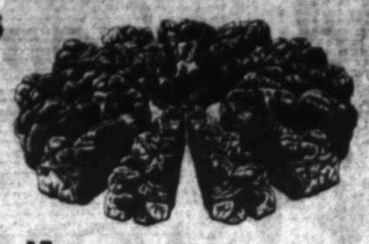
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Some things just aren't right for Christmas.



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The living nativity performance, enacted this past week by members of First Baptist Church, exemplifies the true meaning of Christmas and the yuletide season.

Who is Christ child?

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK — Just who was that man whose birthday is celebrated today?

That, theologians say, is the main issue in regard to Jesus. Was he just a man? A prophet? A great teacher? Or something more? Was he God mirrored in humanity?

A lot of questions were asked about him while he lived, questions echoed ever since.

Classic Christianity concluded he was something of a paradox, "truly God and truly man."

He's certainly not considered all of God. Did it mean that he manifests God, not in spite of, but because of his being truly, unreservedly human, while all others fall short of it?

The mystifying assessment resonates with anomalies and further questions with which scholars have grappled through the centuries.

The child, Jesus, took on a variety of names, both at the start and through his robust, roving adult ministry.

"Emanuel," meaning "God with us," was an early appellation, as recorded in Matthew 1:23.

The Magi from the East referred to him as "king of the Jews," the same title pinned on him at his crucifixion by the Roman governor Pilate.

The names themselves weave a fascinating pattern of mystery in Scripture —"son of God," "son of man," "son of David," "savior," "messiah," "the carpenter's son."

Opponents called him a "winebibber," a "friend of sinners" who "has a demon."

Many other names, peculiar, intriguing, cropped up in his time, and before it.

Jewish Scriptures, seen by Christians as referring to him, say in Isaiah 53 that he was a "man of sorrows" by whose "stripes we are healed."

But Isaiah 9 calls him "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

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Spirit of Christmas felt around world

Associated Press

The spirit of Christmas made a comeback in Peking and Soweto, while Pope John Paul II and Queen Elizabeth II of Britain invoked the holiday to denounce the evil of modern times and comfort those afflicted by recent catastrophes.

President Reagan telephoned Christmas greetings to members of the armed forces in distant places Saturday, talking to several selected servicemen from Egypt to the Far East.

In China, increasing numbers of foreign tourists and more exposure to foreign books and television has helped foster what one Beijing newspaper called "Christmas fever."

Hotels for foreigners mounted Christmas displays and people bought up Christmas cards imported from Hong Kong. In their latest fad, Chinese university students raised on atheism went church-hopping Christmas Eve, and thousands of them jammed Beijing's main Protestant and Catholic churches Saturday night.

In the black township of Soweto, South Africa, people prepared to enjoy a day clouded in recent years by black activists' calls for "Black Christmas" boycotts to protest the white minority government.

This year no boycotts were announced and people bought toys, sent Christmas cards, and filled holiday shopping bags without fear of reprisals for breaking a boycott.

In Vatican City at St. Peter's Basilica, the pope heralded the birth of Christ and lamented the "evil which still persists in human history and even, in a sense, is becoming deeper and more widespread."

In parts of the world riven by recent disasters, the holiday supplied only a bare glimmer of hope.

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Weather

Partly cloudy Christmas Day with a high in the lower 60s. Details on Page 4A.

Service

Delivery	682-5311
Classified Ads	682-6222
Other Calls	682-5311

Eastside project coming slowly

By CHRIS VAN WAGENEN
Staff Writer

Proponents generally agree on one thing: Lamesa Road is a picture window to eastside development.

Now if they can only convince the private sector.

"We're at the point right now where we need to start marketing the area," said Roger Robles, chairman for the Eastside Economic Development Task Force. "We need to beat the bushes out there. We need to make it known."

Certainly, they've made the start. With two feasibility studies under their belt and a private consultant on the way, Robles and others say there's no reason the area couldn't support a shopping center.

And that's the thrust of efforts made to this point — that east as well as southside residents have the income to support such a venture.

But plans to hire a private marketing consultant have been stalled, at least for the time being.

Two weeks ago, Midland City Council withheld $42,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds from the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which had proposed using one of its own people as an hourly consultant.

Council members ordered the chamber to revise the budget to reflect the hiring of an outside professional, capable of selling the studies to private interests who might be willing to invest in the project.

The move did not set well with Hispanic Chamber President John Castro, who said later his group was somewhat misled by city staff planners who had recommended some funds for an hourly chamber consultant.

"The Hispanic board is still interested in the money and I feel confident that we'll continue on, but right now it's dead in the water," said Castro, who claims to have received conflicting signals from the council.

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Elizabeth Dole named as labor secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush on Saturday named Elizabeth H. Dole as his secretary of labor, saying she has the "experience, the stature and the ability" to cope with the challenges of America's changing work force.



Dole

Mrs. Dole, 52, former transportation secretary and the wife of Bush's bitter campaign rival, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is the first woman named to a full Cabinet post in the new administration, though Carla Hills, as the U.S. trade representative, will have Cabinet rank.

Bush said a "dramatic change" has occurred as women enter the work force in increasing numbers, and, "In this environment, it is essential that we have a secretary of labor who understands the challenges out there, and who has the experience, the stature and the ability to deal with them effectively."

Other issues confronting the labor secretary are retraining displaced workers, ensuring better job safety, creating private-public partnerships and respecting workers' rights, the vice president said.

Bush's announcement, made the day before Christmas, means that only once Cabinet job — energy secretary — remains open. Bush said he would reveal no more appointments before next Friday, following his return from a hunting and fishing trip in Texas and Alabama.

Mrs. Dole, standing next to Bush outside the vice president's mansion, said unemployment was at a 14-year low, but people were still unable to find work.

"To promote and protect the welfare of America's working men and women, America's working families, is a challenge I accept with great enthusiasm," she said. Mrs. Dole said she would give a high priority to issues such as child care and the homeless.

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Midland Crime Stoppers gets 'A-' mark

By PATRICK CRIMMINS
Staff Writer

Midland Crime Stoppers was given an "A-" following a preliminary year-end analysis by its coordinator, despite statistics that reflected declines in key performance areas.

"I think it did well," said Midland County Sheriff's Sgt. Keith Ward of the program. "The statistics show we were down in some areas, but the recoveries were up."

Ward, who took over the program in June 1987, said this week his first full year was full of ups and downs. In 1987 nearly 2,000 callers dialed the familiar Crime Stoppers number, 694-TIPS. Through the end of November this year, only 1,628 calls had been received, with about 135 expected during December.

Arrests made by area law enforcement agencies as a result of Crime Stoppers tips were also down in 1988, from 166 in 1987 to 119 through November 30 this year.

"I was surprised we were as far behind in the number of calls we received and the number of arrests we made," Ward said. "We still have a month to go, but we are 40 arrests behind (1987 figures)."

Ward blamed a slow summer for the depressed 1988 figures.

"In the summer months we got hurt," he explained. "Why, I really don't know. I have been told it gets slow every summer, so not to worry. But I don't see why it should have slowed down. My experience has always been that criminal activity goes up in the summer."

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Reagan's two terms strengthened American presidency

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ronald Reagan's accomplishments and failures during eight years in the White House — and the impact his policies and decisions will have on our nation's future — are examined by those members of the Hearst Washington Bureau's staff who covered the varying aspects of his presidency. Part One centers on Reagan's restoration of the presidency.

By ROBERT E. THOMPSON
Hearst Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — When Ronald Reagan entered the White House, the American presidency was teetering on wobbly legs, battered by a dozen years of storms that had diminished its power and prestige.

When Reagan departs the executive mansion on Jan. 20, he will hand George Bush a presidency that is far stronger than the one he inherited eight years ago.

That legacy may constitute the most dramatic and far-reaching accomplishment of Reagan's White House tenure. Among his many achievements, none may be more important than his restoration of the presidency to its traditional position as the epicenter of the American political system.

Historians will argue over the impact of the Reagan presidency. They will weigh his successes — improved relations with the Soviets, a resurgent national economy, a more confident America, a dynamic defense posture, successful military action in the Persian Gulf, Grenada and Libya — against his failures — a national debt that has nearly tripled in eight years, the Iran-contra fiasco, monumental waste in the Pentagon, the slaughter of U.S. Marines in Lebanon and an unprecedented trade deficit.

But friend and foe alike agree that the 40th president infused the republic's most exalted public office with a viability that many feared had vanished for good in the turmoil and tragedy of the 1960s and 1970s.

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Eighty-four more bodies from Pan Am Flight 103 found

LOCKERBIE, Scotland — Authorities found 84 more bodies Saturday from the crash of Pan Am Flight 103 as this grief-stricken little village tried to keep Christmas from being erased from its calendar.

Police Chief John Boyd said there would be no scaling down of the search until the bodies of all 258 people aboard the Boeing 747 and those who died on the ground are located.

Helicopters and more than 600 people searched miles of Scottish countryside for victims of Wednesday night's crash, which showered this quiet town with flames and shards of jagged metal.

Among the dead is the CIA's station chief in Beirut, Lebanon, U.S. officials said Saturday.

In the town of 2,500 people, shops remained open and churches held Christmas Eve services, but the heart had gone out of the holiday. The Rev. Patrick Keegans of the town's Roman Catholic Church, whose own home was destroyed in the crash, put Christmas preparations aside Saturday to meet with relatives of the victims at a counseling center in the parish hall.

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Police spokesman Angus Kennedy said Saturday night that 84 more bodies were recovered after the search area was expanded, bringing the total to 239.

WORLD

None of the bodies has been positively identified, and Kennedy said it was a "fair question" whether all the remaining bodies will ever be found.

Six local residents listed as missing have been located alive and one other has been confirmed as dead, Kennedy said. That leaves 10 townspeople still listed as missing.

He said police also believed the occupants of only two cars destroyed in the explosion were missing, since what was thought to have been a third car was merely a license plate already in the road when the disaster occurred.

Officials earlier had not accounted for occupants of two other cars caught in the inferno, but said Saturday that one driver had been treated for injuries and the other already was on the list of the missing.

Searchers extended their hunt to more than 30 miles east of Lockerbie. Papers, clothing, money and mail from the plane had been found as far away as the Northumberland coast, 70 miles east of the main crash site.

Suspicions of sabotage were prompted by the inexplicable sudden breakup of the plane at 31,000 feet, a claim of responsibility and disclosures that the U.S. government had been warned of a plot to bomb a Pan Am flight between Frankfurt, West Germany, and New York in December.



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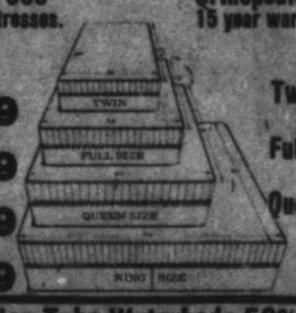
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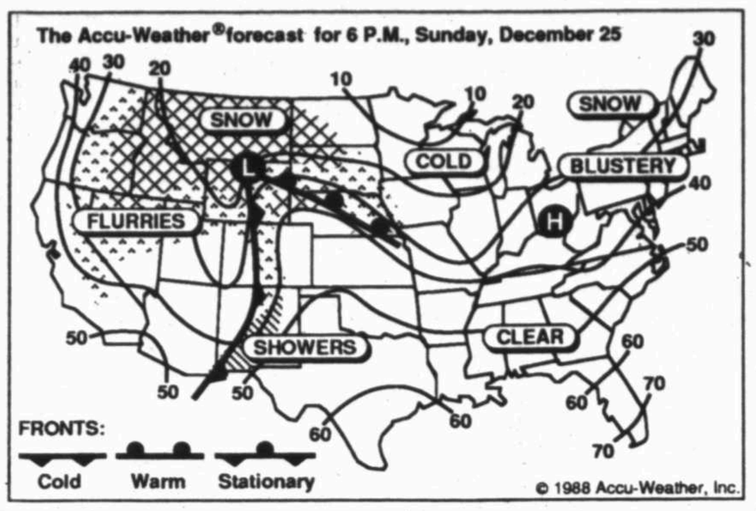
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Chance of showers in forecast

From Staff and Wire Reports

Today will be mild with an increase in clouds and a chance of showers expected through Monday, according to National Weather Service forecasters at Midland International Airport.

Winds Sunday will be from the south to southeast 10 to 20 mph and gusty. The low Sunday night will be in the mid-30s with a 20 percent chance of showers expected.

Monday will be cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers expected and a high near 60.

The record high of 78, which was set in 1955, was 20 degrees warmer than Saturday's high of 58. The low of 26 was nearly 20 degrees warmer than the record low of 7 degrees which was set in 1983.

STATE

Warm, moist air colliding with a boundary of dry air fueled scattered thunderstorms across East Texas early Saturday, while mostly cloudy skies covered the coastal regions as a cold front proceeded across the state.

The National Weather Service reported the front stretched from Central Oklahoma through North Central Texas and on to the Big Bend area. Skies over the western two-thirds of the state were fair, while temperatures behind the front were considerably lower than temperatures in East and South Texas.

Temperature readings in the Panhandle Saturday were in the 20s, while readings along the coast and the Deep South were in the upper 60s and lower 70s. Extremes at 4 a.m. ranged from 20 degrees at Dalhart to 71 degrees at McAllen and at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi.

Winds across the state varied from southerly in the South at 5 to 10 mph to west and northwesterly in the North and West.

The 6 a.m. Saturday temperatures in selected Texas Cities follow: Dallas, 48; Fort Worth, 47; Tyler, 53; Longview, 55; Amarillo, 23; Wichita Falls, 34; Abilene, 37; Stephenville, 40; Waco, 49; Austin, 55; San Antonio, 58; Corpus Christi, 69; Houston, 68; Lufkin, 61; Shreveport, 60; Mineral Wells, 45; Brownsville, 68; El Paso, 28; San Angelo, 41; Lubbock, 30; Midland, 27; College Station, 56; and Childress, 33.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with a high in the lower 60s. Winds from the south to southeast 10-20 mph and gusty. Sunday night: Increasing clouds with a 20 percent chance of showers and a low in the mid-30s. Monday: Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and a high near 60.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High	58 degrees
Overnight Low	26 degrees
Sunset today	5:51 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:47 a.m.
Precipitation	
Last 24 hours	none inches
This month to date	.53 inches
Year to date	18.29 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 p.m.	65	6 a.m.	27
7 p.m.	63	7 a.m.	28
8 p.m.	54	8 a.m.	27
9 p.m.	52	9 a.m.	35
10 p.m.	49	10 a.m.	44
11 p.m.	43	11 a.m.	49
midnight	38	noon	53
1 a.m.	34	1 p.m.	55
2 a.m.	33	2 p.m.	55
3 a.m.	34	3 p.m.	56
4 a.m.	33	4 p.m.	57
5 a.m.	32	5 p.m.	56
		6 p.m.	50

Texas temperatures

	Hi High	Lo Low	Ppn
Abilene	59	33	
Dallas	59	48	
Fort Worth	60	43	
Longview	70	56	.12
Lufkin	69	53	
Mineral Wells	59	38	
Stephenville	58	39	
Waco	62	45	
Wichita Falls	56	32	
Alpine	66	24	
Amarillo	50	22	
Childress	55	31	
Dalhart	47	12	
El Paso	57	24	
Laredo	69	30	
Lubbock	56	29	
Marfa	64	20	
Midland-Odessa	58	26	
Presidio	mm	mm	
San Angelo	61	34	
Wink	58	24	
Brownsville	85	66	
Bryan-College Station	69	53	.03
Corpus Christi	79	65	
Cotulla	76	63	
Del Rio	68	47	
Galveston	72	55	
Hondo	74	51	
Houston	75	56	
Junction	65	31	
Kingsville	78	66	
Laredo	74	63	
McAllen	81	68	
Palacios	72	64	
San Antonio	73	55	
Victoria	76	58	.07

Weather elsewhere

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany N.Y.	41	33	.46	cdy
Albuquerque	44	15		cdy
Anchorage	10	00		cdy
Atlanta	69	58	.02	clr
Atlantic City	53	36	.13	clr
Baltimore	59	35	.36	clr
Boise	32	21		sn
Boston	40	33	.18	clr
Buffalo	43	32	.22	cdy
Casper	27	09	.02	sn
Charleston,S.C.	72	54		clr
Chicago	43	34		cdy
Cincinnati	56	39	.61	cdy
Dayton	46	32	.63	cdy
Denver	38	14		sn
Detroit	40	28	.20	cdy
Flagstaff	38	03		sn
Grand Rapids	43	31		cdy
Great Falls	21	14		cdy
Honolulu	83	70	.04	clr
Indianapolis	45	37	.24	cdy
Jackson,Miss.	75	61		cdy
Kansas City	40	31		cdy
Las Vegas	50	34		rn
Little Rock	60	51	.20	cdy
Los Angeles	52	49	.36	cdy
Louisville	59	40	.70	cdy
Memphis	65	62	.91	cdy
Milwaukee	42	29	.01	cdy
Mpls-St Paul	20	15		sn
Nashville	68	57	.82	cdy
New Orleans	75	64	.66	cdy
New York City	52	36	.24	clr
Oklahoma City	51	34		cdy
Omaha	34	19		cdy
Philadelphia	57	37	.37	clr
Phoenix	64	40		rn
Pittsburgh	57	33	.91	cdy
Reno	39	24	.50	cdy
Richmond	71	49	.01	clr
St Louis	48	37	.15	cdy
Salt Lake City	30	21		sn
San Diego	58	44		rn
San Francisco	56	44	1.12	cdy
Sioux Falls	19	10		sn
Spokane	32	24		cdy
Syracuse	48	25	.32	cdy
Topeka	44	31		cdy
Tucson	68	31		rn
Tulsa	52	37		cdy
Washington,D.C.	60	35	.57	clr
Wichita	47	29		cdy

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Increasing cloudiness Sunday night and mostly cloudy Monday with a chance of showers both Sunday night and Monday. Highs Sunday mainly in the 50s. Lows Sunday night upper 20s Panhandle ranging to the mid 30s far west and Permian Basin to near 40 Concho Valley and Big Bend. Highs Monday mid 40s north to near 60 south.

North Texas: Increasing cloudiness west Christmas Day, mostly sunny east. Highs in the 60s. Mostly cloudy Sunday night with a slight chance of showers south and west. Lows in the mid 40s to near 50. Continued cloudy Monday with a chance of showers. Highs in the 60s.

South Texas: Increasing clouds and warmer Sunday night and Monday. Highs Monday in the 60s except in the 70s extreme south. Lows Monday night in the 40s and 50s. Highs Tuesday in the 60s and 70s.

HOLIDAY

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In Lockerbie, Scotland, where Pan American World Airways Flight 103 crashed Wednesday and killed all 258 board as well as others on the ground, shops remained open and churches held Christmas Eve services.

Yet hearts grieved as searchers combed the countryside for more bodies. The Rev. Patrick Keegans, whose home was destroyed in the crash, put Christmas preparations aside Saturday to meet with relatives of victims at a counseling center in the Roman Catholic parish hall.

In Soviet Armenia, where a Dec. 7 earthquake killed an estimated 55,000 people, a teacher said even the holiday season could do little to provide solace.

"For us Armenians, there can be no holidays this year. No New Year's, no Christmas," said Edik Kasparyan, a Leninakan teacher. "There has been too much loss, too much death."

In London, Queen Elizabeth broadcast an unprecedented second Christmas message Saturday to comfort those who suffered in the Pan Am jet disaster, the Armenian earthquake and a recent rail crash in south London that killed 34 people.

She said she wanted to offer her heartfelt sympathy and prayers to those who were injured and lost loved ones in the three disasters which "shocked and distressed" the entire world.

Elsewhere, Christmas competed with social strife.

In the occupied West Bank town of Bethlehem, where Jesus is said to have been born, Israeli soldiers seemed to outnumber celebrants Saturday. A driving rain, a Palestinian general strike and heavy Israeli security kept crowds slim. In Beirut, Lebanon, friends and relatives of American hostages Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland and British captive John McCarthy hoped the season would soften the hearts of the kidnappers. They appealed for the release of the hostages in Christmas letters published Saturday in Beirut newspapers.

Despite social turmoil, terror, and disasters both manmade and natural, millions of children around the world felt the magic of Christmas with an innocence many of their elders lost long, long ago.

In a Moscow apartment on Saturday, the eyes of a 5-year-old girl named Olga lit up when a couple dressed as Ded Moroz and Snegurochka, Grandfather Frost and a snow maiden, walked in.

Ded Moroz opened his sack and pulled out a huge teddy bear.

Reagan, in his pretaped radio speech, extended special Christmas remembrances to homeless children in America and to victims of the earthquake in Soviet Armenia.

"Here in our country, there are children — without homes, suffering from dire diseases — whose Christmases will be makeshift at best," said the president, who is spending the holidays in Los Angeles with wife Nancy. He praised the efforts of Toys for Tots and other organizations to provide gifts and other assistance for such children.

CHILD

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The opening of John's gospel calls him the "Word" of God, "the true light that enlightens every man ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

The missionary apostle Paul in 2nd Corinthians 4 calls him the "likeness of God," a light that "has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

John the Baptist called him "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

When Jesus asked his apostles who they thought he was, one of them, Peter, exclaimed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

He described himself variously in such graphic words as these:

"I am the light of the world."

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

"I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

"I am the resurrection and the life."

"I am the way, the truth and the life."

The "Father and I are one," he said, totally in accord, yet the "Father is greater than I," but "is in me and I am in" him.

Jesus also puzzlingly described himself as identical with the poor, the naked, the sick, the hungry and the imprisoned.

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me," he says in Matthew 25:40.

The closing Book of Revelation (Rev. 21:6) pictures him as the "Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The missionary apostle Paul calls him the "second" Adam — the inception of a new, unflawed and spirit-quickening life within humanity.

Paul summmed up the bafflement of it all in 1st Corinthians 13:

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood."

CRIME

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When a caller reaches Ward or Officer Belinda Abila, who is donated to the program by the Midland Police Department, if the information the caller has is valuable, a code number is issued to guarantee anonymity. Through the end of November 1988, only 218 new numbers were issued compared to 364 in 1987.

"The majority of the slowdown was in the down months we had," he said. "We also have been trying to screen calls more. When we have a call that is of no investigative value at all, we talk to the caller but we won't issue a code number."

One police detective said the flow of tips from the program has been regular and the quality of the information high.

"I didn't realize the statistics for the program were down," said Sgt. B.G. Johnson, who investigates crimes against persons. "I think most of the tips are very good. They have helped us in several cases. In my opinion, it is a valuable tool."

Another officer also was surprised at the statistics, especially the decline in calls.

"I don't understand why they are down," said District Attorney's Investigator J.D. Luckie, who noted his office has been deluged with 1,100 felony cases so far in 1988 compared to 800 in 1987. "They have always been a help to us, and the tips seem to be as good as ever. I don't have anything but good things to say about Crime Stoppers."

The amount of stolen property recovered by officers as a result of tips was also down in 1988, but the value of narcotics seized skyrocketed to more than $800,000 thanks to a single $600,000 seizure of cocaine by the Permian Basin Drug Task Force in October.

The Crime Stoppers budget — which consists mainly of a reward fund — is "doing very well," Ward said. So far in 1988, $22,575 in rewards have been paid to persons supplying information.

"We've still got a whole lot more than that in the reward fund," which is held in two interest-bearing accounts in area banks, Ward said.

In October, the Crime Stoppers governing board broke with tradition and picked Abila, the first female and Spanish-speaking officer since the program was founded in 1984.

"She has been a definite plus. We are getting more callers now that speak Spanish," Ward said. "Several callers we have had can barely speak English, and we could not have gotten the information if not for her."

Ward said the statistics may indicate that publicity for Crime Stoppers may need to be boosted.

"I want to try to do something that will make us seen and heard of a little bit more," he said. "I know now I need to get the word out more about what we do.

"I am going to give us an A- but we are shooting for an A-plus. The program is working, there's no doubt about it, but there are some things we could do better."

DOLE

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Bush's selection drew praise from labor leaders as well as from key members of the Senate, which will have to confirm Mrs. Dole's nomination to succeed Ann Dore McLaughlin.

"President-elect Bush saved one of his best appointments until near the end," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. "She is a woman of great ability with many friends in both parties on Capitol Hill."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the ranking Republican on the committee, said Mrs. Dole brings to the job "a proven track record." At the Transportation Department, she pushed for safety issues, including requirements for passive restraints in automobiles.

"It looks like TV dinners for me again, but I'll still probably vote for her confirmation," Sen. Dole joked. Dole said his wife, whom he and others call "Liddy," will give "110 percent to make a difference for America."

Bush said the fact that Mrs. Dole is married to the minority leader played no role in his decision. "This appointment stands on its merits," he said. He joked that he would love to see some side benefits of the appointment, adding, "Bob and I are on good footing."

A North Carolina native and a Harvard-trained lawyer, Mrs. Dole left her post as transportation secretary to work on her husband's unsuccessful 1988 presidential campaign. After Bush seized the GOP nomination, she traveled around the country speaking on his behalf, often to evangelical groups.

Mrs. Dole has long been rumored for a spot in the Bush administration and was on Bush's short list of vice presidential running mates. She was known to have wanted the position of U.N. ambassador, a job Bush gave to career diplomat Thomas Pickering.

Before moving to transportation, Mrs. Dole was a high-ranking White House staffer, serving as a liaison between President Reagan and special interest groups. She had contacts then with organized labor. Before Reagan's election in 1980, Mrs. Dole was a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

Said AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland: "We look forward to working with her. She is a person of proven stature and wide experience in public life who will give the Labor Department an important voice in the affairs of interest to working Americans."

On specific labor issues, Bush said he still favors raising the minimum wage, but he did not know when he might ask Congress to take that step.

REAGAN

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George Bush will soon discern, as Harry Truman did when he was catapulted into Franklin D. Roosevelt's shoes, that the old scene-stealer from Hollywood is a tough act to follow.

Even historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., a liberal Democrat who has written biographical studies of Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, concedes that Reagan filled the leadership vacuum that existed under his predecessors.

"Whatever else may be said about Ronald Reagan, he quickly showed that the reports of the death of the presidency were greatly exaggerated," Schlesinger writes in "The Cycles of American History," "By 1986 the lamentations of 1980 seemed overwrought and irrelevant."

Schlesinger argues that the problem in the pre-Reagan days was not the presidency, but the men who occupied it.

"It was in trouble because President Nixon had acted in a manner contrary to his trust as president and subversive of constitutional government, and because of the feebleness of the leadership Presidents Ford and Carter provided and of the remedies they proposed."

In an interview with the Hearst Newspapers, Stuart Eisenstat, who served as Carter's White House adviser on domestic policy, said Reagan has strengthened the institution of the presidency by exercising presidential prerogatives.

Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., agrees. "There is no question," says Matsui, "that he restored pride in the country and restored the office of the presidency as an effective means to carry out an agenda. He has dominated the agenda and the debate over the last eight years."

Retiring Sen. Daniel J. Evans, R-Wash., concedes that he "started out as a skeptic" because of policy differences he and Reagan had when they both were governors. "And with all of that skepticism, I end up after eight years of the Reagan presidency with a lot higher respect for his abilities and what he has done.

"What he has taught us about the presidency is that unlike a governor who may get more involved in details, the president is in many respects the nation's chief communicator. But you've got to have something to communicate. He has had the genius of keeping the messages he wants to communicate simple (and) straightforward."

The potency of the Reagan presidency derived in large measure from the fact that Reagan had a vision of the course America should pursue. Although he has proved an adept compromiser, he rarely deviated publicly from his basic conservative ideology.

His speeches at the end of his tenure contain all the elements that were enunciated in those at the beginning of it. The American people never have had any doubt about where he stood or what he wanted —less taxation, less government, less spending, less regulation, less protectionism.

Addressing White House aides on Dec. 13, Reagan blamed an "iron triangle" — composed of Congress, the news media and special interest groups — for his inability to balance the budget. The frailty he found in the presidency, Reagan suggested, was due to those outside forces rather than any shortcoming on his part.

"When I came to office, I found in the presidency a weakened institution," said Reagan. "I found a Congress that was trying to transform our government into a quasi-parliamentary system. And I found a Washington colony that — through the iron triangle — was attempting to rule the nation according to its interests and desires more than the nation's."

While the "great communicator" noted that he had used "the president's ability to frame the broadest outlines of debate" to compensate for the weakening of the office, he maintained that the constitutional balance of powers has not yet been fully restored.

He failed to mention that one Reagan budget after another has incorporated a deficit greater than $100 billion. Nor did he mention that chaos reigned in the White House during the months in which Lt. Col. Oliver North and Vice Adm. John Poindexter ran foreign policy from the National Security Council and sought to trade arms for hostages.

Yet despite the imperfections in his presidency, Reagan never has become a feckless lame duck. In the wake of the Iran-contra debacle, he and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev negotiated the first-ever treaty to reduce nuclear weaponry; he then worked with Congress on landmark legislation in the areas of welfare reform, catastrophic illness, drugs, trade, tax reform, and military base closings.

Sustained by an amiable personality and a buoyant view of America, Reagan has retained the devotion of a majority of his constituency and the respect of U.S. allies and adversaries abroad.

In a public opinion survey conducted in mid-November, Reagan's longtime pollster Richard Wirthlin found that 63 percent of the American people approve the president's performance in office. If Wirthlin's figures are accurate, Reagan leaves office more popular than any president since Roosevelt, who died as America was emerging triumphant from World War II.

In the words of his close friend, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, "President Reagan departs the political scene leaving America stronger and more confident, and the West more united, than ever before."

The bully pulpit envisioned by the first Roosevelt, Theodore, once more is alive and well.

MONDAY: Reagan and Congress

PROJECT

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"Somewhere along the line, they (council members) changed their minds, but we're going to go back and do just what they said, get an outside consultant," said Castro.

The most recent study, which was completed in September through the assistance of Midland College, has determined that the area, if given the opportunity, would support certain businesses, such as a drug store, a supermarket, a men's and chidlren's clothing store, a shoe store and a carry-out restaurant.

"It's very feasible," said District 2 Councilwoman Oralia Corrales. "Look at Community National Bank. People thought they were nuts to locate there, but they service a clientele and it works."

Ms. Corrales said residents on the city's east and southside have not forgotten the task force study, and, in fact have made inquiries about where the project stands. "They call and ask when it will happen. People are anxious to see changes. They feel more needs to be done."

In the joint-eastside study, surveyers took into account a population of 24,624 that is expected to increase to 26,805 by 1993.

What they found was:

- A median age of 26.6 years — 27.7 years by 1993.
- A current per capita income of $6,428 — to increase to $7,302 by 1993.
- A median household income of $20,781 — to increase to $24,632 by 1993.
- 40.8 percent of households earning $25,000 or more per year. By 1993, 64.4 percent will earn as much.
- An average household size of 3.44 members — expected to increase to 3.50 members by 1993.

But Robles admits there's a lot of intangibles, such as the cost of land and buildings and other overhead expenses. Still, he says, the Lamesa expansion is going to mean a lot added traffic to the area.

And: "The study has indicated that the people living here will certainly support the businesses. What we need now is to engage a person with the expertise to market the project."

Although an exact location hasn't been identified, those associated with the project are leaning toward the intersection of Highway 80 and Lamesa Road. "The question is, can we find the investors at this day and time?" asked Castro."

Ms. Corrales thinks so. She says some foundational improvements already are in place — such as the building of Martin Luther King Park, the extension of Scharbauer Drive to Fairgrounds Road and next year's construction of a new water tower to service the eastside.

"We're new at (redevelopment) this. At times it becomes political, and I understand that, but we (the city) believe we've achieved a lot and that we can achieve a lot more given time."

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Prayers for crash victims push aside Christmas joy

LOCKERBIE, Scotland (AP) — Prayers for the dead pushed aside thoughts of joy at Christmas services in this small community where a Pan American World Airways jet crashed Wednesday.

"It has always been the usage to wish everyone a very merry Christmas. It would scarcely be appropriate. There can be no merriment in our hearts at this time," Church of Scotland minister James Annand told the congregation at the midnight services Saturday.

Grieving townspeople crowded into his Dryfesdale parish church with members of the rescue services that are still combing the wreckage.

Tinsel hung in Lockerbie's windows and the stores were open for late shoppers. But the heart had gone out of the holiday here. Even holly wreaths bore messages of grief.

At his service, Annand offered prayers for those killed in the disaster and their families and for members of the armed services, police, firemen, ambulance crews and "all who are enduring long and arduous hours of work in the search for victims."

Similar prayers were offered at Christmas midnight Mass Saturday at Lockerbie's Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity.

Christmas Eve was Day 3 of the search for victims of Wednesday night's crash, which showered this quiet market town with flames and shards of jagged metal.

Authorities say all 258 people aboard the Boeing 747 were killed, and at least 10 townspeople are missing.

The Rev. Patrick Keegans of the local Roman Catholic Church put Christmas preparations aside Saturday to meet with relatives of the victims who had come to a counseling center in the parish hall.

A half-dozen men stood watchfully opposite town hall, which is being used as a morgue for about half of the bodies recovered so far.

One woman walked up and added a bouquet to a pile of cards and flowers, which stood as testimony to the grief. She quickly departed.

One bouquet bore a tribute "to the little girl in the red dress who lies here, who made my flight from Frankfurt such fun. You didn't deserve this. God bless. Chas."

Palestinian terrorist group says children will be released

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A Palestinian terrorist group said Saturday it will free two French girls held hostage for more than a year, in response to an appeal by Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi that captives be released.

A statement issued by the Fatah Revolutionary Council, led by Abu Nidal, said the girls to be released are the daughters of French hostage Jacqueline Valente. They are Marie-Laure, 7, and Virginie, 6.

The council's statement also called for release of all kidnapped hostages in Lebanon, "especially those uninvolved in any espionage activity or those serving with humanitarian organizations."

The group's announcement was released a few hours after Ms. Valente's mother, former husband and brother-in-law arrived in west Beirut from Paris to press for their relatives' freedom.

The statement set no date for their release. But the group's spokesman, Walid Khaled, told The Associated Press the two girls were to be freed within 24 hours.

Khaled said in November last year that his group captured the three, along with five Belgians, from a French boat it seized off the coast of the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip. He accused the adults of being Israeli spies, which their relatives deny.

"In light of the appeal made by brother Moammar Gadhafi on the occasion of Christmas and New Year for the release of the hostages, especially the two girls, Marie-Laure and Virginie, our Central Committee has decided to free the two girls within the framework of specific security arrangements set for this purpose," the statement said.

In April, the group offered to release Ms. Valente's older daughters, but Khaled said their mother refused to let them go.

The statement, released in Beirut, did not spell out the security arrangements involved, nor did it indicate the captives' whereabouts. But it said Libya pledged to "extend all the necessary facilities that will guarantee the safety of the two girls."

The captives are widely believed held in the Palestinian refugee camp of Ein el-Hilweh outside the southern port of Sidon.

Ms. Valente, her daughters and the five Belgians have been called the "forgotten hostages" by the French media, since they are not among 15 foreign hostages most commonly mentioned in press reports. Ms. Valente gave birth to a third daughter in captivity and is reportedly expecting a fourth child.

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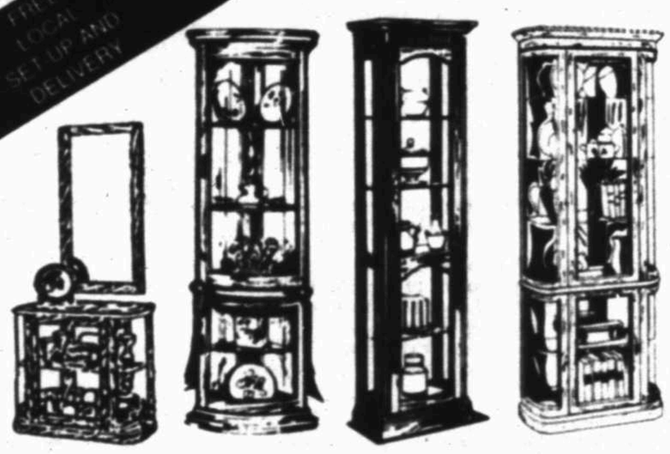
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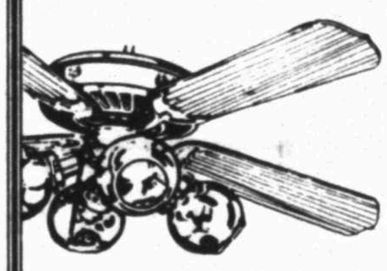
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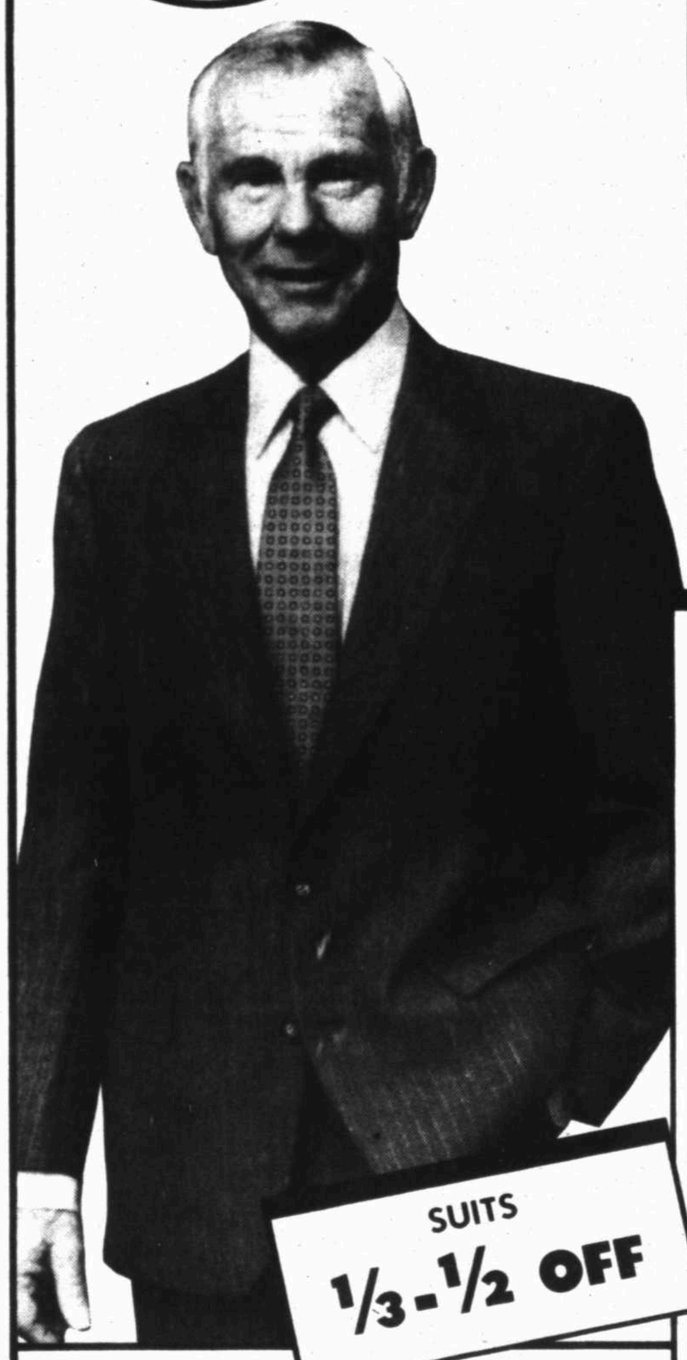


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Carols filter through sparse crowds at Manger Square

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Carols filtered through loudspeakers and drifted across Manger Square, but few Christmas Eve pilgrims were on hand to hear them in this biblical town, where soldiers seemed to outnumber celebrants.

A driving rain, a Palestinian general strike and heavy Israeli security kept crowds slim. As darkness fell, troops with automatic rifles stood guard on rooftops, including that of the Church of the Nativity, which marks the site where Jesus Christ is said to have been born.

The few visitors who spent the afternoon in Bethlehem huddled under Manger Square's arcade, outside shops closed down by striking Palestinians.

In other parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, five Palestinians were reported wounded, one in a clash with troops and four in a clash with an Arab village official accused of collaborating with Israel, Arab reports said. Israel radio quoted security sources as saying a family feud was behind the incident.

Two Arabs also died and three others were wounded as they "handled an explosive device" in the small West bank village of Marj en Naja, an army spokesman said. The army had no further details.

Bethlehem was quiet.

Arab municipal officials canceled the traditional Christmas parade in an expression of solidarity with the year-old uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Slogans written on Bethlehem walls by the uprising's PLO-backed leadership ordered Palestinians to stay at home.

But Israeli authorities went ahead with a choir concert before midnight Mass in St. Catherine's Church. Several hundred tourists and Christian pilgrims attended the performance, but the number was a considerable drop from the thousands who normally attend.

"Silent Night," sung in German and English by the Pueri Youth Chorus from Geneva opened the concert.

Also on the program was another Swiss choir, two choirs from Spain and one from the Shiloh baptist church in Washington, which sang "Let My People Go."

The choir director, Charles W. Fleming, said the song was chosen to speak out for freedom from oppression all over the world.

"The idea is that people should be free. Christ came to bring us that freedom," he said.

Official ceremonies began Saturday with the arrival of Michel Sabbah, the bishop of Jerusalem, in the afternoon.

Sabbah, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem, was greeted in Manger Square by the Israeli military governor of Bethlehem, Lt. Col. Shaltiel Levy, and the city's mayor, Elias Freij.

The visitors and pilgrims who watched the bishop arrive near the Mosque of Omar were far outnumbered by journalists and hundreds of Israeli police, troops and plainclothes officers.

A leaflet issued earlier this week by the PLO-backed underground leaders of the uprising called for a general strike on Christmas Eve, and complained of Israeli participation in the Christian ceremonies.

But Israeli officials said they felt it was important to maintain the practice — more than a century old — in which rulers of the region greet church leaders as a symbol of the protection offered to minority Christians in the largely Moslem Middle East.

The practice was followed by the British and Turkish rulers of Palestine.

Sabbah, who is the first Palestinian appointed bishop of Jerusalem, was led into the church by traditional Moslem guards wearing red fezzes and carrying curved swords.

Hundreds of people crowded into the church to attend after strict searches by Israeli security guards. More than 100 stood outside in the rain to watch the mass on a large screen set up on the wall of the Manger Square police station.

Holy water was sprinkled at the doorway of the Church of the Nativity as the bishop, preceded by altar boys, entered amid a cloud of incense smoke.

The midnight Mass, led by Sabbah, is held each year in St. Catherine's basilica next door because the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where Christ was born, is run by the Greek Orthodox church. The Greek Orthodox celebrate Christmas on Jan. 6, the Epiphany.

Israeli troops blocked all streets around Manger Square, and pilgrims had to walk blocks to reach it. Before they could enter, they had to pass through metal detectors and were searched by Israeli security forces.

WORLD in brief

Panama frees 26 in holiday amnesty

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — The government has declared a holiday amnesty freeing 26 political prisoners, including a leading journalist, held three months without formal charges, lawyers for the inmates said Saturday.

The Defense Forces headed by the nation's de facto leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, issued a news release later Saturday confirming their release over the past week and calling it a goodwill gesture.

The government says the prisoners had "acted against state security."

Among those released was Alberto Conte, president of the Panamanian association of journalists. He was set free early Saturday and flew to Miami, his lawyer, Rogelio Cruz, said in a telephone interview.

Conte and the other prisoners had illegally been held without trial since September, lawyers for the inmates said.

All the released prisoners belong to the Civic Crusade, a coalition of 190 political parties, business and professional groups, and student and labor unions opposed to Noriega.

Pope celebrates Mass

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II heralded the birth of Jesus Christ in a midnight Mass homily for Roman Catholics worldwide Saturday, and state-run Italian television said the message was being broadcast to the Soviet Union for the first time.

The pope, dressed in gold and white robes and carrying a crucifix, walked into St. Peter's Basilica moments before midnight at the end of a long cortege of priests. At the same time, church bells chimed all over Rome to hail the arrival of Christmas.

The pope opened the homily in St. Peter's Basilica by quoting from Luke 2:10-11, "I bring you good news of great joy for to you is born a savior." A text of the homily was issued in advance by the Vatican.

"We hear this voice which emanates from the depths of the night of Bethlehem. The shepherds 'keeping watch over their flock by night' were the first to hear it. For this reason, the midnight liturgy is sometimes called 'the Shepherds' Mass,'" he said.

The Christmas Day Mass is followed by the pope's traditional Christmas Day message "Urbi et Orbi," to the city and to the world.

23 killed in prison uprising

TEPIC, Mexico (AP) — Police stormed a prison and crushed an uprising by inmates who were denied Christmas pardons, but the warden and 23 other people were killed and six were injured in the two-day siege, officials said Saturday.

"There was a fierce gunfight lasting about 15 minutes before the special forces could quell the mutiny" on Friday night, said police officer Sergio Anzaldo, who was on duty when the commandos attacked the prison.

"It was quite violent," he said in a telephone interview.

Authorities have arrested four inmates and three prison guards suspected of complicity in the uprising, a state government spokesman said Saturday.

One of the arrested guards, hospitalized with minor wounds, was earlier considered one of 20 hostages rescued Friday night when police stormed the prison's administrative offices and crushed the uprising, said Francisco Flores, a spokesman for Nayarit state government.

Soweto celebrates holiday

SOWETO, South Africa (AP) — For the first time in recent years, blacks are buying toys, sending Christmas cards and filling their holiday shopping bags without fear that they will be punished for breaking a boycott.

But although some holiday traditions are making a comeback, others died during the years of unrest and Yuletide protest against apartheid.

There is no Santa Claus in Soweto.

"We are the biggest store in Soweto but we do not have a Father Christmas here. We believe that would be something out of place. That is something that is confined to town (where whites live)," said Paul Gama, chief executive of the Black Chain supermarket.

Gama said last year he didn't even offer Christmas items for sale.

"I think the people must be paying for the lost years in terms of enjoyment and excitement because this is the first normal Christmas where there is no tension from any quarter," Gama said.

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CIA station chief in Beirut among jumbo jet's casualties

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Central Intelligence Agency's station chief in Beirut, Lebanon, was among the 258 people aboard the Pan American jumbo jet that exploded and crashed in Scotland, two U.S. officials said Saturday.

But there is no known reason to believe that he was a specific target of terrorists or that his presence on Flight 103 was tied in any other way to the disaster, one of the officials told The Associated Press. "I don't know of any specific link," the official said.

For the record, the Reagan administration declined to verify or deny that the CIA agent was aboard the jetliner, as initially reported by NBC News. "As you know, we never comment on any such allegation having to do with intelligence," Sondra McCarty, a State Department spokeswoman, said.

But two other U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the CIA station chief was on the ill-fated flight from London's Heathrow Airport to New York. The two would not identify the station chief.

American, British, Israeli and Interpol investigators are trying to determine whether the plane was the victim of sabotage, technical malfunction or high winds. All aboard perished and 20 people who resided near the crash site were missing and believed dead.

Flight recorders recovered from the wreckage Friday showed the pilots engaged in routine conversation, with no warning signs apparent before the Wednesday night crash. The tape ended abruptly with a short, faint noise.

The loss of the CIA station chief in Beirut is the latest setback to U.S. intelligence operations in Lebanon. In April 1983, a terrorist bomb that wrecked the U.S. Embassy in Beirut took the lives of a number of CIA agents. In 1984, William Buckley, the U.S. station chief, was kidnapped, tortured and killed, probably the next year.

The impact on U.S. intelligence-gathering and information about American hostages was immeasurable. The State Department lists nine Americans currently as hostages. Officials Thursday denied reports any of the victims in the crash had been engaged in negotiations to secure their freedom.

A little more than two weeks before the crash, a caller identifying himself with the radical Palestinian Abu Nidal group telephoned a warning to the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki that a Pan Am passenger jet bound from Frankfurt, West Germany, to New York via London would be attacked.

The State Department said Thursday it sent out a security alert. Still, some U.S. officials complained privately that insufficient precautions were taken and that servicemen traveling home for the holidays had not been informed.

After the crash, several callers to news organizations claimed their groups were responsible for the attack.

The U.S. Embassy in Beirut operates on a scaled-down basis because of the intermittent strife in the country among rival groups. It is not unusual for the U.S. government to assign a CIA official to such a sensitive post.

CIA agents in the past have been the targets of extremists. In an effort to shield them, the State Department in 1975 ceased publishing the names of employees at U.S. embassies.

The State Department said Friday that three of its employees were aboard, two stationed in Beirut and the third at the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus.

President-elect Bush declined to comment on the situation. "I know nothing about it," he said in a question-and-answer session with reporters outside his residence.

Asked if either of the two officials in Beirut had worked for the CIA, Ms. McCarty said "We did not identify them further. Even if I had such information, we would not release it."

U.S. intelligence officers abroad usually adopt "cover" positions as diplomats.

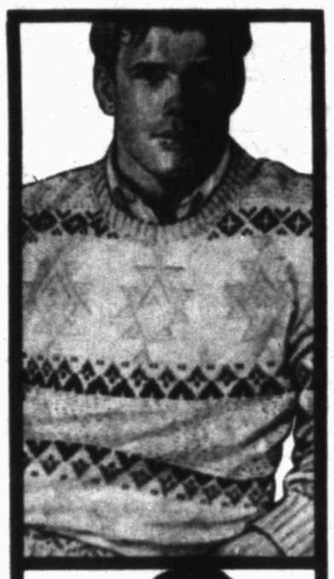
The two in Beirut were Matthew K. Gannon of Orange, Calif., and Ronald Lariviere of Holyoke, Mass., the State Department said.

Gannon was assigned to the Near East bureau, and was returning home after completing an assignment in Beirut as a political officer. He had previously worked in North Yemen, Jordan and Syria.

Lariviere, of Holyoke, Mass., had been working in Beirut as a security officer, while Daniel E. O'Connor of Boston had a similar job in Nicosia, the department said.

CIA officials did not return repeated telephone queries.

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Crash victims remembered by family, friends

Associated Press

The world knows them as victims, but family members and friends knew the 258 people who boarded Pan Am Flight 103 in London as sons and daughters, husbands and wives, students, teachers, doctors and businessmen. Here are brief sketches of the people they remember:

At the Justice Department in Washington, flags were ordered flown at half-staff in memory of Michael Bernstein, an attorney with the agency's Office of Special Investigations. Bernstein, a 36-year-old father of two, had been in Austria negotiating a treaty to allow some former Nazis in the United States to be deported there.

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Jim Pitt, 24, of South Hadley, Mass., had been studying in Germany and had planned to go on a different flight, but at the last minute decided to fly with a friend to London, his family said. Pitt called home and left a message that he would be on the Pan Am flight, said his mother, Sallie Hughes Pitt. She said Pitt was a champion fencer and a poet who wrote long letters home regularly. "He would call me up and say, 'How're you doing, Mom? I was thinking about you today.' He did that just last week and said he was looking forward to coming home."

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The pilot, James MacQuarrie, 55, of Kensington, N.H., was orphaned as a child. His widow asked that Americans observe a moment of silence at 1 p.m. on Christmas to remember the victims.

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Shannon Davis, 19, was a junior at Syracuse University majoring in child and family studies and planned to open a day-care center. Her older sister, Whitney Davis, said, "Shannon was sincere. She was a person of integrity who had a modest way and a lively spirit. It was a blooming experience for her to go abroad because she was really branching out."

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Army Spec. 4 Doug Malicote, 22, and his wife, Wendy, 20, of Lebanon, Ohio, were high school sweethearts.

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Om Dikshit, 54, an associate professor of earth sciences at Central State University in Ohio, and his wife, Shanti, of Fairborn, Ohio, were returning from their native India, where they had attended their son's wedding. Also listed aboard the jet were the Dikshits' daughter, Garima Rattan of Detroit, and Ms. Rattan's two daughters.

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Alexander Lowenstein, 21, of Mendham, N.J., was a Syracuse University student who studied abroad with longtime girlfriend Beth Moritz of Highland Park, Ill. He hoped to be a clinical psychologist. He and his girlfriend parted at London's Heathrow Airport — she on to Chicago, safely, he on Flight 103. He was a member of the fraternity Zeta Psi, which lost a frat brother in 1983 in the Marine barracks bombing in Beirut.

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Writer David Dornstein, 25, of Elkins Park, Pa., was returning home from Israel, where he had begun his first novel. "He was about to submit the first part for publication," said his father, Perry Dornstein.

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Timothy Cardwell, 21, of Cresco, Pa., participated in the Syracuse program. Cardwell's father, Anthony J. Cardwell, said his son was a technical theater major and had been in London since Labor Day.

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Lilibeth Macalolooy, 27, a Pan Am flight attendant, grew up in Long Beach, Calif., after emigrating to the United States from the Philippines with her family when she was 11, her mother said. "I always worry about her," her mother sobbed Thursday. "Before I sleep every night I pray, 'Oh, please help my daughter'...She had a good life, but now no more. I can't believe that she has died."

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Liz Mareck, 30, lived in Los Angeles' Venice Beach neighborhood, where the peace activist and aspiring actress also was the lead singer of a rock band called the Cherry Cokes. "I just find it so sad and tragic that somebody who spent certainly the last few years of her life deeply dedicated to fighting for disarmament could have possibly been killed by such a violent act," said Pam McCarthy, a friend.

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Flight engineer Jerry Avritt of Westminster, Calif., an off-road bicycle enthusiast survived by a wife and two teen-age children, mentioned fears of terrorism before leaving California for his final flight. "He said he felt uncomfortable about flying in Europe, saying, "if terrorists were going to attack, they'd do it during the holiday season," neighbor Jim Gardner recalled.

Sailor who missed Flight 103 arrives home

IRONTON, Ohio (AP) — A Navy machinist's mate who missed Pan Am Flight 103 because he could not find the airline ticket counter at London's Heathrow Airport arrived home Saturday to the joy of his mother.

Robert Richardson, 20, of Ironton, said he planned to be aboard the London to New York flight, which crashed Wednesday in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 258 people aboard and leaving at least 10 people on the ground missing.

But he and a friend missed Flight 103, for which they had reservations, because they could not find the Pan Am ticket counter at Heathrow. They took a TWA flight that left for New York 15 minutes later, before the crash of the Boeing 747 over Scotland about an hour into the flight.

Richardson and his wife, Kristy, drove all night from Norfolk, Va., and arrived in Ironton about 8 a.m. Saturday.

For six hours Wednesday, Richardson's mother, Jackie Richardson, tried to contact Pan Am in New York to inquire about her son. She had telephoned her daughter-in-law, who was recovering from a miscarriage in a Norfolk hospital, and told her that Richardson's plane was bound from London to New York.

"I told her the time it was supposed to come into New York and she started screaming that the plane had crashed," Jackie Richardson said.

Kristy Richardson said she was relieved to finally hear from her husband.

"I spent six or seven hours crying and in hysterics," she told the Ironton Tribune. "Everyone told me, 'Think the best, think the best.' But it's kind of hard. He called me that night and I was just overwhelmed. I started crying again on the phone."

Richardson's mother said she finally reached a Pan Am official about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday. The official said her son's name was not on the passenger list.

"But you don't know for sure until you hear that voice on the phone," she said.

Well-known molecular biologist among crash victims

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A renowned molecular biologist from Indiana was among the passengers aboard Pan Am Flight 103 when it exploded and crashed near Lockerbie, Scotland, killing everyone aboard.

Irving S. Sigal, 35, was returning to his home in Pennington Borough, N.J., when the plane crashed Wednesday, family members in Indianapolis said. He had delivered a lecture before the Royal Biochemical Society of London.

Sigal was the senior director of molecular biology at the Merck Sharp & Dohme Laboratories of Westpoint, Pa. Friends said his principal area of concentration was in AIDS research.

He had also made great strides in cancer research, having seen both his parents die of cancer when he was young. His father, Dr. Max V. Sigal, was a senior scientist at pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly and Co.

Alvine Levine, a professor at Indiana University School of Medicine, described Sigal as among the most brilliant people he had ever known.

"After spending 35 years to prepare himself, he was just arriving to where he could make a contribution to humanity, and now he has been removed," said Levine. "It is a loss in a dimension of human values that is truly immeasurable."

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FAA advises tighter security at all airports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has advised airports worldwide to tighten security because of concern — not yet confirmed by investigators — that a terrorist bomb may have caused the Pan Am crash in Scotland.

FAA Administrator Allan McArtor said Friday the alert was prompted by the crash, the heavy Christmas travel period and "what obviously can be considered a heightening of world tensions" regarding terrorist activities.

The advisory to beef up security applies to both major U.S. airports and airlines and foreign airports served by U.S. carriers, he said.

McArtor, in an interview with reporters, declined to discuss specifically Wednesday's crash of Pan Am Flight 103, in which all 258 people aboard perished.

There has been widespread speculation — and some preliminary indications — that an explosion may have caused the crash, although no clear evidence of terrorist involvement has yet to surface.

Suspicions of sabotage were prompted by the unexplained sudden breakup of the plane, a claim of responsibility and disclosures that the U.S. government had been warned of a plot to bomb a Pan Am flight between Frankfurt and New York in December. The ill-fated Flight 103 originated in Frankfurt, with a change of planes in London.

McArtor said Pan Am had imposed "a very heightened level of security" at Frankfurt airport after the FAA alerted the airline in early December that an anonymous threat had been received by the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki, Finland, from a caller who said a bomb would be planted aboard a Pan Am flight from Frankfurt.

McArtor said Pan Am's precautions at London's Heathrow Airport, from which Flight 103 had departed 54 minutes before the crash, were still under review. British officials at the airport said they had not been notified about the specific threat.

At Frankfurt, McArtor said, Pan Am briefed gate personnel about the possible threat, kept ground baggage handlers and caterers "under constant surveillance" and checked all luggage by X-ray instead of only at random. All passengers and their bags also were matched prior to boarding, he said.

President Reagan, leaving the White House for a California vacation, mourned the victims of the Pan Am disaster and asked Americans to "say a special prayer" this Christmas for families and friends of those killed in the crash.

Meanwhile, some aviation safety and crash investigation experts — though not directly involved in the Pan Am investigation — suggested that while the investigation in Scotland may take months the cause of the crash is expected to be found.

"It will be a massive job to reconstruct the pieces," said Ronald Schleede, chief of aviation accident investigation at the National Transportation Safety Board. "But they're going to solve it because the evidence will be there."

"We will know what brought down Pan Am 103," McArtor said, but he cautioned "it could take months."

Neither McArtor nor Schleede, who has been briefed daily by telephone by NTSB officials at the crash site, would discuss specifically the Pan Am findings so far.

But Schleede and other experts noted in interviews that the Pan Am crash investigators have some advantages.

For example:

- Most of the aircraft appeared to have escaped serious fire damage, with the exception of a destroyed right wing where a fuel tank exploded.

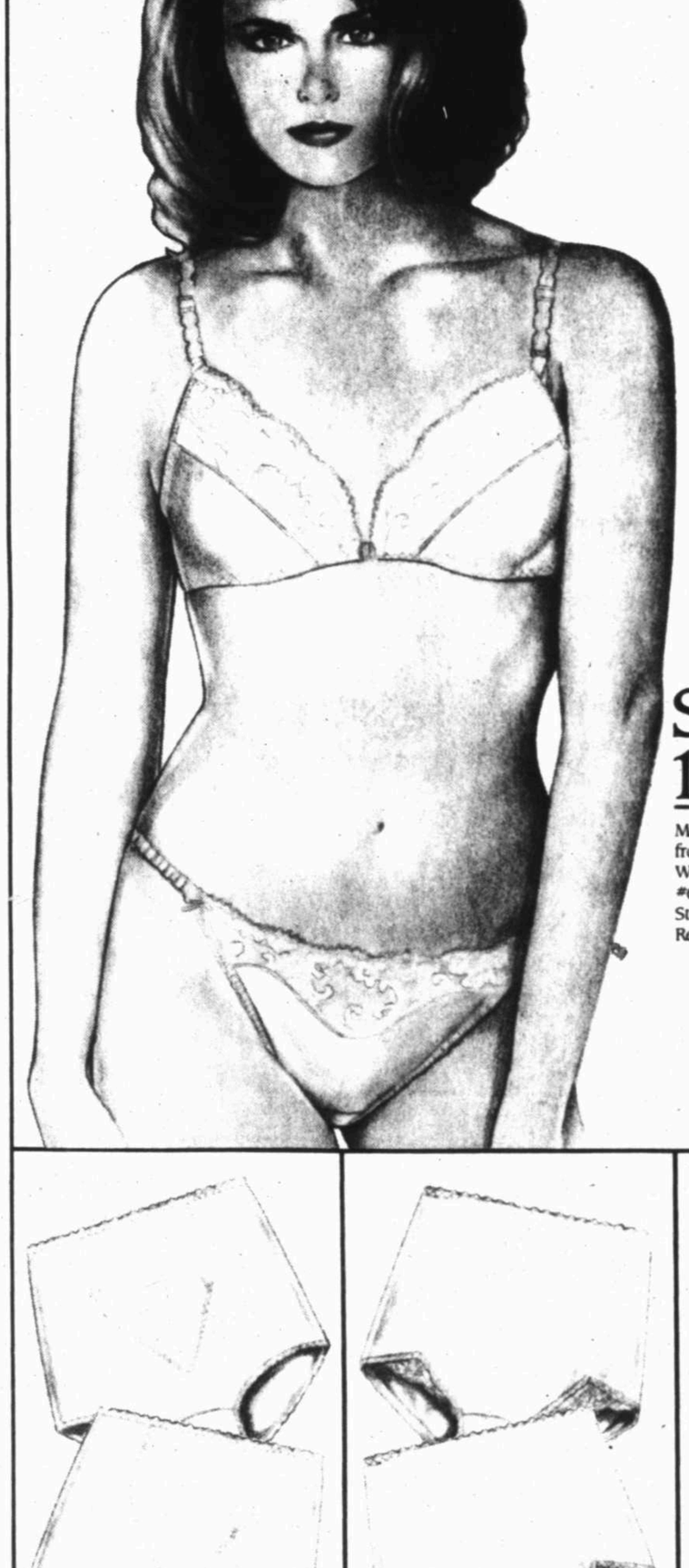
In many crashes where a plane remains intact and burst into flames, critical clues are lost because of the intense heat that bends metal and destroys evidence.

- The wreckage, although strewn across the countryside, is not exposed to ocean elements that could destroy critical evidence. If the plane had continued on course it would have been over the Atlantic in less than an hour.
- The cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder were recovered in apparently good shape.

In the coming days, investigators will pay close attention to how parts of the aircraft are bent, tangled and singed and whether there is evidence of a chemical residue normally left by an explosive.

They also will search for fragments that might have been used as a detonator and closely examine luggage and parts of luggage as well as aircraft wreckage holes left by flying fragments. Such holes leave a distinctive pattern if caused by an explosion, one expert said.

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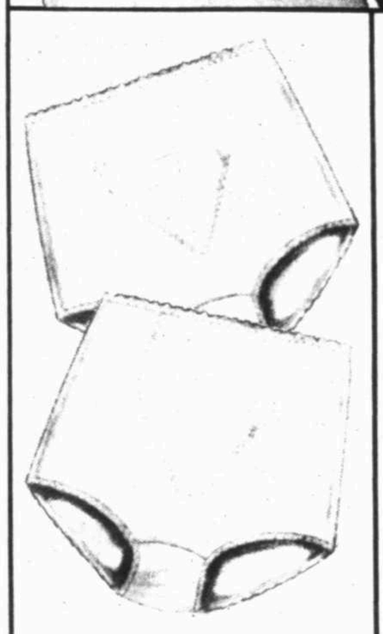
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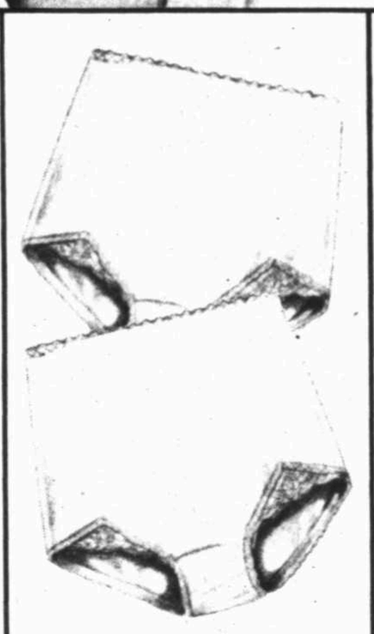
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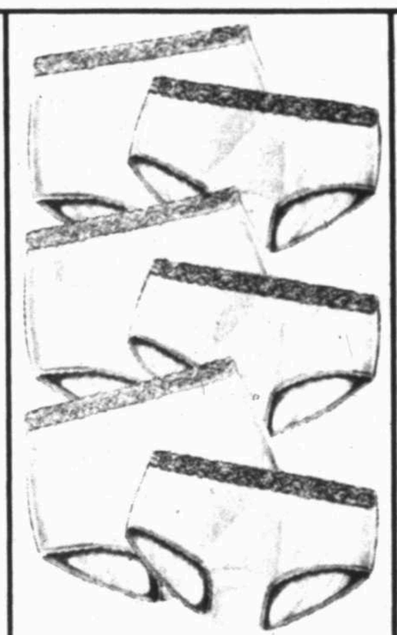
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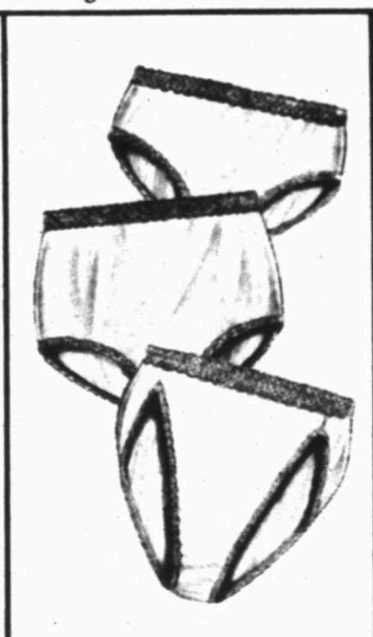
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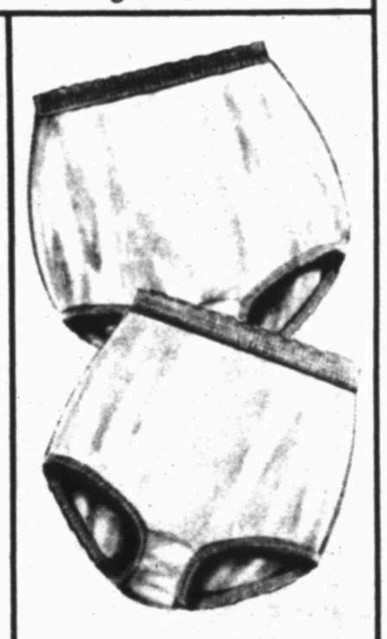
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Some homeless people prefer grates to dirty, scary shelters

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WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Reagan basks in the warmth of a California Christmas, the homeless people he said prefer to live on the streets gather around their flameless urban campfires in the wet chill of the capital.

A sparsely decorated pine tree stands propped against a street lamp as a group of sturdy young men stamp their feet on a street grate above the city's underground network of heat and steam pipes.

These men are four blocks from the White House, where this week Reagan spoke of the homeless during a television interview with ABC's David Brinkley.

"Those people still prefer (being) out there on the grates or the lawn to going into one of those shelters," the president said in the interview broadcast Thursday.

The American Civil Liberties Union called Reagan's remarks "mean spirited and insensitive," saying the number of homeless has increased dramatically during his administration. Estimates range in the hundreds of thousands, with more than 15,000 in the nation's capital.

But some of the "grate people" say Reagan was correct, in a sense, about their preferences.

"Given the choice of one of the grates and the urine and the lice and the maggots (in shelters), I'll take the grates," said Robert Jackson, as a stiff, hot updraft warmed a small circle of men in their 20s and 30s.

Others said the shelters were full anyway; they'd been turned away.

None of them much liked what Reagan said about street people, especially his suggestion that most are mentally retarded. The president spoke of the release of mental patients from hospitals in the face of civil liberties demands:

"They wanted freedom, but they walked out to where there was nothing for them, and they are a large percentage of that group that you see out there," Reagan said.

Again, some of the street people think Reagan was partially correct.

"It was all done with good intentions when they started releasing people who were not a danger to others," said Robert Moens, 29, who is clean, well-dressed, articulate and living over the grates across the street from the State Department. "But it's more inhuman to let them stay out here and fend for themselves. Some of them are psychotic and should be locked up."

Moens said the young men in his group are on the streets to avoid the drug addicts, serious drunks, transvestites, criminals and psychotics who they say infest some of the shelters in the city.

The Sheriff, Go Go Joe and the others who live over the grates make an odd family.

A few said they have jobs but can't save enough to pay the minimum $65 a week for flophouse rent.

Reagan told Brinkley there are lots of jobs in Washington:

"How could they be out there when every week...you'll find from 60 to 75 full pages of help-wanted ads in the Washington paper?" the president asked.

Go Go Joe, who prides himself on good personal hygiene and professes a deep Christian faith, said he has had several $3.35-an-hour, minimum-wage jobs.

"I challenge President Reagan to live on that," he said.

The Sheriff, who would not give his real name, showed his photo on a plastic Defense Department identification card and said he was working at the Pentagon and comes home to his park benches at night.

He showed a recent color photo of his 11-year-old daughter. He said he sends her money every time he gets paid.

"I don't want pity," he said. "I'm just in Washington trying to get a foothold. This is our living room and that's our television set." He pointed at a partially demolished building, a classy apartment house, a drug store and Riverside Liquors.

Liquor store co-owner Brian Fischer has a different view of the grates.

Some of the men are his friends. One once brought him to tears, a fellow named Allen who came in so cold he couldn't fasten his jacket.

"When he asked me to help him zip up, I got an image of my 7-year-old kid, and I cried," said Fischer.

He agreed that some have serious mental problems. When one of the grate people lay down in the middle of E Street and started shooting at the sky with his fingers, Fischer said he telephoned for the police and an ambulance. Then, because it was lunchtime, he ordered a pizza.

The pizza arrived first, and the authorities a couple of hours later.

And when an elderly, white-bearded derelict called Wolfman died a few weeks ago after living on the streets for more than two decades, he lay on a grate for three hours before anyone came to take away the body, Fischer said.

"The president has a very valid point about them preferring to live on the grates rather than in the Washington shelters," said Fischer. "But criminals in prison are treated better than these people."

Investigators pick over debris from tanker blast

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Investigators Saturday picked over debris from the explosion of a propane truck that blew up and burned after hitting a retaining wall on a downtown interstate, killing nine people.

Eight of the dead were killed as a result of the blast and fire following Friday's accident, including two people injured in their homes who died Saturday at a hospital. A ninth person died in a separate accident in the traffic jam that resulted from the crash, authorities said.

Experts from the National Transportation Safety Board were called in, and "this morning we met with the various parties or people who have involvement in this accident and organized the investigation," said board spokesman Michael Benson.

The a[illegible]dent involved "interstate trucking and hazardous materials and that's why we're concerned about that," he said.

Investigators will examine the record of the truck and driver, the trucking company, the layout of the interstate and the response of emergency personnel, he said.

"We'll be looking at probable cause and any safety issues that may have relevance anywhere else in the country," Benson said.

The 100,000-gallon tanker truck skidded on a 25 mph exit ramp of Interstate 240 in the Midtown section of Memphis, struck a retaining wall and exploded, said fire department Capt. Benny McDow.

The tank shot 125 yards and crashed into a duplex apartment, crushing the building and killing a 10-year-old girl inside. A mammoth fireball set several other houses and nearby cars on fire.

Benson said six NTSB investigators will head teams of local and state authorities.

"The field phase of the investigation may take up to a week. The entire investigation will take up a minimum of nine months," Benson said. "We go into it very thoroughly."

Some of the investigators went to the site Friday night to take a preliminary look and more went to the scene Saturday. The work will continue through the Christmas holiday, said Benson.

The dead included Randall Benson, 29, West Memphis, Ark., the truck's driver; Harrison G. Lee, 34, Brighton, Tenn., a motorist; Robert Wardlow, 40, Memphis, a motorist; Tina Wiles, 30, Vicksburg, Miss., a motorist; Warner Wiles, 70, Vicksburg, Miss., Mrs. Wiles' father-in-law; and Shelanda Towles, 10, killed in her house.

Iva J. Rubesheim, 87, who lived in the other half of the duplex from Shelanda, and James M. Malone, 57, who lived in another burned home, both died Saturday in the Regional Medical Center.

Traffic backed up several miles and a second truck driver, David Bailey, 29, of West Helena, Ark., was killed when his 18-wheeler plowed into the rear of a car tied up in the jam, police said.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty-five journalists were slain around the world in 1988, seven fewer than in 1987, but other forms of violence and intimidation against news gatherers increased, according to a survey of press freedom.

During the year, 225 journalists were arrested or detained in various countries and 24 expelled, Freedom House said Friday in its annual survey.

Fourteen were kidnapped or disappeared, 28 wounded, 90 beaten or otherwise assaulted, 43 were targets of death threats and 12 had their homes raided or destroyed, it said.

It said 40 newspapers or radio stations in 12 countries were closed and that nine were bombed, burned or destroyed. Also, more than 200 instances of lesser harassment occurred.

The anti-press actions occurred in 70 countries, compared with 57 countries the year before.

"The figures do not reflect other forms of official and unofficial editorial censorship, and diverse methods of economic and political pressuring of the mass media," said the survey report by Leonard Sussman, a Freedom House senior scholar.

"The statistics are a clue, however, to those official actions which generate self-censorship by journalists."

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Catholic priests have 'serious' morale problem

NEW YORK (AP) — A "serious and substantial morale problem" afflicts the nation's 59,500 Roman Catholic priests, many of whom are overworked, lonely and sexually troubled, says a groundbreaking report by a panel of U.S. bishops.

Discussing openly problems that once were kept quiet, the Bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry said some priests are just going through the motions, and many "have settled for a part-time presence to their priesthood."

Part of the priests' morale problem, said the committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, comes from the feeling that they are caught between Vatican directives and a Catholic laity that is often at odds with Rome.

Pope John Paul II has urged priests to accept suffering as part of their fate, but the American bishops have said that is not helpful and have compiled suggestions on how to improve priests' morale.

The panel report, obtained Friday by The Associated Press, said there are many creative and energetic priests, but "it is also clear to us that there exists today a serious and substantial morale problem among priests in general."

The report was hailed by Catholic clerics as the first official recognition of the situation's gravity.

"I think it's very encouraging that the bishops are helping the priests name the pain," said the Rev. Frank J. McNulty, who represented U.S. priests before the pope last year in Miami. "They're putting in this document what we've said ourselves over a cup of coffee. And that's a great help when you're trying to solve a problem."

Bishop John McRaith of the Owensboro, Ky., diocese, led the subcommittee that drafted the report. It was written for the nation's 300 bishops only, but church leaders decided in November to distribute it to priests.

"There really has been no scientific analysis done of the morale of priests," McRaith said Saturday. "I think our point was that the morale of priests always needs attention."

The shortage of priests is both a cause and a result of the morale problem, according to the report. A recent study by the Hartford Seminary's Center for Social and Religious Research said the number of Catholic seminarians declined from 8,885 in 1965 to 4,063 in 1985, and estimated that the number of priests will decline 40 percent by the year 2000. About 15 percent of priests have left the priesthood since 1970, said Dean R. Hoge, a sociologist at Catholic University of America.

"Am I in a dying profession?" is the question that is starting to demoralize many priests, said sociologist Martin Marty of the University of Chicago. "There's that sense: Did I bet on the wrong thing?"

Mandatory celibacy is a major reason for clergy leaving the priesthood and for loneliness among those who stay, the bishops said. The church has not helped priests deal with their sexual feelings as it should, they said.

They recommended that a priest's sexuality be recognized as an "essential component of human existence" and that better methods, including encouraging close friendships with men and women, be found to help priests lead a celibate life.

"There's just no support for that kind of life now," McRaith said. "They are surrounded by a culture that is incredibly promiscuous."

With rectories that used to be filled with half a dozen or so priests often housing just one today, the problem of loneliness is exacerbated. Loneliness "is often mentioned by priests as cause for anxiety and pain," the report said.

Another result of the shortage is that where priests could once look forward to a graceful retirement, now they face heavier workloads, "long and painful battles over consolidation and closure of parishes, and less probability of retirement at all."

The dwindling number of priests is ministering to a larger flock. The U.S. Catholic population rose from 48 million in 1970 to 53.5 million in 1988.

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And the woman who found the purse in the street near the McMillins' home refused to give her name or to accept a reward.

"I couldn't believe it," Mrs. McMillin said. "She brought my purse back to me and every cent was in there. She even apologized for going through my purse to find some identification."

The woman told Mrs. McMillin she was running errands and saw the purse wide open on the ground with several dollar bills sticking out.

