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PAMPA -- City of Pampa offices will be closed today and Friday. Banks in Pampa will be closed Friday. All departments of *The Pampa News* will be closed Friday and Saturday for Christmas. The Pampa post office will close at 4 p.m. Friday.

PAMPA -- A Pampa man will be able to video tape Harvester games now thanks to the Pampa High All Sports Booster Club.

Howard Adamson won the club's drawing for a camcorder, video cassette recorder, tripod and carrying case, according to Don Whitney, booster club president.

Adamson was in High Plains Baptist Hospital for back surgery when Whitney notified him. "His wife said he almost hurt his back again because she was jumping up and down telling him he'd won," Whitney laughed.

The drawing for the camcorder outfit was the booster club's annual fund raising event. Last year, Whitney said, the club gave away a 60-inch television set.

PAMPA -- Susan Nabors is \$100 richer today after winning a gift certificate from Pampa Pawn Shop to celebrate the store's fifth anniversary.

"We had 1,428 entries," said shop owner Ted Dickman. The drawing this week culminated the three week registration period, he said, for the \$100 gift certificate.

WASHINGTON (AP) -- For President Clinton, the year has been filled with many ups and downs. But the lowest moment, he says, was when 18 U.S. troops were killed in a battle in Somalia.

Clinton said in an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press and other news organizations that he doesn't feel jinxed just because his successes often have been followed by disappointments.

"Nothing ever goes right forever in anybody's life; nothing ever goes wrong forever in anybody's life," he said.

VERSAILLES, France (AP) -- Israel and Palestinians negotiators reportedly made headway in talks today, but apparently failed to resolve disputes holding up an Israeli withdrawal from parts of the occupied territories. Negotiations have been stalled by disagreements over border checkpoints in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank region around Jericho, the two territories in which Palestinians will receive autonomy under the Israel-PLO peace accord. The two sides have also disagreed over the size of the Jericho region. Israeli soldiers were to begin pulling out Dec. 13 but the withdrawal has since been put on hold.

CHICAGO (AP) -- United Airlines' 60,000 U.S. employees stand to gain control of the company in return for six years of wage and benefit concessions under a deal approved by its board of directors. If endorsed by United pilots and Machinists and by shareholders of UAL Corp., United's parent, the deal would create the largest employee-owned company in the nation. Approval could take at least four months.

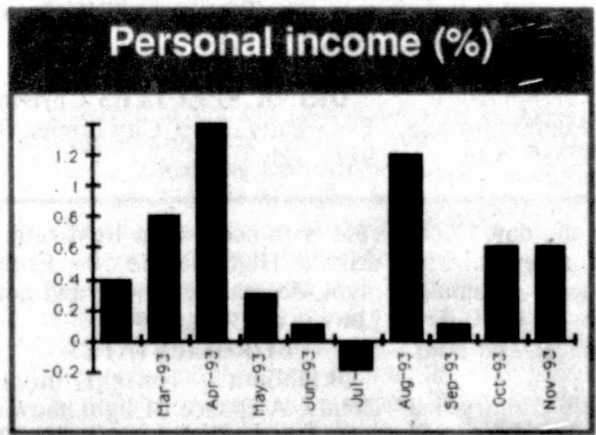
WASHINGTON (AP) -- Acting on an employee's accusation, the National Labor Relations Board suspended its chief spokesman for three days without pay last September for doing private business on government time. But then the \$86,000-a-year executive got a pay raise and the whistleblower got fired.

Two weeks after his suspension, David Parker received a \$1,300 pay hike, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press. Board officials said the timing of the two events was coincidental.

FORT WORTH (AP) -- It has all the makings of a true American rags-to-riches story.

Steven Spielberg has tapped Brandon "Bug" Hall and Gemini Cea Barnett, to play Alfalfa and Porky in his new movie, "Little Rascals," based on the popular 1930s kids' group. Bug, 8, and Gemini, 3, will fly to Los Angeles Monday and begin filming Jan. 11.

"It's so strange," the boys' elated mother said. "I know that this is happening; I just can't imagine what I'm heading for because we've never been there."



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Pampa prison may gain another expansion

DALLAS (AP) -- Hoping to defuse tensions in overflowing jails, state leaders have devised a plan that could add 15,000 beds to the prison system within nine months, *The Dallas Morning News* reports today.

Legislative and criminal justice leaders drafted the plan in private meetings called over the last several weeks to find a way to relieve counties of the backlog of almost 28,000 state inmates.

Six major disturbances have erupted since October, the most recent being Monday night's riot by 300 state inmates in Webb County. A resulting fire destroyed most of the jail.

"Webb County was certainly a warning shot, a serious warning shot," state Sen. John Montford, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, told *The News*.

In addition to fueling tensions, the backlog is expensive.

The state is under court order to reimburse counties for housing its inmates, a tab the Texas Commission on Jail Standards estimates at more than \$18 million.

Montford, D-Lubbock, and other key senators, House members, the governor's staff and criminal justice leaders who have been meeting said they believe that new prisons for 10,000 to 15,000 inmates can be added to penitentiary compounds. Under the tentative

plan, new units would be added within the security perimeters of state prisons. Each of the 16 state prisons that hold 1,000 inmates could be expanded by as many as 300 inmates. Each of the 10 prison units with 2,250 inmates could be increased by as many as 600 prisoners. The state has other prison units, but they are not being targeted for expansion.

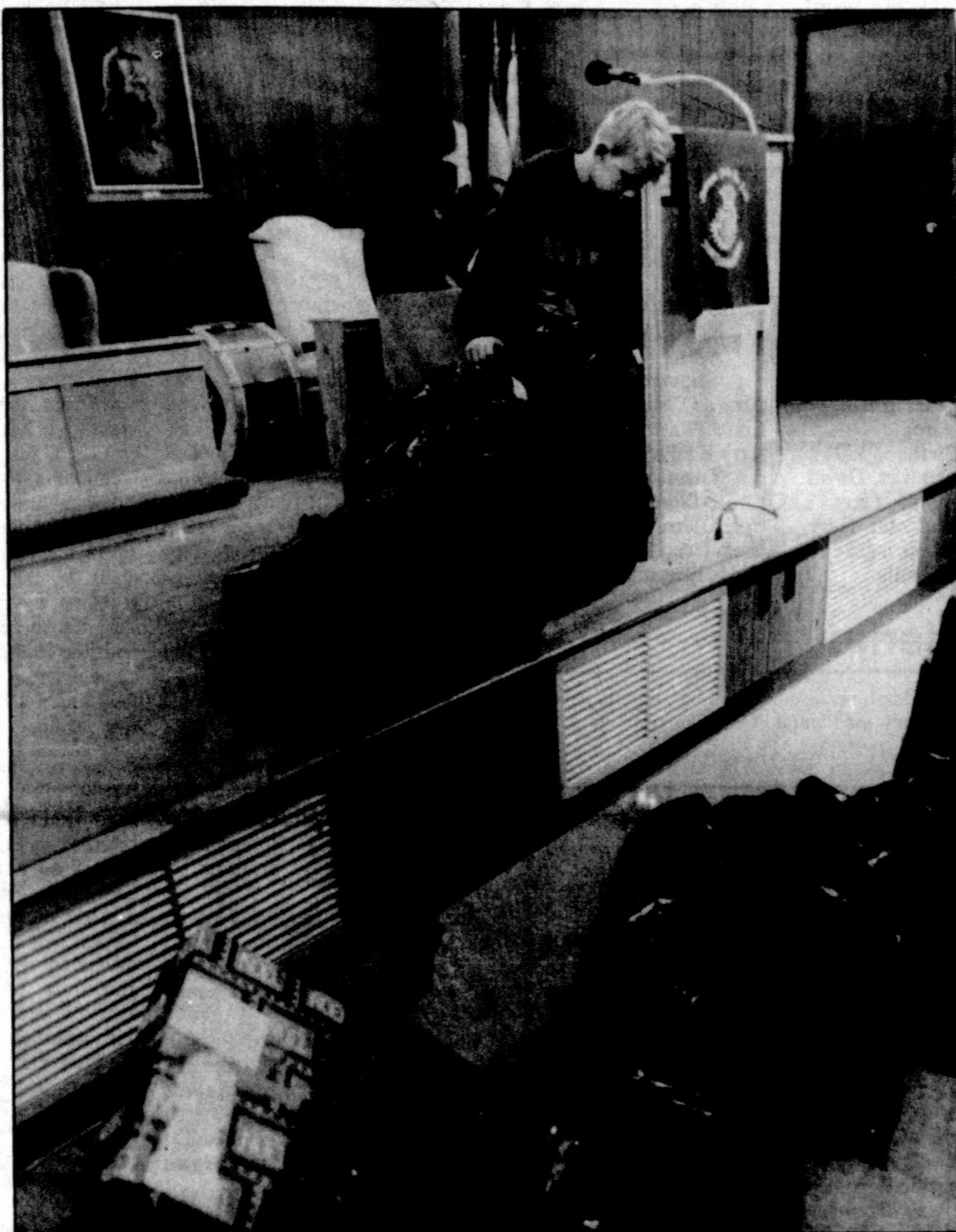
About 3,000 more slots could be opened by using tents or other housing for boot camps

and trusty quarters.

"I think those numbers are realistic," said James "Andy" Collins, executive director of the prison system.

The added-on units would be built dormitory style and could use existing laundry, kitchen and medical services. The usual time constraints in site selection and preparation would be alleviated, expediting prison construction, which usually takes more than a year.

Helping with Christmas in Pampa...



Salvation Army volunteer B.J. Schuneman, 11, searches through the rows of presents and food baskets in the organization's chapel matching children with gifts from the Angel Tree. "B.J. has been working hard all week," said the Salvation Army's Pampa commander Lt. Anna Mitchell. (Pampa News photo)

Salvation Army works for Christmas dinners

The Salvation Army will open its regular hours today for those who failed to sign up for their Christmas program.

"We'll be taking care of the last minute stuff," said Lt. Anna Mitchell, commanding officer of the Pampa Salvation Army organization. "We'll be using food out of our food pantry to see if we can help people have a Christmas dinner."

Mitchell said she plans on being open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today with an hour, from noon to 1 p.m., off for lunch.

Wednesday, Mitchell and her staff and volunteers distributed food baskets and presents to more than 230 families, including about 450 children. As of late Wednesday afternoon, Mitchell said most of the gifts through the Angel Tree program had been brought to the Salvation Army's chapel for delivery.

"About 80 to 90 percent of the gifts have been turned in and are getting to the families," she said. "They are mostly clothes, brand new clothes."

"That's the good part about this year," said Maggie Ivey. "Almost all the Angel Tree gifts have been given out. In years past, we've had a few Angel Tree gifts sitting here on Christmas Eve day. It was sad knowing those kids wouldn't get their gifts."

The distribution of food and gifts from the Salvation Army is based on a family's income, expenses and number of people living in the house, Mitchell said.

"We have some families with six or seven kids," she said.

One of the families this year included a woman who had taken in her nieces and nephews after the death of their father, her brother, just a few weeks ago.

"We have families where the father has just lost his job," she said. "Single parent families. You name it, and we've seen it this year."

Although the number of applicants for the Sal-

vation Army's Christmas distribution program has remained fairly constant, many of the faces have changed.

"We've had people that used to be on the giving end that are on the receiving end this year," Mitchell said.

Although appointments for the distribution of food and presents was scheduled for Wednesday, Mitchell said they would continue through today. The chapel Wednesday morning was lined with bags of food and gifts. Volunteers spent two days stuffing food baskets with corn, green beans, cake mix, frosting, stuffing mix, sugar, milk, bread, chicken, apples and oranges.

"We couldn't start until Monday morning," Mitchell said, "because we had church in here Sunday evening."

Although distribution was supposed to start at 9 a.m. Wednesday, it was about 45 minutes late because of a problem with the group's truck.

"It's not terminal," Mitchell said of the truck. "It will survive."

Mitchell also suffered a sprained ankle Tuesday when she missed a step carrying in a load of oranges, but Wednesday afternoon found her checking off food baskets with her foot elevated on a nearby chair.

"The good news is that no one was completely turned down this year," Mitchell said. "We may have referred them to another agency or they may not have gotten everything they wanted or needed, but they weren't completely turned down."

Mitchell said they work with other agencies including churches and Toys for Tots to avoid duplication and to make sure that as many are helped as possible.

The money for the Christmas program comes through donations, she explained.

"All the money that is brought in through our mail appeal and through the kettles goes for this and our winter relief program along with the canned goods the schools collect," Mitchell said.

Michael Jackson makes TV appeal

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- In a setting as controlled as a hyperbaric chamber, Michael Jackson defended himself against child-molestation allegations during an extraordinary TV broadcast that afforded no opportunity for questions.

"Don't treat me like a criminal, because I am innocent," he pleaded Wednesday in a live message carried by satellite worldwide, an opportunity usually reserved for heads of state.

Jackson's lawyer said the 35-year-old superstar "looked the American people in the eye" with the personal appeal direct from his Neverland ranch.

CNN carried the four-minute broadcast live. The ABC, CBS and NBC networks broadcast excerpts later but made the statement available live to affiliates.

During the broadcast, he told of being subjected to a body search by investigators.

"They served a search warrant on me which allowed them to view and photograph my body, including my penis, my buttocks, my lower torso, thighs and any other areas that they wanted," he said in a quavering voice.

He called it "the most humiliating ordeal of my life."

The 13-year-old boy suing Jackson for alleged molestation

gave police a detailed description of the entertainer's private parts, which could be crucial to verifying the boy's claims, sources have told *The Associated Press*. Earlier this year, Jackson said he has vitiligo, a skin condition that causes blotches.

Jackson is also under criminal investigation. No charges have been filed.

"There have been many disgusting statements made recently concerning allegations of improper conduct on my part. These statements about me are totally false," he declared.

Facing the camera, his child-like voice rising in anger, Jackson condemned the coverage he has received. "At every opportunity," he said, "the media has dissected and manipulated these allegations to reach their own conclusions."

It was Jackson's most forceful response since he was accused four months ago of molesting the teen-ager over a five-month period earlier this year.

The singer has been in seclusion since returning to Southern California on Dec. 10, four weeks after announcing via audio tape that he was abandoning his "Dangerous" world concert tour because of an addiction to painkillers.

"It was important to even the playing field," Jackson attorney Howard Weitzman said on CNN. "It's just been unfair to Michael."

Military commanders given guidelines to homosexual policy

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Military patrons of gay bars and paraders for gay rights are safe, but hand-holders are still liable to get drummed out of the service under new Pentagon regulations.

The rules sent to field commanders Wednesday seek to guide them through the intricacies of the new policy of "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" that prohibits homosexual conduct but ends discharges based merely on a person's sexual orientation.

