By KEN CHAMBERS  
The Brazosport Facts

FREEPORT (AP) — No one could have rightfully accused the Rev. A. Gordon Johnson and Mary Thomas of rushing into matrimony uninformed.

Johnson, 82, and Mrs. Thomas, now Mrs. Johnson, 80, celebrated 109 years of wedding anniversaries before they married in the Velasco Baptist Church the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.

Johnson, a widower for almost a year, married his first wife, Lillie Mae, almost 61 years ago. Mary

Thomas was married to the late H.A. Thomas for almost 49 years. He died in 1982.

They are well acquainted, too. The newlyweds have known each other since Johnson moved to Freeport in 1945.

As former pastor of Velasco Baptist Church, Johnson serenaded her with sermons for 26 years and performed the wedding ceremonies for many of her daughters.

"I married most of her daughters, but I didn't know I would marry her," he said.

And their families and friends approve. Johnson's

son, A. Gail Johnson, served as best man in the ceremony. Johnny Glidden, Mary Johnson's grandson, escorted her down the aisle.

Her five daughters gave her away. Most of the regular members of Mary Johnson's Sunday school class at Velasco Baptist Church attended as bridesmaids. There were 12.

Johnson, now pastor emeritus at the church, was honored with 12 groomsmen. Many of them attend his Sunday school class.

There was plenty of excitement as well. Johnson's anticipation matched any young groom's.

"She said yes Sept. 3," he said. "I marked it on my calendar 82 days and then counted them off one at a time."

Mary Johnson looked for seven years before finding the right man.

"My husband told me to get married, but he didn't tell me who," she said.

But, with all of this going for them, the two wouldn't have married unless their hearts agreed.

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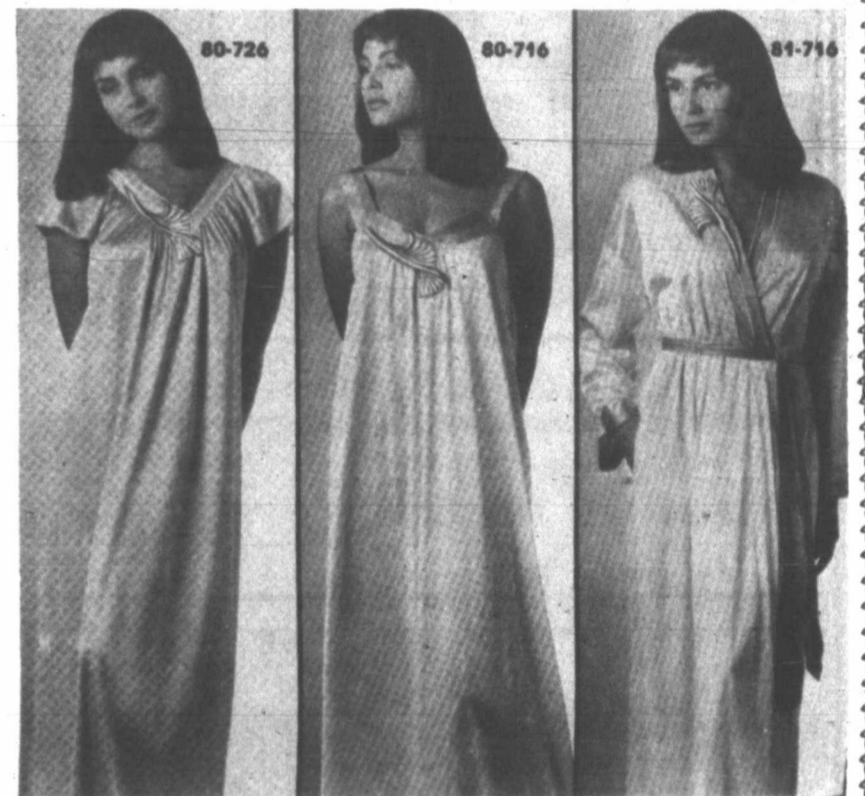
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- 1 Bi plus one
- 4 Funeral item
- 8 Mischievous sprite
- 12 Dawn goddess
- 13 Not sweet
- 14 In a sheltered place
- 15 Sample
- 17 Not outwardly
- 18 Sesame
- 19 Cues
- 21 Dutch commune
- 24 Noun suffix
- 25 Trap
- 29 Lively
- 33 Foxy
- 34 Gush
- 36 Dominate
- 37 Drinks
- 39 Unsophisticated
- 41 Mauna
- 42 Dentist's concern

**DOWN**

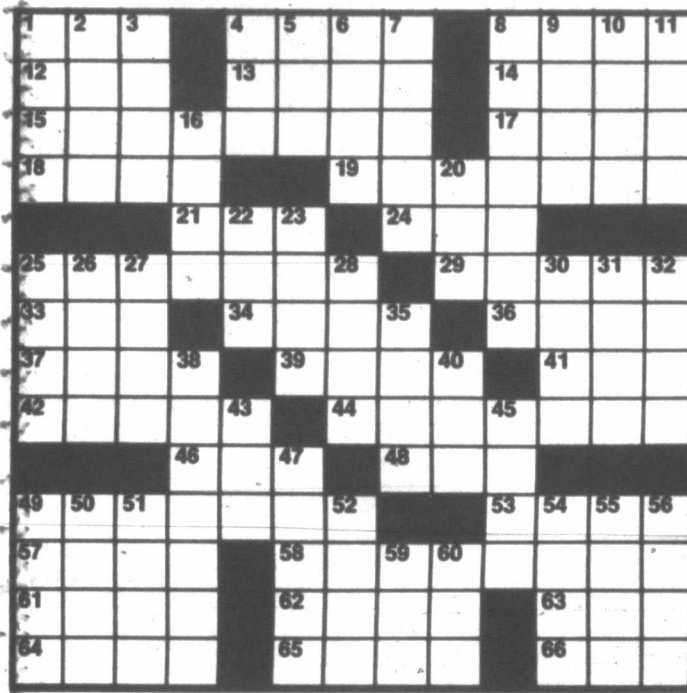
- 44 Supports
- 46 — de cologne
- 48 Pathetic
- 49 Keyboard artist
- 53 Demons
- 57 Military abbr.
- 58 Type of wind
- 61 Ballet movement
- 62 — Major (constellation)
- 63 Long time
- 64 Market
- 65 Type of fish
- 66 Change color of
- 1 Examine
- 2 Heavy string
- 3 Two words of under-standing
- 4 Greek letter
- 5 — Kippur
- 6 Regrets