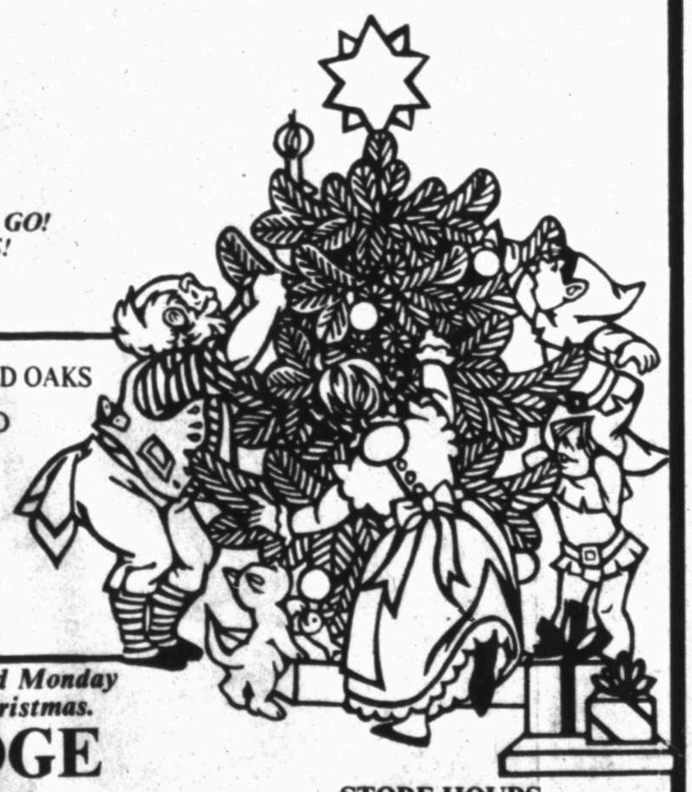
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Victoria Coslett and her son, John Wonggoun

Boy gets his wish, wheelchair for mom

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christmas came early this year for a disabled boy who told Santa the only gift he wanted was a wheelchair for his mom.

A motorized wheelchair arrived Friday from Buffalo, N.Y., for Victoria Coslett, 39. Weeks ago, it appeared that Ms. Coslett and her 10-year-old son, John Wonggoun, would not celebrate Christmas.

With his mother confined to their apartment and unable to maneuver her old wheelchair outdoors to watch him play, Wonggoun wrapped empty boxes to place under the sparsely decorated Christmas tree, then sat down and wrote Santa.

His letter said: "The only gift i would like is an elecric wheelchair for my mom. She can't walk and her hands are to weak for the one welfair gave her 2 years ago. I would love to see her outside without help and watch me play. Can you help me with my wish?"

The note made it as far as the U.S. Postal Service in Palm Springs, where Denise Reusche, a clerk, opened the letter.

Each year, the post office in the desert resort processes about 1,000 letters to Santa. Workers usually send a letter in return.

But when Ms. Reusche read John's letter, she decided to contact Fortress Scientific Co., a Buffalo wheelchair manufacturer, which shipped the gift.

Ms. Coslett and John were injured in a 1981 traffic crash. She was left with ruptured spinal discs. John was partially brain damaged and suffers recurring seizures and memory lapses. He also has juvenile arthritis.

Reagan phones greetings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Reagan telephoned Christmas greetings to members of the armed forces serving abroad Saturday and lamented the crash of a Pan Am jumbo jet in Scotland as 'a tragedy words can hardly describe."

The president, who is vacationing at the home where he and first lady Nancy Reagan will live after he leaves office Jan. 20, also received thanks from an official in Lockerbie, Scotland, for his expression of condolence to people in the community where the plane crashed.

"On behalf of the people of Lockerbie I think you and the first lady for your kind wishes at this time of sorrow," Francis Park, the convenor of the Annandale and Eskdale District Council, wrote to the president. "Our small community has suffered much, but our sadness is even greater when we think of the loss of so many people from the United States. Our thoughts are with their friends and relatives wherever they may be."

Psychiatrist liable in suit

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A jury ordered a psychiatrist to pay nearly $1.9 million to a female patient with whom he had sex numerous times over a 12-year period, billing her for each visit.

The Multnomah County Circuit Court jury deliberated for five hours Thursday before reaching its verdict against Dr. James L. Petroske of Portland.

The woman, a 55-year-old former elementary school teacher, was awarded $832,000 in general damages for pain and suffering, $1 million in punitive damages and $43,800 in lost wages.

Nuns separated at Mass

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Two groups of feuding nuns at a monastery here will be separated by an iron gate as they celebrate the same Christmas Mass unreconciled after a 2½-month standoff.

Five nuns who remain locked in the monastery's infirmary have said they will not rejoin eight other nuns until the Vatican in Rome answers their pleas to end the dispute over liberalizations of their order.

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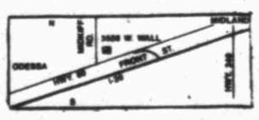
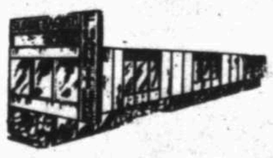
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George Wolf Reporter-Telegram

West Texas fiddler Jody Nix and his Texas Cowboys dance band will be performing in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 21 in an inaugural ball for Texans the day after President-elect George Bush takes over the presidency of the United States.

MCHD will request appraisal board seat

By JANE MARLER DEES
Staff Writer

Believing they are making a sound business decision, hospital district directors Thursday agreed to formally request a seat on the five-man Midland Central Appraisal District board.

Midland County Hospital District Board President Gene Abbott said he will discuss the ramifications of the request after the holidays with hospital district counsel Ted Kerr.

Currently, the appraisal district's board of directors consists of representatives from four taxing entities — the Midland and Greenwood school districts, the City of Midland and Midland county.

The appraisal district, however, collects taxes only for the Midland County Hospital District, the Midland Junior College District, the school district and the city.

All six taxing entities use the MCAD yearly assessment figures.

The hospital and college districts are not represented on the board because a 1981 law precluded mandatory representation on an appraisal district board by "special" taxing entities.

The voting power of the four represented taxing entities on the board varies with the amount of tax dollars they levy each year.

MISD controls the majority of the appraisal district board's votes by virtue of its huge annual tax levy.

According to the Texas State Property Tax Code, a change in the board membership may be accomplished via two methods.

Members of the appraisal district board may increase the board's size if all the taxing entities represented agree unanimously.

A three-fourths vote will also guarantee an expansion unless a taxing entity is opposed to the change because its voting entitlement is in danger of being reduced.

Abbott has discussed the move preliminarily with Superintendent Joe Baressi and Board of Trustees President James Fuller, he said at the meeting Thursday.

Texas school districts have the most to gain by controlling the majority of votes on an appraisal district board, Chief Appraiser Ron Stegall has explained.

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Remodeling at Foursquare will blend congregations

By CHRIS VAN WAGENEN
Staff Writer

When the Living Way Foursquare Church of Midland opens the doors to its new chapel in 1989, the Spanish-speaking portion of the congregation will be hearing things a lot differently.

That's because the church plans to install headphone sets that will be used to translate Sunday English services into Spanish, according to Senior Pastor Weldon C. Miller.

Two months ago, elders from Foursquare and Iglesia Christina Unida, a non-denominational church, agreed to come together under one roof. "We don't look at this as a merger ... what's going on is Christ bringing together his body," said Miller.

Merger or not, both Miller and Assistant Pastor Troy Smith agree the transition has been smooth. "It wasn't a surprise to me when Brother Smith came to me," says Miller, who has lived in Midland one year.

Smith agreed: "We (our congregation) were just following the Lord's direction ... he led us to this church."

While the church still conducts separate Spanish services, that's expected to change once the ministry remodels its old gymnasium into a 500-seat sanctuary.

Miller said the church is now studying how to improve its public address system, using Smith as the interpreter to translate services for Spanish-speaking members. "Right now we're looking into it. Our headquarter church in Los Angeles does it and it appears to work real well."

"We don't see this as two separate congregations," says Miller. "The marvel of God is the way he mixes things together."

Both men also say the combined ministries have not resulted in segregated church. Once a month they meet at homes around the city in home care groups, which has resulted in a much closer relationship.

"Since I came here last December, I have seen a phenomenal growth, not just in the church (population), but in spiritual ways as well ... it's exciting — the fact that nothing has had to change because of all of this."



Doug Sehres Reporter-Telegram

At the Living Way Foursquare Church, the Revs. Troy Smith and Weldon Miller say the joining of congregations was something meant to be.

Nix taking down-home musical style to capital

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Jody Nix is a down-home country fellow whose flair for playing traditional country music really has put him uptown.

Nix and his Texas Cowboys dance band will be playing at the Texas State Society of Washington's Black-Tie & Boots Inaugural Ball on Jan. 21 during the fanfare of President-elect George Bush's inauguration.

"I'm not a put-on. I'm just me," said the 36-year-old band leader, who was raised on a farm and who grew up drumming, fiddling and singing country music.

And Nix, after gathering up his bandsmen, their wives and his wife, Cindy, will fly off to the capital to attend Bush's Inauguration Day ceremony on Jan. 20.

On the following night, a Saturday, the featured five-piece Nix band will play to a full-house of Texans in the Washington Hilton Inn under auspices of the Texas State Society of Washington.

"I am very thankful and very honored to get to do something like this in Washington," Nix said. "I think it will be a boost to us in our career. No bragging intended, but I think it speaks highly of us to get to do something like this."

Nix, who calls himself "just a plain old country boy, home folks, as they say," was selected by U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm to play at the ball. Stenholm, who is president of the Texas State Society of Washington, is a Stamford farmer and rancher who was favorably impressed by the Nix band's performance at rodeo dances. The band plays in Stenholm's home town at the annual Texas Cowboy Reunion, which features the world's largest amateur rodeo, in early July.

"Jody has been a staple at the (Stamford) function" in recent years, said Stenholm's press secretary, Chino Chapa. "And I don't think you can get closer to that (the Texas two-step dance) sound than Jody Nix," said Chapa. "He's the favorite of the Congressman, and he was at the top of our list."

Chapa said that 5,000 Texans are expected at the sell-out ball. "It's going to be the most Texans under one roof since the LBJ inauguration," Chapa said of U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1965 inauguration.

"We just want this one (ball) to be for the Texans," Chapa said. "We wanted this to be an unique event." Making up the Nix band are Nix, who plays the lead fiddle and who is vocalist; Ricky Boen, who plays second fiddle and mandolin; Ricky Johnson, songwriter who plays the steel guitar; Neal Goates, the drummer; and Tommy Harvell, the bass player. Boen, who plays harmony, and Nix often join up to play the Texas Twin Fiddles.

Nix, who said that he wants to be "known as someone respectable in West Texas," and his family live north of Big Spring on a farm which has been in the Nix family since the 1920s.

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Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram

New York native Peter Harding wields a 45-pound pack and walking stick on a cross-country hike across America. Harding, who is walking on behalf of the nation's homeless, is founder of the New York-based organization Feed America Now.

Advocate for homeless letting his walk talk

By JULIE HILLRICHS
Staff Writer

Take a walk on the wild side.

That's exactly what New York native Peter Harding has opted for since leaving the Big Apple last August on a cross-country hike to benefit the nation's homeless population.

Harding, the founder of the New York-based, non-profit organization Feed America Now, started his trek from New York to Los Angeles Aug. 9 and made a scheduled stop in Midland last week.

His purpose is to call people into action.

"Attention is what the homeless need," said Harding, whose travels have taken him across the mid-Atlantic to the Farm Belt to the oil producing states of Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas.

The 33-year-old graduate of New York's Pace University expects to get quite an education before he reaches his destination this spring.

"What I've seen is a tremendously beautiful country with an incredible amount of resources," Harding said. "But you wonder if our wastefulness will be stopped and put into check."

Back in New York, Harding observed that people have become desensitized to the countless thousands of people who are living on the streets.

The only saving grace for those people who want help are homeless shelters and soup kitchens.

Social service officials have said the number of homeless people has risen in recent years. Estimates of the number nationwide are as high as 3 million.

President Reagan, in an interview last week with veteran ABC television journalist David Brinkley, said the homeless people sleep on grates near the White House of "their own choice."

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GARY OTT

Christmas 1973: Simple sharing gave day special meaning



Ott

It was a 15 years ago today — Christmas Day, 1973 style.

I was a junior at the University of Houston and for only the second time in my young life I was spending the holiday season somewhere other than in the comfort of my parents' home.

On this particular occasion I was at a house on Dennis Street, no more than a Jack Nicklaus five iron from downtown Houston and in a part of town that was swamped with street people and modern-day hobos.

I shared the modest three-bedroom, wood-framed house with three other students.

We were typical college students from the early '70s — long-haired, liberal, outspoken and hypocritical. While we verbally scorned the capitalistic excesses of the time, we somehow managed to overlook them once a month when our parents would send us a check for living expenses.

But we could be decent human beings, nonetheless.

With some of that capitalistic money we had planned our Christmas celebration. It was to be traditional. We bought a large turkey and most of the trimmings, except for the cranberry sauce which is so awful it shouldn't even be fed to starving billy goats.

We also decorated the house. There was a large tree, lights and even a miniature Santa Claus that stood in the corner of the living room.

For that day only, we put aside our youthful cynicism and enjoyed the true spirit of Christmas. Traditional carols played on the stereo and nobody mentioned a word about Watergate or Richard Nixon.

Instead, we spoke only of nice things — understanding parents, how America, with all of its faults, was still the best place in the world to live and the obligation that those of us who were blessed with material successes have to help the less fortunate.

Maybe it was that last thing — helping the poor — that led to the next turn of events.

One of my roommates, a rarity in that he was a liberal who actually believed what he preached, stepped outside and invited three of the hobos to join us for dinner.

He didn't have to ask twice.

They readily accepted.

We already knew two of the three. They regularly hung out on street corners in our neighborhood. We occasionally would give them our spare change. They said it was for food, but one had to wonder. The smell of cheap wine was always on their breath.

But that was neither here nor there.

It was Christmas Day and we were in a festive mood.

We all sat down to enjoy the dinner. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, fresh green beans, hot rolls, real butter, pecan pie, etc.

The hobos had three helpings each. My roommates and I tried to engage them in conversation but all we got in return was an occasional grunt as they wiped away the cream gravy that was dripping down their chins.

An hour later they prepared to leave. It was back to the streets. We wished them all a Merry Christmas and they grunted something in return. One of them, the gentleman we didn't know, secretly stuffed extra rolls in his coat pocket when he thought no one was watching.

I glanced at one of my roommates and we smiled.

After they were gone the four of us sat back and savored the moment. We had shared with others and expected nothing in return. We felt good about ourselves, maybe even a bit smug.

A short time later there was a weak knock at the door.

I answered it.

Standing before me was the hobo who had swiped the extra rolls. He merely nodded and handed me a card. It was old and torn and a name had been scratched out. In its place, he had printed his own name.

As he left he said that had been the best Christmas he could remember.

I think he meant it.

I thanked him for the card. Then I told him it was one of my best Christmases, too.

I know I meant it.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.



Doug Sehres/Reporter-Telegram

Share Bears

Jackie Carter, executive director at High Sky Children's Ranch, and John Pelletier, representating the Furr's Foundation, sit among the stuffed bears in a local Furr's store. As part of Furr's annual Share Bear Project, the foundation contributes a portion of the money received from each bear sold to organizations that help needy children. High Sky received a check for $1,500 this year.

Texas fatalities continue to rise

Associated Press

A Galveston man died on Christmas Eve when his car hit a cow, and at least 10 other people have died on Texas roads during the long holiday weekend, the Department of Public Safety said.

DPS officials estimate 32 people might die on the state's roads during the three-day weekend that began at 6 p.m. Friday.

Mark Henry Query, 39, of Galveston, died when the car he was driving hit a cow in the roadway of U.S. 59, then struck a tree. The accident occurred 1.9 miles north of Nacogdoches at 1:11 a.m. Saturday, the Department of Public Safety said.

DPS officials said Audra Foster, 54, of Grand Canyon, Ariz., was killed Saturday when a car her husband was driving collided head-on with another about six miles north of Brownfield on U.S. 385 in Terry County. Bill Foster, 51, was in fair condition Saturday night at Brownfield Medical Hospital with multiple injuries from the 11:30 a.m. accident. The occupants of the other vehicle in the Northwest Texas accident were not injured.

DPS spokesman Mike Cox said an unidentified woman was killed at 4 a.m. Saturday when she was struck by a hit-and-run driver on a houston roadway. Witnesses said she was trying to crawl off the road when a second vehicle hit her and fled.

Robert Nathan Hutchins, 40, Weatherford, died when the car he was driving hit a tree and burst into flames at 10:44 p.m. Friday 4.6 miles northwest of Weatherford. DPS troopers had been trying to stop Hutchins for speeding and driving on the wrong side of Parker County Road 1073, investigators said.

Donald LeRoy Luberg, 26, of Irving, died in a head-on collision at 7:13 p.m. Friday 2.3 miles south of Kemp on State Highway 274.

John Earl Nichols, 23, of Groves also died in a head-on collision. His truck hit a tractor-trailer on Texas Highway 87 in Orange County at about 4:40 a.m. Saturday. Officials said he was wearing a seat belt.

An unidentified man was killed when his car struck a retaining wall, veered across the roadway and hit a telephone pole. The accident occurred around 6 a.m. in Harris County. Harris County sheriff's officials said the man was not wearing a seat belt.

Carlos Marquez Saenz, 17, of Odessa, died when the car he was driving veered off Farm-Market Road 1776 14.2 miles northwest of Fort Stockton and overturned. Saenz fell out of the car, which landed on top of him, DPS investigators said. The accident occurred at 9:17 p.m. Friday.

Robert Lloyd Hudspeth, 45, Boling, was driving a vehicle that slid sideways into a telephone pole at 10:44 p.m. Friday. DPS investigators said the accident occurred on Farm-Market Road 1728 in Matagorda County.

An unidentified pedestrian died on Christmas Eve when he was struck while walking on R.L. Thornton Freeway in Dallas. No charges were filed against the driver of the vehicle involved in the 12:55 a.m. accident, DPS investigators said.

Cynyon R. Jefferson, 19, Dallas, died when the vehicle in which she was riding hit a pickup truck on R.L. Thornton Freeway in Dallas. The accident occurred at 2:25 a.m. Saturday, investigators said.

Quayle's vacation gives skiers, like Midland man, a closer look

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. (AP) — Beaver Creek residents are taking Vice President-elect Dan Quayle's holiday visit to this ski resort town in stride.

Quayle, his wife and three children arrived here Wednesday night for a 10-day skiing vacation in the Rocky Mountains.

"It's nice having Quayle, but famous people come through here all the time," said Tom Evans, a bartender in the posh Inn at Beaver Creek. "This is a low-key place. And nobody expects Quayle's vacation visit to create the kind of media circus you might see at Aspen. People go to Aspen to be seen. They come here to get away and hide out."

"This is the kind of place where 'important' people really aren't that important," said Anthony Vino, of Anthony's International, a fine jewelry shop.

"Nobody really falls over themselves over celebrities here," said Vino. "Were Quayle to come into the store, I'd treat him as I would anyone else."

Hotel bars close at 10 p.m. in this enclave of multimillion-dollar homes with private drives.

Jeff Forbes, a bartender at the Coyote Cafe, has seen plenty of celebrities at Beaver Creek and during the years he tended bar in Aspen and Snowmass, so Quayle's presence here is no novelty.

"We get a fair amount of celebrities coming through Beaver Creek," Forbes said. "But they come here to blend in rather than to stand out."

While most people here have not seen Quayle or his family, George Bakke, who owns radio stations in Midland, said he talked to Quayle at the Spruce Saddle.

"I'd met George Bush but never Quayle, and he showed a lot of charm," said Bakke. "More charisma than I'd been led to believe, too."

"Maybe Quayle being here will get us some good press," said Forbes at the Coyote Cafe. "He hasn't come in here but I'd love to see him drop by."



Cox

Former Midlander becomes Ranger

From Staff Reports

Calvin Cox, 34, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Cox of Midland was recently named a Texas Ranger. Cox, who most recently was stationed in Hillsboro, was transferred to Abilene to begin his duties with the elite unit of the Department of Public Safety.

A 1972 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Cox married Valena Bartell in 1978. The couple have a daughter, Tammy.

Cox attended Sul Ross University in Alpine and Sam Houston State University in Huntsville before he entered the DPS Academy in June 1977.

Cox served two years in Palacios and the last eight years with the DPS in Hill County.

He was one of only six officers who received Texas Ranger commissions in 1988.

Odessan killed in one-car accident

From Staff Reports

FORT STOCKTON — A 17-year-old Odessa man was killed and another man injured late Friday when the car they were riding in went out of control and flipped over on a farm-to-market road in Pecos County, the Department of Publoc Safety reported.

Carlos Marquez Saenz, the driver of a four-door 1987 Mercury sedan, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 9:17 p.m. accident by Pecos County Justice of the Peace Freddy Capers, the DPS said.

A passenger in the vehicle, 20-year-old Ysidro Ramirez, suffered a shoulder injury and was hospitalized in stable condition at Pecos County Memorial Hospital.

The accident occurred 14 miles northwest of Fort Stockton on FM 1776. The car was traveling south when it veered off the roadway. Saenz lost control of the vehicle and it rolled over twice. Saenz, who was not wearing a safety belt, was thrown from the car which came to rest on top of him, the DPS report said.

NIX

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His grandfather, J.L. Nix, was a farmer who fiddled.

And Jody Nix's father, the legendary Hoyle Nix, was a fiddler who farmed the home place.

Hoyle Nix, who became a professional musician in 1946, and his West Texas Cowboys dance band played the Texas circuit for almost 40 years — until August of 1985, when Hoyle Nix died of an heart attack at age 67.

"He just overworked. He never really would slow down," Nix said of his father, who was "a legend ... in this part of the country.

"He was down-home," Nix said. "He had rather driver a Chevrolet pickup with a gooseneck trailer full of cows" than cruise around in some fancy big car. "That's exactly the way he was."

After his father's death, Jody Nix, who had been the drummer on his father's West Texas Cowboys band since he was 8 years old in 1960, re-organized the band and dropped "West" from the old name.

"I didn't want to just use his name and ride on his coattails. But I want it to be similar. I just kept going," said Nix. "We're making our own mark now."

Jody Nix and his father had played with Western-swing fiddler-band leader Bob Wills of the Texas Playboys. Wills, who had popularized "San Antonio Rose" and "Faded Love," died in 1975. He became legend.

Wills and Hoyle Nix were "real close friends," Jody Nix said. "My dad was a big fan of his, just like a lot of people were — like we all are, I guess."

Since Nix took over the band, "I've tended to it. I've took care of it," he said. "There's a lot more coming our way."

This year, the band played 160 engagements, including those at rodeos, festivals, homecomings, electric cooperative conventions, and other dances.

"No bragging intended," Nix said, "but I've got job offers as far away as next December on New Year's Eve of '89. And I haven't even played New Year's Eve of '88 yet. We're making our own mark now."

Nix started young. By age 2, he was playing the drums. He got his first drum set at age 4. At age 8, he joined his father's band as drummer. And by age 11, he was playing the fiddle — the violin.

"I guess I was born with a God-given talent," he said. "The Nixes were musically inclined. It's been a gift all through these years. I just had a natural knack for it (music) — not that I'm excellent at it or anything," he said. "I feel what music talent the Nixes have is a gift from God."

Though Nix said that he is "not a goody two-shoes or anything" and is "no better than anybody else," he said he is "very grateful about the things we are getting to do."

The band is "family oriented," he said. "I don't allow any drinking or drugs whatsoever. We're working (as musicians). That's the way I make a living. I don't have to (use drugs and alcohol)," Nix said. "I'm not too good to. I just don't do it."

The band offers "good, quality family entertainment" and plays traditional country 'n' Western music associated with Hank Williams, Marty Robbins, George Strait, Ray Price, Merle Haggard, and his father, Hoyle Nix, and plays Western swing, such as that by Bob Wills. And, Nix said, "Everybody likes Willie (Nelson)," who is a "genius" who "can write a song like nobody." And Nix said that the late Marty Robbins had "the most gifted voice — the most beautiful voice I think God ever put on a man."

The Nix band plays "just plain old, traditional country music and Western swing," said Nix. "I don't knock anybody's success, but we're not contemporary. We're not progressive. We're not country rock. We're what you call traditional country. We play dance music."

The new songs which the band plays "reflect the traditional flavor," Nix said. "We stay abreast with what's going on, but we don't do country pop or country rock."

Country music, said Nix, "tells real-life stories — tells of someone's fortune and misfortune, a broken home, a love song, the lady of his life, a cheating song, a beer-drinking song, a down-home song. Some of it I prefer over others. Some of it I don't like."

But Jody Nix and his music seems to be liked ardently by growing numbers of country-music fans, including Midlander Judy Jackson, who is president of the Jody Nix Fan Club.

"I have great respect for him as a person," said Mrs. Jackson. "I have never known him to say anything unkind about anybody. Everybody in the band is just as nice as he is. They are all family men.

"Besides being a very fine and talented country 'n' Western musician, Jody Nix is a fine family man, fine husband, father and son. He's been a good friend to me," she said.

Nix "works hard," Mrs. Jackson said. "I have great respect for how he works and the entertainment he provides people. He provides family-type dances, where people can bring their young children or their grandparents. It's good clean, dance music."

MCHD

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The amount of state funding a school district receives is tied to several key factors, including the appraised value of its tax base.

At last Thursday's hospital district board meeting, one concern directors had was the procedure related to the expenses faced by a delinquent taxpayer.

Stegall explained Friday the appraisal district doesn't keep the 15 percent penalty fee that is assessed to delinquent taxpayers.

That amount goes to the Austin law firm the MCAD contracts yearly to collect late taxes.

The appraisal district instead charges the law firm a flat $4,500 monthly fee for use of MCAD data and clerical help.

The chief appraiser also put to rest questions concerning the appraisal district's "reserve fund," an amount that in the past has been roughly 10 percent of its annual budget.

Fees assessed to the six taxing entities comprise the appraisal district's annual budget, slated for about $1.12 million next year. The fees are paid by each of the six taxing entities with taxpayer dollars.

According to financial statements, the appraisal district:

- ended 1985 with $164,672.84 in cash on hand;
- ended 1986 with $124,132.23 in cash on hand;
- ended 1987 with $110,609.42 in cash on hand;

Figures were not available for 1987 or 1988.

Stegall explained Friday that the MCAD likes to keep a reserve fund of about 15 percent of its annual budget on hand for emergencies.

Emergencies would include an expensive lawsuit the appraisal district might face regarding an appraisal.

However, according to the MCAD financial statements, the appraisal district in 1985-87 budgeted $40,000 for legal services associated with appraisal activities, but spent only $3,771.62 of the budgeted amount over the three-year period.

In 1985 alone, the appraisal district budgeted $25,000 for appraisal-related legal services, but didn't spend anything, records show.

Stegall said budgets are hard to call because he must write them one and a half years in advance.

Reserve fund money over that three-year period was ultimately spent on land and construction costs MCAD incurred to build its new $465,000 headquarters on Andrews Highway, Stegall said.

The building opened May 15, 1987. Prior to that time, the appraisal district had spent $68,000 on office space rent at Dellwood Mall. Stegall said all six jurisdictions at the time were in favor of building a new MCAD office.

Stegall said that in 1988, the appraisal district had about $100,000 left over after expenses. The money will be refunded to the six taxing entities, he said.

The hospital district's action, nearly two months in deliberation, stemmed from a desire to be a part of the appraisal district board's decision-making processes.

"If we're prudent managers of our money, we need to know how its spent," Abbott said Friday.

HIKER

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In the interview broadcast Thursday night, Brinkley noted that some homeless sleep on grates or on the grass in Lafayette Park, across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House.

Reagan replied, "Yes, but, David, doesn't that go back — that there are always going to be people — they make it their own choice for staying out there."

Harding disagrees.

"We really don't know who the homeless are," he said. "But there are people in every community who are going hungry and we're not giving them the help they need."

As the result of his 25-mile-per-day hike, Harding has drawn several conclusions about the rise in the nation's homeless population, blaming much of the problem on the breakdown the family.

He noted that civic organizations and churches are quickly replacing the family as the homeless' primary means of support.

Still, Harding observed, "Most people I know are uncomfortable giving to the homeless and the hungry."

Through education, local communities can continue to improve upon their support of the underprivileged. "There are enormous possibilities," he said. "The point is, don't sit back."

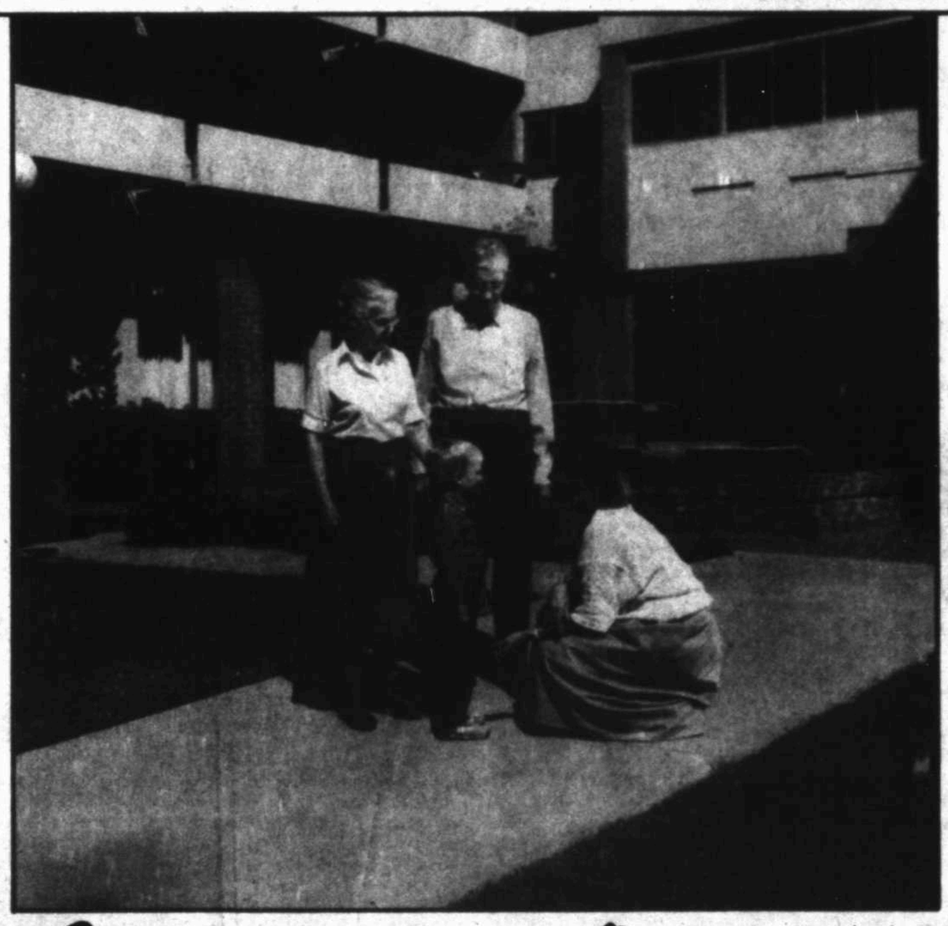
DEATHS

William D. Martin Jr.

William Daniel Martin Jr., 73, died Friday at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Rains Seal Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Old Runnels Cemetery.

He was born in Palestine on May 26, 1915. He was a production clerk for Gulf Oil Corp. in the Midland-Odessa area for 22 years and was a Baptist.

Surivors include his wife, Estelle Martin of Brownwood; one daugther, Diana Thomas also of Brownwood; one son, Charles Martin of Slidell, La.; one sister, Billy Ruth Smith of Chico; and one brother, David Martin of Fort Stockton.



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ARMED FORCES NEWS

Marine Pvt. Rick P. Juarez, son of Fernando R. and Tina P. Juarez of Midland, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, Juarez was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1988 graduate of Midland Senior High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1988.

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Navy Seaman Apprentice John D. Savage, son of John D. and Carol J. Savage of Midland, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Savage's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Savage's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1986 graduate of Midland Senior High School, he joined the Navy in August 1988.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Napoleon Davis, son of Deloris Johnson of Midland, has graduated from Operation Specialist School.

During the 15-week course, conducted at Fleet Combat Training Center, Atlantic, Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Va., Davis received instructions on the operations of surveillance and search radars, electronic recognition and identification equipment, aircraft approach control devices and electronic aids to navigation. His studies were designed to prepare him for duty in a shipboard combat information center, or at a shorebased fleet training center.

He is a 1988 graduate of Emerson High School, Oklahoma City.

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Navy Airman Recruit John S. McPherson, son of John G. and Anna O. McPherson of Midland, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During McPherson's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

McPherson's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He joined the Navy in August.

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Navy Fireman Recruit Brian A. Locke, son of Loyd and Pat H. Locke of Midland, was graduate from Basic Hull Maintenance Technical School.

During the 8-week course at Naval Damage Control Training Center, Naval Base, Philadelphia, Locke received instruction on the basics of welding, pipefitting and metalsmithing. He also studied the procedures used to fabricate, install and repair all types of shipboard structures, plumbing and piping systems.

A 1987 graduate of Lee High School, he joined the Navy in April 1988.

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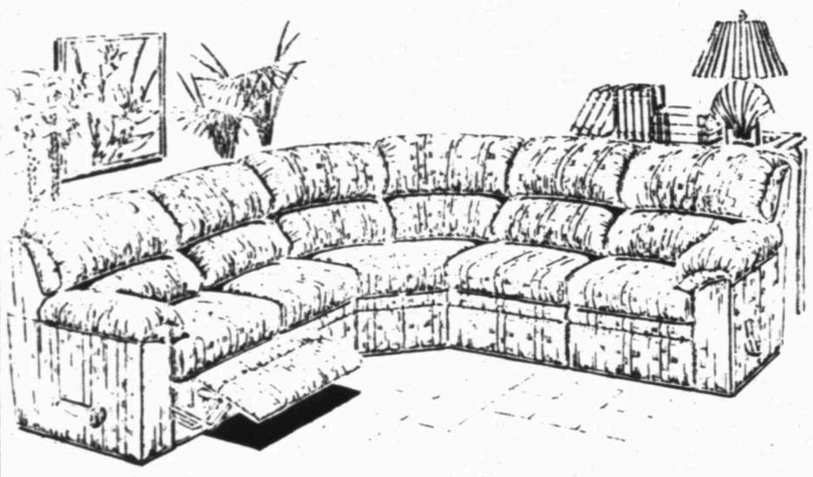
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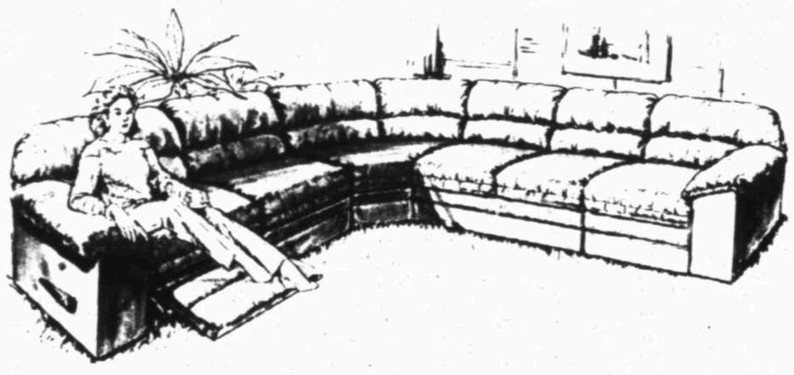


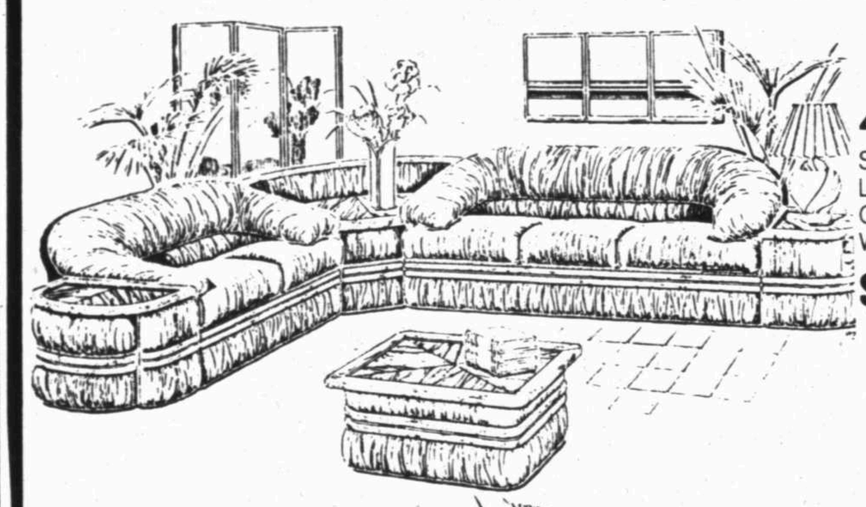
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A Saviour is born, Christ the Lord!



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."

"(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).

"And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go now even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." — (Luke 2:1-20.)

JACK ANDERSON

Congressmen cited for help they give

WASHINGTON — If he could, Army Lt. Kim Strader, father of five, would thank Sen. Jake Garn this Christmas day. Strader is one of the thousands of Americans who needed help from a member of Congress this year, and got it without any fanfare.



Jack Anderson

Strader was in the crowd at the Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, air show Aug. 28, when an Italian jet crashed into the crowd of spectators and killed 50 people. In the explosion, Strader was burned over most of his body. When it became clear that he was not going to recover, the Army followed standard procedure and retired him so his family could begin collecting benefits.

Only his family noticed that Strader was retired at the rank of lieutenant. He had been approved for promotion to captain, but needed 10 more days of duty as a lieutenant to qualify. The difference between a lieutenant's pay and a captain's pay was critical to his wife and children. They did what thousands of Americans do every year when they reach the end of their rope. They called their senator.

Garn cut through the considerable red tape at the Pentagon. On Sept. 16 at 3:50 p.m., as Lt. Strader lay dying in a San Antonio, Texas burn center, the Army put him back on active duty, promoted him to captain and retired him. Capt. Strader died that night.

The nitty-gritty work of serving the folks back home rarely gets recognized. Neither do the instances when members of Congress tilt at windmills for principle instead of politics. It simply isn't news.

We do our share of looking for bad news because we believe elected officials should be held accountable for every act. Today we will hold them accountable for good deeds:

■ Rep. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., thinks the United States is too quick to export guns instead of hope. Dorgan decided the children of Nicaragua had suffered enough, so he initiated a bill to create a $17.7-million Children's Survival Assistance Program. One project is a clinic in Honduras where young Nicaraguan refugees are outfitted with artificial limbs.

■ Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., heard about an advocacy group that was trying to build a home for mentally handicapped adults in Redwood City. The project needed a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD promised the money and then backed out. Lantos got on the phone and rattled HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce and regional HUD staffers until the grant was reactivated and the people got their home.

Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta are columnists for United Feature Syndicate.



LEWIS GRIZZARD

Peace, home, Mama beckon at Christmas

We've got Mama for another Christmas, and those of you with aging parents will know that blessing and share it with me on this day.



Grizzard

Mama turned 74 in October. Twenty-five years ago, she came down with a strange disease called scleroderma.

What I know about it is that it attacks women more often than men and it kills tissue.

The disease hit Mama's esophagus. Before the diagnosis, she had several frightening choking episodes.

She continued teaching first grade for the next several years, but eventually was forced to retire.

Her esophagus had begun to close, and eating became almost impossible for her. Even after a treatment was devised where she would swallow a tube once a week to reopen the esophagus, she had developed such a fear of choking, it became nearly impossible to get her to eat anything solid.

She has been living on what amounts to a liquid diet for 15 years. In her weakened condition, she has become susceptible to infections and severe dehydration.

If this weren't enough, she also has developed crippling arthritis. She has basically lost the use of her hands. They are drawn and swollen and red.

She lives her life in a hospital bed in the living room of the home we moved into when I was 12.

There have been some close calls. She had to have her gall bladder removed. The doctors said it was risky, but it had to be done.

I can remember standing over her bed before the operation. She looked up at me and said, "I don't want to die."

I remember thinking to myself, in all her pain, after all her suffering, she still clings to life as tenaciously as ever.

Her doctor has said to me, "I've never seen anybody with the strength your mother has. She has endured agony after agony, but she holds on and fights back through it all."

What is further incredible to me is she is still able to laugh at a funny story I tell her.

She can still joke about herself and is still concerned about my own health and safety. She worries because I fly a lot. She is concerned that I'm getting enough to eat and that I have enough cover when the weather turns cold.

It's hard to pick out Christmas gifts for Mama. I gave her a new television one year, one with a big screen for her failing eyesight.

I gave her a radio so she could listen to music, and one year we got her some new curtains for the living room because she was "sick and tired of looking at these old ones all day."

This year it's some new cotton gowns, and a pretty blanket with ducks on it, and a basket filled with flowers.

I'd try to buy her the moon if that's what she wanted, but she always stresses, "Don't go out and spend a bunch of money on me for Christmas. There's just not much of anything I need anymore."

There's something I need and something I'll never stop needing — and that is my mama at Christmas. It is the time of year that draws most of us back to the warmth and peace that home and family can provide when nothing else can.

Merry Christmas, Mama.

And Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Lewis Grizzard is a columnist for Cowles Syndicate.

GEORGE F. WILL

Life has fruitcakes, but it isn't boring!

WASHINGTON — All is quiet along the Potomac just now, the federal community having given itself over to seasonal indolence and indulgence. Such enjoyment came to this city surprisingly late in its history. President Grover Cleveland in 1894, for the first time, gave civil servants Christmas Day off.



George F. Will

Among the many routs and revels that leaven our civilization, those associated with Christmas sometimes test one's capacity for taking life philosophically. The task of eating a pfeffernusse cookie without coating yourself with powdered sugar is as difficult as spelling pfeffernusse, but it is easier than eating fruitcake, which is the worst feature of this season.

Christmas, which — let us be fair — should not be judged by fruitcakes, is, of course, a lot older than almost all the rituals that now encrust it. But, then, Christmas, like mankind, is a late arrival, as reckoned by Harvard's Stephen Jay Gould, who takes the long view, as paleontologists are wont to do.

The human species, he says, has been around for about 250,000 years, approximately .0015 percent of the history of all earthly life, "the last inch of the cosmic mile." The planet, indeed the universe, got along swimmingly without us until, as it were, just the other day. This makes our arrival look awfully like a cosmic afterthought, an accident rather than the culmination of a plan.

Furthermore, says Gould, the many evolutionary factors that produced us are "quirky, improbable, unrepeatable and utterly unpredictable." However, unpredictable does not mean random. "It makes sense and can be explained after the fact. But wind back life's tape to the dawn of time and let it play again — and you will never get humans a second time."

Well, "never" is a tad, if only a tad, too strong. What Gould means is that getting human beings on a second run through the evolution of life would be a statistical long shot with the odds approaching infinity-to-one. If, that is, it were possible to "approach" infinity, which it isn't — but never mind, you know what I mean.

So how come we humans are here? "Because," says Gould, "one odd group of fishes had a peculiar fin anatomy that could transform into legs for terrestrial creatures; because the earth never froze entirely during an ice age; because a small and tenuous species (he means us), arising in Africa a quarter-of-a-million years ago, has managed, so far, to survive by hook and by crook."

Actually, we are not as tenuous as all that. Gould's "hook and crook" means mind, which is a formidable thing. True, mind has produced, among other things, fruitcake and modern physics, both potentially lethal to the species. Still, "tenuous" does not do us justice.

Actually, Gould gives us generous justice by noting the exhilarating aspect of the lowly and improbable (fins and all that) explanation of us. The explanation may be superficially deflating, but it is ultimately liberating: "We cannot read the meaning of life passively in the facts of nature. We must construct these answers ourselves — from our own wisdom and ethical sense."

Gould may be right, but for many people the meaning of Christmas is that there is a "higher" answer, a providential purpose to the evolutionary outcome. For some people, the origin of religious sentiment — awe — is in this thought: The stunning improbability that produced us is itself an intimation of some special intention.

Anyway, no matter where life came from, or why, the fact is it beats the alternative and makes things interesting. Alice Walker put philosophy in its place and gave consolation for a universe afflicted with fruitcakes when she wrote in one sentence almost all that needs to be said on the subject of life: "Life is better than death, I believe, if only because it is less boring, and because it has fresh peaches in it."

George F. Will is a columnist for Washington Post Writers Group.

RUSSELL BAKER

'Who's a Jew?' is such a Christian question

NEW YORK — As an heir to the Christian tradition, I am naturally surprised to find that Jews are now arguing passionately about who is a Jew and who isn't.



Russell Baker

I always thought this kind of dispute was peculiarly and distinctly a Christian exercise.

One of the many burdens of the person professing Christianity has always been the odium likely to be heaped upon him by fellow Christians quick to smell out, denounce and punish fraud, hypocrisy and general unworthiness among those who assert the faith.

In ruder days, disputes about what constituted a fully qualified Christian often led to sordid quarrels in which the disputants tortured, burned and hanged each other in the conviction that torture, burning and hanging were Christian things to do and to suffer.

By contrast, the Israeli political dispute about who is a Jew seems like tame stuff.

Israel's Orthodox rabbis who want a government that will read a lot of people out of the faith would be dismissed as lightweights in the zeal division by old-time Christians.

They propose no auto-da-fe, nor even a few turns on the bastinado for those who don't conform to the Orthodox view of the faith.

They are content to confine themselves to the blackball, as it were.

As an heir to the Christian tradition, I find little in this that is startling, except that Jews should want to do it. It is such a Christian thing to do.

Not that I have ever done it, of course. Not out loud.

To be sure, I have often said to myself that so-and-so "is no Christian," and admitted, but only to myself, that I despised him for going to church and pretending to listen attentively to the preacher's sermon when anyone with half a brain could see there wasn't an ounce of Christian love in the scoundrel's icy heart.

Yes, when thinking such thoughts, I am always aware that I am lapsing momentarily from Christian duty to love a neighbor.

Yet, I wonder, is mine truly a serious lapse? After all, I don't want to see the wretched hypocrite burned at the stake, as my Christian forebears might have.

I just wish everybody realized that he wasn't a true Christian. Also I wouldn't mind reading in the paper that he had been indicted for insider trading.

As an heir to the Christian tradition, I was for a long time prepared to argue that no real Christian would read another Christian out of the faith because of a disagreement about transubstantiation.

This created a profound crisis when my own dear mother left the church where she had worshipped for years because she was outraged by a new minister's theories about Communion.

At that time I considered myself just about the most Christian person I had ever known, and I thought that whatever was supposed to be happening during Communion was a thing of such artistic beauty that it was unChristian to mar it by quarreling about what it meant.

But could I quietly, silently, privately, in the solitude of my own mind, say, "My mother, like most of the rest of the people I have encountered in this world, is not truly a Christian"? Could I use the blackball and read her out of the faith? In the end I forgave her.

A typical Christian situation occurred recently when allegations of sexual misconduct against certain evangelistic preachers raised the question: Should a Christian forgive his preacher as readily as he forgives his mother?

As an heir to the Christian tradition, I was not shocked to find persons who call themselves Christians denouncing and abusing these wretched victims of their own lustful impulses.

One of the sadder aspects of the so-called Christian nature is its tendency to be horrified by the discovery that clergymen are troubled by the same unseemly passions that torment all other men.

Every generation, since eternity probably, rediscovers that priesthood bestows no remission of lust, yet people who profess to Christianity never fail to be as shocked and astounded as though hearing the news for the first time.

In the recent scandals, some of the harshest, most un-Christian criticism of the embarrassed parsons has come from their fellows of the cloth.

The true Christian, loath to read others out of the faith, would forgive the fallen evangelists, I concluded, and did so.

After all, if a true Christian could forgive his mother for fussing about transubstantiation, he could certainly forgive a few preachers for succumbing to a little lust.

What true Christian hasn't succumbed to a little lust now and then?

Do Jews really want to ask themselves such questions?

Russell Baker is a columnist for New York Times News Service.

BILL MODISETT

Christmas story underscores value of unselfish giving



Modisett

Christmas is a strange blending of the best and the worst of man. It's a story, from the biblical standpoint, of hardship and of beauty; murderous hatred and joy; but most of all, it's a story of giving.

In the birth of Jesus Christ, the Christian religion teaches, God gave man a miraculous gift — his only Son. And by so doing he set the stage for man's salvation, which also was in the form of a gift — eternal life.

Three wise men followed a star to Bethlehem, where they found the baby Jesus in a manger, and they presented him gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense. Again, the Christmas story underscores the importance of unselfish giving.

The Santa Claus tradition, celebrated in many nations around the world, is based on the act of unselfish giving. Brightly decorated packages appear under Christmas trees on Christmas morning to delight children of all ages.

Music passed down through the ages also proclaims the importance of giving. The "Little Drummer Boy" had no gift to present to the Christ child, yet gave all that he had — a song. In that act, he gave the greatest gift he could have given — his love. Christmas is filled with the emotion of love: God's love for man, man's love for God, man's love for man.

Today, as families throughout Midland and the world gather around their Christmas trees, they will take part in a centuries-old tradition that will help to break down the barriers between them and allow them to enjoy the fellowship and closeness of this season.

It's a special season, but even when it ends what it teaches should not. Christmas is about caring, love and giving. Christmas helps man to comprehend that no one in this world is an individual, really. We're all part of the family of man celebrating the birth of the Saviour of man. If one of those around us is suffering, we all suffer. If one of those around us feels unloved, we should all share our love. To make it simple, we all have a duty of love to those around us.

Some may believe that the Christmas story is good history, but not really practical for today's lifestyle. On the contrary, what the Christmas story teaches is a pattern for everyday living.

There are many holidays throughout modern man's yearly calendar. Christmas is only one of many religious holidays. But it's special because Christmas is about living, caring and loving.

Most importantly, though, it's about giving because in the act of giving we find true meaning for our lives.

Bill Modisett is editor of the Reporter-Telegram's opinion pages.

LETTERS

'X' not appropriate substitution for Christ

What is the real reason for our celebration of the Christmas season? Most people realize that Christmas is recognized by so many people because it is a birthday celebration, a birthday celebration for Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of the world. Why then would anyone substitute an "X" in place of "Christ" in the word "Christmas"? I see this exercise from time to time around town on billboards advertising "Xmas" sales, in publications and even in the Midland Reporter-Telegram (for instance on Page 7C, Dec. 9, 1988, under Business in Brief). Think of the insult to the one whose birthday we are celebrating and the insult to us Christians.

This is the only word I can think of where a portion of the word is dropped and an "X" substituted. Think about it, out of all the long and difficult words we use every day why do people shorten this one word by eliminating "Christ"?

Let's remember the "Reason for the Season" and avoid eliminating or rejecting the very reason for the celebration.

Wayne Newkumet
Midland

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MISD paying too much to lease office space

At a time when businesses are looking for ways to cut their budgets and are also looking for the best deal, the Midland Independent School District is doing the opposite.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, the school board voted to lease two floors of the Western Building located at 1031 Andrews Hwy. consisting of 15,000 square feet. According to the Reporter-Telegram, 32 people will occupy this 15,000 square foot area which calculated to 468.75 square feet per person. This equals a room 21.65 feet long by 21.65 feet wide for each person, which is a pretty good size office.

My second problem is with the price per square foot that was paid for the space. Seven dollars per square foot is not a good price for office space at this time. I know of space available for five dollars per square foot in class A buildings and lease space that can be subleased for less than that. I think the board needs to evaluate what they have done and form another committee to check on the first committee. The school district seems to be operated by committee and not by the elected school board members. If they can't make a decision, then do they need to be on the school board?

The city of Midland has entered into a contract to purchase a building that is approximately $23 per square foot. The school district will pay $21 per square foot on a three year lease and will not have anything to show for it at the end of the lease except to pay $7 or some amount each year from now on. Maybe we need a citizens committee to study the school board. Remember this is your tax dollar. Is it being spent wisely by elected officials?

One more thing: A camel is a horse designed by a committee.

Jimmie Ketcham
Midland

Lucas needs to take closer look at events

I must voice my opinion regarding Mr. Lucas' comment in Georgia Temple's article "Great music in grand style" that was published Sunday, Dec. 18th. Mr. Lucas said, "after living here for a while, I realized that something was missing as far as Christmas and Easter were concerned in the cultural field."

Where has he been looking? Midland has several church music programs that each year capably perform portions of *Messiah* at Christmas and Easter, also with Midland/Odessa Symphony players.

I can't think of a "grander" place for "great" sacred music to be performed than in the context of a worship service at church. Midland has more culture for a city its size than most anywhere in the Southwest. There are more musical events alone to choose from than nights in the week, especially at Christmas.

Mr. Lucas gives the impression he's brought something new to our fine city.

D.H. Pratt
Midland

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I would like to publicly express my sincere gratitude to the business managers of radio station KWMJ-FM 103 of Midland and the Texaco Oil Co. for bringing us the Metropolitan Opera on Saturdays.

In coming to us live from the Opera House in New York (where we have "the best seats in the house") the operas lighten and brighten our winter Saturday afternoons each week.

Carol Craig
Midland

Taxpayers should make decision on Clearview

It seems the taxpayers of Midland County should decide whether or not the acquisition of Clearview Hospital is a wise decision.

L.M. Toohey
Midland

Little child brought peace amid war

By DOUGLAS F. PARSONS



Douglas F. Parsons is pulpit minister of Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

In this season when the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated, I am reminded of an incident that took place during World War II. Some American infantrymen were pursuing a group of German soldiers, and they chased them into a farmhouse. The family who lived there, hearing the approaching soldiers, had fled to the barn.

Suddenly, as the Americans and Germans were firing on each other across the open field, the family's little 2-year-old girl broke away from her mother, ran out of the barn, and started running across the field.

Soldiers on both sides saw the little child and immediately screamed to cease fire. All shooting stopped instantly and all was quiet until the child was safely back in her mother's arms and inside the barn.

What all the world leaders, generals, and diplomats had been unable to do, a small girl had accomplished. That child brought peace in the midst of a war.

In a sense, that's what Christ did. He entered this world as a baby to announce that the hostility had ceased. He made peace where peace seemed impossible. Furthermore, he opened the way for us to God, but it cost him his life. We who were sinners — enemies of God — may now be reconciled to God because of the work He accomplished.

History is sometimes turned around by the smallest of events, and destiny is balanced on the point of a pin.

The almost totally unnoticed event of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem has affected the world more than all the battles that were ever fought or all the governments that have ever convened.

For four thousand years sincursed man had hoped for the seed of woman that would break the serpent's head, and for two thousand years the Jews had looked for a Messiah. But when he came they didn't recognize him. He came in the seclusion of a stable, in the darkness of the night, and in the smallness of baby. The greatest forces of all time do not come with powerful explosions or the noise of racing chariots. They come on silent wings. The power of love is such a force. And grace and goodness make little racket.

In a night without light came the Light. In a world without hope, hope was born. In the midst of despair there was the singing of angels. They had but a star, but we have Son-Light. The hopes and fears of all the years were pinned, whether the shepherds realized it or not, upon a little baby in a young mother's arms. Really, that is where hope still lies.

Wise men brought him gifts. But their gold, frankincense and myrrh have long since turned to dust. It was the best they had, and they set precedent for our giving gifts, but they gave only gifts that perish. We have an opportunity to give a living sacrifice. If giving is the test of loving, then let us give the consecration of our lives. He himself has said, "Greater love has no man than this: that a man would lay down his life for his friends."

Truly, the words of the angels on Jesus' birthday, whatever day that was, are still proclaimed to a world hungry for its message, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Let the bells ring! Breathe the enchanting music that fills the air! Revel in the warmth and good cheer that wells in your heart and soul! Christ was born, he lived, he died and for us as Christians that is the best news, the word of pure joy.

Even though we know that Dec. 25 is not the day of his birth, while the candles burn at this season, we may remember that he is the Light of the world.

As the sounds of cheer are expressed, we may remember him who is the source of all joy. As the gifts are exchanged we may remember that God gave the supreme gift, his only Son, to take away the sins of the world.

"Speaking Out" columnists are invited to submit articles on subjects of their choice. They should be limited to 700 words or less.

FLORA LEWIS

Changing times rip old assumption apart

PARIS — There is a sense of vertigo. The proposals and the words are changing so fast there isn't time for the music to catch up.



Lewis

All kinds of old assumptions are being ripped open for new questions. While they assumed the worst, the dread had taken on a kind of worn familiarity.

The new and unexpected can be frightening even though the signs are that it's good news.

The Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, tells the United Nations that international relations must be "freed from ideology," that the world economy is a "single organism," and that the "idea of the very character and criteria of progress is changing."

The PLO's Yasser Arafat says he wants to make a secure peace with Israel.

Nothing is really solved yet, not in Afghanistan, between Iran and Iraq, in Angola and Namibia, in Cambodia. But the current of righteous belligerence is being reversed.

Authorities do seem to be probing, warily and still with bouts of intransigence, for some way out of the mess they got their people into and which had come to be taken for granted.

It seems too good to be true. There have been so many hopes and deceptions. Who remembers the euphoria at the end of World War II when the victors were building an orderly new world where peace should be taken for granted?

Who remembers the elation of decolonization in the 1960s when independence was going to give all subject peoples a chance to prosper and develop in freedom?

Not surprising if many are looking for the traps now. But there are also traps in what the American sociologist David Riesman called the "gullibility of the cynical," a belief that everything is a plot and nothing is sure but evil.

In a time of change, it is harder and all the more important to keep a balance than when everything is bleak. It's necessary to look back as well as forward to measure what has really happened as well as what still needs to happen.

Dante Caputo of Argentina, this year's president of the U.N. General Assembly, spoke of a memorandum sent by the Danish physicist Niels Bohr to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944.

Bohr argued that atomic weapons would not only substantially alter the conception and scope of war but also the world's conception and realization of peace.

That was before Hiroshima and the vast arsenals since acquired but, blessedly, never used.

"For almost half a century," Caputo said, "we have lived in a realm of precarious balancing acts." Now, he perceives a "breakthrough of common sense."

While there is no guarantee, it is evidently common sense to recognize that the big problems are global now and cannot be solved in hostilities, even at relatively lower levels.

Now that Gorbachev is coming around to this kind of talk, and backing it up concretely with new negotiating policies on regional conflicts and plans to start cutting bloated Soviet armies, some have found a new fear to sustain the rivalry.

It is that the Soviet leader will win a "charm offensive" and leave America with an image of grungy narrowmindedness in the world's eyes.

These people call for a "grand design" from President-elect George Bush, some kind of rhetorical composition that will bring cheers and shining eyes for the U.S. side.

I disagree. That is the way Moscow habitually goes about things, proposing great concepts full of gleaming promise when what we all want is delivery. Gorbachev called for "basic and truly universal principles" to guide the new world. They already exist, in abundant forms. The point is to start observing them.

Flora Lewis is a syndicated columnist for the New York Times News Service.



Good economic forecast makes for merrier Christmas

By WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST JR.
Editor in Chief, The Hearst Newspapers



Hearst

SAN SIMEON — Once again I am spending Christmas with my family on this beautiful Pacific coastal plain which was acquired by my grandfather, Sen. George Hearst, and on the hilltop on which my father built the fairy tale castle that became a historic monument in September by the U.S. Postal Service's issuance of a Historic Preservation stamp which bears a picture with the name Hearst Castle on a postcard.

The famous castle, called "Casa Grande" towering on what my father named La Cuesta Encantada (Enchanted Hill) was gifted to the State of California after my Pop's death in 1951 and has become one of the most popular tourist attractions in California. We occupy a house at the foot of the hill from which we can look up and see the majestic edifice and on the other side the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean.

For me, San Simeon is a shrine of love mixed with memories of sadness and happiness. It is also a mecca of rest, meditation and joy with my wife, Austine, children and grandchildren.

This is a particularly cheerful Christmas to be here because of the encouraging news about the economy.

The Christian Science Monitor reported last Wednesday that 80 percent of 51 economists polled in early December believe there will be no recession next year. According to this highly reputable Boston-based newspaper the "conventional wisdom on the outlook for 1989 is for moderate growth, inflation in check, and lower interest rates later in the year."

In what is expected to be the 72nd month of consecutive economic growth in the United States, more people are working than ever before in the history of this country — an estimated total of 116 million. By September, the proportion of the working age population holding jobs had reached a record of 62.4 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported this month that the average factory worker is now laboring 41 hours per week, including four hours overtime. Government figures show that wages for nonunion workers rose at a four percent rate in 1988 and are projected to rise next year at a five percent rate. Inflation eased last month and is hovering around 4.4 percent annually.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reported a few days ago that the outlook for general economic conditions in its 24 industrialized member countries, including the United States, is "more buoyant than at any time since the early 1970's." The OECD expects the world economy to slow somewhat in 1989, which should, the OECD said, help prevent runaway inflation or a collapse of the dollar.

So there is good reason for Christmas cheer on this holiest day of the Christian era.

LETTER FROM COLLEGE

Chaps practice while classmates play

By H.A. TUCK

EDUCATION

While most of the students are enjoying ski trips, sleeping, and time with their families, the Midland College Chaparrals gather tomorrow for a practice session and preparation for a four-day tournament.



Tuck

The Chaps are playing in the BCI Mesa Rotary Junior College Shoot-Out in Mesa, Ariz., Dec. 28-31. It's the second such tourney in Mesa this year, since the last one was held the first week in January, 1988.

When the Chaps played there last January they thought it would be their last appearance for several years. They had won the event in 1986 and 1987, then were runners-up in 1988. But the tourney was expanded from eight to 16 teams, in the same format as the National Junior College Athletic Association's championship tournament.

So the Chaps got another invitation to the international event.

Included are teams from Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, California, Idaho, Illinois, North Carolina, Kansas, Connecticut, Utah, Florida, and Canada.

The Chaps open against Pima, Ariz.

In fact, the tourney is so large that half the games are being played at neighboring Scottsdale.

Former NJCAA tournament champions in the field are MC and Dixie, with six other teams having appeared in the NJCAA tournament at least once. One of them was Kankakee, which played a game in the national tourney against Kaskaskia, also from Illinois, in 1985. Rather than battling those two names, the PA announcer just called them the Cavaliers and the Blue Devils.

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Don't forget to come out and see the Christmas lights this week. They are on the carillon tower, five buildings, and some of the trees in the plaza. And the carillon tower is playing Christmas music at 12 noon, 4 p.m., and 8:20 p.m.

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Almost exactly half of the students at Midland College receive some sort of direct financial aid, and that doesn't include some students who receive reimbursement from their employers for successful completion of a course.

As the local economic situation continues about the same, the number of students requesting financial aid has increased each year.

It takes about $300-$350 per semester for a student to pay tuition, fees, and books. A number of part-time students also need financial aid, which is somewhat less than the amount required for someone going fulltime.

During the past year, there were 1770 students receiving financial aid through the college. The funds came from 55 sources and the total amount expended was $1,148,017, which was up by 28.5 percent over the previous year.

If you'd like to help out a student or several, you can send a check to Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705, attention Financial Aid Director. You also can contact the financial aid director when the officers reopen Jan. 3.

H.A. Tuck is public relations director at Midland College.

Lee students pass tryouts

The pre area tryouts for the All State Band were held recently at Permian High School in Odessa.

Midland Lee High School had more students than any other school qualify to tryout for the All State Band. Lee also had more first chairs than any other school.

Those qualifying were:

Jennifer Wagner, clarinet; Simone Waibel, clarinet; Sabra King, clarinet; Dani Dunn, bassoon; Becky Kullmer, alto saxophone; David Clark, alto saxophone; Michelle Pitcher, bass clarinet; Stephanie Reed, contra bass clarinet; Pat Brown, cornet; Andy Nance, French horn; Dennis Vasquez, euphonium; Rob McGuire, percussion I; and Rick Wooten, timpani.

Students selected as first chair players in the pre area band were:

Jennifer Wagner, clarinet; Dani Dunn, bassoon; Becky Kullmer, alto saxophone; Stephanie Reed, contra bass clarinet; Pat Brown, cornet; Dennis Vasquez, euphonium; Rob McGuire, percussion I; and Rick Wooten, timpani.

Airport cultivating Plant-a-Tree plan

From Staff Reports

The Christmas tree in your living room may last only a few weeks, but the Midland International Airport Plant-a-Tree project provides an opportunity to make a gift that will add beauty to the community for many years to come, according to supporters of the program.

Airport Board Chairman Ed Vogler and Keep Midland Beautiful Chairman Richard Wigzell are teaming up to encourage residents of Midland and Odessa to help fund tree plantings as special gifts to the community.

A total of $250 will cover the cost of a tree, Vogler said, adding that additional funds will also be used for other forms of landscaping at the airport's entrances.

"About $25,000 already has been raised from private contributions," Vogler said. "And, now we are trying to raise an additional $15,000 to complete the second phase of landscaping, which will include the planting of 210 trees at Midland International."

He added that the state highway department will donate another 60 trees for public rights of way.

"The airport and its entryways create the first impression many visitors have of the community," Wigzell said. "The addition of trees and other landscaping improvements will reinforce the quality image Midland seeks to promote."

Persons wishing to contribute to the airport Plant-a-Tree project should send their tax deductible donations to the Midland Chamber of Commerce Foundation, P.O. Box 1890, Midland, Texas, 79702.

Reaction mixed on Baptist move

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Some Southern Baptists were both sympathetic and skeptical when they learned of a new moderate group whose aim is to wrest control of the Southern Baptist Convention from its conservative leadership.

The group, called Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized last week in Texas and represents a politically moderate faction. While some moderates embraced the group's cause, others shunned the political approach.

The Rev. W. Randall Lolley, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Raleigh, said he would support the new group.

"I intend to be supportive of any effort to make this denomination come to its senses," said Lolley, who resigned as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary last year after conservatives took over the Board of Trustees.

He said Friday that he opposed the "authoritarianism, exclusivism, individualism and pastoral authority" of the denomination's leaders.

Stan L. Hastey, the executive director of the moderate Southern Baptist Alliance, said some SBA members have joined the new group or are sympathetic with it. Until Hastey was hired last month, Alliance headquarters were in Charlotte but have been moved to Washington.

"Many people in the alliance are unwilling to give up the winning of elections," he said.

But he said others wanted to end fervent, unyielding politics and were willing to accept minority status.

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MAKING THE GRADE

Leslie Swann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis of Midland, has been recognized by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club as their Student of the Month.



Swann

Miss Swann, a senior at Robert E. Lee High School, is a member of the National Honor Society and was a recipient of a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Academic Achievement. She is active in varsity basketball, varsity track, the Spanish Club and Senior Girls. After graduation Miss Swann plans to attend Texas Christian University where she will pursue a course of study in the field of education.

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Tonya Hertel, daughter of Jerry and Dixie Hertel of Midland, was named by the Midland Rotary Club as their Student of the Week.



Hertel

Miss Hertel, who serves as captain of the golf team and is a three year letter winner in that sport, is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students as well as in Outstanding High School Students of America. She was a recipient of the Optimist Club Award for Golf and participated in UIL contest for accounting. Miss Hertel participates as a member of the Student Council Election Committee and the Computer Club, and is enrolled in honors calculus. Her future plans include attending Texas A&M where she intends to study business and perhaps earn her CPA license.

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The American Association of University Women has chosen Mary Katherine Kallus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kallus, to receive its Outstanding Girl award.



Kallus

Miss Kallus maintains a class ranking of 55th as a senior at Midland High School. She has earned an academic letter and has been named to Outstanding High School Students of America, as well as participating in band both in flue and flag line. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Parent Teacher Student Association Board, German Club, and is a Student Representative. Other activities include Catholic Youth Organization and Sunday school teacher's aide.

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John W. Litton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Litton of Midland, a high school sophomore at New Mexico Military Institute, and Kelly S. Rowe, son of Warren and Dorothy Rowe of Midland, a college sophomore at New Mexico Military Institute, will march with the NMMI Regimental Band Jan. 20, 1989 in the inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., honoring President-elect George Bush and Vice President-elect Dan Quayle.



Litton



Rowe

The 60-member band, directed by Lt. Col. Mike Donovan, regimental bandmaster, will leave Roswell Jan. 18, traveling by air from Albuquerque to Washington. The band will remain in Washington for two days of sight-seeing, returning to Roswell on Jan. 23, 1989.

Approximately 52 bands, one from each state with two each from Indiana and Texas, 22 equestrian units and 113 other marching units and floats will take part in the 1½ mile parade. More than 300 units submitted applications to participate.

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The Midland Village Kiwanis Club, in cooperation with Jimmy Kelly, principal of Midland High School, has selected Jerry Martinez Arrellin to participate in this years Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Foundation Leadership Seminar as the Ambassador from Midland.



Arrellin

Arrellin will attend the Texas Leadership Seminar in the spring at one of several locations established in Texas and will be attending along with other outstanding sophomores from throughout the state. Participants will meet with leaders in business, industry, government, education, and the professions to learn about the free enterprise system and the democratic process.

The local competition was open to all high school sophomores. Criteria for selection included evidence of emerging leadership ability, cooperation, sensitivity to the needs of others, ability to relate to new pursuits and acquaintances, and the desire to learn and share knowledge and experience with others.

At the State Leadership Seminar, one boy and one girl will be selected to attend the annual all-expense paid, week-long International Leadership Seminar.

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Alan Eugene Burdick of Midland, is a candidate for degree this fall from the University of Oklahoma's Norman campus.

Students who receive their degrees in the fall can participate in the commencement ceremonies in May.

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Cynthia J. Vadala, daughter of John and Carol Vadala of Midland, has been awarded a Hatton W. Sumners Foundation Scholarship at Texas Christian University, where she is a sophomore majoring in political science. She is a 1986 graduate of Lee High School.

The Sumners Foundation of Dallas, established to aid in the study and teaching of the science of self-government, was created in the 1950s after the death of long-time Texas Democratic legislator Hatton Sumners.

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In choir, Julie Nance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Nance

In drama, Cory Brand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Brand

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PEOPLE

Dangerfield sues for respect

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Rodney Dangerfield is suing a hotel chain he claims didn't give him any respect when it hired an actor to impersonate his voice in radio commercials.


Dangerfield

The commercials for Park Inns International of Irving, Texas, carried a disclaimer that said the voice was an impersonation of Dangerfield.

But the comedian's lawsuit contends the disclaimer wasn't clear because it was followed by the actor saying Dangerfield-style, "You mean this guy ain't a real announcer? He really had me fooled."

The advertising campaign was launched in the summer without permission from Dangerfield or his agent, according to the suit filed recently in U.S. District Court.

Daryl Robertson, an attorney for the chain, was unavailable for comment late Friday. There was no response to a message left with the hotel's management company, Emerson Management of Dallas.

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LONDON (AP) — **Mickey Rooney** and **Ann Miller** will have their run of "Sugar Babies" cut short in January because the musical is losing money, a spokeswoman for London's Savoy Theater said.

The Broadway hit opened in London on Sept. 20 and had been expected to run at least six months, but the cast has been told the curtain will come down Jan. 7.

"The last couple of weeks, audiences have only been about 40 percent. They spent a lot of money advertising the show, but it had almost no effect," the spokeswoman said Friday. "There is no sign of things getting any better, so the only thing to do was to close it."

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STATELINE, Nev. (AP) — **Bill Cosby** says his efforts to modernize his mother's kitchen with Christmas presents were for nought — she insisted on treating the gifts as trophies.


Cosby

"I tried to give her presents I really thought she needed — an electric toaster, a waffle iron, a percolator coffee pot; She loved them all," the comedian said. "But did she use them? No.

"She put them all on top of the refrigerator like they were trophies from the Olympics and she'd get really mad if anyone took them down and tried to use them."

Cosby, who is to appear at a hotel-casino Jan. 3-8, said he particularly remembers looking up at a shiny new toaster while browning bread the hard way.

"For years, we still made our toast in the bottom of the oven," he recalled recently. "You put it in, wait a while, then turn it over and burn your fingers while that terrific stainless steel toaster ... sat on top of the refrigerator.

"My mother was a little strange about Christmas."

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor **Esai Morales** is giving up his holiday feasting for a three-day fast to protest the use of pesticides by California grape growers.

Morales, who starred in the 1987 hit movie "La Bamba," accepted a crucifix made of dried grape vines from union leader **Cesar Chavez** at a ceremony **Friday**.

The cross was worn by Chavez, president of United Farm Workers Union, during his 36-day fast that ended Aug. 21. It has been passed on since then to politicians and celebrities including the Rev. **Jesse Jackson** and **Martin Sheen**.

The union claims the pesticides have caused cancer in farm worker families.

Morales plans to fast through Christmas Day.

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SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Former Minnesota Vikings quarterback **Joe Kapp** is recuperating from a broken collarbone after being struck by a taxi while jogging with his dog.

Kapp, 50, was crossing a street in nearby Los Gatos on Thursday when a car driven by **Festus Banjo**, 46, turned a corner and hit Kapp with its right front bumper, police said.

Kapp was knocked unconscious and was taken to Valley Medical Center in San Jose. The dog wasn't hurt.

"We're fine," Kapp said from his hospital bed Thursday night. "It was a rainy morning; I didn't see the car at all. I was lucky. It could have been worse. The last I heard, the car wasn't hurt too badly."

Los Gatos police said Banjo would be cited for violating a pedestrian's right-of-way.

Kapp led the Vikings to the Super Bowl in 1970 and later coached the University of California-Berkeley football team for five years.

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FIGUERAS, Spain (AP) — Doctors caring for **Salvador Dali**, hospitalized two days ago with internal bleeding, said Saturday that the surrealist painter will return home on Christmas Day.

The 84-year-old artist was rushed to Figueras Hospital on Thursday after he vomited blood that came from a slight lesion in his intestine, doctors said.

Dr. Juan Garcia San Miguel told reporters he would permit the artist to leave the hospital on Sunday and return to his mansion in Figueras, his hometown in northeastern Spain.

The physician said Dali's prognosis was "favorable" because there had been on further bleeding. He said Dali's vital signs were normal and his health was not particularly "delicate," despite his age and previous ailments.

It was the second time in a month that Dali has been hospitalized.

On Nov. 27, he entered Figueras Hospital for treatment of pneumonia. The next day, he was rushed to Quiron Clinic in Barcelona because of severe heart trouble aggravated by blood clots in his left lung. He was released Dec. 14.

The flamboyant artist, a founding member of the surrealist movement, is the last of an outstanding generation of Spanish painters that included **Pablo Picasso**, who died in 1973, and **Joan Miro**, who died a decade later.

Dali has been in poor health and bound to a wheelchair since 1984, when he was severly burned in a fire at his home. Since then, he has lived in seclusion, fed by a nasal tube and watched round-the-clock by a team of nurses.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Time magazine has named the "endangered Earth" its Planet of the Year, departing from its annual Man of the Year designation to call for "a universal crusade to save the planet."

"This year the Earth spoke, like God warning Noah of the deluge," the weekly newsmagazine said, citing natural and human-caused disasters from earthquakes to overpopulation to pollution of the world's beaches.

Since 1927, Time annually has selected the person, group or object that in its editors' views most significantly influenced world events that year. It selected an inanimate object once before — the computer, in 1982.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Services will be Monday for **Ed "Junior" Whited**, a former Austin used-car dealer and world champion of poker who won his uncle's grocery store in a card game when he was 15.

Whited, 58, died Thursday of a heart attack.

Whited, who learned to play poker when he was 7, won his uncle's grocery store eight years later. His mother made him give it back.

One of the many winnings Whited did not have to return was the Super Bowl of Poker crown and $130,000 grand prize captured February 1981 at the Sahara-Reno Casino in Reno, Nev.

Whited is survived by four sons, two daughters, a brother, a sister and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home. Burial will be in Liveoak Cemetery.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Former ABC News anchorman **Max Robinson**, who died of complications resulting from AIDS, was eulogized by the Rev. Jesse Jackson as a man who "wouldn't adjust, wouldn't knuckle under the face of ... racism."

Jackson, a close friend of Robinson's, delivered the eulogy Friday at a Washington church where friends and co-workers of the nation's first black network television anchor paid their last respects.

Robinson, said Jackson, "wouldn't adjust, wouldn't knuckle under the face of obvious and not so obvious racism."

Robinson had been ill for more than a year when he died Tuesday at Howard University Hospital at age 49.

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El Pasoans said ready to buy local MBank

EL PASO (AP) — A published report says a group of El Paso investors that includes the city's mayor has offered to buy MBank El Paso, the most profitable of Dallas-based MCorp's banks.

The El Paso bank, boosted by capital from Mexico and a growing border economy, has sent its surplus money to other units of MCorp, which has 26 member banks.

Quoting anonymous sources, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions that an offer had been made.

Mayor John Rogers told The News he was familiar with the purchase proposal, but told The El Paso Times he is not involved in the proposal.

"I listened to a presentation. That's all. I'm not involved at this point," Rogers told the El Paso paper.

"I've looked at this investment as I will look at any other investment," he said.

Rogers is a former Realtor who, by city charter, may not run again when his current term expires next summer.

"Come June, I've got to go back to making a living," Rogers said.

MCorp spokesman Dick Bryant told The News the company had no comment on the reported purchase offer.

"This is an issue that involves the ultimate structure of the company and we are not discussing it at this time," Bryant said.

During the first nine months of 1987, MCorp recorded an overall $529 million loss, including a $517 million third quarter drop. In October, MCorp asked the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to help in a recapitalization of the company's loss-plagued banking network.

The investor group involved fewer than 50 El Paso residents, according to the Dallas paper. Aiding the efforts are members of the El Paso bank's founding family who are frustrated that the once-valuable MCorp stock they received when they sold their bank is now worth 50 cents a share.

Fire damages arts magnet high school

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A fire that started in a pile of rags and wood Friday caused about $40,000 damage to a downtown building considered for use as an arts magnet high school, arson investigators said.

The basement and first floor of the three-story Karotkin Building were damaged in the fire, which was fought by about 70 firefighters.

One fireman suffered a minor leg injury, officials said.

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Woman collects representations of 'jolly old elf'

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Jane Cregar knows Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas and Santa Claus, and she knows him in hundreds of different ways.