President Clinton was battered early in his administration by his attempt to lift the ban, and the policy that has emerged reflects the resistance of Congress and the military to permitting openly gay men and

women to serve. It also leaves unresolved several lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the ban, and the question of whether the "don't ask" concept can work in a military traditionally hostile to gays and lesbians.

"If they simply put into effect a policy that punishes service members for declaring that they are gay or lesbian, such a policy cannot withstand constitutional scrutiny," said Lanny Breuer, attorney for Sgt. Justin Elzie, a Marine at Camp Lejeune, N.C., who is suing the Pentagon for trying to discharge him because he announced he is gay.

"We fully expect that there will be lawsuits on this," Defense Secretary Les Aspin said in announcing the regulations.

A Christmas story on Cuyler Street



Faith Christian Center, 118 N. Cuyler, took advantage of its store front windows this week to display a living Nativity scene. From left are Kendra Hart, lamb; Todd James, shepherd; Katrina Hart, Mary; Nicole Hart, Jesus; Ed Barker, Joseph; and Thomas Hart, Jeremy Lyman, and Ken Lyman as wise men. (Pampa News photo)

Only two shopping days until Christmas!!

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CASLER, Edna O. — 10 a.m., Church of God Holiness, May, Okla.
HUTSON, Doris — 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

EDNA O. CASLER
 MAY, Okla. — Edna O. Casler, 85, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Church of God Holiness at May, with the Rev. Nathan Bryant officiating. Burial will be in the May Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Billings Funeral Home.

Mrs. Casler was born on her parent's homestead in Ellis County, Okla. She attended Luther Hill School. In 1925, she married Lawrence Wilburn Casler in Canadian. They made their home in May while farming and raising cattle south of May until their retirement in 1972. Her husband died in 1989.

Mrs. Casler joined her daughter in Texhoma in 1989 and moved to the Coldwater Manor Nursing Home in Stratford in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Delores Jean Hensley of Texhoma; a sister, Verda Hart of Modesto, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Church of God Holiness in May or to the First Christian Church in Texhoma.

DORIS HUTSON

CANADIAN — Doris Hutson, 74, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993. Rosary will be at 8 p.m. today in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Monsignor B.A. Erpen of Tulsa, the Rev. Brendan Sherry of Amarillo and the Rev. James McGhee, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Cemetery by Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hutson was born in Grove, Okla., and graduated from Phillips High School. She married Troy Hutson in 1939 in Borger. They moved to Canadian from Borger in 1969. She was a homemaker and member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Linda Green of Denver and Debbie Snider of Wichita, Kan.; a son, Mark Hutson of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22

9:37 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a fire on a telephone pole at 629 Jorden.
 11:26 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 1320 Duncan.

Emergency numbers

Emergas.....665-5777
 SPS.....669-7432
 Water.....669-5830

Court report

COUNTY COURT

Criminal

James Robert Hausen pleaded no contest to a charge of possession of marijuana. He was assessed a \$200 fine and 10 days in county jail.

An order was entered allowing Floyd Milton Baxter Jr. to have restricted driving privileges in his occupation or trade.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against R.A. Seeley Jr. because restitution was made and court costs paid.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Lisa Whitehead because restitution was made and court costs paid.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Andrea Ellis because restitution was made and court costs paid.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Judith Rheume Johnson because restitution was made and court costs paid.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Carl Patrick Turk because restitution was made and court costs paid.

An order was entered finding Thomas Brown not guilty.

Suzan Reed Allsup pleaded no contest to a charge of driving while intoxicated. She was assessed a \$300 fine, two years probation and court costs of \$210.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of speeding (appeal from Justice of the Peace #2) against Christopher Alan Stokes because the charge was used to determine punishment in another case.

Christopher Alan Stokes pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of failure to appear. He was assessed one month deferred adjudication probation, \$70 fine and \$115 court costs.

An order was entered revoking the probation and ordering the arrest of Donna Lynn Minyard because she failed to report to the probation department, failed to report on time, is delinquent on court costs, fine and probation fees.

An order was entered revoking the probation and ordering the arrest of William Bradford Houck because he failed to report and is delinquent on court costs, fine and probation fees.

An order was entered to revoke the probation and order the arrest of Cecil Ray Collum because he was arrested for public intoxication, consumed alcoholic beverage, failed to report to the probation department, left Gray County without permission and is delinquent on court costs, fine and probation fees.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22

The Borger Police Department requested an outside agency report.

Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart, reported a forgery.
 Dora Elva Lemons, 1031 N. Sumner, reported criminal mischief.

Arrest

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22

Adam Shea Maul, 17, Rt. 1 Box 205, was arrested at the intersection of 22nd Avenue and Russell Street on two outstanding warrants. He was later released from custody after paying the fine.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22

M.P. Lewis, J.B. Bowers lease #5, reported criminal mischief.

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported someone unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22

Phillip Daniel Littrell, 23, 106 S. Sumner, was arrested on a violation of probation.

David Lee Helms, 34, 2111 Lea, was arrested on a charge of domestic violence.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Pampa
 Blas Martinez Arzola
 Jessie Newberry
 Denise Janell Parks
 Dovie Lou Rasco
 John S. Snuggs
 Mildred B. Lafferty (extended care)

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. David Carter of Pampa, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parks of Pampa, a girl.

Dismissals

Pampa

Kathleen Ann Bradford and baby girl

Clyde Leland Davis
 Mildred B. Lafferty

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Shamrock
 Aimee O'Neal
 Lisa J. Watson
 Jerry Keelin

Dismissals

Shamrock
 Cole Oldham
 Viola Hungate
 Carrie Edwards

Accidents

Due to the Christmas holiday, accident reports were not available from the Pampa Police Department.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.
 Wheat.....3.76
 Milo.....4.92
 Corn.....5.37
 Due to the Christmas holiday, the stock market report from Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa was not available.

An order was entered revoking the probation and ordering the arrest of Ramond Armendariz Romero because he failed to report to the probation department and is delinquent on court costs, fine and probation fees.

An order was entered discharging Danny Greg Tucker from misdemeanor probation.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of driving while intoxicated against Benjamin Douglas Ashton because it was taken into consideration in another case.

An order was entered discharging Petra Irene Medina from misdemeanor probation.

An order was entered discharging Dennis Glen Wilsford from misdemeanor probation.

An order was entered discharging Ronald Lea Smith from misdemeanor probation.

Marriage licenses issued

David Eric Brown and Joanna Rene Massingill
 David Lee Day and Melodi Marie Price
 Brian Dee Overstreet and Alma Elena Regalado
 Derrick Leon Eldridge and Barbara Verneal Beck
 Jeffery Brad Condo and Ruth Ann Todd
 Allen Lee Baumgardner and Janet Fowler
 James Larry Daniels and Sherry Lynn Baldwin

DISTRICT COURT

Criminal

William Edward Baker pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated-subsequent offense. He was assessed five years probation, \$1500 fine and 10 days in county jail.

An order was entered discharging Evelyn Lemons from probation.

An order was entered terminating the probation of Clyde Davis Vadnas.

Civil

Ollie Buck, et ux, Rick Buck vs. Living Centers of America Inc., d/b/a Pampa Nursing Center, damages
 Katherine Lofton, Christine Henderson and Timothy Lofton vs. Robert Lewis Hines and Ganell Industries Inc. d/b/a First General Services of the Texas Panhandle

Divorces

Lisa Danielle Smith and Jeffery Lynn Smith
 Brent J. Williamson and Melanie Gail Williamson
 Jacqueline Kay Harper and Jimmy Dale Harper
 Margaret Ann Brown and Jimmy Don Brown
 Joyce Puckett and Dan Keith Puckett
 Walter R. Bailey and Cathryn E. Bailey
 Floyd Milton Baxter Jr. and Sabra Dawn Baxter
 Kimberley Davis and Darrell Davis
 Connie Lou Brainard and William Jean Brainard

Jolly Dollars winner



Ken Rheams, right, chairman of the Retail Trade Committee of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, presents Naomi Terrell with \$500 in Jolly Dollars she won in a drawing in the Christmas promotion sponsored by the committee. Terrell's name was drawn from an entry she made at Tarpley's Music Co., one of 18 Pampa merchants participating in the promotion. The Jolly Dollars can be spent at any of the participating merchants. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Dozens injured in massive interstate chain reaction crash near Sacramento, California

By STEVE GEISSINGER
 Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Nine big tractor-trailer rigs and 25 cars crashed in a huge chain reaction collision early today on a fog-shrouded, icy interstate, authorities said. At least seven people were taken to hospitals.

Most injuries were mild to moderate, said Sergeant Dick Rademacher of the California Highway Patrol. "It looked pretty bad, but a lot of people were real lucky," said Greg Powell of Foothill Ambulance, one of the first on the scene.

Officials initially said 60 people were injured, but later reports put the number lower. Powell said he checked between 20 and 30 people for minor injuries.

The accident occurred on the Yolo Causeway, a three-mile elevated portion of Interstate 80 that is built over a floodplain.

"It just went boom boom boom," Highway Patrol Officer Kevin Dougherty said. "We had one cellular phone caller who was in the collision itself and as he was on the phone with us he was telling us he could still hear the cars crashing behind him."

Paramedics and emergency workers slipped on concrete as slippery as an ice rink as they worked to clear the causeway. Tractor-trailer rigs were wrapped around each other in the eerie fog, tinged red with the flashing lights of emergency vehicles.

Michael Lewis of Oakland and five members of his family, includ-

ing three children, were headed for Sacramento for Christmas when the accident happened.

"We tried to stop and the car just started sliding. We hit the car in front of us, otherwise we wouldn't have stopped. It was real scary," Lewis said. No one in his car was injured.

As soon as the crash occurred, people jumped out of their cars on the cold, dark freeway to help others from their cars.

"We came to a stop, and there were people stopping and crashing behind us. Everybody was checking everybody for injuries," said Doug Johnson of Sacramento.

Interstate 80, the main connecting highway between San Francisco and Sacramento, was blocked in both directions.

Four PHS students named AP Scholars by College Board

Four 1993 graduates or current students at Pampa High School have been named AP Scholars by The College Board.

The award was conferred based on the graduates' exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations.

The four graduates of Pampa High School qualifying for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher were Jennifer Barker, Joyce Osborne, Bryan Stephenson and Cody Wagner.

Only about 11 percent of the 424,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 1993 performed at a high enough level to merit such recognition. The College Board recognized three levels of achievement — the AP Scholar with Distinction, the AP Scholar with Honor, and the AP Scholar.

AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing col-

lege-level advanced placement courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale, with 5 being the highest possible score.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit and/or placement for grades of 3 or higher, and more than 1,300 institutions award a year of credit to students with a sufficient number of qualifying grades.

There are 29 AP Examinations in 18 disciplines, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solv-

ing) questions.

The College Board is a national, nonprofit membership association of more than 2,800 schools and agencies in higher and secondary education committed to promoting educational opportunity and improving academic standards.

The Board sponsors programs in guidance, assessment, admissions, placement, financial aid, and credit by examination to assist in the school-to-college transition of roughly four million students each year.

LOTTO

Wednesday's winning numbers are:

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City briefs

HOME ALARM \$300 plus tax. Free demonstration. 665-4237. Adv.

CARRIERS NEEDED. Various areas in Pampa. Apply now, Pampa News. No phone calls.

EASY'S POP Shop - 12 inch meat and cheese tray \$11.95. 665-1719. Adv.

LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS: 1, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments, furnished or unfurnished. 2600 N. Hobart, 669-7682. Adv.

GOLF SALE. Don't forget Mom and Dad for Christmas, everything marked down for the golfer! Gift certificates also available. New jackets and bags have just arrived. David's Golf Shop at Hidden Hills. Adv.

PEGGY'S PLACE, 301 W. Kingsmill open Christmas Day, 8 to 2. Adv.

CHINESE PUG Puppies for sale, \$75. 6 females. 669-7335. Adv.

GOLDKRAFT JEWELERS: 50% off everything in the store. Same day ring sizing. Open 10-7 till Christmas. 1334 N. Hobart. Adv.

ALL ITS Charm Christmas Sale now thru Tuesday. 109 W. Francis. Adv.

DRINK SPECIALS Christmas Eve - Party down. City Limits, 669-9171. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, light snow possible, decreasing cloudiness and colder, low of 15. Friday, sunny and warmer with a high of 45. Wednesday's high was 37; the overnight low was 17.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, chance of evening light snow then decreasing clouds. Lows in the teens. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 30s to mid 40s. Friday night, fair. Lows 15-25. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy, possible flurries. Lows around 20. Friday, becoming mostly sunny. Highs mid 40s. Friday night, fair. Lows 15-25.

North Texas - Tonight, cloudy. A slight chance of snow west. Accumulation of less than an inch possible. Occasional snow flurries late north central. No significant accumulations expected. Lows 24 to 28. Friday, decreasing cloudiness from

west to east during the day. Occasional snow flurries central and northeast. No significant accumulations expected. Highs 37 to 40. Friday night, mostly clear and cold. Lows near 20.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy and cold with intermittent light rain, possibly mixed with light snow Hill Country. Lows in the 20s and 30s. Friday, decreasing clouds and cold with light rain or light snow ending early. Highs in the 40s. Friday night, mostly clear and cold. Lows in the 20s. Coastal Bend: Tonight, cloudy and cold with a chance of light rain or drizzle. Lows in the 30s and 40s. Friday, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Highs in upper 40s and 50s. Friday night, decreasing clouds and cold with rain ending. Lows in the 30s inland, 40s coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of light rain or drizzle. Lows in the 40s. Friday, cloudy and

west with occasional light rain or drizzle. Highs in the 50s. Friday night, decreasing clouds and cold. Lows in the 30s and 40s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy. A chance of light snow or snow flurries north. Lows in 20s. Friday, mostly cloudy northeast. Otherwise partly sunny. Highs in mid 30s northeast and in 40s elsewhere.

New Mexico - Tonight, a few evening snow showers east central and northeast. Variable clouds with a few snow showers southern mountains. Otherwise, clearing and cold. Lows 8 below to 15 above zero mountains and northwest, 7 to 25 east and south. Friday: Partly cloudy north-central and northeast. Fair skies west and south. Not as cold northeast. Highs mid 20s to 30s mountains and northwest, upper 30s and 40s east and south. Friday night: Fair skies. Lows 5 below zero to 20 mountains and northwest, teens to mid 20s east and south.

Six dead, shipping halted as floods sweep Rhine River

BONN, Germany (AP) — The Rhine swept to its greatest height in 67 years today, flooding Cologne's old town, menacing the new Parliament building in Bonn and washing over the train tracks in the fairy tale gorge of the Lorelei.

Six people have died — four in Germany — since the rains began three days ago. Among the latest flood-related victims was a 16-year-

old boy who rode his motorbike into a flooded house in Koblenz and was electrocuted. Two others died in Belgium and France.