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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TWIG TWIT JAG
WALE WARE ICE
ERIA EGAD BEL
EMERGES INERT
      BUD JOE
FREON NEUTRON
LYNX LOSS STE
OAT TIES EVOE
ENEMIES Gaped
      OLD JAR
FEINT NELSONS
OER TWAS HAUL
BRO OBIT OHNO
SON PALS TUNE
    
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- 7 Tennessee — Ford
- 8 Artist
- 9 Skeleton part
- 10 Prisoner's room
- 11 Door openers
- 16 Musical sign
- 20 Econ.
- 22 Skip on water
- 23 North Carolina college
- 25 Attention-getting sound
- 26 Tennis player — Nastase
- 27 Transcribe shorthand
- 28 Cookout
- 30 Drawer knob
- 31 Slog
- 32 Affirmations
- 35 Tears
- 38 Baseballer
- 39 Casey —
- 40 Housing agcy.
- 43 "Ball —"
- 45 Dog in Garfield
- 47 Consume totally (2 wds.)
- 49 Canine offspring
- 50 — of Wight
- 51 Dye
- 52 Biblical weed
- 54 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
- 55 Ruse
- 56 "Auld Lang"
- 59 Fast aircraft (abbr.)
- 60 Chinese philosophy



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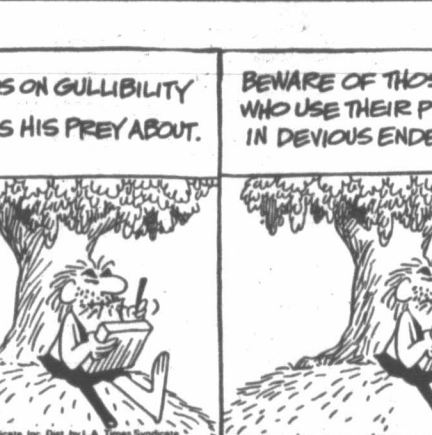
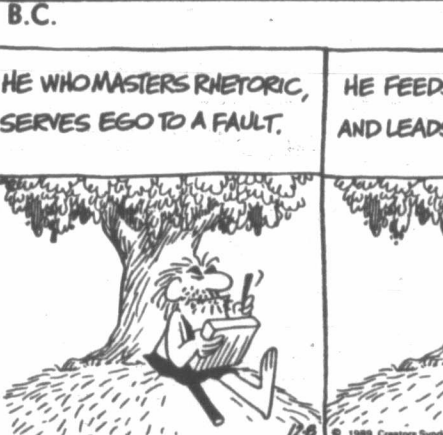
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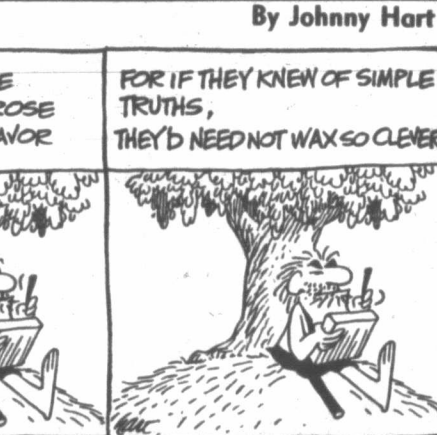
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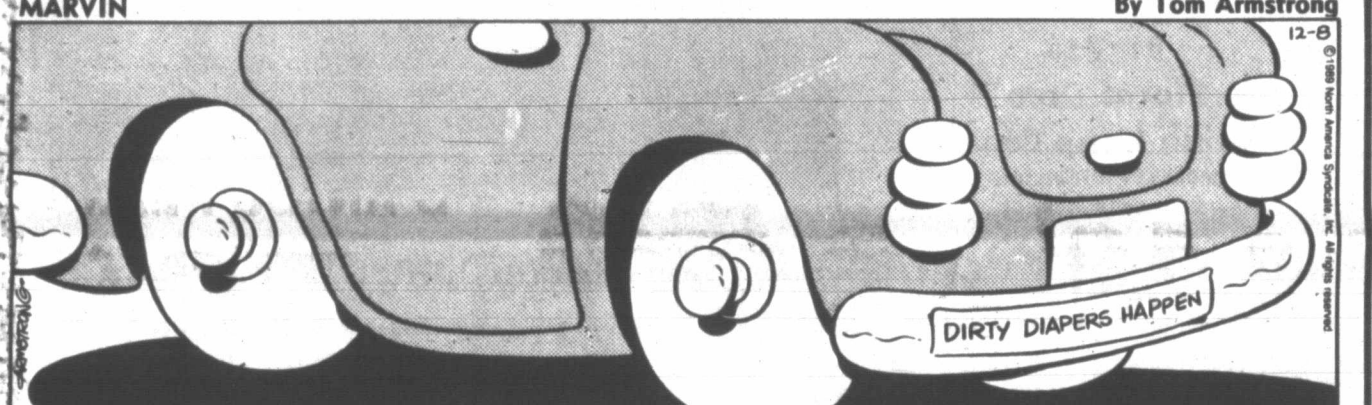
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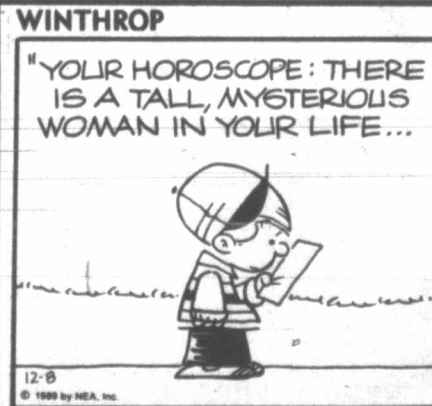
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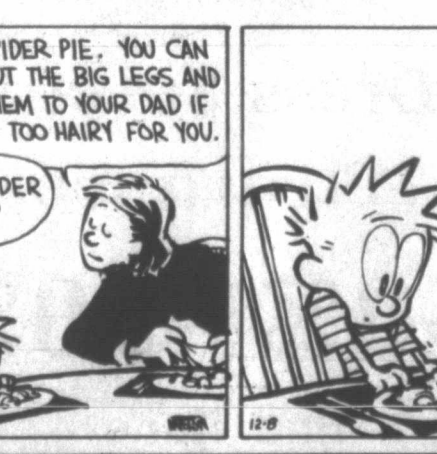
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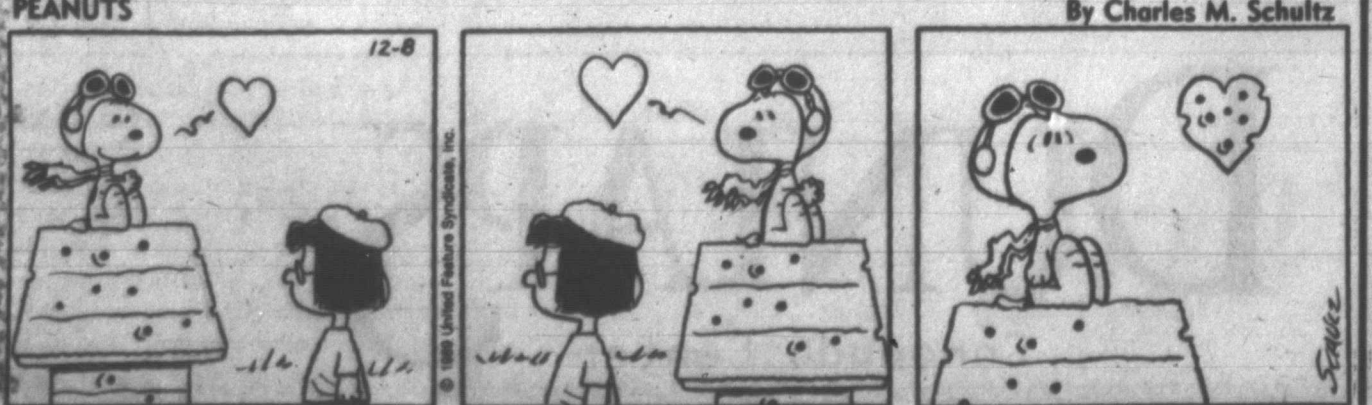
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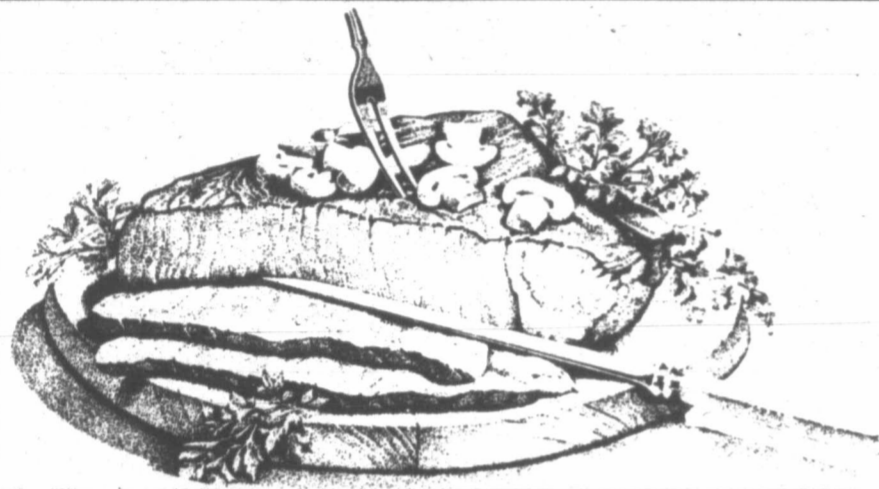
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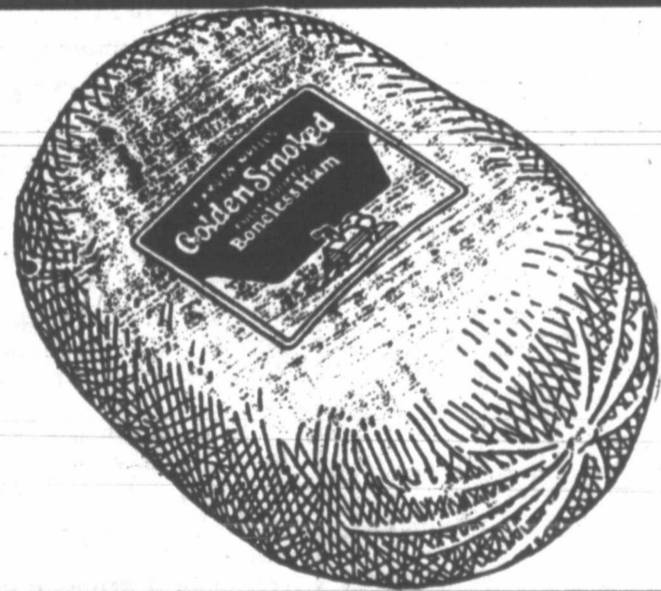
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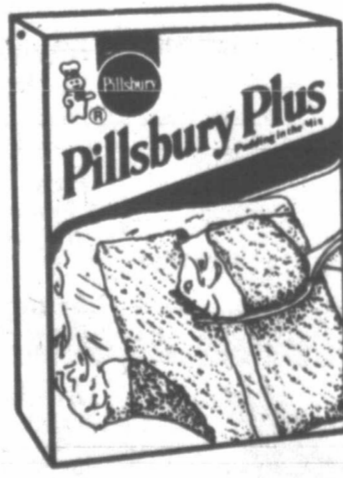
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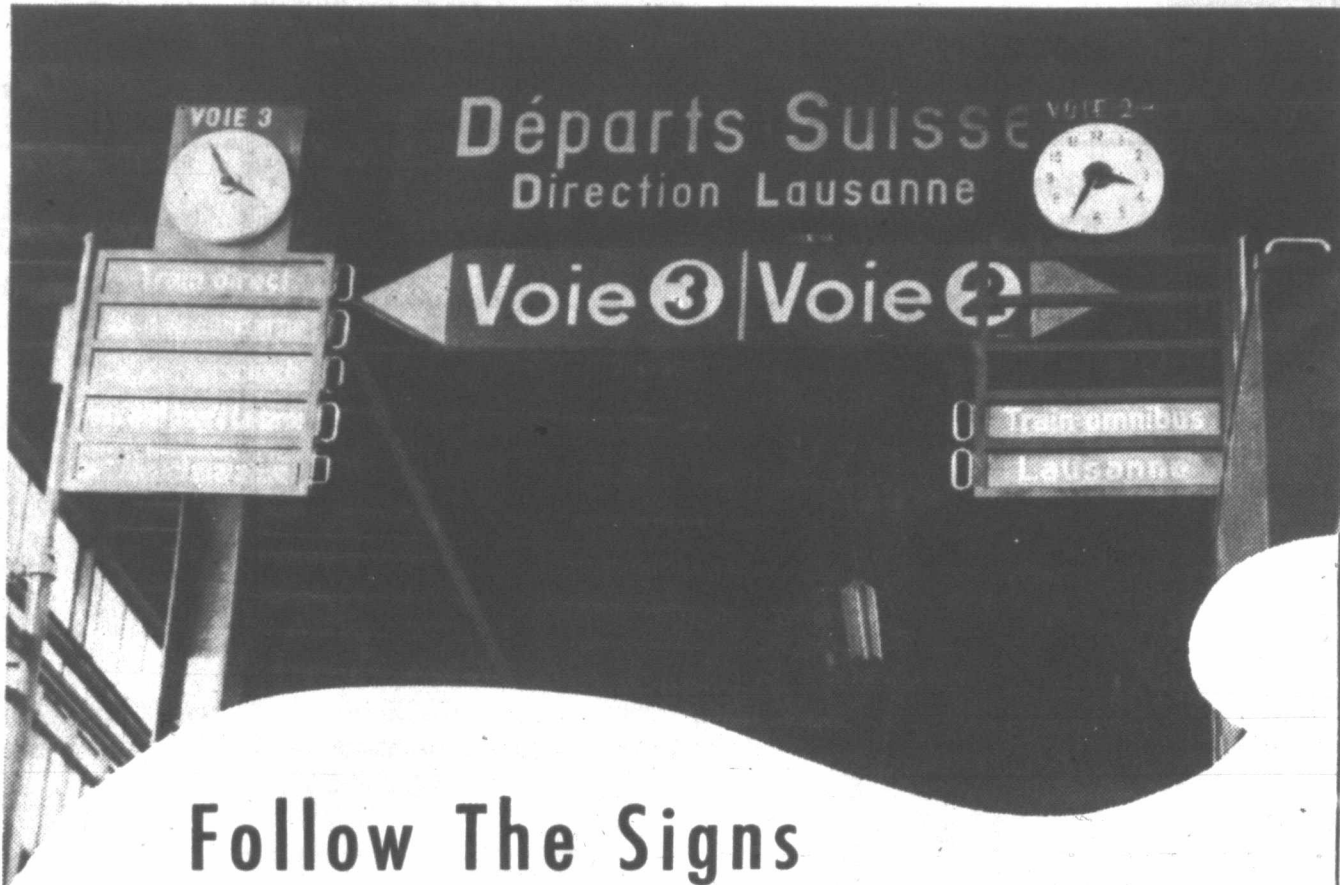