Mrs. Cregar has a collection of some 700 Santas she's been working on for 15 years.

She has jolly, stern, gloomy, holy and drunk Santas who steer boats, pilot helicopters, farm, wink, hold party snacks and stand on their head.

In her home, Santas overflow from the mantle and shelves, hang from the walls and plants, lounge on furniture and line the kitchen sink. They're made from sea grass, oil cloth, glass, wood, clothespins and tin

"I buy all year whenever I see a Santa," Mrs. Cregar told the Port Arthur News. "It's the quest for interpretations that's got me. Just when you think there can't be any more, there are."

Mrs. Cregar began her love of Santa as a small child when she would leave milk and cookies for him. Many come from her travels, but friends also jump at the chance to buy her an unusual Santa.

One has a large, red marble for a body and pipe cleaners for legs that make Santa look kind of like a spider. A friend who owns an antique store found it in the drawer of a desk shipped from Germany.

Her latest Santa is a long, tall, frail-looking fellow Mrs. Cregar has nicknamed "No More." She said she bought him with some easy money she was carrying and promised after she bought it, she would buy no more.

"That's no more, as of four o'clock today," she said. "They just taunt me."

Her absolute favorite is an inexpensive plastic model that came from a card store.

Santa, dressed in a golf shirt, sneakers and shorts, is exposing a pair of pale, knobby knees. Sitting on a suitcase and looking for a ride, he's flashing a sign that reads "Goin' South."

Mrs. Cregar said she had similar plans.

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Murder-for-hire scheme foiled by arrests, police say

AUSTIN (AP) — What authorities say was a murder-for-hire scheme was foiled with the arrests of two pizza restaurant employees who were charged with soliciting the killing of their employer's wife.

Police identified the two as Rebecca Estrada, 26, and Jon Dumaran, 20, who were charged with criminal solicitation to commit capital murder.

Officers said the intended victim was Cynthia Hild, 41, of Austin.

Investigators declined to describe a motive for the plan, but they did say the two employees of Little Caesar's restaurant had a "longstanding feud" with Mrs. Hild and her husband, Joe Hild, 41, president and head of operations of Little Caesar's in Travis County.

According to Municipal Court documents, police believe Eugene Flenough Jr., 22, was hired to kill Mrs. Hild at her home by whatever method he wished, disguising the crime as a burglary.

Investigators said others might be involved. Police planned to interview more people who might have been "contacted to conduct the operation," senior Sgt. Darrell Gambrell said Friday.

According to court and police records, officials cracked the case when officer Allen Anderson stopped Flenough's motorcycle Wednesday night. He matched the description of a man who robbed the Little Caesar's restaurant Dec. 16.

Flenough told investigators the robbery was a phony that had been set up to provide him with money for the plot, according to an affidavit filed in Municipal Court.

Thursday, police recorded a phone conversation between Flenough and a woman they identified as Ms. Estrada in which she allegedly told him she wanted him to proceed with the killing, the affidavit said.

Investigators learned details of the case after Flenough "found out he was looking at five to 99 years for armed robbery," Gambrell said. "He basically had a change of heart and decided to tell the whole story."

Ms. Estrada and Dumaran were jailed in lieu of $50,000 bond.

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Papers' applications for funds prompt concern

HOUSTON (AP) — Applications from two newspapers have prompted Houston city officials to mull whether it is proper to provide federal Community Development loans to news organizations that report on city government.

The Houston Defender's request for a $44,000 loan to buy computer equipment now awaits City Council action after its approval by city staff. The Forward Times' $200,000 loan application is still in a preliminary stage, city officials said.

Both newspapers serve the Houston black community.

The loans provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are designed to help low-income residents through economic growth.

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The newspapers want the money to expand printing operations for their own publications and for contract printing, he said.

"It will create or retain (low-income) jobs," Marcotte said. "If their sole business were to provide news coverage, (the issue) would be a direct concern."

Houston Defender owner Sonceria Messiah-Jiles said the money primarily would be used for desktop computers. The newspaper does very little contract printing, but a more efficient news operation would allow staff to expand by 10-15 employees, she said.

Acknowledging that some news employees have expressed concern about borrowing money through a public entity covered by their paper, Ms. Messiah-Jiles said: "We have done stories about Community Development loans, both good and bad, and that will continue."

City Council members offered contrasting opinions on the issue.

"I think the relationship between the city and the news media ought to be at arm's length," said Councilman Jim Greenwood, who added he has doubts about whether such loans are proper.

However, Councilman Anthony Hall said the overriding factor is that the black newspapers represent the type of struggling businesses that qualify for the federal loans.

"To the extent that the program is set up to help small businesses, they probably ought to be judged like everybody else," Hall told the Houston Chronicle.

University of Houston professor Les Switzer, who teaches journalism and Afro-American studies courses, said the loan arrangement seems ethically sound.

"If the federal government deems it proper to lend money to mass media and communications and the channeling agency is the municipal government, I don't see any conflict of interest there."

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City funds won't foot Alamodome cost overruns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Operating cost overruns and improvements to the proposed 65,000-seat Alamodome could be paid without relying on the San Antonio budget, city officials say.

At a news conference Friday, Assistant City Manager Alex Briseno reviewed a stadium analysis prepared by the city staff.

Briseno said the analysis proves that even in a worst-case scenario, two separate funds within the project could provide enough money to handle operating cost overruns or improvements for the $160 million domed stadium, which opponents say could possibly attract a National Football League franchise.

Voters are scheduled to go to the polls Jan. 21 to decide whether to raise the metropolitan bus sales tax by half-a-cent for five years to fund the project.

And opponents, including the citizens group Communities Organized for Public Service, are continuing their efforts to tell voters about what they say is the negative side of using a sales tax increase to fund the stadium.

COPS is conducting its own research in preparation for a public hearing on the issue.

Meanwhile, Briseno said the Renewal and Improvement Fund would pay for future improvements to the facility and a Working Capital and Contingency Fund would handle any operational cost overruns.

"The Working Capital and Contingency fund is essentially used as an operating reserve, and that's being financed by the sale of the city streets on the site to VIA (transit authority) for $3 million," Briseno said. "That $3 million will be dedicated as an operating reserve.

"Our analysis shows that at the end of 10 years, after we accounted for operation shortfalls, operation surpluses, after we've paid rent and everything else, that R&I fund will have a balance of $10.6 million, and our Working Capital and Contingency fund would have a balance of $7.3 million," he said.

"This was the way this was designed to work. And the numbers here show that has been accomplished."

'Stripper-to-go' strings Abilene store clerk along

ABILENE (AP) — A convenience store clerk was treated to a little late-night adult entertainment when a man who stripped down to a G-string and a leather jacket went bumping and grinding down the candy aisle.

Circle K clerk Annette Ochoa said a man entered the store about 3 a.m. Friday and asked if he could use the restroom. Ochoa told him customers weren't allowed to, and the man smiled and left.

But minutes later he returned while she was talking on the phone.

"When I looked up, he was standing there with nothing but a G-string and leather jacket on," Ochoa said. "I told my friend, 'I've got a stripper, I'll have to call the cops.'"

Once the stripper had caught her attention, he began performing.

"He walked up, picked up a Thrifty Nickel (newspaper) and did some pumping motions, if you know what I mean," Ochoa said.

"Then he went down one aisle and then came up the candy aisle and stood in front of the candy counter and did some more of his motions. He heard me say I was calling the police, but he just stood there until I dialed the numbers. Then he left."

But the stripper didn't know when to quit. He was arrested shortly after he appeared outside another convenience store.

"I was talking to my friend (at a second store) when she spotted the guy walking around outside her store," Ochoa said. "About that time a cop walked in to ask me some follow-up questions and I told him what was going on. He radioed it in and a cop who was nearby caught him near the store on Lakeshore Drive. He was only wearing his G-string and a leather jacket."

Police were still investigating the case.

Ochoa says the strip show was something of a shock. Still, she believes something good came from his performance.

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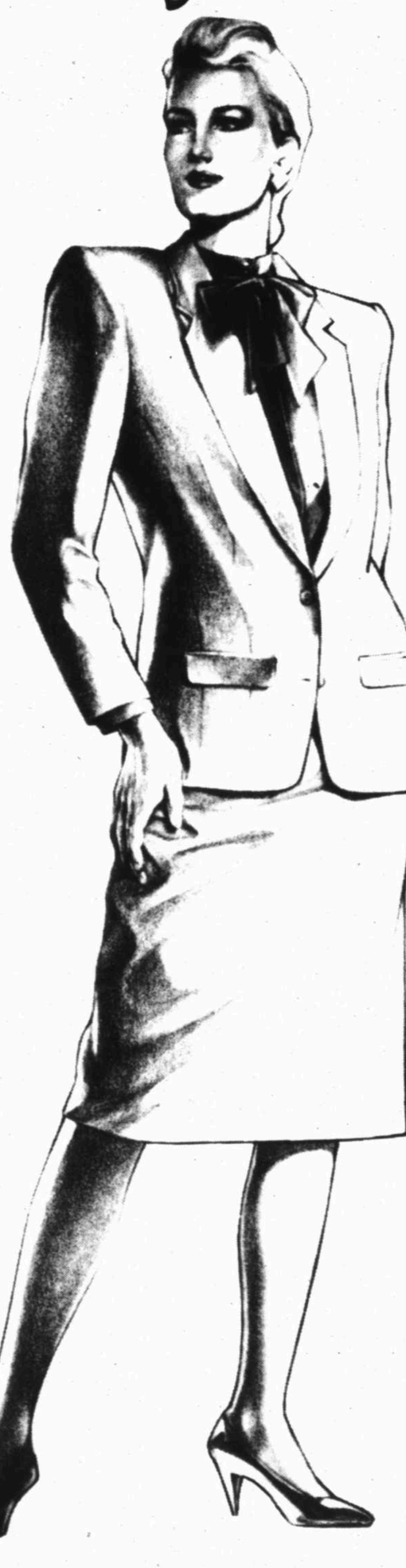


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STATE IN BRIEF

Education secretary pitches to dropouts

EDINBURG (AP) — U.S. Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos, the first Hispanic ever appointed to a Cabinet post, returned home to South Texas with high school dropouts on his mind.

"We have in this region one of the highest dropout rates of any part of the nation," Cavazos said Friday at the commencement of Pan American University, which has one of the largest Hispanic enrollment of any four-year university in the nation.

Of the 11,200 students enrolled at the school's Edinburg campus 15 miles from the Mexican border, more than 81 percent are Hispanic.

Cavazos was born the son of a ranch foreman in 1927 on the vast King Ranch 100 miles to the northeast. He was president of Texas Tech University in Lubbock before joining President Reagan's administration, and will continue as education secretary when George Bush becomes president next month.

"Currently, about one in four students across the nation drops out, but nearly twice as many Hispanic youngsters leave without diplomas from high school," he said.

"Students, many of you are the first in your family to graduate from college, and many of you have overcome immense odds and several obstacles to sit where you are today," Cavazos said.

Cavazos, who on Sept. 20 became the first Hispanic Cabinet member, reiterated his often-stated goal of motivating Americans of all ethnic groups to become personally committed to improving education, with the 13 percent national illiteracy rate as one of his biggest priorities.

Houston airport fogged in

HOUSTON (AP) — Heavy fog blanketed a Houston airport and caused hours-long delays for travelers at the start of the holiday weekend, but officials said Saturday that flights were back on schedule and forecasts indicate no further delays.

As many as 3,500 people faced at least two-hour delays at Hobby Airport after the Friday-night fog forced airline officials to divert eight flights to the northern Houston Intercontinental Airport, city aviation department spokesman Bill Ainsworth said.

Weather conditions affected only arrivals at the southern Hobby Airport, but delays stacked up as planes diverted elsewhere returned to Hobby and prepared for departure.

The thick fog delayed landings at the airport between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

About 90,000 passengers were booked Friday at the two Houston airports. Of those, 27,000 bookings were at Hobby, making it the airport's busiest day of the Christmas season.

Pollution may stop center

HOUSTON (AP) — A $100 million shopping center project already under construction has been delayed at least two years and may be abandoned because of soil contamination by a hazardous chemical, officials said.

Houston developer Michael J. Kenny, general partner for the group building Town and Country North, said the project has been put on hold until 29 acres of a contaminated area are cleaned up. Attorneys said a portion of the property was exposed to trichloroethylene, a chemical used as a solvent and suspected of causing cancer.

The area where the first phase of development is nearly complete was not contaminated, Kenny said, leaving the remainder of the 88-acre complex to be built.

The mortgage-holder on a portion of the property owned by Kenny and his development company has filed notice of intent to sue the property's previous owners, seeking to compel them to clean up the site.

Man held in other's death

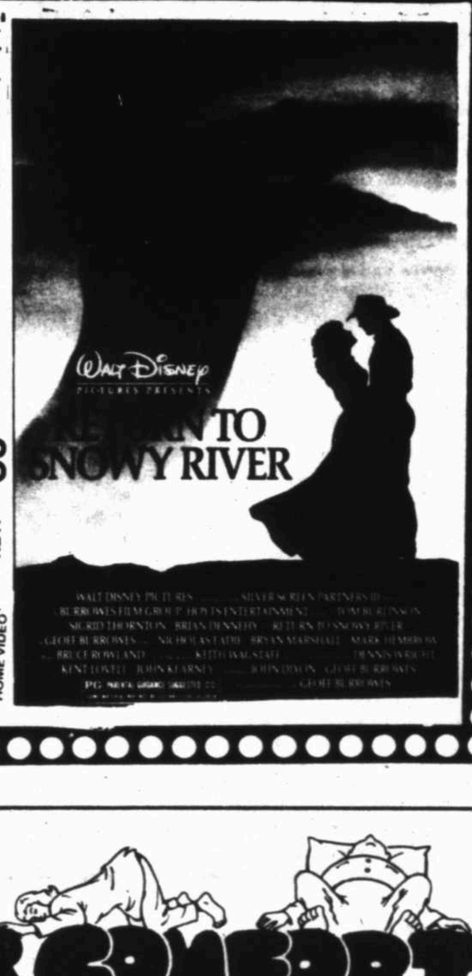
MOODY (AP) — Bell County sheriff's deputies held a former mental patient who believes he is former President Dwight D. Eisenhower in connection with the fatal shooting Saturday of another man, authorities said.

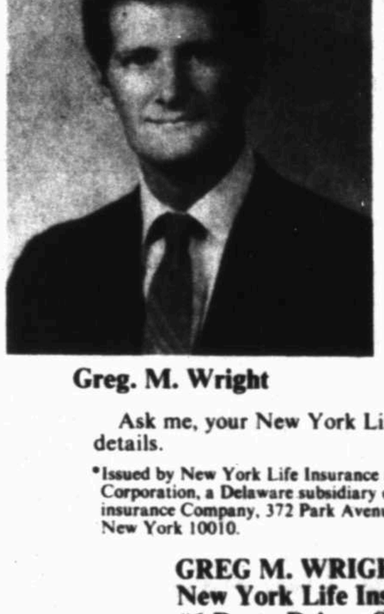
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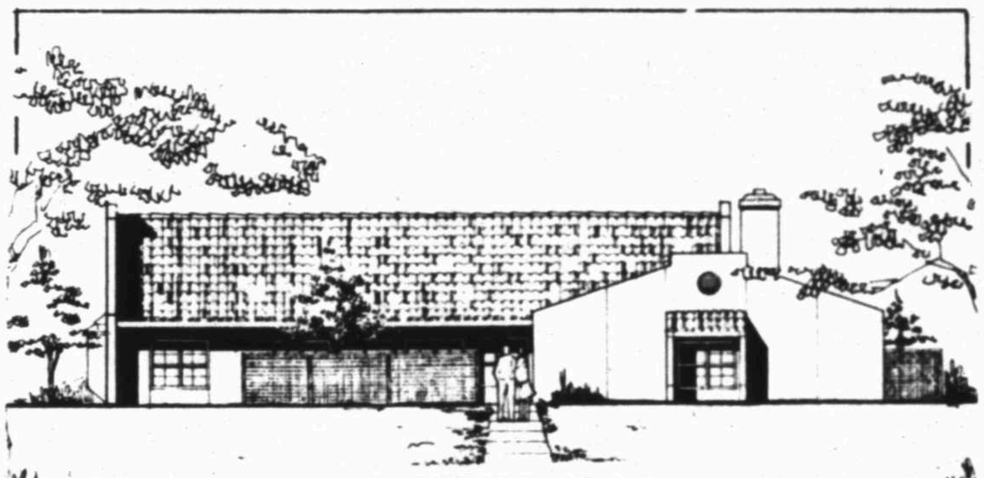
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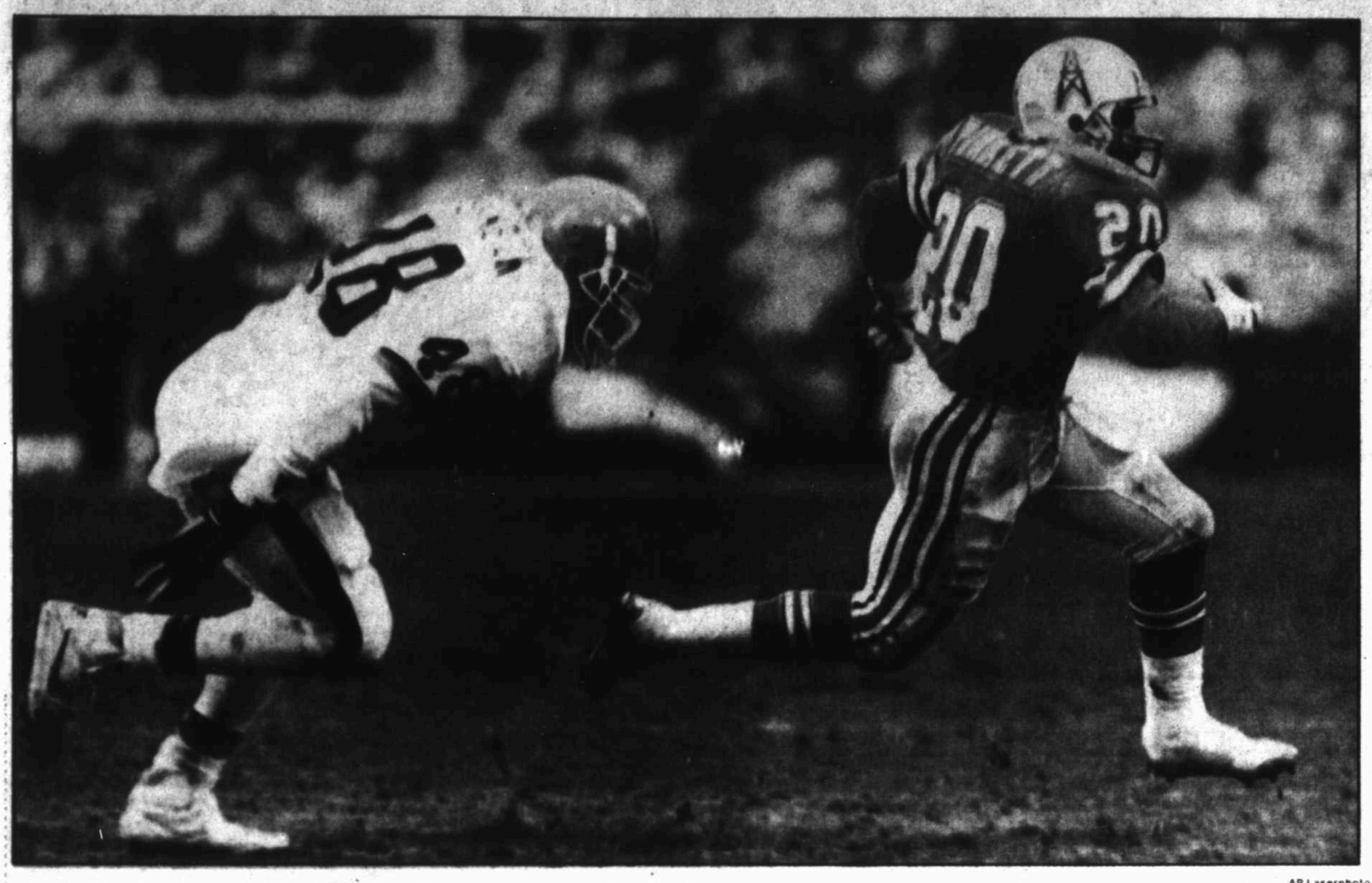
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Browns blue as Oilers win AFC wild-card



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Houston's Allen Pinkett ambles away from Brown defender Brian Washington (48) en route to one of two of Pinkett's touchdowns.

By DAVE GOLDBERG

CLEVELAND (AP) — Allen Pinkett scored two second-period touchdowns 15 seconds apart and Lorenzo White plunged 1 yard for the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Houston Oilers beat the Cleveland Browns 24-23 Saturday in the AFC wild-card game.

Houston's victory, its second straight in a wild-card playoff, puts the Oilers into the AFC semifinals at Buffalo either next Saturday or Sunday. The result atoned for a 28-23 loss by visiting Houston just six days ago that left both teams at 10-6 for the regular season and forced the Oilers to return.

Tony Zendejas kicked a 49-yard field goal for the Oilers with 1:54 to play, offsetting a 2-yard touchdown pass from Mike Pagel to Webster Slaughter with 31 seconds left.

The game itself was a penalty-filled, controversy-marred contest in which the Browns' incredible string of bad luck continued.

They played three quarters with Pagel at quarterback in place of Don Strock, who sprained a wrist on a fumbled snap. Strock, filling in for Bernie Kosar, became the fourth Cleveland quarterback to be injured this season — Pagel himself was seeing his first action since Oct. 9, when he separated a shoulder.

In fact, Strock's injury came on the play that turned the game.

After the Browns had taken a 3-0 lead on the first of Matt Bahr's three field goals, a 33-yarder, the Oilers came back to drive 91 yards for a score on a 14-yard pass from Warren Moon to Pinkett on the first play of the second quarter.

Then, on the first play from scrimmage, Strock fumbled and Richard Byrd fell on it for the Oilers. One play later, Pinkett raced 16 yards into the end zone to make it 14-3.

Cleveland cut it to 14-9 at halftime and went ahead 16-14 late in the third quarter on a 14-yard pass from Pagel to Slaughter.

But the Oilers came right back to go 76 yards in eight plays with White going over 2:25 into the fourth quarter for what proved to be the winning score. Pinkett and White were subbing for Mike Rozier, who missed the game with bruised ribs.

The game was a festival of yellow flags as several near-brawls broke out.

Houston was penalized 13 times for 118 yards and Cleveland nine times for 75. The combined total of 22 penalties was a record for a Browns' playoff game.

Pinkett rushed 14 times for 82 yards. Moon completed 16 of 26 for 213 yards but was intercepted three times.

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Jerry Stone heads back to West Texas

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Former Midland College basketball coach Jerry Stone is moving to Abilene, but not for an assistant's job at McMurry College, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Stone, who once had served as head basketball coach at UT-Arlington, was released from his contract there earlier this week to pursue other coaching opportunities, and will be only a part-time volunteer coach at McMurry while searching for a full-time coaching position, McMurry athletic director Spud Aldridge told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Stone's volunteer role was agreed upon between Stone and coach Hershel Kimbrell because the school has no immediate openings, Aldridge said.

"I know Jerry and coach Kimbrell have been talking about (Stone) helping out, but that's not going to be very often and it will be strictly as a volunteer," Aldridge said. "We don't have an opening right now. Coach Kimbrell has no intention of retiring, and our assistant (Austin Chamness) is comfortable here also. We'd like to have Jerry around, but the news that he will be hired as a permanent assistant is totally false."

Stone, who was unavailable for comment, told sources within UTA's athletic department that he was moving to Abilene Tuesday and would begin as a McMurry assistant Jan. 2.

Kimbrell, in his 30th season, said he talked to Stone one week ago during the Texas Wesleyan-McMurry game in Abilene.

"He told me he really wanted to get back into coaching," said Kimbrell, who coached Stone at McMurry in the early 1960s. "I know he's moving out here and looking for a coaching job. Jerry's been like family to us, and we're tickled he's coming back. As far as helping out, he might do some scouting and even get back on the floor during practices. I'll be glad to help him find a coaching spot."

Kimbrell said Stone's motivation for moving to Abilene is, in part, to be closer to his ex-wife, two daughters and several friends who live in Midland. Stone coached the MC Chaps for 10 seasons before going to UTA before the 1987-88 season.

Stone, 46, took an extended leave of absence Jan. 18 after UTA's 2-9 start. In the next two months, he received treatment for mental and physical exhaustion, partly stemming from the separation from his family. He was officially relieved of his duties March 2. Stone then was an assistant to the athletic director until earlier this week when he decided to end his UTA contract and pursue other opportunities.



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Saturday's Answer: The Ohio River serves as the border between Kentucky and Indiana.

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Alabama downs Army

By GORDON S. WHITE Jr.
New York Times News Service

EL PASO, Texas — David Smith, Alabama's southpaw quarterback, set all kinds of passing records as the highly favored Crimson Tide rallied for a 29-28 victory Saturday over a surprisingly strong Army team in the John Hancock Sun Bowl.

But it was David Casteal's 2-yard-long-by-2-yard-high leap over the Army line that gave Alabama its winning touchdown with four minutes left in the game.

Casteal, the second-string tailback, set up his winning score by running straight up the middle for 16 yards to put the Southeastern Conference team on the Cadets' 4.

Smith, who was named the game's most valuable player, hit on 33 of 52 passes for 412 yards and two touchdowns.

His completions, attempts and passing yardage set Sun Bowl records and were bowl-game records for Alabama, which was making its 41st post-season appearance.

Sun Bowl

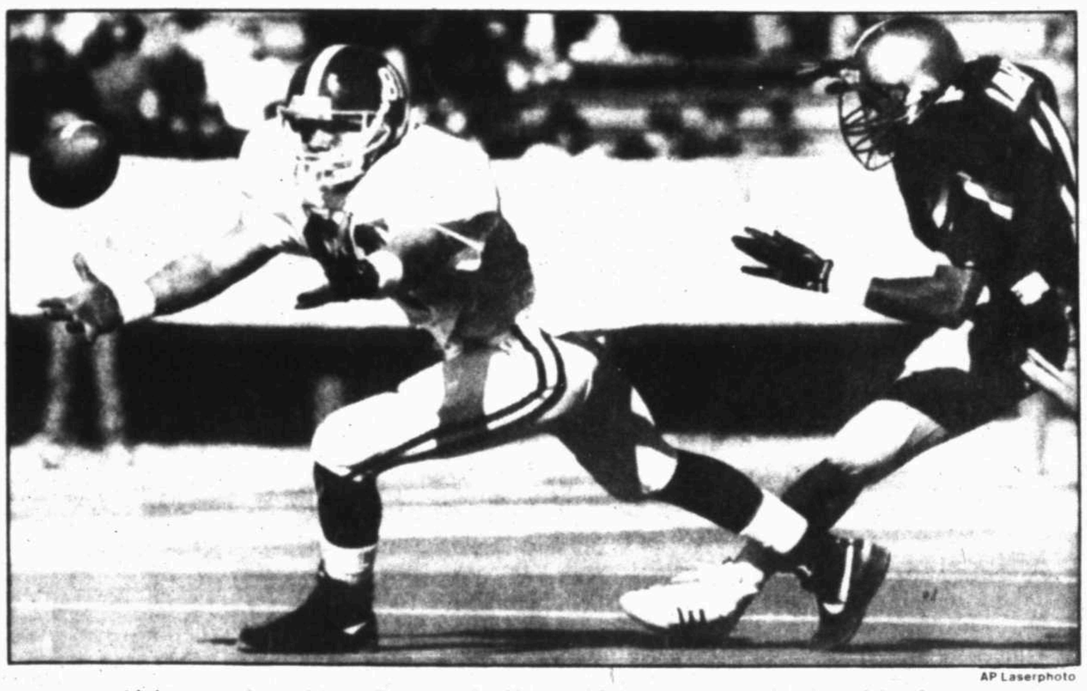
Smith's performance was quite an achievement for a passer who throws for the university that once had quarterbacks such as Joe Namath, Steve Sloan and Ken Stabler throwing in bowl games.

Alabama, which has played in more bowl games than any other college, has a 23-15-3 post-season mark. Both Army and Alabama completed the 1988 season with 9-3 records.

Derrick Thomas, an end and linebacker who was winner of the Butkus Award this season as the nation's outstanding linebacker, was not able to hamper Army's wishbone ground attack much Saturday. But the very fast outside defender played a key role in Alabama's victory when he blocked both field-goal attempts by Army's Keith Walker.

For those two plays, the defensive keys to the victory, Thomas was named the game's outstanding lineman.

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AP Laserphoto

Alabama tight end Russell Lamonde (81), stretches for a pass from David Smith.

High scoring expected at Aloha Bowl

By STEVE ELLIOTT

HONOLULU (AP) — Houston quarterback Andre Ware says playing against 1988 Heisman Trophy candidate Timm Rosenbach of Washington State in Sunday's Aloha Bowl is an opportunity to establish himself among the nation's elite.

No. 14 Houston and 18th-ranked Washington State spent part of Christmas Eve making final preparations for the game, which is expected to be an offensive showdown.

"It's a chance to showcase my talents with a guy that's gonna be looked at as one of the best up for the Heisman (Trophy in 1989)," Ware said, "So, naturally, I want to have a good showing myself and have people put me in that category."

Rosenbach, who was first in the nation in passing efficiency, finished seventh in this year's Heisman Trophy balloting. He completed 66 percent of his passes for 2,791 yards and 23 touchdowns.

The junior quarterback also led the Pacific 10 Conference and was third in the nation in total offense, averaging 286 yards per game.

Ware, a sophomore who started Houston's final seven games, passed for 2,501 yards and 25 touchdowns while leading the nation's second most-productive passing offense. Houston averaged 377 yards passing per game.

"I hope it will be a shootout between Andre and me," said Rosenbach, who helped Washington State to only its fourth bowl appearance in the school's 93-year football history.

Houston coach Jack Pardee said Ware and Rosenbach will be among the nation's best quarterbacks next season.

"As of right now, they ought to be Heisman Trophy candidates for next year," Pardee said. "They're both brilliant quarterbacks — the arm, the speed, the smart decisions. They're as good as I've seen."

Washington State, 8-3, is ranked third in the nation in total offense, averaging 494 yards a game. Houston, 9-2, is fourth, averaging 484 per game.

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Columnist's recollections of Cowboy Christmases past

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Last in the NFL.

Nobody thought that would ever happen to the Dallas Cowboys again.

It was expected in 1960 when the expansion Cowboys could manage only a tie in a dozen tries, Dallas had a bunch of rejects from the other clubs.

But how could a franchise so steeped in a winning tradition of Super Bowl and division championships tumble into the black hole of the NFL 29 years later?

As coach Tom Landry put it: "I'm not exactly used to this."

Remember when the star on the Cowboys' helmet was worth a field goal before they ever kicked off?

The intimidation factor was always there when other teams played the Cowboys.

Dallas' opponents always felt that if the Cowboys didn't beat them then the referees would.

"America's Team" had a mystical quality to it.

Then there was "Captain America," Roger Staubach, who was the master of the two-minute drill and come-from-behind victories.

It was a great roll, a great run.

Now it's as dead as the grass on the practice field at Valley Ranch.

The Cowboys were 3-13 this year and it has stunned them from equipment man Buck Buchanan down to the players and coaches and the front office.

There was such promise in Thousand Oaks, Calif., during training camp.

The Cowboys were talking at least a .500 season and maybe a run for the playoffs.

"No pity" was the motto middle linebacker Eugene Lockhart wore around on his shoes.

Eugene was right. Nobody showed the Cowboys any.

Now, there is nothing but post mortems.

"If you had told me I'd be sitting at this table on the final day of the NFL season talking about winning the No. 1 draft choice, I would have thought you were crazy," said club president Tex Schramm. "This is a humiliating experience."

Humble pie has hit the Cowboys squarely in the face mask.

To make things even more unsettling, the worst team in the NFL is for sale and has been for some time. Owner H.R. "Bum" Bright is asking for $150 million and change. He'll tote the note.

Schramm and Landry have tough times and tough decisions ahead not even knowing who their new boss may be.

The easiest decision should be to use their No. 1 draft pick to select UCLA's Troy Aikman, reputedly the best quarterback to come out of college since John Elway of Stanford.

The Cowboys passed on Dan Marino and they've never been allowed to forget it. Aikman W-I-L-L be drafted by the Cowboys. Forget all that trading-the-pick-for-a-package-of-players talk.

The hard decisions must deal with assistant coaches and unproductive players.

"You always hate to let somebody go who has been a contributor to the success of the franchise but there comes a time when you have to do something if you aren't successful," Landry said. "But I'm not discussing what moves we will make."

Offensive coordinator Paul Hackett and defensive coordinator Erne Stautner are among the assistants under fire.

The Cowboys' offense was a lurching machine with Herschel Walker the only constant at running back, setting a club record for combined yardage rushing and receiving.

The quarterbacks were inconsistent and most of the times confused. The offensive line resembled the Maginot Line in World War II. You could go through, over, or around it.

The defense showed it's slow-footed and unimaginative.

The Cowboys didn't create any havoc with offenses, which is why they had one of the lower turnover ratios in the league.

Also, question marks abound about returning veterans. Will defensive linemen Ed Jones and Randy White come back? Can slow-footed safeties Mike Downs and Bill Bates be replaced? Will cornerback Ron Francis ever come out of his fog?

"We didn't have very many takeaways this year and that's why defense is a priority," Landry said.

The Cowboys have more priorities than Federal Express.

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Carter may trade Mavs for Pokes

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are for sale, and the Dallas Mavericks might be on the market soon, too.

Mavericks owner Donald Carter would sell his basketball team if he succeeds in buying the Cowboys, Mavericks general manager Norm Sunju said Friday.

Mavericks general manager Norm Sonju said Carter told him at the team's recent Christmas party that "others would be brought in." It had been widely assumed that Carter would turn the Mavericks over to his wife, Linda, if his bid to purchase the Cowboys is accepted, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday.

"We talked briefly about it and Mr. Carter told me he liked the Cowboy thing," Sonju said. "He said he was going to have to get other buyers involved on the Mavs. But he stressed that it would be someone I would feel good about.

"As far as names, we have nothing in the works now. I don't take it real seriously until something is done."

The National Football League doesn't allow cross-ownership, thus Carter could not buy the Cowboys without relinquishing control of the Mavericks.

Sonju declined to say whether he was interested in part ownership of the Mavericks. But he said Carter's interest in the Cowboys was more serious than has been reported recently.

Carter has put a $130 million offer in writing and backed it up with a $10 million deposit. Carter reportedly met Thursday night with Cowboys owner H.R. "Bum" Bright to present his offer.

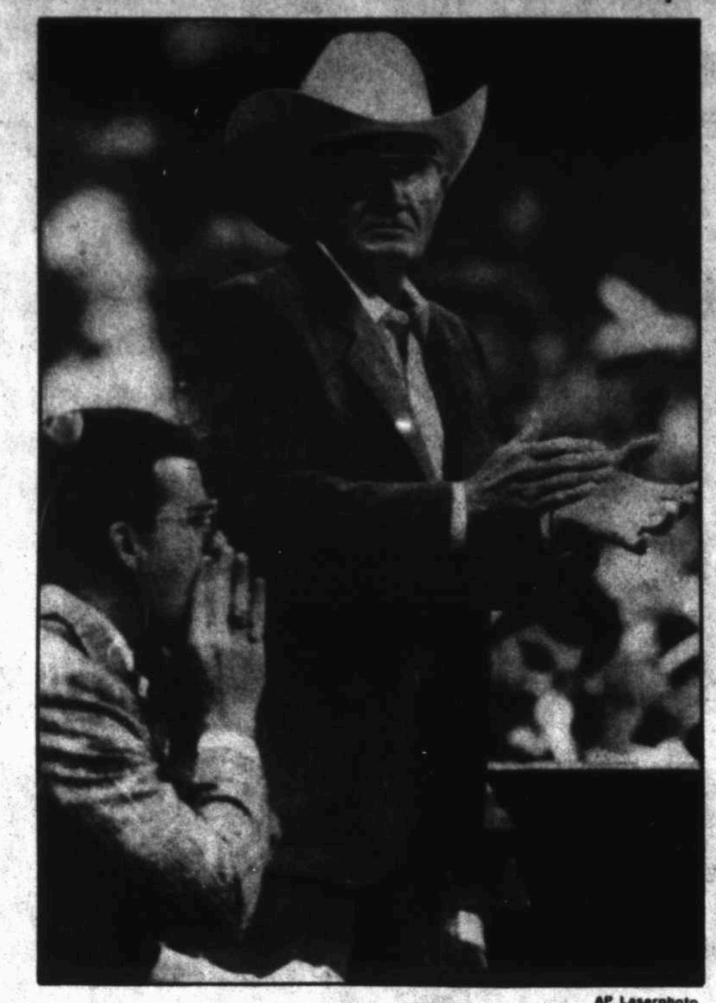
Carter, who was in Seattle Friday, was unavailable for comment to the newspaper or The Associated Press on Saturday.

"I think he was serious from day one," Sonju said. "He's not doing it as a joke. I was talking to Roger (Staubach) about it at dinner (Thursday) and he thought so, too. I'm convinced that he really wants that team."

The National Basketball Association has no rule against cross-ownership, said Brian McIntyre, the league's director of public relations.

Carter, who inherited the Home Interiors & Gifts empire, provided the financial support needed in 1980 for NBA approval of the Mavericks as an expansion team.

It cost Carter's group about $12 million to enter the league. The Mavericks now are worth at least $32.5 million — the price for the league's four new expansion teams. The franchise, as with nearly every team in the league, is turning a profit.



AP Laserphoto

Dallas sports tycoon Donald Carter.

Cotton Bowl: House of the rising Heisman

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

DALLAS — Tim Brown, Bo Jackson, Doug Flutie, Earl Campbell, Joe Theisman, Roger Staubach, Doak Walker, Sammy Baugh ... all played in the "House of the Heisman."

"Hoss, this bowl has been truly blessed," said Cotton Bowl executive president Jim Brock. "Look at all the Heisman winners we've had. Then look at all the great players we had who came close to winning the Heisman. We haven't had a national championship game in a while but you aren't going to hear us hollering."

Joe Montana, Dan Marino, Eric Dickerson, Jim Brown, Dick Maegle, Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, Norm Van Brocklin, Bobby Layne, John Kimbrough, Whizzer White, and Jim Swink ... almost won the Heisman and all played in the Cotton Bowl.

Now, add Troy Aikman to the the 53-year-old Cotton Bowl Classic's honor role of big names.

The UCLA quarterback, who will lead the Bruins against the Arkansas Razorbacks on Jan. 2, was third in the Heisman voting but generally rated the best passing quarterback in the nation since John Elway came out of Stanford.

"We've had three of the last five Heisman winners and we still got a lot of icing on our cake when we got ol' Troy," Brock said. "We still feel like we hit a home run in getting our first Pacific-10 team."

"Hoss" Brock is the Cotton Bowl's super salesman recently featured in Sports Illustratcd. Brock never met a tape recorder he didn't like in pumping the bowl.

"This game has a lot of pizazz, hoss," Brock said. "UCLA (coach Terry) Donahue will be shooting for his seventh straight bowl victory. Nobody's ever done that, hoss."

Eighth-ranked Arkansas (10-1) and ninth-ranked UCLA (9-2) won't be playing for the national title. In fact, not since Notre Dame upset No. 1 ranked Texas in 1978 and Georgia shocked the Longhorns in 1984 has the Cotton Bowl figured in the scrap for The Associated Press' top trophy.

Brock isn't worried. He has a sold-out stadium and a new sponsorship agreement with Mobil Oil Corp.

"I had two Christmases before Christmas came," Brock said. "Aikman brings outstanding credentials and continues our tradition. He'll be No. 1 choice in the pro draft. And the Dallas Cowboys will probably get him and that makes added interest.

"We tried to get the best matchup. Only one bowl can get a national title. We've had our share of those."

Brock said UCLA was chosen because the Bruins should be a big hit on national television.

"We don't base an invitation on how many people a school will bring to Dallas," said Brock, who bristled at suggestions CBS calls the shots.

"We've been with CBS since 1957 and they never told us who to take for our visiting team," Brock said. "They always left it to our discretion. We do value their council."

Brock said the turning point for the Cotton Bowl was landing Notre Dame in 1970 in the Irish's first bowl trip in 45 years. Texas beat Notre Dame 21-17 to win the national title.

"Notre Dame game probably is the most pivotal game in Cotton Bowl history," Brock said. "Back-to-back visits with Ara Parseghian and Darrell Royal as the coaches have to be a key factors in putting our game on the map. It's still two of highest rated TV games of all time.

"Texas won the national title in 1970 and Ara snapped Darrell's 30-game winning streak the next year."

Brock is also proud of landing Flutie in the 1985 game.

"Boston College was a big coup because everybody wanted Flutie and it was BC's first major bowl since 1941," Brock said. "Then we came back with Bo Jackson and Auburn making its first trip to Dallas the next year.

"Then we got Ohio State, our first Big Ten team.

"Then we had Notre Dame's historic fifth trip to Dallas, Timmy Brown, and Lou Holtz. No other bowl has had Notre Dame more than twice since they came back into the bowl business. We're proud of that."

Brock continued, "We've had Penn State and Joe Paterno, Navy when the Midshipmen had Staubach, Pittsburgh with Marino on top of his game."

Why do the teams come? It's usually cold. There's no beach. There's no French Quarter.

"The thing I like to pop my buttons about is we've always had teams who say this is the most enjoyable experience they have had in any bowl game," Brock said. "I talk with ex players and they say it's as fine as any bowl trip they ever made.

"It says something about the warmth of our people in Dallas that makes kids, the administration and fans feel at home."

Brock admitted "the weather has not always been good. I promised UCLA 60-degree weather. It's in the contract."

Brock said the other bowls try to gang up on him.

"The other bowls make it a tougher sell for us," Brock said "And the image of the Southwest Conference is no bed of roses."

The SWC has had seven teams put on probation in the last three years.

However, one team that has never been stained by probation, Arkansas, is playing this year.

"Arkansas is underrated and I never saw the attitude about one team change overnight after the Hogs almost beat Miami (18-16)," Brock said. "Now, we've got probably the earliest sellout in our history. The Cotton Bowl is doing great, hoss."

Exiled Irish coach recalled as Fiesta nears

Notre Dame seniors were recruited and selected by Faust

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Lou Holtz is being hailed for coaching Notre Dame through an unbeaten football season and to the brink of a national championship.

Former coach Gerry Faust, not fondly remembered for his reign, is blamed by many for leading Notre Dame into a football morass.

Yet, the team that will play West Virginia on Jan. 2 in what is generally regarded as the game to decide the national championship bears a Faust look.

The team's seniors were picked by him.

The class of 1989 includes such standouts as: Linemen Frank Stams, who is an All-Amrican, and Andy Heck; Wes Pritchett, who leads the team in tackles; Mark Green, who rushed seven touchdowns this season; George Streeter, who broke up seven passes and intercepted three more; Ned Bolcar, who ranked fourth in tackles despite not starting; and Corny Southall, with three interceptions before a knee injury.

"Coach Faust was a great recruiter," says Southall.

At the postseason football awards banquet, Holtz praised Faust for bringing so many strong players to the team.

Yet this year's seniors, the last Faust players to dress for Notre Dame, endured the leanest years in recent Irish football history. They opened their college careers with successive losing seasons, 5-6 in 1985 and again in 1986 under Holtz. Worse, under Faust they found a team rife with bickering, indifference and egotism.

The seniors seem uncomfortable talking about those days, but they have talked freely with the underclassmen. Sophomore George Williams recites a litany repeated by numerous younger players.

"No one cared about each other, no one talked to each other," said Williams. "Everyone was out for personal gain, instead of team gain, and it showed in the records over the years.

"Coach Holtz, when he came in, installed a new feeling of togetherness and having pride in Notre Dame, and it's paid off for us over these two years."

Green says Holtz injected new discipline from his very first meeting with the team.

"The first thing he said was 'Hey, sit up in your seats,' and we all sat at attention," he said. "This guy really took charge right from the start and laid things down on the line right then and there."

Holtz gave each of the players a T-shirt with the words "team" and "me" printed on the front, said Pritchett.

" 'Team' was written in real big letters, and 'me' was written in small letters underneath it," he said. "That was the lesson he was trying to project to all the players — that the team was the most important, and that the players were underneath it."

Freshman found themselves being helped, rather than ignored, by upperclassmen.

"A lot of them were very helpful, showing me around and showing me the best places to study," said Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. "They were very receptive and made it a lot easier."

Seniors interviewed did not blame Faust for fostering a fractious atmosphere and weren't certain even if he understood it was happening. And they formed a close bond from sharing the adversity of their first years and the victories of the latter.

Southall says he's going to write a book someday about his experiences. His main point:

"That there were 24 guys who came in here on scholarships as 18-year-olds, and we were supposed to be the best recruiting class of that year, and through the good and the bad, through everything we went through, we never gave up."

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Merry Christmas

Utah's Karl Malone, left, tries to hold off Miami's Grant Long during a Friday game. Both expansion teams — the Miami Heat and Charlotte Hornets — won on the same day for the second time this season. Utah faces the Los Angeles Lakers today.

Manning endures difficult season

By BARRY BLOOM
Copley News Service

OAKLAND, Calif. — In his final game here as Utah Jazz coach before suddenly retiring two weeks ago, Frank Layden was asked about a season-high 17-point night turned in by Ralph Sampson, everybody's favorite stiff.

"So what?" quipped Layden about the much-maligned center who now toils for the Golden State Warriors. "For the type of money he makes, he should score 17 points a quarter and perform laser eye surgery."

Funny. That's the kind of stuff folks in Los Angeles are beginning to mutter about Danny Manning, this year's No. 1 pick in the draft and current Clippers cover boy.

Manning is certainly making the money. After the usual protracted negotiations with the Clippers, Manning is earning a cool $2.1 million per for the next five seasons.

Right in Sampson's territory. And right now, so are Manning's on-court numbers. Tuesday night, in a 113-111 loss to the Warriors at the Coliseum Arena, Manning played 17 minutes, took four shots and had no points in the first half.

"He disappeared," said longtime Clippers assistant coach Don Casey.

"He was nowhere," added head coach Gene Shue. "He has a tendency to do that sometimes."

Sampson played 14 first-half minutes and had his own goose egg. But Sampson is playing on a pair of sore, surgically repaired knees.

Sampson has an excuse.

Manning, who finished with 14 points and more fourth-quarter mistakes than the official scorekeeper, is on the verge of becoming a major disappointment.

"He's a struggling rookie and he's going to have to work to improve his game," Casey said.

It wasn't supposed to be that way.

A la cross-town hero Magic Johnson of the Lakers, Manning was supposed to lead the Clippers to the promised land. But Manning already is tiring of the weighty comparisons. He's no Magic Johnson, Manning said Tuesday night. Neither is he in the class of Michael Jordan or Larry Bird.

Not yet, at least.

So far, last year's star of Kansas' NCAA Tournament victory and the goat of the U.S. basketball team's Olympic flop against the Soviet Union isn't even close.

"I think it's hard to play up to other people's expectations," Manning said. "There's only one Magic Johnson. He's in a class by himself."

Manning, too, is in a class by himself. But it's the wrong class. Clippers class — of 1988. So many other studs have come and gone before him that the list of unrequited Clippers draft choices is getting longer than the all-time roster.

Terry Cummings, Tom Chambers, Byron Scott, Michael Cage. You name 'em, and they're all doing fine work somewhere else.

The Clippers have won so few games (164) in the seven years since Don Sterling bought the club, they should own a corral of top players. They don't. They own Danny Manning.

And Manning finds himself playing in Shue's plodding half-court offense with guys named Kenny Norman, Gary Grant and Benoit Benjamin. Some fun, huh?

Manning already is calling his short Clippers tenure "frustrating."

Join the club.

From Buffalo to San Diego to L.A., frustration seems to be the catchword of a franchise that has enjoyed just four winning seasons in its 18-year history and none since moving west in 1979.

How frustrating? Well, in the three seasons B.M. (Before Manning), the Clippers won exactly one game fewer (61) than the two-time defending champion Lakers won last season.

Said Manning, who was born in Mississippi, grew up in North Carolina and played his college ball in Lawrence:

"It's tough playing in a town where you're always compared to the Lakers."

And the Dodgers, the Rams, the Raiders, the Angels and, now, even the NHL Kings.

Welcome to L.A., Danny.

Just think, if the Clips had remained in San Diego instead of sneaking out of town one May night in 1984, they'd be compared this year to the Padres, Chargers and Sockers.

No problem, right?

"Hey, haven't you heard? The Clippers are moving back to San Diego next year," Manning said with more than a little mirth last week before his team became Miami's first victim.

Forget it.

At least for now, Manning is doomed to play under the Clippers hex. The Los Angeles Clippers hex. The fact that his locker cubicle in the L.A. Sports Arena is located next to a sink may be just a coincidence. But it's representative of something. Manning arrived late. He didn't join the Clippers until signing his contract five games into the season -- a new club record.

"I like it here," Manning said about his stall. "It's out of the way."

But Manning hasn't stayed out of the way. His pro career didn't begin on the most gracious of notes. He still is perplexed by his contract negotiations, which this time cannot be blamed entirely on the Clippers.

Why both sides didn't sit down until after Manning returned from Seoul, where he took four shots and scored no points in the semifinal loss to the Soviets, is not really a mystery.

Blame that on Manning's agent, Ron Grinker.

"The day after the lottery, Grinker told us he wanted $35 million," said Clippers president Alan Rothenberg. "We told him we'd see them after the Olympics."

Indeed, the day the Clippers won the lottery, Grinker announced he would not accept the contracts of Patrick Ewing or David Robinson for his young client.

Both players have contracts that pay them in the neighborhood of $3 million a year. The Clippers made it clear they didn't intend to move Manning into that kind of neighborhood. And for months, that's where the negotiations remained.

In the end, both sides actually came to terms on money. But the Clippers — paying all cash — wanted Manning tied up for five years.

Sports Scoreboard

Oiler Box

Houston	0	14	0	10—24
Cleveland	3	6	7	7—23

First Quarter
Cle—FG Bahr 33, 5:17
Second Quarter
Hou—Pinkett 14 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick), :07
Hou—Pinkett 16 run (Zendejas kick), :22
Cle—FG Bahr 26, 6:27
Cle—FG Bahr 28, 11:41
Third Quarter
Cle—Slaughter 14 pass from Pagel (Bahr kick), 12:24
Fourth Quarter
Hou—White 1 run (Zendejas kick), 2:35
Hou—FG Zendejas 49, 13:06
Cle—Slaughter 2 pass from Pagel (Bahr kick), 14:29
A—74,977

	Hou	Cle
First downs	19	19
Rushes-yards	35-129	26-68
Passing	205	192
Return Yards	0	78
Comp-Att-Int	16-26-3	19-28-1
Sacked-Yds Lost	1-8	0-0
Punts	3-38	3-35
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	13-118	9-75
Time of Poss	33:24	26:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Houston, Pinkett 14-82, White 12-30, Moon 6-16, Highsmith 2-3, Givins 1-(minus 2), Cleveland, Byner 9-57, Mack 12-14, Strock 1-0, Pagel 1-(minus 1), Fontenot 3-(minus 2)
PASSING—Houston, Moon 16-26-3-213, Cleveland, Pagel 17-25-1-179, Strock 2-3-0-13
RECEIVING—Houston, Hill 5-73, Jeffires 3-52, Duncan 2-33, Pinkett 2-24, Williams 1-14, Givins 1-8, Highsmith 1-8, White 1-1, Cleveland, Langhorne 6-57, Slaughter 5-58, Byner 3-10, Brennan 2-34, Weathers 2-27, Mack 1-8
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

Sun Bowl

'Bama 29, Army 28

Alabama	3	10	7	9—29
Army	7	7	14	0—28

Army—Mayweather 1 run (Walker kick)
Ala—FG Doyle 37
Army—McWilliams 30 run (Walker kick)
Ala—FG Doyle 22
Ala—Battle 7 pass from Smith (Doyle kick)
Ala—Payne 23 pass from Smith (Doyle kick)
Army—Mayweather 3 run (Walker kick)
Army—Miller 57 interception return (Walker kick)
Ala—FG Doyle 32
Ala—Casteal 2 run (run failed)
A—48,719

	Ala	Army
First downs	29	19
Rushes-yards	36-95	61-350
Passing	412	0
Return Yards	48	71
Comp-Att-Int	33-52-1	0-6-1
Punts	4-46	5-39
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-70	4-32
Time of Poss	31:53	28:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Alabama, Hill 12-57, Shaw 7-38, Casteal 7-14, Turner 2-9, Stewart 2-6, Goode 1-1, Smith 5-(minus 30), Army, Barnett 14-177, Mayweather 19-80, McWilliams 19-62, Cass 8-34, Jordan 1-(minus 3)
PASSING—Alabama, Smith 33-52-1-412, Army, McWilliams 0-5-1-0, Cass 0-0-0-0
RECEIVING—Alabama, Payne 9-107, Battle 9-99, Wimbley 3-50, Russell 3-41, Richardson 2-37, Turner 2-18, Shaw 2-17, Hill 1-19, Casteal 1-13, Cross 1-11, Army, None

College Box

Miami 83, E. Illinois 68

MIAMI, Fla. (83)
Pzesto 1-7 8-8 11, Randon 2-5 0-0 4, Warren 2-5 0-1 6, Holker 3-7 0-0 6, Morton 1-5 1-3 3, Wylie 7-11 5-8 20, Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Burns 1-4 0-0 2, Brown 7-11 11-13 25, Richardson 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 27-62 25-33 83.
E. ILLINOIS (68)
Jones 3-9 4-7 10, Martin 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 1-6 0-0 3, Taylor 4-11 4-8 12, Vance 5-5 4-6 14, Olsen 1-4 0-0 2, Fowler 5-13 5-6 15, Mironcow 2-4 1-3 5, Tate 2-5 0-0 4, Hamilton 1-3 1-1 3, Combest 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-62 19-31 68

Halftime—Miami, Fla. 35, E. Illinois 33. 3-point goals—Miami, Fla. 4-16 (Warren 2-3, Wylie 1-1, Presto 1-6, Holker 0-1, Williams 0-2, Morton 0-3), E. Illinois 1-7 (Johnson 1-1, Martin 0-1, Taylor 0-1, Olsen 0-1, Tate 0-1, Jones 0-2). Fouled out—Vance. Rebounds—Miami, Fla. 44 (Wylie 12), E. Illinois 42 (Fowler 11). Assists—Miami, Fla. 15 (Presto, Warren 4), E. Illinois 8 (Jones 3). Total fouls—Miami, Fla. 24, E. Illinois 29. A—NA.

Bowl Glance

Saturday, Dec. 10
California Bowl
At Fresno, Calif.
Fresno St. 35, Western Michigan 30

Friday, Dec. 23
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Southern Mississippi 38, Texas-El Paso 18

Saturday, Dec. 24
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Alabama 29, Army 28

Sunday, Dec. 25
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Washington St. (8-3-0) vs. Houston (9-2-0), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Blue-Gray All-Star Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
11 a.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Indiana (7-3-1) vs. South Carolina (8-3-0), 7 p.m. (Raycom)

Thursday, Dec. 29
All American Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Florida (8-5-0) vs. Illinois (6-4-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Brigham Young (8-4-0) vs. Colorado (8-3-0), 8 p.m. (Mizlou)

Friday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Wyoming (11-1-0) vs. Oklahoma State (9-2-0), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Iowa (6-3-3) vs. North Carolina State (7-3-1), noon. (Mizlou)

Sunday, Jan. 1
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia (8-3-0) vs. Michigan State (6-4-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 2
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Louisiana State (8-3-0) vs. Syracuse (9-2-0), noon. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson (9-2-0) vs. Oklahoma (9-2-0), noon. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Arkansas (10-1-0) vs. UCLA (9-2-0), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Notre Dame (11-0-0) vs. West Virginia (11-0-0), 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (8-2-1) vs. Southern Cal (10-1-0), 4 p.m. (ABC)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida St. (10-1-0) vs. Auburn (10-1-0), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (11-1-0) vs. Miami, Fla. (10-1-0), 7 p.m. (NBC)

Saturday, Jan. 7
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
3 p.m. (NBC)

Saturday, Jan. 14
Japan Bowl
At Yokohama, Japan
TBA (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 15
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
1:40 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 21
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
10 a.m. (Mizlou)

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with Mike Flanagan, pitcher, on a two-year contract.
HOCKEY
East Coast Hockey League
CAROLINA THUNDERBIRDS—Fired Brian Carroll, head coach.

Career Goals

The top 15 career goal leaders in the National Hockey League since 1927 (x-active)

1	Gordie Howe, Det-Har	801
2	x-Marcel Dionne, Det-LA-NYR	730
3	Phil Esposito, Chi-Bos-NYR	717
4	x-Wayne Gretzky, Edm-LA	611
5	Bobby Hull, Chi	610
6	Mike Bossy, NYI	573
7	John Bucyk, Det-Bos	556
8	Maurice Richard, Mon	544
9	Stan Mikita, Chi	541
10	F. Mahovlich, Tor-Det-Mon	533
11	x-Guy Lafleur, Mon-NYR	527
12	Gilbert Perreault, Buf	512
13	Jean Beliveau, Mon	507
14	Jean Ratelle, NYR-Bos	491
15	Norm Ullman, Det-Tor	490

Signed Agents

NEW YORK (AP) — The 53 major league players who filed for free agency with the Major League Baseball Players Association and have signed, with former club if different.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON (2) — Re-signed Dennis Lamp, p, to a one-year contract. Mike Smithson, p, accepted salary arbitration.
CHICAGO (1) — Signed Ron Kittle, dh (Cleveland), to a two-year contract.
CLEVELAND (3) — Signed Jesse Orosco, p (Los Angeles), to a two-year contract; signed Luis Aguayo, inf (New York Yankees), to a one-year contract, re-signed Bud Black, p, to a one-year contract.
DETROIT (2) — Re-signed Dave Bergman, 1b-of, to a one-year contract and Ted Power, p, to a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY (1) — Re-signed Bill Buckner, 1b-dh, to a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE (2) — Re-signed Jim Gantner, 2b, to a two-year contract and Odell Jones, p, to a minor league contract.
MINNESOTA (3) — Re-signed Randy Bush, of, and Tim Laudner, c, to two-year contracts, and Jim Dwyer, of-dh, to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK (5) — Signed Andy Hawkins, p (San Diego), Dave La Point, p (Pittburgh), and Steve Sax, 2b (Los Angeles) to three-year contracts, and Jamie Quirk, c, to a one-year contract, re-signed Wayne Tolleson, inf, to a two-year contract.
OAKLAND (3) — Signed Mike Moore, p (Seattle), to a three-year contract, re-signed Dave Henderson, of, to a three-year contract, and Rick Honeycutt, p, to a one-year contract.
SEATTLE (2) — Signed Jeffrey Leonard, of (Milwaukee) and Tom Niedenfuer, p (Baltimore), to two-year contracts.
TEXAS (3) — Signed Nolan Ryan, p (Houston) to a one-year contract, re-signed Scott Fletcher, ss, to a three-year contract, and Ed Vande Berg, p, to a one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA (2) — Signed Darrell Evans, 1b (Detroit), to a minor league contract, re-signed Bruce Benedict, c, to a one-year contract.
CHICAGO (2) — Signed Domingo Ramos, inf (Cleveland), to a one-year contract, re-signed Scott Sanderson, p, to a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI (5) — Signed Rick Mahler, p (Atlanta) to a two-year contract, Manny Trillo, inf (Chicago) and Joel Youngblood, of (San Francisco), to one-year contracts, re-signed Ron Oester, 2b, to a two-year contract, and Dave Collins, of, to a one-year contract.
HOUSTON (3) — Signed Bob Forsch, p, and Alex Trevino, c, to one-year contracts, Craig Reynolds, ss, accepted salary arbitration.
LOS ANGELES (4) — Re-signed Mike Marshall, 1b-of, to a three-year contract, Alfredo Griffin, ss, and Alejandro Pena, p, to two-year contracts, and Mario Soto, pitcher, to a minor league contract.
PHILADELPHIA (3) — Re-signed Tommy Herr, 2b, to a two-year contract, and Mike Schmidt, 3b, and Greg Harris, p, to one-year contracts.
PITTSBURGH (2) — Re-signed Bob Walk, p, to a three-year contract, and Gary Redus, of, to a two-year contract.
ST. LOUIS (1) — Signed Frank DiPino, p (Chicago Cubs), to a one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO (2) — Signed Bruce Hurst, p (Boston), to a three-year contract, re-signed Garry Templeton, ss, to a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO (1) — Re-signed Lary Sorenson, p, to a minor league contract.

JAPAN PACIFIC LEAGUE
DAIEI HAWKS (1) — Signed Willie Upshaw, 1b (Cleveland), to a two-year contract.

Unsigned Agents

NEW YORK (AP) — The 24 major league players who filed for free agency with the Major League Baseball Players Association and are still unsigned (x-rejected salary arbitration and may negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CALIFORNIA (2) — Thad Bosley, of; George Hendrick, of.
CLEVELAND (2) — Terry Francona, inf; Ron Washington, inf.
DETROIT (1) — Larry Herndon, of.
MINNESOTA (2) — x-Charlie Lea, p; Dan Schatzeder, p.
NEW YORK (1) — Neil Allen, p.
OAKLAND (1) — Don Baylor, of-dh.
TEXAS (2) — x-Cecilio Guante, p; x-Jim Sundberg, c.
TORONTO (2) — x-Mike Flanagan, p; Rick Leach, inf.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA (4) — x-Jim Acker, p; Jim Morrison, 3b; Jerry Royster, of; Ozzie Virgil, c.

Pro Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — Rosters of the AFC and NFC teams for the NFL Pro Bowl to be played Jan. 29 in Honolulu (x-denotes starter)

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Offense
Wide receivers — x-Al Toon, N.Y. Jets; x-Eddie Brown, Cincinnati; Drew Hill, Houston; Mark Clayton, Miami.
Tackles — x-Anthony Munoz, Cincinnati; x-Chris Hinton, Indianapolis; Tunch Ilkin, Pittsburgh.
Guards — x-Bruce Matthews, Houston; x-Max Montoya, Cincinnati; Mike Munchak, Houston.
Centers — x-Ray Donaldson, Indianapolis; Kent Hull, Buffalo.
Tight ends — x-Mickey Shuler, N.Y. Jets; Rodney Holman, Cincinnati.
Quarterbacks — x-Boomer Esiason, Cincinnati; Warren Moon, Houston.
Running backs — x-Eric Dickerson, Indianapolis; x-John Stephens, New England; Mike Rozier, Houston; James Brooks, Cincinnati.
Placekicker — Scott Norwood, Buffalo.

Defense
Ends — x-Bruce Smith, Buffalo; x-Lee Williams, San Diego; Ray Childress, Houston.
Interior linemen — x-Tim Krumrie, Cincinnati; Fred Smerlas, Buffalo.
Outside linebackers — x-Cornelius Bennett, Buffalo; x-Andre Tippett, New England; Clay Matthews, Cleveland.
Inside linebackers — x-Shane Conlan, Buffalo; x-John Offerdahl, Miami; Dino Hackett, Kansas City.
Cornerbacks — x-Albert Lewis, Kansas City; x-Frank Minnifield, Cleveland; Hanford Dixon, Cleveland.
Safeties — x-Deron Cherry, Kansas City; Erik McMillan, N.Y. Jets; second starter to be announced after regular season ends.
Punter — Mike Horan, Denver.
Return specialist — Tim Brown, L.A. Raiders.
Special team — Rufus Porter, Seattle.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Offense
Wide receivers — x-Jerry Rice, San Francisco; x-Anthony Carter, Minnesota; Henry Ellard, L.A. Rams; Eric Martin, New Orleans.
Tackles — x-Gary Zimmerman, Minnesota; x-Jackie Slater, L.A. Rams; Luis Sharpe, Phoenix.
Guards — x-Tom Newberry, L.A. Rams; x-Bill Fralic, Atlanta; Mark May, Washington.
Centers — x-Jay Hilgenberg, Chicago; Doug Smith, L.A. Rams.
Tight ends — x-Keith Jackson, Philadelphia; Steve Jordan, Minnesota.
Quarterbacks — x-Randall Cunningham, Philadelphia; Wade Wilson, Minnesota.
Running backs — x-Roger Craig, San Francisco; x-Herschel Walker, Dallas; Neal Anderson, Chicago; John Settle, Atlanta.
Placekicker — Morten Andersen, New Orleans.

Defense
Ends — x-Reggie White, Philadelphia; x-Chris Doleman, Minnesota; Charles Mann, Washington.
Interior linemen — x-Keith Millard, Minnesota; Michael Carter, San Francisco.
Outside linebackers — x-Lawrence Taylor, N.Y. Giants; x-Mike Cofer, Detroit; Charles Haley, San Francisco.
Inside linebackers — x-Mike Singletary, Chicago; x-Sam Mills, New Orleans; Scott Studwell, Minnesota.
Cornerbacks — x-Carl Lee, Minnesota; x-Jerry Gray, L.A. Rams; Scott Case, Atlanta.
Safeties — x-Joey Browner, Minnesota; x-Ronnie Lott, San Francisco; Dave Duerson, Chicago.
Punter — Jim Arnold, Detroit.
Return specialist — John Taylor, San Francisco.
Special team — Ron Wolfley, Phoenix.

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	9	2	.818	—
Dallas	8	5	.615	2
Wichita	6	5	.545	3
Tacoma	7	7	.500	3½
San Diego	5	7	.417	4½
Los Angeles	5	9	.357	5½
Kansas City	4	9	.308	6

Friday's Games
Wichita 4, Kansas City 3
Tacoma 5, Los Angeles 2
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Monday's Games
Tacoma at San Diego, 8:05 p.m.
Wichita at Los Angeles, 9:35 p.m.

Blue-Gray

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Rosters for the Blue-Gray All Star Football Classic to be played Dec. 25, with uniform number and school:

GRAY
Quarterbacks — 1, Jeff Francis, Tennessee; 3, Jay Gruden, Louisville.
Running backs — 5, Ivy Joe Hunter, Kentucky; 27, Lewis Tillman, Jackson State; 25, Brad Baxter, Alabama State.
Wide receivers — 21, Rod Harris, Texas A&M; 7, Titus Dixon, Troy State; 9, Tony Belser, Georgia Southern; 81, Floyed Turner, Northwestern Louisiana.
Tight ends — 85, Travis McNeal, Tennessee Chattanooga; 89, Wesley Walls, Mississippi.
Centers — 55, Alan Champagne, Texas; 53, Jeff Garnica, North Carolina.
Offensive linemen — 65, Billy Michael, East Carolina; 67, L.B. Moon, Texas A&M; 69, Darrell Hamilton, North Carolina; 71, Ben Jefferson, Maryland; 75, Kevin Simons, Tennessee.
Defensive linemen — 43, Chris Gannon, Southwestern Louisiana; 77, Mitchell Benson, Texas Christian; 91, Desmond Royal, Texas Tech; 95, Warren Powers, Maryland; 97, Rodney Lowe, Mississippi; 99, Anthony Butts, Mississippi State.
Linebackers — 41, David Braxton, Wake Forest; 45, Marlon Brown, Memphis State; 47, Jeff Lageman, Virginia; 49, Dana Batiste, Texas A&M; 51, Richard Harvey, Tulane.
Defensive backs — 23, Ray Crockett, Baylor; 15, David Johnson, Kentucky; 11, Anthony Greene, Wake Forest; 29, Alex Morris, Texas A&M; 31, Stevon Moore, Mississippi; 33, Merv Scurlark, Texas Tech; 35, Terry Young, Georgia Southern.
Punter — 37, Chris Becker, Texas Christian.
Placekicker — 39, Daniel Plocki, Maryland.
Coaches — Howard Schnellenberger, Louisville; Erk Russell, Georgia Southern.

BLUE
Quarterbacks — 4, Brent Snyder, Utah State; 6, Erik Wilhelm, Oregon State.
Running backs — 20, Joe Henderson, Iowa State; 22, Aaron Jenkins, Washington; 24, Todd McNair, Temple.
Wide receivers — 12, Willie Vaughn, Kansas; 14, Kendal Smith, Utah State; 2, Carl Harry, Utah; 10, Robb Thomas, Oregon State.
Tight ends — 80, Darryl Ingram, California-Berkeley; 82, Robert Mrosko, Penn State.
Centers — 52, Curtis Wilson, Missouri; 56, Kevin Wells, San Diego State.
Offensive linemen — 68, Todd Nelson, Wisconsin; 70, Greg Zackeroff, Ohio State; 66, Doug Widell, Boston College; 72, Mike Zandofsky, Washington; 74, Carl Bax, Missouri; 54, Kevin Haverdink, Western Michigan.
Defensive linemen — 76, Burt Grossman, Pittsburgh; 78, Alexander Stewart, California State-Fullerton; 90, Dennis Byrd, Tulsa; 46, Mike Sullivan, Ohio State; 94, Brad Henke, Arizona; 92, Darryl Darling, Missouri.
Linebackers — 34, Jerrol Williams, Purdue; 36, Eric Lindstrom, Boston College; 38, Michael McCray, Ohio State; 44, Steve Hendrickson, California-Berkeley; 50, Rick Andrews, Washington.
Defensive backs — 8, Jay Taylor, San Jose State; 26, Steve Williams, Boston College; 28, Cornell Holloway, Pittsburgh; 30, Troy Washington, Pittsburgh; 18, Mark Seals, Boston University; 32, Jeff Dole, Iowa State.
Punter — 42, Mike Schuh, Arizona State.
Placekicker — 40, Mark Porter, Kansas State.
Coaches — Jack Bicknell, Boston College; John Cooper, Ohio State.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	18	7	.720	—
Philadelphia	14	11	.560	4
Boston	12	12	.500	5½
New Jersey	11	15	.423	7½
Charlotte	7	17	.292	10½
Washington	6	16	.273	10½
Central Division				
Cleveland	18	5	.783	—
Detroit	18	7	.720	1
Atlanta	17	9	.654	2½
Milwaukee	14	10	.583	4½
Chicago	13	11	.542	5½
Indiana	5	19	.208	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	16	9	.640	—
Dallas	15	9	.625	½
Denver	15	11	.577	1½
Utah	14	12	.538	2½
San Antonio	7	17	.292	8½
Miami	2	21	.087	13
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	17	8	.680	—
Portland	16	10	.615	1½
Phoenix	14	10	.583	2½
Seattle	13	11	.542	3½
Golden State	10	14	.417	6½
L.A. Clippers	9	17	.346	8½
Sacramento	5	18	.217	11

Friday's Games
Miami 101, Utah 80
Atlanta 131, Indiana 114
Cleveland 119, Seattle 107, OT
Charlotte 103, Chicago 101
L.A. Clippers 114, San Antonio 108
Milwaukee 113, Dallas 101
Phoenix 119, Denver 107
L.A. Lakers 120, Sacramento 102
Portland 111, Golden State 107
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 2:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Monday's Games
Washington at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	21	11	3	45	165	141
Philadelphia	19	17	2	40	151	130
NY Rangers	17	14	5	39	137	133
Washington	17	14	5	39	122	121
New Jersey	13	15	7	33	121	138
NY Islanders	8	24	2	18	101	146
Adams Division						
Montreal	23	10	6	52	153	120
Boston	14	14	9	37	117	111
Buffalo	14	17	4	32	124	143
Quebec	13	21	3	29	132	167
Hartford	13	19	2	28	120	120

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	18	12	5	41	145	137
St. Louis	13	15	6	32	113	116
Toronto	12	22	2	26	111	160
Minnesota	10	18	6	26	106	131
Chicago	9	22	4	22	138	167
Smythe Division						
Calgary	23	7	5	54	147	97
Los Angeles	24	12	1	49	198	148
Edmonton	20	13	4	44	171	142
Vancouver	14	18	5	33	121	121
Winnipeg	13	13	6	32	135	140

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 5, Hartford 4
Buffalo 5, Toronto 2
Pittsburgh 2, New Jersey 2, tie
New York Rangers 2, Washington 2, tie
Quebec 5, Winnipeg 4
Chicago 7, Detroit 2
Edmonton 4, Calgary 1
Los Angeles 5, Vancouver 2
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Monday's Games
New Jersey at New York Rangers, 12:35 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 6:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Hartford, 6:35 p.m.
New York Islanders at Toronto, 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:35 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7:35 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 9:05 p.m.

Colorado Ski

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Ski Country USA reports the following conditions at major Colorado ski areas on Saturday, Dec. 24:
Arapahoe Basin — 3 new, 40 depth, powder, packed powder.
Aspen Highlands — 3 new, 32 depth, powder, packed powder.
Aspen Mountain — 5 new, 32 depth, powder, packed powder.
Buttermilk — 3 new, 25 depth, powder, packed powder.
Snowmass — 2 new, 25 depth, powder, packed powder.
Beaver Creek — 4 new, 30 depth, powder.
Breckenridge — 2 new, 29 depth, powder, packed powder.
Ski Broadmoor — 0 new, 18 depth, hard packed.
Ski Cooper — 6 new, 35 depth, powder, packed powder.
Copper Mountain — 3 new, 31 depth, powder, packed powder.
Crested Butte — 2 new, 35 depth, powder, packed powder.
Cuchara Valley — 1 new, 30 depth, packed powder.
Eldora — 1 new, 32 depth, packed powder, hard packed.
Ski Estes Park — 1 new, 31 depth, packed powder, hard packed.

West Texas Sports

Sports Banquet...

Midland Lee fall sports banquet 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at Holiday Inn Convention Center. Tickets $7 by Jan. 12. Dance 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Basketball...

Northeast YMCA Men's Winter League, Washington and NE Y's. Deadline Jan. 9. Entry $350. Tony Ramos 682-8469...

Spring Volleyball...

Spring league starts Feb. 2. Divisions: Recreation, Intermediate, Power. Tournament Jan. 21-22, 16-team limit. Free nursery, child care. Brent Finley 682-2551...

Running...

Midnight Madness Run Jan. 1, Windlands Park Parcourse. 2 1/2 mile run, no entry fee, no prizes, dress warm, light-colored clothing, refreshments afterwards. Berry Simpson 684-5531.

Flatlanders...

Telluride Feb. 15-19, 3 days, 4 nights, $250 land package, Coonskin Inn. Contact Lee Smith 563-2067W or Gary Smith 366-4615H...
Kitzbuhel/Kirchberg, Austria Jan. 28-Feb. 4, $975, space for 26 Flatlanders. Two meals daily, round trip Midland to Munich, seven nights lodging. No lift tickets. Bob Haskell 694-5163H or 563-9000W. Hurry...
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Texas Ski Week Jan. 7-14 at Steamboat Springs, Colo., $720 air package and $460 ground...

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Orel, Dodgers define America's pastime

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Baseball

Kirk Gibson hobbled into history and Tom Lasorda hugged his way there. Home runs went way down and balks were way up.

Attendance hit an all-time high and so did salaries. Bart Giamatti, elected to succeed Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, suspended Pete Rose, Jay Howell and Pedro Guerrero.

Owners lost twice, Billy Martin lost for the fifth time and the Baltimore Orioles lost even more. Wrigley Field got lit up and so did the hitters in a year dominated by pitchers.

But this baseball season belonged to just one person. Orel Leonard Hershiser IV.

Singing hymns in the dugout and carrying a How To Pitch guide to the mound, Hershiser's star transcended the Los Angeles Dodgers' incredible championship and even sports itself. He became a national hero, an inspiration in Ronald Reagan's front yard and a celebrity on Johnny Carson's stage.

"I think my life will be classified in two sections now — before 1988 and after 1988," he said.

A record 59 scoreless innings to end the regular season. Unanimous Cy Young award. Most Valuable Player in the playoffs, including an amazing save on one day's rest. MVP of the World Series, including the clinching victory over Oakland. A Gold Glove, too.

Not since Roger Maris in 1961 has one year been so defined by one person. And Hershiser did it in a season when a lot happened.

Gibson's pinch-homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning in Game 1 of the World Series ranks up there with Ruth's "called shot" and Thomson's "shot heard 'round the world" as one of the most memorable moments ever.

Gibson signed as a free agent in February; Bruce Hurst, Mike Moore, Steve Sax and Nolan Ryan took advantage of this fall's free-agent frenzy. The flurry came after owners twice were found guilty of collusion, which possibly could result in $100 million in penalties.

Jose Canseco became the first player to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same year, just like he predicted in spring training. He was a unanimous MVP winner, although voting came before he went 1-for-19 against Hershiser and the Dodgers.

MVP Gibson and Canseco, however, were exceptions. Home runs fell 29 percent after a year in which they jumped 17 percent. Dead ball? Better pitchers? Heavier air?

Whatever, offense dropped by a half-run per game. Tony Gwynn's .313 average was the lowest ever to win a National League batting title.

Instead of homers, the best scoring weapon was the balk. There were 924 called — compared to the then-record 356 in 1987 — and "discernable stop" became an integral part of baseball lingo. But there was a discernable stop in the balk rate in the second half of the season; they dropped about 50 percent as pitchers learned the rule and umpires stopped enforcing it so often.