Thousands were evacuated from houses in Germany, Belgium, France and the Netherlands. Shipping on the Rhine, the main north-south commercial waterway in Europe, was not expected to resume until after the weekend.

A soaking, cold Christmas cleanup awaited tens of thousands of people, and millions in Christmas sales were lost as waters streamed into business districts from Regensburg in Bavaria to Duesseldorf in the north.

"It's going to be a great Christmas for my colleagues and their families," Juergen Vesper of the Cologne firefighters said sarcastically.

Last-minute Christmas sales heating up across state, retailers say

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
AP Business Writer

Texas shoppers were scurrying to stores, snapping up ties and sweaters, jewelry and perfume as the clock wound down on the Christmas shopping season.

Crowds were brisk across Texas, where State Comptroller John Sharp has predicted retail sales will run about 7 percent higher than last year's holiday season.

Houston's TeleCheck Services Inc. reported Wednesday that the total dollar amount of checks written by consumers at retail stores in Texas was up 7.8 percent over last year.

For the 24 days that started after Thanksgiving and ended Sunday, San Antonio-Austin was up 10.3 percent, Dallas-Fort Worth rose 7.1 percent while Houston increased 4.7 percent.

"For the most part, Texas looks real strong up to this point," TeleCheck spokesman Ken Wait said. "I think it'll continue. ... I think the public is finally out buying."

Many shoppers at the Galleria mall in Dallas — which got a short-lived but lovely dusting of pre-season snow Wednesday — said they were spending a bit more than last year, including Larry Baker of Dallas.

"I've found that prices are a little bit lower this year in the things that I was looking for, so I think I'm getting more value for what I spent last year," Baker said.

Popular gifts included perfume, jewelry and clothing. "Lots of perfume gift sets and foot massager and cordless phones. Some shirts," shopper Pam Duncan of Dallas said.

Of course, the hot gifts varied. Neiman Marcus was moving cashmere, velvet, ties and fine pens.

Two people even tried to buy a car seat that Target Stores manager Jeff Ellstrom had temporarily removed from his mini-van in Amarillo.

"They're buying anything available," Ellstrom said. "When it gets this close, if they can't find what they want, they're buying anything comparable."

Ellstrom and other Amarillo retailers said sales were well ahead of last year's figures.

In South Texas, traffic was moving slowly across bridges over the Rio Grande as Mexican shoppers crowded malls and stores along the border.

"We do almost all our shopping over here. Everything is cheaper over here," Paula Salinas of Reynosa, Mexico, said during a spree in McAllen.

Mrs. Salinas said she crosses the bridge for shopping twice a week throughout the year, but the holidays call for three cross-border trips a week.

McAllen retailers said Mexican shoppers seem less concerned this year about a \$50 limit on items they can take back across the border tariff-free. Last December, when Mexican customs began enforcing the cap, many shoppers shied away from the U.S. stores.

Shoppers were showing their Texas pride at Goodies from Goodman in Dallas' NorthPark Center. Manager Lori Eikenberry said brisk items included black-eyed pea dip, Texas-shaped corn chips and a candy called hot chocolate, a fine dark chocolate filled with jalapeno jam.

Other popular buys were ornaments with Southwest or cowboy motifs — such as peppers wearing cowboy

hats or an ornament reading, "Merry Christmas, y'all" — and cow skulls festooned with Santa hats or lights.

"It's a lot of locals mailing to people that are either transplants, (people) someplace else from Texas that live in other parts of the country," Ms. Eikenberry said.

Arlington-based Wild West Outfitters also was satisfying customers in truly Texan style, cracking open free beer, wine coolers or sodas for shoppers as they browsed among Western clothing and cowboy boots in ostrich, python, elk and wildebeest.

"We just treat you like you're in our house," said Kim Rogers, who manages the Wild West store in north Dallas.

Distressed leather boots were the top seller for both men and women.

Rogers said he didn't yet know if business was up or down, but said the clientele seemed friendlier.

"We're just not having a lot of grouchy, Scrooge-type shoppers this year," Rogers said. "People's attitudes seem to be good this year, so I guess they're happier than what they were."

United Way donation



Pampa United Way Inc. Executive Administrator Katrina Bigham, second from left, accepts a check for \$700 from Phillips Petroleum Co. employees Bill Powell, Dennis Jordan and Harry Schwartz as a donation from Phillips Corporation to Pampa United Way during its annual fund-raising campaign. United Way is still accepting pledges and donations. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Government land around Lake Meredith to be opened for public recreational use

FRITCH — About 7,000 acres of government land around the Lake Meredith section of the Canadian River will soon become open to the public for recreational use.

"This is really something unique, making land available to the public," Congressman Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, said from his Washington D.C. office Wednesday. "There's very little bit [of that] in the State of Texas."

Pat McCrary, of the National Park Service, said that the agreement has already been signed, but the land won't be publicly available until the Land Protection Plan has been completed. This, McCrary predicts, is expected to happen within six months, or before next hunting season.

McCrary said the plan is necessary to determine "what uses there will or won't be on the land, how

people will use it, what will people hunt, where do we need trash cans ...," and the like.

"The idea is that it would be used mainly for camping and hunting and packing into the sites," Sarpalius said. "I don't envision building many roads or park benches or anything like that. It would be off the highway and something you'd have to hike into."

Until now, only the Bureau of Mines has occupied this parcel of land, using it for its helium operations. McCrary said that the operations will continue after the plan goes into effect, but that the federally-run NPS will now manage the surface land.

"I've been working on this for about two years and we finally got it done," Sarpalius said. "The land belongs to the federal government,

which is to say, belongs to the people, and the Bureau of Mines used this land for gas exploration and the storage of helium. They would then always lease off the surface ground."

"We thought, 'So why couldn't we take that surface land and give it to the park service to manage and allow the public on?' It's a beautiful part of the river — it's eight miles long and has three creeks coming into the river and there's a lot of trees and wildlife."

Sarpalius said the new arrangement will greatly benefit the public, and will attract people from all over.

"I sense that it'll probably draw people, because anytime you have new parks or land available to the public, there are a lot of people who like the outdoors and they'll travel to go out there," he said.

Exxon, Texaco win decision on IRS tax claim

DALLAS (AP) — Exxon Corp. and Texaco Inc., two of the world's biggest oil companies, have won a favorable decision from the U.S. Tax Court involving billions of dollars and dating to the 1970s energy crisis.

The Washington, D.C., court on Wednesday barred the Internal Revenue Service from claiming the back taxes in the so-called "Aramco Advantage" case, the companies said.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the IRS would continue to press its position. Exxon said the claim involved \$2 billion in additional taxes for 1979-1981. Texaco said the IRS wanted additional taxes of \$863 million for the three years, with interest on the claim of \$2.5 billion as of last Dec. 31.

Exxon, Texaco, Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. were members of the Arabian-American Oil Co. — Aramco — which bought oil from Saudi Arabia, the leading producer of oil.

After the overthrow of the shah of Iran, Saudi Arabia sold oil to the big companies at prices below world market levels in an effort to moderate supply disruptions and major price increases.

The IRS contended the four American companies attempted to evade taxes by reselling to their subsidiaries at below-market prices.

In a statement released Wednesday night, Texaco said the court decision meant the IRS could not tax Texaco as if the company had sold the Saudi crude oil at higher prices than those it charged.

The court found that Texaco had observed a Saudi directive mandating prices, the White Plains, N.Y.-based company said.

Hutchison case testimony continues

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge heard a fifth day of arguments Wednesday in a pre-trial hearing in the ethics case of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, then recessed the proceedings until next week.

Visiting State District Judge John Onion said he would rule on Mrs. Hutchison's motion to move the trial after he has heard more arguments on one of her motions to dismiss the indictments against her. He scheduled the pre-trial hearing to resume Tuesday.

Much of Wednesday's testimony dealt with Hutchison's claim that she could not get a fair trial in Austin because of publicity about the case.

Hutchison, a Republican, was indicted on charges that while state treasurer she used state employees and state equipment for her personal benefit and then destroyed records as a coverup. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 51 years in prison.

She has denied any wrongdoing and says the accusations are part of a Democratic plot to foil her reelection bid.

Her attorney, Dick DeGuerin,

said much of the local media coverage about the case had been negative and spurred by the Travis County district attorney's office. A "politically charged atmosphere" existed that would prevent Hutchison from getting a fair trial in Austin, he said.

"This is one of the most publicized cases accusing a person of wrongdoing that I can think of," he said. "This case has, rightly or wrongly, become notorious."

In a sworn statement filed earlier, Hutchison said, "There is a dangerous combination against me instigated by influential persons in Travis County, by reason of which I cannot expect a fair trial."

Steve McCleery, Travis County first assistant district attorney, denied the office gave news leaks to the media about the case. "This is a politically charged case because the defense has made it that way," he said.

More than a dozen people, including media representatives, Mayor Bruce Todd, workers and volunteers, testified that they believed Hutchison could get a fair trial in Austin.

Castro's daughter begins new life in U.S.

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — For years, Alina Fernandez Revuelta felt trapped in Cuba, convinced the authorities would never allow her to leave.

Now, Fernandez is beginning a new life in the United States, free at last of the man she refers to as a tyrant, Fidel Castro, her father.

When she fled Cuba on Monday, leaving a teenage daughter behind, it was the first time she had been off the island since she and her mother were in Paris in 1964.

"I dream of going back there, of going anywhere," she told an interviewer last year. "But I'll never be able to leave, like a lot of other people here."

On Monday, Fernandez flew to Spain and took a flight to Georgia the next day after being granted political asylum by the U.S. Embassy in Madrid. She was in seclusion Wednesday and is not expected to speak publicly at least for the next

several days. "The big question is did her father let her go," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz Balart, R-Fla., a Cuba native.

The Clinton administration, exile groups and members of Congress all agreed her departure reflected the difficult conditions in Cuba.

The State Department called Fernandez's defection "one more illustration of the lack of freedom and lack of hope which pervade Cuba today."

"The desertion of a member of Castro's own family is further evidence that there is no segment of Cuban society that is not affected by his policies and is not seeking change," said Rep. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs.

Diaz Balart said Fernandez's departure is "very symbolic of the national consensus in Cuba" against Castro.

Fernandez, who is believed to have been born a few years before the 1959 revolution, was never able to receive permission to leave Cuba.

State Department officials said they were unaware beforehand of her plans and had no information on how she was able to leave.

During the 1980s, she was denied permission to emigrate with her Mexican husband, who eventually returned to Mexico alone. Fernandez reportedly was married on three other occasions.

Estranged from her father for years, the former fashion model had been living quietly with her daughter in Havana and is believed to have been mainly unemployed in recent years.

She once told Andres Oppenheimer, who has written a book about Castro, "What do I think about Cuba's socialism? I used to believe in it when I was very little. But now, Cuban socialism is a dead-end street. In my mind, I associate it with economic collapse, with food shortages."

She said she hated her father's slogan, "Socialism or Death." "I think human beings are born to live, not to die," she said.

Military delegation from West rebuffed by Haiti army

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Left cooling their heels all day in the French embassy, military representatives from the United States and three other countries abruptly returned to Washington after threatening Haiti's army with expanded sanctions.

The U.S., French, Venezuelan and Canadian officers, in a mission backed by the United Nations, left behind a note Wednesday: The army has until Jan. 15 to "comply actively and comprehensively" with a U.N.-brokered agreement calling for the army to allow the return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

If not, Haiti's military leaders could face expansion of the current U.N. oil and arms embargo into a universal trade embargo; a blockade limiting non-commercial air traffic in and out of Haiti; and further personal sanctions such as the freezing of overseas assets, the officers' memorandum said.

In a statement read at the airport, the four representatives said they had waited all day to tell army chief Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras personally that they supported a national conference to seek a solution to the political stalemate.

"Unfortunately Gen. Cedras replied negatively to the request of

the four friendly countries for a direct interview," the statement said.

A high-ranking Haitian officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, called it "infuriating" that the officers came without invitation.

The French embassy wrote to Cedras last week asking for an appointment, charge d'affaires Philippe Selz told The Associated Press. Cedras replied he did not want to receive the delegation, and a second letter was never answered, Selz said.

Asked why the delegation would fly to Haiti knowing it was not welcome, Selz replied, "We can't just sit still and do nothing."

"The fact that we were not received is not important. The essential thing is that the army has

the (memorandum) in hand," he said. "Now it is up to them."

The French delegate, Maj. Gen. Daniel Roudeillac, said he did not consider the visit a failure.

"One cannot fail when one is working for peace," he said.

Diplomatic representatives from the four countries met Monday with Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president but considered too far to the left in his politics for the military and some of the Haiti elite. He was ousted by the army in September 1991.

Aristide, who now lives in Washington, refused to support the conference. He said he would need to be physically present and it was too dangerous for him or his aides to return home now.

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Opinion

Clinton keeping trade promises

Imagine paying seven times the world-market price for a loaf of bread. That's how much extra Japanese citizens pay for rice, the major staple of their country. Restrictions on imports drive up prices and protect Japanese rice farmers.

But, thanks to the current round of international trade negotiation, Japan's rice market will be opened more to imports. The reduced protectionism will benefit Japanese consumers, who will pay less, and American farmers, who will sell more.

The example shows the promise of GATT — the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The current round of negotiations ended this month. There have been major squabbles, especially concerning Japanese rice and exports of U.S. movies into Europe. But a breakthrough compromise was reached between U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and European Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan.

GATT's current round will reduce trade barriers for 117 member nations. Economists calculate that \$200 billion to \$300 billion could be added to the world economy during the next decade by greasing the tracks of world trade.

At the same time, progress on GATT means the world is moving farther away from the kind of trade war that deepened the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Despite the doubts of protectionists, free trade is one of the keys to the future of the U.S. economy.

U.S. companies lead the world in almost all the crucial technologies that are building the future: computer central processors, software, telecommunications, hard disk drives, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. Free trade means more U.S. exports into newly opened markets.

GATT continues an extraordinary period of more than four decades of reducing trade barriers. After the devastation of both the Great Depression and World War II, the United States led the construction of a worldwide system of free trade. This system rebuilt the war-torn economies and spurred capitalist expansion in the face of the burgeoning Soviet threat.

Though the Cold War is over and World War II and the Depression long gone, anyone who has read the history of this century understands that if the immense creative energies of humanity are restricted through protectionism, those energies often are channeled into destructive wars, hot and cold.

President Clinton has worked for increased government power through his tax increases and socialized medicine proposal. But on trade — first NAFTA and now his administration's negotiation of GATT — he has lived up to his billing as a New Democrat. And we all benefit.

Democratic challenge in Russia

Along about now, the world might begin to wish that the guy who succeeded Konstantin Chernenko as dictator of the Soviet Union had not been Mikhail Gorbachev but Deng Xiaoping.