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## Bishop delivers holiday message

Bishop Robert A. Wood of the Pampa Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has sent out the following Christmas greeting to the community to share the feelings of love and peace church members feel toward Jesus Christ and towards people everywhere.

"At this holy season when the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is commemorated, we join with the people of Pampa in remembering the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the Savior of all mankind," Bishop Wood said.

"He is the only begotten son of the Father, born of Mary on the memorable night long ago. And we pray for the peace and love which he taught.

"For nearly 2,000 years Jesus Christ has inspired millions with the spirit that makes our hearts glow in love and friendship, prompting us to kind deeds," the bishop continued. "Love for God our Father, for Jesus Christ, and for people everywhere should be our Christmas theme for now and always.

"At this Christmas season we have the opportunity to renew the spirit of Christ within us by remembering not only his birth, but by remembering his sacrifice and resurrection through living the teachings of his mortal ministry.

"May we have love in our hearts and homes at this Christmas season and always, as we are filled with the spirit of peace and goodwill, the spirit of him whose birth we celebrate, our Lord Jesus Christ," Bishop Wood said.

## Briarwood Church choir to perform Christmas cantata

The Sanctuary Choir of Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, will be presenting its Christmas cantata, *We Come to Worship Him*, under the direction of Sharon Ward, at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Several old favorite Christmas carols such as "O Holy Night" and excerpts from *The Messiah* are included in the special music.

The title song, "We Come to Worship Him," will feature Gail Anderson as soloist.

Other choir members featured include Makell Flowers, Shirley Dawson and Sharon Ward.

Rev. Gene Allen, pastor, said the public is invited to attend this special Christmas season presentation.

## His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* (2 Peter 3:9 NIV)

In the woods where my mother lives is a huge, ancient blackjack tree which has been dying for years. Each year when the leaves came out in the spring, less of the tree would produce new green until finally only one or two branches showed any life at all.

The tree's branches start low to the ground, making it an ideal play tree for children. My uncle, who owns the surrounding land, built a tree house in the tree for his sons when they were little boys. The "house" was nothing more than a sturdy platform with ladder steps leading up to it nailed to the tree trunk, but the boys spent wonderful hours playing in it.