Tom Browning pitched the 12th perfect game in modern major league history. He was also one of eight pitchers to lose a no-hitter in the ninth inning. Dave Stieb, in consecutive starts, got broken up with one strike to go; Ryan's bid for a record sixth no-no was spoiled by Mike Schmidt. Pascual Perez took a shortcut to Cooperstown when rain gave him a five-inning no-hitter.

The Orioles lost their first 21 games and led the majors with 107 losses. Atlanta dropped its first 10 and finished with 106 defeats.

The Boston Red Sox set an American League record with 24 straight victories at home. The streak came mostly after Joe Morgan replaced John McNamara, who was fired, and propelled the Red Sox to the AL East title.

McNamara was one of 11 managers to be fired, although Baltimore's Frank Robinson was the only minority to be a replacement. Martin, who fought at Lace, a topless Texas club, and feuded with umpires, was canned for the fifth time by George Steinbrenner. Chuck Tanner, Dick Williams, Larry Bowa, Hal Lanier and Cal Ripken Sr. also lost their jobs.

Umpires lost their tempers and their anonymity. Dave Pallone became infamous after riling Rose, who drew a 30-day suspension and $10,000 fine. Pam Postema went to spring training with the NL but went back to the minors for her 12th season. She got to hear Bob Knepper say that women should not hold positions of authority.

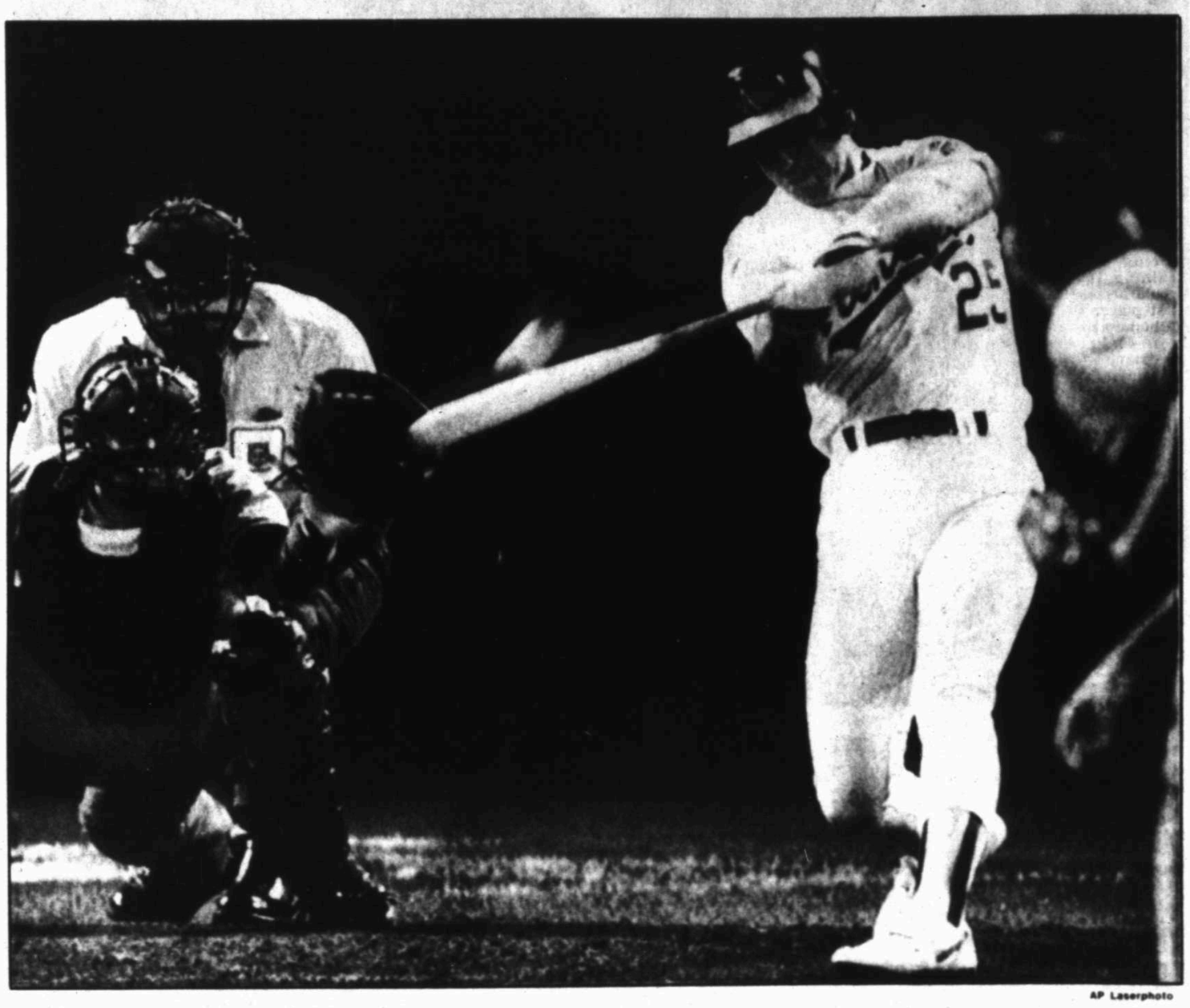
Phyllis Collins, an NL executive, was being considered to be the league's next president when Giamatti moved up. Simon Gourdine, a black, was the leading candidate. Neither a minority nor a woman has been head of a professional sports league.

Wrigley Field held its first night game. Some saw it as progress; others mourned the end of an era. The Cubs' first try under the lights was rained out; ironically, it had been a beautiful afternoon in Chicago. They played the next night, Aug. 9, and the Cubs rallied past the Mets.

The Mets won 100 games, yet struggled all year despite Darryl Strawberry's 39 homers and 101 RBI. David Cone went 20-3 with a 2.22 ERA, but was more known for his ill-timed attempt at writing a newspaper column.

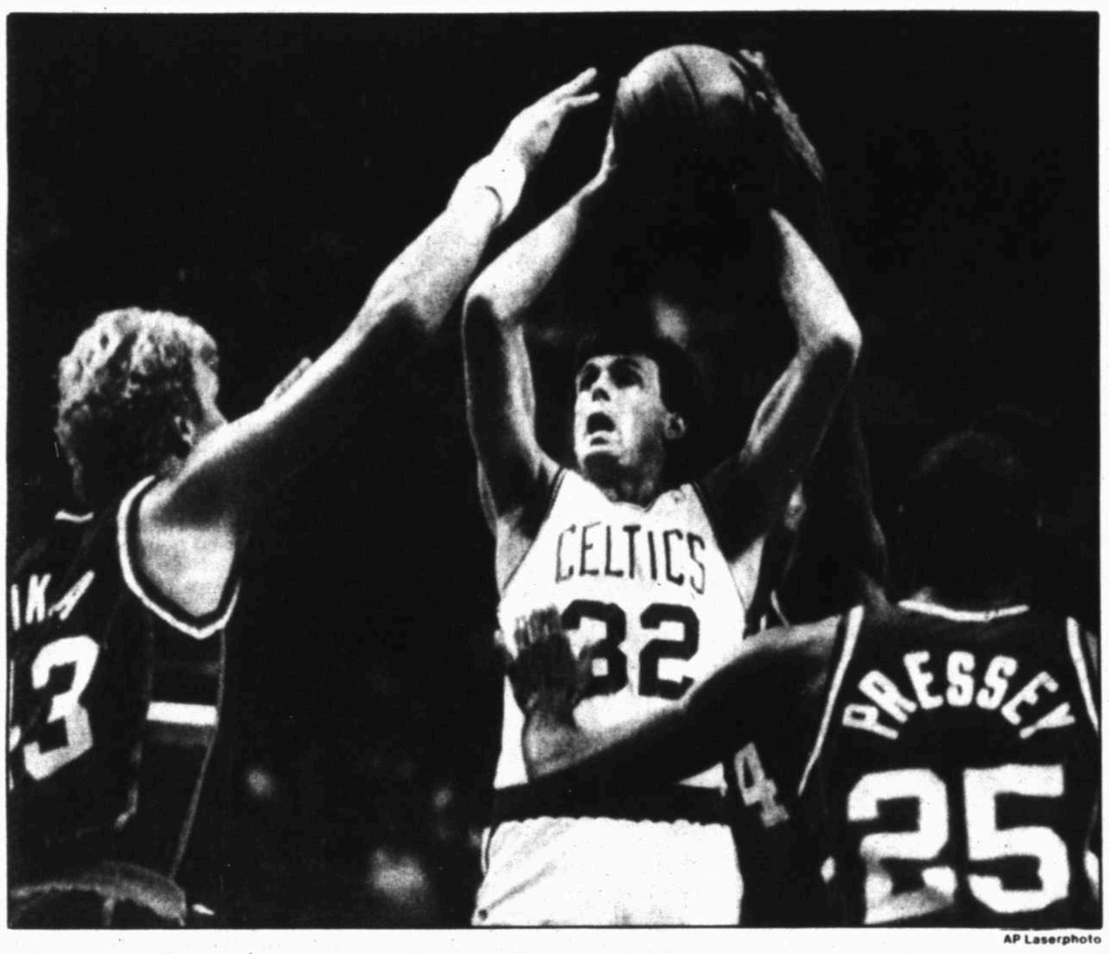
The Mets, who beat Los Angeles 10 of 11 in the regular season, were three outs from a 3-1 lead in the playoffs when Mike Scioscia homered off

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Mark McGwire's ninth inning home run in World Series' Game 3 was Oakland's one shining moment.



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For Kevin McHale, center, and the Boston Celtics, the end of a dynasty sometimes seems close at hand.

Another 'Year of the Laker'

By BILL BARNARD
AP Basketball Writer

Basketball

The Los Angeles Lakers finally proved it could be done. An NBA champion can come back and do it again.

The champagne wasn't dry in the Lakers' locker room after winning the NBA title in 1987 when Coach Pat Riley said he "guaranteed" they would repeat as champions in 1988.

Riley believed that despite four titles since 1980, the Lakers would miss the mark of greatness if they couldn't do what no team had done since 1969 — when the Boston Celtics were the last team to win back-to-back championships.

The route they took to the title, however was much different than the one they took in 1987, when they won 11 of 12 playoff games before beating Boston 4-2 in the finals.

After a league-best 62-20 record in the regular-season and an easy 3-0 first-round sweep of San Antonio, the Lakers had to leap three difficult hurdles before Riley's prediction came true.

"It was almost 55 straight days of basketball for this team (in the playoffs)," Riley said. "This was as grueling a season as I've ever been involved with, and it was the same for the players."

In the Western Conference semifinals, the Lakers fell behind 2-1 against Utah and needed a 109-98 victory in Game 7 to advance to the next round against Dallas.

Los Angeles won easily in the first two games at home, but the Lakers couldn't win in Dallas as the Mavericks once again took the defending champions to seven games before losing Game 7 117-102.

The final obstacle for the Lakers were the Detroit Pistons, who broke an eight-year stranglehold on the Eastern Conference by Boston and Philadelphia, which didn't make the playoffs for the first time since 1975.

Not since 1979 had any team other than the Lakers, Boston, Philadelphia or Houston reached the finals until Detroit did it in 1988.

The Pistons won their first division title since moving to Detroit in 1957. Detroit beat Washington 3-2 in the first round, rolled over Chicago 4-1 and had two sweet victories at Boston Garden en route to beating the Celtics 4-2 for the conference title.

Three superb performances by Adrian Dantley — he scored a total of 86 points in three Detroit wins — and a strong bench carried the Pistons to a 3-2 lead in the championship series, but they needed a victory on the road to upset the Lakers' hopes of repeating.

Detroit almost pulled it off.

Isiah Thomas set a finals record of 25 points in the third period and finished with 43 despite a sprained ankle, leading the Pistons to a 102-99 lead with exactly a minute left in Game 6.

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NFL: Weird, wild and wonderful

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer



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In Denver, Dan Reeves not only lost his second straight Super Bowl in January, but his Broncos failed to make the playoffs after this season.

If the barrier ever existed, it died in the fading sunlight at San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium on Jan. 29.

It died when Doug Williams, a quarterback who happens to be black, passed for 340 yards and four touchdowns as the Washington Redskins ended the 1987 season with a 42-10 victory over Denver for their second Super Bowl win of the 1980s.

Both the yardage and touchdowns were Super Bowl records as the Skins scored 35 points in the second quarter and eventually broke a Super Bowl record for setting records.

But it was a peak between valleys both for the NFL, Williams and thee Redskins.

It ended on a high note a season that was marred by a 24-day strike and three weekends of games with what the NFL called "replacement players" and preceded a 1988 marked by the continuation of the labor dispute in court and the suspension of 24 players for substance abuse, including such stars as Lawrence Taylor, Dexter Manley, Bruce Smith, Charles White and Mark Duper.

It was also another year of quarterback injuries, beginning on opening day when the AFC Central race was skewered when Cleveland's Bernie Kosar and Houston's Warren Moon went down.

As for the Redskins, they followed the pattern of the previous eight Super Bowl winners, falling out of the playoff picture by the three-quarter mark of the season and finishing 7-9. By season's end, Williams was back on the bench, replaced by Mark Rypien, the quarterback of the future and Timmy Smith, whose 205 rushing yards were also a Super Bowl record, had been replaced by rookie Jamie Morris.

And it left Coach Joe Gibbs explaining failure like Bill Parcells, Mike Ditka, Bill Walsh and others before him.

"It's a combination of all the things that go with winning it," Gibbs said. "It's the schedule, the way people look at you and the way you look at yourself."

In fact, the Redskins and Broncos combined to set a new low for Super Bowl winners.

Denver, which finished 8-8, also missed the playoffs, marking the first time in history that both Super Bowl winners failed to make it to the playoffs the next year.

The Broncos got a subpar year from quarterback John Elway, who carried them to two Super Bowls but suffered from a sore elbow all year. He's scheduled for surgery in the off-season. They also let go their entire defensive coaching staff, including coordinator Joe Collier, who had been with them for two decades.

The year was also marked by the third franchise shift in six years, the long rumored moved of the Cardinals from St. Louis to Phoenix. Once there, owner Bill Bidwill almost immediately alienated Arizona fans with a series of disputes over season tickets and a $38 per seat price, almost double the league average.

But nobody could take away Williams' one day in the sun.

The first black quarterback to start a Super Bowl totally eclipsed the All-American boy, the Broncos' John Elway, who proved that he could carry his team to the NFL's ultimate game for the second straight year, but couldn't carry them past a team from the more physical NFC, which won its fourth straight title. Average score in those four games: NFC 41, AFC 14.

Moreover, Williams seemed to be in a vanguard of blacks about to break through at a position at which the league denied there was discrimination but at which there were disporportionately few blacks.

As the 1988 season progressed, Philadelphia's Randall Cunningham moved into the elite of NFL quarterbacks and Moon led Houston to the playoffs for the second straight year. Both made the Pro Bowl, with Cunningham the first black quarterback to start the All-Star game.

On the horizon were a host of black college quarterbacks, including Southern Cal's Rodney Peete, projected as a high draft choice next year and two Cunningham-like sophomores who already had scouts lining up — Major Harris of West Virginia and Darnell Dickerson of Pitt.

But Williams' past heroics and the futures of Peete, Harris and Dickerson were obscured by the low notes that began right after the Super Bowl.

First was the move of the Cardinals, which unlike the Raiders' move from Oakland to Los Angeles in 1982 and the Colts journey from Baltimore to Indianapolis two years later, was done with league approval.

Then came the continuing court squabbles — nothing new for the NFL — that stemmed from the anti-trust suit filed by the union after the strike.

They led to a longer-than-usual series of holdouts by star players hoping that Judge David Doty, who had charge of the case, would set them free. He didn't but All-Pros like Mark Bavaro and Carl Banks of the Giants waited until the last week of camp to sign; Pro Bowler Ron Solt of the Colts waited until a month into the season and then was traded to the Eagles and Mike Meriweather of the Steelers didn't sign at all — choosing

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NAMES AND FACES

Horses, divers and skaters recalled

Here are some of the performers who made headlines in sports in 1988:

ALYSHEBA cemented his reputation as a people's horse. As in 1987, when he won the Kentucky Derby, Alysheba raced against top competition around the country. The 4-year-old colt raced at seven tracks and scored seven victories in nine starts — six of them in Grade I stakes.

In his final race before being retired to stud, Alysheba put on one of his patented stretch runs and won the $3 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs.


Canseco

JOSE CANSECO predicted during spring training that he would become the first player to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season. He did it, and at age 24 was unanimously voted Most Valuable Player. Robo-Canseco, baseball's prototype of power and speed, began the World Series with a bang. But after his first career grand slam, he went hitless in his final 18 at-bats and the Oakland Athletics crashed with him. His 1988 highlight? Marrying a former Miss Miami and getting his MVP award during a Hawaiian honeymoon.

BOB COSTAS AND AL MICHAELS covered most of the major sports events in 1988. Michaels did the Super Bowl, Winter Olympics, "Monday Night Football," National League playoffs and major league All-Star Game for ABC. Costas' assignments for NBC included the Summer Olympics, World Series, "NFL Live," and the baseball game of the week. In his spare time, he began hosting a late-night talk show.

STEFFI GRAF dominated women's tennis, winning the Grand Slam and an Olympic gold medal. She became the first player since Margaret Court in 1970 to win the Australian, French, Wimbledon and U.S. championships in the same year. After winning the U.S. Open, Graf went to Seoul for West Germany and captured the first gold medal in women's singles since 1924. Graf won 72 of 75 matches during the year, losing twice to Gabriela Sabatini and once to Pam Shriver, who snapped her 46-match winning streak at the Virginia Slims Championships.

WAYNE GRETZKY didn't have the greatest of seasons by comparison to the incredible standards he has established. Because of injury, Gretzky missed out on his eighth straight scoring title and ninth straight MVP season. For the record, Gretzky had "only" 149 points on 40 goals and 109 assists.

In the end, Gretzky had it all, anyway: a fourth Stanley Cup ring with the Edmonton Oilers, and selection as the MVP of the playoffs.

Later, he had more. He married actress Janet Jones and was traded to the Los Angeles Kings where he got an eight-year contract estimated at more than $2 million a year, along with many other benefits.


Hershiser

OREL HERSHISER went from good to great with a season destined for the record books and the storybooks. He was the unanimous-Cy Young winner with a record 59 scoreless innings to end the year and then was the Most Valuable Player in the National League playoffs and the World Series. In the playoffs, he had an amazing save against the Mets on one day's rest. He also won his first Gold Glove and there is talk of him becoming baseball's first $3 million player. Luck or skill? Probably both. Hershiser sings hymns in the dugout between innings and keeps a How To Pitch sheet in his back pocket on the mound.

BEN JOHNSON received more glory and more shame during the year than any other athlete.

After finishing first in the Olympic 100-meter dash in 9.79, .04 of a second faster than the world record he set in 1987, Johnson was disqualified and stripped of his gold medal for testing positive for an anabolic steriod.

He also was banned from track competition for two years and the Canadian government cut off his monthly training allowance. The Canadian government also effectively banned him for life from Canadian teams and sports programs that receive federal aid.

By his disqualification, Johnson, the most promiment athlete ever to be caught by a positive drug test, also lost a chance to cash in on huge commercial endorsements.

MAGIC JOHNSON lost the MVP award he won in 1987 to Michael Jordan but got something more important — back-to-back NBA titles for his Los Angeles Lakers, the first since the Boston Celtics did it in 1969. Johnson, who was voted the All-NBA First Teams for the sixth time, was second in the league in assists and had 12 regular-season games in which he was in double figures in points, rebounds and assists. Perhaps he showed his real value to the Lakers when he suffered a groin injury late in the season. The team was 49-10 before Magic was injured but went 9-10 while Johnson was out of the lineup or trying to play himself back into shape.

MICHAEL JORDAN won just about every award the NBA had to offer in 1988: MVP, Defensive Player of the Year, All-NBA First Team, All-Defense First Team, All-Star Game MVP and All-Star Game Slam Dunk Champion. He also won the scoring title with a 35.0 average to become the first to win consecutive scoring crowns since George Gervin won three straight from 1978-80. He was the first NBA player to win the MVP honors and the Defensive Player of the Year award in the same season. He broke the NBA record for points in a five-game playoff series with 226, an average of 45.2 a game. He scored 50 and 55 points in Games 1 and 2 of the series against Cleveland.

FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER dazzled the sports world with her stunning running and her stunning running attire.

She set world records in the women's 100-meter dash (10.49 seconds at the U.S. Olympic Trials, breaking the previous mark by an astonishing .27 of a second) and in the 200-meter dash (21.34 in the Olympic final, smashing the mark of 21.56 she had set in the semifinals). Prior to the Games, the 200 world record was 21.71, so in two races within less than an hour, she had clipped a remarkable .37 of a second off the world record.

JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE, the sister-in-law of Florence Griffith Joyner, produced two world records in the heptathlon and won two Olympic gold medals.

The only heptathlete to accumulate more than 7,000 points, Joyner-Kersee shattered her world record with 7,215 points at the U.S. Olympic Trials, then bettered that with 7,291 points in the Seoul Games. The Olympic gold was the fifth time she had surpassed the 7,000-point barrier and her 10th straight heptathlon victory.

Her other Olympic gold came in the women's long jump, with a Games' record of 24 feet, 3½ inches, as she beat world record-holder Galina Chistyakova of the Soviet Union and former world record-holder Heike Drechsler of East Germany.


Tyson

MIKE TYSON, the undisputed heavyweight champion, can look back on the year as one in which he proved his dominance in the ring and in which he learned the price and pitfalls of celebrity outside it.

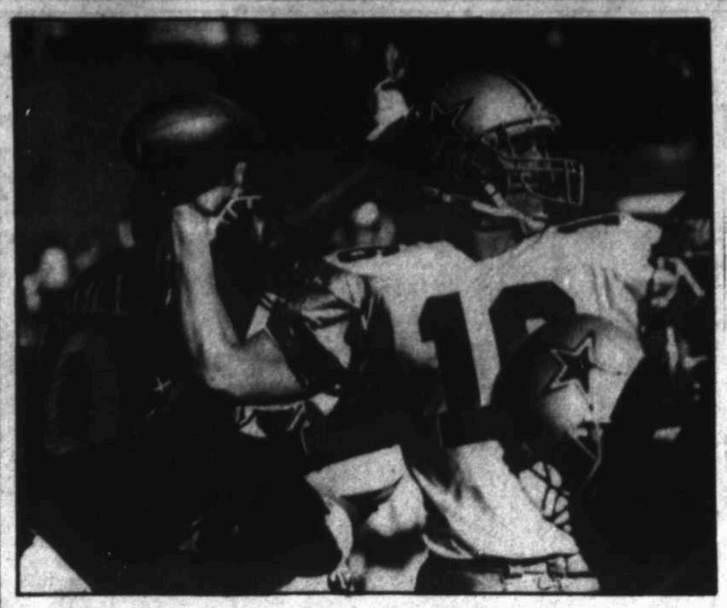
He easily handled former champ Larry Holmes, battered Tony Tubbs into defeat in less than two rounds and humilated the previously unbeaten Michael Spinks in 91 seconds, but he took a pretty good buffeting himself away from boxing. He was involved in several head-lined escapades, which included running a car into a tree, punching former opponent Mitch Green in a street altercation and being called a manic depressive by estranged wife Robin Givens on national televison.

GREG LOUGANIS did something no other male diver had ever done when he won two gold medal medals in consecutive Olympic Games. But it was not just what he did but the way he did it. In the springboard competition, he struck the board with the back of his head on his ninth dive in 3-meter preliminary competition, receiving two scores of zero, one 0.5, three 1.0's and one 1.5. He received four stitches and returned a half-hour later to make his best dive of the day and then won the gold the next day. He got his second gold and his place in histroy when he nailed a near-perfect dive on the last dive to take the platform competition, edging a diver from China.

MATTI NYKANEN AND EDDIE EDWARDS will forever be linked in history as the best and the worst of their event. Nykanen became the first triple gold medal winner ever in Olympic ski jumping, taking the 70-meter, 90-meter and new 90-meter team event. Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards, Britain's only ski jumper at the Games, finished last in both the 70- and 90-meter events. His two jumps combined in the 90-meters barely passed one jump by Nykanan. But Edwards, with his thick glasses and awkward form, captured the imagination of every armchair athlete who has dreamed that they could come home with Olympic Gold.

BARRY SANDERS of Oklahoma State became the eighth junior to win the Heisman Trophy as the nation's best college football player, receiving 559 first-place votes of 721 ballots. Sander's capped the most prolific season ever for a major college running back, rushing for 257 yards and four touchdowns in a 45-42 victory over Texas Tech in Tokyo just a few hours after winning the Heisman. The 257 yards gave Sanders the single-season rushing record of 2,553, breaking the 1981 mark of 2,342 by Marcus Allen, and an NCAA record 39 touchdowns, easily surpassing the old mark of 29. Two days later it was discovered that two running plays were incorrectly credited as pass receptions by Sanders. The revision gave Sanders 332 yards rushing on 44 carries, the junior tailback's fourth 300-yard plus game of the season and 2,628 yards for the year.

KATARINA WITT created as much controversy as she did excitement with her breathtaking theatrical figure skating routines and dazzling, seductive costumes. Witt, of East Germany, won her second consecutive Olympic gold medal, becoming the second woman to accomplish the feat. Norway's Sonja Henie won three straight gold medals beginning in 1928. Witt climaxed the gold-medal effort in a showdown with American Debi Thomas as they both skated to the same music in a dramatic "Dueling Carmens."





AP Laserphoto

Steve Pelluer and the Dallas Cowboys fell hard in 1988. Jackie Sherrill and the Texas Aggies fell harder.

Texas' Top 10 stories not a pretty picture

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

DALLAS (AP) — Remember when the top Texas sports stories were games like the Dallas Cowboys winning Super Bowls and the Texas Longhorns earning a national football title?

No more. The spotlight sports stories in Texas for 1988 revolved around NCAA probation, court litigation and scandals.

The games the athletes play took second fiddle to expulsions for drug use and cheating on Proposition 48 test scores. Litigation over no-pass and no-play replaced happy stories over underrated teams who get to state championship games.

Features on walk-ons who earn scholarships through hard work were backpage fillers overshadowed by the latest front page probation news.

HERE ARE my personal Top Ten Texas sports stories of the year. Compare them with yours.

1) Texas A&M coach Jackie Sherrill's flight from College Station after three Cotton Bowls and five straight seasons of defeating the rival Texas Longhorns. Sherrill's resignation came after a former player accused him of paying "hush" money during an investigation by the NCAA. George Smith later recanted the story but the damage was done. Sherrill then left when A&M bought out most of his contract, some $1 million. The Sherrill era is over.

2) The saga of Dallas Carter. Somehow the Cowboys won the state 5A championship in the midst of legal battles over a defensive back's algebra grade. The fallout will be a severe court test of the state's no-pass, no-play rule that could go the U.S. Supreme Court. Carter kept winning and playing although other teams were actually practicing in the hopes the Cowboys would be disqualified. "I just wish," said linebacker Jesse Armstead, "we could play one game without a hassle." When Carter played Converse Judson it was the first appearance of a Dallas team in the state final in 38 years.

3) Southwest Conference Probation Disgrace. The NCAA axed Texas A&M, keeping the defending league champions out of a bowl.

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LOOKING BACK

Strange honored at being named year's top golfer

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

It was in May, in Dublin, Ohio, that Hale Irwin put the pressure on Curtis Strange.

"Right now," said Irwin, a two-time U.S. Open champion and one of the game's more thoughtful, articulate performers, "Curtis Strange is the best player in the world."

It stirred some interest, a little mild controversy.

After all, there was Sandy Lyle of Scotland, the recently-crowned Masters champion and already a three-time winner on the American PGA Tour; the awesome Greg Norman of Australia; the moody, mercurial Seve Ballesteros of Spain; the then-reigning British Open champion Nick Faldo of England; little Ian Woosnam of Wales, the outstanding player in golf in 1987.

Curtis Strange?

"It's not for me to say," insisted the 33-year-old Strange. "That's for the media to discuss, maybe for my peers to talk about. It's just nice to be considered among the top four or five."

Before the year was over, however, Strange turned Irwin into a prophet, a fortune-teller, a seer of things to come.

In a season filled with great shots, Strange came up with the ones he had to have at the time he had to have them. He beat Norman in a playoff at Houston, beat Faldo in a playoff for the U.S. Open, and, in the last official event on the schedule, beat Lyle for Player of the Year honors.

Now, is he the best player in the world?

"It's not for me to say," Strange repeated.

The record insists that, at least for or 1988, he was.

■ He was the only man to win four titles on the American tour and only the second to win that many since 1982. (He also won an Australian tournament early in the year.)

■ He was the first to repeat as the Tour's leading money-winner since Tom Watson scored his fourth in a row in 1980.

■ And he was the first man to go beyond $1 million in single-season earnings on the American Tour.

"It's just a number," Strange said. "In a few years, you'll have four or five guys doing it. It's kind of like when Arnold (Palmer) was the first to go over $1 million in a career. Now there have been 50 guys to do it, but everybody remembers Arnold was the first."

Strange reached that figure with his victory in the season-ending Nabisco Championships, when he hit a 4-iron to within two feet of the cup on the 17th hole at Pebble Beach, setting up the birdie that beat Tom Kite in the day-late sudden-death playoff in golf's richest tournament.

That shot provided Strange with $360,000 from the $2 million purse and an additional $175,000 from a season-long $1 million bonus pool.

The big payoff gave him a total of $1,147,644 in official earnings for the year. He went into the tournament as the only man with a chance to overtake Lyle in the Player of the Year standings. Strange had to win to do it. And he did.

But it was the U.S. Open triumph, and the tearful joy that followed, that remained the high point of his season.

"The single most important tournament I've won," Strange said.

It was set up by a spectacular shot from a deep bunker by the green on the final hole at The Country Club, which enabled Strange to tie Faldo in regulation play. He then beat the English ace 71-75 in the Monday playoff.



AP Laserphoto

Curtis Strange: "It's just nice to be among the top four or five."

While the Open was the high point of Strange's season, it was the low point of Norman's. He suffered a wrist injury in the second round and lost a good portion of his season.

Lyle, too, produced an historic shot in his victory at the Augusta National Golf Club. His 7-iron shot from a deep fairway bunker on the 18th reached the green, then backed up to within 10 feet of the cup, setting up the birdie that made him the first British player to wear Masters green.

In the PGA at Oak Tree, gritty little Jeff Sluman holed a 115-yard pitching wedge shot for an eagle-3 that served as the highlight of his come-from-behind 65 in the final round.

FOOTBALL

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to enter divinity school rather than take Pittsburgh's offer.

Moreover, neither side seemed willing to negotiate and when Doty declared "impasse" existed, the owners said they felt that gave them the right to impose their own plan, effective Feb. 1. They announced it in November, one that would allow teams to protect from 40 to 44 players and allow the rest to become free agents, while eliminating severance pay and cutting other benefits.

"This gives nothing to the players," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, which was being challenged by a new union, NFL-PRO.

"This gives the players what the owners want them to decide."

Meanwhile, as training camps opened and players underwent their mandatory drug tests, the NFL's new drug plan began to claim victims.

It started — and the Redskins' problems with it — with the suspension of Manley for 30 days during training camp. Four other players were also set down during the exhibition season under the policy, which generally meted out 30-day suspensions for those who failed a substance abuse test for the second time.

Then, as Manley and the others were returning, came even bigger names in a group set down for the first four games of the regular season. They included Taylor, the Giants' seven-time All-Pro and 1986 NFL MVP and Smith, Buffalo's All-Pro defensive end.

The pace slackened somewhat as the season continued, although as late as Nov. 30 there were two more suspensions — Duper, Miami's star wide receiver, and Victor Scott of Dallas.

But suprisingly, the suspensions had little effect on the field.

Buffalo won three of four games without Smith and went on to become the earliest team to win a division title, clinching the AFC East on Nov. 20 with a 9-6 overtime win over the New York Jets. The Bills, 8-40 between 1984 and 1986, finished 12-4.

Cincinnati was also 12-4, a complete reversal of its 4-11 record the year before. Two other AFC Central teams, Cleveland and Houston, finished at 10-6 to earn wild cards. Seattle won the AFC West, mediocre all season, at 9-7.

The NFC was filled with 10-6 teams, including three in the West — San Francisco, the Los Angeles Rams and New Orleans. The 49ers won the division by virtue of the best record against common opponents and the Rams earned a wild-card spot by trouncing the 49ers 38-16 on the final Sunday night.

Chicago won the Central for the fifth straight year with a league best 12-4 and Minnesota 11-5 was a wild-card.

Philadelphia won the East on the final day when it beat Dallas 23-7 and the Giants lost to the Jets, 27-21. The Eagles won the tiebreaker because they beat New York twice and the Giants failed to gain a wild-card because they also lost a head-to-head game with the Rams.

BASKETBALL

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But Kareem Abdul-Jabbar hit two free throws with 14 seconds left and Joe Dumars missed a shot in the lane for Detroit, preserving a 103-102 victory for the Lakers.

James Worthy, the playoff MVP, had 36 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists in the Lakers' 108-105 victory in Game 7, which was made close by a 17-4 Detroit spurt down the stretch.

"We were just holding on and we held on just enough," Riley said.

Early in the 1988-89 season, the Pistons' near-miss had them and a dozen other teams dreaming of glory.

Both the Lakers, with Abdul-Jabbar already starting a farewell tour through the league, and Pistons started well in the new season. Utah, Dallas, Denver, Portland and Seattle in the West and Atlanta, Cleveland, Philadelphia and New York in the East all were talking — and playing — like challengers.

"We opened a Pandora's box," Detroit coach Chuck Daly said. "Coaches and general managers look at us and say, 'We handled the Pistons in games. Why aren't we in the finals?' But we have a quiet confidence that we'll have a good team, too."

But early season injuries to Larry Bird, Dennis Johnson and Danny Ainge had the Celtics — champions in 1981, 1984 and 1986 — struggling to win half their games.

Also in 1988, Michael Jordan dominated the individual awards, winning both the regular-season Most Valuable Player and Defensive Player of the Year honors. He also became the first player to win consecutive scoring titles since George Gervin won three scoring crowns from 1978-80.

Utah's John Stockton had 18 assists in the final game to break Thomas' single-season record by five.

Michael Cage of the Los Angeles Clippers and Charles Oakley of Chicago traded 30-rebound games on the final weekend, with Cage winning the rebounding title 13.03 to 13.00.

Both Cage and Oakley started the new season with new teams, Seattle and New York respectively, but it was free-agent signings, rather than trades, that caused the biggest stir in the offseason.

After months of uncertainty, the NBA and the players association agreed on a new contract that gave unrestricted free agency to seven-year veterans. Previously, free agents had to stay with their original teams if a contract offer with a new team was matched.

The agreement allowed veterans such as Moses Malone, Walter Davis, Tom Chambers and Mike Woodson to change teams.

Malone went from Washington to Atlanta, Davis from Phoenix to Denver, Chambers from Seattle to Phoenix and Woodson from the Clippers to Houston.

The labor agreement, which extends through the 1993-94 season, later gives unrestricted free agency to four-year veterans.

The pact also continues the salary-cap system and will reduce the college draft to two rounds in 1989.

In 1988, the draft was reduced to three rounds, but as usual the focus was only on the first-rounders.

Danny Manning, who led Kansas to the NCAA title, was chosen first by the Clippers.

Manning missed the start of the season before the Clippers signed him.

The start of the 1988-89 season also saw two new franchises begin play at Charlotte and Miami.

TOP 10

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4) The demise of the once proud dynasty of the **Dallas Cowboys** into the losingest season in their 29-year history.

5) **The Dallas Mavericks** make it to the championship game of the Western Conference finals before losing to the Los Angeles Lakers.

6) **The proud Cotton Bowl Classic, needing a cash sponsor, changes its name with the help of a flying red horse to the "Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic".** Then executive vice president Jim Brock got another Christmas present, Arkansas won the SWC title and will bring over 30,000 fans. The guest team will be the first ever from the Pacific-10.

7) **Texas A&M beats Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl,** the only time this year the Fighting Irish have lost a game. It was to be Sherrill's final golden moment at Aggieland.

8) **The Texas Rangers** steal free agent strikeout king Nolan Ryan away from the Houston Astros.

9) Texan **Louise Ritter of Red Oak** wins the women's high jump gold medal in the Olympics, ending critics' suggestion that she always choked in the big meets.

10) (a tie) The pending sale of the **Texas Rangers** and the **Dallas Cowboys** and the continued improvement of the **Houston Oilers** in the NFL.

BASEBALL

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Dwight Gooden. By the time Howell rejoined the Dodgers after a two-day suspension for putting pine tar on his glove, it was down to Game 7 and Hershiser won it with a shutout.

Oakland, managed by Tony La Russa, took over first place in the AL West on April 20 and led the majors with 104 victories. The Bash Bunch then swept Boston, with playoff MVP Dennis Eckersley saving all four games.

But the Athletics' power was no match for the Dodgers' heart, Hershiser's mastery and Lasorda's brilliant managing.

Gibson won the opener. In Game 2, Hershiser tossed a three-hit shutout and became the first pitcher to get three hits in a World Series game in 60-plus years. Mark McGwire's ninth-inning homer off the much-maligned Howell got Oakland close in Game 3, but Howell got even with McGwire and saved Game 4. Hershiser, backed by Mickey Hatcher, Mike Davis and an injury-depleted lineup, pitched a four-hitter to seal the Dodgers' first championship since 1981.

Also notable in 1988:

■ CBS-TV shocked the other networks by winning exclusive rights to major league games starting in 1990 with a $1 billion-plus bid. Baseball's next big negotiations are expected to be bitter when players and management try to work out a new contract before the 1990 season.

■ the AL won its third All-Star Game since 1971. Whitey Herzog has been the losing manager each time. Oakland's Terry Steinbach homered and was the MVP in the 2-1 victory; at the time, he was hitting a lowly .217 and his commemorative bat spelled his name "Steinbech."

■ Wade Boggs became the first player to get 200 hits in six straight seasons. He won his fourth batting title with a .366 average, but got more attention for his exploits with Margo Adams. Those distractions caused the Red Sox to consider trading him.

■ nearly 53 million saw major league games. Buffalo of the Class AAA American Association drew a minor-league record 1.1 million at new Pilot Field. The Durham Bulls, helped by the movie "Bull Durham," set a Class A record with 271,000 fans and finished second in the Carolina League.

■ Willie Stargell became the 200th member of the Hall of Fame.

■ the Minnesota Twins won more games than in 1987 and were the first AL team to draw more than 3 million fans. Frank Viola, MVP of the 1987 World Series, led the majors with a 24-7 record and got the Cy Young. But the Twins did not repeat as champions, which no club has done since the 1977-78 Yankees.

■ the Dodgers, the busiest team after the 1987 season, traded for Baltimore's Eddie Murray during December's winter meetings. Los Angeles' main competition next season might come from San Diego, which has already added Jack Clark, Walt Terrell and Hurst. Texas was most active at the meetings, getting Ryan, Julio Franco and Rafael Palmeiro while the Yankees signed free agents Andy Hawkins, Dave LaPoint and Sax.

■ Pedro Guerrero was suspended for throwing his bat at Cone. Guerrero was injured for much of the season and later traded by the Dodgers to St. Louis for John Tudor.

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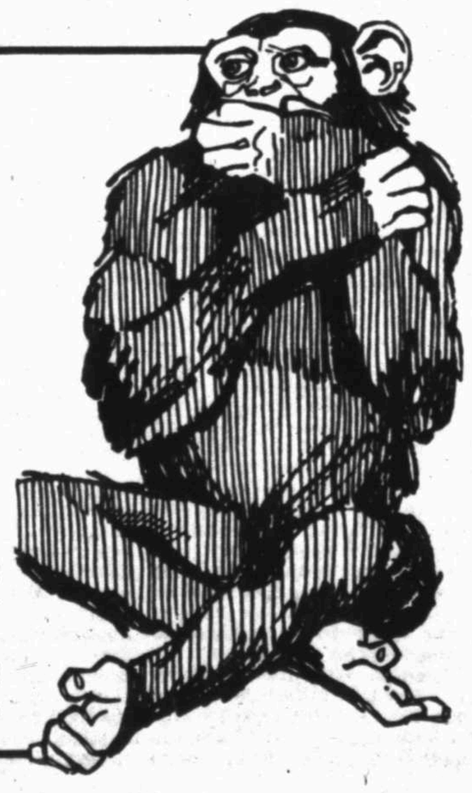
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One of the highlights for the SWC in '88 was SMU's hiring of former Notre Dame assistant John Shumate, replacing the departed Dave Bliss.

LOOKING BACK

The Rise and Fall of the Jayhawks

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

College Hoops

Kansas was the team of the 1988. There wasn't any one part of the year people weren't talking about the Jayhawks.

They went from a struggling team, to the championship, to a coach who quit, didn't quit and then quit and finally to probation. All in 1988.

In the winter months people wondered how a team that featured a player the caliber of Danny Manning was losing so many games. People questioned whether he had made the right decision in returning to school for his senior year.

After a rough Big Eight schedule and some regrouping, the Jayhawks owned Springtime. On a beautiful day in Kansas City, just 50 miles from campus, Kansas defied all odds and won the national championship with an 83-79 victory over Oklahoma. It was a dream come true for Manning and coach Larry Brown.

Brown's departure was already being speculated about and he shocked the basketball world when he announced less than a week after winning the title that he would remain at Kansas and not return to UCLA.

The summer brought word the locals had feared: Brown had resigned and opted for the NBA. San Antonio would now be home for Brown. Kansas hired North Carolina assistant Roy Williams. It was June. There was still time to enjoy the championship.

When the leaves began to fall so did the fortunes of the new coach and his young team. The NCAA put the Jayhawks on a three-year probation for violations during Brown's tenure concerning a player who never played a minute for the school. There would be no defense of the title. There wouldn't even be a chance at an invitation to the 64-team tournament which ends this year in Seattle.

Kansas was not alone as a long-time power with disturbing current events.

Kentucky is under investigation by the NCAA regarding 17 allegations of wrongdoing by the program. There have been allegations of cheating by a Kentucky recruit on a college entrance examination. Charges of an assistant coach mailing cash to the home of a recruit.

Kansas and Kentucky were the most visible of the programs that faced charges, and in some cases disciplinary measures, regarding cheating in the sport. A multi-million dollar survey by the NCAA may provide enough information for changes in the rules, however small, regarding college athletes.

College basketball took it on chin in Seoul when the U.S. men's team brought home the bronze medal and a loss to the Soviets.

The team was composed of NCAA players and a Naval officer. The coach was John Thompson of Georgetown, one of the sport's most successful.

What went wrong?

There were a lot of volunteers for answers but Thompson stood fast with the composition of his team and its style. The team did lose just one game, but the semi-final loss to the Soviet Union will punctuate what were most proabably the last Olympics with a strictly amateur basketball competition.

There were many other moments in 1988.

Courageous Kay Yow overcoming cancer to guide the U.S. women's team to the gold medal.

Manning's impressive one-man show which lasted just long enough to make the the third-best team in its conference the best in the country.

The Final Four, played once again in a quaint non-Dome with teams — Kansas, Oklahoma, Arizona and Duke — with personalities. It provided three good games and one spectacular half — Oklahoma 50, Kansas 50 after 20 minutes of the championship game.

Bradley's Hersey Hawkins becoming the first Division I player to average better than 36 points per game since 1977.

Steve Kerr of Arizona battling back from personal tragedy and serious injury to fill a building with sounds it will never hear again.

The emergence of freshman-to-be Alonzo Mourning at the Olympic trials. He came within two spots of becoming the first high school player to make an Olympic basketball team. He moves on to a career at Georgetown under Thompson and a crop of fellow freshmen in the Big East the likes of which hasn't been seen since guys named Mullin, Ewing and Pinckney were fresh out of high school.

The return to the sidelines of Lefty Driesell at James Madison. The Lefthander was forced out of Maryland after the cocaine-related death of Len Bias.

Lowell won the men's NCAA Division II championship, while Ohio Wesleyan turned its first appearance in an NCAA tournament into the Division III title.

Louisiana Tech won the NCAA Division I women's championship. Hampton and Concordia-Moorhead won the Division II and III titles, respectively.

Grand Canyon, under former NBA player Paul Westphal, won the NAIA title in overtime over Auburn-Montgomery.

QB shuffle likely for Vikes, not Rams

By MIKE NADEL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jim Everett watched the Minnesota Vikings race to a 21-0 lead over Chicago in their Monday night finale, and like the rest of the country, he was impressed.

The Viking defense was totally dominating the Bears and Everett's Minnesota counterpart, Wade Wilson, threw two touchdown passes.

Then, with 1:02 left in the third quarter and Minnesota leading 21-17, Wilson was benched by Coach Jerry Burns and replaced by Tommy Kramer.

"I saw that. I didn't understand why you would pull your first-string quarterback. It's beyond me," Everett said.

Unlike Wilson, Everett knows he won't be benched this Monday when the Rams visit Minnesota for the NFC wild-card game.

Everett took almost every regular-season snap — backup Mark Herrmann has thrown five passes — in leading the Rams to a 10-6 record.

"He's playing what I would call winning quarterback," Rams coach John Robinson said. "Quarterback is an easy position to list a bunch of numbers behind and arrive at some conclusion. But guys who throw for 400 yards only win about half the games they play.

"Playing winning quarterback is being able to get out of a bad play, anticipating a blitz, throwing the ball away when there's nobody open or the coaches have called a play that's going (nowhere)."

Conversely, Wilson hasn't been given much of a chance to play winning quarterback during his Viking career.

He spent his first six seasons as Kramer's backup. Last year, he caught up to Kramer and a quarterback controversy has raged since.

Wilson thought the controversy might be over when he led the Vikings to a 6-2 record while making eight straight starts this season, but Burns "opened the whole can of worms back up" last Monday when he yanked Wilson. The Vikings still beat the Bears 28-27 thanks to some big defensive plays to finish 11-5.

"It's hard to play quarterback when you're always looking over your shoulder," Wilson said. "Other quarterbacks have the chance to dig themselves out of holes. At the first sign of trouble here, you're gone. It's upsetting."

Wilson bridles at Burns' insistence that he is still the No. 1 quarterback.

"No. 1? That means a lot. Real meaningful," he said.

Ironically, Wilson's peers voted him into the Pro Bowl as a backup, over Everett.

Wilson started 10 games, completing 61 percent of his passes for 2,746 yards and 15 touchdowns. He scored 91.5 in the NFL's complex ratings system, best in the NFC.

Everett completed 60 percent of his passes for 3,964 yards and an NFL-high 31 touchdowns. His 89.2 rating was just behind Wilson's.

"Congratulations to Wade making it (to the Pro Bowl)," Everett said. "I'm just trying to be the quarterback the Rams need."

Everett is finally getting comfortable with the quick-rhythm passing game employed by offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese, who is in his second year after coaching Dan Fouts in San Diego for eight seasons.

When the Vikings played the Rams at the beginning of the 1987 season, "they were all Eric Dickerson," Burns said.

Zampese overhauled the system, Dickerson was traded and Everett became the focal point. At first, the offense struggled.

"When Ernie came here, it was like bringing a dog bone to a cat," Everett said. "It took us awhile to understand what was going on."

The Rams have three straight victories, the longest winning streak of any of the 10 playoff teams.

"It definitely gives you some momentum. I won't deny that," Everett said. "But it doesn't make a difference what you just did yesterday. If it did, the month of November being 0-4, we'd be (out of the playoffs). We feel good about ourselves. We're happy to be in the playoffs."

Wilson is happy to still be playing, too, even if he isn't happy about the way he is being played.

"Making the playoffs was our goal all season. Now we're there and I want to win," he said. "I'll be here Monday if they want me."

After heart attack, Ditka still the same ol' guy

CHICAGO (AP) — The quintessential meat-and-potatoes man is more likely to be eating chicken and fish these days, but it still isn't safe to make any bonehead plays with Mike Ditka back on the prowl.

Because the forces that made the Chicago Bears coach one of pro football's most driven — not to mention feared — sideline tyrants are resurfacing less than two months after he was stricken by a heart attack.

"I'm going to make it," said Ditka in a recent interview, responding to concerns raised by people who saw his nationally televised tantrum against the Minnesota Vikings in the Bears' last regular-season contest.

"And if I don't," he added, the old defiance reappearing in his voice, "then I'll tell you what, it's going to be earth-shattering, with the coach dying on the sideline."

Ditka, however, insists he feels great and few people would doubt him.

"He's getting back to his old style," said guard Tom Thayer. "Initially, the first couple of weeks back, he was pretty low key. But as the weeks progress, he's getting back into his old style.

"I think," added Thayer, "that he thinks he's immortal again."

Some things, Ditka vows, have changed irrevocably since he suffered a mild heart attack in the early morning Nov. 2 — shortly after an exercise routine that included heavy weightlifting, 250 situps, windsprints and long distance runs.

Ditka has cut his exercise regimen slightly and his cholesterol level from 215 milligrams per decileter to around 150, says his cardiologist, Dr. Jay Alexander.



AP Laserphoto

At least Mike Ditka looks relaxed in this recent photo.

He is 10 pounds lighter, eschews red meat, eats oatmeal for breakfast and takes everything from turkey sandwiches to mashed potatoes without benefit of butter, dressing or gravy.

But don't make the mistake of thinking this is an entirely new Ditka.

That much should have been clear during the contest at Minnesota — a game in which the already playoff-bound Bears stood little to gain and played like it during the first half.

When rookie defender Lemuel Stinson got called for roughing the punter, Ditka forgot his self-imposed restraint, raced up the sideline to where Stinson was coming off the field and blistered the youngster.

"I got weak because I was yelling at 'em so hard at halftime," Ditka said. "I've tried to stay positive."

Peete, Walsh lead O'Brien candidates

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — All American Steve Walsh of Miami, Troy Aikman of UCLA and Rodney Peete of Southern California head a list of finalists for the Eighth Annual Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, the award's advisory committee announced Saturday.

The winner will be selected on his performance during the regular season and announced in January. He will be honored at a dinner here Feb. 13, and will receive a trophy and a gold watch.

A $10,000 scholarship grant with a gold medallion plaque will go to the winner's school. The runner-up will receive a trophy and his school will receive a silver medallion plaque.

Aikman, who was runner-up for the 1987 O'Brien Award, led the Bruins to a 9-2 record and the Cotton Bowl. He completed 209 of 327 passes for 2,599 yards and 23 touchdowns, a UCLA record, and only had eight interceptions. He also is expected to be the No. 1 selection in the NFL draft, by the Dallas Cowboys, and finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

Peete, the runner-up for the Heisman, was the Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Year, leading the Trojans to a 10-1 mark and the Rose Bowl. He hit on 208 of 338 passes, both school records, for 2,654 yards and 16 TDs and had only 10 interceptions.

Walsh is 22-1 as Miami's starting quarterback. He led the Hurricanes to a 12-0 record and the 1987 national championship. He completed 213 of 354 passes this fall for 2,878 yards and 28 touchdowns, including 23 in his last eight games, pacing Miami to the Orange Bowl.

NBC expects to clean up on Bowl Day

By RICK WARNER
AP Sports Writer

NBC expects to bowl over the competition on Jan. 2.

Only three teams have a shot at college football's national championship, and all of them will play that day on NBC.

The network's lineup features the Fiesta Bowl between top-ranked Notre Dame and No. 3 West Virginia, followed by the Orange Bowl between No. 2 Miami and No. 6 Nebraska.

"We feel very lucky," Michael Weisman, executive producer of NBC Sports, said. "Everything worked out perfectly for us."

The same can't be said for ABC, which recently plucked the Rose Bowl from NBC.

ABC's first Rose telecast will go head-to-head against the Fiesta. Southern California-Michigan is an attractive game, but it doesn't compare with a showdown between the nation's only two undefeated teams.

The dream Fiesta matchup was assured when Notre Dame beat Southern Cal 27-10.

"I sat in front of the TV set pretty much dressed in green, which is pretty unusual for a Jewish kid from New York," Weisman said. "You could have called me Michael O'Weisman."

Rose Bowl ratings have plummeted in recent years, and may reach a new low Jan. 2 because of the Fiesta competition. But ABC isn't sorry it agreed to pay more than $11 million a year to televise the nation's oldest bowl.

"It's still a game with great tradition and fan appeal," David Downs, director of programming at ABC Sports, said.

"I know everybody's talking about the Fiesta, but our game isn't too shabby. Southern Cal was undefeated until the last game, and Michigan would have been a national contender if hadn't lost a couple of games in the final seconds."

Both ABC and NBC will televise tripleheaders Jan. 2, while CBS will show the Cotton Bowl (Arkansas vs. UCLA).

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OILERS

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Pagel, meanwhile, completed 17 of 25 for 179 yards and two touchdowns.

It didn't take long for the crowd of 74,977 to have an effect, forcing Moon to call a time out on the Oilers' second play from scrimmage. Then, on the third play, Felix Wright intercepted the Houston quarterback's pass over the middle and returned it 13 yards to the Oilers' 32.

That set up Bahr's 33-yard field goal that gave the Browns a 3-0 lead 5:17 into the game.

But the Oilers then silenced the crowd with a remarkable drive — 91 yards in 17 plays consuming 9 minutes and 44 seconds to take a 7-3 lead. It included three third down plays one an 18-yard pass on third and 17 from Moon to Curtis Duncan.

Moon, who was 7 of 8 for 74 yards on the drive, got the score on the first play of the second quarter with a pass in the flat to Pinkett, who broke a tackle by Frank Minnifield at the 10 and burst by Mike Junkin.

Then Strock fumbled the snap on Cleveland's first play from scrimmage and Richard Byrd recovered at the Cleveland 16. Strock sprained his right wrist on the play.

On the first play, Pinkett started inside, then cut left and roamed untouched to the end zone.

With Pagel at quarterback, the Browns then mounted their own long drive, moving in 12 plays from their own 20 to the Houston four in a drive marked by two roughness calls, one against each team. Bahr's 26-yard field goal with 8:33 left in the half made it 14-6.

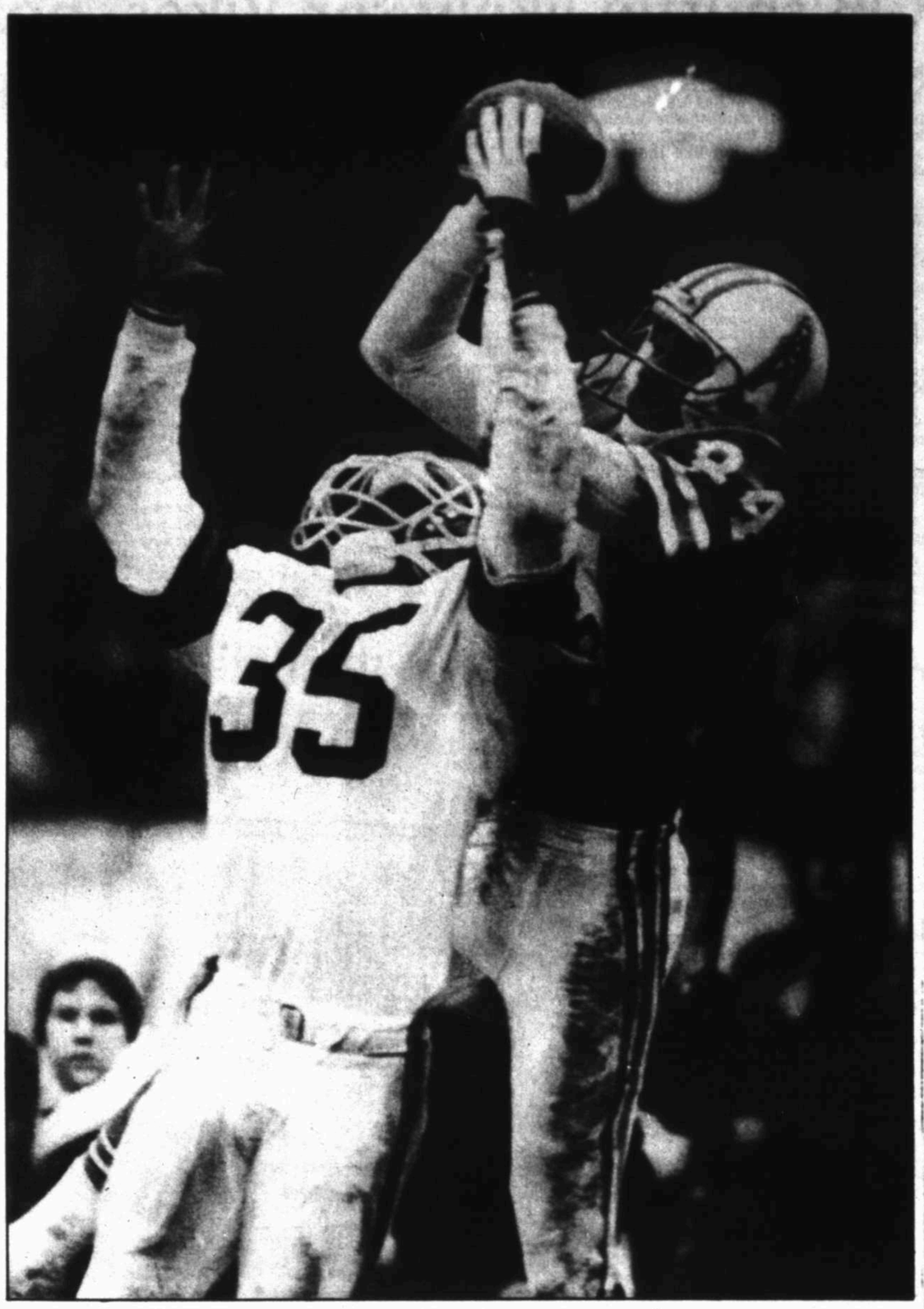
Bahr cut it to 14-9 with a 27-yarder with 3:19 left in the half after the Browns went 41 yards to the Oilers' 10, 20 of the yards coming on a roughness call on Houston's Richard Johnson and an offsides call on Johnny Meads.

The Browns got as far as the Houston 24 with the second-half kickoff. But the drive was stopped by two consecutive penalties against Earnest Byner, one for unnecessary roughness, the other for unsportsmanlike conduct.

After losing a long pass completion and an apparent fumble recovery at the Houston five — the first when the replay upheld what appeared to be a completion, the second when it was ruled that line judge Ray Dodez had blown the play dead,the Browns finally got a break. Mark Harper intercepted an overthrown pass by Moon and returned it 17 yards to the Houston 22 and 11 yards were tacked when Alonzo Highsmith was called for a face mask.

Three plays later, Pagel hit Slaughter for a 14-yard score to give the Browns a 16-14 lead with 2:37 left in the third.

But Houston came right back, going 76 yards in eight plays with White going over from the one with 2:25 gone in the fourth quarter to make it 21-16.



AP Laserphoto

Houston's Haywood Jeffires (84) grabs a pass above the defending hands of Cleveland's Will Hill (35) before falling out of bounds for what turned out to be an incompletion.

ALOHA

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Houston averaged 41 points per game, fourth in the nation, while Washington State averaged 35.5 and ranked 10th.

Houston finished third in the Southwest Conference. Washington State tied for third in the Pac-10.

Pardee and Washington State coach Dennis Erickson both are looking at the game as a chance to advance in the final national polls.

"A victory could make us end up in the top 10," Pardee said.

"I would like to think we'd be in the top 15," Erickson said.

Houston, appearing in its 13th bowl game, is favored by four points.

The game begins as 10:30 a.m. local time, meaning a 3:30 p.m. kickoff in the East. It will be televised nationally by ABC.

Two of the nation's best receivers — Houston All-American Jason Phillips and teammate James Dixon — will display their talent.

Phillips caught 108 passes for 1,444 yards and 15 touchdowns for Houston this season. He became only the fourth receier in NCAA history to lead the nation in receiving in consecutive seasons.

Dixon caught 102 for 1,103 yards and 11 TDs. Phillips and Dixon became the first teammates in NCAA history to each catch 100 passes and the first to each gain more than 1,000 yards receiving in a season.

Two 1,000-yard rushers will be on the field. Washington State running back Steve Broussard rushed for 1,141 yards and Chuck Weatherspoon of Houston gained 1,004 yards.

Even though the game features explosive offenses, both coaches said victory will depend on defense.

"The key to the game is defense," Erickson said.

"It won't be a 3-to-nothing game," Pardee said.

'Canes win consolation

HONOLULU (AP) — Eric Brown scored 25 points and Joe Wylie added 20 to pace Miami, Fla., over Eastern Illinois 83-68 Saturday in a consolation-round game at the Chaminade Christmas Classic.

With the victory Miami improved to 5-4 and advanced to Sunday's consolation finals. Eastern Illinois fell to 3-6.

Miami led 35-33 by the end of the first half.

ALABAMA

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Army, which was playing in only its third bowl game, suffered its first post-season loss after victories in the 1984 Cherry Bowl and the 1985 Peach Bowl. But this might have been as good or even better an offensive effort by Army than in either of those bowl games.

The Cadets' fullback, Ben Barnett, busted up the middle of Alabama's defense twice for long runs, setting up a touchdown each time.

First it was a 51-yard run to help Army get a quick 7-0 lead, then it was a 58-yard run in the third period to enable Army to get back in front, 21-20.

The junior fullback, the oldest player in Army's young backfield, had 177 yards on 14 carries.

Shortly after that 21-20 lead was achieved, Army's free safety, O'Neal Miller, intercepted a Smith pass and returned the ball 57 yards for a touchdown that gave Army an 8-point edge.

But it just wasn't enough as Alabama came back in the fourth quarter with Philip Doyle's third field goal of the game and Casteal's winning touchdown.

Jim Young, Army's coach, who has led the Cadets to each of their bowl games and has perfected their wishbone attack, was asked if Army could have played better today.

"Yes," he said. "We could have kicked two field goals. But Derrick Thomas is a great player."

"We thought they might have trouble with the wishbone," said Young, who ended his sixth season at West Point. "But they have a very fine quarterback who is an accurate thrower."

Speaking of Barnett's effort, Young said:

"Thing about the wishbone is you never know who is going to get the yardage, so it's tough to defend. Alabama played it better late in the game."

Army opened the scoring before Smith ever laid hands on the football as Barnett got the first of his two big runs on the fourth play from scrimmage. That 51-yarder got the Cadets to the Tide's 4, and three plays later, Mike Mayweather, Army's leading ground-gainer this year, ran in from the 1.

Doyle got his first field goal late in the first period as Smith couldn't get Alabama into the end zone, though he got them close twice.

Bryan McWilliams, the superb sophomore wishbone quarterback for Army, made a fine 30-yard touchdown run on the third play of the second quarter.

He rolled left and faked out the defensive free safety with a motion to pitch back to his trailing halfback, Calvin Bass.

But McWilliams kept the ball as Charles Gardner went for Bass. The result was an uncluttered run into the end zone and a 14-3 Army lead.

Doyle got another field goal, then Thomas made his first block of an Army attempt before Smith got down to serious throwing for the first time.

Working the two-minute drill late in the first half, Smith took his team 76 yards in eight plays and connected with Marco Battle in the end zone so that Alabama trailed by only 14-13 at the half.

On the last play of the first half, Thomas had his second blocked field goal.

Smith connected with Battle and Greg Payne nine times each as these two receivers equaled the Sun Bowl reception record.

Smith hit Payne for a touchdown in the third period on a 23-yard scoring pass for Alabama's first lead, 20-14. But Barnett came up with his 58-yard run right after that score to put Army on the 10.

On a fourth down, Mayweather just managed to get into the right corner of the end zone, going from the 4 to give Army the 21-20 edge.

Miller came up with the big interception three minutes later.

That was all of Army's scoring and Smith hit on five passes to set up Doyle's last field goal.

The Alabama quarterback also hit Todd Richardson on a 19-yard completion just before Casteal made the 16-yard run to set up his winning score.

The flanker went high in the air to come down with what normally would have gone as an incompletion.

Lesser-known collegians showcased today

Blue-Gray game offers ideal opportunity for many players

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — It's a great showcase opportunity. The Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic on Christmas Day offers dozens of little-known college players a chance to exhibit their wares and boost their stock in the professional draft.

Charles "Fats" Jones, executive director of the Blue-Gray game, concedes most of his players have not achieved stardom in the collegiate ranks.

"But being a household name is not a prerequisite to becoming a star in the NFL," he said.

Kickoff for the 51st annual charity game is noon EST Sunday in Cramton Bowl. The contest will be televised nationally by ABC-TV.

Each of the 76 players on the Blue and Gray squads has spent all week at practice trying to impress some 100 scouts from the NFL and the Canadian Football League.

The Gray team is led by record-setting Tennessee quarterback Jeff Francis and tight end Wesley Walls of Mississippi.

Francis, the leading passer in Tennessee history, directed the Vols to five straight victories after an 0-6 start. The 6-foot-3, 206-pound signal caller will be joined by Jay Gruden, who broke John Unitas' passing records at Louisville.

Quarterbacks Eric Wilhelm of Oregon State and Brent Snyder of Utah State will lead the North squad.

Wilhelm, a southpaw, broke or tied 33 school and PAC-10 Conference passing records with 9,393 yards in the air. That eclipsed the mark set by Stanford's John Elway.

As a senior, Wilhelm completed more than 62 percent of his passes, racking up 13 touchdown passes his senior year and a career total of 52. He ranked in the top 10 in the nation in total offense.

Snyder, a junior college transfer, had 39 scoring strikes during his two-year career and finished the season with 3,218 yards passing.

Walls, the only two-way player in the Southeastern Conference, also played outside linebacker for Ole Miss. He is considered a first-round draft choice.

"If it comes down between me and another guy, hopefully they'll say I'm a little more versatile," Walls said. "I hope somebody gives me a chance to play football because that's definitely in my plans."

The Gray team's Lewis Tillman of Jackson State broke all of Walter Payton's school records and is considered one of the top five running backs available in the NFL draft. He gained 1,388 yards in leading JSU to the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship last season.

On defense, South team players include backs Anthony Greene of Wake Forest and David Johnson of Kentucky; linebackers David Braxton of Wake Forest and Marion Brown of Memphis State; and linemen Chris Gannon of Southwestern Louisiana and Mitchell Benson of Texas Christian.

Blue team offensive tackle Mike Zandofsky of Washington is a three-time All Pac-10 conference performer. The scouts project the 6-2, 297-pounder will be drafted in the first three rounds, but first he intends to take something away from the Blue-Gray game.

"Anytime you get into an athletic competition, you want to win," Zandofsky said. "The South won last year, so the North has got to come back and win this year."

The North's defense includes backs Jay Taylor of San Jose State and Mark Seals of Boston University; linebackers Jerrol Williams of Perdue and Eric Lindstrom of Boston College; and linemen Mike Sullivan of Ohio State and Alexander Stewart of California State-Fullerton.

Howard Schnellenberger of Louisville is coaching the Gray offense and Erk Russell of Georgia Southern will handle the defense. Boston College's Jack Bicknell is coaching the Blue offense and Ohio State's John Cooper will direct the defense.

FSU All-American Deion Sanders arrested

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Florida State All-American cornerback Deion Sanders was arrested on charges of battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct Saturday after a shopping mall dispute over the purchase of earrings, police said.

The arrest came Saturday afternoon after Sanders, a Fort Myers native, became embroiled in an altercation with a store clerk at the crowded Edison Mall.

Tony Cail, the auxiliary police officer Sanders is accused of striking, was being treated at Lee Memorial Hospital. His condition was not immediately available.

A Fort Myers police report on the incident was being prepared late Saturday.

Sanders and two friends, John Connors and Richard Fain, both of Fort Myers, were preparing to buy a pair of earrings at Spencers Gifts Inc., when the dispute began, Fain said.

Witnesses told the Fort Myers News-Press that Sanders got in a shouting match with the female clerk and later hit her on the shoulder

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Midland

WHEREAS by virtue of Writ of Execution issued out of the 238th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 30th day of January 1987, in Cause No. 8-35,107, where Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in it Corporate Capacity was/were Plaintiff, and E.M. Vice, Individually was/were Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of $251,387.74 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all cost of suit; I did on the 12th day of December, 1988, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of E. M. Vice Individually to-wit:

Being a 6.09 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Section 18, Block 40, T-2-S, T&P RR CO. Survey, Midland County, Texas, and being described more fully by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a ½" reinf. bar set for the southwest corner of this tract in the intersection of the north line of Interstate Highway 20 and the east line of County Road #1290-S, from which the southwest corner of said Section 18 bears S. 58 degree 50' W. 52.04 feet and S. 15 degree 04' E. 127.28 feet; THENCE N. 15 degree 04' W. 699.0 feet along said east line of County Road #1290-S to a ½" reinf. bar set for the northwest corner of this tract; THENCE N. 74 degree 17' 40" E. 444.0 feet to a ½" reinf. bar set for the northeast corner of this tract; THENCE S. 15 degree 04' E. 535.81 feet to a ½" reinf. bar set for the southeast corner of this tract in the said north line of Interstate Highway 20; THENCE S. 58 degree 50' W. 462.10 feet along said north line of Interstate Highway 20 to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

SAVE AND EXCEPT All minerals in, under and which may be produced from said land, and the rights of the owners incident thereto.

SUBJECT TO: All easements and/or right-of-way which may be of record in the Office of the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas, or which may be visible or apparent upon said property, or any portion thereof.

Being a 6.0 acre tract of land in Sections 19 and 24, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P RR CO. Survey, Midland County, Texas, said 6.0 acres being more completely described below by metes and bounds, to-wit: BEGINNING at ½" iron rod set in the north right-of-way line of U.S. Interstate Highway 20, and being the southwest corner of a 10.0 acre tract for the southeast corner of this tract, from which point the northeast corner of Section 24 and the southeast corner of Section 13, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P RR CO. Survey, Midland County, Texas, bears N. 58 degree 43' E. 828.33 feet and N. 74 degree 11' E. 446.65 feet; THENCE N. 31 degree 16' W. crossing the north line of Section 24 and south line of Section 13, a distance of 708.75 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the northwest corner of said 10.0 acre tract and the northeast corner of this tract; THENCE S. 58 degree 44' W. 368.8 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the northwest corner of this tract; THENCE S. 31 degree 16' E. crossing the south line of Section 13 and north line of Section 24, a distance of 708.9 feet to a ½" iron rod set in the north right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20 for the southwest corner of this tract; THENCE N. 58 degree 43' E. along the north right-of-way of said highway, 368.8 feet to PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 6.0 acres of land.

SAVE AND EXCEPT: All minerals in, under and which may be produced from said land and the rights of the owners incident thereto.

Subject to all easements and/or rights-of-way of record in the record in the office of County Clerk of Midland County, Texas, or which may be apparent upon the ground, or any portion thereof.

and on the 3rd day of January, 1989, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of E. M. Vice, Individually in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 12th day of December, 1988

Gary Painter Sheriff,
Midland County, Texas
By Pat Deines Deputy
December 14, 18, 25, 1988
January 1, 1989

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Midland

WHEREAS by virtue of Writ of Execution issued out of the County Court at Law Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 7th day of January, 1988, in Cause No. 4726, where Community National Bank was Plaintiff, and Gene Plunk and Nancy C. Plunk dba Production Equipment Sales & Service were Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of $42,603.76 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 18% per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together, with all costs of suit; I did on the 12th day of December, 1988, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of Gene Plunk and Nancy C. Plunk dba Production Equipment Sales and Service to-wit:

Lot one, Block one, less East 124' of South Section and West 124' of South Section according to Midland Central Appraisal District.

and on the 3rd day of January, 1989, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Gene Plunk and Nancy C. Plunk dba Production Equipment Sales & Service.

WITNESS my hand this the 12th day of December, 1988

Gary Painter Sheriff,
Midland County, Texas
By Pat Deines Deputy
December 14, 18, 25, 1988
January 1, 1989

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Midland

WHEREAS by virtue of Writ of Execution issued out of the County Court at Law Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 15th day of July, 1988, in Cause No. 5108, where Travelers Insurance Company was/were Plaintiff, and Western Slope Air Drilling, Inc. was/were Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of $3,562.96 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 12th day of December, 1988, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of Western Slope Air Drilling, Inc to-wit:

Being a 4.8 acre tract of land in the Southeast Part of Section 13, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Company Survey, Midland County, Texas, and more fully described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a ½" iron rod at the Northwest Corner of a 7.0 acre tract and in the South right of way line of a 60 foot county road, from the northeast corner of this tract, from which point the point of intersection of the centerline of T&P Railroad with the east boundary of Section 13, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Company Survey, Midland County, Texas, bears N. 58 deg. 44' E., 780.33 feet and N. 15 deg. 11-½' W., 1623.47 feet;
THENCE S. 15 degree 11-½' E., 1103.13 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the southeast corner of this tract;
THENCE S. 58 deg. W., 44.55 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the southwest corner of this tract;
THENCE N. 31 deg. 16' W., 1060 feet to a ½" iron rod set in the south line of a 60 foot county road for the northwest corner this tract;
THENCE N. 58 deg. 44' E., with the south right of way of county road, 350 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 4.8 acres of land.

SAVE AND EXCEPT: All oil, gas and other minerals in, on, under and which may be produced from said land and the rights of the owners incident thereto; and

SUBJECT TO: Rights of Way and/or easements of record and to any apparent or visible right of way or easement on or across the herein described property.

and on the 3rd day of January, 1989, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Western Slope Air Drilling, Inc. in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 12th day of December, 1988

Gary Painter Sheriff,
Midland County, Texas
By Pat Deines Deputy
December 14, 18, 25, 1988
January 1, 1989

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MIDLAND

WHEREAS by virtue of Order of Sale issued out of the 142nd District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 21st day of December, 1987, in Cause No. 36,416, where Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation James T. Hampton, Majesta Louise Hampton, Lillie Hampton, and unknown and heirs/devisees of the Estate of W. L. Hampton, Deceased were Defendants, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendants and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of $118,066.76 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the right of 0 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all cost of suit; I did on the 29 day of November, 1988, at 8:30 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of James T. Hampton, Majesta Louise Hampton, Lillie Hampton, and the unknown heirs/devisees of Estate of W.L. Hampton, Deceased to-wit:

BEING ALL OF LOT EIGHT (8), SUPERIOR ADDITION, an addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in Plat Cabinet A/196, Plat Records in the office of the County Clerk in and for Midland County, Texas;

SAVE AND EXCEPT: All oil, gas and other minerals heretofore reserved in Deed of record in Volume 79, page 47, Deed Records in the office of the County Clerk in and for Midland County, Texas;

and on the 3rd day of January, 1989, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of James T. Hampton, Majesta Louise Hampton, Lillie Hampton, and the heirs/devisees of the Estate of W.L. Hampton, Deceased in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 30 day of November, 1988

Gary Painter Sheriff,
Midland County, Texas
By Dale L. Walker Deputy
December 14, 18, 25, 1988
January 1, 1989

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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All workers of GRANT-NORPAC, INCORPORATED in MIDLAND, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment due to a lack of work on or after OCTOBER 1, 1985 are eligible under Petition Number 21,102 to apply for trade adjustment assistance. The petition was certified NOVEMBER 22, 1988 and will expire NOVEMBER 22, 1990. Workers should contact the nearest Texas Employment Commission office for assistance in filing for the following services: weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement, employment counseling, vocational training and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.
December 25, 1988

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PETITION CERTIFICATION

All workers of GEO-SEARCH CORPORATION in MIDLAND, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment due to a lack of work on or after OCTOBER 1, 1985 are eligible under Petition Number 21,088 to apply for trade adjustment assistance. The petition was certified NOVEMBER 18, 1988 and will expire NOVEMBER 18, 1990. Workers should contact the nearest Texas Employment Commission office for assistance in filing for the filing services: weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement, employment counseling, vocational training and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.
December 25,1988

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PETITION CERTIFICATION

All workers of DISCOVERY MUD COMPANY in MIDLAND, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment due to a lack of work between OCTOBER 1, 1985 and JANUARY 1, 1987 are eligible under Petition Number 21,175 to apply for trade adjustment assistance. The petition was certified NOVEMBER 22, 1988. Workers should contact the nearest Texas Employment Commission office for assistance in filing for the following services: weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement, employment counseling, vocational training and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.
December 25, 1988

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PETITION CERTIFICATION

All workers of TMBR/SHARP DRILLING COMPANY, INCORPORATED in MIDLAND, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment due to a lack of work on or after OCTOBER 1, 1985 are eligible under Petition Number 21,144 to apply for trade adjustment assistance. The petition was certified NOVEMBER 21, 1988 and will expire NOVEMBER 21, 1990. Workers should contact the nearest Texas Employment Commission office for assistance in filing for the following services: weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement, employment counseling, vocational training and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.
December 25, 1988

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665 Business Prop. Office Rental
670 Warehouses & Storage Rental
675 Recreation & Resort Rental
680 Out Of Town Rental
685 Hunting Leases
690 Oil And Gas Leases

700 Real Estate
700 Manufactured Homes
710 Open Houses
720 Homes For Sale
730 Suburban Property
740 Out Of Town Property
750 Lots And Acreage
760 Farms And Ranches
770 Resort Property
780 Business Property
790 Investment Property

115 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CLASSIFIED WORKS!

50 LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PETITION CERTIFICATION

All workers of CLINT HURT DRILLING AND ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED in MIDLAND, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment due to a lack of work between OCTOBER 1, 1985 and SEPTEMBER 30, 1987 are eligible under Petition Number 21,070 to apply for trade adjustment assistance. The petition was certified NOVEMBER 21, 1988. Workers should contact the nearest Texas Employment Commission office for assistance in filing for the following services: weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement counseling, vocational training and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.
December 25, 1988

PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for a MOTORIZED FILM VIEWER

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR BID NUMBER #30-122188

•Bidder must state ALL WARRANTY information of bid including coverage provided by item type, length of each warranty item and charges for which Midland County Hospital District will be responsible for during warranty period.