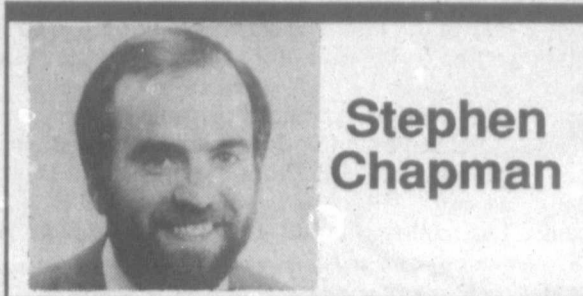
When he gained power in China, Deng set out to dismantle the communist economic system and build a robust market economy, and never mind political reform. China has enjoyed spectacular growth ever since. The bonus is that if it follows the usual historic pattern that goes with rising living standards, democracy will follow sooner or later, whatever the wishes of the current regime.

Gorbachev, by contrast, put *glasnost* before *perestroika*, which meant asking his people to volunteer for the economic pain that was sure to accompany the transition from a command economy. *The Economist* magazine notes that Russia's economy has shrunk more in the last three years than ours did during the Great Depression.

The result is that this month we had the spectacle of Russians casting their ballots in a free parliamentary election for an obvious enemy of democracy. The criticism of Russia's indecisive last czar, Nicholas II, was that his Russia was "an autocracy without an autocrat." Today's Russia looks like a democracy without enough democrats.

The phenomenon is not unprecedented: Disquieting parallels have been drawn between Russia in the 1990s and Germany in the 1920s. There are some big differences, some encouraging but some not. On the positive side, the supporters of democracy have in Boris Yeltsin an entrenched leader who is resolute, decisive and occasionally downright ruthless — something Weimar Germany could have used.

On the other hand, the Germans who elevated Hitler to power had considerably more experience with democratic institutions than modern Russians



Stephen Chapman

have. For Russia, the return trip to repressive authoritarianism would be a short one.

Still, it's hard to imagine even a nation as politically primitive as Russia succumbing to a demagogue reminiscent of Hitler — namely Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, whose party led with a quarter of the vote. The Russians, after all, have the advantage of being able to learn from the example of the Third Reich, which apart from its other conspicuous faults was a catastrophe for the German people.

One weapon against Zhirinovskiy and other merchants of communist nostalgia is the new constitution proposed by Yeltsin. Its passage created the paradox of Russians giving their president greater power at the same time they were loading the parliament with his opponents. This may indicate that the Russian people share two sentiments common among Americans — a distrust of all politicians and a desire to limit what any of them can do.

Most of what power there is, fortunately, will lie with Yeltsin. His admirers hope that, faced with recalcitrant lawmakers, he can continue to rule by decree. But that won't be so easy.

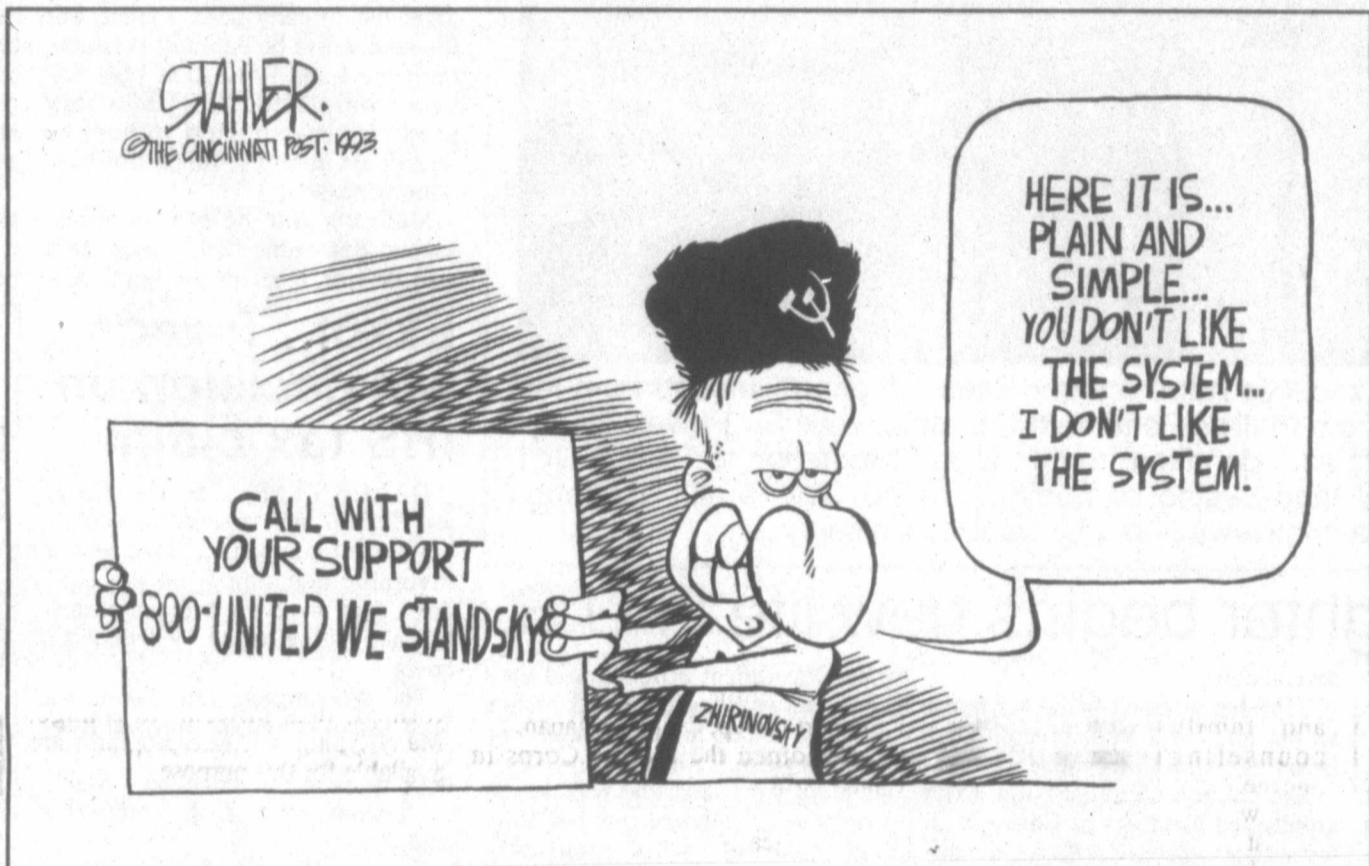
The president had more than he could handle combating a legislature with a nondemocratic mandate. Now he is confronted by one with a bona fide

claim to speak for the Russian people, a prerogative that had been Yeltsin's alone. Unless he can assemble a majority in parliament — or unless he calls and wins an early presidential election — Yeltsin will have to compromise.

The first casualties will be in the realm of economic reform. Yeltsin will have to accommodate nationalist resentments, taking a tougher line with some former republics over their treatment of resident Russians and with Ukraine over its nuclear weapons. He may also have to make more arms sales abroad, not only to get money but to show that Russia can still take foreign policy action without the permission of the West.

The consolation on this side of the Atlantic is that the Cold War is still over. The last thing the Russians want is to provoke a confrontation with the United States and its allies, whose economic help Russia badly needs. Though Zhirinovskiy may fantasize about the day "when Russian soldiers can wash their boots in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean" — which happens to lie on the other side of Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan — Russia has neither the resources nor the inclination to embark on wars of conquest.

But the celebration that greeted the collapse of communism and the rise of democracy in the former Soviet Union may be greatly premature. Maybe those Russians were right who argued during the Gorbachev era that what they needed was a Pinochet — an authoritarian ruler who would concentrate on economic prosperity before all else. Certainly Russia would have been better off experiencing a period of political repression on the way to lasting democracy than a period of democracy on the way to lasting repression, which looks all too likely now.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1993. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred years ago, on Dec. 23, 1893, the opera *Haensel und Gretel*, with music by Engelbert Humperdinck and libretto by his sister, Adelheid Wette, was first performed publicly, in Weimar, Germany.

On this date:
In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede a 100-square-mile area for the seat of the national government — the present-day District of Columbia.

In 1805, Joseph Smith Jr., founder of the Mormon Church, was born in Sharon, Vt.

In 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was published anonymously in the *Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel*.

All he never got for Christmas

It's that time of the year again, the time when I decide what I want for Christmas. Over the years I've rarely gotten what I've wanted for Christmas, but I always make my list anyway.

Santa used to be the first to know. There's still a precious old photograph I have of sitting in some department store Santa's lap with my mother standing next to me. I was maybe 4. Each time I look at that photograph I'm reminded just how pretty my mother was when she was young, and just how far my ears stuck out when I was maybe 4.

Santa seems to be saying to me, "What do you want for Christmas, little boy? Plastic surgery on them wings you got sticking outta your head?"

Santa would never say anything like that, but I wager he was at least thinking it.

That, or, "Little Lewis with your ears so wide, would you fly my sleigh tonight?"

Would have made a great Christmas song.

When I was 4, I told Santa I wanted a pair of roller skates. I had seen the older kids on roller skates.

But I didn't get roller skates. I got building blocks and a Roy Rogers cowboy hat.

"Santa thought you were a little too young for skates," my mama said. "He was afraid you might fall down."



Lewis Grizzard

No, he was afraid I'd get up too much speed and go airborne with those ears.

I finally got skates when I was 7. That year I wanted an air rifle. "Santa was afraid you'd put an eye out with an air rifle," Mama explained.

Santa was becoming a pain.

A couple of days after Christmas, however, my older cousin explained there really wasn't a Santa, and the reason I didn't get an air rifle was because I had been adopted. "You see anybody else in this family with ears like that?"

I finally got the air rifle when I was 12. I would have shot my older cousin, but by that time she was in college majoring in child psychology.

I rarely got what I wanted for Christmas after I left home. My wife asked, "What would you like

for Christmas this year?"

I answered, "Plastic surgery to flatten these ears."

She said, "But I like your ears. They're cute."

She gave me a cigarette lighter. At the divorce trial her lawyer kept referring to me as "Dumbo, the Defendant."

I finally was able to solve my ear problem when long hair came into style for men in the '70s. I allowed by hair to grow over my ears. With the Nehru jacket my new girlfriend gave me for Christmas that year, I cut a striking resemblance to either Chad or Jeremy — I forget which. It was the one who looked like Captain Kangaroo in his early 30s.

I got a sweater the year I wanted a set of golf clubs. I got a Mr. Microphone the Christmas I'd asked for a CB for my car. The year I wanted one of those big screen television sets I got a watch that glowed in the dark. I couldn't wear it at night, however, because it attracted bugs.

So, what about this year?

I want a Lear jet, 50,000 shares of a stock that actually will go up, a villa on the coast of Spain, full ownership in a thoroughbred that wins the Triple Crown, or a sultanate in an oil-rich nation.

I'll probably get an ear-hair trimmer. I've got more growing out now than growing over.

Too many Christmas pets have tragic fates

As Christmas approaches, tens of thousands of us all over the country will be selecting pets as gifts. Since the American Humane Society has succeeded in raising our consciousness about adopting perfectly good sheltered pets, many such animals will be hanging out of stockings or brought out in red bandanas to the squeals of happy children. Not as many will die this month.

Next month the animal shelters will get back to business as usual. In the shelter that serves the metropolitan area of 250,000 where I live in southwest Missouri, they will euthanize over 1,100 animals in January if business is normal. In fact, the growing numbers of unwanted pets brought to them have put them in imminent danger of closing. They simply can't keep up with the amount of care they're asked to give, or the killing they have to do. Not far away, in St. Louis, the animal shelter death toll will be somewhere around 1,650 next month.

Depending on with whom you talk or what time of year it is, from 60 percent to 90 percent of the animals taken to a shelter will be put to death. Why, when successful advertising campaigns have finally persuaded so many of us to adopt sheltered animals, are they losing so much ground?

There are several reasons, but the most ironic is that their very success has made the problem worse. People have become so used to there being humane shelters that they delude themselves into believing a good home can be found for any pet they decide they don't want. Success has bred irresponsible breeding.

A secondary cause is the long-standing practice of



Sarah Overstreet

not spaying or neutering animals until they pass puberty. A person adopts a puppy or kitten, pays the neutering fee that shelters require for adoption, and is given a coupon to redeem for the neutering when the animal is old enough. Then the person simply never gets around to bringing the animal to have it neutered, and the cycle of unwanted pets begins again.

All shelters that follow this practice have a certain percentage of non-redeemed neutering coupons. Some veterinarians who work in the area of animal rights say the figure goes as high as 70 percent in some places.

However, many veterinarians dispute the need to wait until the animal is past puberty. They report years of completely successful — and easier, both for doctor and patient — neutering at ages as young as 8 weeks of age.

Both the American Humane Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association support early neutering. Using the practice, shelters can shutle a puppy or kitten to a cooperating vet and the new

owners are not allowed to pick up the animal until after surgery.

Third, few cities have any kind of breeding ordinance. Reluctant to anger some breeders who oppose the ordinance, city councils won't enact laws as simple as requiring that pet owners either acquire a free breeding permit or have pets neutered.

What does a breeding ordinance do if all it requires is that pet owners either neuter pets or get a permit if they want to breed their pets? It forces them to learn a little bit about irresponsible breeding so that it's not so easy to say: "Oh, if Little Spitfire gets pregnant, we'll just take them to the Humane Society and they'll find them a home. Besides, it'll be good for the kids to witness the miracle of birth." They will learn that all the Spitfire Juniors will probably get a needle in the heart some day shortly after they've just been happily chasing their tails.

Also, fining pet owners for noncompliance will force them either to neuter pets or think twice before bringing home a pet they won't control. Some cities are imposing \$100 fines the first time they catch an animal in violation and \$200 for the second offense. Such ordinances won't stop legitimate animal breeders from raising and selling as many animals as they want, yet only about 15 American cities have enacted them.

If you love pets, the best Christmas gift you can give them is to find out what your city is doing to control irresponsible breeding of animals. Don't believe it when you hear there's nothing we can do about 12 million dogs euthanized each year in American shelters.

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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My stepson has been staying with us for five months. He never helps with any work around the house. He never cleans up after himself and is rude to his mother. He is on his fourth job, always has money for beer and cigarettes, but has never contributed one dime toward his support. This "boy" is 21 years old.

My own son has also been staying here for four months. He also never helps with any of the housework. He doesn't pick up after himself, or even make his own bed. He is on his third job, and has sent most of the money he has made to his mother. He says he owes her. He has contributed a total of \$75 to his support. This boy is also 21 years old.

Abby, we eat beans two or three times a week in order to cope with their voracious appetites. I think we should throw the bums out. What do you think?