When they grew up and had children, their children picked up the playing where they left off. Because of the fond memories surrounding the old tree, my uncle has been reluctant to make firewood out of the dying tree.

Incredibly, this summer the tree resurrected! It produced a magnificent dome of dense foliage and stretched its shade to a previously unattained diameter of enormous proportions.

In every person, God sees an ideal soul in which to build himself a place. If we refuse to let him in to work, he loves us though we wither away.

Because God so loves us, he is unwilling to allow us to become kindling for eternal fire. Instead, he extends to us the breath of regeneration, Jesus Christ. By his grace we are resurrected to a newness and glory that stretches our souls to a previously unattainable potential of heavenly proportions.

(If you are seeking salvation, read John 3 in a New Testament. If you are in need of spiritual counseling, contact a clergyman of your choice.)

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# Religion

## Missionary couple to discuss Indonesia service

Tropical white sand beaches. Volcanic uplands shrouded in jungle. Pristine islands set in expansive ocean. Gracious and generous people quick to share their homes, tables and wits with guests.

Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Sulawesi, Irian Jaya, Bali. A travel agent's dream and an anthropological paradise—Indonesia.

This weekend, a clergy/missionary couple serving in this wondrous country will be speaking at the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. On home assignment until around Feb. 1, Reverends Jay and Kathleen Loshier are visiting some of their supporting churches.

The Loshiers will be speaking about their work in Indonesia at a covered-dish supper at 6 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray.

Jay Loshier will also be preaching at the 10:45 a.m. worship service Sunday. The public is invited to attend both of these events.

Jay Loshier, a graduate of Pampa schools, and his wife Kathleen were appointed in 1984 to the

Theological Faculty of Satya Wacana Christian University in Central Java. Jay's primary responsibilities involve teaching, guidance and administration in the area of church and society. Kathleen teaches in the newly developed Christian education program.

Indonesia is the world's largest predominantly Muslim country, with about 170 million inhabitants living in an archipelago of more than 13,000 islands along the equator.

Culturally, it includes approximately 300 different cultural/ethnic groups ranging from mainland Southeast Asian cultures (Malay and Chinese) to Polynesian and aboriginal Australian. About 87 percent of Indonesia's inhabitants profess Islam.

Christians represent about 10 percent of the population, but the Christian proportion is rapidly expanding. This expansion has stretched the limited resources of the churches, which has in turn resulted in a severe shortage of trained leadership, both lay and clergy, the Loshiers said.

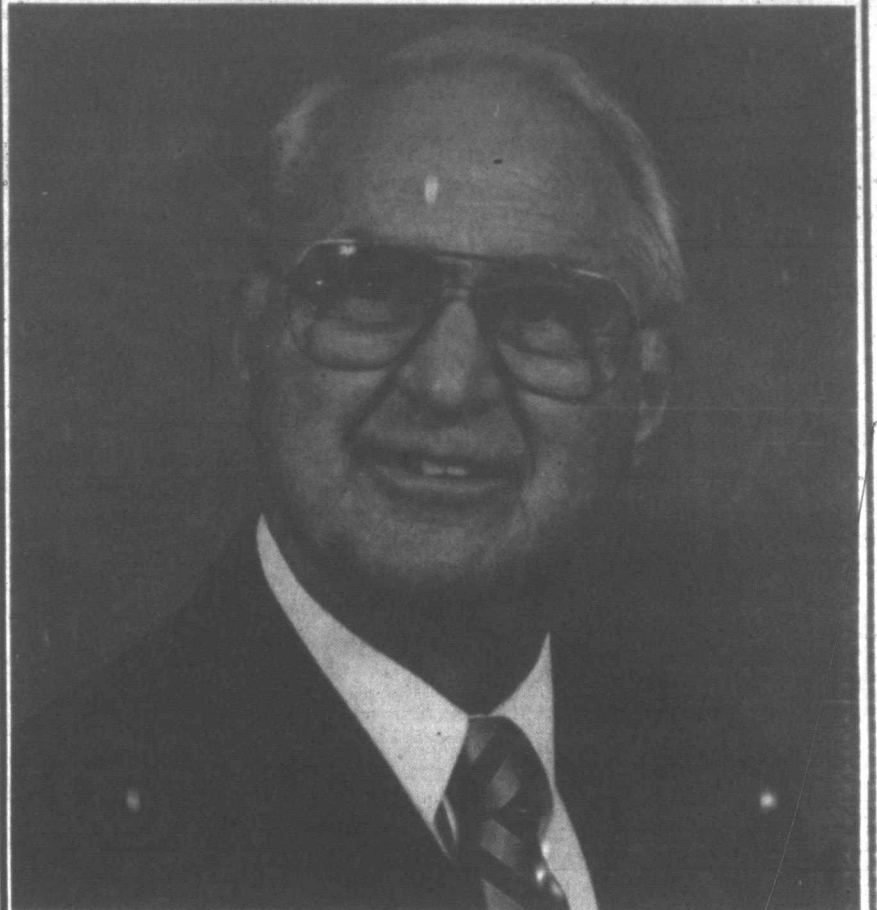
Satya Wacana is a private Christian university founded in 1956 by 14 Protestant denominations. Located in Salatiga, Central Java, at the base of the extinct volcano Mount Merbabu, Satya Wacana enjoys a cool, lush climate.

The name "Satya Wacana" means "faithful to the Word" and reflects the prime concern of the founders to create an educational institution conceived, built and continually guided by the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Founded first as a normal school to provide teachers of Christianity and other subjects, Satya Wacana now has more than 300 lecturers and enrolls more than 6,000 students in seven faculties, including education, law, economics, biology, agriculture, electrical engineering and theology, as well as a number of non-degree programs and a graduate school.

Theology is the smallest faculty, with seven lecturers and 168 students in preparation for the gospel ministry and another 100 students preparing to teach Christianity in Protestant public schools.