•All equipment and components are to be those warranted by the manufacturer, although dealer installation may be required. Manufacturer is defined as the Corporation brand name, et al under whose name the equipment is sold.

•Any dealer installed item must be so identified and warranty information disclosed including responsible warranty party.

•Submit two (2) complete sets/copies of each bid submitted.

•IMPORTANT: Make sure bid number is clearly identified on outside of envelope/express label, etc.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital. All bids must be sealed and labeled "Bid #30-122188 Enclosed".

Bids will be accepted until January 9 1989 at which time bids will be closed.

ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING

110 LODGE NOTICES

Keystone Chapter & Council R.A.M. & R.S.M. 1st Tuesday of month, 7:30 p.m. Midland Commandery #84 1st Thursday of month, 7:30 p.m. Practice Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414. 1000 Upland Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday. 7:30 pm. December 13th. 6:30 pm Christmas Party and dessert supper. 7:30 pm official visit D.D.G.M. Visiting masons and family welcome. Ron Yeager, W.M. J.H. Beaty, Secretary.

Midland Lodge 623 AF & AM, 1600 W. Wall, 682-3292. Regular stated meetings, 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 pm. Tuesday, December 27th, Floor School 7:30 pm. Thursday December 29th, work in MM degree, 7:30 pm. Tom Vannaman, W.M. R.G. Kiker, Secretary.

MIDLAND Centennial Masonic Lodge #1448 1000 Upland street Stated meetings 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Breakfast 7:30am Open Lodge 8:30am. Come Join Us! Jerry Cowin, W.M. H.S. Elliot, Secretary.

The Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Drive. Regular stated meeting third Thursday each month - December 15th. Hospitality 6:30 pm. Catered dinner 7 pm. Business meeting 8pm. All nobles and their ladies invited. Ron Yeager, President, Rex Perkins, Secretary.

130 PERSONALS

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140 CARD OF THANKS

THE GLEN L. LAUDERDALE FAMILY
wishes to express our thanks to each and everyone that sent flowers, brought food and visited our home at our time of need.

150 LOST & FOUND

LARGE reward for lost two month old yellow Labrador puppy. Lost 12/11/88, Whitney/ Neely area. If you have our puppy and want to keep him, please call and let us know he is alive, 687-0526 days, 689-6567 evenings.

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210 General Help Wanted

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HVAC Technician needed for commercial contractor. Must have experience in all aspects of commercial HVAC work. Please send resume to: First Service, #5 E. Industrial Loop, Midland, Tx. 79701.

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210 General Help Wanted

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Kandance "Kandi" Michelle Richards, daughter of Gary and Jo Ann Richards, will be one of six representing P.S. Images in January, 1989. She will be entered in Runway, Fashion & Commercial Print, TV Commercials Beauty & Real People, Soaps, Sit-Coms, Talent - Singing & Dancing, Swimwear, Jeans, T-shirt, Best Smile, In Action, and Team Modeling. Kandi is an 8th grade student at Alamo Junior High School. There she is active in the student council, Speech & Drama, Leadership Class, 8th grade Cheerleader, and on the Honor Roll. She hopes to further her career in Modeling and Fashion Design.



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Katie Harmon, Debby Buckle, Suzanne Piette, Dena Jacobs, Susan Gallegos, Ed Thomas, Stephanie Browne, Caye Berley, Erin Coats, Joel Z Bz, Sara Alstein, Tony Davis

211 Medical Help Wanted

NURSE MANAGER/HEAD NURSE
Hospital Based Skilled Nursing Facility

Midland Memorial Hospital, a 272-bed, JCAHO accredited, is seeking a nursing manager for the new hospital based Skilled Nursing Facility. This position reports to the Vice President of Patient Care Services.

The ideal candidate will satisfy the following requirements.
* Minimum of three years supervisory experience.
* State RN licensure required; Bachelors Degree with relevant experience preferred.
* Strong experience in nursing leadership and management.
* Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to include ability to work effectively with medical staff.

Additionally, the successful candidate will be responsible for the effective utilization of human and material resources in a major facility service at both policy and operation levels, and be sincerely and genuinely committed to delivering the highest level of patient care.

To the qualified candidate, we are prepared to offer a most attractive salary, generous benefits package, and a challenging and rewarding job opportunity.

Please submit detailed letter of application or resume to:
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701
685-1538
An Equal Opportunity Employer

210 General Help Wanted

ASSISTANT Maintenance. Experience required, including painting, pool maintenance and grounds keeping. Call 697-3234 for appointment.

211 Medical Help Wanted

Clinical Lab Technologists

ASCP Clinical Lab Technologists needed for pool and full-time positions.

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Call (915) 691-2430 collect for additional information or to arrange your personal interview.

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210 General Help Wanted

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211 Medical Help Wanted

210 General Help Wanted

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211 Medical Help Wanted

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Local financial institution has immediate opening for proof/ data processing operator. Minimum of 2 years experience required. Send confidential resume to:

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- Radiation Therapy Technologist
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Fiscal Services
- Accountant degree required, hospital experience preferred.

Respiratory Care
- Respiratory Technician II

Physical Therapy
- Sports Medicine Experience
- General Therapist
- Neonatal Supervisor (OTR)

CONTACT
Department of Human Resources
Medical Center Hospital
P.O. Box 7239-500 W. 4th
M-F 8:30 until 5:00
EOE M/F/V/H

915-335-1150 **1-800-277-8964**

Outstanding Career Opportunities await qualified individuals to join our progressive and expanding hospital. Offering a complete range of diagnostic and therapeutic medical/surgical services, Midland Memorial Hospital is a 272-bed, JCAHO accredited, acute care facility. We currently have the following positions available:

- * REGISTERED NURSES
- * CLINICAL/STAFF PHARMACIST
- * RESPIRATORY THERAPIST
- * RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST
- * M.R.I. TECHNOLOGIST
- * OUTPATIENT DIETICIAN/PT
- * MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST
- * PHYSICAL THERAPIST/PRN
- * OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST/PRN
- * HBO THERAPIST RN/PRN
- * RADIOLOGY TRANSCRIPTIONIST/PRN
- * PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT/TEMPORARY
- * ORDERLY/TEMPORARY
- * PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE/PRN
- * NURSE MANAGER/HEAD NURSE-Hospital Based Skilled Nursing Facility.

To the qualified candidates, we are prepared to offer a most competitive compensation package. To learn more about these opportunities, please call (915) 685-1538, or submit resume to:

Midland Memorial Hospital
Human Resources Development Department
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

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210 General Help Wanted

DISTRICT SALES MANAGER CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is taking applications for a District Sales Manager. The position is responsible for recruiting and training our newspaper carriers. Starting salary commensurate with experience. Circulation experience a plus. Two years college preferred.

Send applications or resume to:

Christina McCarver
Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, Texas 79702

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NEWS REPORTER AND SPORTS WRITER WANTED

Applicants are being sought to fill these positions in the DEL-RIO NEWS-HERALD Editorial Department. We are a daily newspaper seeking applicants with degrees in Journalism or English and/ or reporting experience at a newspaper. Positions available immediately. Send resume to:

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P. O. Box 4020
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Attn: Diana Gonzales

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MR. Gattis Pizza, at 3205 W. Cuthbert has immediate openings for cashiers, delivery drivers, and persons to answer phones. Please apply in person.

ACE Auto Center is hiring professional brake, alignment and muffler people. 3000 W. Wall. 694-9575.

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WE Create, update and rewrite resumes. Wordswork. Call 697-5110.

ATTENTION musicians! If you're a guitar player, drummer or singer you're needed for a rock band. Only the serious minded and extremely experienced needed. Call for auditions. 689-7819. Ask for Doc or B.J. between 12 and 10.

GREAT Wallpapers is needing a full time salesperson. Decorating skills are helpful but not required. Apply in person, 9:30 - 6:00. 3211 W. Wadley, Imperial Shopping Center.

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Midland, Texas 79702
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CASHIER needed part-time. Monday - Saturday. $4.00 an hour. Apply in person, 2300 N. Big Spring.

IRON Press Cleaners has immediate openings for experienced dry cleaners. Apply in person at 3323 N. Midland Drive. No phone calls please.

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211 Medical Help Wanted

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210 General Help Wanted

CAMPBELL Construction Company is looking for a Commercial Building Construction Estimator with at least five years experience. Send resumes to P.O. Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702.

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211 Medical Help Wanted

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MUST BE AN E.M.T.
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563-5707.

212 Professional Help Wanted

TECHNICIAN/ PROGRAMMER

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Technician/ Programmer. The successful applicant will have specific knowledge of automated information systems and automated accounting systems; the ability to work with users to determine information needs, discuss reports, and suggest courses of action; and the knowledge and ability to work in support of EDP analysts. Experience in programming in DBase III, operation of PC's, and knowledge of DOS and Lotus 1-2-3 is required. Salary range for this position is $19,500 to $25,300 - DOE. A competitive benefits package includes Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance. Please submit your resume complete salary history to:

PERSONNEL SECTION
F.D.I.C.
P. O. BOX 3148
MIDLAND, TX 79702

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212 Professional Help Wanted

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If you are are Registered Professional Civil Engineer with a strong surveying background (preferable an RPS), and would like an opportunity to manage, market, and acquire a major equity position in a small, (7 person) branch office.

Contact CHARLES WILMUT at:
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11117 SHADY TRAIL
DALLAS, TX 75229
(214)620-1255

Seismograph Field Crew Clerk. With major geophysical company. Career and management oriented position. BS in geology or geophysics and valid drivers license required. Send resume' to P.O. Box 2858, Midland, Texas 79702.

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Coordinator, Engineering Technology Department
Midwestern State University
3400 Taft Blvd.
Wichita Falls, TX 76308-2099

The closing date for receipt of application materials is February 4, 1989.

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Aggressive sales oriented couple with maintenance know how or exceptional single needed to manage a small high volume inn in the Hill Country. Send resume to:
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3701 N. Big Spring St.
Midland Texas 79705
Phone 915-683-5591

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216 Clerical

212 Professional Help Wanted

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216 Clerical

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NEED experienced Typist/ Secretary to begin immediately. Bookkeeping experience helpful, but not necessary. Must be able to meet public. Good fringe benefits. For appointment, call Mrs. Cate, 684-5462. 9am - 5pm.

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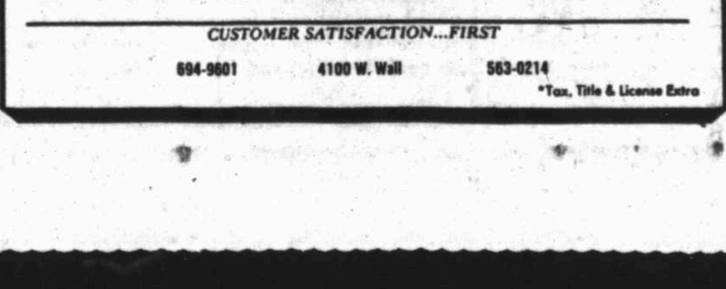
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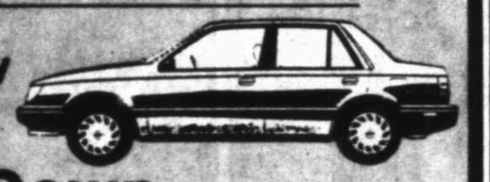
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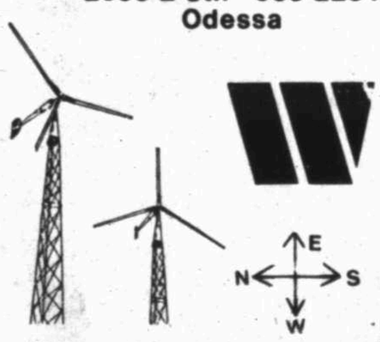
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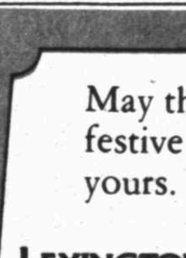
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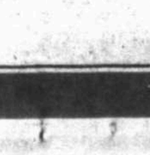
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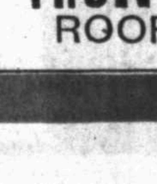
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Sunday, December 25, 1988
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Not A Creature Was Stirring?



A sunken formal dining room is situated to the left of the front foyer. The walls of the room are decorated with a moire vanilla wallcovering above a white wainscoting.

Text by Jill Hancock

Photos by George Wolf

As a very famous team of reindeer guided Santa Claus' sleigh around Midland late last night, Rudolph must have immediately noticed the candles glowing in the windows of this week's featured home. Old St. Nick had quite a tight, drop down the chimney of this three story home which is located on a very private cul-de-sac in Trinity Estates.

As Santa Claus emerged from the fireplace, "where the stocking were hung by the chimney with care," he had to carefully shake the ashes from his suit and boots before stepping onto the plush taupe carpeting, with a wide peach border, in the family room. Noticing the large, sunken wet bar, Santa surely was thirsty from his long sleigh ride and went to the wet bar, complete with glass shelves and a gold tile counter, where he opened the U-line refrigerator for a cold drink - maybe even looking for some milk.

While relaxing on the couch and enjoying his cold drink, the glass was left on the coffee table, he most likely began to rummage through his large sack observing the elegant appointments in the family room - atrium doors, ceiling fans, carved moulding and a built-in entertainment cabinet. While he placed the toys by the Christmas tree, surely he was enchanted with the twinkling lights and animated figures of children on a seesaw and a skating bear.

Next to the family room, doors open to reveal a very spacious sequestered master bedroom. Moonlight thatstreamed through a wall of windows provided enough light for Santa to notice the peach walls and seafoam green accents which adorn this room. Another wall features doors which lead outside to the backyard, complete with pool, jacuzzi and pool room with bar.

"With ma in her kerchief and pa in his cap," Santa was able to sneak into the master bath. The bath focuses on a tile tub in front of a wall of windows, with blinds for privacy. Mirrors above the two separate Corian marble vanities reflected "this jolly old elf" as he probably wished he had time to relax in the welcoming bathtub or built-in shower. The bath also has an oversized walk-in closet and storage cabinets.

After touring the master suite, Santa must have gotten hungry and went in search of the kitchen which is located across the family room from the master bedroom. Luckily, the birdcage in the breakfast room was covered and St. Nick's arrival couldn't be announced to sleeping family members "who had visions of sugarplums."

Unfortunately, no one had left any cookies out and many of the cabinets doors were found ajar, indicating that Santa began searching for a snack. During his search, he had to notice the convenience of the central work island, with marble pastry inlay, and the top-of-the-line appliances - a General Electric dual self-cleaning oven and microwave, an electric ignition Thermador gas cooktop and warming oven, and GE dishwasher. Santa must have known that Mrs. Claus would relish baking for their family in this gourmet kitchen.

The kitchen cabinets were specially designed for convenience, with a hidden baking center, built-in spice rack and a shelf under the work island which pops up for easy access to the food processor.

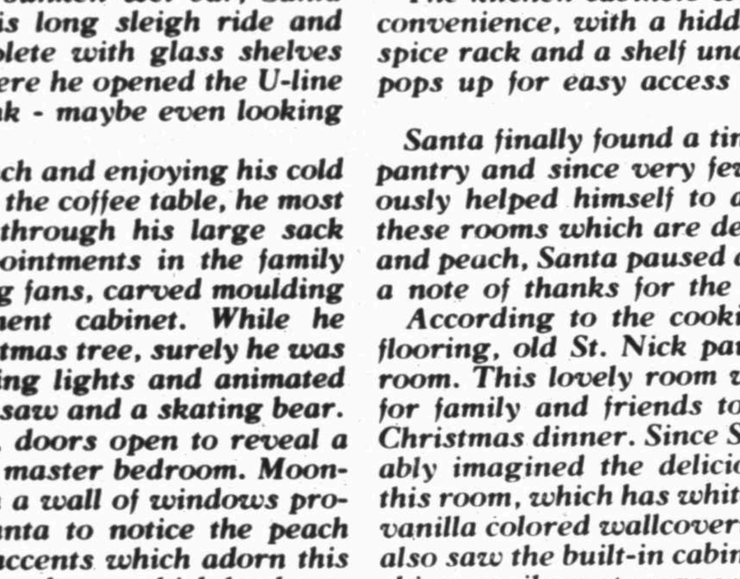
Santa finally found a tin of cookies in the walk-in pantry and since very few cookies were left, obviously helped himself to a handful. Before leaving these rooms which are decorated in seafoam green and peach, Santa paused at the built-in desk and left a note of thanks for the cookies.

According to the cookie crumbs on the parquet flooring, old St. Nick paused in the formal dining room. This lovely room would be the perfect place for family and friends to gather for a memorable Christmas dinner. Since Santa was hungry he probably imagined the delicious smells that would fill this room, which has white wainscoting and a moire vanilla colored wallcovering, on Christmas day. He also saw the built-in cabinets with mirrored tops for china or silver storage which are situated on either side of the stairs which lead into the front foyer.

Two over-sized front doors would have provided a much easier entrance for Santa and he must have felt the holiday spirit in this poinsettia filled foyer.

Crumbs were also found by the formal living room that is situated to the right of the front doors. In this pale peach room, as well as in the foyer and formal dining room, shuttered windows have a lovely view of the front yard which is landscaped with lots of live oak trees.

After observing most of the rooms downstairs, Santa Claus probably became curious about the bedrooms upstairs. Cookie crumbs were left along the staircase which had twinkling lights and evergreen entwined through the banister.



Animated characters of children on a seesaw and a skating bear welcome holiday guests, including Santa Claus, into the family room.

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4400-A THOMASON	494-142621-203	3/2/1	$28,100		
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3707 AVONDALE	494-114610-203	3/1/1	$16,650	*	
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2203 BRUNSON	494-116547-203	2/1/0	$17,200	*	
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CREATURE

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Two of the bedrooms are situated at the top and to the right of the staircase. Both of the bedrooms are very spacious and have private dressing areas. These areas include vanities with beige Corian marble, walk-in closets and complimentary wallpapers in shades of peach, taupe and rust. A bathing area with a bathtub connect the dressing areas.

After checking to make sure "all the children were nestled and snug in their beds," more crumbs were found along a second set of stairs that lead to a room on the third floor. This room has three windows that view the front yard and is spacious enough for a home office or due to the north exposure, an artists' studio. A sitting area is located at the far end of the room.

Santa must have then entered the gameroom, to the left of the stairs on the second floor, where he found a room which could easily accommodatea pool table, exercise equipment and sitting area. This room also comes equipped with a ballet bar, a full bath and is decorated with a neutral colored durable carpeting. Shades of green and peach also highlight this room.

Beyond the gameroom, St. Nick opened doors into a secluded sitting area. This room not only serves as a private sitting area but is a corridor which leads into the guest quarters. Stepping down into the guest room, doors open to reveal a large room which has a concealed small kitchenette to the left. The compact kitchen has a Kenmore electric two burner cooktop, sink and refrigerator. This room has two closets and a spacious, private bath with a shower/tub.

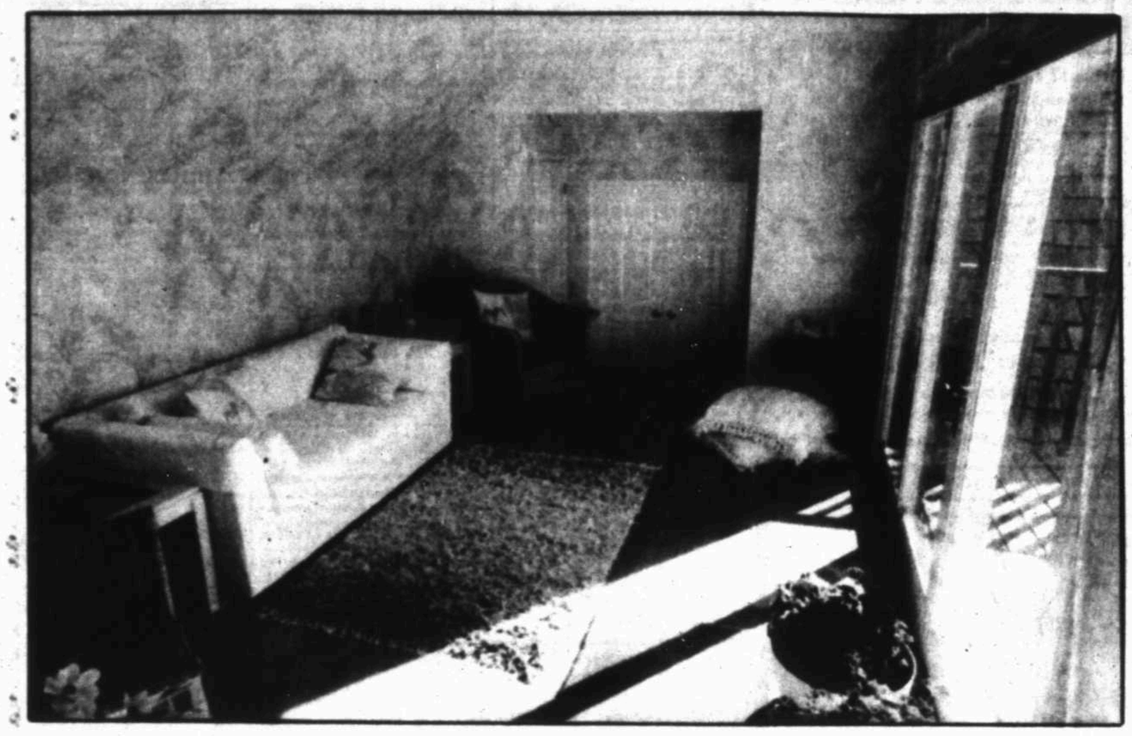
Rumpled pillows on the sofa and a half-eaten cookie indicated that Santa might have taken a short nap before choosing to leave the house through a door in the upstairs sitting area - instead of "laying his finger aside of his nose, and giving a nod up the chimney he rose." The door which was left unlocked, leads to a private deck area with a staircase that leads to the swimming pool in the backyard.

The other amenities of this four bedroom, five bath home which has approximately 6,000 square feet that Santa might have overlooked are an alarm system, intercom system, three car garage with automatic door openers, storage closets and a sprinkler system. The home was professionally decorated by Sharon Spears of Permian Interiors.

Action Realty is offering this three year old home for $500,000.



A spacious sitting area highlights the sequestered master bedroom. Windows provide a great view of the backyard pool.



This upstairs sitting area is situated between the gameroom and guest quarters. The door provides a private access to the upstairs area, especially for late night visitors.



Two steps lead up to a relaxing bath tub and a large tile shower. The bath has two marble vanities which are separated by a door that leads into a large walk-in closet with lots of built-ins.

Single-person households on the increase

According to a recent survey sponsored by Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Service, current demographic trends in this country are pointing to a substantial increase in single-person households over the next 12 years. the increase - coupled with only a modest increase in married households with children - is expected to be great enough that by the year 2000, single-person households will form the largest household group in America."

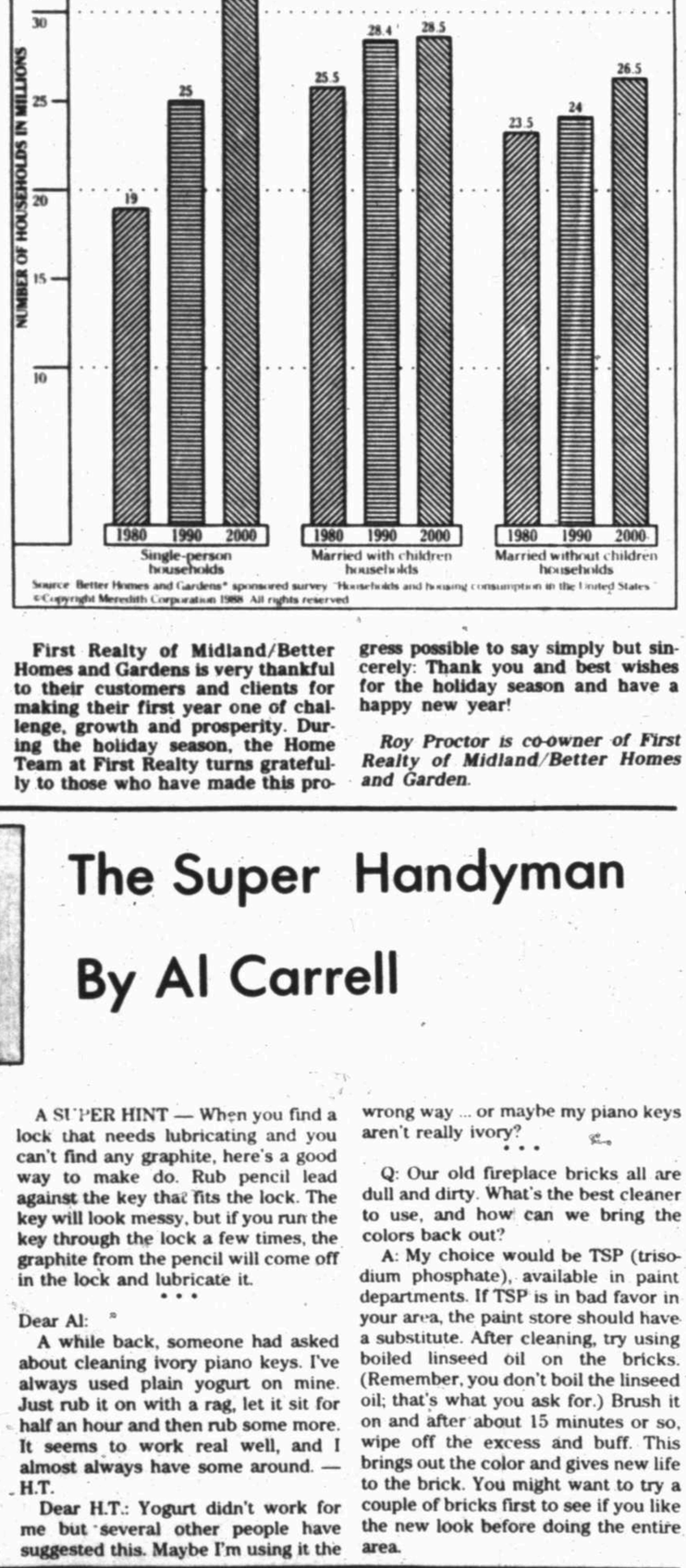


Proctor

"Single-person households will exceed 31 million as we approach the next century," said Roy Proctor of First Realty, Better Homes and Gardens. "In 1980, there were 19 million recorded single-person households, yet by 2000 that number will have shown a dramatic 63 percent increase. This will make singles - currently the third largest household group - the largest household group in America."

The study also indicated, Proctor said, that households of married couples with children under 18, currently the largest household group, is expected to reach only 28 million by the year 2000 - representing a slight increase from the 1980 figure of 25.5 million households - and settle into second place. Households of married couples with no children will exceed 26 million by 2000, up from just under 23 million in 1980.

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Roy Proctor is co-owner of First Realty of Midland/Better Homes and Garden.

Drab rooms will be brightened by adding ferns, ivys

By GLENDA WINDERS
Copley News Service

Drop by your local greenhouse or nursery and you're likely to find your neighbors in search of a spark of color and life for rooms that might otherwise be downright drab.

Decorators know the value of a few well-placed ferns and ivys. But while old standbys such as the spider plant, the Boston fern and the philodendron are still with us, the possibilities for indoor gardeners are more exciting than ever.

First of all determine which types of plants will fit in best with your lifestyle. If you have limited space, select small plants, such as African violets, or plants that hang and drape or trail, such as wandering Jew, bridal veil, strawberry begonia or Swedish ivy.

Tree ivy, grape ivy, wax plants, split-leaf philodendron and arrowhead plants climb and take up little room.

If indoor plants are absolutely out of the question, try a window box. Greenhouses and hardware stores offer lightweight plastic ones, as well as sturdy natural wood boxes. They can also provide the hardware with which to hang them.

If you have space to fill, go bold and dramatic with indoor trees and large plants. Try a schefflera (umbrella tree), a Chinese fountain palm with broad fanlike fronds, a flowering maple tree or a cornplant.

Does your room need a striking accent or conversation piece? Look for plants with colorful foliage. Some of these are the peacock plant, coleus, bloodleaf plant and polka dot plant. Begonias, bleeding heart vines, gloxinia and geranium bloom indoors. Succulents, palms and ferns lend interest with their unusual forms and shapes. The Venus fly trap, pregnant onion and mimosa actually do unusual things.

Nurture your green thumb by starting out with hardy plants that need little care — geranium, grape ivy, philodendron, begonia — then move up to exotics such as orchids.

Explore your home for the best lighting possibilities. Southern exposures are ideal, but many types of plants flourish with little light. Try a dieffenbachia, peperomia, ficus or Chinese evergreen.

If your favorite plants need lots of rays, install an incandescent or fluorescent grow-light.

Or consider a garden window. These are energy-efficient and can turn your windows into mini-greenhouses. They are available in a wide range of standard sizes to avoid costly construction or remodeling.

For the more ambitious, add on a greenhouse or solar passive sun room. You can do it yourself with kits and supplies available at home improvement stores or have it done professionally.

Every plant comes with instructions for care, but here are some general rules for making sure your indoor garden thrives.

When the plant outgrows the container it came in, you'll need to transplant. You'll know it's time when roots grow out of the drainage hole, water runs through the soil quickly and the foliage overpowers its container.

Different types of plants need different amounts of water, and plants in clay pots need water more frequently than those in plastic. Always allow the water you use to come to room temperature.

You might want to invest in a Moisture Meter, a device that lets you test for the amount of water in the soil. There are also less expensive wicks that you insert into the soil. When they change colors, you know it's time to water.

Wick-watering saucers are also available. You water when it's convenient; the plant drinks the water when it needs to. Or add Broadleaf P4, water-storing granules that allow you to water less often.

A rule of thumb is to water in the morning, since moisture left on plants overnight can result in fungus and mold.

Some plants, especially ferns, require misting to remain lush and green.

If you're going on vacation and can't find a plant-sitter, water the plants well, cover them with clear plastic and place them in a bright place out of direct sunlight.

Occasionally, little creatures such as aphids, mealybugs and mites become a problem. Isolate the infected plant and treat it with an insecticidal soap or systemic insecticide that you mix with the potting soil.

Give your plants a weekly checkup. Remove dead leaves, trim brown tips and loosen the soil on the top of the pot. Rotate the plants periodically for balanced growth.

Possibilities for the indoor garden don't end with traditional houseplants. Cacti add an exotic touch to your decor, and their beauty belies the amount of attention they need.

No time at all to devote to your green friends? Grow air plants in wooden burls.

If you have an eye for detail, a lot of patience and a patio that will accommodate large pots, give bonsai a try.

Bonsai, which means "a tree in a pot," involves choosing a deciduous, conifer or fruit-bearing tree and dwarfing it by careful trimming.

This 3,000-year-old art takes some instruction and practice, but the results are spectacular.

Houseplants can do more than just decorate your surroundings. The same herbs and spices that create hedges, borders and ground cover outside can be grown inside.

Buy a small plant at the greenhouse and allow it to acclimate in its own pot for a couple of weeks before transplanting. Then choose a plastic container and repot in a soilless mix of peat moss, perlite and vermiculite. Grow herbs in south or west windows, or install a grow-light under kitchen cabinets. Water on demand and fertilize monthly.

Your attractive collection of plants will yield fresh, flavorful herbs of your choice — oregano, basil, dill, parsley, thyme, sage, tarragon, peppermint.

Make the pots for your plants a part of your decorating statement. Choose clay pots for a rustic, earthy look but remember to protect your floors and furniture with cork pads. Add color with ceramic pots; elegance with brass. Hang them from the ceiling in braided macrame or group them on a baker's rack or wicker etagere.

Are you a basket lover? Conceal unattractive pots in your favorites, or plant in the basket directly after first lining it with newspaper and sealing with a coat of polyester resin. Most makers of fine china include flower pots in their lines. Fill yours with small plants or pair clay pots with pottery dinnerware for an instant centerpiece.

For the answers to all of your indoor gardening questions, go back to the greenhouse or nursery where you bought your plants. You'll find racks of helpful publications and friendly people who share your interests in bringing the out-of-doors inside.



The Super Handyman

By Al Carrell

Here's a handy way to keep up with nails when you're working on a special project and don't want to carry around an apron full of nails. Wrap a heavy-duty rubber band around the hammer just under the head. Stick several nails under the rubber band and they'll be handy to grab when you need them. It's much better than sticking them in your mouth as I've done many times. Leave the rubber band right there to use the next time.

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Dear Mr. Carrell:

Would you believe I clean brass with Worcestershire sauce? I use it with steel wool and some elbow grease. It works great! I don't have to clean my brass much because once it's clean I put clear varnish on it to keep it that way. — F.F.

A SUPER HINT — When you find a lock that needs lubricating and you can't find any graphite, here's a good way to make do. Rub pencil lead against the key that fits the lock. The key will look messy, but if you run the key through the lock a few times, the graphite from the pencil will come off in the lock and lubricate it.

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Dear Al:

A while back, someone had asked about cleaning ivory piano keys. I've always used plain yogurt on mine. Just rub it on with a rag, let it sit for half an hour and then rub some more. It seems to work real well, and I almost always have some around. — H.T.

Dear H.T.: Yogurt didn't work for me but several other people have suggested this. Maybe I'm using it the wrong way ... or maybe my piano keys aren't really ivory?

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Q: Our old fireplace bricks all are dull and dirty. What's the best cleaner to use, and how can we bring the colors back out?

A: My choice would be TSP (trisodium phosphate), available in paint departments. If TSP is in bad favor in your area, the paint store should have a substitute. After cleaning, try using boiled linseed oil on the bricks. (Remember, you don't boil the linseed oil; that's what you ask for.) Brush it on and after about 15 minutes or so, wipe off the excess and buff. This brings out the color and gives new life to the brick. You might want to try a couple of bricks first to see if you like the new look before doing the entire area.

Space heaters help lower monthly energy bills

When winter moves your family indoors, it's possible to stay comfortable while lowering your home's monthly energy bills. An effective, inexpensive, and easy solution is a portable electric space heater.

A portable electric space heater gives your family warm comfort, without the expense of keeping the whole house warm. Another advantage is never having to buy and store fuel, or remembering to have enough on hand. And since electric heaters don't burn any fuel, you don't need to solve any ductwork or venting problems. You'll also have peace of mind with no open flames or dangerous exhaust fumes to worry about.

Portable electric space heaters come in a wide range of prices and styles, and many offer a safety feature that turns the unit off if it's tipped over. Because your space heater is portable, you can move it where you need it most, and because it's an electric space heater, installation is done as soon as you plug it in.

Space heaters put you in control of how much heat you want, by offering a range of wattages. In addition, many models have thermostats to maintain preset temperature levels. Quartz heaters, resembling a fluorescent light tube in a metal enclosure two to three feet high, or wide, are gaining popularity with consumers. Quartz heaters produce a wider heat band, and some have fans to force the heat farther out. Some of these also offer a timer to turn the element on and off.

All radiant space heaters warm people and objects in the ray's path - not the air. So it's important to remember that bigger doesn't always mean better.

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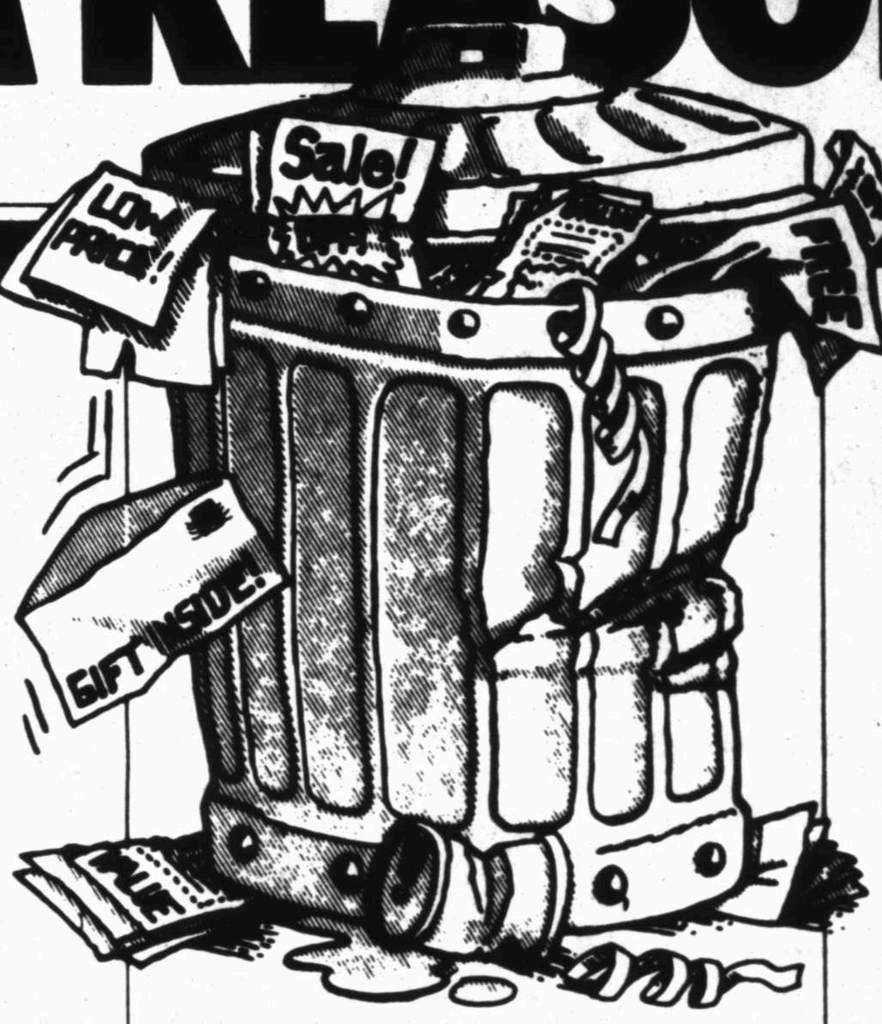
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a special package for you in this 4 bedroom home located on quiet cul-de-sac in Trinity Estates. It includes lovely decorator touches and a cozy parquet den with fireplace. Super floorplan so all bedrooms are private. Just reduced $6000 to $149,000.

BEAUTIFUL MAMAR
Quality living in this spacious 2-story home. Perfect for the large family, 5 bedrooms, 6 baths, 2 living areas, study, playroom, swimming pool, beautifully decorated.

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Large custom home on .69 acres, close to Claydesta, large bedrooms, many custom features antique style sidewalks. $64,900.

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This spacious and gracious updated home from another time awaits your inspection. 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, huge formal living, formal dining with bay window, large kitchen, sunroom, coach house garage and beautiful sprinklered yard. Tremendous value at $112,000.

CLASSY
2-story contemporary home featuring 4 bedrooms, 5 baths, gameroom, 2 living areas, with 2 fireplaces, marble hallways, and much more on lakeside lot in Greentree North. Call for your personal tour.

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AMAZING ASSUMPTION
in Fairmont Park Move in by Christmas! Payments $735, equity $5,082, 28 years remain at 9.25% interest on a $72,418 loan balance.

FALL IN LOVE
with this large kitchen and master suite fit for a king. Beautiful backyard with fountain and pond. 4 bedrooms, 2½ bath home in Crestgate is priced at $135,000.

NON-QUALIFYING
loan on this 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Light, bright home with a large yard for the family. Has been completely repainted and new wallpaper. Equity is only $5100.

WRAP IT UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Adorable 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home in Fairmont Park. Sunken living area, sequestered master with executive bath, bay window, lush landscaping. $72,500.

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Spacious 4 bedroom, formal dining, loaded with charm. Huge yard on quiet cul-de-sac in Fairmont Park. Priced reduced to $106,000.

GREAT ASSUMPTION
in Dellwood. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage. Formal dining area, nice big yard. Most of all a great neighborhood. $63,500.

CHRISTMAS CHEER
abounds in this 4 bedroom home on quiet cul-de-sac. Trimmed with large kitchen and breakfast room, close to schools and shopping. Just reduced $4000 to $78,000.

LOW DOWN PAYMENT
Three bedrooms and 2 baths for only $33,900. Country living within the city limits in Ranch Estates addition in North Midland.

WANT A GOOD DEAL?
Here it is - non-qualifying assumption with equity $5260, payments $754 but with only $1500 down the owner will carry a second. Call for all the details.

CUT TO THE BONE
How about all of these features for just $59,900 - wood roof, large island kitchen, low maintenance yard, lots of built-ins in this custom contemporary.

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In Kimberlea Addition? Nice updated home in well maintained condition. Priced at $114,900.

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Only $21,000 on this clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. 10% down the owner will finance the balance at 10.5% for 20 years.

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TV Satellite dish with above ground pool enhances the value of this charming 3 bedroom 1¾ bath home with sunken living area. Unbelievable price of $39,900.

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Be happy in this better than new 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, home in Fairmont Park. Priced thousands below appraisal at $79,900. Custom built with too many amenities to list!

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Says it all for the most discriminating buyer! Gracious & elegant w/unique floor plan. Call Joan. 15A

WHAT YOU SEE.
Is What You Get! Needs lots of work, but could be great. $31,900 Call Wanda. 08A

ONE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS
Lovely Wydewood home with beautiful pool, custom kitchen & much more. $92,500. 65

BUILD YOUR NEXT HOME HERE
- prime residential lots available in skyline terrace. $23,900 each. Call Joan. 02A

GET STARTED WITH THIS...
3 bedroom home that has been freshly painted & cleaned. Now only $47,900. Call Renata #68

SUPER 2 STORY
In Warwick! 4 bed home w/lush trees, sparkling pool & new roof. Call Louise. 44

COZY FIREPLACE FOR WINTER
Is just one of the pluses you'll find in this home. #09A

ELEGANT & GORGEOUS
Describes this one! Mirrors, fabric walls, decorator dream. Privacy in Chandelle. Call Joan. #13

HAVE YOUR HORSE & GARDEN
And build your dream home on thsi 3.5 acres on Mockingbird Lane. Call Sue. 19

LLANO ESTACADO
CO. RD. 56½-Quiet country living in Llano Estacado with this 3 bed home on ½ acre w/fruit trees $79,900. 15A

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE
GREENTREE-Great home in Greentree with 4 bed, formal dining, new carpet. Call 34A

GOOD INVESTMENT PROPERTY
Duplex with new carpet and fresh paint. Call Carl. $42,000. 12A

CAN'T BEAT THE
Location, price & size of this lovely 3 bedroom home in Skyline. Call Debbi. #37

OLD MIDLAND CHARM
Describes this 2 bedroom home! Just painted in and out. In good condition. Call Renata.

PATIO HOME
With a gorgeous atrium & lovely patio area. This townhome offers spacious rooms & lots of storage. Call Bev. #50

$49,500
2 bed, 2 ba, in Permian Estates 2 perimeter heat & new a/c. Call Betty. #73

BEAUTIFUL TOWNHOME
With all the extras! Close to school & shopping. 4 bedrooms, contemporary and wonderful. 46A

AN ADDRESS TO BE PROUD OF
View all the extras such as, hobby rm, lg. den, brick kit. floors, master sitting rm. $99,950 76A

LOTS OF HOUSE
for the money. 4 bed, sunken den w/fireplace & Blt. in bookcases. $39,900 (03A)

EXCEPTIONALLY LOVELY
This special home shows TLC in every nook & cranny. This is beautiful! Call for details. $69,500 (06)

OWNER MAY HELP FINANCE
Three bedroom home on two acres of land. $95,000 (15)

OWNER FINANCE!
Owner is willing to help finance this special older Midland home. Call for details. $47,000. 44A

NON-QUALIFYING ASSUMPTION
Call for information on this non-qualifying assumption. Very nice home in quiet neighborhood. $46,500. 30

WALK TO GODDARD & EMERSON
This 4 bed home has both location and a beautiful pool going for it. Plus all the extras! Call Betty. #50

QUALIFY & ASSUME
This loan on this 3 bed home in West Midland. Call for information. $59,500. 04

LUCKY YOU!
How much house can you get for $35,900? Call and we'll show you! This rep won't last long. $35,900. 52

FRESHLY PAINTED
Inside and out! This is a great buy for the money. Call Renata. #53A

PRICED TO SELL!
This 3 bed, living area home is a steal at the price of $22,900! Call for available financing. Call Renata. #13

DON'T MISS THIS ONE OWNER HOME
With all the amenities. New carpet, roof, security system, & storm windows. $78,250. Call Wilda Morris. 35

TOO NICE TO LAST LONG
Worry free home in Wydewood with fresh paint, new roof, 5 fans, & much more. $69,950. 52

NORTH LOCATION
This 3 bed home has a large den w/fireplace and separate formal dining. Very nice. Call Paul. #14A

LIVINGSTON
Townhome living in Northgate. Good floor plan + sprinkler system. Call Paul. #47

CLOSE TO JONES
Elementary. Pretty home on pretty street. Lg den w/fireplace. Call Debbie. 89

CO. RD. 90
Country living in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living area home on ½ acre. $45,000 (16)

THIS 4 BEDROOM
Has it all! Sparkling pool, workshop, playhouse, tiff grass & much more. Call Lee Denny. 51

GREENWOOD
Lovely 3 bed home on 5 acres w/2 water wells and 140 pecan trees. Call Betty. #36

LOOK AT ALL THE NEW
Recently redecorated inside & out! New paint, carpet, floor coverings, drapes, etc. This is beautiful! Call Betty. #66

2100 WADLEY
2 story condo w/pool privleges, lg. kit, mirrored liv wall, lovely throughout. Call Betty. 11

YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED
Spacious lovely home in Fairmont with formal dining, hottub, lords of storage, 4 bedrooms. $84,500 48

ANOTHER REPO
Waiting for a new owner. Good property for the money. Don't miss this bargain. Call Renata. 67

CUSTOM BUILT, 1 OWNER HOME
Exquisite landscaping goes with this 4 bed townhome plan that's light, bright and beautiful. $113,200. 59A

ZONED LR2
This location is suitable to conversion to office. High traffic area on Big Spring. Call Betty. #06A

MOGFORD
Spacious older Midland home with hardwood floors & formal living, perfect for family living. $74,750. 53

HYDE PARK OFFERS THIS
Light, bright, clean & lovely are just a few ways to describe this home. New roof & insulation. $79,900. 41

OWNER SAYS SELL!
Great new location close to elementary & junion high. Large bedrooms and cathedral ceiling in den. Call Betty. #29

PERFECT SMALL YARD
Goes with this lovely home in Skyline decorated in cool greys. Call Renata #27

LIVE ON 1 SIDE RENT THE OTHER
Great investment with this well maintained duplex on Haynes Call Debbie. #37A

LIVE IN SADDLE CLUB NORTH
For this great price! Lots of new! can't beat the location. Price or amenities #75

NEW CARPET, NEW PAINT, NEW FLOORS...
Plus all the amenities in this 4 bed, 4 bath home in Goddard Area. Call Renata. 86

BEAUTIFULLY DECKED BACK YARD
Plus well maintained home in Wydewood. This home has a lovely garden room, new roof, fresh paint. Call Wanda 48

DECORATING ALLOWANCE!
Great spacious family home in Dellwood with water well to supply pool. $65,000 (46)

BUY MIDLAND!
Three commercial lots in downtown Midland. Call for further information. $75,000. (64)

PZAZZY FLOORPLAN
w/double fireplace, casement windows, extra rv parking & much more. $111,800. (87)

THIS INVITING FLOOR PLAN
Is a custom built Bill Hickey home on a Quiet Cul-De-Sac. Only $69,000. Call Paul. 05A

QUALIFY & ASSUME
This darling home near Lee High. Great location, price, & condition. $75,500. Call Wanda. 10

LOOKING FOR AN INVESTMENT?
Darling townhome perfect for single or couple. Check on a lease purchase for this bargain. $48,500

LOCKHEED
Master suite with study is just 1 feature in this lovely roomy home in great area. $92,000. 47A

WEST 4TH
High quality at Suburban prices. In Stanton, this beauty has every luxury & perfect decor. 100

BREAKFAST ON THE TERRACE
On the Golf Course! Elegant townhome with tall ceilings, tile floors & lovely decor. Call Louise. 34

May the warmth & love that is all around us at Christmas time...fill your heart with joy over the year that lies ahead.

Merry Christmas from all of us at

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COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT
Prime real estate on Midland Drive with 1 acre zoned O-1. Owner wants offers $250,289. 52A

KEEP YOUR MONEY IN YOUR POCKET
This repo is really priced for a quick sale. 3 bedroom home in Fairway Park is ready to sell. $40,900. 16A

LAST OF CHEAPIES
Great price...Below recent appraisal. Needs some TLC and a new family. 4 bed, 2 ba, all for $17,500 02

MOBILE HOME LOT
Near Greenwood, south of 307. Previously set up for mobile home. Owner says sell! Call Dana.

MARK LANE
Throughout this home, pleasant surprises await...spacious kit, plantation shutters, & vertical blinds. See it all! $72,000 48A

WHERE EVERYONE WANTS TO LIVE
This is living! 2 story townhome in Saddle Club North! Gorgeous, security, privacy, all you could want. $319,000. 10A

DESIGNED FOR LIVING!
Large family home w/4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 living areas in Crestgate. Owner says sell! $129,900. 17A

HUGE SHOP & GARAGE
Go with this 3 bed home in Wilshire Park. Lg garden area is just one of the extras. Call Betty.

METZ 45
Enjoy breakfast overlooking the pool, from this 4 bed home w/-workshop, play house, & tiff grass. $135,000 50A

PICTURE PERFECT!
Hardwood floors, huge seq den, country kit + sewing room. All this + a great location! Call Debbie. 77A

THE CHOICEST PRICE IN TOWN
Very nice 4 bed home w/seq. mother in law suite. New roof, large workshop, nicely landscaped. Come see. $124,900. 29A

WHY RENT FOREVER?
First home buyers alert! Get in on the chance to buy this repo! Great home for the money. $38,900. 07

WYDEWOOD SPECIALTY
Beautiful garden room + lovely decked back yard. New roof, paint, storm windows. Call Opal. 11a

READY FOR A FAMILY
Excellent move in condition. Wallpaper touches, sprinkler system, and flexible floor plan. $39,000. 49A

INVESTORS TAKE NOTE!
6 lots on Mission ($3500 each) Will sell separately. Super buy w/financing available. Call Dana.

DIGNITY, TASTE & CHARACTER
Designer home unique in every way. Upstairs bedrm & ba, stormcellar basement, quality throughout $275,000

STANOLIND/-WARWICK
Lovely street, lovely area. Elegant decor throughout every spacious room. 81

FINALLY ON THE MARKET!
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RESIDENTIAL

CO RD 1065S-6 br, 6ba $2,100,000
CO RD 1379-Horse/cattle ranch, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, 528 ac . $541,000
SADDLE CLUB-Huge lt, lg kitch, 5br, 5ba, 3LA, 3frpls . $495,000
CUTHBERT-Cmr lt, 4br, 6ba, 3LA, 2frpls, satellite, strg $450,000
GREENWICH-Secld area in Racquet Clb, 4br, pool . . . $377,000
CITATION-Fabulous hm, 4br, 6ba, 2LA, frpl, hobby rm $339,000
CO RD 40 W-30 acres, 3 br, 2LA, barns $310,000
TRINITY DRIVE-4br, 5ba, 2LA, frpl, frml dining, 2story $299,000
OAKLAWN-Townhouse, 2 br, 3ba, 3LA, frpl $289,000
CO RD 1213S-Wd beams from Can., 4br, 3ba, 2LA . . $270,000
DOUGLAS-Stunning, 5br, 5½ba, 3LA, 3frpls, frmldining $265,000
NORTH L-Warwick adtn, wd ceiling, 3br, 3ba, 2LA . . . $250,000
TEAKWOOD-2 stry Colonial, 5br, 4ba, 3LA, frpl, strg . . $229,900
CRESCENT-Light&bright, 3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, 2 story . . $225,000
RUSTIC-4br, 3ba $182,500
GREENTREE-Pond, 3br, 3ba, 2LA $179,000
LOS ALAMITOS-Many xtras, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, 2 frpls . . $177,900
SHADY OAK-3 heat/AC units, 6 cing fans, 4br, 4ba . . . $174,500
WINCHESTER-Luxry twnhm, 2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, patio $165,000
WOODHAVEN-Bates blt, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, frml din . $158,500
COLEMAN-Hickey quality, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, 2frpls, wet bar $158,000
ORIOLE-5br, 3½ba, 2 frpls, 3LA $149,900
TEAKWOOD-Landscaped, cust blt, 3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl . $149,500
METZ-Hm for family&entrtng, 4br, 4ba, 3LA, frmldin . . $149,500
SEQUOIA-4br, 4ba, 2LA, frpl, frml din, 2 stry, fenced . . $147,525
TEAKWOOD-Tatsch blt, cntrl vacum, 3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl $146,500
GOLF COURSE-Stunning, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frmlding $145,000
REO-Its of tile, decor touches, beautiful 5br, 4ba $145,000
CASTLEFORD-Solar wtr htr, walkin pantry, 4br, 3ba . . $144,900
HUMBLE-4br, 2ba $142,000
CASTLEFORD-4br, 3ba $139,900
METZ-4br, 4ba $139,500
HUMBLE-Lots of strge, seq. gameroom, 3br, 3ba, 2LA . $134,900
CRESTRIDGE-Cul-de-sac, brickterrace, 3br, 3ba, 2LA . $134,900
BLUEBIRD-4br, 3ba $132,900
TEAKWOOD-Grt flr plan, 3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, gmrm . . $132,500
WEDGEWOOD-Low eq., spac. 4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, pool $132,000
OAKRIDGE-Gd flrplan, nice decor, 4br, 4ba, 2LA, 2frpls $129,900
FOXBORO-Vrstle flr plan, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, fenced . . $129,900
DUNKIRK-Cstm draps, 4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, lrg clsts . . . $129,900
CASTLEFORD-Lrg bckyd, 4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl $129,900
CRESTRIDGE-Nice 1 owner lrge home, 4br, 3ba, 3LA . $129,900
STANOLIND-Cul-de-sac, lrg rms, 4br, 3ba, 3LA, frpl . . $129,000
RACQUET CLUB-Suprlocal, updatd, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl $125,000
LANCASHIRE-Hm by Leonard, 4br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl $122,700
BEDFORD-Lvly Old Mdlnd, 3br, 4ba, 3LA, 2 frpls $122,500
RIDGMAR-4br, 3ba, bltin range, mcrwv ovn, dshwshr . $121,500
CRESTGATE-4br, 3ba, 2LA, formal dining $119,950
PRINCETON-3br, 2ba, Old Midland $119,900
BELLECHASE-Frpl in LR/den/Mbr, 3br, 2ba, 2LA . . . $119,900
HWY 307-3br, 3ba $119,500
QUAIL POINT-Wallace garden home, 3br, 3ba, 1LA . . $119,500
CRESTRIDGE-Beautifl decor, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl $118,900
COMPTON-3br, 3ba $117,900
CRESTGATE-Lrg LA, 4br, 4ba, frpl, 2car garage $117,500
COUNTRY CLUB-Cmr lt, hrdwd flrs, 4br, 4ba, 3LA, frpl $117,000
MANOR-Low maint yd/pool, 4br, 4ba, 2LA, frpl $115,000
CLOVERDALE-4br, 3ba $115,000
LEARMONT-Low traffic, cul-de-sac, 4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl . $114,900
STUTZ-4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, 2 cr garage, fenced $110,000
CRESTGATE-4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, fenced, 2cargarage . . $110,000
AUBURN PLACE-Near Goddard, cul-de-sac, 3br, 2ba . $109,900
CULPEPPER-Pntry, 4br, 4ba, 3LA, frpl, motherinlaw br $109,750
NORWOOD-Harld Long hm, 4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, satellite $109,000
METZ PLACE-Great strg, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl $108,500
DALTON-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, frmldining, fenced $106,250
SINCLAIR-Mch updtng, reroofed, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl . . $105,300
HAYNES-Duplex $105,000
BELLECHASE-Fresh&younghm, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, 2 frpls $105,000
BELFIELD COURT-Cul-de-sac, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl . . $100,000
NORTE-3br, 2ba $99,900
SIESTA-Duplex $99,950
HUMBLE-4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, frml dng, 2cr grg, strg . . . $99,500
STILLMEADOW-Cmr lt, 3br, 3ba, 1lrgLA, frpl, 2 stry . . $99,500
OAKMONT-Frazier hm, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl $99,000
TEAKWOOD-Curb appeal, blues/earthtns, 4br, 2ba, frpl . $99,000
CARDINAL LANE-Barn&pool, Melody acres, 3br, 2ba . $99,000
NEELY-3br, 2ba, 2LA, beautiful $98,900
OAKMONT-Frazier hm, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, frml dining . $98,500
METZ-4br, 2ba $98,500
GULF-Pretty&spacious, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, lrg wrkshop $98,000
MARK LANE-Sqky clean, 3br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, wrkshop . . $94,500
DURANT-Low maint yd w/pool, 3br, 3LA, 2ba, frpl $92,900
DENTCREST-Lght&brght, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, lvly yd . . $92,500
BOYD-3br, 3ba, 1LA, 2frpls, 2 car garage, frml dining . . . $92,250
KESWICK-Lght&brght, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, cmr lot $92,000
NORTH D-Low yd maint, 3br, 3ba, 1LA, 2 frpls $89,900
HYDE PARK-Fresh paint, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, lts of sq ft . $89,900
METZ-Near schls, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, frml dining $89,500
MARK LANE-Neat&clean, cul-de-sac, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl $88,900
COMMUNITY-Htd pool, cntry kitch, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl . $88,500
GLENEAGLES-Tub&sep shwr in Mbr, 3br, 2ba, 1LA . . $87,500
BOULDER-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frml dining, 2car garage . $85,705
WEST WALL-Duplex $85,000
CULVER-28x40 wrkshop w/full bath, 4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl . $85,000
FRONTIER-New gas furnace, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl $85,000
NORWOOD-Pine patio hm, 2br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, xtra room $83,600
CESSNA-Lrg wrkshop, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frml dining . . $83,500
NEELY-4br, 2ba $83,500
SHELL-Location! 3br, 2ba, 2LA, 2cargarage, storage, frpl . $83,500
SIESTA-Duplex $82,500
ASHDOWN-3br, 2ba $79,900
SELMA-3br, 3½ba $79,900
EMERSON-Cstm by Glen Pine, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl $79,900
OAKMONT-Kahler blt hm, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, hi clngs . . $79,900
WHITTLE WAY-Super assump, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl $79,900
DENGAR-Clean! Lrg trees, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, dbl frpl, satellite $79,900
PRESTON-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, 2cargarage, fenced $79,500
BEDFORD-M Lary Const, cmr lot, 3br, 2ba, 2LA $77,500
NEELY-Recent paint, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, close to schls . . $75,450
ROOSEVELT-Rebit within last 2 yrs, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl . $75,000

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SENTINEL-Solr hm, 3br, 4ba, 1LA, frpl, 8skylghts $74,950
GLENEAGLES-Frml din, wet bar, xtra nice kitch, 3br, 3ba $74,900
FLARE-4br, 2ba $74,900
SHELL-Low traffic st, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frml din, nice bckyard $74,900
WHITTLE WAY-Great assump, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, attic . $74,900
TERRACE-Walk to Lee High, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, sunroom $74,500
DOUGLAS-Energy eff, 4br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, 2car garage . . $74,000
DENTCREST-3br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, frml dng, cing fan . . . $73,900
BARBARA LANE-Lts of strg, 3br, 2ba, 2lrgLA, frpl . . . $73,000
NORTH I-Location! 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, updtd kitch . . . $72,900
FALCON-3br, 2ba $72,500
ELK-4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, 2 car garage, fenced $72,500
PROVIDENCE-Lts updtng, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl $71,900
STANOLIND-4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, 2car garage, fenced . . $69,900
FREDNA-Grt frmly hm, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, new roof . . . $69,900
LANHAM-4br, 2ba $69,900
ALCOVE-4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, 2 car garage, cing fan, pning $69,900
FANNIN-Across from Fannin schl, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl . . . $69,900
CAMARIE-Lndscpng, near shops, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl . . . $69,900
MICHIGAN-Rental in bck, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, 2frpls, lts of strg $69,900
CRENSHAW-New loan or assump, 2 dining, 3br, 2ba, 1LA $69,900
PINE-3br, 2ba $69,900
NEELY-Ownr wants offers, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, great flrplan $69,500
FRONTIER-Lrg open LA, 3br, 2ba, frpl, bonus rm for co. $69,500
CO RD 1068-Cntry lvng, 3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, 2wtrwells . . $69,000
CALDERA-FHA assump, nonqual, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl . . $68,900
BELLEGROVE-3br, 2ba $68,500
CO RD 115-40 trees, wrkshop, 3br, 3ba, approx. 1 acre . $68,000
MAXWELL-New roof/paint, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl $68,000
CANEMONT-FNMA financing, 4br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl $67,900
LOUISIANA-2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, central heat $67,500
SPARKS-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, 2cargarage, outside strg . . . $67,500
BEDFORD-Qual assump, great condtn, 2br, 2ba, 1LA . . $67,500
STOREY-Close to elem schl, lrg 5 br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl . . . $66,250
MCDONALD-Storm wind/drs, crner lt, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl $65,900
MARCIE CT-Ownr anx, cul-de-sac, 3br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl . . $65,500
WHITNEY-Fannin schl dist, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, jacuzzi . . $65,000
DENGAR-3br, 2ba $65,000
CARPENTER-Nice local, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, 1 car garage . . $65,000
PARKLANE-9 yr old brick, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, strg bldg . $65,000
SHELL-Nice ydw/pecan trees, wtr well, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl $64,900
PHILLIP-3br, 2ba $64,900
GULF-Super kitch, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, well kept, sunrm . . $64,900
PINE-Cld be 5br, new roof shingles, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl . . $63,000
SAN ANTONIO-Atrctve&clean, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl $61,500
DENGAR-Nice hm, Lee High, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, 2 car garage $61,500
RT 4, BOX X8-Grt cntry living, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, 2cargarage $60,000
CRENSHAW-Nice condtn, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, 2cargarage $60,000
GARFIELD-2br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, 2 car garage $59,900
CANADIAN-Open&light, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, cmr lt $59,900
STOREY-VA nonqual, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl $59,900
CO RD 56W-3br, 2ba $59,800
LOUISIANA-2br, 1ba, hrdwd flrs, brick patio, deck $59,500
LOUISIANA-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, 2 car garage, fenced . . $58,500
NORTHRIP-Good local fr price, 3br, 1LA, 2ba, frpl . . . $58,000
HUMBLE-3br, 2ba $57,900
TANGLEWOOD-Xtra insul, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl $57,000
MORNING GLORY-$1 move in for Vet, 3br, 2ba, 1LA . $55,000
SCHARBAUER-Pntry, Mex tile entry, atrium, 3br, 3ba . . $55,000
KANSAS-Value in land, 1br, 1ba, 1LA, "as is" $55,000
CONCHO-FNMA financing, 2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, garage . . $54,900
BELAIRE-Neat&clean, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, sprnklrd yd . . $54,900
GULF-Gd local, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, near Lee/Rusk $54,000
PINE-3br, 2ba $53,500
BELAIRE-Lovly hm, lrgLA, lrgcvrdpatio, 3br, 2ba, fenced $53,500
CO RD 56W-Light&bright, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, 2 frpls $52,500
LANHAM-duplex $52,500
LOUISIANA-Low non-qualfyng FHA assump, 3br, 2ba . $52,437
STANOLIND-3br, 2ba, 1LA $50,500
CO RD 1185-Super for hrses, 2br, 2ba, 1LA, barn $50,000
PLEASANT-Lovely hm, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, 2car garage . $49,900
REEVES-Young hm, prquet entry, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl . . . $49,900
PATMAN-Very nice&clean, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, strg bldg . $49,900
SYCAMORE-Vnyl sdng, strg, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, lts sqft . $49,900
WADLEY-3br, 2ba $49,500
CRENSHAW-Light&bright, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, lush lawn $48,900
WEST 56TH-3br, 2ba $48,900
DOUGLAS-Strmwindows, outsidestrg, 3br, 2ba, 1LA . . . $48,900
OHIO-Cozy hm, remodld kitch, 4br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, ref air . $48,000
WILSHIRE-4br, 2ba, assm FHA, pretty yard, near schools $47,900
CO RD 1130N-3br, 1ba, 2LA, frml din, 2car garage . . . $47,500
KANSAS-Great older hm, apt in back, 2br, 1ba, 1LA, frpl . $47,500
STOREY-Assump w/low rate & equity, nonqual., 3br, 2ba $46,700
CRENSHAW-Offrs wntd, lrg bckyd, gazebo, 3br, 2ba, 1LA $46,500
CUTHBERT-Nice yd&trees, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, lrg patio/strg . $46,500
HUMBLE-Beautiful kitch cbnts, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, cing fn . . $46,500
WARREN-4br, 2ba $46,000
LEISURE-Precious hm, immaculate, 3br, 1ba, 1LA, frpl . $45,500
THOMAS-1 ownr hm, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, redone kitch . . $45,000
CLOVERDALE-Seller will carry, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl . . . $45,000
LOUISIANA-Wtr well&pump, 2br, 1ba, 2LA, frpl $45,000
WILLOWOOD-3br, 2ba $45,000
CO RD 1185-2br, 2ba $44,900
OHIO-2br, 2ba $44,900
BROOKDALE-Lots of TLC, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, patio, fresh . . $44,800
MELTON ALLEY-FNMA fincng, 2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl . . . $44,500
GARFIELD-Washer/dryr/frdge/stove stays, 3br, 2ba, frpl . $44,000
LA SALLE-Cream puff, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, walk-in closts . $43,900
LEDDY-16x20 wrkshop, lrg lt, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, fenced . $43,500
SIESTA-2br, 2ba, free stndng range, kit vnt fan, dshwshr . $43,500
TANNER-4br, 2ba, 1LA, wrkshop, fenced $43,000
DEVONIAN-Lts of updtng, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, appinces/AC . $42,500
FRANKLIN-Eff apt + 1 br hse in back, 2br, 1ba, 1LA . . . $42,500
STAR RT A, BOX 101-Rct rmdl asbstos hm, 2br, 2ba . . $42,000
PUEBLO-Lrg open LA, 3br, 2ba, deep lt, garden, fruit trees $41,500
LASALLE-Neat&clean, lrg LA, 2br, 2ba, owner anxious . $41,500
CUTHBERT—New crpt, vinyl, paint, garage dr., 3br, 2ba . $39,500
"Q"-2br, 1ba $39,000
TRAVIS-Great assump, 4br, 2ba, 1LA, owner wants offers $39,000
STOREY-Lts of updtng, 2br, 1ba, 1LA, frpl, hrdwd flrs . . . $38,500
LIDDON-Condo, very cozy, 2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, 2story . . $38,000
GREENVIEW-3br, 2ba $37,900
MARIANA-Conv to dwntwn, 2br, 1ba, 2LA, cute house . . $37,500
VERSAILLES-3br, 2ba $37,000
SUNSET-2br, 1ba $36,000
SPARKSVILLE-Solitaire hm, 2br, 2ba, 1LA, 2frpls $35,000
CO RD 1236 N-.94 ac, satellite, 3br, 2ba, 2LA $35,000
MAPLE-5br, 3ba $35,000
PUEBLO-3br, 2ba $35,000
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SHAWNEE-3br, 2ba $35,000
SHAWNEE-3br, 2ba $35,000
NAVAJO-3br, 2ba $35,000
NAVAJO-3br, 2ba $35,000
GREENVIEW-FNMA financing, 3br, 2ba, 1LA $33,500
RIC-Cute&clean, 3br, 1ba, 1LA, 1 car garage, fenced . . . $32,500
ERIE-3br, 2ba $31,900
PECOS-Close Claydesta, 2br, 2ba, 2LA, pretty&spacious . $31,900
ANETTA-Fresh paint, new carpet, 3br, 2ba, 1LA $30,900
CUTHBERT-3br, 2ba, 1LA $29,900
RT. #1-3br, 2ba, acreage, Stanton schools $29,900
SPRAYBERRY-Neat, siding, lrg backyd, 2br, 1ba, 1LA . $29,500
KENTUCKY-Nice strtr hm, 2br, 1ba, 1LA, close to dwntwn $29,000
STOREY-3br, 2ba $29,000
ROOSEVELT-Cmer lot, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, ready to sell! . . . $29,000
STOREY-2br, 1ba $28,500
MAPLE-2br, 1ba $28,500
CUTHBERT-Needs updtng, 2br, 1ba, 1LA, hrdwd flrs . . $27,000
GREENVIEW-3 br, 2ba $26,900
"T"-3br, 2ba $25,000
MONTY-Waterwell for yd, 3br, 1ba, 2LA, fenced $24,900
WASHINGTON-2br, 1ba $24,900
BAIRD-3br, 2ba $22,500
CARRIZO-Great for invstors, 3br, 1ba, 1LA, lots replaced $22,000
CUTHBERT-Ownr may carry, 2br, 1ba, 1LA, w/rental . . $20,000
KENTUCKY-Beutfl hrdwd flrs, 2br, 2ba, 1LA, frml din . . $19,900
DORMARD-2br, 1ba $19,900
WASHINGTON-2br, 1ba $19,900
JAX-3br, 1ba, workshop, large garage $19,500
KENTUCKY-2br, 1ba $19,000
ANETTA-As is condtn, 3br, 1ba, 2LA, beginner hm $17,900
CHEROKEE-Strter hm, EZ to buy, 3br, 1ba, 2LA $15,900
WEATHERFORD-Owner consider financing, 3br, 2ba . . $9,900
ILLINOIS-2br, 2ba, 1LA, storage $8,900

SALES PENDING

WADLEY-3br, 3ba . . . . . Helen Mason
CO. RD. 1243-3br, 2ba . . . . . Vicky McWilliams
WILLOWOOD-3br, 2ba . . . . . Elizabeth Knight
CUTHBERT-3br, 2ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
REEVES-3br, 2ba . . . . . Connie Powell
TODD DRIVE-4br, 3ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
SENTINEL-3br, 2ba . . . . . Dorothy Moring
NORTHTOWN-3br, 2ba . . . . . Karen Foster
GREENVIEW-3br, 2ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
HARVARD-2br, 2ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
CRESTGATE-4br, 4ba . . . . . Fran Henderson
CANADIAN-3br, 2ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
CO RD 1243-4br, 3ba . . . . . Ruth Young
CRENSHAW-3br, 2ba . . . . . Connie Powell
CO RD-3br, 2ba . . . . . Martha Galyean
HUMBLE . . . . . Ruth Young
NEWCASTLE-4br, 3ba . . . . . Connie Powell
GLENWOOD-3br, 2ba . . . . . Patsy Brice
TANNER-3br, 1ba . . . . . Norma Barnes
ELMA-3br, 2ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
FRONTIER-3br, 2ba . . . . . Suellen Nall
WESTMINSTER-3br, 3ba . . . . . Ruth Young
CRESTRIDGE-4br, 3ba . . . . . Karen Foster
CRENSHAW . . . . . Corporate
AINSLEE . . . . . Dorothy Moring
HYDE PARK-3br, 2ba . . . . . Connie Powell
CO RD-3br, 2ba . . . . . Sara Harris
CO RD 1130S-3br, 2ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
CRESTWOOD-4br, 3ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
PRESTON-3br, 2ba . . . . . Kay Sutton
HIGHWAY 158-4br, 3ba . . . . . Marlene Groce
COUNTRY CLUB-3br, 2ba . . . . . Jeannie Printz
BEDFORD-3br, 2ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
STANOLIND . . . . . Corporate
BOYD-3br, 2ba . . . . . Corporate
FRONTIER-4br, 2ba . . . . . Anita Nolen
EMERSON-3br, 2ba . . . . . Corporate
BEDFORD-3br, 2ba . . . . . Ruth Young
CRENSHAW . . . . . J. Frank Nall
HARMON-4br, 3ba . . . . . Corporate
STONELEIGH-4br, 4ba . . . . . Jeannie Printz
JORDAN-4br, 2ba . . . . . Norma Barnes
"C"-4br, 2ba . . . . . Vicky McWilliams
CO RD 1242-4br, 3ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
BELLECHASE-3br, 2ba . . . . . Kay Sutton
ST. ANDREWS-3br, 2ba . . . . . Karen Foster
CRESTRIDGE-4br, 3ba . . . . . Karen Foster
REEVES-3br, 2ba . . . . . Corporate
NEELY-4br, 2ba . . . . . Corporate
WEDGEWOOD-4br, 4ba . . . . . Corporate
STONELEIGH-4br, 4ba . . . . . Kay Sutton
LOS ALAMITOS-5br, 3ba . . . . . Kay Sutton
SEQUOIA-3br, 3ba . . . . . Corporate
ST. ANDREWS-3br, 2ba . . . . . Martha Galyean
EMERSON-4br, 2ba . . . . . Helen Mason
NEELY-3br, 2ba . . . . . Pat Carl
HUMBLE-3br, 3ba . . . . . Dorothy Moring
MONTY-2br, 1ba . . . . . Suellen Nall
HARVARD-2br, 2ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall
HARVARD-2br, 1ba . . . . . J. Frank Nall

RESIDENTIAL LEASES

123A GLENWOOD-2 bedroom, 1 bath, deposit required. Water paid. Per Month $275
6313 SHAWNEE-Security deposit, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage. Per Month $350
NAVAJO-Ranch Estates, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage. Deposit required. Per Month $450
LEHIGH-Executive, 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Deposit required. Available 11-30-88. Per Month $800

COMMERCIAL

JASMINE-Mulberry Lakes. Midland's only fishing hole . $200,000
WEST WALL $150,000
NORTH C-Hm converted to office, approx. 3,168 sq. ft. . $150,000
MISSOURI $125,000
BIG SPRING-Excell condtn, .29 ac, approx. 2,395 sq. ft. $125,000
KENT $100,000
WEST WALL $85,000
WEST TEXAS-Approx 1,761 sq. ft., zoned office $75,000
LOUISIANA $72,500
WALL $55,000
CAROL LANE $28,000
CAROL LANE $22,000

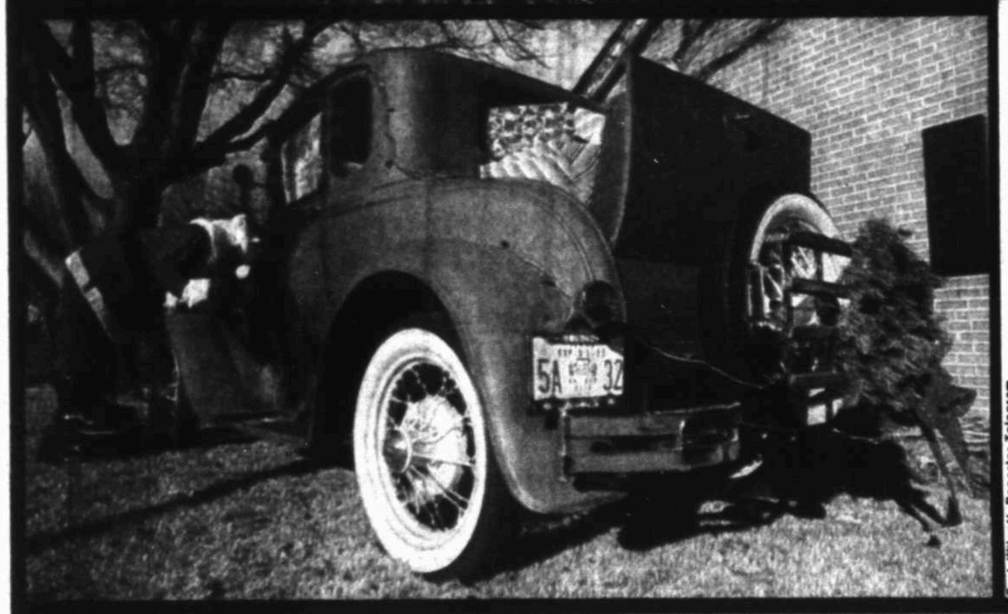
LOTS AND ACREAGE

LOOP 250 . . . . . $395,000
LOOP 250 . . . . . $335,000
LOOP $145,000
MOCKINGBIRD $108,450
HUMBLE $100,000
MIDLAND $89,900
NEELY $50,000
SADDLE CLUB $50,000
CRESTGATE-2.413 acres, next to Mormon Church . . . $41,000
DRIFTWOOD-View of lake $34,000
CO RD 1140 . . . . . $27,000
COTTONFLAT $25,000
LITTLE BIG $20,950
BEDFORD 20,000
FM 307 . . . . . $15,900
BAIRD $15,000
BAIRD $15,000
ROUTE 1 . . . . . $15,





Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram



Curt Wilcott Reporter-Telegram

Reflections
of Christmas in Midland

Text by ELIZABETH EDWIN

The hustle and bustle of the pre-Christmas rush is over. After weeks of shopping, wrapping and decorating, Christmas Day is finally here.

Santa Claus has made his yearly appearance, filling stockings and leaving treasures for all the good girls and boys. Gifts have been exchanged and Christmas dinner has been served.

Now that all the hoopla is over, families and friends spend time talking, while the children play with their new toys and Aunt Sue tries on her new sweater.