BOBSLEDDING TO THE POORHOUSE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR BOBSLEDDING: At 21, your "boys" are now men, and part of being a man is accepting responsibility for one's own upkeep. However, before you and your wife change the rules, it is imperative that you have a clear and firm agreement between you regarding what would be a fair contribution from "the boys."

Suggestions: Do it in stages, so they will know what is expected of them now — and why — and what more will be expected in six months or so. It will be less traumatic than a sudden "sink or swim" edict. And please don't label them as "bums." If they have never been expected to contribute to the household, it's not their fault.

DEAR ABBY: I am an incest survivor. I have been married for almost nine years and have two beautiful daughters, ages eight and six. Their father parades around naked in front of the girls. I don't mean in his underwear; I mean in his birthday suit!

When I ask him to please cover himself in front of the girls, he gets angry, blow up at me, and accuses me of thinking he is some kind of pervert. Well, I am beginning to wonder if maybe he is.

Even though I see no signs of abuse with my girls, I don't feel comfortable leaving them alone with him.

Are my feelings justified? Or am I reading more into this than I should? I am only trying to protect my daughters from the terrible experience I had as a child.

THEIR MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: Your husband should not "parade" around in front of his daughters. Since you feel uncomfortable leaving them with him, you are very wise not to do so. I recommend family counseling for both you and your husband.

DEAR ABBY: This is for the man who has a terrible time waking up in the morning to go to work. If he doesn't have a sleep disorder (as you suggested he investigate), he might be interested in knowing about a device, intended for deaf people, which can be connected to his alarm clock. All you have to do is set the alarm clock for the time you want to get up, and it shakes the dickens out of the bed!

SLEEPYHEAD IN TAYLOR, MICH.

DEAR SLEEPYHEAD: Please send more information on the above mentioned "device" — it could be very useful for sound sleepers.

Vietnam is attracting American tourists

By JENNIFER MERIN For AP Special Features

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Nearly two decades have passed since American troops left Vietnam, leaving behind centuries of conflict, a scarred psyche and a marred landscape. Vietnam, once divided, has come a long way towards healing. The United States has resumed diplomatic ties, and Americans are trickling in as tourists.

Vietnam warmly welcomes Americans. On Hanoi's stately boulevards, businessmen driving late-model cars, elderly gents on foot, women on bicycles in traditional Vietnamese dress and men peddling cyclos, or trishaws, greet tourists with friendly choruses: "Hello. You American? Good to see you."

Street life bustles with private enterprise. Markets, shops and hawkers offer everything from exotic fruits, vegetables, fish and other foodstuffs to hardware, hub caps, high heels and miniature Huey helicopters made from beer cans. Vendors provide cordial conversation

along with souvenirs and cold drinks.

Cyclo drivers charge \$3 to \$4 — payable in U.S. dollars or Vietnamese dong — to carry you from downtown hotels to historical and cultural sites. There's the ancient Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, built in 1070; One-Pillar Temple, circa 1049; the Fine Arts Museum, chock full of lacquerware, paintings and sculpture; Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and his nearby home, and the Army Museum, home to enemy war materiel including a U.S. F-111.

Beyond Hanoi, take the train or hire a car and follow Vietnam's tourist trail, snaking southward along the country's S-shaped coast and through the countryside. The railway tracks that parallel the narrow blacktop road, the lone highway, traverse lush green rice paddies (Vietnam is the world's third-largest rice exporter) and pass bomb craters converted into commercial fish-breeding ponds. Along the way, water buffalo wallowing in muddy rivers are tended by children.

Travel isn't always easy. Trains may be slow and crowded, and overloaded trucks cause congestion as they weave around farmers drying rice on narrow roads. But with patience, it's fairly easy to get around.

Head south to Danang, a major U.S. military base from 1965-75 and capital of the Champa kingdom from the 7th-12th centuries. There, you'll see Cham Museum's collection of Champa stone sculptures, and Marble Mountain, where local children hustle to guide you through cave shrines which open onto scenic overlooks of China Beach.

Danang is gateway to Hoi An, a traditional city founded 2,200 years ago. There's a 17th-century bridge built by the Japanese and a lively market where fisherfolk sell their catch right off the boats.

Further south, Hue, site of the 1968 Tet Offensive, has the seven-story octagonal Thien Mu Pagoda, founded in 1601, and the walled Citadel's palaces, pavilions and lovely gardens on the Perfume River's north bank. The Imperial

Tombs and old French colonial quarter are on the south bank.

The road from Hue to Danang offers dramatic views of coastal mountains plunging into the sea. At scenic Hai Van Pass, French, Japanese and American bunkers dot the mountainside.

On to Nha Trang with powdery white sand beaches, a busy market, huge hilltop Buddha at Long Son Pagoda and spectacular Po Nagar Towers ancient religious sanctuaries built by the Champa Kingdom.

Further south, Ho Chi Minh City's citizens, who still call their town Saigon, are even friendlier towards Americans. Hotels that housed U.S. personnel during the war now welcome Americans as tourists.

Ho Chi Minh City is a great town for walking. Stop at Ben Thanh Market for staples and souvenirs, or hire cyclos to the Military Museum, Ho Chi Minh Museum, Reunification Hall and Cu Chi Tunnels on the city's outskirts. For a quiet retreat from noisy streets, visit Buddhist pagodas and temples or Notre Dame Cathedral, built by the French in

1877. IF YOU GO: Use a tour service for inter-city travel and accommodations and to expedite visas and any other necessary permits.

Inner Asia Expeditions of San Francisco, 1-800-777-8183, prepares customized itineraries and offers several group tours of Vietnam including Ho Chi Minh City and the Cu Chi Tunnels, Hue, Danang, Hanoi, Dalat, Nha Trang and Qui Nhon. Eight-day tours start at \$1,560 per person, land-only, 556-8850, has 17-day cruises of the Vietnam coast, departing from Singapore Jan. 10 and Hong Kong Oct. 26 and Nov. 21, 1994. Ports of call are Ho Chi Minh City, Nha Trang, Danang (Hoi An and Hue), Haiphong (Hanoi) and Halong Bay. Prices from \$3,750 per person, double occupancy, include port and visa fees. Airfare, from \$575 from the West Coast, and port excursions are extra.

Cruises of Distinction, 1-800-634-3445, discounts cruise-only fares to \$2,850 per person, double occupancy.

Helping kids become computer literate

By JENNIFER GOODWIN For AP Special Features

Computers can be a great educational tool. But how do parents know what their children's computer needs are? What is it that children should get out of their time spent at the computer?

To begin with, parents should want their children to become computer literate. Children should be able to turn on a computer and know

how to make it work. They should be able to switch from one program to another, and they should have an understanding of the tools and information that can be utilized and accessed through computers.

Children as young as 8 and 9 years of age can become computer literate very quickly. They have no fear of computers and will try anything. For this reason, parents should tailor the computer environment for their children so that it pro-

vides them with enriching experiences and useful computer skills. These skills should begin to encompass the various tasks for which the computer is used by adults in the "work world."

While the computer environment is changing, children should have an understanding of how to use a word processor. The skills that they develop should be transferable from one program to another and from system to system.

As children develop their computer skills, they should learn about the different functions that are universally available on a word processor such as cut-paste editing functions, line spacing and margin setting, to changing fonts and font size, and printing functions.

Once children start to use a word processor regularly, they should learn proper keyboarding techniques. Once a keyboarding style is formed, it is difficult to change. Many typing software programs are available for this purpose.

With the increasingly common

access to desk top publishing, children can easily learn the skills involved in creating attractive documents and incorporating the use of graphics. These tools can be utilized throughout their school years as they write reports and later, when they leave school for the workplace.

As children grow, so do their educational needs. The programs parents purchase for their home computers should grow with their children.

Says Edmark Corp. of Redmond, Wash., publisher of educational software and books: "Right now, 31

percent of U.S. households have computers, and one-third of those include children under 10 years of age. These current owners and the new crop of computer purchasers will be adding a variety of educational programs to their software library."

Parents only need to have a few software programs available at one time for their children to use, and these can change every three to six months to a year, as children's needs change. Three very good programs will have more educational value for your child than 10 mediocre ones.

Newsmakers

FORT WORTH, TX — Julie Hamilton Prudhome of Pampa will receive the master of arts in marriage and family counseling degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies Dec. 17.

President Russell H. Dilday will award 275 degrees in Southwestern's schools of theology, religious education and church music. Prudhome is the daughter of Eugene and Colleen of Pampa. She is married to Dale Prudhome of Waskom, Texas.

Prudhome serves as Sunday school director of Immanuel Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Southwestern Seminary is one of six seminaries affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and is the largest theological seminary in the world. Each year, more than 4,000 men and women train for ministry at Southwestern.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Monty C. Trimble, son of A.E. Trimble of 2333 Fir St., Pampa, recently received the Navy Achievement Medal.

Trimble was cited for superior performance of duty while serving at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is currently assigned. The award, presented during formal ceremonies, is official recognition for outstanding accomplishments, achievements and devotion to duty.

The 1979 graduate of Elkhart High School of Elkhart, Kan., joined the Navy in September, 1979.

Navy Seaman Viola L. Erwin, a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School of Pampa, recently reported for duty at Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Miss. She joined the Navy in November 1992.

Marine Staff Sgt. Randy C. Ford, a 1977 graduate of Pampa High School of Pampa, recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

He joined the Marine Corps in June 1978.

Navy Seaman Robert M. Thompson, son of William C. and Geneva A. Thompson of 2236 N. Russell, Pampa, recently graduated from the Electronic Warfare Technician Basic Operations Course.

During the course at naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla., students are taught shipboard mission preparation, watchstanding procedures and operator equipment techniques.

The 1987 graduate of Pampa High School joined the Navy in April, 1992.

Marine Sgt. Stacy D. Phillips, whose wife, Latonya, is the daughter of George M. and Sue Burrow of McLean, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

Phillips was cited for outstanding service while assigned with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A Meritorious Mast is an official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. It is issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy is entered in the Marine's permanent service record.

The 1985 graduate of Hot Springs High School of Hot Springs, S.D., joined the Marine Corps in October 1985.

Navy Seaman Viola L. Erwin, a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School of Pampa, recently reported for duty at Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Miss. She joined the Navy in November 1992.



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Pictured above are juniors Jessica Whitney and Rita Ponce Adding the finishing touches to "Old Man Harvester".

Participants

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| Kelley Dewey | Rita Ponce |
| Dillon Downs | Jesse Riley |
| Erik Estrada | Mandy Rose |
| Josh Gafford | Clay Schick |
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- Gripping device
- Polar lights
- Kisses
- Cruel
- Actress — Blake
- Paving stone
- Body of water
- Lime tree
- Actress — Merie
- Male sheep
- Unplayed golf hole
- Ceremony
- Spending plan
- Roman garments
- Shoe grip
- Penalize
- Fuss
- Honey maker
- Artist's deg.

DOWN

- Taxis
- Entice
- In — (routinized)
- Slogan
- Mrs. in Madrid
- Summa — laude
- Required
- Postal foot
- Composer — Rorem
- Let — (Beatles album)
- Contents of skulls
- Beautiful
- Actor — Nielsen
- Rubber on pencil
- Unsuccessful car
- Follow
- Future LL.Bs.' exam
- Actor Ed — 9 TV, radio, etc.
- Mrs. in Madrid
- Summa — laude
- Creek
- Gallery contents
- Chaney
- Celtic language
- Essential character
- UK broad-casters
- Actor — Brynner
- Dutch town
- Chaney
- Chatter
- Crane arm part
- Enzyme suffix
- That woman
- Sell
- Taut
- TV's — Haw
- The Scriptures
- Got along
- Collect
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- Liver fluid
- Hardy heroine
- Cordon —
- Bronte heroine Jane —
- Nothing
- Unrefined metal

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Whatcha doing, Lori?
I like to play a little game at Christmas.
I go around the tree and shake each present and try to guess what it is.
Neat.
But why are you doing it two days before Christmas?
So I'll have time to switch the name tags.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

I CALLED TO TELL YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS! WHAT ARE YOU GETTING?
I'M GETTING CLOTHES THIS YEAR—HOW ABOUT YOU?
THINGS I NEED YOU KNOW—MAKEUP, BRAS...
SON! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

HOW COME WE SAY THE MOON IS 'OUT' WHEN IT'S SHINING...
AND LIGHTS ARE 'OUT' WHEN THEY'RE NOT?
I'LL GO CHECK.

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

Dear miss know-it-all,
Every year, my best friend gives me ties. How do I subtly get across to him that I hate ties?
Frustrated.
DEAR FRUSTRATED, USE THEM TO WRAP UP HIS GIFT THIS YEAR.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

WHAT REALLY BECAME OF ELVIS...
"ROCKIN' ROUND, THE CHRISTMAS TREE..."

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS WIZER! WE'VE GOT TO SHAKE THOSE DUDES!
THAT MAY BE EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
MAYBE NOT! GIVE ME THAT SKIN WITH THE MEAT IN IT!
YOU THINK THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE AFTER?
I HOPE SO! I'D RATHER HAVE 'EM AFTER THIS THAN US!
AT ANY RATE, WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!

BEATTIE BLVD.

By Bruce Beattie

"Junior has trouble falling asleep Christmas Eve. Will you go tell him about your golf game?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"Guess what today is?! Christmas Eve Eve!"

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"I suspect he's figured out which package is for him."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

HOW TO TELL WHEN YOUR OFFICE CHRISTMAS TREE WAS DECORATED BY A CAT PERSON:
DECORATE THE BOTTOM BRANCHES? ARE YOU NUTS?

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

I'D LIKE TO BE PRESIDENT SOME DAY, WOULDN'T YOU?
NAH... I'D RATHER BE A BOLINCER IN A DISCO.
SOME OF US AIM FOR THE STARS, AND SOME OF US DON'T.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

OH, YOU BETTER WATCH OUT, YOU BETTER NOT CRY, YOU BETTER NOT POUT, I'M TELLING YOU WHY...
I'M STILL HOLDING YOUR BONUS CHECKS!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

TUNA HELPER, BURGER HELPER, SANTA HELPER.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

I THINK I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING...
YOU CAN SLIDE DOWN THE STEPS...
BUT YOU CAN'T SLIDE...
UP THE STEPS...

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

ATTENTION! DAD IS GOING TO GIVE HIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY READING OF 'BINKY THE CLOWN WHO SAVED CHRISTMAS!'
SO EVERYBODY GATHER AROUND REAL CLOSE!
OKAY WHO DRANK THE GARLIC NOG?