## Pastor to retire



Rev. and Mrs. John Denton will be honored at a retirement/reception Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd St. Rev. Denton has been in the ministry for 42 years and has been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa since October 1985. Other places of service include Anchorage, Alaska; Santa Clara, Calif.; Keeler Baptist Church in Borger; First Southern Baptist Church in Fritch; and First Baptist Church in Gruver. The Dentons have five married children and nine grandchildren. They plan to continue living in Pampa and serving temporarily wherever they have opportunity. The members of Calvary Baptist Church invite all of Rev. and Mrs. Denton's friends to attend this reception.

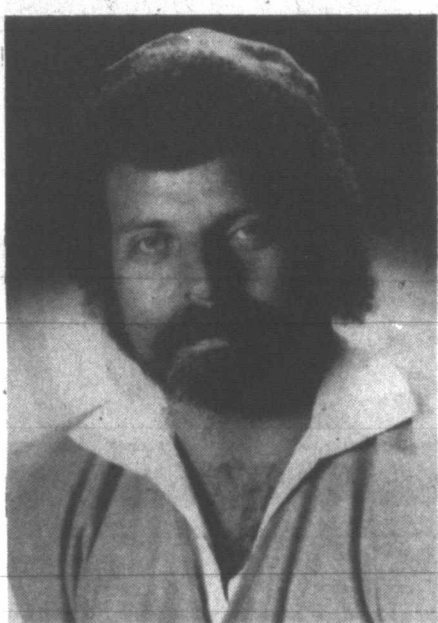
## 'A Time to Honor Israel' series scheduled

Ariel International and Spirit of Truth Ministries will be co-sponsoring "A Time to Honor Israel" Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 12-15.

Claude C. Hargis, director of Ariel International, will be speaking each evening at 7 p.m. sharing insights from God's Word concerning God's call, election, purposes and destiny for Israel and the Jewish people.

Wednesday through Friday, Hargis will be leading times of prayer and intercession at 10 a.m., teaching obedience to the scriptural command to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

At 2 p.m. he will be showing videotapes from the International



Claude C. Hargis

Christian Celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles and of the work of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

Brenda Zedlitz will lead praise and worship each evening. The worship times will be enhanced by dance solos by Marie McNutt and Dawn Cole and group dances choreographed by Ed Bengston of Amarillo.

Others who have traveled to Israel and the Soviet Union with Hargis will be sharing testimonies of their experiences in ministry to the Jewish people.

Hargis has visited Israel seven times since 1984, in addition to travel and ministry in over 30 nations of the world.

His extensive international travels, knowledge of Jewish culture and history, and years of in-depth study of the Bible have placed him in great demand as a seminar and conference speaker in the United States and Canada.

"A Time to Honor Israel" will be held at the Spirit of Truth Ministry Center, 407 W. Foster.

Pastors Mark and Brenda Zedlitz invite the public to attend the informative and inspirational times of teaching and ministry.

## Religion roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten farm and church organizations have joined together to help educate Americans about the importance of farm and trade policy to the Third World.

"We all need to make these vital connections between our food, farmers and trade policy," says program chairman Walter Grazer of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

"Education of our citizens is critical, so they can make informed decisions and join in the policy process."

The non-profit, Washington-based Trade and Development Program is funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The goals of the program include "maintaining U.S. family farmers and vital rural communities," which organizers said are important resources throughout the world.

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# Local officials try innovative tactics in national war on drugs

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — With cities large and small on the front lines in the war on drugs, the League of Cities has declared Dec. 3-9 as national "Fight Back Against Drugs Week." Local officials are trying innovative tactics in the struggle, but some "soldiers" question whether the nation has the resources and the resolve to win it.

By **ROBERT DVORCHAK**  
AP National Writer

In Yakima, Wash., klieg lights aimed at crack houses discourage nighttime drug deals. Havens for drugs are torched in El Dorado, Ark. Helmeted Philadelphians sabotage pushers with dusk-to-dawn street vigils.

America's cities are battlefields in a way far different than Bunker Hill or Bull Run. This enemy is drugs, and the weapons include community hotlines in Columbus, Ohio, newspaper coupons in Clinton, Iowa, and 1960s-style activism in Shreveport, La.

"It's a grassroots war," said Randy Arndt, spokesman for the national League of Cities. "Drugs is far and away the No. 1 issue for our cities, ahead of poverty, homelessness, affordable housing and trash disposal."

Images of war are beamed nightly by television into the nation's living rooms. Police commandos wear flak jackets to shield them from assault guns. The number of body bags rivals Beirut casualty lists. Killings erupt from gang wars in Los Angeles to the murder capital of Washington, D.C.

**'The front line is asked to supply the rear. It's like the Normandy invasion financing itself by holding a rummage sale.'**

President Bush, the commander-in-chief, formally declared war in September, saying drugs would be fought "block by block, child by child."

Soldiers in the fight applauded Bush's rallying cry but criticized the limit of federal dollars, which puts the burden on cities to pay for the combat.

"You can declare war all you want. We ain't got the ammunition," said Sheriff Doug Bair of Yakima County, Wash.

"The front line is asked to supply the rear. It's like the Normandy invasion financing itself by holding a rummage sale," said Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard, president of the League of Cities. "Is that any way to win a war?"

The League of Cities is pushing Dec. 3-9 as national "Fight Back Against Drugs Week" to give the war on drugs some momentum.

An underground army has formed of citizens who have had enough. But criminologist Lawrence Sherman of the University of Maryland cautions that fighting should be left to professionals.

"Rather than encouraging open combat, officials could ask citizens to keep their heads down. Not even Smokey the Bear wants us to rush into forest fires with a garden hose," Sherman said.

**'What we are doing is fighting a war. We have not gotten into the mindset of winning the war.'**

The number of bystanders shot and murdered in drug-related shootings has tripled in the last three years in New York, Los Angeles, Washington and Boston, Sherman said. From 1986 to '88, New York City had 128 bystander deaths, Los Angeles 105.

Police would like to see better national strategies, such as a national tipline to snitch on drug dealers and stiff fines to make the drug trade less profitable.