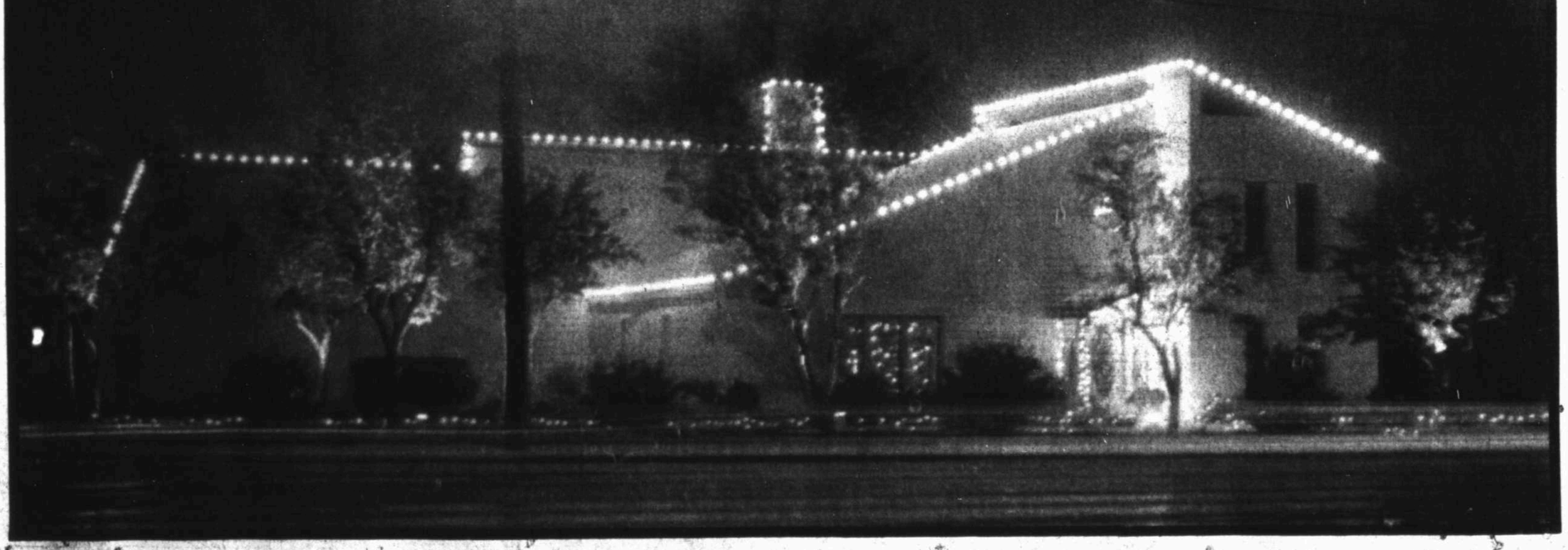
Curt Wilcott Reporter-Telegram

There is finally time to relax and reflect on the past few harried weeks; time to think about the countless hours spent shopping for, and wrapping, those perfect gifts, and how the delight on each recipient's face made it worthwhile; time to remember the days spent pulling decorations out of boxes, untangling lights, placing ornaments and tying bows; and time to enjoy the results of your work.

But wait! Suddenly you realize that in all the Christmas rush, you haven't had a chance to see some of the handiwork adorning the rest of the homes and businesses in Midland.

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The front yard of 2001 Sinclair Ave. (top) is illuminated by hundreds of white twinkle lights placed in the trees. As wood cutouts of children sing Christmas carols, a toy soldier gurads the door of 3208 Seaboard (top left). At 1804 Ward, Santa Claus has updated his mode of transportation to a Model T Ford (bottom left), however it doesn't seem to be as dependable as his sleigh and reindeer were. The white house covered with white lights at 3201 Golf Course Road (bottom) lends thoughts of a white Christmas. Shepards and wise men walk across the yard of 906 W. Michigan (inset), while a miniature setting is displayed in the archway.



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Have you heard...?

By MARILYN McKNIGHT HARRISON

With the Minuet Club's Presentation Ball scheduled for Wednesday evening, this year's debutantes have been wined and dined at a series of lovely parties the past week.

The pre-Christmas festivities began with a luncheon Monday honoring **Caroline Bolger** at Karen's restaurant. Hosting were **Paula (Mrs. Frank) Cahoon** and Caroline's grandfather, **Jack O'Donohoe** of Wichita Falls. **Kelly Dodson** was honored later that afternoon with a high tea and needlepoint party at the Needleworks. **Janice (Mrs. Bobby) Henry** was the hostess.

All 13 debs were feted with a luncheon on Tuesday at the Racquet Club. The hostesses were **Nadine (Mrs. Tom) Craddick, Polly (Mrs. Ferrell) Davis, Jean (Mrs. Wes) Pittman, Sue (Mrs. Dan) Secker, Sandra (Mrs. George) Staley, Sue (Mrs. Ed) Harris, Myna (Mrs. Jack) Young** and **Susie (Mrs. Don) Evans.**

A Cajun party, featuring a shrimp boil and dance, honored **Lissa Wilson** Tuesday evening at the American Legion Hall. The hosts were her grandparents, **Emily and Joe Johnson** of San Angelo.

Wednesday's events began with a luncheon in **Edie McGuire's** honor at Midland Country Club. The hostesses were her grandmother, **Von (Mrs. Delton) Marcum; her** great-aunt, **Marjorie (Mrs. Gordon, Sr.) Marcum; Gloria (Mrs. Bill) McGavran, Margaret (Mrs. Burgess) Wade, Jeannette (Mrs. Loren) Bryant,** and **Mary Emma (Mrs. Rob) Bennett.**

A Mexican supper to honor all the debs was held that evening at the home of **Louan and Glenn Rogers.** Co-hosts were **Patti and Watson LaForce, Suzy and Jim Boldrick, Nancy and Barry Beal** and **Betty and Bill Sumner.** It was followed by a bowling party honoring **Amy Black** at Fairmont Park Lanes and hosted by **Frances and Larry Stapp.**

Thursday started off with a luncheon given in honor of Lissa Wilson at the Plaza Club. The hostesses were **Janice (Mrs. George) Thomas, Shari (Mrs. Robert) Koziol, Judy (Mrs. Bud) Martin, Rhonda (Mrs. Lynn) Durham, Patti (Mrs. Charles) Wallace,** and **Sara (Mrs. Mandel, III) Selber.** Harpist **Andra Rodden** provided background music.

That evening **Sherwood Wagner** was honored with a Fiesta Party at Midland Country Club. Hosting were **Barbara and Bob Duke, Sherry and Herschel O'Kelley, Spooks (Mrs. J.W.) Starr, Beth and Charles Priddy** and **Mary and Bill Kennedy.** Immediately afterwards, the debs gathered for a gift exchange and party in honor of **Cristina Beal.** It was held at the home of her aunt and uncle, Nancy and Barry Beal, and their children, **Stuart, Elizabeth** and **Stephen.**

On Friday, **Beth Ann Williams** and **Kathy Kleine** were honored with a luncheon hosted at the Racquet Club by **Maureen (Mrs. John L.) Cox, Spooks Starr** and **Suzy Boldrick,** while **Shannon Fergeson** was honored with a cocktail buffet and dance at the Petroleum Club by **Mary and Dick Anderson.**

In addition to those already mentioned, the 1988 debs are **Shelley Morrow, Leslie Satterwhite** and **Debi Sport.**

FRANK PETTY'S annual Christmas party for his friends was held once more with much good cheer at his home last weekend.

The focal point of decorations were a beautiful ceramic Snow Village and a flocked tree decorated entirely in red.

Amkong those enjoying the festivities were **Barbara and Bill Larsen, Janis Chapman, Shelia and Bill Morrow, Ruby Graves, Vera and Paul Wecker, Margaret and John Rhea, Bob Fennell, Joan and Ted Noel, Margaret Kepple** and **Betty Smith.**

FENA AND JOHN BERRY recently met their daughters and families, **Lani and Jim Jones** of Houston and **Keni and Dr. Russ McDonald** and children, **Shannon** and **Kelly** of Nederland, in Chicago's Union Station. From there, they rode the train, a first for the Berrys' grandchildrn and the first in many years for the rest of the group, to Champaign, Ill., for the wedding of the Berrys' son, **Jami,** and **Lori Livingston.**

After the wedding in the bride's home and a honeymoon to Grand Caymen, the couple were honored in Midland at a reception given by the groom's parents at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Guests oohed and aahed over Lori's wedding gown, which she wore for the occasion.

Assisting with the party were **Johnnie (Mrs. Bob) Burks, Von (Mrs. Eldon) March, Vernie (Mrs. Bob) Jarmon,** and **Barbara (Mrs. Jim) Taylor.**

The couple are now at home in Tempe, Ariz. The bride is a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines, and the groom is manager of a club.

GOOD LUCK to **Kim Seawright** of Midland, a member of the Tarleton State University cheerleading squad, which has been selected to compete in the National Cheerleaders Association's 1989 National Collegiate and Pom Pom Championship.

The Tarleton squad will be competing against more than 800 cheerleaders from across the nation at the event, which will take place Jan. 7 at the Dallas Convention Center.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.



Curt Wilcott Reporter-Telegram

A giant dog has Santa "treed" in front of this house on the corner of Ward and Sinclair Streets in Midland.

REFLECTIONS

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Well, tonight's the night.

Why not pack the family into the car and take a drive around Midland tonight and see some of the beautiful reflections of the holidays.

Numerous houses and office buildings around the Tall City are decorated in tinsel and lights, creating a festive view for Midlanders.

Picture windows display Christmas trees, and houses are outlined in red, orange, blue and green lights. Luminarias line walkways and twinkle-lights dance in trees.

Many homes have displays of Santa and his helpers, carolers and nativity scenes. Others feature toy soldiers, giant packages and Christmas trees.

There is no end to the decorative ideas some Midlanders have created.

For instance, we have all been told that Santa rides in a sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer. But at 1804 Ward, Santa has moderized his transportation up to a Model T Ford. However, Santa is not immune to engine trouble, so you will find him working on his car in an effort to make his deliveries on time.

At another Midland home, Fido has cornered Santa in a tree.

And still another home features Santa, his sleigh and two reindeer atop the house in lights that blink in four positions, giving the impression that the reindeers legs are moving.

Some homes follow a one-color scheme, with all red or all white lights, while others use an array of colors to spread holiday cheer.

Other homes are decorated in the traditional colors of red and green. Red symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed at His Crucifixion and green represents the continuance of life through the winter and the Christian belief in eternal life through Christ.

One Midland neighborhood's street is lined with giant candy canes in front of each house — as are the streets in downtown Midland, where the tree of lights is aglow in Centennial Plaza. Many of the office buildings have beautifully decorated Christmas trees and garlands.

Although each home or business is decorated differently, all are sending out the same wishes for a Merry Chritmas and Happy Holidays. Each has been decorated with love and with the desire to share the beauty of Christmas.

Christmas customs blend across borders

By GUADALUPE SILVA
Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — The dividing line that separates Mexico and the United States disappears when it comes to Christmas customs.

El Paso and Juarez share rituals that once were unique to one country or the other. The Mexican "posada," the "pastorela," the pageants and the "pinata" now are ubiquitous in the Southwest. And Santa Claus, the decorated Christmas tree, and holiday tinsel and lights are seen south of the border.

Lennie Garcia of El Paso, wife of contractor Mike Garcia, mother of eight and grandmother of four, is an example of that blending of the cultures in the Southwest.

When she left her native Mazatlan in Mexico's Sinaloa state and moved to El Paso in 1952, Mrs. Garcia said she brought with her all the old family traditions and customs of celebrating Christmas.

"But we had to make some additions and subtractions to our old family customs when the children started to grow," she said. "We still had the posadas, the pinatas, the pastorelas, the hanging of the stocking at the head of the bed and the nativity scene. But the children also wanted to celebrate Christmas the same as their friends at school. So we just took the best of both countries and made them into our own."



AP LaserPhoto

A women's club in Juarez, Mexico, participated in a traditional Mexican Christmas procession, called a "posada," in Juarez, across the border from El Paso. Christmas customs, once unique to Mexico and the United States, are now shared by two cultures.

MRS. GARCIA started buying a Christmas tree and started having Christmas dinner Dec. 25, instead of the night before. Another change was giving the children their toys on Christmas Day. In many parts of Mexico, toys are given on Jan. 6, and the toys are supposed to have come from the Three Wise Men, rather than from Santa Claus.

But despite the changes, Mrs. Garcia's pride is still the luminarias in the sign of a cross that welcomes visitors to her home every year.

A Southwest tradition dating back to the early Spanish settlers in New Mexico, luminarias are lighted candles in brown paper sacks weighted down by sand. They are supposed to light the path of Mary and Jesus on their pilgrimage to Bethlehem. The pastorela, or Christmas pageant, the stage presentation of the devil tempting the shepherds away from visiting the newborn Jesus, is another European custom still practiced in Spain and across the Christian world.

But the posada is a completely Mexican phenomenon that does not exist anywhere else, said Fray Francisco Javier Amezquita at St. Anthony's Seminary in El Paso. It is a blend of the birth of the Christ child and the ancient indigenous rituals. The pinata, for example, was used in pre-Columbian celebrations.

A posada is a reproduction of the pilgrimage of Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem, Amezquita said. It is done either live with young people dressed as Mary and Joseph, or by four parishioners carrying the images of the pilgrims in a stretcher.

PARTICIPANTS ARE divided into two groups. One group represents the two pilgrims on the night the child was born. They walk around the block holding candles and singing for shelter until they reach the house where a party will be held.

The other group stays inside the house refusing shelter until the end of the production. Then the pilgrims are asked to come in, and the party starts with the breaking of the pinata, followed by music and dancing. The traditional foods and drink for the posada are tamales, bunuelos, hot fruit toddies, and champurrado (a thick hot drink made of corn meal, sugar, chocolate and cinnamon). Children get party favors.

Posadas are seldom given in homes anymore in Juarez and El Paso. Most are organized by schools, churches and other organizations.

In El Paso, St. Anthony's Seminary is known for its annual posada and for its nativity scene, which has been featured in national publications, Amezquita said. Both are traditions that date back more than 50 years, when the seminary first opened. More than 200 families participate in the posada every year, and it takes 10 men more than 20 days to create the nativity scene.

THE POSADA at the seminary is held nightly Dec. 16 through Dec. 23. The nativity scene, depicting a complete landscape with rivers, trees and shepherds, is unveiled on Christmas Eve, when the child is placed in the manger. The nativity scene continues on display until Feb. 2, the Feast Day of the Candelaria and the last day of the Christmas season. That celebrates the first day the Christ child leaves the manger and is presented to God.

"It's our way of keeping alive a tradition that goes back to our roots, to our faith and beliefs, to the old country and to the old way of celebrating the birth of Christ," Amezquita said. "Besides, it's a beautiful tradition that involves everybody in the family from the child to the grown-up."

Many of those traditions slowly have been disappearing from the Mexican home and family. They have been replaced, particularly along the border, by the Christmas tree and Santa Claus.

Ana Maria Garcia and her husband, Ezequiel, have a posada in their home in Juarez every year. Aside from their seven children, their spouses, and 23 grandchildren, the Garcias usually invite several couples stationed at Fort Bliss.

"It's a way of helping our family continue the old traditions and of showing them off to peoples from other countries," Mrs. Garcia said.

A fourth-generation Texan, Harriet Winters, is another example of the easy mixing of traditions and customs in the Southwest. Her holidays now start with the lighting of the Advent candles on the last Sunday in November, and end with the lighting of the luminarias on Christmas Day.



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TRINITY TOWERS BIRTHDAY PARTY

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Circle L Sunday School class of First Presbyterian Church and Eva Dennis provided the cake. Fuffy Green presented the musical program.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mills, Alice Boelt, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Conner, Shawn and Will Conner, Blanch Shepherd, Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Byrom, Hichelle Alverado, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McSpadden, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bland, Mr. and Mrs. John Rhea and Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Johnson.

Carol Brown was chairman for the event. Volunteers were Helen Reid, Vonnie Andrews, Myrtle Russell, Peggy Ford and Lois Heath.

PYRACANTHA GARDEN CLUB

Pyracantha Garden Club met in the home of Marie Bond for a Christmas dinner with 15 members attending. Guests were Virginia Holtcendorf of Georgia, Mary Lee McLean and Hazel Sommerville. Jeanette Van Auken presided. Ms. Bond announced the new officers. Gladys Mitchell and Ms. Bond reported on the recent zone meeting in Ft. Stockton. Members made a donation to a local nursing home. Co-hostesses were Mary Watkins, Martha Dobbs and Jeanette Van Auken.

PERMIAN BASIN GEOLOGICAL, GEOPHYSICAL AUXILIARY

Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary met for a Christmas party in the home of Mary Lou Wilson. Jack Hauke provided the music and Dr. Stan Jacobs drew caricatures.

TWENTIETH CENTURY STUDY CLUB

Twentieth Century Study Club met at the Midland Woman's Club. Hostesses were Ruth Story, Grace Wright and Gladys Penn. Guest speaker Jean Hagman, director of Museum of the Southwest, spoke on the museum. Members made a donation to Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children. Ms. Penn led a workshop on making favors for the Adopt-A-School program. Lois Harrington was new member.

EN AMIE BOOK REVIEW UNIT

En Amie Book Review Unit met in the Midland Woman's Club for a luncheon with 80 members and guests attending. Bess Friedman was guest speaker. Hostesses were Mrs. Clarence Sloan, Mrs. Frank Singleton, Mrs. O.R. Sharp, Juanita Sherrod and Dorothy Cunningham.

Guests were Mrs. Roger Hurt, Mrs. Winston Barclay, Mrs. Joe Lumpee, Mrs. Richard Story, Mary Goddner, Mrs. Ralph Hickman, Betty Dale, Susie Sparks, Mrs. Jim Myres, Mrs. Jim Hardwick, Mrs. Luther Bitner, Mrs. Burvin Hinds, Mrs. Carl Perry, Eva Nell May, Mrs. Wayne Barton, Juvill Atchison, Mrs. Loyd Jones, Mrs. Charles Bell, Kay Stewart, Mrs. Clark Jones and Lula Duncan.

PROGRESSIVE STUDY CLUB

Progressive Study Club met in the home of Donnie Wheeler for a salad luncheon. Gloriadel Mallan, Polly Porter and Louise Tyler were hostesses. Anna Marie Vogler presided and Ms. Mallan reported on the club's holiday service project.

Helen Harrison provided piano accompaniment for a Christmas carol singalong. Guests were Donna Martin, Betty Shackelford, Bill Haynes, Paula Fuszek and Patricia Miller.

NARFE

Permian Chapter 1281 of National Association of Retired Federal Employees met at the Senior Center. M. Goffigon presided. Members sent a card to Nova Campbell, who is ill. Susie Mae Davis read the minutes. Jewel Hardy gave the treasurer's report and Goffigon gave the legislature report on the nominating committee. Guests were Gene West, district vice president of the West Texas area, and his wife. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Buchannon.

PRAIRIE LEE CLUB

Prairie Lee Club met in the home of Mari Jo Cobins for a Christmas luncheon. Marilyn Parks sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Santa Claus presented club members with gifts. Twila Clutter was guest.

PRECEPTOR ALPHA OMEGA, BSP

Preceptor Alpha Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Dotty King. Guest was Geneva Sewell. The June 24-26 state convention was discussed. The chaper will make a donation to the Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children. Elaine Conrad gave the friendship basket to Ms. King. Jean Wilson won the hostess gift. The program was about Christmas trees and secret sisters exchanged gifts.

YUCCA GARDEN CLUB

Yucca Garden Club hosted a Christmas luncheon at the Midland Woman's Club with 15 members attending. Mrs. William B. Johnston presided. The club will give a donation to the Big Spring state hospital. Members exchanged gifts. The club hosted the luncheon for Midland Woman's Club. Mrs. Robert Cain introduced Fuffy Green, who reviewed "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Hostesses were Mrs. William. L. McIntire, Mrs. B.L. Marcum and Mrs. James A. Foster.

DEAR ABBY

Grandma gets earful for talking with mouth full

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: While lunching with my 3-year-old grandson, he asked me a question that I answered while finishing a bite of food. Then he boomed, "You shouldn't talk with food in your mouth!"

His mother just looked at him and beamed her approval. Abby, don't you think she should have told the boy it would have been nicer for him to have whispered his comment into Grandma's ear instead of loudly calling attention to this small breach of etiquette on the part of his 77-year-old grandmother?

Please print this for thoughtless parents who preen at every word their offspring utter. — HURT IN FRESNO

DEAR HURT: It confuses a 3-year-old to see an adult do something that he's been told he must not do. (Children learn from example.)

However, you're right. The mother was remiss to have approved of her son's "booming" reprimand of his grandmother without also stressing that out of respect for his elders, in the future he should make such comments privately.

DEAR ABBY: Please help! The invitations are out. We are celebrating our parents' 50th wedding anniversary. We (their children) are giving them a lovely party. They are aware of it.

Abby, we were under the impression that our parents married in 1938. Now we find that they were married in 1939! (My mother was nearly five months pregnant on her wedding day.) I'm sure everyone in their families must know about it. How can they face their families with this deception? How should we handle it? Thank you. — BETRAYED

DEAR BETRAYED: For goodness sakes, do not give it another thought. The chances are that no one remembers it — if indeed they ever knew it in the first place. Please don't tarnish your parents' golden wedding anniversary with negative thoughts. What was, was. And who cares? And who's counting?

DEAR ABBY: My heart aches when I read your repeated advice about thank-you notes. You applaud disgruntled grandparents who give to charity in their grandchildren's names rather than give presents to "thankless" kids who never write thank-you notes.

Abby, I'd rather have the child give his stamp and stationery money to charity. In this era of instant communication, many of us find the child's hug, delighted smile or precious voice on the telephone more than adequate appreciation for our gifts.

How are these punitive grandparents ever to win? Shall their grandchildren write notes of apology, promising to write thank-yous if Grandma will again send cash their way? Shall the proud grandchild remain silent and let Gradma go on making assumptions as faulty as yours, Abby, when you label the non-note-writers "thankless"? — MOLINE GRANDMOTHER

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: While a hug, a delighted smile or a precious voice on the phone is an adequate thank-you, a written thank-you, regardless of how messy, illegible and outrageous the spelling, has more value because it represents a little more time and effort — and can also be saved to be enjoyed for years to come. And usually is.

Abigail Van Buren is a columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

Goofy memorabilia popular Disney collectible

By LINDA ROSENKRANTZ
Copley News Service

The most obvious protagonists of a Disneyana collection would be, of course, Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, as well as the females who animated their adventures, Minnie M., and Daisy D.

There are, however, other, more eccentric choices for the focus of such a collection, and one of the most colorful of these is Goofy.

Like many future stars, Goofy started out in the chorus. Originally known as Dippy Dawg, he made his debut as bit player in the 1932 cartoon, "Mickey's Revue."

It was Art Babbitt, himself one of the more eccentric of the early Disney animators, who soon proved to have a real feel for the well-meaning but blundering, bumbling, fumbling character (always referred to around Dopey Drive as "The Goof") — and propelled him into full-fledged stardom.



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At first, he was part of the gang, playing featured roles in such short subjects as "Moving Day," "Hawaiian Holiday," and the classic, "Clock Cleaners."

It was in 1941 that he became the star of a series for which most people remember him best, the "How To Do It" series, which was, as a result of the The Goof's talent for trouble, actually a "How Not To Do It" series. Among the subjects tackled: non-lessons in horseback riding, skiing, self-defense, swimming, fishing, sailing, golfing, football, gymnastics and sleeping.

Although the amount of Goofy merchandise produced did not come close to that bearing the image of his more universally known siblings in the Disney family, there is still a plethora of items available to the prospective collector.

A few examples, with current market prices:

- "Goofy and Wilbur," Penny Book Series, 1938-1939 — $3 to $20.
- "Goofy and the Chimp," pop-up book, 1979 — $3 to $10.
- Goofy's Beetle (flying ears), matchbook car — $4 to $18.
- Porcelain bisque figure of The Goof, 1¾ inches, right hand in back, left hand to side — $20 to $60.
- Mechanical Goofy with rotating tail, wind-up toy — $35 to $75.

An amazing four-volume compendium of Disney merchandise has been compiled under the title, "Tomart's Illustrated Disneyana Catalog and Price Guide" by Tom Tumbusch; Tomart Publications; P.O. Box 2102; Dayton, Ohio 45429). Twenty thousand photographs in black-and-white and color illustrate everything from banks to bumper stickers, clocks to clothes hangers.

Instead of chronological or character-based organization, the author has chosen a slightly more complicated classification system, with a complete index in Volume 3. The overall picture is sketched in a "Disney Time Line" in Volume 1, giving a detailed history of Disney merchandising.

Since the price guide information was gathered in the early '80s and this is a field in which prices are so fluid, a supplemental edition is in preparation, containing only update information and advertising.

Linda Rosenkrantz edited Auction magazine and authored five books, including "Auction Antiques Annual." Write Collect, c/o Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, Calif. 92112-0190.

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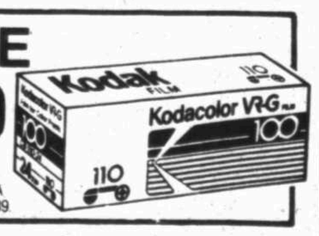
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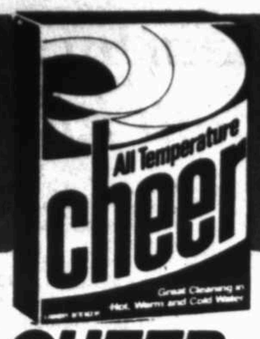
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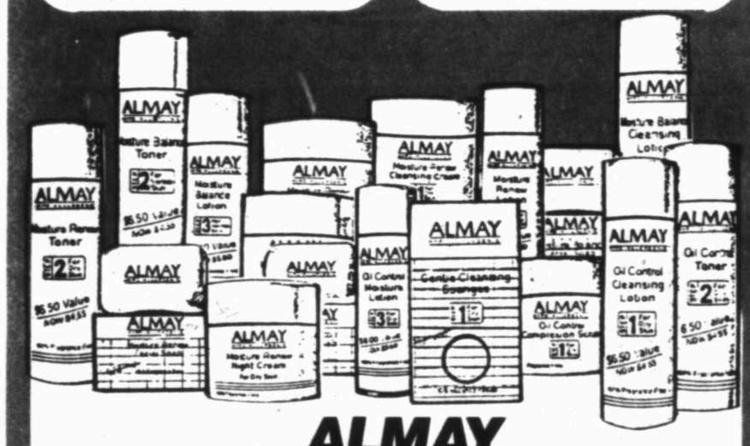
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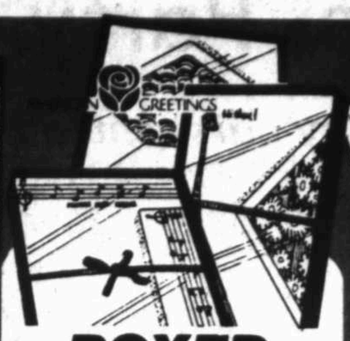


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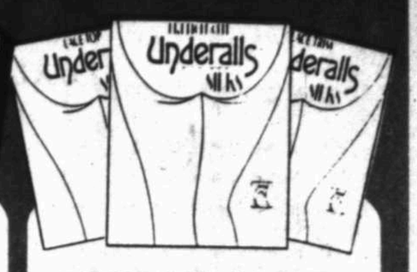
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Limousine: Party machine of '80s

Luxury cars rented by non-celebrities

By JOHN M. GLIONNA
Copley News Service

Driver Ken Grote was dozing in the front seat of his elegant stretch limousine one Friday night as his two passengers discreetly splashed about in a nearby hot springs.

Then came a knock on the window. An elderly woman and her husband stood nervously next to Grote's sleek white machine.

"I've been dying to ask this question all these years," the woman began. "Who's in the back seat of your car? I'll bet you drove all the way from Hollywood, right?' ..."

No, Grote explained. Actually, his customers were a 95-pound hooker and a 350-pound truck driver.

The woman laughed. She punched his shoulder. "I love you guys," she said. "You can really keep a secret."

Moments later, a burly truck driver and his 95-pound friend stumbled up the nearby path — stark naked, covered with mud and leaves.

"The couple got their answer," Grote said, "in the flesh."

So who needs bars anymore? Or bedrooms, for that matter. The stretch limo has become America's party headquarters of the 1980s.

But if you thought only Important People peered out from behind those green smoked-glass windows — guess again.

Last year, Americans spent more than a billion and a half dollars renting limos, according to Maury Sutton, publisher of the Los Angeles-based Limousine and Chauffeur Magazine.

BUT WHILE corporate rentals still comprise two-thirds of the limousine business nationwide, recent years have brought a growing diversity in the casual renter, statistics show.

Call it the changing face of the limousine customer.

Peer down through any moon roof these days and you might find an 11-year-old celebrating his sixth-grade graduation; a handful of Heavy Metal rockers blasting a four-speaker stereo, boozing it up on their way to a Def Leppard concert; or a half-dozen Valley Girls, cruising down Prospect Avenue in La Jolla, hooting and waving at every passing stranger, calling their friends from a cellular telephone.

It might be a little old lady en route to her doctor's office in Palm Springs. Or some out-of-work hard hat who busted his piggy bank so he and a few friends could feel like Somebody again — if only for a few hours.

"You get all kinds of people with all kinds of styles," said Bart Reilly, a seven-year driver. "You see flowers and champagne and people who drive around drinking Budweiser from cans.

"You see types who get dropped off at elegant dinners to those who drive through the service window at McDonald's."

Like the two women who spent hours cruising around town, baring their chests to males drivers. Or the bachelorettes who pulled a male dancer into the back seat of their limo.

Or the refined ladies and gentlemen who end the night stumbling drunk, who cough up a $250 cleaning bill after they become ill on the expensive interior. Or the throes of passion that can rock a limo back and forth — even while it's standing still.



CNS Graphic

FOR MOST people, renting a limousine has become a fantasy within reach. That long car. Those dark windows. Instant celebrity status.

"It's ironic," said Howard Clayton, owner of Clayton Limousine in San Diego. "Limos are supposed to be low-profile. You rent them for privacy with a touch of class.

"Today, many people who rent them yell out the windows or stand in the sunroof. They want people to see them. They want to feel like big shots."

Limos still rent for about $45 an hour, enabling their doors to open for teen-agers as well as tycoons.

Most renters rent limos to drink and ride — turning the limousine chauffeur into the designated driver of the 1980s.

Tougher drinking laws have taken many weekend party animals out of the driver's seat and placed them in the plush confines of a $70,000 limousine — often a wet bar on wheels that can include a VCR and color television, Jacuzzi, Dolby stereo, leather seats and enough room for the Charger's defensive line.

Passengers celebrate birthdays. They go to weddings, proms, concerts or just cruise around town. But as they plunk down half a week's pay so they can drink themselves dizzy without fear of arrest, most partiers enjoy Being Seen.

"Everybody still looks," Clayton said. "No matter where they see a limo, they wonder if Somebody is in there. You see 3-year-old kids at weddings who can barely talk, who tug at their mother and say 'Look, Mom, look at the limo.'

"It's part of life. It'll never change. But the old adage of seeing somebody famous in a limo is obsolete. Less than 1 percent of customers are Anybody these days."

THE NEW breed of customer has brought along some horror stories, drivers acknowledge, ranging from incidents of attempted rape, to riders intentionally damaging cars — burning holes in upholstery with carelessly held cigarettes, or getting sick all over expensive interiors.

Last year, one limousine rented in Los Angeles was even used in an unsuccessful attempt to smuggle a dozen illegal aliens past the border checkpoint at San Onofre.

Moreover, women drivers have been propositioned and sometimes assaulted by irate passengers in fee disputes.

Chauffeur Johanna Nesbitt recalled one teen who tried to wrestle her to the ground and then chased her when she refused to grant him an on-the-spot refund.

"I drove 80 miles an hour on the freeway for several miles before I lost him," she recalled. "It was one of the times I wished I had a bodyguard."

As a result, many limousine companies screen callers before renting. Others require customers to sign a waiver form that holds them responsible for any damage to the vehicle. "It's a sign of the times," said Steve Walters, owner of Presidential Limousine in San Diego.

"When I first got in the business, this kind of thing wasn't necessary; people weren't as rowdy. But over the last five years, I've seen the change — the different breed of customer, the less respect for property."

ALSO, DOZENS of limousine owners in California have filed suit against renters to retrieve damage expenses or lost revenue for cars reserved but not rented.

"These lawsuits are becoming more common," said Robert Shelton, executive director of the Limousine Owners Association of California (LOAC).

"Owners have a right to protect their property. Just because people are renting a $60,000 vehicle for a few hours, it's not theirs. They have no right to destroy it."

The LOAC sponsored its first-ever seminar in Los Angeles recently to discuss issues relating to the growing business of limousine rentals.

Among the problems are driver recklessness and turnover, as well as the sale of illegal drugs and alcohol sales to minors by drivers.

"The job is to take care of your clients, but some drivers go too far," said chauffeur Patty Shangreaux. "They provide drugs and booze for minors. Some even provide women for the right customers. It goes on."

Another problem is the gypsy companies who operate without a license or insurance, enabling them to cut rates. But passengers are left with little recourse if they are injured in an accident involving an uninsured limo, owners say.

Of more than 65 limousine companies listed in the San Diego Yellow Pages, more than half are gypsy companies, according to Meredith Craft, president of the San Diego Limousine Owner's Association.

Moreover, of the 5,000 working chauffeurs throughout California, between 2,500 and 3,000 work for gypsies, LOAC statistics show.

"We're trying to clean up our industry," Shelton said. "And I think we're gaining on it."

BUT WHILE that happens, limo drivers keep telling stories about crazy rides. Their jobs teach them lessons about human nature.

"Most times, my job is babysitting," said Patty Shangreaux. "People get hopelessly drunk or sick and I'm the one who ends up taking care of them for the night."

One peeve for drivers is the groups who insist that the chauffeur join their party and have a few drinks — even while they're driving. Or the customers who think driver is spelled S-L-A-V-E.

"It's a game you play," Shangreaux said. "You laugh at their jokes — and they tell some pretty bad jokes — and you keep that perfect but plastic smile on your face.

"It's my way of saying 'Hey, buddy, if it makes you happy, it makes me happy' ..."

And talk about fights. During one of limo driver Bart Reilly's rides, a woman smashed a cocktail glass on her boyfriend's forehead. Then she kicked him out of the car and ordered the driver to speed off.

"So many couples start out so nice," said driver Johanna Nesbitt. "Then they start drinking and the fights start. You feel bad. Here they are, riding in this nice car, spending all this money, and they end up fighting.

"After a while, you learn to tune them out. You turn on your stereo and concentrate on driving."

Driver Ken Grote's wife can't understand why people rent limos in the first place.

"I tell her how much people spend — sometimes a few hundred dollars in an evening. And she says she could go to a nice hotel in San Diego and spend the whole weekend, lounge in the Jacuzzi, have her hair done, go to dinner and to the theater for that kind of money."

BUT GROTE sees some redeeming value in the limousine industry.

"For some friends to get together every once in a while, have a few drinks and enjoy the ride, it's fine," he said. "The way I see it, it's the '80s way to have fun with style."

Family 'togetherness' at holidays stressful

By LAURA ACCINELLI
Copley News Service

LOS ANGELES — Her mother-in-law used to drive her crazy, says Torrance attorney Phyllis Weissman. "She'd come west for the holidays, stay six weeks and sit and wait for me to take her places."

Weissman catered and chauffeured until she learned to assign her in-law tasks such as sewing or teaching her granddaughters to embroider.

"When she had something to do, she had less time to stand there and tell me what I was doing wrong."

Deli Chumley of Venice teases her Indianapolis son, "How come when my mother comes to visit I clean and dust and spit and polish, and when I visit, you don't even do the dishes or make the bed?"

When Anna Leach's six children come with their own children for Christmas, the Rancho Palos Verdes housewife resolves to have fun. She plans the menu, freezes lasagne, bakes pies. She resigns herself to a less ordered household.

"You tell yourself ahead of time that it's only for a short time and I can clean when they're gone. We manage, but I'm sure if we were all together for a month we'd be at each other's throats."

FISH AND visitors stink in three days, it's been said since relatives were invented. Luckily, fish doesn't figure much in holiday fare. But relatives under the same roof for an extended period may get particularly fishy.

Thrown into the kettle are the seasonal stresses of expense, expectation and emphasis on happiness. Added spice are the modern permutations of family from divorce and remarriage.

"Old feelings from childhood are triggered by the holidays," says Hermosa Beach psychotherapist Myrna Miller. "All the things we wanted and didn't get. All the love and attention we needed and didn't get. Consequently, it's a fantasy to think everybody has a wonderful time."

"Consider how one couple expeditiously handled the Mother-In-Law Question," says West L.A. family and marriage therapist Douglas Gosney. "They picked up his mother at LAX, headed to Palm Springs for the holidays, then forgot her at a gas station. It was several hours before they remembered someone was supposed to be in the back seat.

"The underlying message, which they weren't expressing up front, was, 'We really don't want to be around her. This isn't going to be nurturing,' " Gosney says. "So they spaced out she was even there."

But, experts say, there are nicer tricks to keep the mess from boiling over and ways to stir instead the intrinsic joy.

"BE AWARE of your feelings," says Miller. "If you're not cheerful about spending the holidays with your family or in-laws, relax into it, without guilt, and develop a plan for emotional distance.

"Decide the experience is going to be positive," advises Miller. "People gain strength from a stated goal. Then it's easier to let people say what they're going to say, without feeling defensive," she says.

"If your parents offer unsolicited advice, like you need a new bedspread or you should wear your hair differently, the worst thing you can do is get defensive. Say something instead like, 'Maybe you're right. I'll think about it after the New Year.' Then you can think about it or not. Do what you want."

Miller suggests considering why criticism is offered. Perhaps your mother can tell you she loves you only by complaining about your hairdo.

As an added incentive to suffer blithely Aunt Heloise's white-glove treatment, Miller recommends scheduling a treat for the end of the holidays, such as a weekend away for you and your spouse.

"If you have to be very mature when the relatives are there, then satisfy the child in you afterward when they leave."

To be sure, the culprit for most at-home hassles over the holidays is the parent-child syndrome. When grown children don't see their parents frequently, both parties have a history of childhood only to inform behavior.

"Visit as adult friends, not as parents and children," insists Los Angeles family therapist Marcia Lasswell. "And go as a guest, not as a boarder. Shorter visits leave less time for getting hooked into old routines.

"You'll be courteous and helpful, as a guest would be, and you'll live by their rules. In return, people treat guests differently and will try to accommodate them."

GENERALLY IT'S harder for parents to visit in their children's homes, Lasswell says, because they are accustomed to running the show. It's difficult for them to think of their adult children as peers capable of arranging kitchens, paying bills, avoiding chills, disciplining children, deciding when to go to bed and establishing traditions.

At the same time, adults may revert to childhood and expect to have their meals served, their beds made and their laundry done.

The person reponsible for the holiday mechanics — the coordinator — often catches flak, particularly in a household in which both spouses work. A visiting older generation may get caught in a time warp and turn critical. Working women — traditionally charged with meals, chores, decorations, presents, company, the nice touches — may feel guilty.

Chumley, president of the Venice Town Council, scatters her time among friends and assorted family members. They share the chores of the holiday, she says, which is always spent at her mother's home.

Lawyer Weissman tries to take time off to visit with holiday guests, but in the meantime, she lends them a spare car or tells them to rent one. She provides free room and board and a map with tourist attractions marked. Guests do their own laundry.

"I got smarter as I got older," she says. "I explain right from the start what are their jobs and what are mine, and it works out well. No surprises. No misunderstandings."

"COMMUNICATION IS key to a happy holiday," agrees family therapist Gosney. "Make sure you understand what people are saying. Anticipate stress. When you are the visitor, call a friend in the area for support. Rent a car so you can take a break. If necessary, bring along an objective third party as a buffer or stay in a hotel. Finally, be open to alternatives."

If spending the holidays with family is upsetting, don't do it. "That's certainly not an outlandish option," says Gosney.

AT WIT'S END

On days after Christmas, the awful truth comes out

By ERMA BOMBECK



Bombeck

I've always had my own version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." All those milking maidens, squawking geese and nesting partridges never did it for me. I don't relate.

Has it been only 12 days ago that my husband gave to me/a car with a dead battery? In the days that ensued, I got 80 cards for sending/punch bowl for lending; Santa with our dog/a cord of Christmas logs; and a virus that would bring me to my knees.

This was followed by one house for trimming/oven timers for dinging; Fruitcake for freezing/red nose for sneezing; Visiting kids' laundry; Gifts for assembling/eggnog for blending; and a bird that looked better off than me.

Today is the 12th day of Christmas, and my husband gave to me a gift of a steam iron, food slicer on back order and a blouse size 43, two scented soaps, one paperback — and a toothbrush with a dead battery.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas." Don't I wish!

No one ever writes songs about the 13th, 14th and 15th days of Christmas. Allow me to enlighten you. Sing along if you like.

On the 13th day of Christmas, my family gives to me presents for returning/gift wrap for burning; Leftovers for using/sales slips for losing; Leaves in the table/call about the cable, and put fresh water on the Christmas tree.

On the 14th day of Christmas, my true love shares with me a clipping that's appalling/sale of steam irons at the mall-ing; Barfing by the dog — he probably ate a bulb; Chip dip a-graying; Charge cards need paying; And a gift to the wrong addressee.

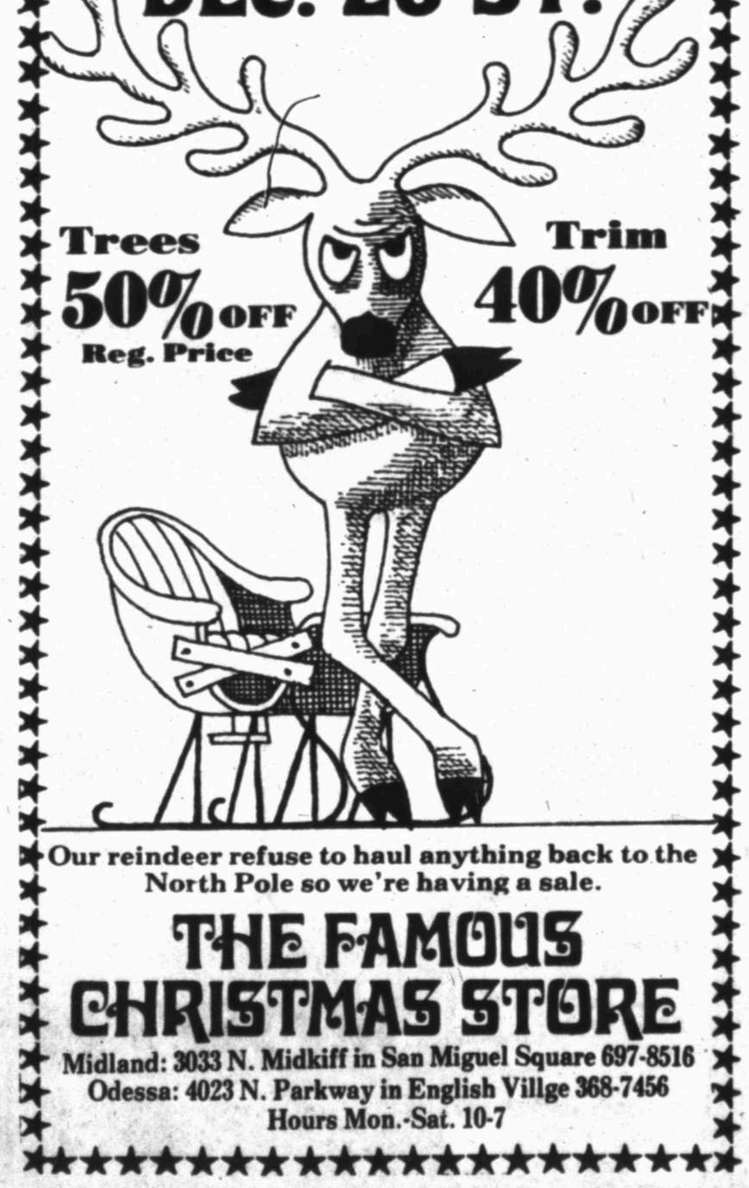
By the 15th day of Christmas, the little needles from the tree that fell on the carpet have grown into 12-inch rapier swords that penetrate your bedroom slippers. The little bird that chirps endlessly when you plug it in has been strangled by its own cord. The apples in the bowl by the front door have dimpled and fermented.

The "in" and "out" lists have been published, and I'm not on either one of them. The kids have returned to wherever it is they spend their lives. My husband has posted a Smokey Bear sign on the Christmas tree. It's over.

Will I go through all of this again next year? You bet. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Erma Bombeck is a columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.





Weddings

STANLEY-KENNEY

Kelly Louise Stanley of Midland became the bride of Scott Leo Kenney, also of Midland, 7 p.m. Dec. 16 at the home of the bridegroom. The Rev. K.C. Blackketter officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. John Marcus Stanley of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Ruth Kenney of Midland and the late G.L. Kenney.

The bride is a December graduate of University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. She is employed with ClayDesta Communications. Her husband graduated from UTPB in August, with a business administration degree in finance. He is employed with Yale E. Key Oil Well Serving.

The couple lives in Big Spring.



Mrs. Scott Leo Kenney

BAILEY-VERNON

Kelview Heights Baptist Church of Midland was the setting for the 2 p.m. Dec. 17 wedding of Teri Myn Bailey and Kyle Wilburn Vernon, both of Midland. The Rev. Russ Hale officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Bailey of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Word of Midland.

Melinda Mosely of Lubbock was matron of honor. Jimmy Kirpatrick of Midland served as best man. Ushers were Pete Mills of Midland, Kreg Bailey of Midland, brother of the bride, and John Mosely of Lubbock.

The couple attends Texas Tech University. After a honeymoon in the Big Bend area and Mexico, they will live in Lubbock.



Mrs. Kyle Wilburn Vernon

JOHNSON-CROSSLAND

Patty Ann Johnson and Jeffery Allen Crossland, both of Midland, were married 8 p.m. Thursday at ClayDesta Atrium. The Rev. Curt Bezinque, of Midland Christian Fellowship, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Joan Johnson of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Richard and Nancy Crossland of Roy, N.M.

Caron Stands of Lafayette, La., sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Paul Ellis of Midland served as best man. Ushers were Max Johnson of Ruidoso, N.M., brother of the bride, Mark Crossland of Midland, brother of the bridegroom, and Doug Wilkerson of Midland.

Following a wedding trip to Wolfcreek, Colo., the couple will live in Midland.



Mrs. Jeffery Allen Crossland

Engagements

WHITE-HOPPE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kimsey of Midland announce the engagement of her daughter Kaylea White of Fresno, Calif., to Theodore William Hoppe of Fresno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hoppe of Lincoln, Neb. The wedding will take place in April.

Miss White earned a bachelor of science degree from Trinity University in San Antonio. She is a geologist. Her fiance graduated from Trinity University and the University of Nebraska. He is an attorney.



Kaylea White

STARTZ-KARR

Ann Colleen Startz and Darryl Wayne Karr, both of Midland, are planning to be married 11 a.m. Feb. 11 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer William Startz of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wayne Karr of Ozona.

Miss Startz is a 1982 graduate of Angelo State University. She is employed with Earl R. Bruno. Her fiance graduated from Texas Tech University in 1979. He is employed with Texas Instruments.



Ann Colleen Startz and Darryl Wayne Karr

CARMEL-FRIDAY

Susan Carmel and David Friday, both of Midland, are planning to be married 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at First Christian Church. The bride-elect is the daughter of Olney and Norma Thurman of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Tom and Marilyn Friday of Midland.

Ms. Carmel graduated from Lee High School and Central College in McPherson, Kan. She is employed with Marathon Oil Company. Her fiance is a graduate of Midland High School. He attended Texas Tech University and earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from University of Texas of the Permian Basin.



Susan Carmel and David Friday

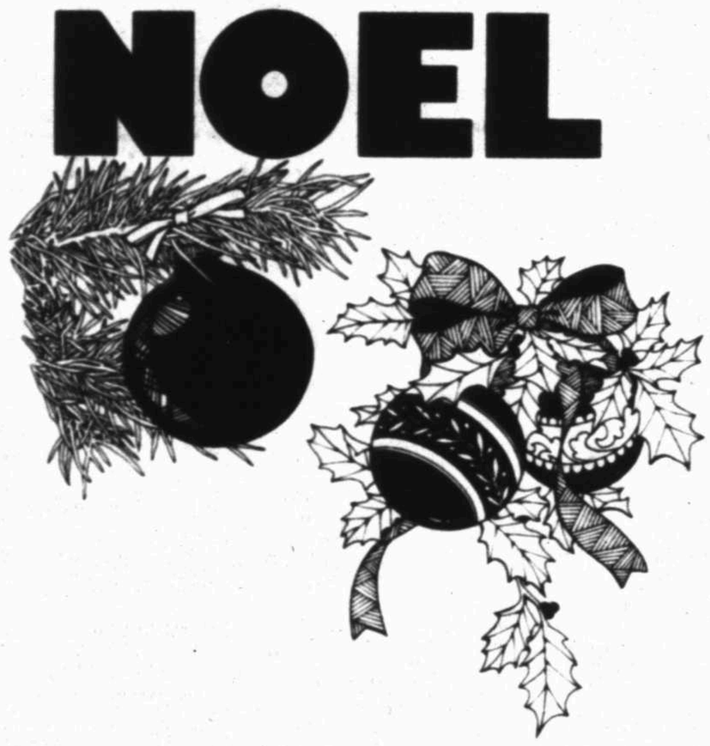
MILLER-REEVES

Mary Evelyn Miller and Kenneth Bryan Reeves, both of Midland, are planning a 2 p.m. Jan. 21 wedding at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Parents of the bride-elect are Edward M. Miller of El Paso and Carrie Jo Miller of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of K. Leroy Reeves of Midland and Mrs. Wayne L. Shull of Fort Worth.

Miss Miller is a 1983 graduate of Lee High School. She is employed with Patterson Operating and Pumping Inc. Her fiance graduated from LHS in 1977. He is an independent landman.

Family has passion for Christmas parapheralia

By PATRICIA LEIGH BROWN
New York Times News Service



"Tiny white lights and red bows may be exquisite decorating," said Geva Alder of Nashville, "but they do not fill the soul."

What fills the soul? "Screaming excess," she replied.

Christmas at the Alders is celebrated with hot-pink 1950s bubble lights with pink cords and sockets. Their tree, a rotating green cellophane beauty, is draped with pink icicles and crowned with a star of pink, aqua and lime green.

Among the cherished family Christmas ornaments are two whirly-spinners and a hot-pink Sputnik look-alike with projecting antennae.

"It was the fantastic fluorescent plastic period," Mrs. Alder explained. Added her husband, Bill, with a touch of nostalgia: "It reminds us of those garish times. There was a lot of relief and abandon, and those feelings extended to the Christmas tree."

The Alders, whose house contains more than 1,000 Christmas books, hundreds of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer memorabilia, a homemade animated Nutcracker display and some 600 Christmas albums — including unforgettable greats like Jack Benny's Christmas Album and Brenda Lee's "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" — are members of the Golden Glow of Christmas Past, a 700-member self-described "coalition of Christmas collectors and historians."

"I suppose there are few hobbies that would make a lady happier," Alder said, speaking of his wife. "The reason I enjoy it is watching her light up."

The Golden Glow newsletter features "Noel Notes" written by "our Elf staff." At annual meetings, held in August, members of "the Glow" — some of them 5- and 10-tree households at this time of year — drink eggnog and eat fruitcake.

Amid displays of blinking lights, they exchange the latest intelligence on carbon filaments and where to find Moon Mullins, Thumbelina or Flapper Girl Christmas-tree ornaments.

Some members, like Gil Kaufman of Columbus, Ohio, have written books on their collections, like his "History and Catalog of Electric Christmas Light Bulbs" (Christmas Antiques, 1980) now in its fourth printing.

Christmas is the season that turns even the shyest decorator into an artist, as trees become canvases and manteis are transformed into stage sets.

For members of the Golden Glow, Christmas provides the excuse to unveil their most prized possessions.

In Arp, Texas, Bob Cook puts his collection of 300 antique Santas on display in his home until the end of January. A decorator and retired clothing designer, Cook used to fly home to Texas from New York as a young design student to decorate the family Christmas tree.

"Today," Cook said, "I have more Santas than I have space," including two 30-inch-tall German Santas with nodding heads and a papier-mache Santa showing teeth, "very unusual for a Santa."

Jim Meadows of Dallas traces his passion to his childhood, when "being a little kid during World War II, there were no new Christmas ornaments." Meadows grew up with his grandmother's hand-me-down ornaments.

This year, he has decorated his tree thematically with 1930s lights and ornaments.

"Every one of us, especially people my age, is trying to re-create something from their childhood — a look, a feeling," he said. "This tree is everybody's fantasy of what their grandmother's tree would look like."

Golden Glow was founded in 1980 by Jerry Ehernberger, 33, who recently represented the club in Genoa, Italy, at the International Conference of Nativitists, a group devoted to the history of Nativity items.

Ehernberger's passion for Christmas decorations began as a kindergartner, when he brought a bubble light to class for show and tell. By the fourth grade he had accumulated enough light bulbs for a collection.

The club began with six friends who shared Ehernberger's affection for Christmas lighting. Eventually, it expanded to include aficionados of Santas, ornaments, Christmas cards, postcards, beaded garlands, advertisements, light bulbs and bisque figurines of children.

In his Chicago apartment, Ehernberger has devoted an entire room to a year-round Christmas Village display. Like many club members, his collection of 83 houses began innocently enough with the discovery of a village house from the 1920s at a Denver antiques store.

Today, his Yuletide Lilliput, with its quaint cardboard buildings with cellophane windows and mica specks, is Ehernberger's meditation room. "I find it very tranquil."

Most Christmas collectors are extremely serious about their collections and tend to be motivated by nostalgia, according to Phillip V. Snyder, a Golden Glow member and author of "The Christmas Tree Book: The History of the Christmas Tree & Antique Christmas Tree Ornaments" (Penguin Books, 1983).

To Snyder, Christmas trees with antique ornaments are a "world in miniature where every object is interesting." The ritual of unwrapping ornaments tucked away in tissue paper is "like meeting an old friend you see only once a year," he said.

Lifestyle policies

Policies for publication of announcements in the Lifestyle sections of The Midland Reporter-Telegram are:

Information for Sunday pages must be in our office by 5 p.m. the preceding Tuesday. For publication in a weekday paper, we must receive the information by noon two days before the information is to be published. For example, an item for Wednesday's paper must be received by noon Monday.

Engagement announcements must appear at least two weeks before the wedding date. Wedding announcements must appear within one month of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — must be published within one month of the anniversary date.

Announcements of pageant winners will only be published for teenage pageants and older. Photographes will be published only for winners, not runner-ups. These announcements are published Tuesdays. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.

All articles must be submitted in writing. Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries, only published Sundays, are available in the Lifestyle office. All materials must include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

We cannot mail forms to persons in Midland. Pictures must be picked up in the Lifestyle office within one month after publication. To have a photo returned by mail, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Unclaimed photos are discarded after a month.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements. Portraits of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for the engagement and wedding announcements.

Photos should be vertical, black and white, glossy finish, studio portraits. Studio color pictures may be submitted, but quality reproduction cannot be assured. Snapshots generally are not acceptable and Polaroid shots are not accepted. The MRT reserves the right to deny publication of any photo due to quality or content.

There is no charge for publication of photographs and stories.

Craddick named International Deb

From Staff Reports

Christi Leigh Craddick, daughter of Texas State Representative and Mrs. Thomas Russell Craddick of Midland, will be presented at the 34th Annual International Debutante Ball Dec. 29 at the Waldorf in New York.

Miss Craddick is the only debutante from Midland and she will participant in a contingent of 14 Lone Star belles.

Miss Craddick was a student at The Hillender School and Midland High School and is attending the University of Texas in Austin. She is interested in a career in law.



Christi Leigh Craddick

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Grandparents raising grandchildren

By LAURA ACCINELLI
Copley News Service



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Gillian was 6 months old when her grandmother, Gail, received a phone call. Gail clearly recalls her daughter's words. "She said, 'I don't want to be a mother. I just can't do it.'

"She was very young, and she didn't want to be stuck with a baby. It's your child, your grandchild, so what do you do?"

What Gail and a growing number of grandparents do is open their homes to their children's children. At an age when they finally have time and money for dreams they've planned for years, suddenly they are raising young children — again.

It's an unexpected burden these grandparents are shouldering, born of tragedy in the sandwiched generation: death, abandonment, neglect; drugs and alcohol; incarceration; physical and/or sexual abuse; mental illness. The tragedy seeps into the adjoining generations.

Grandparents who must undertake the raising of their grandchildren suffer emotional and mental stress along with personal and financial sacrifice, says Sylvie de Toledo, a licensed clinical social worker at a psychiatric clinic for youth in Southern California. They miss the luxury of being doting grandparents, spoiling the youngsters during special visits, then sending them home for day-to-day care and discipline.

GRANDCHILDREN, FEELING rejected by their parents and blaming themselves, tend to be difficult, ever hopeful their real parents will come back and care for them.

Still, "the grandparents are absolutely committed to taking over and keeping the children within the family. They just don't want the kids to go to foster homes," she said.

Last year de Toledo founded a support group for parenting grandparents. Her own parents have been caring for her sister's son. Then she noticed that a good number of the children counseled at the non-profit center were being raised by grandparents.

It's a rising phenomenon that crosses socioeconomic and ethnic lines, de Toledo said. She attributes the trend to today's prevalence of drugs and teen pregnancy. "This trend has been happening for a while but it's getting more widespread, and now we're just tapping into the area and providing some needed resources."

Already, two groups of 15 grandparents each — mostly grandmothers — meet for a couple hours once a week to discuss their situations. They vent anger. They confide concerns. They admit shortcomings. They offer specific suggestions. They discover they are not alone. They find momentary relief. They range in age from the early 40s to the mid-70s.

While no firm data exists, certain figures suggest the situation is becoming more insidious.

According to statistics from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the number of grandparent-grandchild households with no parent present rose slightly between 1980 and 1970. As of March 1987, the nation's 64.5 million family households included an estimated 1.8 million with people 55 or older living with someone under 18, possibly a grandchild.

WHEN GILLIAN, now 8, came to live with her grandmother, Gail quit her job managing a rental-car agency. She put her career on hold and took a job with more regular hours. She fixed formula at night for the next day's sitter. She lost her adults-only apartment. Out of sync with friends whose children are grown and gone, her social life went kaput. Money, too, goes first toward Gillian's needs and development.

"I was just coming out from financial hardship, I was footloose and fancy-free, doing what I wanted, earning my own living. Now at 45 I'm selling Girl Scout cookies and spending my weekends at birthday parties," Gail said.

She has focused her life on Gillian, because she knows she's dealing with a child who has been rejected, she said. Sometimes, out of the blue, the child will mention an event in the far-away future, such as college, and ask her grandmother if she will still be alive. She calls her grandmother "Mommy," except in earshot of her real mother. The third-grader started counseling earlier this year, because a teacher noticed she's confused about exactly who fits where in a family.

"It has been a role reversal. My daughter is the grandmother. She shows up with pretty presents and talks about where she's going on vacation. I take off work when both day-care and school are closed — that's my vacation."

A stream of emotion courses between the two women, Gail said, yet she does give her daughter credit for the courage of her decision. "I live in fear of the day my daughter says, 'I want her with me.' Of course, I think it's right, a child should be with its mother, but after so many years you build a bond with that child, and no matter what you say, it's yours."

AN EXECUTIVE secretary, Gail would do it again, without question, she said. Little rewards come in daily doses — a look, a giggle, a prayer. Bigger ones come on occasions such as Mother's Day "when she brings something home from school and it's for you."

The variety of grandparents, grandchildren and circumstances notwithstanding, emotions expressed seem remarkably similar. Some feel more trapped, some are more exasperated by the trials of parenthood, others find much joy in little things. Love and devotion is a constant undercurrent.

Sandra one evening was babysitting her two infant grandsons. Her daughter dropped them off only in diapers. She didn't return for six months. She accused her mother of stealing her babies, said the 44-year-old. Now ages 10 and 9, Sandra's grandsons call her "Mommy." Their legal guardian, she calls them "my boys" or "my two monsters." They adore her.

Sandra, who works as a clerk at a community college, calls herself lucky. She has day-care. She managed to earn her college degree.

Last year, Sandra slipped and injured her back. The 9-year-old "went off the deep end. He was scared I was going to leave him."

Grandparents often harbor resentment toward their children for sticking them with this responsibility, then feel guilty for that resentment, said de Toledo. Further, they may be dealing with their own feelings of loss or failure as a parent.

SHARON, 40, cares for two grandsons, 7 and 3. She said the youngest was born with heroin in his body. "It's tough financially. I'm depressed about the kids and feeling sorry for me. I worry if I can pull this off. I already raised four of my own, and three came out bad. Can I do different with these?"

Young children often think it's their fault their parents aren't there with them, said de Toledo. "They think if they had been better behaved, if they hadn't argued, they would still be around."

Hazel, 55, is adjusting to her new situation. She has had her son's children, two boys ages 7 and 8 for about nine months. She can't quite get it together, she said.

"They holler all the time. My flowerbeds are as high as the house, and I can't do anything except watch (the grandchildren). They are fighting you, rebelling against you because of things going on with their parents. Mama and Dad are gone having fun, and you're in the middle."

IT'S YOUR LIFE
Positive attitude important

By STEVE EDWARDS



Edwards

A recent national survey showed that 41 percent of those surveyed were looking forward to retirement, 22 percent disliked everything about the idea of retirement and 37 percent had no opinion. Yet retirement can be as much as one-third of a person's lifetime.

In our society, two fears are common to almost everyone: the fear of death and the fear of living too long.

Many retired individuals find their lives fulfilling and useful. However, when these successfully-retired individuals were interviewed, they said they retired *to* something, not *from* something. They used retirement for developing their own personal interests.

The five basic human needs can be put in two categories: (1) those satisfied through the environment, and (2) those satisfied through socialization.

Basic survival depends on satisfying the needs for food, shelter and clothing. Secondary to these basic needs are the needs for economic security, safety, social- and self-satisfaction and status.

Social security, medicare and retirement/pension plans help many retired individuals meet their basic needs. Each individual must decide for himself how his personal growth will be satisfied during retirement.

Many people seek personal satisfaction through their work.

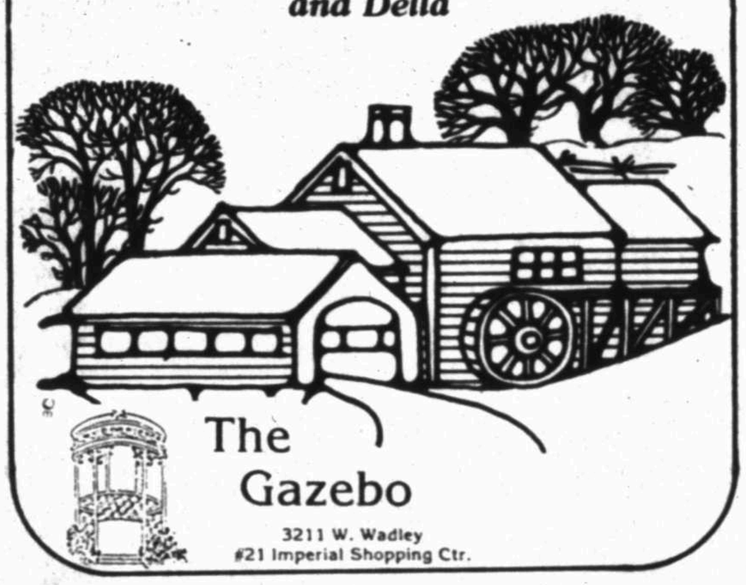
Therefore, successful retirement will depend on their ability to find satisfaction through other outlets than their work.

Middle-aged adults should begin adjusting their attitudes to include interests, other than work, as a major part of their lives.

Activities outside work can provide a source of identity, new friends and new social interests. It also can prevent boredom, which can be the real tragedy of retirement.

Steve Edwards is executive director of Community and Senior Services and the Visiting Nurse Service of Midland.

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Genealogy: Tracing family's roots

Associated Press

Interest in genealogy continues to grow each year.

Today, nearly 2,000 genealogical societies with a collective membership of approximately 700,000 educate and promote interest in researching the past. In addition, there are more than 5 million members of local historical societies and nearly 33.5 million members of lineage societies (family organizations and societies such as Daughters of the American Revolution).

Traditional Home magazine provides the following list of the best-known organizations that promote genealogy on a nationwide basis:

■ The National Genealogical Society, 1921 Sunderland Pl., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-1674.

Founded in 1903, the society holds regular meetings and workshops, offers educational materials, and publishes The National Genealogical Quarterly. It also maintains a library that is open to the public (small fee for nonmembers). For information on hours, call 202-785-2123.

Each year the society holds a national conference open to all genealogists, amateur and professional.

■ The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116; 617-536-5740.

This organization, founded in 1845, is the largest and oldest society of its kind. It offers unlimited use of an extensive library and manuscript collection, a book-loan mail service and assistance from the research staff. It publishes The New England Historical and Genealogical Register.

■ The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202, publishes a variety of books of interest to the amateur genealogist, including some specifically designed for the beginner. A few of their titles include "The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy," "How to Climb Your Family Tree: Genealogy for Beginners," and "In Search of British Ancestry." For a complete catalog and price list, write to the Genealogical Publishing Company at the address above.

Home computer enthusiasts can use the latest technology to help trace family roots. There are now about 50 software packages available that can maintain a data base for genealogy. It is also possible to share data with other computerized researchers via modem.

For example, Bill Johnson, a pioneer in computerized genealogical research, is excited about future development. He has traced a few lines of his ancestry to 1621, when some of his forefathers came to the New World on Ann, the second Pilgrim ship to follow the Mayflower. But Johnson was stymied on another quest.

"Some of my ancestors arrived in the United States from Germany in the 1880s during a huge wave of immigration," he says. "Their records are buried somewhere in 130 massive rolls of unindexed microfilm at the National Archives."

For more information, contact the Computer Interest Group, National Genealogical Society, 1921 Sunderland Pl., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-1674.

Computer enthusiasts may want to obtain a copy of "Computer Genealogy: A Guide to Research Through High Technology" by Paul A. Anderek and Richard A. Pence, Ancestry Inc., P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110. Cost is $12.95.

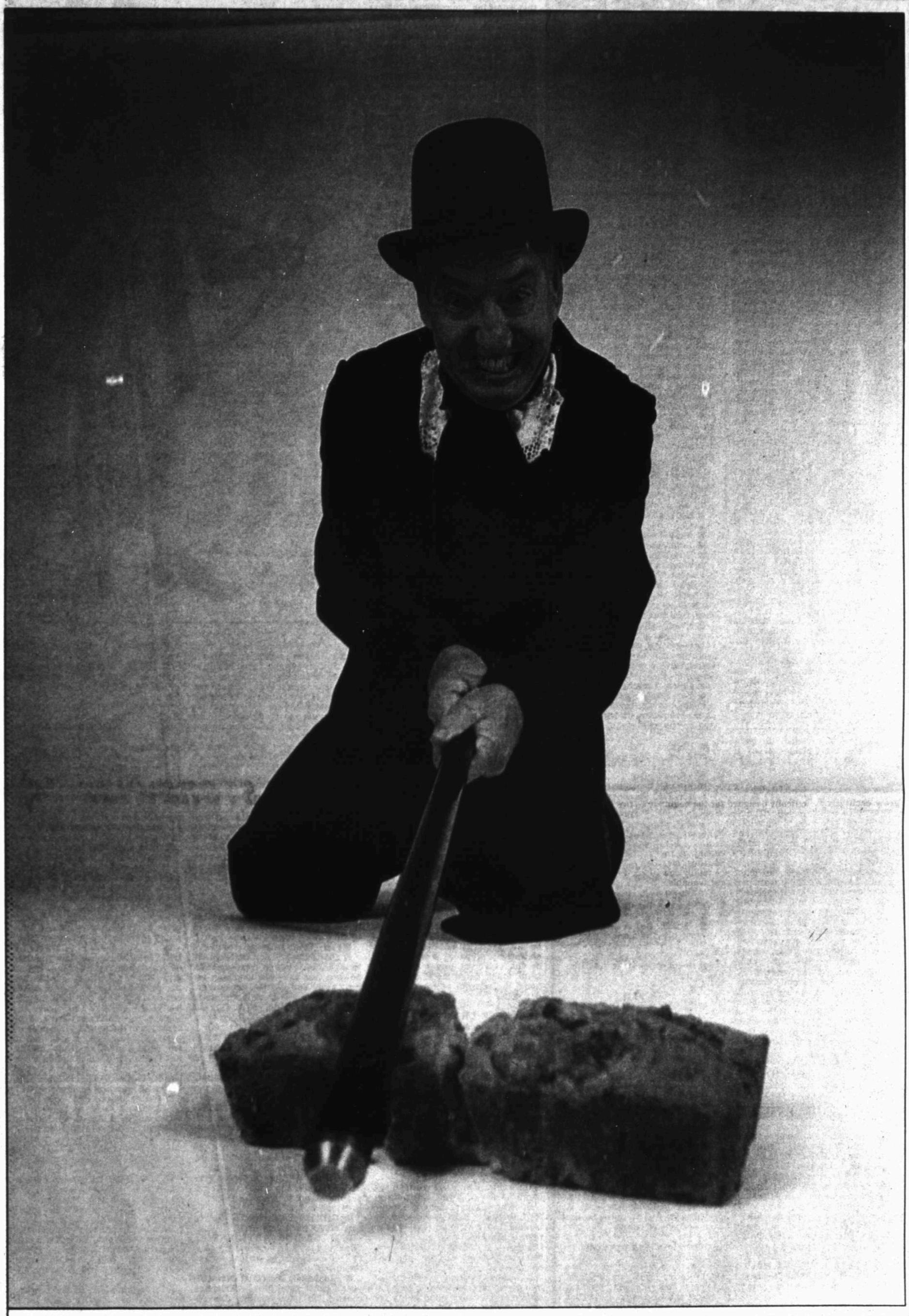
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BAH HUMBUG!

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Local thespian Henry Goulet gets infected with the spirit of Scrooge and demonstrates his sentiments on a fruitcake. Costume courtesy of Ballet Midland and Midland Community Theatre.

Forty *Other* Uses for Fruitcake

If there is anything sadder than opening up a gaily wrapped package and finding it contains fruitcake, I don't know what it is. The person who said, "It is much sweeter to give than receive," must have received fruitcake for Christmas, at least once (... and believe me, once is all it takes).

FRUITCAKE IS THE GREAT imposter. It looks delicious — delectable even — like a dense loaf of cake, adorned with glistening red and green cherries. Sometimes there is a tantalizing aroma of rum and spices.

But when you bite into the cake, it bears bitter fruit. You gag, you clutch, you rinse your mouth with water, but there is nothing to alleviate the sour taste left assaulting your taste buds. Nothing tricks the senses like fruitcake, that bane of Christmas goodies. It is appealing to the eyes and sense of smell. But don't punish your taste-buds with it.

Although there are those who actually *like* fruitcake, the fruitcake haters outnumber the fruitcake lovers by a long shot. Just taking one to the office will prove this theory true.

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"Bah!" said Scrooge; "humbug!"

"What's Christmas time ... but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older, and not an hour richer; a time for balancing your books and having every item in 'em through a round dozen months presented dead against you? If I had my will, every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart.

— Charles Dickens, **A Christmas Carol**

Once again the Christmas season kicked off in late October when some sly retailer stuck the Christmas wrapping paper next to the Halloween display of plastic fangs and tubes of fake blood. We can't even get the Halloween ghouls back in the ground before retailers everywhere begin scaring up the Christmas spirit.

Bah, Humbug!

Christmas is a tradition that used to begin with preparations in mid-December and culminate with a celebration which lasted for several days.

NOW, IT SEEMS to begin as soon as the summer items — collapsible lawn chairs and suntan oil — are off the shelves, and ends when the last package is unwrapped.

The in between time is filled with a chaotic flurry of shopping, overspending, and trying to get notes written in Christmas cards and the frosting to stick to cookies.

There are Christmas tree lights to untangle, gifts that won't fit into any box, boxes that won't fit any gift, and schoolchildren who wander out of bed at 11:30 p.m. to mention that they need 37 cupcakes in the morning for their classroom Christmas party.

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around town

Petro-Plains Council of Camp-Fire, Inc. will offer activities in January and February. First-Aid course for adults 9 a.m. Jan. 7 at the Camp Fire Office, 1024 B Andrews Highway. The course will be taught by a certified Red Cross instructor.

Camp Fire Ski Camp will be Jan. 20-22 in Cloudcroft, N.M. Youth sixth grade age and older may attend. Children younger than sixth grade may attend if accompanied by a parent. Cost of the camp is $75 for skiers (including lessons) or $70 if no lessons are needed. The cost includes transportation, three meals, lift tickets, rental equipment and accomodations.

A basic course in cross stitch will be offered for anyone fourth grade age and older 4:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Camp Fire Office. Cost is $2.50.

"I'm Peer Proof," a self-reliance course, will be conducted 4 p.m. Jan. 28 for children in fourth-sixth grades. The course offers information on resisting negative peer pressure. Cost of the course is $5.

Camp Fire is planning a day trip to Carlsbad Caverns 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 11. Csot is $4 for youth 6-14 and $6 for those 15 and older. Participants should bring a picnic lunch.

"I Can Do It," a self-reliance course for children in first-third grade, will be conducted 9 a.m. Feb. 18. The course will focus on how to handle emergency situations, make nutritious snacks, beware of strangers, answer the telephones. Cost is $5.

The public may attend any Camp Fire activities for an annual registration fee of $6. For registration information call 694-7704...

...**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** of Retired Federal Employees will meet 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center, 2500 Delano. New officers will be installed. Gene West of District IX in San Angelo will be the installing official. All retired federal employees are invited to attend...

...**PAINT DAUBERS** Arts and Crafts Guild will have a holiday boutique through December at Midland Park Mall. Handcrafted items are available for sale...

...**CYNTHIA WOOLFE** will exhibit her watercolor paintings through Dec. 31 during business hours at Lite Bites in ClayDesta Plaza...

...**MIDLAND COMMUNITY** Theatre will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice Feb. 3-March 18.

The story of Joseph, based on the Old Testament, is told completely in song and includes rock, country-western and calypso musical numbers. It is suitable for the entire family.

MCT is reviving "A ... My Name is Alice" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Performances will be Jan. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21. Tickets are $8 each. Reservations may be made by calling 682-4111.

The theatre will present "Shakespeare Live and Lively," a week of activities Jan. 10-15.

The event will include several discussions, films, performances and an acting workshop. For information call 682-4111...

...**HISTORIC QUARTERS** of Fort Davis are decorated with 19th century Christmas decorations.

The fort will be decorated through Jan. 6. It is open daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except Christmas and New Year's Day...

...**MUSEUM OF** the Southwest is selling bricks to the brick apron which will extend from the courtyard of the children's museum. Bricks will be engraved with up to 16 letters per brick and will cost $100 each. For information call 683-2882...

...**MAKERS OF MEATY** Bone dog foods is sponsoring its fourth annual national Poster Dog contest.

The winner will receive a $5,000 cash prize and will be featured with its owner on a poster which will be displayed in 900 animal shelters nationwide in October (Adopt-A-Dog Month).

The shelter from which the dog was adopted will receive a $5,000 cash grant. The winning Poster Dog will also recieve a year's supply of Meaty Bone and Jerky Treats and an all-expense-paid trip to Chicago.

Deadline to enter the contest is Jan. 31. Entry forms may be obtained from Meaty Bone/Jerky Treats, 211 East Onario St., Suite 1300, Chicago, Ill., 60611.

Entry forms should be submitted with a photograph of the dog and owner together and a brief essay stating why the dog should represent America's homeless dogs...

...**JANE BUTEL'S** "New Mexican Tex-Mex Cookery" school will be offered Aug. 20-25 in Santa Fe, N.M. Ms. Butel is the founder of Pecos Valley Spice Co. and the author of nine books on Southwestern cuisine.

The five-day session includes "hands-on" lessons on preparing sauces, tortillas and fillings from scratch. Cost is $1,295 which will include lodging, five lunches, two dinners and a diploma.

For information contact: The Best of Mexican Cooking, Jane Butel Associates, 500 East 77th St., Suite 2324, New York, N.Y., 10162, or call (212) 628-5374...

...**BASIN ASSOCIATION** for SafeAlternatives in Childbirth will discuss "What is Natural Childbirth? How Can I Get it in the Hospital? At Home?" 8 p.m. Jan. 10 at Grace Presbyterian Church



FRUITCAKE

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For those of you who would like to see this country free of this social blemish, "just say no" to fruitcake.

If you receive fruitcake as a gift, don't unwrap the cellophane wrapping — not even to sneak a taste. It won't be worth it. Trust me.

The best thing to do is the wrap the cellophane-covered fruitcake in Christmas wrapping and send it on to Aunt Martha, or to any other relative who adores fruitcake (there is usually one relative in every family who says, "It just isn't Christmas without fruitcake." These misguided souls are the same ones who keep sending fruitcakes as gifts, perpetuating the myth that "everybody loves them").