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone in your group might try to usurp your unique role with your peers today. His/her chances for doing so are so slim they're infinitesimal. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Several caring friends might do things for you today they wouldn't do for others. Each might insist, however, that their particular gesture be kept confidential.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone you recently met has been waiting for a signal from you regarding your intentions. The gift giving holidays offer you good opportunities to show your true feelings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your chances for generating something better than that which you invested are excellent today in areas where you are unselfishly motivated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If anyone can infuse spirit and warmth into a social gathering today, you could be the prime candidate. I'm sure all your friends will concur.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In a gift giving arrangement today where you are concerned that another does as well as you do, the results will be mutually gratifying.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even though you may play a low profile role in a partnership arrangement today, its benefits will be shared, but not necessarily at the same time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your best asset today is your ability to improve upon things which are already pretty darn good. Your ingenious touch adds a new dimension.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Numerous pleasant experiences are indicated for today. You're functioning in a mode where others could feel impelled to do nice things for you without having to be asked.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you can't entertain at your place today, try to make an arrangement where you can function as a host or hostess. You'd be superb in this role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today if you have to select a gift for someone very special, the thought behind the present will have much more impact than its price.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Material aspects continue to look hopeful for you today. Unique perks are probable from individuals associated with you in your work or career.

Sports

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady Harvesters meet Cleburne in the first round of the Southwest AAU Basketball Tournament at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Duncanville High School gym.

"Cleburne is one of the better teams in the Metroplex. They're picked to win their 5A league in Fort Worth," said Pampa coach Mike Jones.

The Lady Harvesters would play again Wednesday at 7 p.m. if they win, at 4 p.m. if they lose. The finals will be played on Thursday of next week.

"This is one of the premier girls' tournament in the nation. There are 26 teams entered and most of them are 5A schools," Jones said.

Amarillo High and Palo Duro are just two of the area teams entered in the tournament, which is held in Duncanville. Winnsboro, the only Class 3A teams competing, won the state championship last season.

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle will be without top shooting guard Ricky Pierce, Thursday night against Phoenix because of a one game suspension by the NBA.

Pierce, leading Seattle with an average of 17.8 points a game, was suspended and fined \$3,500 for throwing a punch at Byron Scott of Indiana.

Pierce also faces an automatic \$250 fine for being ejected from the game, won by the SuperSonics 91-88, said Rod Thorn, NBA vice president-operations.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oiler Jeff Alm made a frantic 911 call for help after a car crash, yelling, "I have a buddy dying!" Seconds later, the operator heard four gunshots as Alm committed suicide.

Fire department officials released a recording of the call Alm made on his cellular phone shortly after his car crashed into a highway guardrail Dec. 14.

His best friend, Sean Lynch, died after being thrown from the car and down an embankment. A despondent Alm fired three shots in the air before shooting himself.

UNDATED (AP) — Barry Sanders became the richest running back in the NFL, signing a four-year, \$17.2 million contract with the Detroit Lions. The yearly average of \$4.3 million exceeds the previous high of \$3.6 million signed earlier this season by Emmitt Smith of Dallas.

Only two players, quarterbacks Steve Young of San Francisco and John Elway of Denver, make more.

Ernest Givins, who recently became Houston's career pass-receiving leader, agreed to a three-year, \$5 million contract extension with the Oilers. Givins has 61 catches for 789 yards and two touchdowns this season. Bubba McDowell, a starting safety, agreed on a three-year extension.

All-Pro tackle Steve Wallace and Harris Barton, who protect Young, signed five-year, \$10.35 million contracts with the 49ers.

Signing big-name, big-money players for long terms is priority for teams with big payrolls. Clubs have until Thursday to "front load" contracts onto 1993 payrolls before the salary cap takes over next season.

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Young, who led San Francisco to a 55-17 win over Detroit, was one of six players honored by the NFL.

Young completed 17-of-23 passes for 354 yards and four touchdowns for NFC Player of the Week honors. Kevin Smith of Dallas, who returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown and forced two fumbles in a 28-7 win over the Jets was conference defensive player.

The AFC offensive player was Gary Brown of Houston, who gained 100 yards as the Oilers beat Pittsburgh 26-17. Nate Odomes, who had an interception and returned a fumble for a touchdown in Buffalo's 47-34 victory over Miami was AFC defensive player.

NFC special team honors went to Giants' Dave Meggett, who returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown in New York's 24-14 victory at New Orleans. AFC honors went to kicker Jeff Jaeger of the Raiders, who had two field goals in a 27-20 win over Tampa Bay.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Skip Holtz, son of Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz and offensive coordinator, got the Connecticut football coaching job.

Holtz, 29, agreed to a four-year contract and will earn \$89,000 and an additional \$6,000 for external affairs responsibilities.

Holtz replaces Tom Jackson, who resigned Nov. 17 after the Huskies finished 6-5. UConn is considering a move from Division I-AA to Division I-A.

Holtz, helping Notre Dame prepare for the Cotton Bowl against Texas A&M New Year's Day, will take over Jan. 3.

Holtz is in his fourth year as an Irish coach and second as offensive coordinator. He also coached receivers at Colorado State in 1989 following two years as a graduate assistant at Florida State.

MONROE, La. (AP) — Northeast Louisiana's football program has moved up to NCAA Division I-A, a change that will mean more revenue and tougher schedules.

Athletic director Benny Hollis said the school met a number of required goals, including seating of at least 30,000 at Malone Stadium, average paid attendance of 17,000 at least one season and a four-year schedule with at least 70 percent Division I-A opponents.

Northeast's schedule the next four years includes Auburn, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, BYU, Florida and UCLA.

Northeast was I-A from 1978 to 1981 and has been Division I-AA since 1982. They won the national I-AA championship in 1987.

HOCKEY

DETROIT (AP) — Sergei Fedorov, who emerged as a premier player while Steve Yzerman has been injured, agreed to a four-year contract with the Detroit Red Wings.

Fedorov, 24, makes \$295,000 this season and was scheduled to receive \$370,000 his option year next season. He has 25 goals and 33 assists for second in the NHL.

Red Raiders' defense looking for more respect

By EDUARDO MONTES
Associated Press Writer

John Hancock Bowl

EL PASO (AP) — Defensive end Shawn Jackson doesn't begrudge the spotlight that has been shining on his Texas Tech teammates like Byron "Bam" Morris or Lloyd Hill.

With the numbers Morris, Hill and the rest of the Texas Tech offense have generated this season, said Jackson, they deserve it. Still, he believes it would be nice if the defense weren't perpetually left in the dark.

"I still don't feel that we get the respect we deserve," said Jackson. "These last five games, I think we've played great."

Jackson was referring to the five-game winning streak that gave the Red Raiders a 6-5 record and an opportunity to face No. 19 Oklahoma (8-3) in the John Hancock Bowl on Friday.

Many feel that at least some of the credit for that has to go to a very young Red Raiders defense that finally jelled around the time the victories started coming. Yet the memory of the five-game losing streak that preceded those victories lingers.

"Toward the beginning of the year, we felt we were getting

kind of a bad rap. ... Everybody was pointing the finger at us because we were losing," said cornerback Cat Adams.

The defense's troubles actually began back in spring training. That's when the Red Raiders saw their starting secondary dissolve as players were lost to injuries or left the team altogether.

"The secondary we came with, none of them went through spring training as a starter. ... I think it showed early in the season," said assistant secondary coach Tommy Kaiser.

There was also the fact the team fielded five sophomore starters on defense — four linebackers and a cornerback — leading to more inexperience problems.

During their five losses, the Red Raiders' defensive unit gave up 484 yards per game. They cut that to 343 yards over the last five games.

Their most obvious turnaround came in takeaways.

The defense went through Tech's first four games without an interception. But once the Red Raiders got their first pick in a 31-6 loss to Texas A&M,

that began to change, and so eventually would the team's fortunes.

At the end of the season, Texas Tech ranked ninth nationally along with Notre Dame in takeaways, with 14 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries.

That's a statistic Oklahoma offensive coordinator Watson Brown has kept a wary eye on. "Their defense has turned it around and started winning games on their side of the ball," Brown said.

"We better be careful to take care of the ball."

Brown's reservations aside, however, the Red Raiders' defense still considered one of the biggest question marks for Tech going into the Hancock Bowl, where the Red Raiders will be tested by Oklahoma's star quarterback Cale Gundy.

The first and only other time the Sooners and Red Raiders met, Gundy set school records for consecutive completions (12) and passing yards (341) as Oklahoma won 34-9.

"Hopefully," said Tech coach Spike Dykes, "it won't be those numbers again."

The won't be if Adams and crew have anything to say about it.

aggressive quarterback of the kind that takes hits," Adams said with a smile. "We're going to try to hit him."

"Bam" may skip senior year

EL PASO (AP) — Tailback Byron "Bam" Morris, the nation's leading collegiate scorer in 1993, says he may skip his last year at Texas Tech if he's certain he will be a first-round NFL draft pick in 1994.

"If I knew for sure I'd be drafted in the first round, then I'd have to do what's best for me," said Morris, who will lead the Red Raiders against No. 19 Oklahoma in the John Hancock Bowl Friday.

The Red Raiders' star running back had previously said he was considering entering the draft, but had never placed conditions on it until now.

He said Wednesday that he made up his mind to move on to the pros if his condition is met.

"I want to talk to my parents and Coach (Spike) Dykes before I make a decision," Morris said.

Morris, the Southwest Conference's leading rusher this

season and winner of the Doak Walker Award, has been the center of speculation because of the possibility he will give up his last year of college eligibility.

Morris is a junior and so would have to state his intentions to make himself available in the NFL draft before he could be considered.

Morris led the nation in scoring this season with 134 points, 12.18 per game, and was second nationally in rushing yardage, averaging 159.3.

He set a Southwest Conference season record this year by rushing for 1,752 yards, besting the previous mark of 1,744 yards set in 1977 by Earl Campbell of Texas.

Morris' departure would leave a large hole to fill in Tech's offense.

But said coach Dykes: "I want what's best for Bam. Let's just set up a conference call after the bowl game and thrash it out."

Cornhuskers feel the heat

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Now that the Nebraska Cornhuskers have arrived in Miami, the heat is on.

The 17 1/2-point underdogs must prepare to play top-ranked Florida State in the Orange Bowl on New Year's night. They also must become comfortable in South Florida's warm winter weather.

A sunny, 75-degree day greeted the Cornhuskers when they stepped off their plane shortly after noon Wednesday. The temperature was 18 when they left Lincoln.

"It's a little too warm for my liking," guard Rob Zatechka said. "I don't think the heat and humidity will affect us during the game. We will have been down here long enough to get acclimated to the weather. But personally, I like it cold."

But the underdog Cornhuskers had promised to show up for the Orange Bowl, and they did. Their arrival, in fact, was Nebraska's earliest at a bowl site since Tom Osborne became head coach in 1973.

The second-ranked Cornhuskers hope to break a six-game bowl losing streak, and they figure a change in the routine might help.

"We're trying a few things differently this year in terms of our approach, and that's one of them — bringing them down a little earlier," assistant head coach Frank Solich said.

Florida State will arrive Sunday. Last year, Nebraska flew to Miami on Christmas Day and lost to the Seminoles 27-14 a week later.

Solich led the first practice, a 90-minute workout without pads. Osborne was attending his mother's funeral in Hastings, Neb., and planned to join the team for today's practice.

"I'm sure everyone feels badly for coach Osborne," Solich said. "We're anxious for him to get down here."

Linebacker and Butkus Award winner Trev Alberts participated in the first Miami workout wearing a brace on the elbow he dislocated in the final regular-season game against Oklahoma. Solich anticipates that Alberts will be able to play.

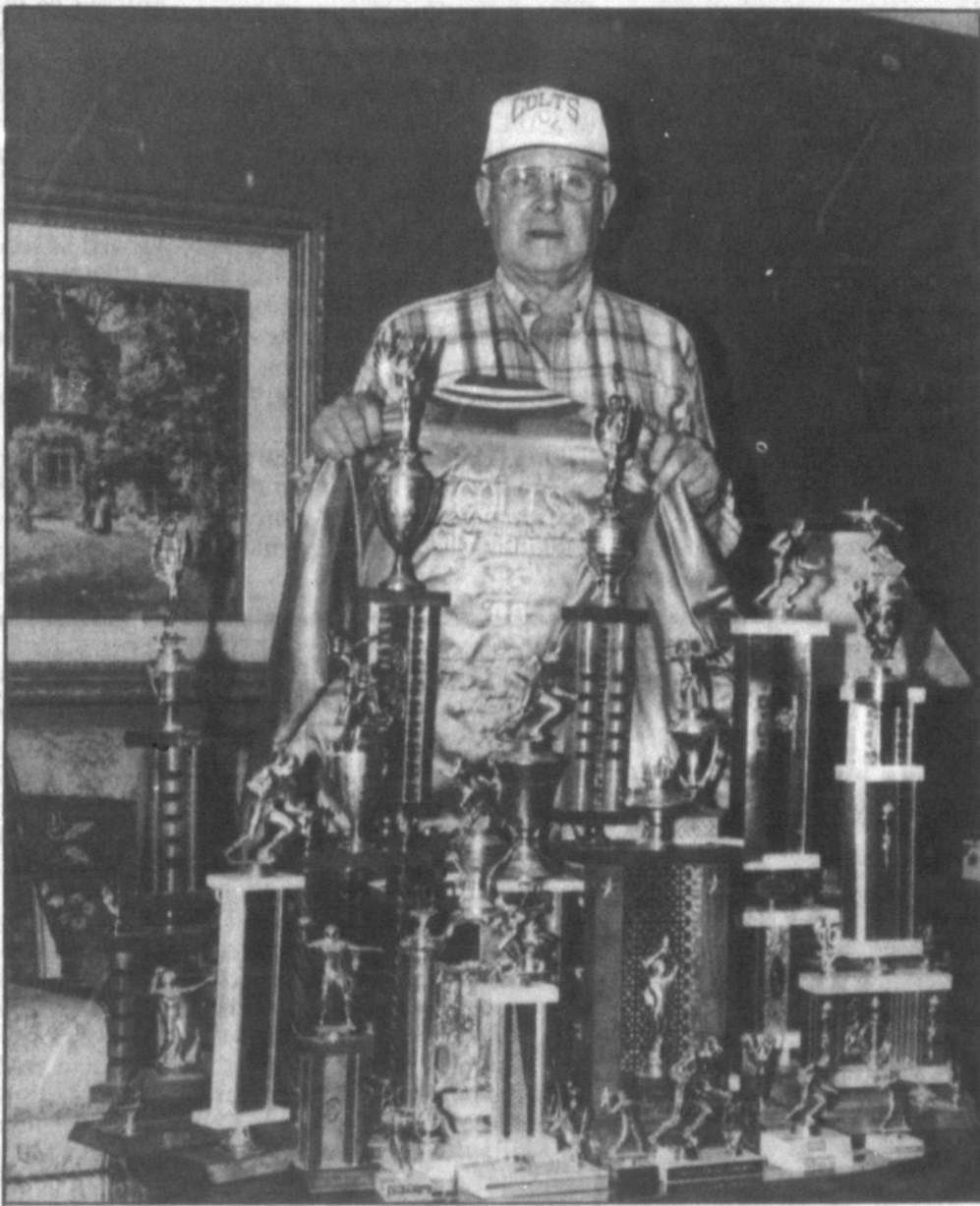
"I did everything today," Alberts said. "I'm just mainly going to focus on conditioning. I don't need a lot of contact at this point. Things look good. I'm happy because I'm back out here with the guys. I have 10 days, and I'm in great spirits."