"What we are doing is fighting a war. We have not gotten into a mindset of winning the war," said Sevrin Sorensen of the National Association of Chiefs of Police.

In the meantime, the combat goes on.

Yakima, a city of 50,000 in Washington's apple country, has become a cocaine distribution point for the Northwest, police say. Drugs are smuggled in from Mexico by agents who blend in with migrant farm workers.

To make the drug trade conspicuous, police train four 500-watt lights on suspected drug dens. Their purpose is similar to air raid lights discouraging attacking warplanes, and police said they have reduced traffic 95 percent to the buildings since September.

"We want to create a strong sense of paranoia among dealers and users," said Police Chief Pleas Green said. "We're forcing people out of their comfort zone."

But an American Civil Liberties Union official in Seattle is unimpressed. "It sounds like a Holly-

wood approach to the war on drugs," Jerry Sheehan said.

The southern Arkansas city of El Dorado, population 26,000, condemned three suspected crack houses and set them on fire this spring.

"It was really interesting to see people in the neighborhood standing on the porches, cheering and applauding when the houses were burning," said Mayor Larry Combs.

In Inglewood, Calif., police have infiltrated suspected crack houses to run sting operations. When users come to buy drugs, they're busted.

**'Wearing white plastic helmets, residents hold all-night vigils to push dealers off street corners in Philadelphia.'**

In the past 15 months, Philadelphia has sealed 600 abandoned houses with cinder blocks and stucco to keep out dealers and their trade.

A network of community anti-drug groups has spread across Philadelphia in the past two years. Wearing white plastic helmets, residents hold all-night vigils to push dealers off street corners.

"We all have to get out there and roll our sleeves up. It's the worst crisis to hit America since Pearl Harbor," said Herman Wrice, a

Drexel University professor and community leader.

The country's heartland, too, has mobilized.

In Columbus, Ohio, police opened a hotline for residents to report crack activity in their neighborhoods. It averages about 65 calls a week from private citizens.

"Nothing will frighten the pushers so much as to know that apathy is officially dead in central Ohio, and we're on the march," Mayor Dana Rinehart said.

Community activists also joined the battle with a block watch program.

"The only way we're going to eliminate the drug problem is to pitch in and do some of the dirty work. The police can't be everywhere all the time," said Mark Goodman, a member of the Olde Towne East Neighborhood Association.

Baseball is an ally in Kansas City, Mo. Ewing Kaufman, the billionaire owner of the Kansas City Royals, pledged free college tuition to 500 students at one of the city's most neglected high schools if they stay off drugs.

Under the \$10 million experiment, the entire 9th and 10th grades at Westport High School will go to college if they pass random drug tests.

"You give them hope, you give

them opportunity, you show them that somebody cares about them, and they'll stand up to other people. They'll turn out good," Kaufman said.

The passions of war can even overwhelm anti-tax sentiments. Last month, voters in the Kansas City area approved a quarter-cent increase in the sales tax to raise \$98 million over the next seven years to fight the war.

**'The people are fighting back. They are sick and tired of being locked in their homes and intimidated by drug dealers.'**

"The people are fighting back," said Joe Serviss, treasurer of Citizens Against Drugs. "They are sick and tired of being locked in their homes and intimidated by drug dealers."

The black community of Cedar Grove in Shreveport, La., which was terrified by an all-night riot 14 months ago, has become the personal battleground of activist and former comedian Dick Gregory.

Gregory arrived in June in the northwestern Louisiana city of 200,000. He converted A.B. Palmer Park, once overrun by dope dealers, into a joyful, child-filled bunker. And he has recruited Coretta Scott

King, her son, Martin Luther King III, and dancer Ben Vereen for his fight.

"I'm here to protect my America and my children. I'm here for the same reason people go to war," Gregory said. "We want our neighborhoods back. We want people who'd be willing to die, but not willing to kill."

In the Iowa community of Clinton, police worked with the *Clinton Herald* to come up with a newspaper coupon so readers could anonymously list the names of anyone they suspect of using or selling drugs.

"I'm quite sure we're going to be able to achieve some arrests through this," said Police Chief Gene Bienen.

But Councilman John Rowland criticized the campaign as "a Big Brother syndrome." Said Rowland: "Apparently, it's drugs today. What is it next week, political subversives?"

Battlelines stretch from Phoenix, Ariz., to Phoenixville, Pa.

Authorities in Phoenix target casual users. Those busted can avoid jail by seeking treatment in rehabilitation centers at their own expense, which saves on prosecution costs.

Phoenixville, a Philadelphia suburb of 17,000 residents, hired its first undercover cop this year. Vince

Pacifico, a 25-year-old former prison guard, helped arrest 31 suspects.

New York City set up Tactical Narcotics Teams last year after a rookie police officer was killed guarding a witness in a drug case. TNT saturates a drug-plagued area for 30 to 90 days, arresting buyers and sellers to disrupt the drug trade.

**'This must be the longest war in history. It's going to be like the Thousand Year War.'**

In its first year, TNT made 7,000 arrests. But critics of the \$116 million, two-year program say dealers return when TNT moves on, not unlike search and destroy missions in Vietnam when territory was taken but the enemy crept back in.

Police are encouraged by their successes, but they concede the enemy is entrenched.

"This must be the longest war in history. It's going to be like the Thousand Year War," said Francis Hall, retired head of New York City's narcotics division.