In all honesty, I do have a relative — who we will call "Mozelle" — who thinks fruitcake is vital to Christmas. But she is from a small town in Alabama where people eat things like pickled turnip greens with hog jelly for breakfast. Mozelle thinks "pickled" is synonymous with "holiday." Her typical Christmas feast includes pickled beets, pickled tomatoes, pickled okra, pickled cranberries, pickled bread, pickled cream country gravy, pickled vanilla wafers ... well, you get the picture.

I'll never forget one Alabama morning (with the humidity about 5,000 percent) when Mozelle arrived for breakfast drenched to the skin. She had gotten up at 4 a.m. to pick fresh okra from the "patch" (half an acre) and could hardly wait to clean the stuff and put it in its proper jar with vinegar and pickling spices. So, it's no wonder that Mozelle thought fruitcake was the food of the gods. It's a virtual "pickled cake," if you will.

DESPITE MOZELLE'S love of the loathsome cakes, I refuse to send her any I inadvertently receive. Mozelle makes her own fruitcakes and is liable to get them back into circulation, and before you know it, every man, woman and child could receive one.

But, enough about Mozelle.

If, by chance, you receive a fruitcake that looks like one you sent to someone else, it probably is. The darn things keep circulating like a chain letter gone bad. Sometimes the more you send out, the more you get back. However, rather than fight the system, stop the chain. Now.

You can do your part to rid America of this social blight by not giving out any more fruitcakes that you receive as gifts. And even better, unless you know people *who really eat them*, don't bake any fruitcakes, please. Think of the children.

For all of you out there who want to "say no" to fruitcake get out your green ribbons (symbolic of going green in the gills). Wear it on your lapel, or tie around your arm or your car antenna.

More ambitious folks can start their own organization and call it something like Sane Persons Against Fruitcake, Fruitcake Haters United or Faction Against Fruitcake.

However, if you happen to recieve a fruitcake, don't dispare. They can be put to practical use. A few suggestions (many courtesy of Midland Reporter-Telegram photographer and fruitcake aficionado George Wolf) follow:

IN THEIR NATURAL STATE:

■ **Diet Aid.** The Fruitcake only diet. (Just watch the pounds fall off when the only food choice is fruitcake).

■ **Added to Punch** (frozen) as a potent ice cube.

■ **Throat Lozenge** for Andre the Giant.

SHELLACKED:

Once sufficiently hardened, add one coat of shellac to fruitcake and use as the following:

■ **Blocks.** Example — large loaves for blocks to hold up a tireless car.

■ **Bricks.** Save them up from year to year until you have accumulated enough to build an outdoor barbeque pit. Massive quantities can be incorporated into building a new chain of I.H.O.F (International House of Fruitcake) restaurants.

■ **Heirlooms.** Fruitcakes can be willed to your descendants. Unlike antiques however, the cakes don't increase in value over time.

■ **Doorstops.**

■ **Paper Weights.** These can be personalized with family photos glued to the top and covered with an acrylic spray.

■ **Bookends:** Stand two fruitcakes on end.

■ **Boat Anchor.**

■ **Emergency Spare Tire.**

■ **Dumbbell Weights.**

■ **Weapon** (Blunt Object). The perfect Alfred Hitchcock crime — who would ever expect the dastardly deed was done with Aunt Ethel's prize-winning candied fruitcake?

■ **Headgear.** A fashion statement sure to get attention. This suggestion is best accomplished with the fruitcake made in tube form, leaving a hole for your head.

■ **Cattle Licking Post.**

■ **Cat Scratching Post.**

■ **Something New** for Robert Conrad to put on his shoulder — and *no* one will be able to knock it off.

■ **Highway Pylons.**

■ **Long Burning** fireplace logs.

■ **SWAT Team Door Ram.**

■ **Flower Pot Stand.**

■ **Portable Stadium Cushion.**

■ **Home Plate** in a sandlot game.

■ **Hat Block.**

■ **Depth Finder** for oceanologists (Listen for that telling "clunk.")

■ **Booster Seats.**

■ **Step Ladder.**

CUT INTO WEDGES:

■ **Hockey Pucks.**

■ **Fetch Toy** for Fido.

■ **Drink Decorations** for those drinks bartenders hate to make. (See if the customer ever orders that drink again).

■ **Official Discus** of East German athletes.

CUBED:

■ **Children's Building blocks.**

GROUND:

■ **Organic gravel.** (It may decompose in your lifetime, but we aren't making any promises).

SLICED THIN:

■ **Coasters.**

■ **Shoehorn.**

■ **Modified Frisbees.**

FLATTENED:

Before baking place fruitcake mixture in a wide, shallow pan. Bake. Let Cool, shellac and let dry. Use as:

■ **Festive Holiday Doormat.**

■ **Dart Boards** (Points scored for hitting different fruits.)

■ **Decorative Stepping Stones** for residential homes.

If you aren't ambitious enough to utilize fruitcake for practical applications, it can be eaten; but remember, you have been warned. Just be sure to pick out any fruit and anything that looks like fruit. Just as Euell Gibbons used to say about pine cones: "Some parts are edible."

HUMBUG

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Then, just when you've decided that adorning your house with oodles of lights and festive decorations is simply not in the budget this year, lavish decorations, lights and luminarios spring up on every house on your block, making you feel ashamed and miserable.

Even radio DJs get in on the humbug spirit by playing songs such as "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer" 50 times a day. Or, worse, they play songs like "White Christmas" and "Let it Snow" when it's a sunny West Texas day, leaving listeners in — shall we say — grouchy mood.

And just when you think you have gotten things under control, the "powers that be" let the children out of school for an 11-day vacation.

WORKING PARENTS of school-age children grit their teeth at the thought of the little "present shakers" loose in the house (with unlimited access to the fridge) while mom and dad work to pay for the name brand sneakers and computer games that "EVERYBODY ELSE HAS."

And for parents at home, there is no peace. With the television constantly booming, stereos playing and insistent requests: for food, to go play, to do this, to do that ... and, well, the list goes on.

Next come the visiting relatives who decide to stay "FOUR MORE WEEKS," since they did come from "all the way across the country, and it seems such a waste to return home after ONLY TWO WEEKS."

Humbug! I say! Scrooge lives.

Whatever happened to peace on earth?

To what degree is Christmas going to be exploited — financially and commercially — robbing it of vitality and meaning?

ALL THE TIME and money needed to celebrate Christmas "properly" makes people dread it. And to add to the misery and distress are the toy companies who think a decent electronic game should cost at least $169.

However, it's not just the cost of Christmas that gives people so much grief; it's the Christmas hype in general. There are claims that this product or that product will bring you happiness and wealth. There are how-to articles which offer advice on how to: turn your home into a winter wonderland, delight everyone on your gift list, dazzle your boss at the office Christmas party, stage the best PTA Christmas pageant ever, give your Christmas packages a personal touch with hand-stenciled wrapping paper, entertain with elegance and grace (for *only* $600), and (my personal fave) how to be the first on your block to fashion a life-size nativity scene from toothpicks.

IN SOME PEOPLE'S opinions, gingerbread houses should be outlawed altogether. Articles and cookbooks tote them as "a fun project that could become a family tradition." However, they always seem to neglect to tell you that the gingerbread house used for the photograph was constructed by a magazine staff of six artists, two professional chefs and one cake decorator. Just try to bake the gingerbread without it cracking and get those marshmallows to stick without mashing them and you'll understand.

Now don't misunderstand. All of these holiday crafts and baking projects have their place in the celebration. After all, even Scrooge had to eat during the holidays. But it should be clear to all that not even the most elaborately prepared frosted cookie or the cleverest angel fashioned from toilet tissue does not bring home the warmth of the true holiday spirit.

BECAUSE CHRISTMAS has become so publically commercialized, it is beginning to spill over into family life, too. Consider the family member who insists on capturing every second of festive gatherings on video tape. This is usually the person who uses the video camera only twice a year and therefore manages to have the pause button engaged when the children discover what Santa has left under the tree. Of course, upon discovery of the error, everyone is herded out the room and forced to re-enact this "spontaneous" moment for the now functional camera.

Moments like this should be banned from Christmas altogether.

Once again, don't misunderstand. It's not that Christmas should be banned. But we should take time to realize that the true meaning of Christmas is to give because you want to give, not because you feel obligated.

It means dropping your change into a red pot as leave a store if choose to, but not feeling guilty for not dropping your last few dollars into every pot as you leave each store around the city.

It means giving to others throughout the year, not just once a year. And it means remembering that a gift isn't always cold, hard cash. Donations of clothing to charities, cast-off fashion mistakes to theaters and an hour or two at a children's home or nursing home are just as valuable.



In general, maybe it's time to slow things down a bit. Take your time to enjoy family and friends and maybe even take them a small basket of goodies as a surprise. Bundle the family up in the car and drive around and enjoy your neighbors festive decorations. Watch a Christmas special on televsion, or turn off the television set and sing carols. And for those brave of heart and strong of voice, try caroling around your neighborhood. Take a break and read the famous "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" aloud to the family. Or make some hot cider and read "The Little Match Girl" or "The Other Wise Man."

SO, IN ORDER TO make time for these holiday treats and avoid the humbug blues, here is a list of things to stay away from for next year:

■ **FRUITCAKE** *(see related story).*

■ **CHRISTMAS ACCOUNTS.** Although it's too late to open one now, beware that they are available for next year. You see, the banks seem to only advertise these accounts at Christmas? After the Christmas rush is over, it's easy to forget about opening up an account for next year.

■ **TRAFFIC AND CROWDS.** Some folks, unfortunately, forget the spirit of Christmas as soon as they get in a line or behind the wheel. Don't allow the Scrooges to get you riled: no one should be in that big of a hurry.

■ **COMMERCIALS ADVERTISING** "50 Christmas Hits" by *your* favorite artists such as Twisted Sister singing "What Child is This," Prince singing "O Holy Night" and the Fat Boys rendition of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah.

■ **PIPED IN CHRISTMAS MUSIC.** After all, how many times can anyone stand to hear "Up on the Rooftop" in one day?

■ **CHRISTMAS CARDS** which cost $16.95 for a box of 12.

■ **MAGAZINE ARTICLES** on "How to host a tree decorating party." Really — is *anyone* that organized?

■ **MAGAZINES TOUTING** this year's most sumptuous Christmas cookies, glorious yuletide desserts and holiday diet survival tips in the same issue.

■ **EASY GIFTS** to make for Christmas which require woodworking skills, two drills and a welding kit.

■ **EASILY ASSEMBLED TOYS,** with hundreds of parts and 45 pages of directions printed in at least three languages.

■ **ANYTHING THAT NEEDS BATTERIES.**

■ **TOYS WITH THINGS NOT INCLUDED.** Although it appears that the action figures come with the toys in the commercials, they are optional and may be purchased for an additional $39.99. Even better are the new computer games which may not be used with existing equipment. You have buy the game console, joy sticks and everything all over again for nearly $200 just to recieve the new game which is not available for purchase any other way.

■ **INCREDIBLY STUPID TOYS** — Horses with long flowing locks, monsters that ooze glop, dolls with fancy cars and shapely dolls which come with exercise equipment.

■ **ITEMS WHICH** carry a big price tag all year, that go to half price the day after Christmas. Why aren't there Before-Christmas sales?

■ **ABUNDANT CHARITY DRIVES** at Christmas time; the time of year when you have the least to give. Maybe Christmas in April has the right idea; spread charity drives out over the year, but keep the giving in the spirit of Christmas. The spirit of giving doesn't have to be confined to the month of December.

All quibbling aside, if you want to see what Christmas really means, just look at the face of a child when they pass you a messily wrapped plastic bottle of bubble bath (disguised to look like champagne). Notice the excitment and expectation on children's faces as they fidget while waiting in line to see Santa at the mall, or listen as they stumble through a Christmas pageant while they seriously recite the line about the "babe in swaddling clothes."

GIVE A BASKET of food to someone in need and gather up all your unneeded items and give them to a charity so that they can make someone else's Christmas warmer.

Because, despite all the hoopla, the panic and the noise, Christmas is still America's favorite holiday. It's a time to visit family, and to renew faith, friendships and hope for another year.

All the kindness people demonstrate at Christmas time can leave the commercial aspects of giving in the background. It can even melt the heart of the most miserly Scrooge.

God bless us, everyone.

Some grouches suffering from 'hibernation blues'

Hearst News Service

ALBANY N.Y. — Feeling like a bear with a sore head? Wondering why you can't lose a pound when no Oreo has crossed your lips in two months? Is sleeping the thing you do best these days?

It's not your fault, says psychiatrist Peter Whybrow. You're merely suffering from the hibernation response.

Whybrow, chairman of the psychiatry department of the University of Pennsylvania, says that humans, being animals, are just as likely to become lethargic, cranky and ravenously hungry in the cold weather.

But, says Whybrow, we can do something about it.

While he was a professor at the Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, N.H., in 1983-84, Whybrow studied the affect of seasons on humans, with the help of the National Institute of Mental Health. For 15 months, he asked 100 people to keep daily diaries of their sleep habits, energy levels, moods and appetites.

"Normal people do have a distinct seasonal cycle in behavior," says Whybrow. The pattern was similar to one reported by National Institute of Mental Health researchers studying seasonal affective disorder, the severe winter blues that occur in some people when winter days reduce the hours of daylight.

"The variation in behavior through the year was very real," Whybrow says. "People tended to sleep more in the winter, for example. They began taking naps, usually after supper, apparently compensating for a general decrease in energy compared with the summer months. They also reported less drive and a lower mood during the winter, eating more carbohydrates and gaining weight.

"While our cave-dwelling ancestors responded to shorter, colder days with increasing torpor, we condemn ourselves for that natural biological response and attempt to continue life as usual."

If your lifestyle allows, you can give in to it, says Whybrow. Sleep in. Get fat. Nap a lot. Sulk if you want. And if you do, you shouldn't feel guilty.

And it's perfectly natural to feel unusually hungry this time of year.

"Our natural reaction to a shorter photoperiod and falling temperatures is to gorge ourselves on carbohydrates in preparation for hibernation," says Whybrow. "Our bodies do not reason that in fact we are not going to hibernate or even be exposed to a winter of freezing and starvation.

"The response is automatic and involuntary, and it can't be reasoned away or ignored."

"Most of human society until the last 200 years was agrarian. We lived off the land and worked hard in the spring, summer and fall. But after the harvest and the thanksgiving feasts, we rested and did not feel that the compulsion to do so was abnormal or a symptom of mental illness."

You could also move to a warmer, sunnier climate.

Or, says Whybrow, you can fight it with these weapons:

■ **Phototherapy** — using a specially designed box containing fluorescent lights — will help. Even putting higher-watt bulbs in your lamps is good.

■ **Turn one room** of your home into an "eternal springtime room." This room must have a southern exposure, to maximize the amount of sunlight coming in. Create new windows if necessary. Choose cheery colors and light furniture — even wicker or lawn furniture.

■ **Alter your diet** so you're eating lots of protein up until dinner, then switch to carbohydrates — protein for energy and carbohydrates for calming down. Whybrow says his diet recommendations should keep you from gaining during the winter; in spring you can go on a weight-loss diet.

■ **Eat foods** rich in iron, calcium, magnesium and vitamin C; each has an important part in keeping body and mind healthy and happy. Whybrow says calcium is excreted in winter at eight to 10 times the summer rate. "It's been suggested that an arctic ailment known as winter madness may be related to this enormous increase in calcium loss," he says.

Many pass along unwanted gifts

By ENID NEMY
New York Times News Service



NEW YORK — Everyone likes getting gifts, which does not mean that everyone likes the gifts they get. No indeed.

Some people believe that liking the gifts they receive is nice — and preferable — but not really important. Their theory is (a) it's the thought that counts and that (b) many people would be thankful for any gift.

Neither reason holds water because a great many gifts are not thoughtful, nor are they sent with any real affection. They are business or social obligations and many are ordered in bulk.

The result is that chocolates go to allergic-to-chocolate people as well as to chocaholics, and that people who have made no bones about their hatred of fruitcake get one anyway.

And while it is true that millions of people would love chocolates and fruitcake, pottery elves and decorated candles, it has no bearing on the reaction of the actual recipients.

The truth is that there is a lot of irritation about gifts, both sending and receiving, but few people will acknowledge it.

RETURNING GIFTS is apparently in the same category as leaving a bed unmade. It's done but rarely admitted.

Why exchanging or returning is considered worse form than passing a gift along to someone else is, as the theater's King of Siam put it, a puzzlement.

But passing-along is rapidly becoming at least partly respectable, admitted and even joked about and is now the theme of more than a few holiday parties.

Letitia Baldrige, an expert in what she describes as "manners of good human relationships," and author of "The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette" (Doubleday), does not believe in edicts when it comes to gifts.

She usually does not return gifts, partly because there is a possibility she will be found out, but she admits that when an exchange can be plausibly explained, she takes advantage of it.

"You're lucky if someone gives you something like a sweater because you can say it was the wrong size, exchange it for a style or color you like better, and tell the person who gave it to you that they didn't have the original style in your size," she said. "A white lie is permissable for kindness' sake."

MISS BALDRIDGE donates a number of the gifts she cannot use to charity. Others are kept in three "giveaway" drawers ("not up to Clare Booth Luce's give-away closet," she said), each carefully marked to avoid the possibility of the item going back to the original giver.

Charlotte Ford calls unwanted gifts "a ticklish situation." But, said the author of "Etiquette, Charlotte Ford's Guide to Modern Manners" (Simon & Schuster) "there's always a way to maneuver."

Her taste does not run to returning gifts, she said, but she has been known to wait a year and then pass something along.

As for what might be considered correct etiquette, she said people should do what best suits them, as long as they are careful "not to hurt the person who gave them the gift."

When Ponchitta Pierce was a very young child, she would open her Christmas gifts and then realize, and feel terrible, that she did not have reciprocal gifts for her parents.

She would run into the kitchen, take a can of peaches or peas or whatever was handy, adorn it with a bow from one of the parcels, and proudly present it.

HER GIFT-GIVING has progressed, but her feeling about gifts has not changed. She has a sentimental attachment to whatever she is given.

"I've found that even if I don't like something, if I keep it and look at it after a period of time, it looks nicer," said Ms. Pierce, an independent television host and producer. "It expands my appreciation of things."

Lucy Saroyan does not return gifts because it makes her feel guilty, but she has no similar feelings about passing on gifts.

However, she said, she tries to match the pass-along to the person it is going to because she has been on the receiving end of "appalling" recycled gifts.

Ms. Saroyan, an actress and writer who is the daughter of the author William Saroyan, said one person invariably gives her pass-alongs that are not even in good condition.

"They sometimes have chips and cracks and yet she's always telling me how much trouble she went to and how expensive the item is," she said.

Barbara Howar won't pass along a gift made by a child, but other than that, it's open season.

"My rationale is that the person who bought it wanted me to like it and be happy with it," she said. "If I don't like it, I take it back, but I don't tell them unless I need to. I've been known to say something is being repaired if they wonder where it is."

MS. HOWAR, who is working on a series of "Unauthorized Biographies" for television, said she, too, has a little pass-along shelf.

But she draws the line at putting a recycled gift in a store box. She has tried, as has almost everyone, to return something that came in a Tiffany or Bergdorf Goodman box to those stores and has been told they never carried the item.

"I put my pass-alongs in plain white boxes," she said virtuously.

Reporters compile 'Hate Parade'

By DAN TAYLOR
New York Times News Service

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Last summer, a couple of writers from the Baltimore Sun composed a list of annoying pop singles they dubbed "Hits from Hell."

Reporters J.D. Considine and Kasey Jones stipulated that Hits from Hell not include songs meant to be outrageous — for example, "They're Coming to Take Me Away, Ha! Ha!"

No, these are songs that were supposed to be good. Somebody must have liked them, because they topped the pop charts. But then the Hits from Hell refused to die.

You've heard them: Bobby Goldsboro's "Honey," Bobbie Gentry's "Ode to Billy Joe," Mike Douglas' "The Men in My Little Girl's Life," Neil Diamond's "Song Sung Blue," Sammy Davis Jr.'s "Candy Man," Debby Boone's "You Light Up My Life."

I will agree with Considine and Jones that endless repetition has rendered these tunes noxious. However, I bristle at their inclusion of Elton John's "Daniel," which I happen to like.

And I think they missed a couple of obvious contenders, particularly Tony Orlando's "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" and Jeannie C. Riley's "Harper Valley P.T.A.."

Back in 1966, my sophomore year in college, two of my hoodlum friends and I put together The Hate Parade in honor of a student librarian named Miss Gilbert.

Miss Gilbert lived on Rock Street, where all the parties were. She had dated several guys in our gang, and broken every heart. So, in boisterous good humor, we decided to give her a really special Christmas gift.

My partners in crime were skinny, happy-go-lucky Fast Eddie and a hefty joker we called The Boss. He got his nickname for looking like infamous New York politician Boss Tweed, long before we ever heard of Bruce Springsteen.

Miss Gilbert loved good music, but the music we chose to give her was anything but good. We prowled the bargain record racks of the discount stores and came up with six truly terrible singles. With 12 sides in all, that made it an album's worth of tunes you loved to hate — The Hate Parade.

Most of them were obscure. There was an Australian ditty titled "I Love You, Fair Dinkum, Dinky Di, I Do" and "La Femme" by I-forget-who. In "Three Empty Chairs," a pompous tribute to a trio of dead soul music stars, the bass narrator solemnly reserved one chair in soul heaven for Sam Cooke, "'cause Sam COOKE wrote the BOOK on SOUL."

The Hate Parade entry I remember best is Dr. Feelgood and the Interns singing "You've Got the Right String, Baby, But the Wrong Yo-Yo," with "You're a Bad Motorcycle" on the flip side.

Imagine my surprise when Elvin Bishop's new album, "Big Fun," came out this year, including a bluesy, funny version of "Wrong Yo-Yo." It just goes to prove that any song can sound good, given the right singer. Hate Paraders and Hits-from-Hel-lions everywhere ought to remember that.

Anyway, to finish my yarn, Boss, Fast Eddie and I didn't just give Miss Gilbert our Hate Parade album. We rehearsed a humorously hostile little holiday number.

"WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS," we barked, "AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!" After we growled our way through the song, we shouted "MERRY CHRISTMAS!" and ended with mild cursing.

Then we gave her The Hate Parade. Out of 12 songs, we had found only one that was halfway decent, so I wrote "Merry Christmas!" on it with a table fork. After that, instead of making music, the record just went "snap, crackle, pop!" over and over.

Miss Gilbert loved it. She laughed. She howled. She married Fast Eddie a year and a half later.

Tulsa team parodies popular Christmas songs

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — These are not your typical Christmas songs: Santa gets stuck in the chimney. The patient pooch Rover eagerly awaits the used Christmas tree.

Even the vocal group is unorthodox: the Bah Humbug Singers.

The songs and the singers are all elements of a cassette tape recording being distributed nationwide, "Bah Humbug," a parody of four famous Christmas songs.

The songs, on Playback Records based in Miami, are also being played on many radio stations and several radio networks.

The tune to "Jingle Bells" is sung to new lyrics of a song titled "Discount Sales."

For example:

"Discount sales. Discount Sales.
"Discount all the way.
"This is how we can afford
"Christmas gifts today."

The parody of "O Christmas Tree" goes:

"O Christmas tree. O Christmas tree.
"The season is now over.
"O Christmas tree. O Christmas tree.
"You mean a lot to Rover."

The parodies are the work of Dick and Lee Ann Loftin of Tulsa, Okla. Daughter April, 15 when the recording was done, joins them as the Bah Humbug Singers.

"This is the human experience of what happens at Christmas," Loftin said in a telephone interview from Tulsa, where he is a disc jockey for radio station KVOO.

"It's humor that everyone can enjoy and at no one's expense," he said.

Another song on the cassette is "Up on the Roof," a parody of "Up on the Housetop."

Poor Santa:

"Up on the roof there was a thump.
"I was awakened with a jump.
"It came from outside the chimney trunk.
"It seems that Santa Claus was stuck."

This is the third Christmas since Loftin wrote the parodies and made them available to the public. He says the songs are getting more popular each year.

"People everywhere identify with it," he said. "It's about the holiday frenzies. We just captured that by setting it to words and music."

"We are making fun of everything everyone has gone through: the un-Christmas merriment."

The fourth song is "We Wish You a Debt-Free Christmas," a parody of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." The final line of the first verse is: "And no interest charge!"

Somehow "Frosty the Snowman" escaped the treatment.

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following bridge winners are for Dec. 11-17.

SUNDAY
1. Sue Gardiner, Leonora Slusher
2. Marian Sims, Dixie Gifford
3. Midge Taylor, Jane Meyers
4. Johnnie McCarroll, Frances Levin

TUESDAY
1. Helen Wilson, Marie Morris
2. Flo Curry, Betty Jane Norwood
3. Gina Potts, Geri Williamson
4. Midge Talor, Louina Smith

Tuesday Novice:
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Linda Rector, Wayne Rector
2. Fern McGuigan, Billie Ruppe
3. Joe Barnes, Georgia Hartman

EAST-WEST:
1. Eva Kemp, Ann Servatius
2. Doris Neujahr, Don Neujahr
3. Charles Grimes, Bill Russell

WEDNESDAY
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. K.C. Evans, Jean Pistole
2. Sue Gardiner, Marian Sims
3. Bob Baker, Lena Nichols

EAST-WEST:
1. Charles Grimes, Jerry Crooker
2. Midge Taylor, Bob Myers
3 tie: B.J. Filley, Betty Jane Norwood, Gina Potts, Betty Crooker

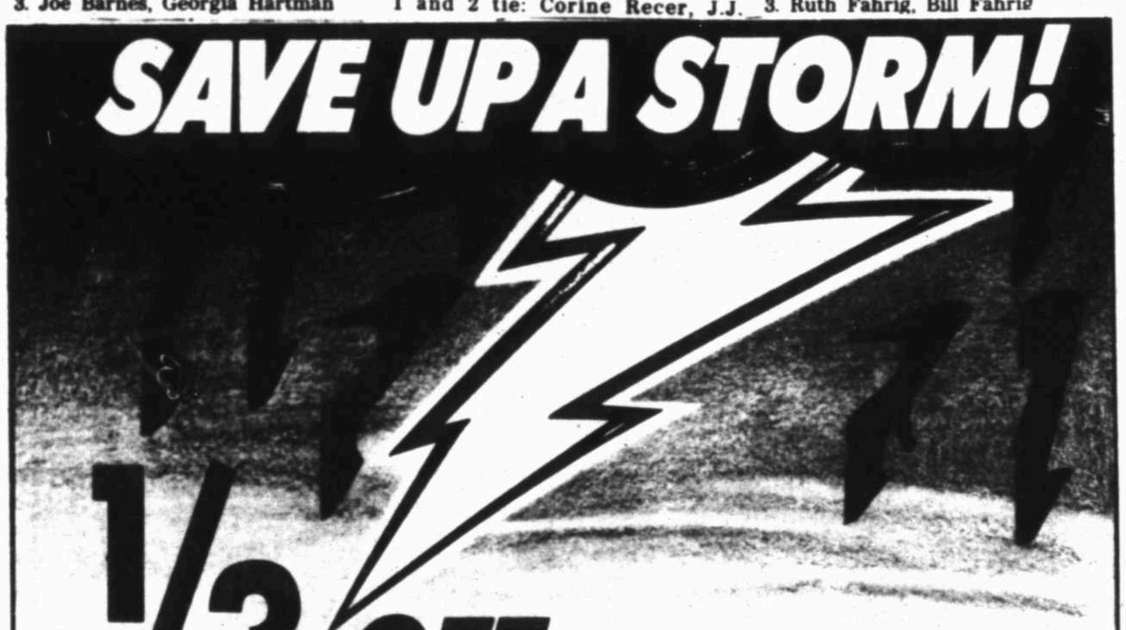
THURSDAY
1 and 2 tie: Corine Recer, J.J. Branch, Mildred Stuart, Ms. Saunders
3. Ms. Aldridge, Eleanor Kimberlin

FRIDAY
1. Tommie Strack, Marsha Swanson
2. Jean Cook, Dixie Gifford
3. B.J. Filley, Betty Jane Norwood
4. Ricky Perry, Wyoma Whitlow

SATURDAY
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Leonora Slusher, Marie Morris
2. B.J. Filley, Jane Meyers
3. Shirley Barrigan, Jerry Baugh

EAST-WEST:
1. Jean Pistole, Ruby Greenhall
2. Betty Crooker, Jerry Crooker
3. Ruth Fahrig, Bill Fahrig

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San Francisco streets reminiscent of Dickens

By SUSAN SWARTZ
New York Times News Service

Precious puppies and coddled kittens sit in the window of Gump's. Also drawing the coos of onlookers is a rat which many in the crowd prefer to call a hamster.

But the tail tells it's a rat. Like the rest of the pets, waiting adoption and part of the Christmas display, it has little rat toys and someone to clean up its little rat messes.

Even though it comes in a champagne beige it is still only a rat of a different color and the only rodent in San Francisco to be fed and sheltered in dazzling Union Square, definitely uptown for a rat.

Is it fair to observe that not more than a block away is a man sitting on the sidewalk with a dog in his lap and a sign in his upturned hat announcing that he's homeless?

At least we assume this is his situation because who will stop long enough to read the fine print? It may say something like "This is actually a test. The 26th person to give me a buck will be rewarded for their charity with a new BMW."

A FEW STOREFRONTS down is a woman and two little kids squatting between a shoe boutique and a luggage shop. They have signs too, demonstrating that the silent approach is the preferred one this season.

Even the Salvation Army bell ringers are low key, soliciting with a brief "Merry Christmas," although some shout it aggressively.

On the other side of town you can pay $10 and go to the Dickens Fair, a replica of Christmas past in London, where they knew all about the disparity in creature comforts.

In this romanticized version of lifestyles of the haves and have-nots a century ago, some of the actors pretend to be lords and ladies and others pretend to be urchins and kindly beggars.

Were they to build a fair 100 years from now around the theme, Christmastime in San Francisco, circa 1988, how would they show the haves and have-nots? Could they make it dance and smell pretty? Instead of little boys with soot on their noses and crutches, would they have families living in boxes, kids sleeping under newspaper?

In the windows of I. Magnin, pouty, bored mannequins in sequined plaid and silk crepe recline under Christmas trees. So many parties, not enough poufs.

The same man from the sidewalk has relocated. But now he seems to be holding a cat. Are they all starting to look alike? Do we smell a rat?

Curbside, across from the windows and competing for the passers-by is a lineup of fur protesters, anti-nukers, two mimes, a man with a steel drum, a flower stand with dainty orchids sold by the stem and a street merchandiser of battery-operated lighted deely-bobs to wear on your head.

THE MIME IS doing a moon-walk ballet for charity. When someone drops silver in his bucket, he stops the motion and points to a dollar, threatening to stay frozen forever unless the proper paper is produced.

In a part of town which people used to avoid — except those looking for a warm doorway or more — there is a brand new shopping tower. The escalators are loaded, one person to a step, each facing forward, winding upward. They resemble shopping dolls in a factory assembly line, a slick bright bag in each hand, the identical dazed look on each face.

Out on the street there is one man howling. He seems to be saying "Want pennies." That cannot be. Nobody wants pennies. You can't even buy a hot-cross bun for a penny.

People in the Christmas of 1988 let pennies roll into the gutter. They get rid of them in paper cups at store counters, anything to relieve them of the worthless weight that will quicker bond to a piece of gum than actually purchase anything.

So, the man cannot want pennies. Like the mime he probably prefers dollars.

There is a private party going on at Neiman Marcus. This is for the better "haves," allowed into the store by invitation only. The rest can observe the store's spectacular tree from the outside. The temptation is to press a nose to the glass and say, "Please, kind sir. Can you spare some decent Chardonnay?"

AT THE 1988 Christmas Fair will they show that those who were not homeless were scared and uneasy and sometimes a little unsure of what to feel walking by the people with signs in their hats? That while cute rats made them squirm, they believed there was nothing immoral about looking at sequins.

The fair of '88 should include a jazz group playing a boppity "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" as the sidewalk people shuffle by. They will be soundless and will seem to be reproducing as fast as the shopping dolls.

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Grinches, Scrooges still 'out to get Christmas'

Hearst News Service

NEW YORK — "They're Still 'Out to Get Christmas."

The Dr. Seuss Christmas classic goes like this:

"Every Who Down in Who-ville
Liked Christmas a lot.
But the Grinch,
Who lives just north of Who-ville,
Did NOT!"

Almost all young-in-heart Americans know the story of the grinchy old Grinch who stole Christmas — at least for awhile. He's our made-in-the-U.S.A. Scrooge, the bad guy we'd love to lasso with a wreath and string up to the highest balsam. Ted (Dr. Seuss) Geisel probably wasn't trying to write a modern morality tale when he created this sneaky toy- and joy-burglar; but the fact is that American history is laden with well-meaning Grinches. People who are "out to get Christmas" have shaken up generation after generation. And they're still with us.

What might be called "the Grinch movement" began way back in the British colony of Massachusetts in 1659. The Puritans there were inordinately devout, and they didn't care for the frivolity that their emigrees from England showed when Yuletide came around. Even then (perhaps particularly then), it smacked of false religious values. So they published a fierce ban, which decreed: "Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas and the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or in any other way... shall pay for each offense five shillings as a fine to the country."

In those days, a shilling was a shilling. Even so, a goodly number of good people paid their tithes, because they simply refused to abandon the English tradition of celebrating Christ's birthday. Thus our first North American "grinches," the Puritans, were foiled. Realizing they couldn't stop gaity from coming, the Puritans revoked the ban a few years later.



St. Nicholas has existed as a kindly symbol of the generosity of the religious holiday since a real bishop of that name served the church in Asia Minor in the A.D. 300s. The original St. Nick was famed for his generosity, and people came to believe that any surprise gift came from him. The early Dutch settlers in New York called St. Nicholas "Sinter Klaas" — and in 1823, an American poet named Clement Moore Americanized the name to Santa Claus in his ode, "A Visit from Saint Nicholas." It was Moore who first described Santa's fur-trimmed suit and sleigh with reindeer landing on rooftops and dropping down chimneys.

Santa as symbol was charming, and children throughout the U.S. quickly came to believe wholeheartedly in the legend that he could come down even the smallest chimney with a huge pack of goodies. Merchants almost as quickly saw business benefits. Along with the rise of an American advertising industry, the once-holy celebration became increasingly secular. Penny candies and homemade cookies gradually were replaced by store-bought presents.

And then along came Christmas cards — another American-perfected tradition. By the middle of the 20th century, virtually every American was sending Christmas cards (as a nation, we are 95 percent Christian), and millions of citizens felt obliged to mail hundreds of cards — not only to those they loved but to business acquaintances. The "Christmas bonus" had become a fact of corporate life, U.S.A., and critics charged, often with valid reason, that in this country the birthday of Christ had disintegrated into a festival of greed.

"It has become the made-in-America swap season," proclaimed professional iconoclast Philip Wylie. "We have imposed on ourselves strange social rituals, accumulated rites, neighborhood rivalries, external compulsions, the din of mechanized caroling, the affluent ideal of two Santas in every chimney. The result is a Christmas rat race that can actually kill you. Ask the doctors!"

That's only the beginning of the grinchiness. At Christmastime, tension between religion and state always rises. "Dr. Seuss did not say so, but I am sure the Grinch was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union," columnist George Will writes. "Every December, they crawl out of the woodwork, Grinchy people who seem to live for the fun of trying to get Christmas trees, carols and creches banned from public places." And since the physical fitness revolution, a new assault has begun — on Santa Claus, no less; the late nutritionist J.I. Rodale felt that he was too fat, which created an "unhealthy image" for American youth. But if we began fooling around with Santa, what other traditions would fall to the grinches? Surely, the red would be erased from Rudolph's nose (because a red nose hints of alcoholism). After that, what's to stop the banning of mistletoe (it leads to kissing, which leads to the common cold). Once mistletoe was out, trees would have to go (not only as fire and allergy hazards, but a bauble could burst in your hand, leading to nasty cuts). Family parties would fall next (overcrowding leads to mental illness), followed by gift-giving (dangerous — you could get cut by scissors while gift-wrapping, and children could get strangled if caught in the sticky tape).

Of course, none of the myriad grinches in America have "never stopped Christmas from coming." Despite all the pressures and problems, we become a nation of "Who's." We party (sometimes while weeping), sing, swap gifts, and try to act happier than anybody, in any other nation, in the world. And once in awhile, some of us even pause to remember for a few moments what it is we are celebrating.

Columnist writes his parody of Christmas letters

By DAVID GRIMES
New York Times News Service

Dear (insert your name here):

It's Christmas time again and, in keeping with the spirit of the holiday, we thought we'd send you this impersonal, self-congratulatory form letter.

What a year it's been for the Grimes family! Considering how dreary and unfulfilling your year has undoubtedly been, I'm sure you can't wait for us to tell you about ours!

David has really matured this year and taken to the responsibilities of fatherhood. Why, just the other day David volunteered to turn the stereo down while I read Michael his bedtime story. What a guy!

As you may recall from last year's letter, David enjoys experimenting with power tools. This year, using nothing more than a drill and a pair of pliers, David succeeded in installing a new ceiling fan in our bedroom. The fan does not work, unfortunately, but we do enjoy the colorful sparks that now emanate from the wall outlets.

Teri also had an eventful year. Last spring, while puttering in the garden, she managed, through an incredible combination of balance and grace, to acquire a large, anatomically-correct, gash in the vicinity of her right eyebrow. David, whose first-aid skills are second only to his skills in home repairs, rushed to her assistance.

But Teri, despite being in severe pain and having the use of only one eye, was able to outrun David and managed to lock herself in the car until David promised that he would not touch her and would drive her immediately to the emergency room.

Michael, our pride and joy, is now 2. People are always warning us about the so-called "terrible twos" and how difficult and unmanageable children become at that age. Nothing could be further from the truth with our Michael. He's just as sweet-tempered and obedient as he was ... Michael, put that down ... as he was when he was a baby, so I don't see why people persist ... Michael! Put that down now! ... why people persist in passing along this stereotype of ... Dammit, Michael! What did I just tell you? Do you want to go to your room right now? ... this stereotype of disobedience ... You little rat! That's it for you, buster! Into your room! ... when Michael is so clearly just the opposite.

Well, that's all the news for this year. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

More or less sincerely,
The Grimes Family

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Children's Christmas program heartfelt

By AMANDA GRIFFIN
New York Times News Service

OPELOUSAS, La. — "Hey, dad, we're going to do our Christmas program at the funeral home!" the 7-year-old announced at dinner the other night.

When I pointed out that his audience would probably be inattentive, he realized his gaffe and said with a grin, "I mean the nursing home."

It was true.

Three cars and two vans pulled into the nursing home parking lot last week and unloaded 30 small performers who took their debut as seriously as if it were at Lincoln Center.

Shepherds' staffs, angels' wings, boxes wrapped as Christmas gifts and a tray of bells for the traditional "Jingle Bells" all emerged from the back of the teacher's hatchback. Yes, all the world's a stage.

Once inside, the children went through their songs and poems with rote enthusiasm until the time came to portray the Christmas story. It was then that they seemed to notice who their audience was.

I watched my son zero his gaze in on a toothless woman seated in a wheelchair who appeared to have only one leg. He missed the cue for his next line and stood staring, his look neither ridiculing or judging, just curious as he remained silent when he was supposed to be saying, "I am part of a miracle."

The play went on, however. A businesslike angel of the Lord led a band of unglorious cohorts onstage and appeared to the shepherds, who looked more bored than awed.

A hearty "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" concluded the production and it was time for the children to pass out Christmas cards to those residents who hadn't been able to attend the program.

Minus their costumes and moving among the lame, the deaf and the mute, it was then that these wily first graders appeared most angelic.

The children's performance was genuine and spontaneous. Skip the bells, wings and bathrobes; that's one Christmas program I wouldn't mind seeing every year.

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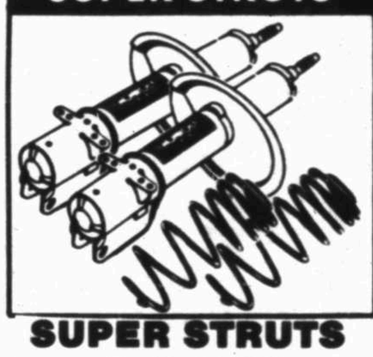
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Writer laments race against Christmastime

By AL YOUNG
Copley News Service



DEAR SANTA:
It has been more than 40 years since you heard from me last, but for some reason you've been on my mind a lot lately. Oh, there's no catastrophe to report or anything like that; I just thought you might enjoy getting an update from that kid you used to visit so generously and regularly back when I was growing up in coastal Mississippi and in Detroit. Sometimes when I think about those Christmases in the '40s and '50s and all the fun I had imitating you — to my young son's delight — in the '70s, I realize that if you'd never existed, we would have been forced to make you up.

And, speaking of something that seems made up, I'm 48 years old now. Can you believe that? I still can't. In October, which, you'll recall, has always been my favorite month, I was driving from a poetry reading when, at a downtown stoplight, I happened to glance at a boutique window to see the fancy Christmas display that had already been put up. Mannequins decked out to look like you and Mrs. Santa, holly wreaths, candy canes, twinkly lights and other holiday glitter jumped out at me so coldly in the dark that I thought maybe I'd been pushing myself a bit too much after all. I mean, it wasn't even Halloween yet! I suppose before long they'll start sticking you up in store windows around Labor Day.

BEING FROM THE working class like you, I take an interest in things like time schedules and how time gets manipulated by business, big and little. My dad, who worked the assembly line at the Chevy plant back in Detroit a good deal of his life, told me just before he died: "Al, I swear, they got us cranking out those cars too darn fast! You just can't turn out a good car as fast as they've got us doing 'em. Machines can maybe, but flesh-and-blood people sure can't."

Well, Santa, it occurred to me that they're cranking out Christmases faster than ever, too. Now, it could be that as I grow older I'm simply experiencing that head-spinning speedup of time all the old folks, including Dad, warned me about. But I think something else is going on here. I think the corporations wouldn't mind keeping you on hand from one December to the next without a break in order to cash in on the kind of profits you and your image generate. Some years back, Ishmael Reed wrote a whole novel called "The Terrible Twos," based on such a possibility. Did you happen to read it?

I know you have enough to read without my taking up your time, and you're doubtless wondering why an old fool like me is even pestering you, so I'll get right to the point. Santa, I know there aren't many people my age — except for maybe anthropologists and students of mythology or folklore — who take you seriously. But, in many ways, the world has grown so crazy and scary, I've reached the point where I thought it wouldn't hurt to get back in touch. You always did have a way of understanding my kind of talk.

This year in particular has thrown me for a loop. War, the arms race, famine, disease, death, hatred, loss, woe and taxes — all the old staples continue to dominate the news with the usual glacial certainty. But for all the secret wars our government's been waging, for all the money people lost when the stock market bottomed out, for all the AIDS and other epidemic catastrophes, for all the congressional hearings and debates, for all the ruckus that gets raised by Oprah Winfrey and Phil Donahue and Geraldo Rivera and on "Nightline," "60 Minutes" and "20/20," people still rush right on into the next thing without pausing so much as a moment to look at what one of our central problems is. As far as I'm concerned, it's how we look at time, and here's where I think you might be able to help.

I'M AWARE THAT by now you're possibly on the verge of writing me off as some new kind of a flake. After all, the kind of tragedy and pestilence I'm bringing up has been going on for centuries. Certainly, back when Thomas Nast was busy inking out his influential likeness of you in the mid-1800s, there were similar problems all over the globe. How could I convince you that today we're all on a sinking ship that appears to be drowning in a sea of time?

By the same measure, when it comes to this matter of time, I've been noticing something about myself that fascinated me at first before it became downright depressing. Maybe once this year's holiday crush has eased off, you can sit and illuminate me on why this is: The more carefully and strenuously I run around trying to cut corners and save time, the less time I seem to end up with. Is that a heavy-duty message or what?

Santa, I don't know if Dickens might've had some deep, esoteric insights he was trying to get across when he sat down and came up with "A Christmas Carol." Every time I watch a performance of it, new insights flash into my heart. For the past few years — perhaps because I'm a writer, but also because I'm closing in on the half-century mark — I've been thinking deeply about time and what it is and how we work with it. When I look at what Dickens does with time in "A Christmas Carol," I get a feeling that's so strong and joyful it almost makes me shiver with gladness.

Tell me what you think of this: By forcing Ebenezer Scrooge to reflect on how things once stood for him and how they were going to turn out if his miserly selfishness persisted, the Ghosts of Christmas Past and Christmas Future and Present got that cold-hearted old skinflint to understand that it's always possible to change.

SANTA, DON'T YOU think it's time we started changing how we look at time? Perhaps you wouldn't go as far as I do believing that hurry and speed are slaughtering us as a species, but wouldn't you at least agree that so-called time-saving devices and this breakneck pace we strain to maintain are the major humbugs of our time? Earlier this year, when a friend generously offered to teach me how to use a word processor, I finally broke down and purchased one. I was shaken by how often he drummed his fingers and gritted his teeth while waiting for the machine to retrieve some bit of information or carry out some command.

"Good grief!" he groaned in desperation at one point. "I could've made myself a sandwich while this stuff was coming up. Damn, this sucker is slow!"

Then he held up an old-fashioned analog stopwatch with a sweep second hand and said, "Now, I want you to just look at how long it takes your program to process this stuff and then we're gonna time it again after I zap it up with Pronto."

Sure enough, with the addition of the new feature, every operation was accelerated by an average of 14 seconds. We're talking almost a full quarter of a minute here, Santa. This might sound silly to someone who still operates out of a workshop and makes deliveries by reindeer-drawn sleigh, but computer time is measured out in nanoseconds. Do you know what a nanosecond is? Until I read "Time Wars," Jeremy Rifkin's new book, I didn't know either. A nanosecond is one-billionth of a second. One clap of your hands and you've eaten up something like 500 million nanoseconds. Can you imagine what this kind of time-chopping is doing to us?

According to Rifkin, there was no such thing as an hour before medieval times, when the Benedictine monks came up with the revolutionary idea of but by the 18th century the notion of reducing minutes to seconds became a activities and with the first mechanical clock. That was in the 14th century. It took three more centuries for the hour to get chopped down into minutes, reality. Now we're rushing around acting as if clocks and calendars were the true measure of time. But I happen to know how tough it is to pin time down to this strictly mechanical way of perceiving and dealing with it. Like most people, I've been in any number of situations where time either expanded or shrank to astonish me altogether.

THE MOST DRAMATIC incident that comes to mind was the time my car brakes failed while I was descending a hill near San Francisco. Suddenly, before I had time to nut out, everything slowed down to the point where I felt as if I was watching everything in feathery slow motion. As a result of this subjective slowing down of events — which, I'm sure, psychology and neuroscience can explain — I was somehow able to maneuver my plummeting sedan safely, even when it spun around in two full circles at the bottom of that hill. I was cool and calm and perfectly in control, too. Afterward, when family members explained how quickly this near-catastrophe had taken place — that is, in mere moments — I grew so agitated with fear I could hardly breathe.

Santa, is there any way you can use your wide-reaching influence to at least get us to think about ways to slow ourselves down? How you'd manage this is quite beyond me, but, as you've know all along, logistics hasn't always been my long suit. Yet I do know the power of that red suit of yours and that beautiful silvery beard and that jolly, roly-poly wisdom.

You used to charm me endlessly when I was a kid and would see you winking at me from some poster or advertisement as you upended a frosty bottle of Coca-Cola. Now that the holiday season is hard and fast upon us again, I find myself resisting the crush of Christmas more good-naturedly than I once did. Like Scrooge, I used to hate Christmas, its barbarous and predatory aspects, but now that I'm beginning to understand that it's really all about opening the heart, my sense of it is changing. I'm beginnning to realize it's something that can be celebrated moment by moment, from morning till night, in winter and summer, in autumn and spring, with every moment's breath.

Instead of being locked into the idea of time being some icy force outside myself that moves from 1 to 50 or from points A to Z, I'm starting to look at how the past and future are all locked up in the present. Am I getting too weird for you, Santa? All I mean is that the past and the future are tough places to live in because they don't exist. This moment is all I've got. But I'm learning to sink down into it and enjoy that moment for all it's worth.

NOW GET THIS: I've got the oddest hunch that if you could start nudging us to do that, to live right now, to live fully in every moment as if it were our last, then a lot of things would begin to change. That's the way it was for my mother and my wife when they had cancer, and that's the way it is when I'm up there on a jet and the pilot announces, "We are experiencing some turbulence; please fasten your seat belts." I find myself thinking: Well, this could be it. Have I gotten everything straightened out before it's time to go? Santa, is this religion or what?

Well, Santa, since they've already got you working more months than you should, is it too much to picture you campaigning the year round for slowing down? It's a crazy idea, and forgive me if you find it too corny or California, but I happen to think it would affect us enormously.

Anyway, I know I've just hit you with a lot. Think about it and get back to me whenever you can. I'm in no hurry whatever for a reply.

Merry Christmas to you, my friend.
Yours in love and friendship,
Al Young

This article appeared in West Magazine, the Sunday magazine for the San Jose Mercury News.

Group says 'humbug' to shoppers who overspend

New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — Shop owners beware: this group could be hazardous to your sales. Calling itself Scrooge — the Society to Curtail Ridiculous, Outrageous and Ostentatious Gift Exchanges — it advocates sensible spending at Christmas.

But members don't say humbug to the Christmas spirit, says the founder, Chuck Langham, just to the commercialism that they believe encourages overspending on useless and extravagant gifts.

"Everywhere you turn the message is buy, buy, buy," said Langham, who lives in Charlottesville, Va.

"With all the hype, people feel guilty if they don't spend a fortune on gifts. We offer a little support for those who want to be more sensible."

Langham, a government office worker, started the group in 1979. He said the idea came one day when he and some colleagues were on a coffee break, commiserating about their coming Christmas bills.

"Someone said: 'Hey, every cause has an organization these days. Why not this?' " Langham recalled.

So he typed a newsletter, offering lifetime membership for a one-time fee of $2. He said that with a little publicity and a listing in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations, his mailing list has grown to nearly 1,000 people in the United States; there are also a few overseas.

The group is informal, with no bylaws, no membership requirements but the fee, and no meetings.

Langham just puts out an annual four-page newsletter with advice, holiday wishes and practical gift suggestions.

The organization's principles are to avoid giving and receiving extremely expensive gifts and fad items; to make every effort to use cash, not credit, and to give things that involve thought and originality.

This year Americans are expected to spend $37 billion on Christmas gifts, or about $325 a family, according to the Conference Board, a business research group in New York.

Langham said he believed people sometimes overspend at Christmas to try to buy happiness, but wind up only disappointed.

"A Merry Christmas cannot be purchased for any amount of money," he said. "I think people enjoy Christmas more if they're not worried about being in debt till next Christmas."

One Scrooge gift suggestion is for gift certificates for classes to help someone finish a degree or learn a sport. It also suggests scrapbooks, smoke alarms, first-aid kits and contributions to the recipient's favorite charity.

Langham said that year after year, he gets a lot of things he doesn't really need. In this year's newsletter, he calls for a ban on his least-favorite gift: the necktie. He also names his pick for the most ridiculous gift being sold this year: a $50 computer program that writes jokes.

Who would join a group like Scrooge? All types of people, Langham said. Debbie Hughes Gunia of Virginia Beach, Va., has been a member since 1980, when she read about Scrooge in her local newspaper.

"I had begun to hate Christmas," said Mrs. Gunia, a marketing secretary for the management of a shopping mall. "But Scrooge tries to put Christmas back into Christmas. It takes away some of the guilt."

"At the mall," she said, "we start Christmas in September. It's crazy. We even had the planning meeting for next Christmas last week."

Mrs. Gunia said she had spent about $300 on gifts this year. Her two sons are getting the expensive items — Nintendo games and Reebok sneakers — and her friends will receive home-baked cookies.

"I know this sounds real Scroogey, but my husband and I decided not to exchange gifts this year," she added. "It's not that we can't afford to; it's just that we don't really need anything, and he hates to shop. Not having that hassle is my present to him."

Scrooge also gives advice to people who have already overspent. "Do not add up the total: it's too late now, and you'll only feel worse," Langham said. "Promise yourself to do better next year."

Does Scrooge follow his own advice? Yes, Langham said. This year he bought his 16-year-old son, Michael, tennis lessons, underwear, socks, shirts and a wallet. His wife is getting perfume, and he made ceramic tree ornaments for friends.

But even Langham said he couldn't pass up a really great extravagant gift: "If someone gave me a Jaguar, I'd be glad to take it."



Past memories help ill cope with present

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Memories of holidays past may hold the key to a happier holiday present for families coping with cancer or other serious illness.

Getting in touch with memories is a survival technique according to Dr. Gary R. Morrow, psychologist at the University of Rochester Cancer Center.

"Get out the photo albums, the cherished gifts from the past," Morrow said.

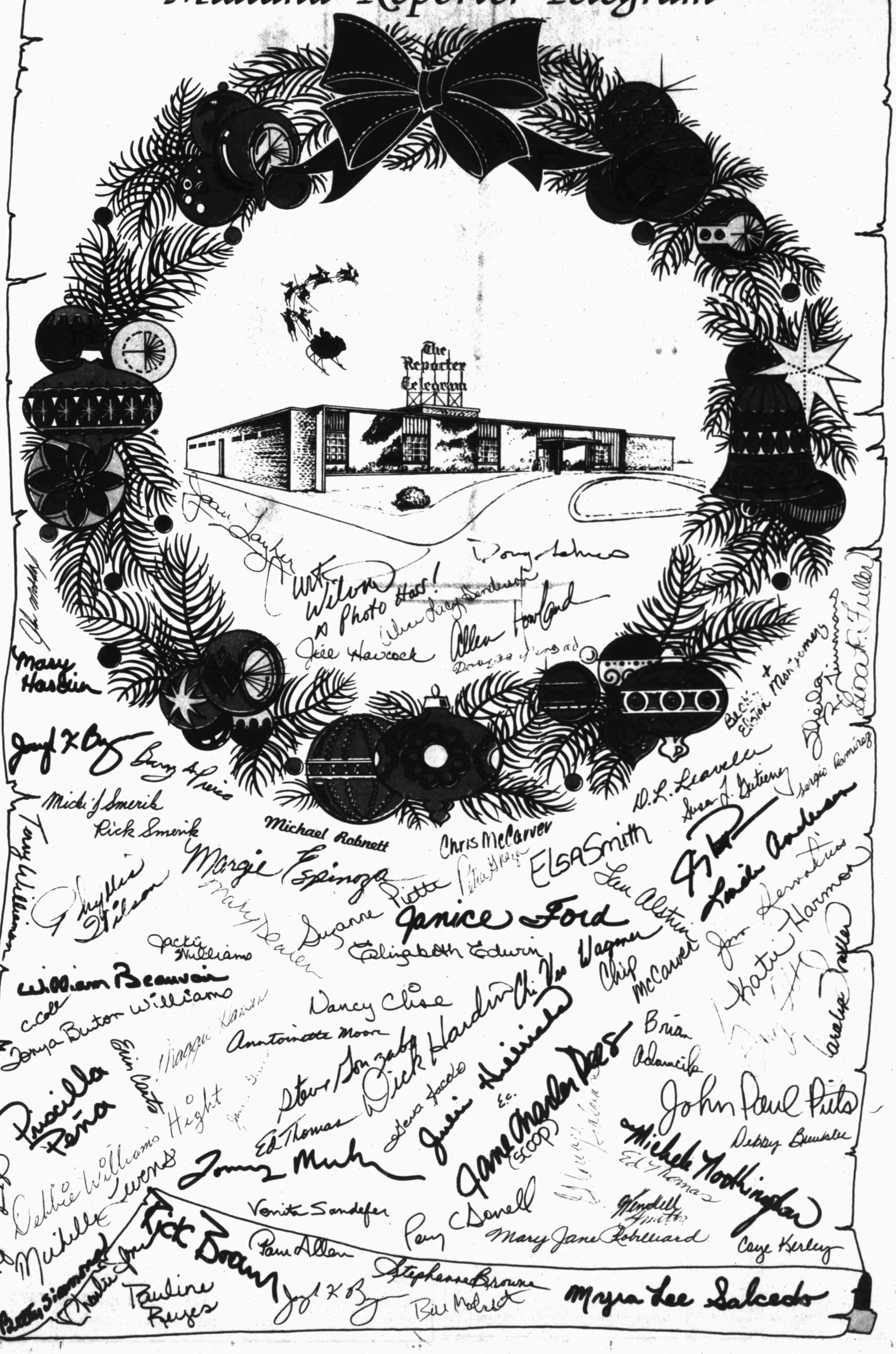
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Three different episodes from Christ's life are depicted in this oil by Botticelli, on display at the Art Institute for the Permian Basin in Odessa through Jan. 8. The main scene is the Adoration of the Christ Child by the Virgin with the traditionally sleeping St. Joseph. In the background to the right, is the Adoration of the Shep herds, while in the background to the left, is the Flight into Egypt, which followed Joseph's dream of the threat to the Christ Child's life.

Italian works of art

By GEORGIA TODD TEMPLE
Entertainment Writer

Seated in his robes and lace, the Roman Cardinal is 7 feet tall. When people see him, they are amazed.

The painting, executed in the 17th century by Sustermans, is one of 49 hanging at the Art Institute for the Permian Basin, 5909 E. University, Odessa, in an exhibition titled "Five Centuries of Italian Painting, 1300-1800."

"Everyone that comes into this exhibit gravitates to it; it's huge — 7 feet tall," says Radford Thomas, the institute's director.

"The lace looks so real, a lot of people like to think they could put their hands between the layers of lace," Thomas says.

For centuries, artists devoted their time and energy to capturing on canvas the story of Christ and Christianity. Thus, a good portion of the works in the exhibit at the institute deal with this theme. In particular, three works deal with the Madonna and Christ Child, painted as the artist saw them within the confines of the requirement of the time.

"THE EARLIEST painting we have of the Madonna and child — and these are placed in chronological order more or less in exhibit — the figures are very still, not very life-like," Thomas says. The painting is from the 14th century.

"The artist had not learned that much about anatomy, and in particular the Christ Child looks much like a miniature adult. They're just not able to make the baby Jesus look like a baby, and, as you go through the exhibit, toward the 18th century, step by step, these figures improve. The artist is able to understand human anatomy a lot better and able to represent the child as a child looks, soft and rounded.

"Another interesting thing, as you go through time, the artist — and the patron I'm sure actually required this at the time — painted the religious figures in contemporary dress. They didn't paint them as they might have been during the birth of the Christ Child, but as children dressed and as ladies dressed in the century they were painting."

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— Radford Thomas, director Art Institute of the Permian Basin

Often artists, especially in the 14th and 15 centuries, pictured the baby Jesus with a goldfinch.

"The goldfinch was used to ward off evil or illness," Thomas says. "The plague had devastated parts of Italy, and so they symbolically placed the goldfinch in Jesus's hand."

The institute, which has had increased attendance during this exhibit, will be closed Dec. 24 through 26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2. for the holiday season.

THE INSTITUTE'S regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 1-368-7222. No admission is charged.

Before the exhibition closes Jan. 8, Thomas would like to see an even higher attendance increase.

"It is rare to have such high-quality European masters exhibited in West Texas," he says.

"We've had some of the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation's smaller exhibits prior to this one, but nothing on this scale."

Sponsored by TuElectric, Bank of Odessa, the Odessa Cultural Council and the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation, the exhibit represents a broad survey of paintings produced in Italy from the late 14th century through the 18th centuries. Most major schools of Italian painting are represented by the Blaffer paintings.

"Most of the art work is grouped according to the city and that came out of the historical fact that during those early years there were city states in Italy. There weren't really united countries. And, of course, France was the same way.

"FLORENCE IS one of the main sources of art during this period of time. We have two artists that are very famous from Florence — Uccello and Botticelli.

"Then Venice is one of the other major centers of art especially in the 15th and 16th centuries. We have Mantegna and Tintoretto represented and those two are probably the most important. The four I've named are probably the most important artists in the exhibit."

For the 17th century, the exhibition has works by artists from Rome, Naples, Bologna and Florence.

The exhibit includes paintings besides those with a religious theme.

"Probably, from that period of time, one of the more interesting artists is Salvator Rosa," Thomas says. "Rosa was an artist who didn't fit into the mode, the period of time in which he grew up.

"He was quite a character, evidentially, and not that well known. This was the Baroque period, primarily, and he didn't really fit into the Baroque thinking. He was looking to make things as real as he could make them. One of the things he tried to do was to put dust and movement into a battle scene. No one else had done that before. He made a visual shorthand for the movement and painted that into the painting."

THOMAS SAYS Rosa also influenced a number of the English landscape artists.

The art institute will be hosting another exhibit on this scale several years from now which features English paintings of about the same time period, Thomas says.

His awareness of the Houston-based Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation dates back almost 30 years.

"Most of us in the art world know that the Blaffers have long supported the arts in the State of Texas," says Thomas who "came across them" around 1960 when the foundation funded the publishing of a book of the work by artist Everett Spruce, who was a teacher of Thomas'.

"Since then, I was just aware that the Blaffers funded a lot of visual arts projects in the state. It's common knowledge they have this collection.

"She left not only the collection, but enough funds to buy new works, to restore paintings when necessary and to pay for printing books and postcards, shipping and insurance."

THUS, DISPLAYING this exhibit has cost the institute only its fixed cost plus any publicity it does locally.

"It's very nice," Thomas says. "To have a quality exhibit like this would cost us normally $50,000 to $60,000, so it ends up costing us only $4,000 to $5,000."

Sarah Blaffer, who began collecting work by European artists before most Texans were thinking of such things, helped establish the Houston Museum of Fine Art.

Thomas, who calls Sarah Blaffer "a wonderful lady," recalls a story he's heard about how the foundation began.

"One day, she had given a very prominent painting to the Houston Museum and also a wing or a gallery in the Houston museum — the Blaffer Gallery.

"She took some of her friends up one day to see her painting. The current director had hung her painting in another gallery with what he thought was a more appropriate placement with some other paintings. When she found that the painting wasn't in the Blaffer Gallery and that it had been hung somewhere else, she, from then on, cut off any financial assistant to the Houston Museum and established this foundation for the people of Texas. So, in a way, that's why we have them."

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Novel delves into issue of kidnapped president-elect

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A thriller about the kidnapping of the president-elect that also features a vice president-elect from a Midwestern state has gone into a second printing since its release two months ago.

The novel's author says it illustrates how the Constitution and federal laws are unclear and contradictory about what would happen if a president-elect were kidnapped between Election Day and when the Electoral College votes. In real life, the Electoral College met last Monday.

In "Oath of Office," a popular, crime-busting U.S. senator from California defeats a one-term president but is kidnapped while watching election returns. The country is plunged into a constitutional crisis.

Author Steven J. Kirsch, a lawyer, said his first novel poses the question of what would happen if the president-elect were kidnapped. Would the vice president-elect be inaugurated instead?

Though the book doesn't mention President-elect George Bush or Vice President-elect Dan Quayle, the fictional vice president-elect in Kirsch's book — which he sold in 1986 — is a young senator from a Midwestern state selected to give the ticket geographical balance.

"The electors would be going through the same mental gymnastics if Bush were kidnapped," Kirsch said. "What happens in real life would be what I described in my book."

The 20th Amendment provides for the vice president-elect to become president if the president-elect dies before he can be sworn in.

But what if the president-elect were kidnapped? Would the electors qualify the president-elect as president, even though he's missing? Would the vice president-elect be named president? Or would the decision be thrown into the U.S. House?

"Everyone has agreed there is no precedent for this," Kirsch said. "There is no clear-cut answer, and if it happens, the country would be in a worse crisis than Watergate."

In Kirsch's 355-page book, Jonathan Starr defeats Arthur Sutherland to become the nation's first Jewish president-elect.

But on election night Starr is kidnapped from his San Francisco hotel room by henchmen of Tommy Duncan, a corrupt labor leader.

The country is plunged into a constitutional crisis. Sutherland, who is negotiating a secret Middle East peace plan, considers whether he should have himself declared the winner. Charles Durkin, the power-hungry speaker of the House, plots to steal the election. And the Secret Service, the FBI and the press scramble to find Starr.

"The politics would be brutal," Kirsch said. "Our allies wouldn't know what would happen. It would be so unsettling to the stock market. And people would be very worried."

Charles Walcott, an associate professor of political science at the University of Minnesota, agrees that the Constitution is ambiguous about what would happen if the president-elect were kidnapped.

"It's not anticipated in the Constitution and it's not clearly covered," he said.

However, Walcott said he doesn't believe a constitutional crisis would result. "If it should happen, a way would be found to cover it," he said. "Probably the courts would not have trouble advising what to do."

Kirsch, 37, said he began thinking about writing a book about a Jewish president while a college student in the mid-1970s. He said he found himself wondering how a Jewish president would deal with the Middle East.

He also was intrigued by what would happen if the president-elect were kidnapped. He thought about a 1933 assassination attempt on President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, in which Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak was killed.

"I thought, 'That's it. I'll merge the two stories,'" Kirsch said.

Kirsch began writing the book in 1980. Five years later, he hooked up with an agent, Henry Morrison, who also represents espionage-thriller writer Robert Ludlum and "Rambo" creator David Morrell.

After the book was rejected by 10 publishers, the paperback division of Random House Inc. bought the manuscript in 1986. The publisher, Kirsch said, decided to hold off issuing the book until 1988 to capitalize on the presidential election.

Fawcett-Crest published "Oath of Office" in October. More than 100,000 copies of the book have been printed, according to Fawcett-Crest spokeswoman Beverly Robinson.

Couple reprise roles in 'Cocoon'

Cronyn, Tandy bundles of energy

By BOB THOMAS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They are in their late 70s, yet Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy manage to throw off more creative energy than a crowd of Brat Packers.

Some of that energy can be viewed in "Cocoon: The Return," in which they reprise their roles as a married couple facing the husband's serious illness. In the first film, the rejuvenated Cronyn dived, swam and ran. This time he was scheduled to join Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley and Jack Gilford in a pickup basketball match with four teenagers.

"I had never played basketball in my life; at my school it was not a big activity," said Cronyn. "Dan Petrie, the director of 'Cocoon II,' said, 'At least you've got to learn to dribble and pass properly; I'm sending you a basketball.'

"The basketball arrived while I was teaching at the university in Boca Raton, Fla. I tried to hide myself in the hotel parking lot — because to see an old boy of 77 bouncing a basketball all by himself hour after hour....

"Of course when I got to the filming of it, they had doubles. I hardly did anything but pass the ball to get rid of it. I felt quite bitter about it."

Cronyn is no stranger to movie stunts. He reminisced about the 1947 "Brute Force," in which he and Burt Lancaster staged a climactic battle atop a burning prison tower.

"At the end of it, Burt picked me up and hurled me off the flaming tower," the actor recalled. "I dropped 20 feet onto a platform. That is a long drop. I've done some diving in my time. Get 20 feet above the water and make a mistake, you don't forget it. If you don't fall right onto a pile of mattresses, that's the last time you'll do anything. I wouldn't dare do anything like that now."

"Oh yes, you would," Miss Tandy corrected with a laugh. "It's the challenge that attracts him. And Hume keeps himself in good shape. I don't worry about him."

The veteran stars, who are husband and wife, require a large amount of vitality, especially when they are appearing in a two-character play such as the Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Gin Game."

"It's essential if you are performing that you keep your energy," Miss Tandy said. "You can't let go. You've got to keep in good shape.

"We get old, and we can't do quite as much as we used to. But at least you have to do the best you can."

The pursuit of excellence has marked both their careers. Hers began in London, where she was born in 1909. At 16 she made her stage debut, at 21 she was appearing in the New York theater. Cronyn was born in London, Ontario. He started acting in the Montreal theater and moved to Broadway in 1934. Both of their careers flourished after their 1942 marriage.

How did they meet?

Tandy: "I was working in a play in New York. Hume was in the audience, and he came backstage to see a friend of his who was also in the play. He said, 'How do you do?' and we went out to supper with our mutual friend. Then we..."

Cronyn: "Quarreled."

Tandy: "We quarreled quite often, yes. It was not a sort of 'blinding light.'"

Cronyn: "My version was hilarious. I went back to see this actor, Alex Knox, who was appearing in the play with Jessie. I had seen her on the stage a couple of years previously in a play called 'The White Steed' and had admired her....We went out to supper together, and I made what I thought was an amusing and caustic remark about the nature of the English, which Jessie found heavy-handed and stupid, which she let me know in no uncertain terms."

Tandy: "It wasn't that night at all. It was another occasion entirely. (laughing) So there you are. It really doesn't matter."

During the early years of marriage, they pursued separate careers. He appeared in such films as "Shadow of a Doubt," "The Seventh Cross" and "Ziegfeld Follies," she in "The Valley of Decision," "The Green Years" and "Forever Amber."

Her greatest fame came when she created the role of Blanche DuBois in "A Streetcar Named Desire." Jack Warner chose her co-star, Marlon Brando, for the film version but passed up Miss Tandy for a movie name, Vivien Leigh.

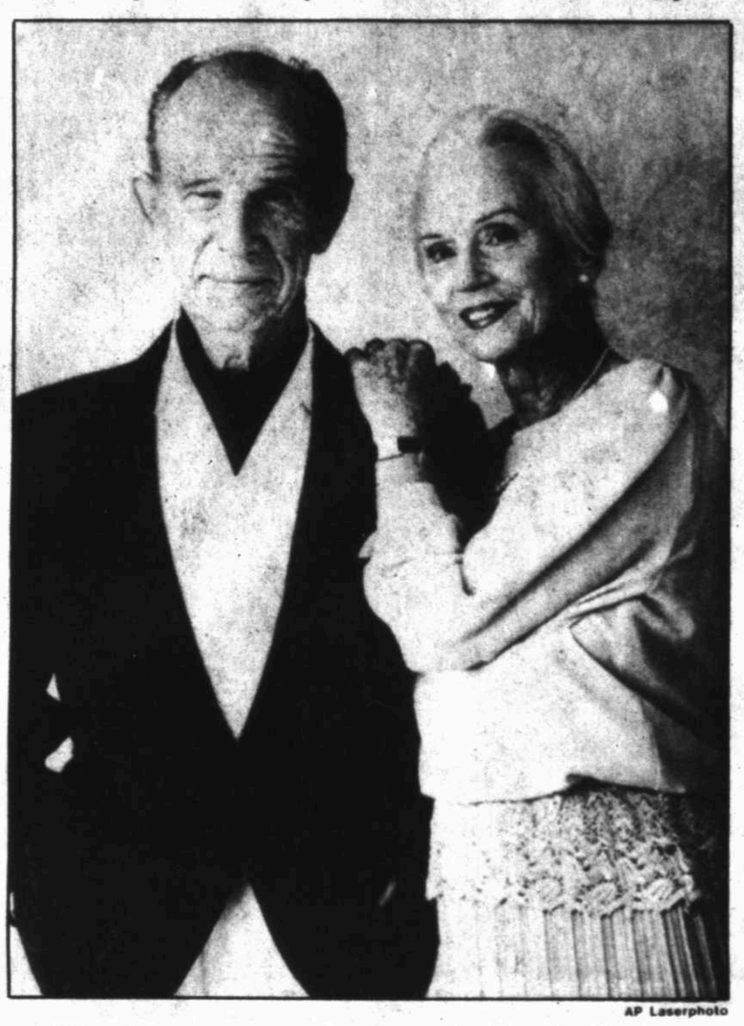
In recent times the Cronyns have appeared separately, but they have earned a reputation as the latter-day Lunts, co-starring in 12 plays, including "The Four-poster" and "A Delicate Balance," films such as "Cocoon" and "batteries not included," and the recent television film "Foxfire," which he co-wrote and for which she won an Emmy.

Will they ever retire?

Tandy: "Oh yes. I hope that I shall be wise enough to stop before everyone else knows I should stop. I think that I will do less than I used to. But I do long for a challenge. I do want to do another play, even though eight shows a week is hard work. However, that's what I enjoy most."

Cronyn: "I think Jess is a more dedicated actress than I am an actor. It means a great deal in her life, and it means a lot in mine. But there are other things I enjoy doing: I like trying to write.

"I find it very difficult just to sit. I would love to learn how to do that with contentment. I fill my life with a lot of 'busyness' in between jobs. Then I work very hard. Some of it is quite unhealthy. It's compulsive. I don't know what to do about that. I'm a little old to change."



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Though Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy are in their late 70s, they manage to emit more energy than the Brat Pack. In "Cocoon: The Return," they will reprise their roles of the married couple facing the husband's serious illness.

Dawber plays wife of coach stricken with Lou Gehrig's disease

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The story of a football coach stricken in the prime of life by Lou Gehrig's disease isn't exactly light-hearted viewing, but Pam Dawber, who plays the coach's wife, found the movie "happy."

"It's really about the human spirit at its very best," she said. "I think he inspires so many people by overcoming his own incredible trauma. It's a hopeful, happy movie."

It was soon after Dawber's CBS sitcom "My Sister Sam" was finally dropped for good after bouncing around the schedule for two seasons that she was offered the role as Lucy Wedemeyer in the real-life movie "Quiet Victory," which CBS will air Monday.

Mrs. Wedemeyer helps her husband, Charlie Wedemeyer (Michael Nouri), continue his coaching career despite the disease that leaves him unable to speak or move.

Dawber had held off new projects until she got final word on "My Sister Sam," so the movie offer came as she was ready for something new. The series was on-again, off-again on CBS until April.

"We all thought we were going back to work on the USA Network," she said. "Tribune Entertainment was nearly ready to make 44 new shows. Then it fell through. Too bad. It was a good show. But it was the victim of network politics.

"They wanted our Monday night time slot for a new show, 'Frank's Place.' So they ended up killing two shows. 'Frank's Place' never should have been on at 8 o'clock. It was a more sophisticated show."

"My Sister Sam" was moved to Saturday night its second year, but was soon taken off the air. It returned briefly in April as part of CBS' ill-fated attempt to program sitcoms on Tuesday.

April wasn't all bad for Dawber. She and husband Mark Harmon had their son, Sean.

For "Quiet Victory," she packed up her new baby and spent several weeks filming on Folly Beach, one of the sea islands off South Carolina. The Wedemeyers live in Los Gatos, which is south of San Francisco, but it was too expensive to film there.

"So, we went to South Carolina, which has palm trees, old houses and beaches," she said.

Wedemeyer was 30 when he learned he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, called Lou Gehrig's disease after the famous New York Yankee first baseman who was also stricken. A former star quarterback at Michigan State, Wedemeyer was coaching the Los Gatos Wildcats and teaching mathematics. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Lucy, a former cheerleader.

He's a native of Hawaii, where he was known as "Kalekauwila," God of Lightning. His brother is Herman Wedemeyer, another football star, who played Detective Duke Lukela for eight years on "Hawaii Five-0."

"Charlie is completely immobile," said Dawber. "He can move his lips. He has a portable breathing apparatus and a feeding tube and sometimes gets around in a golf cart. Lucy reads his lips and relays his coaching commands to the team...

"He's a regal, charismatic man. Lucy's kept him alive through her attitude. They both have a wonderful sense of humor. She's a terribly selfless woman. Lucy in a way is the cheerleader for Los Gatos. The community has done so much for them and with them."

The movie was directed by Roy Campanella II, whose father played for the Brooklyn Dodgers until an automobile accident left him an invalid.

Now that the movie is completed, Dawber, who gained fame as Robin Williams' foil on "Mork and Mindy," is "shopping around" for a new comedy series.

A sitcom offers "the most reasonable schedule," she said. "I don't want my son dragged around while I do more movies. I want the industry to know that I'm available."

Dawber, who has sung in many musicals, including "Pirates of Penzance" on Broadway, planned to audition for the role of Christine in the Los Angeles production of "Phantom of the Opera." She said she would have to audition without benefit of having seen the play, since she was unable to get tickets to the show in New York.

Ford doesn't like to talk about himself

By LARRY RATLIFF
Hearst News Service

NEW YORK — Harrison Ford admits you have to go to a movie to see him. So it's a rare day for the national film press when the elusive actor comes out to talk.

"Working Girl," a project he obviously believes in, lured Ford away from his Wyoming horse ranch (horseless at the moment), to face the press here.

He's not shy or reclusive, really. And there's no grand aura of mysteriousness purposefully created. Ford just likes to do his work and go home.

"It's just a part of my nature. I don't try to maintain a sense of mystery about me. There's a limit to my willingness to describe myself. My job is to reveal myself in a way that is far greater than what I might say about myself."

The man who swashbuckled his way to inter-galactic stardom in the "Star Wars" trilogy and on Earth as Indiana Jones has only one thing to say about appearing in five of the Top 10 money-makers of all time:

"It's not my fault," he quips, flashing that patented thin smile out of the side of his mouth.

"Working Girl" represents a new challenge for the 46-year-old Chicago native: the difficult genre of romantic comedy. There have been ample funny moments for Ford as Indiana Jones and Han Solo. But his latest project is a comedy of words and emotions, not action-adventure. Jack Trainer (Ford) is a corporate pirate caught in a crossfire of high finance and high emotions between a treacherous Wall Street executive (Sigourney Weaver) and her secretary (Melanie Griffith).

"Each studio is only doing 10 films a year or so now. You have to demonstrate a degree of versatility that you maybe didn't have to before," says Ford.

Ford followed "Star Wars," which took off in warp speed at the box office in 1977, with a role as a Vietnam veteran in "Heroes" with Henry Winkler and Sally Field.