The Huskers were happy with their new Miami practice site at St. Thomas University, which until this year was the home of the Miami Dolphins. The complex includes two full football fields — a larger practice area than the Huskers have at home.

"This is ideal," Solich said. St. Thomas also has a 2,000-square-foot weight room, and the Huskers filled it with nearly 20,000 pounds in weights transported by truck from Lincoln. Strength coach Boyd Epley said he has brought the gear to each bowl since the 1979 Orange Bowl, when the team requested equipment for lifting and was provided with one bar and rusty weights.

During their stay in Miami, the Cornhuskers will practice mostly in the morning — another switch from the past.

"I don't think we'll be quite as drained as you would be if you were practicing in the middle of the afternoon," Solich said. "There have been some years where we have practiced almost exclusively in the afternoon, and the humidity has been extremely high and it's been extremely hot, and it's been tough on our players."



Veteran Optimist coach Don Carpenter exhibits the numerous awards the Colts have won throughout the years. (Pampa News photos)

Carpenter and the Colts

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

The Colts and Don Carpenter. The Colts are a pee-wee football team and Carpenter was their coach. It's hard to think about one without thinking about the other. They seemed to go together, like the stripes on a football field.

Carpenter starting coaching the Colts in the Pampa Optimist League, when his son, Rick, then a 5th-grader, signed up to play football.

"I helped coach that first year and the next year I took over the team," Carpenter said. "I coached baseball and basketball for a couple of years in the Optimist program, but football was my first love and I stuck with it."

Stick with it he did. For the next 27 years he put his young charges through long practice sessions at Central Park and yelled out instructions from the sidelines in weekend games at Optimist Park and area tournaments. The Colts grabbed more than their share of victories and three of Carpenter's teams went unbeaten and unscored upon.

"When I got out there on that field I put everything I had into it. I lived football with those kids. It was something I really enjoyed," Carpenter said. "I had one father tell me he didn't know if his son learned much about football from me, but he could run to Amarillo and back. I had them in shape."

Carpenter, who works at Cabot, gave up the team last year, but he came back to help out the current coach. He was recently honored by the Optimist Club with a plaque for his longtime service to the football program. That plaque will join numerous trophies — representing the Colts' successes throughout the years — now stored at his home because there's no room for them at the Optimist Clubhouse.

Carpenter, however, values his association with the players and the Optimist

Club far more than he does all the trophies stacked in his house.

"I sure didn't do all that coaching by myself, I had to have great parent cooperation and I got it," he said. "I've met some great, great people. I made some good friends from it."

One of Carpenter's most cherished awards came from the players themselves when six seniors on the Harvesters' 1992 team presented him with a shining plaque. The names engraved on the plaque were Troy Reeves, Jason Johnson, Justin Johnson, Jason Dyer, Matt Clark and Brett Greenhouse, all teammates on the 1986 Colts.

"That plaque means a lot to me. It's nice to be remembered this way," Carpenter said. "I can't begin to name all the players I've coached, but every now and then somebody will come to me and say 'Coach Carpenter, remember me. I played for the Colts.' Sometimes I'll remember them, sometimes I won't."

Carpenter has coached several fathers and sons. He went from coaching sons Rick and Randy to coaching three grandsons. Phil Sexton, who became an all-state player for the Harvesters, was one of the grandsons. He's now a starting defensive player for Central State University in Edmond, Okla.

"I was a second generation coach several years ago," Carpenter said. "I really haven't seem much difference in the kids back then compared to nowadays. The main thing now is when you tell them to do something, they want to know why? We try to teach the fundamentals when they first come out. Most of them don't know the difference between offense and defense, so we have to spend a lot of time teaching them the difference. There's a lot of discipline involved, but it's not all work. You've got to have fun. There are times when the kids just want to go out and have fun and you might as well have fun with them."

Duke coach gets win No. 400

By GREG SMITH
Associated Press Writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Mike Krzyzewski was ready for Iowa. It was his own Duke team that continued to provide surprises.

The third-ranked Blue Devils improved to 6-0 with a 79-76 victory over Iowa Wednesday night, giving Krzyzewski his 400th victory in a 19-year coaching career.

Duke has now defeated two Big Ten teams in a row. The Blue Devils won 73-63 at Michigan in their last game on Dec. 11.

"This is not a team that I expect to be anywhere," Krzyzewski admitted. "They've really played well for me. We've won two very tough basketball games in a row."

Cherokee Parks scored 18 points and Antonio Lang and Chris Collins added 17 each for the Blue Devils.

"Anything you do to give them a little opening, they were able to take advantage of it," Iowa coach Tom Davis said.

"They are the perfect example of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts," Krzyzewski said of the Hawkeyes (5-2). "That's what we'd like to think our team will be."

"We're very happy with the win. I thought our kids would have to play really hard because the Iowa kids played their hearts out."

Krzyzewski, the 78th coach to win 400 games, is 327-118 in 13 seasons at

Duke and 400-177 overall. Grant Hill added 15 points for Duke, which snapped Iowa's 43-game non-conference winning streak in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Russ Millard scored a career-high 25 points, 15 in the second half, to rally Iowa and James Winters added 22.

Iowa roared back from a 52-34 second-half deficit, with Millard, Winters and Kenyon Murray combining for 12 points in a 20-4 run that pulled the Hawkeyes to within 56-54 with 12:01 remaining.

Hill's basket capped an 11-4 Duke run to give the Blue Devils a 67-58 lead with 6:29 left, but Millard wouldn't let Iowa fade. He scored the Hawkeyes' next 10 points and twice brought Iowa to within three, the last time with two free throws that sliced Duke's lead to 71-68 with 2:30 to play.

Collins, who had 14 points in the first half, made a 3-pointer to give the Blue Devils some breathing room at 74-68 with 2:13 left.

Jess Settles' basket with 13.8 seconds cut Duke's lead to 76-74, but Parks hit two free throws. Settles' basket pulled Iowa to within 78-76 with 3.3 seconds remaining, but Marty Clark hit the front end of a 1-and-1 with a second left to close out the scoring.

Davis said Iowa took no solace in staying close to Duke. The Hawkeyes have lost four times to the Blue Devils since 1991, two of the defeats coming in the NCAA tournament.

Southwest Outdoors

By Mel Phillips



Learning from experts

This year comes to a dramatic close in a deer blind some 750 miles south of my beloved Texas Panhandle. Special guests on this year's deer hunt include JIM ZUMBO, ESPN television star and hunting editor of *OUTDOOR LIFE*, and GARY ROBERSON, the president of the world famous BURNHAM BROTHERS GAME CALLS headquartered in Menard, Texas.

After several years of learning the fundamentals of hunting South Texas white-tailed deer (frequently called monster bucks, or muy grandes) from my brother-in-law, DON BENTSEN Jr., I was finally ready to learn some secrets from some world class experts.

Hunting as a team, the quiet Zumbo served as the triggerman (7 mag) while Roberson used his knowledge and a pair of old deer horns to call-up love-struck South Texas big bucks. Watching the two men silently stalking through the prickly pear, mesquite, and huisach trees was an education in strategy and team work.

Hidden in a draw, Roberson's rattling horns accurately imitated the sound and fury of two bucks locked in a fierce battle for the right to breed with the does. Frozen like a statue, Zumbo manned the high ground and waited for curious bucks to come watch Roberson's mock battle.

Like a school yard fight, a battle between determined bucks gathers all other males within earshot. The bucks arrive either on a dead run or

they sneak in for a peek at the fight. Their approach styles seem more determined by personality than by horn size.

All called bucks do share one common trait: they circle downwind if possible. One good smell of a hunter instead of another buck is all it takes to scare off the newcomer.

Roberson used fence rows, stock tanks, and pumpjacks to block downwind approaches.

Just as catch-and-release helps to protect the future of bass fishing, in deer hunting calling up but not shooting all bucks insures better hunting for the future.

The Zumbo/Roberson team rattled up twelve shootable bucks.

Zumbo did shoot one and will have mounted a huge, black-horned eight point buck but, the talk of dinner was about a magnificent buck with even blacker horns who got downwind and spooked before a shot could be fired.

Zumbo and Roberson had to leave the ranch yesterday, but Don Jr. and I are still here. If I get that black-horned trophy, I am going to name the mount Z-U-M-B-O.

NOTE - Valley ranches like Panhandle farms are always thirsty, and an unexpected four-inch rain on Friday night brought big smiles to the faces of the ranchers. Here's hoping that you get a four-inch rain and that Santa Claus finds your house on Christmas evening.

Hatfield replaces Goldsmith at Rice

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Hatfield hopes to take up where Fred Goldsmith left off at Rice University.

Hatfield, who led Arkansas to Southwest Conference titles in 1988 and 1989 before moving to Clemson for four years, was named head coach at Rice on Wednesday, replacing Goldsmith, who resigned Dec. 16 to coach at Duke.

Hatfield pledged to continue the turnaround that Goldsmith made in his five seasons as coach, but recruiting and drawing fans is different in Houston than Little Rock.

"We've got a great opportunity to win on and off the field," Hatfield said. "Rice has been a viable member of the SWC and it is a good television market. Rice is going to be in the midst of any changes."

Hatfield has a 113-62-3 record as a head coach over 15 seasons including five years at Air Force, six at Arkansas and most recently, four seasons at Clemson.

At Clemson, Hatfield compiled a 32-13-1 record, including this sea-

son's 8-3 record and berth against Kentucky in the Peach Bowl.

Hatfield said one of his first assignments will be visiting personally with all the athletes have committed to the Owls.

"I plan to go into the homes of those who have committed to Rice and assure them that we still want them," Hatfield said.

Rice athletic director Bobby May would only say that Hatfield's contract was multi-year.

"We hope it's forever," May said. "Ken Hatfield is the kind of coach fans will want to come out and see. It's going to be exciting."

Rice has traditionally recruited strongly at the skill positions and employed a passing attack. Hatfield is a career-long triple option coach.

It was a concern of Bucky Allshouse, a former Rice player and member of the selection committee.

"I asked him 'you're not going to run the wishbone are you?'" Allshouse said. "He laughed and started drawing me what it was. I'll just say that he convinced me he can move the football."

Hatfield said he'd been working

on a scheme called the spread option that will employ features of the triple option and also allow the Owls to maintain a passing threat.

"We can run the triple option at any time and hopefully, we'll move the ball forward," Hatfield said. "I told the players we'd adjust to the skills that we have on this football team."

Rice had awarded Goldsmith a contract extension through the 1999 as a reward for leading the Owls to their first back to back winning seasons since 1960 and 1961. The Owls hadn't had a winning season since 1963.

Hatfield was an assistant coach at Army, Tennessee and Florida and he was offensive coordinator at Air Force for one year in 1978 before becoming head coach there.

The Razorbacks won SWC titles in 1988 and 1989 but lost in the Cotton Bowl to UCLA and Tennessee.

Hatfield's .750 (55-17-1) winning percentage in six seasons at Arkansas ranks as the second highest in SWC history behind Texas' Darrell Royal.

Hatfield hired Goldsmith as his

defensive coordinator at Arkansas and the two coaches have been friends since.

"We've followed Fred and Pam (Goldsmith's wife) closely in their five years at Rice. It was similar to being at Air Force when we went there and built things up. Pam and Fred did that here."

Rice finished the past two seasons at 6-5 and could have qualified for a bowl game this season if it had beaten one more NCAA Division I-A rival.

The Owls almost broke their non-winning season streak in 1990, Goldsmith's second season at Rice, but Baylor won 17-16 on the final play of the final game of the season.

Rice president Malcolm Gillis said Hatfield would continue the school's high academic standards.

"Ken has a reputation as a players' coach and as such he is deeply concerned about all aspects of the lives of his student athletes," Gillis said.

"I know he is committed to continuing to bring recruits into this program who can successfully cope with the rigors of academics while competing successfully as athletes."

Del Greco rescued Oilers' kicking game

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Al Del Greco has spent the past three years trying to make the mystique of Tony Zendejas disappear.

He finally did it on Sunday with four field goals that broke two records Zendejas set when he was with the Oilers.

"Even when I was kicking good, I was always in Tony's shadow," Del Greco said. "Tony was such a great kicker and still is. Now it's something I can point to people and say, 'I'm as good as he is and I had a good year.'"

Del Greco rescued the Oilers' kicking game in 1991, then made 21 of 27 field goals in 1992. But he missed two crucial field goals last season that caused fans to withhold support.

Del Greco has kicked four field goals in each of the last two weeks,

giving him 116 points this season. Zendejas, now with the Los Angeles Rams, scored 115 points in 1989, as George Blanda did in 1960.

Del Greco also broke Zendejas' club record for field goals in a season.

His field goals of 34, 22, 33 and 21 yards in Sunday's 26-17 victory over Pittsburgh that clinched the AFC Central title for the second time in three seasons gave him 27, beating Zendejas' mark by one.

"I read a couple of weeks ago, 'until he does something like that (breaks the record), the thought to Tony will always be here. If he breaks the record, maybe his (Zendejas') memory will blur,'" Del Greco said.

The Oilers lost Zendejas before the 1991 season to Plan B free agency in a move many fans considered a management bungle.

Because of Zendejas' success and popularity, whoever replaced him was sure to face intense scrutiny. Zendejas going 17-for-17 his first year as a Ram made the situation even tougher.

Ian Howfield was the first to try out, but he was cut after missing a game-winning kick.

In came Del Greco. In seven games, he hit 10 of 13 field goals in seven games in 1991 and a career-best 21 of 27 last season.

But Del Greco still felt he was viewed as second-best to Zendejas.

"I don't want it to sound like that was my goal to beat Tony," Del Greco said. "Tony's a good friend. I just knew I'd never be considered successful until I broke his record."

Two missed field goals tainted Del Greco's 1992 season.

Although he kicked a 39-yarder in overtime to beat Kansas City in September, he later missed a 39-

yarder in a 21-20 loss to Pittsburgh and a 41-yarder in a 19-16 loss to Miami.

Those two misses created an impression he couldn't make crucial kicks.

"It was just the way the media chose to write about me last year," Del Greco said. "If it had turned out where those kicks didn't mean anything, they might have said I had a great year."