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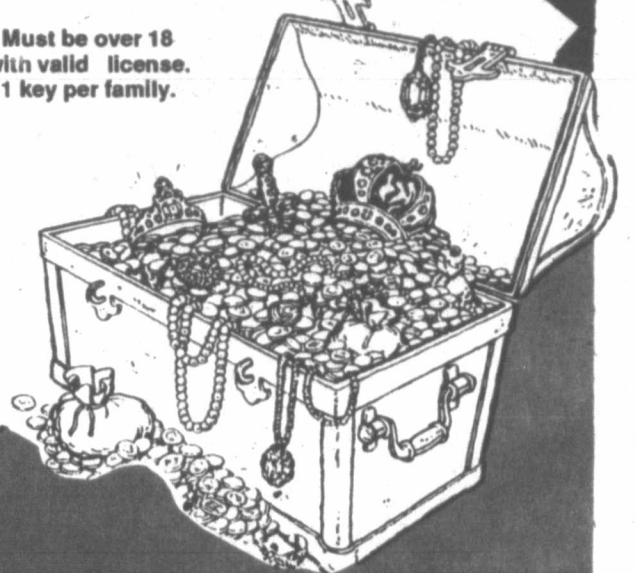
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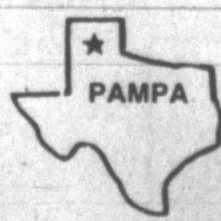
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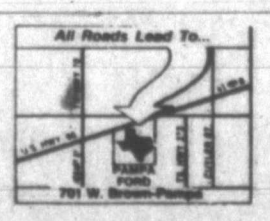
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# Accountant learns emus are 'geese' laying golden eggs

By ANTHONY WILSON  
Palestine Herald-Press

LOVELADY, Texas (AP) — Dusty Driskell and Mark Solomon are standing in the middle of Emu Plantation, admiring the modern-day, 6-foot "geese" that are laying the golden eggs.

Some of the 10 pairs of breeding emus on their ranch, they explain, are Adam and Eve, Bonnie and Clyde, Mickey and Minnie, and Dorothy and Toto.

"We also have a Pete and a Rose," Driskell deadpans. "We took a gamble on those birds."

Actually, these emu entrepreneurs say the once risky emu market has proved to be a sure thing.

Driskell, a tax consultant, and Solomon, a draftsman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, are expecting their fledgling business to gross \$200,000 to \$300,000 this year. Of course, that's before a breeding pair's \$150 annual bill for ostrich breeder feed is subtracted.

"Usually they return the investment after the first year and every year after that is gravy time," Driskell said.

Emus are flightless birds that are Australian cousins of the ostrich. The average emu weighs 125 to 150 pounds and lives to be 25 to 30 years old.

Although construction of an emu processing plant in the United States remains about two years away, a thriving market has developed between breeders.

The price for an emu chick begins at \$1,000 and increases as it matures. A full-grown bird can sell for up

to \$12,000.

"We're in awe half the time," Solomon said. "A guy hands you \$12,000 and you say, 'This can't be happening.'"

In countries overseas, emus are the sources for many products. Their hides produce leather for boots and clothing; the feathers are used for dusters, clothing and fishing lures; the toenails for jewelry; and the oil from a pad of fat on their backs for cosmetics and drugs.

Emu meat is lower in cholesterol and fat than turkey despite its red color. It is considered a delicacy and tastes "exactly like beef," Driskell said.

"They still haven't found anything for the bones or the manure," Solomon added about the bird's unused parts.

Solomon, who had no previous experience raising livestock, talked Driskell, whose experience with fowl was limited to a parakeet, into investing in a pair of birds last year after his original partner backed out at the last moment. They bought their first pair of emus, Bonnie and Clyde, in Virginia in October 1988.

"I was going to wait a year and kind of watch things," Driskell said. "I'm conservative — you know accounting people. I was still skeptical. The prices were high at the time because it was high-risk. Now they're high, but there's not much risk."

Since purchasing their first pair, Driskell and Solomon have spent about \$250 on long distance telephone calls each month and have traveled approximately 18,000 miles on weekends in search of emus.

They are a show-stopper everywhere they go, espe-

cially on the freeways. Driskell said motorists often pass them at outrageous speeds only to slow down to catch a glimpse of the birds.

"You can read their lips saying, 'Look at those ostriches,'" he said. "That's what I would say. I didn't know what an emu was until last summer."

The emus even have caught the attention of the long arm of the law. The two were pulled over one night while hauling some newly purchased emus by a Texas state trooper.

"We thought, 'Hey, we weren't doing anything wrong,' while we were scrambling for our seatbelts," Solomon said. "The guy takes us around behind the trailer and says, 'Y'all weren't doing anything wrong. I just wanted to see these birds. But since I got you stopped I have to write you a warning.' So he wrote us a warning for dim taillights."

Driskell and Solomon have three pairs of birds on an investment plan that entitles them to 50 percent of the hatch. Among those who have invested in the emus are a high school student and their banker.

"He kept seeing our bank account go up all year long," Driskell said.

The low, guttural drumming noise the female emus are beginning to make is a signal that they are entering their breeding season. During the winter months, females lay an egg every three days until they've laid 20 to 40 of the green, orange peel-textured eggs, which look like large avocados.

Driskell said they learned many hard lessons during their first hatch. Many of the eggs were lost because of

excess humidity in the incubator or because eggs were rotated incorrectly, twisting the chicks' necks, he said.

But the success of the 31 birds on the ranch and the tales of high profit margins are beginning to draw the attention of area cattle ranchers who once scoffed at the lanky fowl.

"It's something that had never been tried in Lovelady before, so it shouldn't be tried," Driskell said of local opinion. "We were flat out laughed at. Of course, that laughter now has turned into interest as far as people saying, 'Hey, how can I get some birds?' and, 'Why didn't you tell us about it?' We say, 'We did and you laughed.'"

"Ranchers are curious. They're wondering what's about to take over their cattle. But there will always be a place for cattle and for these, too."

As a pickup pulls through the front gate of Emu Plantation, Solomon explains that he and Driskell frequently receive visitors who are curious about their operation.

"People drive up and say, 'Is this the emu farm?'" Solomon said. "We think, 'How did y'all find this place?'"

The visitors are Brady Shaw, a longtime area cattle rancher, and his wife, Margie. The Shaws, like most, came to gawk at the geeky-looking birds.

"You sure got some big chickens," Shaw said as he exited his truck. "Do they eat hay?"

Mrs. Shaw added, "We heard a lot of good things about these. I told my husband to get out of the cattle business and buy some of these. I think it's wonderful."

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