"As it was, they were important kicks, I didn't make them and that's the route they chose, and not to say what I did good for the rest of the year. I thought I had a good year, but I wasn't totally satisfied."

Del Greco has a chance to add to his stature the rest of the season.

This season, he's made 27 of 32 field goals with streaks of 10 straight, seven in a row and 10 of his last 11.

Fox Network faces major rebuilding job

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget the announcers. If Fox is going to build a sports division from scratch, it should begin hiring bosses, and yesterday wouldn't be too soon to start.

"I think if they get a couple of the right people in place very quickly, it can be done, particularly since there are a number of people out there with experience," said Turner Sports senior vice president Kevin O'Malley, who spent 14 years at CBS before joining Turner five years ago.

The hills are full of announcers, so O'Malley says he wouldn't worry about them.

"The most important person they probably need now is an executive producer, because the production people need to get to work tomorrow," said O'Malley, who is in charge of programming at Turner and was involved both in administration and production at CBS.

Then, he can start hiring producers, directors and associate producers for a pregame show as well as a staff of at least 40 highly skilled people for each of seven remote units Fox must create.

Then, Fox must either rent or buy equipment for each of those remote units. Mobile units cost \$5 million to \$8 million apiece, depending on how fancy they are, O'Malley said.

If Fox would rather rent, they should do that quickly, O'Malley said, because "the other guys have probably already reserved their equipment for next year."

If they want to buy, O'Malley said, "I wouldn't be surprised if they could pick up a couple from CBS, cheap."

Fox was thrown into this creative

frenzy over the weekend when it outbid CBS for the NFL portion of the NFL television contract. That forced CBS out of the NFL business and gave Fox its first major sports property.

"Fox has not spent 30 years building up a live production capacity, like the other three networks," O'Malley said. "All three of those networks have large, institutionalized live production areas, not only because of sports but because of live news for things like political conventions and breaking stories."

"Fox doesn't have a big national news operation. They don't have remote production operations for sports. But they'd better get them."

Besides an executive producer, Fox also will need a high-level executive in programming.

"You're going to have to regionalize these games to the various pockets of the country, and the ability to do that well has a big impact on ratings," O'Malley said. "I think they'd be looking for people with that kind of experience very early."

Once the upper-level positions have been filled, then Fox can start hiring people who actually get the shows on the air.

For the pregame show, Fox will need an overall producer and director in charge, as well as several other producers and directors and associate producers and assistant directors to handle on-location features.

Now, Fox will have to hire cameramen, sound engineers and videotape people, not to mention somebody to answer the phones, while at the same time finding or building a big, expensive studio for them.

"Then, on any Sunday, they're going to be responsible for doing as many as seven games a week on the

NFL's NFC regional pattern. That means a leadership group for each one of those remotes," O'Malley said.

Each leadership group consists of a producer, director, associate producer, assistant director, engineer in charge and assistant director for videotape.

"Then, they're going to have to have 35 or so technical people like cameramen, videotape operators, audio and video people for each remote unit. Many of them can be hired on a free-lance basis," O'Malley said.

Then, finally, come the announcers.

"Presuming that Fox is going to go out and spring for the money to get John Madden, which you've got to assume they will do, the only obstacle to putting together good announcing teams is the contract cycles of the people already employed," O'Malley said.

People like Pat Summerall, Greg Gumbel and Vern Lundquist do other things for CBS besides football. But others, like Dick Stockton and Tim Ryan "are planning on working the Winter Olympics and U.S. Open tennis, but that's about all they have in their future right now," O'Malley said.

"As for analysts, a new crop of three or four comes out of the playing and coaching ranks every year, so you can put together a crop of them very quickly," O'Malley said. "You don't even have to look for them. Their agents will find you."

None of this can happen, however, until Fox hires people who can hire more people, "and they have to make those decisions right now."

"When you have to start from scratch, it's a very daunting task."

Rencher lifts Longhorns past Tennessee Tech

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Terrence Rencher scored 33 points Wednesday to lead Texas to a 97-85 victory over Tennessee Tech in the consolation round of the Maui Invitational.

Rencher, a junior, was two points off his season high in a win at Nebraska and four off his career high against Virginia Commonwealth as a freshman. He was 14-for-20 from the field and handed out six assists.

Texas (3-4) will play the winner of the Notre Dame-Chaminade game for fifth place on Thursday. The Longhorns led just 44-41 at

halftime despite Tennessee Tech (2-5) going more than eight minutes without a field goal.

They were able to take a double-figure lead early in the second half when the Eagles again went dry from the field, going almost four minutes without a basket as Texas took a 63-50 lead with 14:26 to play.

A layup by Rencher with 5:52 left gave Texas its biggest lead, 82-64. The Eagles weren't done, however, as they closed within 85-76 with 2:19 left on a breakaway dunk by Carlos Floyd.

He was charged with a technical

foul for hanging on the rim and Rencher made both free throws and the lead was never less than 10 the rest of the way. Tennessee Tech finished with 28 turnovers, 13 by Maurice Houston.

Albert Burditt added 14 points for Texas and freshman Reggie Freeman had 13.

Rencher's backcourt partner, B.J. Tyler, had 10 points but again struggled from the field, going 2-for-13 after a 2-for-11 effort in the opening-round loss to No. 5 Kentucky. Tyler who also had six assists, has yet to make a 3-pointer in 13 attempts in the tournament.

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Colleagues seek A&M professor's demotion

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly two dozen top professors at Texas A&M University are seeking the demotion of a colleague whose work on a project that purported to turn mercury into gold has triggered several internal investigations. The group petitioned the university provost, asking that John O'M Bockris be stripped of his title as distinguished professor of chemistry. Signed by 23 of 28 distinguished professors, the petition was presented to officials Tuesday, The Dallas Morning News reported in Wednesday editions. "We believe that Bockris' recent activities have made the terms 'Texas A&M' and 'Aggie' objects of derisive laughter throughout the world among scientists and engineers, not to mention a large segment of the lay public," the petition stated.

"The 'Alchemy' caper is, everywhere, a sure trigger for sniggering at our university. And so it should be. For a trained scientist to claim, or support anyone else's claim to have transmuted elements is difficult for us to believe and is no more acceptable than to claim to have invented the dead, or to be mining green cheese on the moon," the petition stated. Bockris was not immediately available for comment, but he previously has denied wrongdoing.

E. Dean Gage, interim president of Texas A&M University, has ordered an internal inquiry into the project. Other academics have termed the project scientific fraud, noting that it was underwritten by a man later charged with unrelated federal securities fraud. University officials also have said they are trying to determine whether the project headed by Bockris violated professional standards or improperly spent money intended to pay for research.

Rene Henry, a university spokesman, said the university had never encountered a request like the one it received Tuesday. Officials needed to speak with staff lawyers to ensure that matters are handled in a way that protect Bockris' academic rights, he said.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of administration for the Estate of TRACI ANN REYNOLDS, Deceased, were issued on December 20, 1993, under Docket No. 7759, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to JERRY REYNOLDS. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate addressed as follows: JERRY REYNOLDS, Administrator of the Estate of TRACI ANN REYNOLDS, Deceased, 905 RANDY M. PHILLIPS, P.O. Box 348, Booker, Texas 79005. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 23rd day of December, 1993. LEMON, SHEARER, EHRLICH, PHILLIPS & GOOD A Professional Corporation By Randy M. Phillips Bar No. 15939600 P.O. Box 348 Booker, Texas 79005 (806) 658-4545 (806) 658-4524 Telecopier Attorneys for the Estate of Traci Ann Reynolds

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Dear Santa,
how are You Doing
I am Fine
I wuld like to have
A boom box, a western BarBie
Doll and ken, cassette taps
Aladdin and JaSmin Dolls
For Christmas
I will leave you Som Cookies
and Milk.

Love Skye Niccum

Dear Santa
I would like a pet of my own a
rossey lod. and most of all to be
with my family.

Your freind
Ty Elledge

Dear Santa
I want a remote control race car
and a car set with stores and stuff
and a car wash like my mom got me
the last time in the toralorhouse and
i hope you have a merry christmas
and have good time with your deer
and a good time with Mrs. Clas and
say hi to the elfs for me and i will
take whatever you want me to have
and you don't have to give me evry-
thing i want i want to save some
for the other kids and i hope you get
something for my mom and dad and
i will leve some Cokes and milk for
you and maby a new bike and a
scoter and a pogostik merry christ-
mas.

Love Devin

You and your eight raindeer have a
merry Christmas.
Dear Santa Claus,
Hi how are you. Hear is one thing I
want for shur it is a Cabb patch kid
hear are some other things I want
butt not is bad. It is other babies
butt I want lots of those. And her is
some other things I want Books,
pencials, crayons, close, coloring
books, puzzles, colring kit, ez to do
stuff, A lock for my door, sheets
for my bed I cont forget those, I
like troll thing's like close, sheets
and can I have another bed coach
and bean bag please I love you I
akased for eleven things that's not
that bad last time I had a real long
list.
Merr Christmas to you and to all.
And have a happy new year. HO
HO HO.

Love
Shawntyl [Baker]

Please dont pick on rudph and
have a very merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I want a Mcdonlds drink mashen
Your friend,
Jessica Smith

Dear Santa
I want a puppy spriz you friend,
Your friend,
Braxton Allison

Dear Santa,
I want a trampolen.
Your friend,
Crisie K. Boring

Dear Santa,
I want a brbe and a hors.
Your friend,
Cindy Elain

Dear Santa,
I want a brbe pone
Your friend,
Kendall R. Hickman

Dear Santa,
I want a koobds brbe.
Your friend,
Kaylee Anne Keih

Dear Santa,
I want a pupe and a brbe.
Your friend,
Halee Green

Dear Santa,
I want a brbe kr.
Your friend,
Falon Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a pant dazl brbe.
Your friend,
Ashlee Lucus

Dear Santa,
I want a ez bak ovrn.
Your friend,
Amy Youree

Dear Santa,
I want a pupe spriz.
Your friend,
Morgan Meharg

Dear Santa,
I want a spr nintndo.
Your friend,
Bryan Humphrey

Dear Santa
I want a kite
Your friend,
Evan Grice

Dear Santa,
I want a L.A. lits
Your friend,
Aaron Anguiano

Dear santa i wot yow to give me a
dog and a yuger sister and a
beruthar 5 yiersold and i wot lots uv
snow on the grand
thakcyo

love
Ashley Parker

Dear Santa.
I wood like a dolle and a toy car
a duck and a dolle house t haek you
merry chirsmus

love,
Mouna Harris

Dear Santa
I hop you cum to my hous and I
hop you will give me a dert bike and
a bath tub brush and a bublz and I
wish for a dog and a moder sik and I
wunt a bradres and sum hand cuvz
and sum tinis boz and a pads I do
wunt to se you and I wunt sum
woder prooth gluvz and a tinis rakit
and a hoke set thak you

luv
Michael Wilkinson

Dear Santa
I wut vou to get me a lot of toys
and I wut a nuwe bike and I wut a lot
of nuwe thags and I wut sum nuwe
shoos and I wut a jake in the box and
I wut a lot presis and I wut a nuwe
hous and I wut a good krismis in a
happy nuwe yir and I wut a nuwe bed
and I wut a nuwe room and I wut my
own up stirs and I wut a tv and I wut
a sagujinses to go with it and I wut a
nuwe nabr hood and I wut nuwe frans
and I wut to put koocees for santa and
I wut to play with my frand Adm and
I wut a foot boll to play foot boll with
my frand Adm and I wut a egl and I
wut a zebra and I wut some fish in a
tack with wotr and a kasl to put in it
and I wut to thak Santa.

Thank you,
Samuel Gamble

Dear Santa
I wont a cor brmev crayonz coloring
book yoyo cup ll lev cookez and
milk thancu

love,
Michael Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I wut for krismis a Brbe cor and
wth a tel fon in mi Brbe cor and Brbe
tok to me and for mi sistr I wut you
to get her a wrd baby wth sum kjos
and a bodl and a nuth thig for me and
I wut kmesh and I wut you to get mi
dad a nekles and I wot pafuit and I

wut a reg and I wut a Brbe brbe
woch that will fit me and a pupe that
will not go so big and I to see yer
randirs and I wut a now gremuther
and I wut a bruthr and I wut a nuw
sister and I wut to see the lukes rader
weth the rednos and I wut to see you
and I will lev sum mike and cocees
and I will lev a previte and I thik that
I will like and llike in your slae and I
wut you to lev a esh prevt enekiduv
prevt

sincerely,
Kaydrian Grays

dear Santa
He is go in to gi vm ea modscio He
is go in to gi me ar as cor. He is go
en to gi me atore. Di air sat ugo et
oog ivme a tairtifle. He isgo.
Di sat uig gowe too givme adog
too gi mea dog. He is go wi ng ras-
cair. he is go wig too gi me au horse.
Dise tu go we ng on ntoo go in too
giv mea rascur. Di us sat ugo wen-
sooz. Di sat ugo weg too givme
ahorse. Di sa tu iz go wetoo givme
ajacinabox.
luv
shawn carey

Dear Santa
i wunt fo er krismus twunt sum toes
lwunt a tratol dos dit kiere dert
santa
but iwunt both toes iwunt to 3wiler
end a bik end iluv my nudre end my
dad iluv dem ples santa iwunt yoer
bes toes det you ken fin in thu stoer i

THE GRIZZWELLS CHRISTMAS by Bill Schorr



will luv thu toes iwil lev sum kookes
fo you end ef u likh emlev anot ef
you lik the kookens end i wunt a ter-
ampleng end ef ukent bregthtu toes yus
kome my fonumer es ... end i luvyou
sin rit her end santa end i wunyo to
bitne 8 theg i wil luvv theuoo
luv
John Meza

Dear Santa,
For crismas want a new born baby
alive. And the litls pet shop. For
crismas I rely, rely want roler blads
and a gigl and go baby doll. I want
some mor barbys that are the swim-
ing ones. One of the swimming barbys I
wunt is Skiper and her twins. And I
rely, rely, rely want a pupy. I wunt a
champlen and a bike. I will put out
some cookys for you and I wunt you
to ete them. I wunt some lipstik. I wunt
a new stoking. I wunt a new kitin. I
wunt my own telvign. I wunt a Barny
and Baby Bop stuf animls. I wunt a
barny and baby bop shirt and colring

book. I wunt a trol woch and ring. I
rely, rely, rely, rely wunt a baby
sister. I wunt some fishes. For crismas
I wunt a baby all gon and some
gak. For crismas I wunt a Barny read-
ing book. For crismas I wunt loopin
Looy and baby sifers club mistery
game. I like you and I love you. Santa
these are just things I wunt and I am
going to let you choos. Thank you.

Love
Rebecca Diggs

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r u going tu b at the store? I womt

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