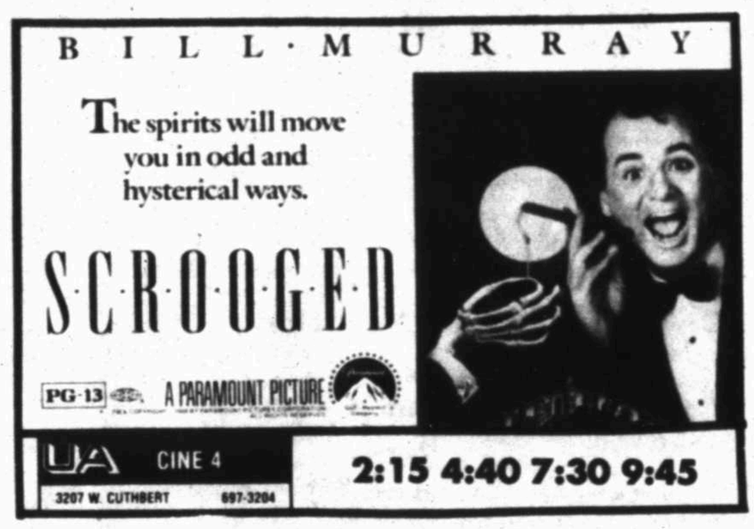
"After the first 'Star Wars' film, I had a feeling that I'd best do something to demonstrate a different character to Han Solo because people in the business didn't know me very well."

Ford left the Chicago suburbs behind in the mid-'60s and headed to Hollywood, only to find himself one of the last contract players to be signed by a studio (Columbia). For him, show business was a salary of $150 a week and small parts in films like "Dead Heat on a Merry Go Round" ('66) and "A Time for Killing" ('67).

He was told his performances lacked "star power." "It made me feel like dog pucky," he says.

Ford walked away from acting and took up carpentry. The experience wasn't only therapeutic, but provided a valuable looseness when he decided to hit the cattle-call audition trail once again.

"The thing that made it all much easier was determining to have a second job and developing another way of making money so that I didn't have to take every job that came along. I started to pick and choose."



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REVIEWS

Hoffman excellent in 'Rain Man'

By MYRA LEE SALCEDO



Salcedo

When Charlie Babbitt (Tom Cruise), a fast-talking foreign-car salesman in Los Angeles, returns to Cincinnati for his father's funeral, he finds that he has inherited only a pocket watch and a 1949 Buick Roadmaster convertible. His gifts would be nothing to quibble about, except for the fact that his father has given his $3 million inheritance to an institution which cares for his autistic savant brother. Even worse, Charlie has been kept in the dark about his brother, Raymond (Dustin Hoffman in what surely must be the acting triumph of the year).

In "Rain Man," (a nickname for Raymond) the scheming Charlie kidnaps Raymond in hopes of acquiring $1.5 million from the institution. What starts out as a lark for Charlie becomes a learning experience. Although Raymond's savant side includes an ability to calculate at lightning speed, and aspects of mathematical genius, his autistic side is addicted to ritual, and prevents him from feeling any emotion toward others.

The most frightening and the most touching moments result from Raymond's rituals: He won't fly on planes, won't go outside in the rain, and must eat certain foods on certain days served in an exacting manner.

At times Raymond's behavior and skewed perception of reality is reminiscent of the hilarious, but poignant, "Being There," which starred the late Peter Sellers. Hoffman, however, takes his performance a step further. His head is cocked to the side, his arms drawn up, and he avoids eye contact with anyone. Best of all, Raymond isn't aware when he says something funny. Although there are a few breakthroughs when Raymond realizes a joke has been made, he doesn't understand that he made it and says, "Charlie Babbitt made a joke."

Cruise manages to hold his own next to Hoffman. Although he is his usual brash self, he also portrays a credible sincerity and honestly earned emotions. The film's end effect questions what is best for Charlie. Even though it arrives at its conclusion with no particularly urgent or dramatic purpose, it does so without waxing sentimental.

On any level, "Rain Man" has been in my thoughts for days; it's one of the best films of the Christmas crop to play in Midland so far.

"Rain Man," rated R for expletives and a sex scene, is playing at Midland Park Mall Cinemas.

'Naked Gun' has its funny moments

What can you say about a film which opens with a gathering of all the people we love to hate — Idi Amin, Yasser Arafat, Muammar Khadafy — and ends with a horrendously injured O.J. Simpson hurtling through the air? You could say that the masters of hilarity who brought us "Airplane" are at it again. And you would be right. "The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad" is the latest product of David Zucker, Jim Abrahams and Jerry Zucker, a production team known as ZAZ.

Leslie Nielsen (of the television series "Police Squad") is back as the unsmiling klutz of the police world, Lt. Frank Drebin. He is first seen at a Beirut meeting of hostile world leaders. "And don't ever let me catch you guys in America!" he shouts at the motley crew while rubbing the wine stain off of Gorbechov's head.

Drebin ventures on to Los Angeles and finds himself on the hunt for a diabolical businessman named Victor Ludwig (the ever-suave Ricardo Montalban). Drebin soon falls (literally) for Victor's gorgeous assistant, Jane Spencer (Priscilla Presley), who has a gift for the double entendre and a tendency to walk into walls.

Although the film wallows in some bathroom humor (which atually takes place in a bathroom) it soon switches out of that mode of humor. Many of laughs are the result of sight gags, including the camera following a police car into a car wash, on a sidewalk, into a girls locker room and shower, and onto a roller coaster.

There are plenty of silly moments, but the humor isn't sustained throughout the duration of the film as it was in "Airplane," which carried the jokes right on through the credits.

"The Naked Gun," contains plenty of black humor, including the line "I think we can save your husband's liver. Where would you like it sent?"

There is one memorable scene with statues which is disgustingly funny. And I'll never forget some remarks made after a car with air bags has an accident. Nielsen has a wonderful sense of timing. He can get laughs from even the most stupid incidents. Although "The Naked Gun" doesn't top "Airplane" is does have some stand out moments, and plenty of chuckles.

"The Naked Gun," rated PG-13 for language, double entendres and implied nudity, is playing the UA Cine 4 on Cuthbert.

Myra Lee Salcedo is movie critic for the Reporter-Telegram.

Anderson frustrated by 'McGyver's' problems

Hearst News Service

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — "MacGyver," the ABC action-adventure show, gets about as much respect as Rodney Dangerfield.

Because it airs on the same night as ABC's "Monday Night Football," which itself airs at different times in different time zones, "MacGyver" is tossed around the schedule by various local stations like a cork on a storm-tossed sea. It plays in Los Angeles at 10 p.m. In New York, audiences see it at 8. In Chicago, it starts at 7. If you live in Seattle, it doesn't begin until midnight.

But "MacGyver" gets reasonably good ratings despite its stepchild status, and despite the fact that ABC promotes other shows ("China Beach," "Moonlighting," "thirtysomething") far more heavily.

There's yet a third strike against "MacGyver" — it's shot in Vancouver, which keeps its star, Richard Dean Anderson, hundreds of miles away from media centers. It's not easy to make Anderson visible in Hollywood when he's shooting north of the border.

Anderson's MacGyver is a thinking man's hero who applies his extraordinary scientific expertise to the successful completion of dangerous missions. He practices non-violence. It's a show with strong appeal to kids, but it's executed in such a way that adults will not feel their intelligence insulted either.

Last week, "MacGyver" was preempted by an ice-skating spectacular starring Olympian Brian Boitano, a fate that seems typical of its dilemmas.

"It gets to be very frustrating," says Anderson, relaxing briefly between scenes at Vancouver's Bridge Studios, a facility that was once used for building bridges. "We suffer at the hands of these problems."

Anderson's frustrations have sometimes been expressed vocally — a tad too vocally for some ABC executives, as he tells it. "ABC was unhappy with the way I was mouthing off," he says sheepishly. "I was on the verge of burning some bridges."

He feels the network has been more supportive this season, however. "We've been able to relax our attitude a bit."

But the show's executive producer, ex-cop Steve Downing, still insists: "ABC hasn't done enough to promote the show."

This hasn't prevented it from achieving respectable audience figures in its first three seasons, a trend that now continues in its fourth.

Only 92 percent of ABC's affiliate stations carry "MacGyver" at all, and of those, 12 percent air it at times other than Monday night. "We have a very loyal audience," says Downing, a 20-year veteran and former deputy chief with the Los Angeles Police Department. "People really have to choose to watch us, and find us."

The two men are quick to come to the defense of the show. "We have a really strong moral fiber," says Anderson, "and I think that's what people love about it."

Downing is more philosophical. "We're not a prestigious show, and we're not going to win Emmys. But we serve a purpose."

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What do I do, Ollie?

David Bartlett, 15, of Bristol, England, a Laurel and Hardy aficionado, seems to be baffled about which hat to model first. The two hats, once worn by comedians Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, were auctioned during a recent sale of film relics in London.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Photographs on exhibit at Cowboy Hall of Fame

OKLAHOMA CITY — "We love to work cattle so much we'd just be sittin' around cryin' for daylight to come..."

The quote from Will King, an itinerant cowhand from the costal bend area of Texas, provided the title for a photographic exhibition by native Texan Louise O'Connor, set to open at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame today.

"Cryin' for Daylight" includes about 40 portraits of cowhands, ranch owners, cooks and other essential characters who work these Texas ranches. Ms. O'Connor, whose family has ranched in South Texas since 1836, is a native of Victoria and grew up among the people she has photographed.

"In 1982, I began interviewing some of the older ranch hands about members of my family," she says. "The vivid recollections of these oldtimers plus those of many more, steered me toward a documentation not of the history of the O'Conner family but, more importantly, of a way of life that is nearly extinct."

Ms. O'Connor is completing a book which combines these silent, singular portraits with in-depth interviews, allowing the men and women who are her subjects to tell their story in their own words.

In addition to the photographic exhibit, an art show on loan from the Museum of New Mexico: The Early Years" comprises 40 paintings by the noted Taos Society of Artists and other important Southwestern painters.

For more informaiton call the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, 1-405-478-2250.

Artists' work on display

Gallery 1114's final show of the year, the Sixth Annual Member's Show, is on display through Jan. 19.

Gallery 1114 is an artists' cooperative which shows local and regional contemporary art. Each December, the gallery has an exhibit of works by the members who support the gallery.

This year's show features works by 11 members, including five new to membership this year. Joyce Carpenter and Jean Nichols of Odessa and Pat Cowan, Danny Holeva and Gary Bain of Midland all joined the cooperative this fall. The other exhibiting members are Carol Bailey, Michael Banschbach, Travis Beckham, Cristi Branum, Paula Cox, Boyd Harris and Sharon Seay.

The show contains variety in media, from oil and watercolor to clay, photography and graphic work.

"The imagery is as varies as the media," says a gallery spokesperson. "All of the artists are working in personal directions, and all work in response to the Midern Era. These directions, however, range from totally abstract to tightly representational, and moods range from highly energizing to cooly stern. Each artist is exploring his or her own territory."

In addition to the featured show, fine crafts are exhibited and a gift gallery will be open through Christmas.

Gallery 1114, located at 1114 N. Big Spring, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Wolfe's art at Lite Bites

Just as ingredients of "gingerbread" recipes may vary to suit the cook, so vary elements of Cynthia Wolfe's watercolor paintings.

Ms. Wolfe includes handmade paper mixed with personal and whimsical patterns and forms including prairie picnics, ginger tearooms and gingerbread cookie parties.

The public may view these picturesque visions of gingerbread paintings at Lite Bites in Claydesta Plaza through December during business hours.

Ms. Wolfe has recently returned from the Albuquerque Southwest Arts and Crafts Festival where she was one of 200 artists participating. Also, Ms. Wolfe had a booth at the Lubbock Arts and Crafts Festival at Texas Tech, the university where she had received her B.F.A. in art.

Stock show, rodeo planned

SAN ANTONIO — Western wagons, high spirited horses and the dust of trail drivers from all over Texas will fill the streets of San Antonio during the 40th Annual Stock Show and Rodeo Western Parade Thursday, Feb. 9.

Deadline for participants to enter is Jan. 2. For more information call 1-512-225-5851.

Twelve trail rides will come together and make their grand parade through the streets of San Antonio along with floats, marching bands and those lovely trailride queens. Its rodeo time in San Antonio.

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition is accepting applications for participating in the 40th Annual Western Parade. All entries must be decorated in a western theme. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded for overall decoration and color coordination.

"This year, the 40th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo promises to be the biggest and best," says a release from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. "The great lineup of entertainment, midway thrills and rodeo chills are fast approaching as the wild, western extravaganza nears with a run Feb. 10-19 at the Joe & Harry Freeman Coliseum."

Weaver to have lake home

LONG LAKE, N.Y. (AP) — Actress Sigourney Weaver is building a second home on the shore of an Adirondack Mountain lake in one of the most sparsely populated regions of the eastern United States.

The rustic three-story custom timber peg home is situated on 417 acres on the northern end of Long Lake, a 5½-hour drive from New York City, where the actress lives with her husband, director James Simpson.

The actress paid $140,000 for the property in 1986, according to the Watertown Daily Times.

Katherine Olin, the agent for the star of the current movie "Gorillas In The Mist," said recently she did not want the home publicized.

"I would really appreciate it if you wouldn't publish this," Olin said, "if we could avoid this invasion of privacy."

Soviets land on moon

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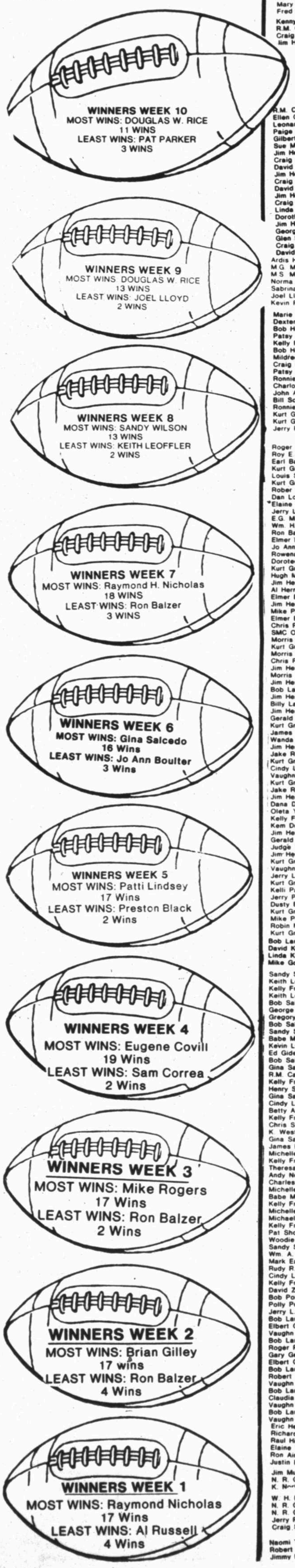
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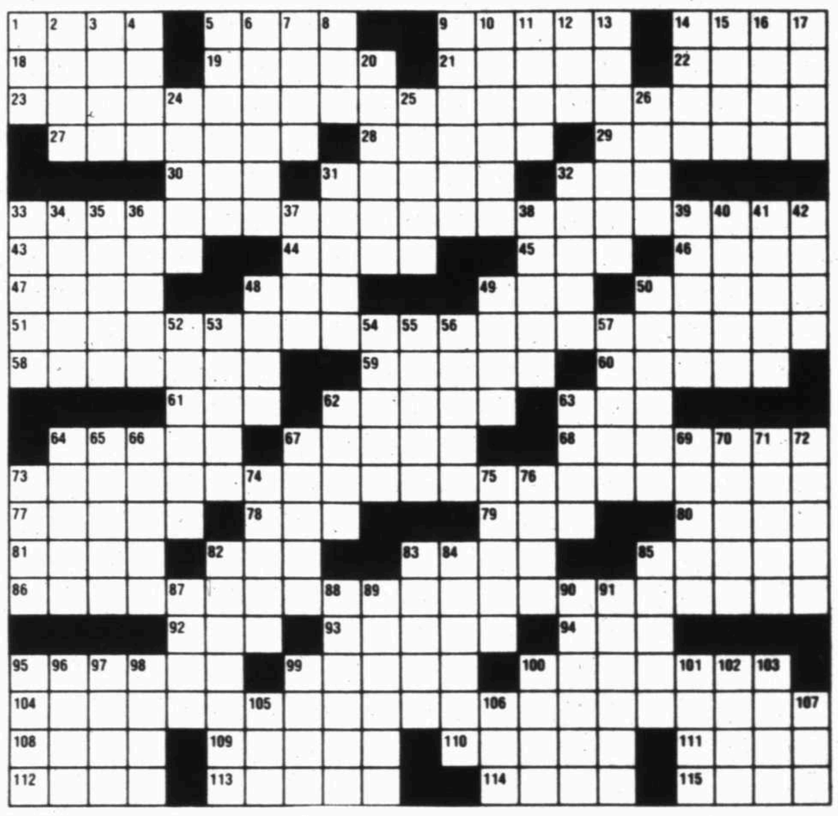
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ACROSS

1 Fa followers, in carols
5 1944 Nobel physicist
9 Spectrum
14 Mideast antagonist
18 Came down
19 Old enough to know better
21 Polish lancers: Var.
22 World's longest river
23 1st line of our Christmas message (from Telesphorus)
27 Not amusing
28 Hot and humid
29 Heavy and dull
30 Tibetan gazelle
31 Walk like a drum major
32 Acapulco aunt
33 2nd line (from Brooks)
43 Blooming profusely
44 Tardy
45 Not in
46 Phone zone code
47 "— all come out in the wash."
48 Chew the fat
49 Speedy Atl. flyer
50 Fancy's partner
51 3rd line (from Brooks)
58 Store for good little children
59 O'Neill's "— for the Misbegotten"
60 Soap plant
61 Table scrap
62 Staring slack-jawed
63 Nabokov book
64 Color value
67 Nativity tableau
68 Bureaucratic impedimenta
73 4th line (from Brooks)
77 Rumanian dances
78 Grenoble goose
79 D.D.E.'s command
80 "— dream, dear"
81 Cupid
82 Brit. ace group
83 Aid in crime
85 "..., — evil, ...": (monkey legend)
86 5th line (from Neale)
92 Wrestling venue
93 Rest areas for 14 Across
94 Morsel for Dobbin
95 Horrify
99 L.I. town whose garbage made news
100 Encroachments
104 Last line (from Wesley)
108 Carry on
109 Steinbeck's migrants
110 One of the Keatons
111 Brainstorm
112 Gibb or Griffith
113 Memorable jockey Earl
114 Fox or turkey dance
115 Carol refrain

DOWN

1 Varnish ingredient
2 Name of three baseball brothers
3 Depict in words
4 Crown of Osiris
5 "Mad Anthony" Wayne's burial site
6 Reverent title for God
7 Cover over
8 Seine sight
9 Doctor Dolittle's pig
10 Without — stand on
11 Numerous
12 German conjunction
13 "The Waste Land" poet
14 Singer Paul from Ottawa
15 Orange skin
16 On the sheltered side
17 "It's — a Long, Long Time"
20 Wren or nuthatch
24 Anything whatever
25 Nightingale, notably
26 Unhearing
31 Certain bacterium, informally
32 Letter-shaped bolt holders
33 Dimly heard
34 "Either Too Young — Old"
35 Man with an easy life
36 Soft drinks
37 Overwhelm
38 Violinist's need
39 Sweden's third city
40 "Thin as —"
41 Roi's wife
42 Yin's opposite
48 Lost in thought
49 Old woman's home, in a nursery rhyme
50 Greasy hair stuff
52 Big name in scholarships
53 Peloponnesus, formerly
54 Avid
55 "I never met — didn't like."
56 Learning gear
57 West Point student
62 Yearn
63 Cartoonist Peter
64 Clipped
65 Salome's king
66 — of bitters
67 Ray Bradbury's forte
69 Karl Marx's birthplace
70 Very pale
71 Upright or grand
72 Equip with funds
73 "Take — Train"
74 Kidding session
75 Comes down hard
76 — Kett
82 Theater districts
83 Harte's "heathen Chinee"
84 Signalled
85 Novelist Anya
87 "Little —," Steerforth's conquest
88 Raided the refrigerator
89 Writer Gay —
90 Repeated denials
91 Attic
95 Taj Mahal locale
96 Scheme
97 Walden or Golden
98 Bohemian
99 Put — a nutshell
100 Cousin of a T-beam
101 Similiar
102 Mischievous prank
103 Snick's partner
105 Trappist cheese
106 Drollery
107 Sal of song



YOUR HOROSCOPE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1988

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Devote more time to pressing personal matters, seeking counseling if necessary. Postpone major action in business affairs until the air clears. Make a special effort to control spending.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A careful reappraisal of joint monies may be in order. Home or car repairs may also hit your checkbook. Do not become impatient with a loved one. Romantic partner could be playing games.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The cost of travel could prove too high. Make liberal use of the telephone and express mail. A business venture shows a nice return. A teen-ager comes to you with a vexing problem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A neighbor could make an inconvenient but fair request. Go for harmony in this case. Business and financial matters seem easier to handle. Influential person is courting you. Do not be too eager.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Dealing with top officials will help you reach your goals sooner. A promotion or raise is near. Showing more initiative will hurry things along. Romance is very much on your mind later today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do not expect too much from those who are busy celebrating Christmas. Take care of essential chores, like writing letters and balancing the accounts. Roll out the red carpet for any visitors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do not be in too big a rush to handle financial affairs. Influential person is in no mood to grant special favors now. Romance has its ups and downs. Be more tolerant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be busy cleaning up after yesterday. Do not turn down an invitation to a party. It could be much more fun than you think. Domestic harmony prevails. Avoid touchy subjects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Work can seem anticlimactic after all the Christmas festivities. Take care of paperwork and routine tasks. Not a good time to ask influential people for special favors. Wait a day or two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Postpone signing documents and agreements until after the first of the year. Influential person gives you a new perspective on an old problem. Romance is in the air for lovers of all ages.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be patient with little children who may be exhausted from yesterday's excitement. Do not brood over the past. The future looks bright. Leave the office early tonight. Call someone who lives alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do not cram your schedule too full. Stick to run-of-the-mill jobs and postpone making any important financial moves. A belated Christmas gift is exciting. Go over holiday bills.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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A TIME FOR GIVING

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 4
♡ 6 5 2
◇ A 10 9 8 2
♣ 7 5

WEST
♠ 10 6 5 3
♡ K 9
◇ Q 5
♣ A Q 9 6 4

EAST
♠ J 9 2
♡ J 10 8 4
◇ J 6 3
♣ 10 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q
♡ A Q 7 3
◇ K 7 4
♣ K J 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Six of ♣

May we take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a merry Christmas. It is a time for giving gifts. West was imbued with the generosity of the season, but declarer didn't appreciate his present.

The auction was a matter of simple arithmetic. South's opening bid showed a minimum of 22 points and North, with an ace and a reasonable five-card suit, had an easy raise to game.

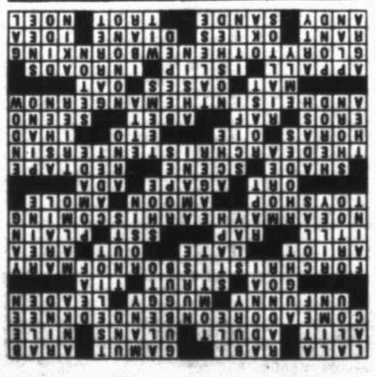
West made the normal lead of fourth-best from his longest and strongest suit, and East's ten lost to the jack. Declarer cashed the king of diamonds and West found an excellent defense—he jettisoned his queen! There was no way for declarer to come to nine tricks without the diamonds, and he could no longer establish the suit without letting East gain the lead with the jack to make the fatal play of a club through the king.

Note that West's play could not cost, only gain. It was highly unlikely that East held a fast entry. If declarer had the jack of diamonds, the contract would probably sail home, since the queen was going to drop on the next round anyway.

Had West woodenly played the five of diamonds under the king, declarer would have made his contract. On the next diamond lead the queen would appear, and declarer would permit West to hold the trick. Now there would be no way to get East on lead in time for a club through declarer. South would be able to win any return, and he would coast home with four diamond tricks, three spades and one each in hearts and clubs.

Available for a limited time as a special offer is a two-for-one package of DOUBLES booklets. For your copies send $3 to "GOREN DOUBLES," care this newspaper, P.O. Box 4426, Orlando, Fla. 32802-4426. Make checks payable to "Newspaperbooks."

PUZZLE ANSWER



Auditions scheduled for 'Texas'

From Staff Reports

CANYON — Hundreds of talented singers, dancers and musicians compete each season for 140 coveted paid positions for the nationally acclaimed "Texas," a musical drama.

Few other summer productions offer the opportunity to perform before nearly full houses every night.

Set beneath the towering cliffs of Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo, the 24th season of "Texas" is scheduled to begin June 14, 1989, and play nightly except Sundays at 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 26.

"Texas is a remarkable combination of breathtaking background, a colorful historical story, spectacular sound and light, hundreds of unusual props and the talent of these semi-professionals," according to a press release.

Noted for the highest average attendance of any outdoor drama in the United States, "Texas" fills the theater with average nightly crowds of 1,600. Nearly 100,000 persons from all 50 states and 113 foreign countries attended in 1988 and over 1,980,000 people have enjoyed the production since its beginning in 1966.

Anyone may try out for "Texas." Auditions for the salaried positions with the company are scheduled in late January and February in six major cities in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Talents of actors, singers, dancers, technicians, musicians and a hospitality staff are needed. Rehearsals begin May 21.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, the first audition will be held at the University of Texas in Austin in Ballet Room #1172 in the Drama Building beginning at noon and continuing through 4 p.m. with dancers auditioning at 3 p.m.

Dallas is the setting for the next audition, scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 22, on the Southern Methodist University campus from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with dancers auditioining at 2 p.m. in room H-100 of the Owens Fine Arts Center.

The University of New Mexico is the site for auditions on Sunday, Jan. 29, from noon to 3:30 p.m. with dancers auditioning at 2:30 in the Experimental Theatre in the Theater Arts Department of the Fine Arts Complex.

Sunday, Feb. 5, directors journey to Lubbock and Texas Tech University to hold auditions from 1 p.m. to 4 pm. with dancers auditioining at 3 p.m. in the Music Building, Room No. 1.

At the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., auditions follow on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with dancers auditioning at 3:30 p.m. The Rubel Jones Theatre Building, Room No. 305, is the site in the Fine Arts Center.

Area auditions are last and held in Canyon on Sunday Feb. 19 from 1 p.m. through 5 p.m. with dancers auditioning at about 4 p.m. in Room 189 in Northen Hall at West Texas State University.

To audition for "Texas," men and women must bring a picture and wear appropriate workout clothing.

All voice rangers are required, and singers should bring one prepared number of their choice. An accompanist will be furnished or a singer may bring his own.

Since singers also fill minor speaking roles, each should prepare a timed one to two minute memorized scene or monologue.

Actors and actresses should prepare a memorized scene or monologue not to exceed three minutes. It should accentuate outdoor voice and presence. They must also perform a short vocal number.

Men and women with ballet or modern dance training are desired.

Musicians are needed who are experienced in string bass, standard guitar, banjo, accordion and with concert training in violin.

For an audition brochure or more information on "Texas," call 1-806-655-2181 or write P.O. Box 268, Canyon, 79015.

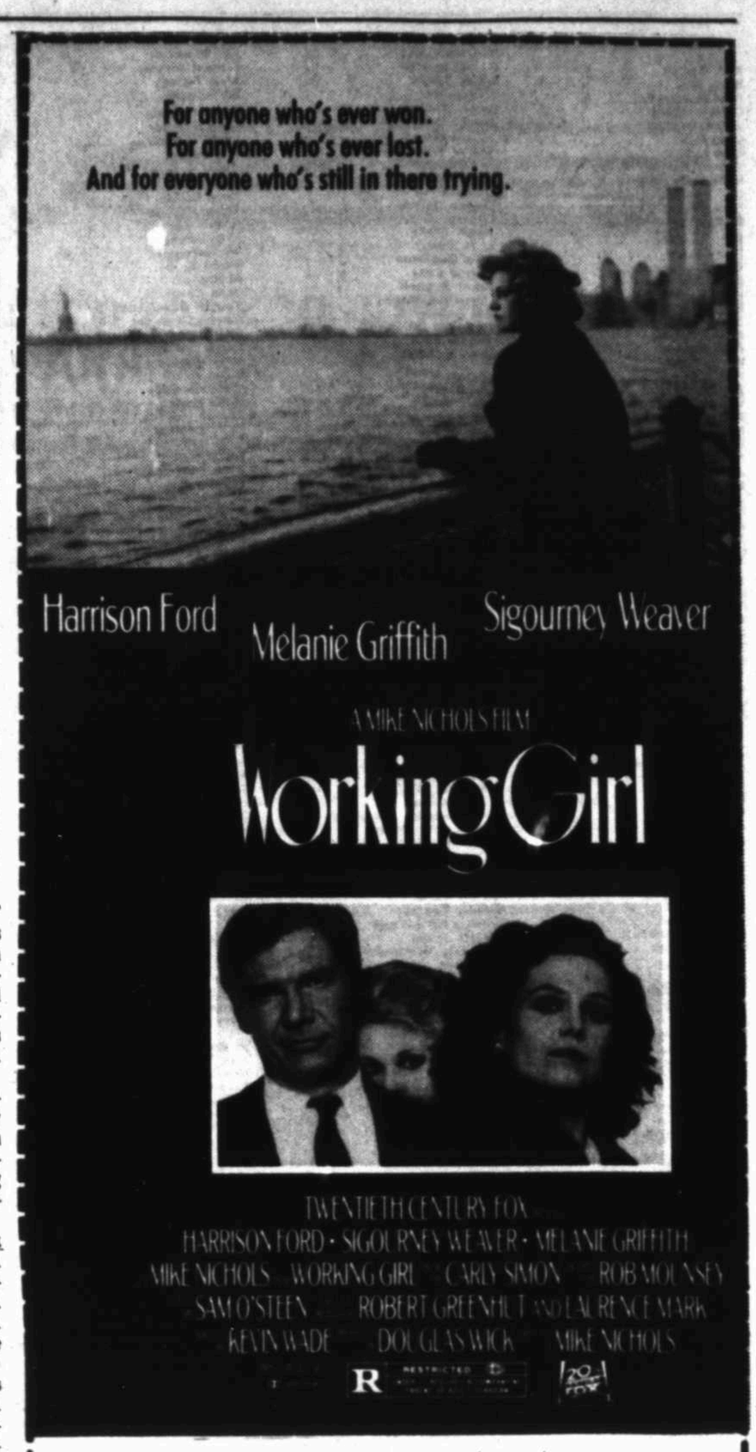
Grant applications being taken

Mid-America Arts Alliance (M-AAA) will accept applications until Jan. 16, 1989, from visual artists seeking fellowship grants in the seventh annual competition sponsored by M-AAA in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

Up to 20 $5,000 grants will be awarded. The latest competition, restricted to artists living in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas, focuses on sculpture and crafts.

Artists may apply in only one of the two categories. Edeen Martin, M-AAA visual arts director, says the panel selecting award recipients will be looking for artists of exceptional talent. "We would expect each of the winners to have created a substantial body of work," she said.

Full-time graduate or undergraduate students, recipients of NEA Visual Artists Fellowships or past winners of M-AAA/NEA Fellowships in sculpture and crafts, are not eligible. For a prospectus and application form, call or write M-AAA, 912 Baltimore Ave., Suite 700, Kansas City, MO 64105, or call 1-816-421-1388.



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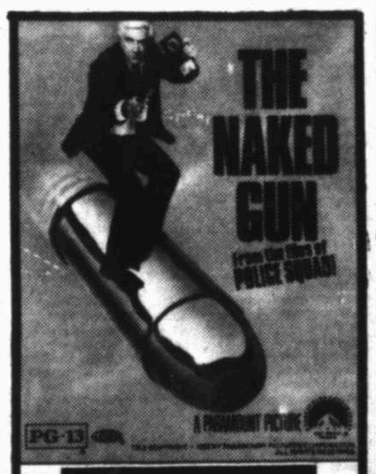
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Art Institute for the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: "Five Centuries of Italian Painting," through Jan. 8, 4909 University, Odessa, open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., closed Dec. 24-26, FREE.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITIONS: "What Rudolph Knows" through Jan. 8, And: "The Sonia & Kay Marvins Portrait Collection," a survey of 20th century photographic portraiture, through Dec. 30, And: "Christmas at the Turner Mansion," through the holiday season, And: VIDEOS: "Carols and Christmas" and "Voyages: The Journey of the Magi," in the library through Dec. 29, open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., closed Dec. 23-26, FREE.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITIONS: "People of Dongying: Midland's Sister City," through Feb. 5, open Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 I-20 West, for information call 683-4403, closed Dec. 24-25, ADMISSION CHARGED.

Information on Midland cultural groups listed in this column is provided by Arts Assembly of Midland, Midland's umbrella organization for the arts.

To be included in the Midland Marquee, call Arts Assembly of Midland, 687-1149.

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San Antonio museum will host 'Dinosaur Stampede'

From Staff Reports

SAN ANTONIO — Ten roaring, stomping, flexing dinosaurs will stampede the Witte Museum beginning Jan. 14, and delight anyone, young and old alike, who has ever wanted to get close to a 65 million-year-old thundering lizard.

"Dinosaur Stampede," which features these monstrous marvels of animation, will run at the Witte through May 14.

Specially developed for the Witte by the California-based Dinamation International, the list of Mesozoic Era creatures includes the menacing carnivore Tyrannosaurus rex; the plant-eating duckbilled Parasaurolophus; the armor-like plated Stegosaurus; the lumbering Apatosaurus; the three-horned Triceratops; and the carnivorous pre-dinosaur Dimetrodon.

Four of the dinosaurs are expected to bear young during the run of the exhibition. It is not known exactly when the births will take place, but the public will be kept posted.

These frighteningly life-like dinosaurs are pneumatically operated and computer-controlled. Their animated moves include moving heads, eyes that blink, and jaws that gnash their dagger-like teeth. The final touch, of course, is the sound — sounds real dinosaurs may have made.

The dinosaurs were constructed with painstaking attention to detail, according to Dinamation officials. The company hired a team of university paleontologists to design the creatures with reptilian skin of rubber covering an aluminum and steel-padded frame.

Admission to the exhibition is $3 per person; children under 2 are free.

Tickets are also available through Rainbow Ticketmaster 1-800-992-8000. There is a service charge for tickets purchased through Rainbow outlets. For group tour reservations, please call the Education Department at 1-512-226-5544 ext. 101. The Witte Museum is situated at 3801 Broadway in San Antonio.

'A Very Brady Christmas' garners top Nielsen ratings

NEW YORK (AP) — "A Very Brady Christmas," CBS' reunion of the 1970s sitcom family that lived on ABC, was this season's top-rated made-for-TV movie and gave CBS a Christmas gift — a break from third place in the ratings.

It was the first time this season that CBS finished out of last place.

NBC won the week, and "The Cosby Show" was the No. 1, the A.C. Nielsen Co. said.

But "A Very Brady Christmas," broadcast Sunday, was last week's No. 2 prime-time show, with a 25.1 rating and a 39 share, lifting CBS to second place over ABC, where "The Brady Bunch" ran from 1969-1974.

Each rating point represents 904,000 homes with television. The share is a percentage of sets in use.

The rest of the top 10 were: "A Different World," NBC; "Cheers," NBC; "Roseanne," ABC; "Who's the Boss?" ABC; "Golden Girls," NBC; "L.A. Law," NBC; "Murder, She Wrote," CBS; and "Dear John," NBC, tied with "60 Minutes," CBS.

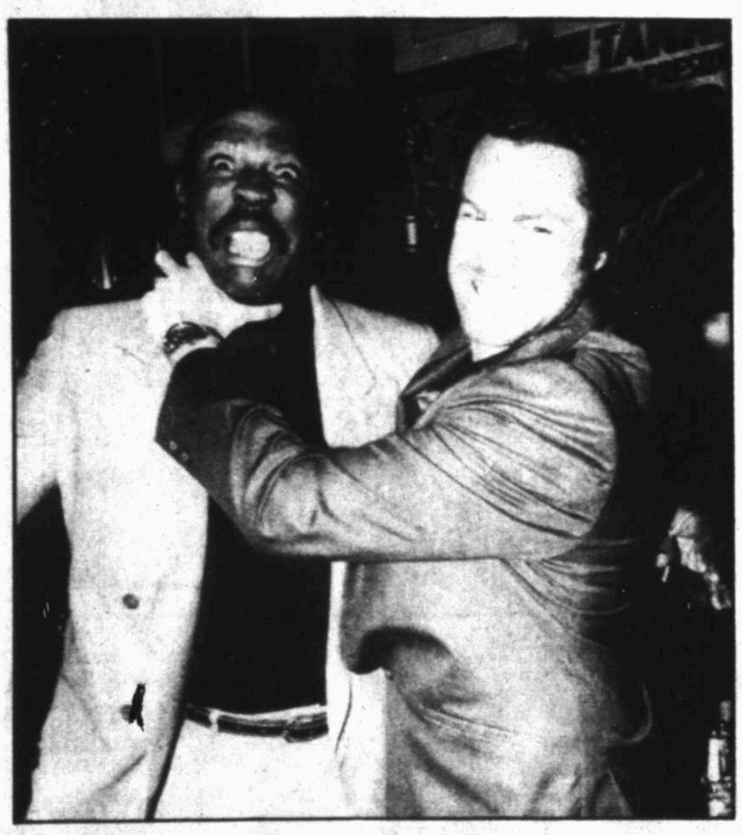
NBC's average prime-time rating last week was 15.4. CBS had 13.1 and ABC 11.8.

"ABC World News Tonight" won the close news race with an average rating of 11.0 and a 20 share. "NBC Nightly News" got out of third, possibly due to anchorman Tom Brokaw's travels to Armenia and Geneva, and had a 10.9 and 20, edging the "CBS Evening News," with a 10.7 and 19.

NBC's "Midnight Caller" episode that drew fire from homosexual rights groups because of its storyline about a man with AIDS purposely engaging in high-risk sex, ranked 33rd, about what it has been ranking this season.

Jerry Lewis began a guest-star stint on CBS' "Wiseguy," boosting the crime drama to 32nd place.

The lowest-rated network shows last week were: "Davy Crockett," "Mission Impossible," "Moscow Circus," "Annie McGuire," "West 57th," "Simon & Simon," "TV 101," "Murphy's Law," "Knightwatch" and "Burning Issues."



AP Laserphoto

Playing around

Actor David Keith, right, seems to be settling an old on-screen score with fellow actor, Lou Gossett Jr., his nemesis in the film "An Officer and a Gentleman." Gossett was the guest of honor at a recent brunch in New York to celebrate his new ABC-TV series, "Gideon Oliver," which will be airing in January.

BEST SELLERS

The listings below are based on computer-processed sales figures from 3,000 bookstores and from representative wholesalers with more than 28,000 other retail outlets, including variety stores and supermarkets. The figures are statistically adjusted to represent sales in all such outlets across the United States. In Miscallaneous, five titles are listed because, beyond that point, sales in this category are not generally large enough to make a longer list statistically reliable.

FICTION

1. THE SANDS OF TIME, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, $19.95.) Four nuns become pawns in a struggle between the Spanish Army and Basque separatists.
2. THE CARDINAL OF THE KREMLIN, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, $19.95.) The CIA's Jack Ryan races to the rescue of America's highest-ranking secret agent in the Soviet Union.
3. THE POLAR EXPRESS, written and illustrated by Chris van Allsburg. (Houghton Mifflin, $16.95.) A small boy's Christmas eve train ride.
4. ALASKA, by James A. Michener. (Random House, $22.50.) The history of the 49th state told in fictional form.
5. DEAR MILI, by Wilhelm Grimm. (di Capua-Farrar, Straus & Giroux, $16.95.) A recently discovered fairy-tale by the 19th-century folklorist, illustrated by Maurice Sendak.
6. ONE, by Richard Bach. (Silver Arrow-Morrow, $17.95.) A man and his wife find themselves in a fantasy world where the possibilities of their past still exist.
7. THE QUEEN OF THE DAMNED, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, $18.95.) Continuing the chronicle of 6,000 years of vampirism begun in "Interview With the Vampire" and "The Vampire Lestat."
8. ANYTHING FOR BILLY, by Larry McMurtry. (Simon & Schuster, $18.95.) The exploits of Billy the Kid, as shared by a dime-novel writer from Philadelphia.
9. MITLA PASS, by Leon Uris. (Doubleday, $19.95.) A writer's struggles with his heritage and two loves reach a climax during the 1956 Sinai War.
10. BREATHING LESSONS, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, $18.95.) The many facets of a 28-year marriage are revealed during a drive to a friend's funeral.
11. FINAL FLIGHT, by Stephen Coonts. (Doubleday, $18.95.) Colonel Qazi, an "international terrorist," plots to steal American nuclear weapons.
12. THE SHELL SEEKERS, by Rosamunde Pilcher (St. Martin's, $19.95.) A woman and a painting tie together three generations of an English family.
13. SPY HOOK, by Len Deighton. (Knopf, $18.95.) The agent Bernard Samson on the trail of a financial scam within the British secret service.
14. ZOYA, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, $19.95.) One woman's story, from St. Petersburg during the Russian Revolution to contemporary New York.
15. LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Knopf, $18.95.) A Colombian poet's perdurable love for a woman is tested by life's changing conditions.

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NON-FICTION

1. GRACIE, by George Burns. (Putnam, $16.95.) The life of the comedian Gracie Allen, recalled by her widower and show business partner.
2. ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN, by Robert Fulghum. (Villard, $15.95.) Inspirational essays about everyday matters.
3. A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME, by Stephen W. Hawking (Bantam, $18.95.) A review of efforts to create a unified theory of the universe.
4. CHILD STAR, by Shirley Temple Black.(McGraw-Hill, $19.95.) The autobiography of the No.1 film actress of the mid-1930s.
5. THE LAST LION, by William Manchester. (Little, Brown, $24.95.) The second volume of a biography of Winston Churchill, covering the years 1932-40.
6. DON'T BEND OVER IN THE GARDEN, GRANNY, YOU KNOW THEM TATERS GOT EYES, by by Lewis Grizzard. (Villard, $15.95.) Humor with a Southern accent.
7. SEVEN STORIES OF CHRISTMAS LOVE, by Leo Buscaglia (Slack, $12.95.) The advocate of caring and love recalls experiences during holidays past.
8. CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA, edited by David Cohen. Gottlieb. (Collins Publishers, $35.) An album of pictures taken by 100 photographers.
9. A BRIGHT SHINING LIE, by Neil Sheehan. (Random House $24.95.) A biography of Lt. Col. John Paul Vann that is also a history of American involvement in in Vietnam.
10. CHRONICLE OF THE 20TH CENTURY, edited by Clifton Daniel. (Chronicle Publications, $49.95.) Profusely illustrated history of the world, month by month, from 1900 through 1986.
11. TALKING STRAIGHT, by Lee Iacocca with Sonny Kleinfield. (Bantam, $21.95.) More experiences and opinions of the Chrysler chairman.
12. THE FIRST SALUTE, by Barbara W. Tuchman. (Knopf, $22.95.) A historian's view of the American Revolution.
13. GOLDWATER, by Barry M. Goldwater with Jack Casserly. (Doubleday, $21.95.) The memoirs of the longtime senator from Arizona and 1964 Republican presidential nominee.
14. THE HOME PLANET, edited by Kevin W. Kelley (Addison-Wesley, $39.95.) How the earth looks from outer space, shown in 150 photographs.
15. PRESS ON by Chuck Yeager and Charles Leerhsen. (Bantam, $17.95.) The legendary pilot on flying, the outdoors and his West Virginia roots.

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MISCELLANEOUS

1. THE DICTIONARY OF CULTURAL LITERACY, by. E.D. Hirsch, Jr., Joseph F. Kett and James Trefil. (Houghton Mifflin, $19.95.) An annotated listing of ideas and facts "literate Americans need to know."
2. THE 8-WEEK CHOLESTEROL CURE, by Robert. E. Kowalski. (Harper & Row, $15.95.) Ways to lower your blood cholesterol level without drugs.
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PRIME-TIME TV

Top Ten Programs
Dec. 12-18, 1988

Rank	Rating	Share	Network
1. **The Cosby Show**	25.9	42	NBC
2. A Very Brady Christmas (Sun.)	25.1	39	CBS
3. **A Different World**	24.2	39	NBC
4. Cheers	23.7	37	NBC
5. **Roseanne**	22.9	35	ABC
6. Who's The Boss?	21.3	33	ABC
7. **Golden Girls (R)**	20.1	35	NBC
8. L.A. Law	20.0	33	NBC
9. **Murder, She Wrote**	19.9	31	CBS
10. Dear John	19.3	30	NBC
60 Minutes	19.3	32	CBS

Ratings points are the percent of 90.4 million TV households; shares are the percent of households with sets on. (R)= rerun

OVERALL RATING		
NBC	ABC	CBS
15.4	11.8	13.1

Source: A.C. Nielsen Co.

AP/Trine Glæver

Haley Library showing Montana artist's art

The Haley Library is currently sponsoring an art exhibit and sale featuring the work of Montana artist Bye Bitney. Biney has sent 34 paintings — oils, watercolors, and charcoal — all done in the impressionistic style. A wide range of subject matter includes landscapes, figures, and still-lifes.

The show will hang in the library, 1805 W. Indiana, throughout the month of December. Library hours are 9-12 and 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Switzerland town influenced by Italian culture, customs

By RICHARD CARROLL
Copley News Service

LUGANO, Switzerland — First-time visitors to Lugano are surprised to find that the city is not overrun with chocolate, cheese and cuckoo clock shops. There are no classic Swiss chalets clinging to the mountainside, nor do the people yodel or eat fondue. The locals don't even know where Heidi lives and prefer not to be asked.

A Mediterranean-like city (population 45,000), Lugano is heavily influenced by the culture, folklore and architecture of Italy. Pasta reigns, the primary language spoken is Italian, but the best of both worlds is seen in a sparkling-clean city that runs with Swiss precision and grace, and is almost crime-free.

Blessed with the country's mildest and sunniest climate, flower-filled gardens are flanked by the towering mountains of San Salvatore and Monte Bre. Stucco buildings ablaze with greenery climb the hills and mountains that surround the lake and form a setting much like a master painting reminiscent of Rio de Janeiro and Sugar Loaf.

The spell is quickly cast when walking along the lake promenade past a profusion of exotic plants, into City Park where fountains and sculptures abound. The focal point is a splendid city museum housed in the Villa Ciani, dating to 1839, which features the work of Manet, Cezanne, Matisse and others.

THE PARK contains a library, the Cantonal Museum of Natural History and an Evangelical Church, all fascinating attractions. Belvedere Garden, on the lake promenade is an open-air museum with 12 sculptures set among camellias, lilacs, oleanders and rolling lawns. From the park's shoreside location, Mount San Salvatore sparkles and in the Bay of Lugano ferryboats chug across the deep blue expanse to an isolated village or a charming restaurant overlooking the lake where the bouquet of tomato sauce, garlic and red wine clear the head and renew the spirits.

Monte Bre, considered the sunniest mountain in the country, and attractive Monte Salvatore, are exciting outings that tourists eagerly anticipate. The view from both is that of the Swiss and French Alps, the famous Matterhorn, Lake Lugano and the Lombardy Plain.

Each offers dining and easy walks to friendly mountain villages. The panorama is one of Switzerland's most spectacular. Stoic, funicular railways, which began service in 1912, operate throughout the day on a regular schedule.

When visiting Monte Bre it is recommended to stop by romantic San Michele Park and enjoy the colorful plants and leafy trees. The view is magnificent and during the summer months, at nearby Michael's Chapel, concerts and classical music ring through the air.

The city is a cultural center for music, art exhibitions and special events. The four-day Festival of the Grape Harvest that takes place in October culminates with a grand parade consisting of 16 musical groups and 16 folklore groups from Italy, France, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland. Check the Lugano Events Calendar for the tennis and chess tournaments and classical and jazz concerts that take place throughout the year.

THE CITY is low key, which is fitting for the splendid nature and art setting. Lovely villa/museums such as Villa Malpensata and the Tencalla House, bring together the culture of the past in grand fashion.

The patrician Tencalla House is located in the ancient fishing village of Bissone on the banks of Lake Lugano and is easily reached by ferryboat. The house, named after an architect who built the structure in 1600, has been restored and is furnished with Ticinese and Lombard furniture, priceless art and a kitchen, in which is installed an old brick-and-stone oven and a rich collection of copper cookware.

An overview of the country is Swiss-miniature, a detailed work of art in minute scale of Switzerland. Working models of trains, boats, cable ways and trams, are crowd-pleasers. Lugano also has a casino nearby that is not recommended unless you want to spend the rest of your European trip riding buses and eating bread and cheese.

The lake is the very heartbeat of the city. Visitors can windsurf, water ski and sail, take an afternoon excursion to Italy, rent a small motorboat for a half day and fish for perch and then stop by the Grotto for a picnic.

The boat trip to a remote part of the lake where the Smugglers' Museum is located is a visit to the only museum of its kind in Switzerland and probably the world.

ONLY 15 years ago, grand items such as rice and salami were being smuggled from Italy to Switzerland by boats and young backpackers who tramped over the mountains in the dead of night. Cigarettes, chocolate, watches and gold were smuggled from Switzerland to Italy, avoiding local taxes.

The museum's inaccessibility adds to its attraction. It's on the border between Switzerland and Italy, on the unpopulated side of Lake Lugano, where the smugglers were most active, and housed in a former customs post that dates to 1904.

It's not hard to imagine smugglers creeping about in the woods, or silently drifting along the banks of the river when you see the display of weapons confiscated by Swiss Customs from foreign soldiers who arrived at the frontier in the role of partisans, refugees or escaped prisoners. Italian, British, American and French are reflected in the warfare that has raged on territory adjacent to the ever-neutral Switzerland.

An intriguing audiovisual presentation reveals the tricks of the trade by which smugglers have tried to outwit Swiss Customs. Displayed on the terrace is a small submersible in which, on a memorable night, Italian smugglers tried to sneak into Switzerland a contraband cargo of bacon and pork sausages. Locals claim the strong scent of garlic that wafted over the beach was their undoing.

In contrast to water activities, a drive into the beautiful Malcantone, the mountain area west of the city, is almost unknown to American visitors. The Malcantone has 26 villages, some with only 44 inhabitants, most with an old church, garden estates and a winding two-lane road that leads a traveler to grape vines, wild mushrooms, ferns and thick forests of birch, chestnut and pine trees.

A FINE lunch stop is at the Albergo della Posta in Astano, a hotel/restaurant with patio dining and friendly folks. Astano has 250 or so inhabitants and is a village that visitors hate to leave. A family from London drove into Astano one day and stayed for a year.

After lunch, rent a bicycle and ride (mostly downhill) to Magliaso. Tourists can rent a bicycle at any railroad station and turn it in at any other station.

Look for arts and crafts in the Malcantone, and upscale items in Lugano. The continuing strength of the dollar and the near-zero inflation rate in Switzerland means top value for Americans. A visitor needs three to four days in order to enjoy the cultural aspects and the nifty mom/pop restaurants that are located in town and on the lake.

The majority of the tourists here are Swiss, German and Italians. Americans make up only 6.5 percent of Lugano tourism and most are repeat visitors.

They pay less for good hotels than in Italy and Spain and more for the lesser priced hotels. The city has 130 hotels of which the Splendide Royal, a palacelike structure, circa 1888, and the Grand Hotel Eden, are the top of the line. By Swiss standards, there are 10 four-star hotels and a number of other three-star ratings.

MORE THAN one-half of the hotel rooms in the country cost under $20 per day, per person, including breakfast, taxes and service.

The peak season is May, June and July with August belonging to the tourists. Spring and fall also are ideal.

Despite Lugano's mild climate, it is possible to ski on the nearby mountains of Tamaro and Lema. Both rise above 5,000 feet and are not overly crowded.

The city is located astride the north-south rail and road arteries, only three hours from Zurich by train and less than one hour from Milano, Italy, by car. Crossair, the Swiss domestic airline, connects to cities throughout the country and offers unforgettable views of the Alps.

Balair, the charter service branch of Swissair, in conjunction with Travac Tours, offers an outstanding Swiss travel bargain.

The SWISS Holiday Card, a must for most visitors, is valid for unlimited rail travel throughout the Swiss rail network, and cog railways, lake steamers and postal buses.

For information, contact the Swiss National Tourist Office, 250 Stockton St., San Francisco, CA 94108, or your travel agent.



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The lake is the very heartbeat of Lugano, Switzerland. Visitors can fish, windsurf, water ski, sail or take an afternoon excursion to Italy.

Ski resort keyed to families

Copley News Service

Snowmass has acknowledged the diaper set. Mom and Dad, therefore, can enjoy a skiing vacation without having to leave the children at home.

The newest facilities at Snowmass Village in Colorado include 30 new shops and restaurants, a new transit plaza, and a new 8,000-square-foot day care/ski school for children 18 months to 3½ years old, managed by the Aspen Skiing Co.

In addition, the Silvertree Hotel has undergone extensive renovation with the addition of 42 rooms. Another 92 rooms are scheduled for completion next fall. The hotel also has added a full health spa, more meeting space, an expanded restaurant and a ski rental, repair and storage facility.

FYI: Snowmass, P.O. Box 1248, Aspen, CO 81612; (303) 923-2085.

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Visitors headed for China may not become proficient in Mandarin Chinese, but they can brush up on a few emergency phrases with the help of Richard Kimball's "Quick Reference Chinese," a dictionary for beginners and travelers to China.

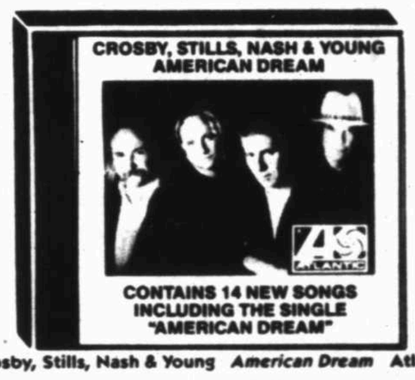
More than 2,000 commonly used words and colloquial phrases are included in the survival grammar book with its pinyin romanizing pronunciation of the language. The 160-page paperback is priced at $8.

"Quick Reference Chinese" is published by China Books and Periodicals Inc., which also offers two other books for the China traveler. They are "Magnificent China: A Guide to Its Cultural Treasures" and "Essential Chinese for Travelers."

"Magnificent China," available in cloth binding at $35 or paper at $20, is a 425-page encyclopedic guide to China. "Essential Chinese for Travelers" is a 160-page paperback, priced at $7, that provides phonetic pronunciation guides for words and phrases commonly used by the traveler. The latter book is also available with a 90-minute cassette tape at $17.

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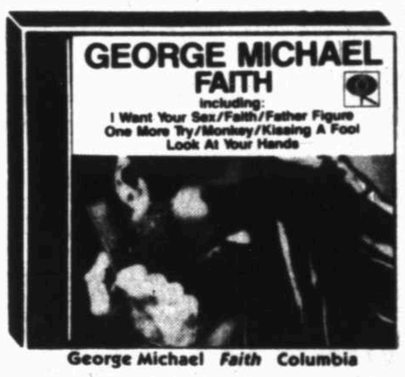


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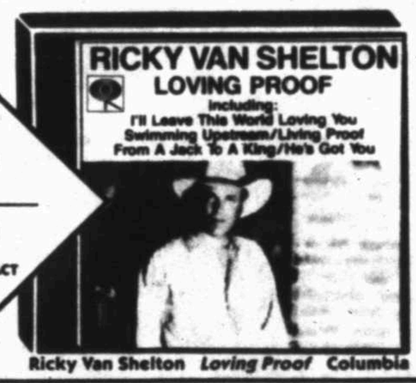
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Idle rigs like these between Midland and Odessa, used to be a rare sight near the end of the year. But in 1988, the absence of a fourth quarter drilling spurt has left more than the usual number wanting for work.

Fourth-quarter upswing didn't appear

No incentives, negative perception blamed

By JOHN PAUL PITTS
Business/Oil Editor

The fourth quarter normally signals a time for an upturn in the drilling industry, but not this year.

When 1988 comes to a close, domestic drilling contractors will have shut the book on one of the most devastating year-end downturns in the history of the industry — a decline that has seen rig counts averaging about half of 1987 levels.

In September 1987, the Permian Basin rig count began climbing sharply, from 130 rigs to almost 200 by late November. This year the story is different: The 1988 rig count has declined continually since the first of the of the year from 188 to less than 100.

"This has been the worst fourth quarter in ten years for our company," said Dennis Grubb, contract manager for TOT Drilling. "This is the first time I can remember when the fourth quarter was was worse than the first quarter. There are just not that many bids being put out."

Ed McGhee, executive vice president International Association of Drilling Contractors, agrees: "With the exception of 1986 when the average fourth quarter rig count was 900, this is probably the worst fourth quarter on record." He expects the final quarter of this year to average about 925 working rigs.

McGhee said there had been considerable under-drilling in the first three quarters, and he had hoped oil operators who had under-spent budgets would play catch-up in the fourth quarter. "Obviously that has not materialized," he added.

Worse, McGhee doesn't expect activity to pick up substantially in the first quarter of 1989 when new drilling budgets go into effect. "It normally takes oil companies at least until the second quarter to get cranked up on a new budget," he said.

One of the prime reasons for the fourth quarter downturn, according to the association executive, is the absence of tax shelters. "There is none of the normal year-end tax posturing, because the Tax Reform Act of 1986 removed all tax shelters for drilling. All the wells being drilled now are strictly for economic return."

Herb Williamson, senior vice president for Parker & Parley Petroleum Co., one of the most active drillers in the state, says that is part of the problem. But, he points to a poor perception of the oil industry in the investment community, a shortage of very low-risk prospects, tight lending practices and insufficient internal cash flow as reasons for the downturn.

"This is an erroneous perception," said Williamson. "Common sense tells you that the price of oil has to come back, and good business judgment tells you to find oil while the finding is cheap." Parker & Parsley, one of the few oil companies still able to attract drilling funds, drilled 150 wells in 1988, but expects to drill only 120 in 1989 because of negative perception in the investment community.

Says Williamson: "There is a herd mentality in the investment community, and the oil industry is out of favor for the moment."

He noted what little investment capital is being lured into the oil industry is attracted to very, very low-risk development wells.

"There are just not that many extremely low risk wells to drill," he added. "There has always been a shortage of sure-things in the oil business."

Other funding factors affecting drilling are conservative lending practices at energy banks and the lack of internal cash flow.

As oil prices have dropped, lending parameters have tightened, and much of the credit goes to regulators who have tightened up lending practices following the beating energy banks took during the price crashes of '81 and '86.

"You can borrow all the oil money you want at the bank for three points and 24 hours," goes one joke making the rounds in Midland.

While oil prices have improved since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' November accord to limit oil production to 19.2 million barrels per day, the improvement has not come quick enough to generate internal cash flow for launching year-end projects.

The best hope to turn around rig counts lies with natural gas, says McGhee: "A cold winter could stimulate increased natural gas drilling in the second quarter."

GAS TAX DEBATE

Motorists may shoulder deficit hauling burden

DALLAS (AP) — To the Washington number crunchers evaluating a $143 billion federal budget deficit and a $3.2 trillion federal debt, the idea is very nearly irresistible: Hike the tax on gasoline sufficiently to wipe out at least the smaller of the two.

U.S. motorists would still be taxed more lightly than drivers anywhere else in the world, even if the 9.1-cent federal tax they presently pay on every gallon were increased by as much as $1.

The U.S. Treasury, meanwhile, would be generously rewarded. Just a one-cent increase in the tax would produce revenues of $1 billion in one year, and simple arithmetic should demonstrate that an addition of 50 cents would bring in $50 billion, while $1 would collect $100 billion. With little imagination, it is possible to see the budget deficit shrink to a manageable size, if not to oblivion.

But critics also see inflation, unemployment and reduced collections from other taxes as economic activity declines.

Although a gasoline tax hike is advocated by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan — and much-discussed by the National Economic Commission and the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Illinois Rep. Dan Rostenkowski — it is in some camps as unpopular as it is, on its face, simple. And in the oil business, it's anathema.

"There is no question that it would impact negatively on the industry," said Theodore Eck, chief economist for Amoco Corp. in Chicago. "It's a tax on our industry, so we'll probably yell a little louder, but nobody in the business community wants a new tax. That's all it is, another luxury tax — and as a revenue-raising device, it is not efficient."

Economists not affiliated with the energy business also are troubled by the possible consequences of a larger gasoline tax. Considered regressive, it would come down hard on lower-income drivers who spend a disproportionate amount of their income on motor fuel — and on drivers in wide-open western states who have little access to mass transportation and many miles to travel.

The economy in general might suffer, according to these economists.

Washington Analysis Corp., a consulting firm in the capital, has projected that a 10-cent jump in the tax would push gasoline prices by 10 percent and lead to a 0.3 rise in the Consumer Price Index. And Data Resources Inc., based in Lexington, Mass., has released a report concluding that a 50-cent increase would, by 1991, reduce the gross national product by $73 billion and increase consumer prices by 2.5 percent.

"It (the gas tax) generates revenues in the first couple of years, but the net effect on the deficit starts to

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Record number expected to reach out and touch

From Staff Reports

AT&T expects to handle approximately 11.5 million long-distance calls in Texas on Christmas Day, a 6 percent increase over the 10.8 million calls handled last year.

The Texas calls are part of the 47 million long-distance calls the company predicted it will handle, a record for holiday calling. The company said this would top last Christmas by about 3 million calls.

The biggest portion of Christmas Day calls, about 34.9 million, will be from state to state, but AT&T expects to handle some 9.6 million long-distance calls within individual states. The company also predicted 2.6 million calls will be international, reaching many of the 250 countries and territories linked to the AT&T Worldwide Intelligent Network.

The company's 50 percent night/weekend discount rates will be in effect all day on Christmas Eve and until 5 p.m. on Christmas Day. Texas intrastate night/weekend discount of 40 percent will be in effect at the same time.

From 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Christmas Day, AT&T's 35 percent discount on evening interstate calls will be in effect, and Texas intrastate calls will be discounted 25 percent. The night/weekend discount rates will go back into effect after 11 p.m.

To make holiday calling easier, the company suggests custoemrs call between 2 and 6 p.m., when calling volumes are usually lower and calls go through almost instantly. Customers should also try dialing international calls directly.

AT&T handles more long-distance calls on a typical business day than on Christmas Day, but many of those calls are made to toll-free 800 numbers or placed on WATS lines, which are typically used by businesses. On Christmas, consumers make more basic long-distance calls than on any other day of the year.

TEXAS BUSINESS

Poinsettias fulfill brothers' dream of a 'Blanco' Christmas

BLANCO (AP) — Blanco has a strong claim to being the Christmas capital of Texas.

The poinsettia is the unrivaled floral symbol of Christmas, and in two clusters of greenhouses just outside this South Central Texas town, hundreds of thousands of poinsettias are grown each year, chiefly for the Christmas season.

On a recent visit to Klepec Brothers Greenhouses Inc., more than 19,000 red poinsettias were blooming in one room alone, each in its own ceramic pot and potting in an exact formula of peat moss, bark and Styrofoam beads.

Bob Klepac is president of one of the most spectacular plant-growing operations in Texas, or in the nation, for that matter. His brother, Jim, is vice president, and two of Bob's sons, also have key posts. Robert Klepac is general sales manager and Michael Klepac supervises production.

Klepac Brothers, which deals almost solely in potted plants, is a wholesaler whose largest group of customers is retail florists.

"To the south, we sell in the Rio Grande Valley," Bob Klepac said. "We also sell a little in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Lufkin and Houston are important areas of ours, and to the west we sell in Midland and Odessa," he said.

"Though there are probably 10 or 12 other growers in this area, the San Antonio-Austin market is our largest."

The Klepacs came to Blanco and launched the greenhouse operations in 1953. Bob was studying accounting at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. His father and mother came to visit, fell in love with the Hill Country and bought the land in Blanco.

Bob and Jim bought the potted plant operation from them in 1969.

Their most flambouyant product, the poinsettia, got its name from the first U.S. minister to Mexico, J.R. Poinsett, who discovered in 1828 the plant Mexicans know as "the Christmas Eve flower," and introduced it to the United States.

The spectacular red is not the plant's blossom, which is a delicate little yellow flower. The flaming red comes from the plant's bracts.

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AP Laserphoto

Bob Klepac, left, and his son, Michael, stand among a sea of blooming red poinsetias inside their Blanco greenhouse.

JOHN PAUL PITTS

Demand improving oil pricing equation



Pitts

Want to know what the price of oil will be next week ... month ... year? Here's an equation that's guaranteed: Price equals supply minus cost divided by demand times politics.

It's guaranteed, I might add, not to work any better than any other equation.

Change anything you want on the right side of the equal sign and its not likely to affect the accuracy one way or the other. That's because of the inherent volatility of international commodities. The value of the basic factors that determine price — post, supply, demand and politics — change almost constantly and quickly.

Still, because of the changing values of some of those factors, I am encouraged about the outlook for oil prices.

For instance three months ago who would have thought demand would be playing a major role in oil pricing today. Excess supply and politics were dictating price.

But in the last three months of 1988, the demand for OPEC oil, according to the last forecast of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' Secretariat, has climbed by 2 million barrels per day to 19.9 million barrels per day, and is expected to increase another 1 million per day in the first quarter of 1989. This estimate is close to the conservative International Energy Agency which forecasts an increase in demand of 1.7 million barrels in the last quarter of 1988 and .6 million for the first quarter of 1989.

According to *Forbes* magazine, the new demand is coming not from the world economic powers which have now turned from producing steel to producing software, but from the Third World countries which have become the new steel producers and are now moving out of the rickshaw and bicycle era to the motorcycle and automobile era.

The implications of this increased demand are positive and two-fold. One, OPEC should find it easier to abide by the November quotas for a bit longer. A few months ago the cartel strained unsuccessfully to live up to a quota of 18.6 million barrels per day, and cheated to the point that it was actually producing about 19.2 b/d. Now with 19.2 b/d as the legitimate quota, it should be easier to refrain from cheating. Repeat — *should be* easier.

Who can fathom the mysterious, religious-political tangle of the Middle East.

Two, even if cheating does occur, growing demand in the first quarter of 1989 should offset the dishonesty, and prevent oil prices form eroding because of market fundamentals.

Better still, growing energy demand from certain Third World countries could put an upward pressure on oil prices. Experts predict that Pacific Rim nations which have seen 6 percent growth for the past five years could easily absorb a surplus production of 3 million barrels per day.

Couple growing consumption in the third world with declining production and growing consumption in the U.S. and the demand outlook for OPEC oil appears very bright. Exploration in the U.S. has come to a virtual standstill, while current reserves are being rapidly depleted.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, petroleum imports in October were at their highest monthly level since February 1980. At the same time domestic production fell another 300,000 barrels per day, down 3.9 percent from last October. Since early 1986, domestic oil production has declined by more than 1.1 million barrels per day.

All in all, the trend is toward a higher demand for crude oil, and since increasing demand is the only workable method for mitigating surpluses, it cannot but have a positive effect on price — even if it is only to keep prices stable.

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Shop around

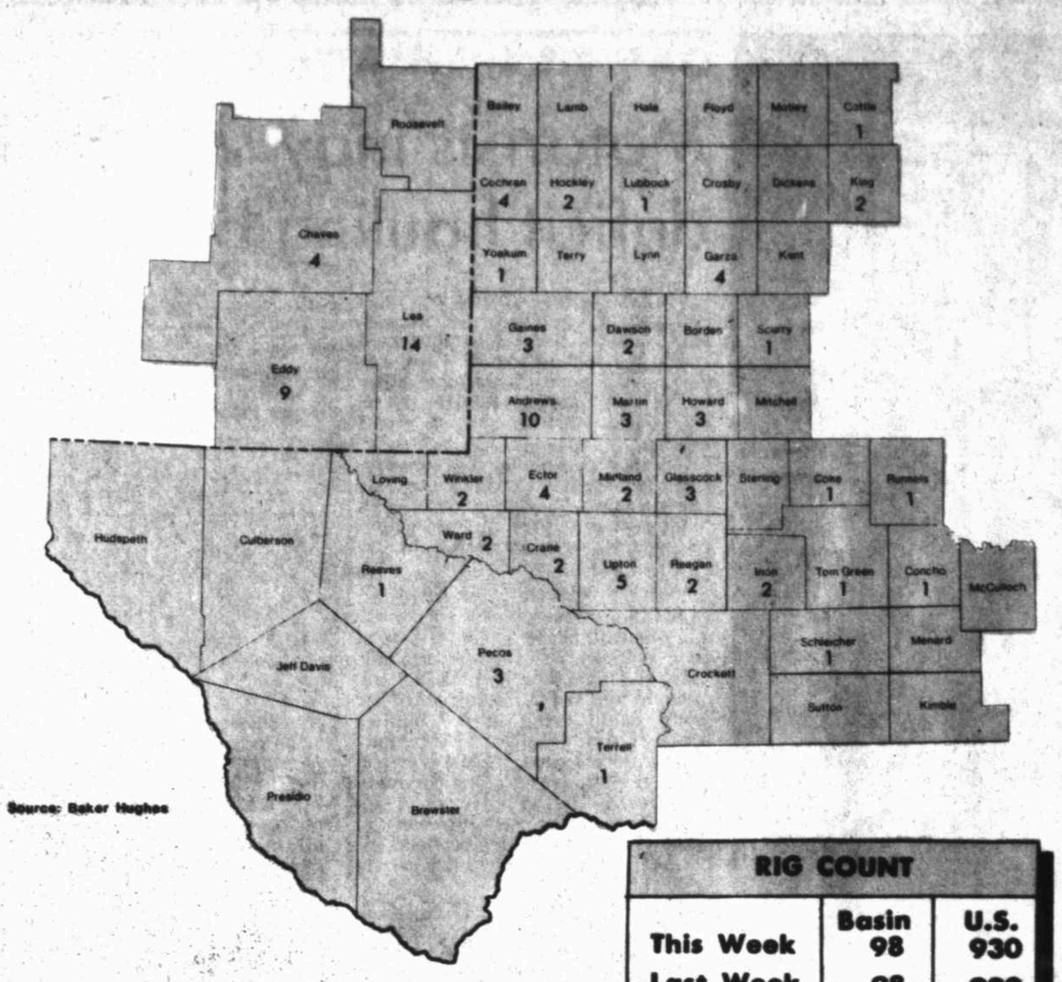
There are ways to plot a reasonable plan of investment action for 1989, based on what is known now and on educated guesses you can make about the future.

The unusual pattern of interest rates that prevails as 1988 draws to a close makes some income-producing investments look appealing and others chancy.

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ACTIVITY INDICATORS

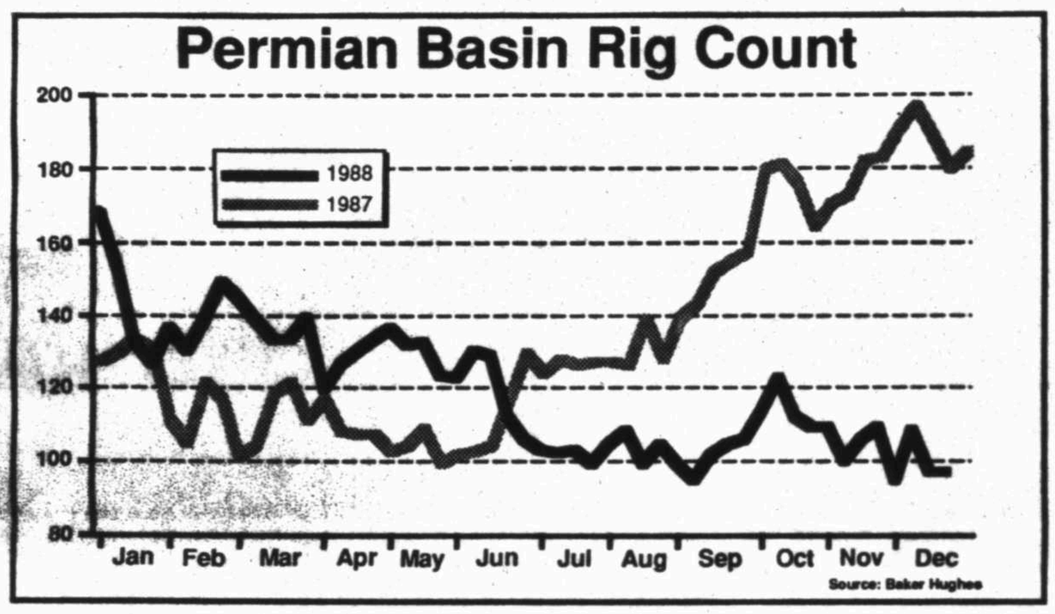
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Source: Baker Hughes

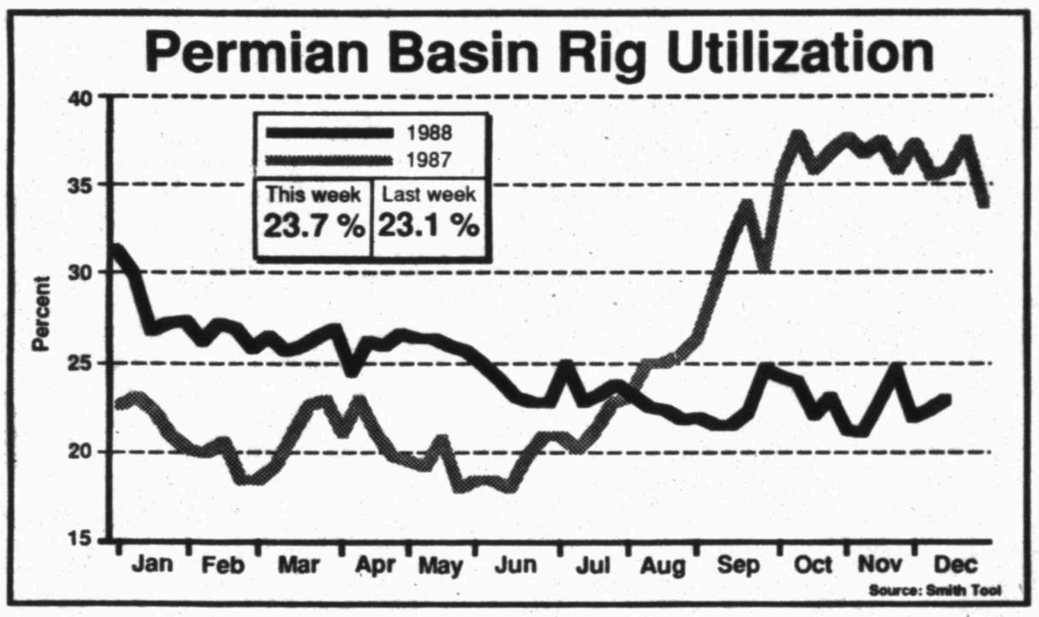
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Year Ago	180	1,168

Permian Basin Rig Count



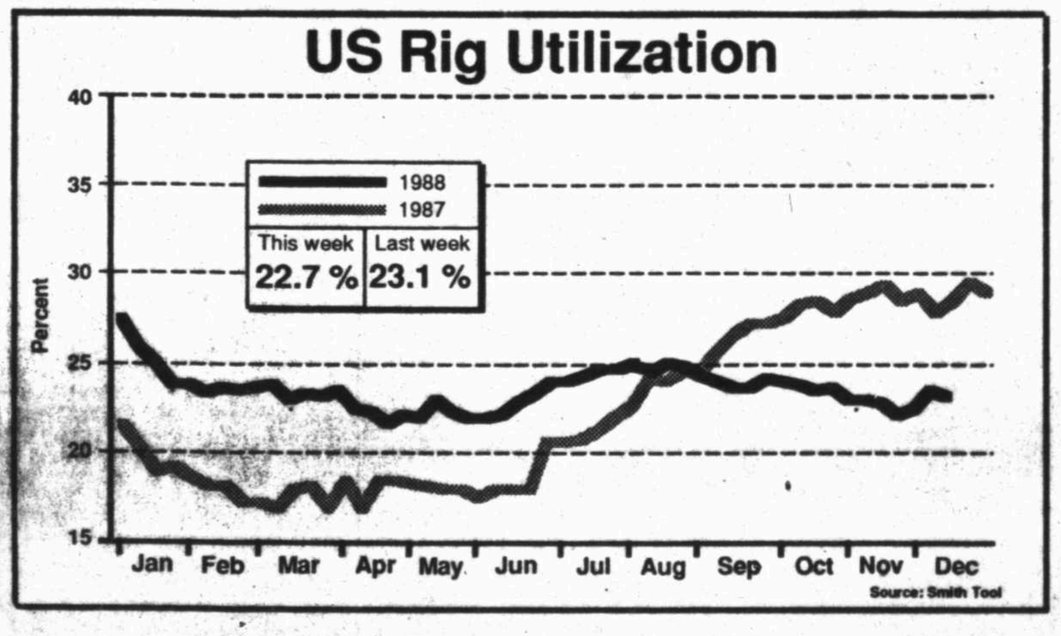
Source: Baker Hughes

Permian Basin Rig Utilization



Source: Smith Tool

US Rig Utilization



Source: Smith Tool

Basin tally holds steady at 98

From Staff Reports

The U.S. rig count showed a second consecutive increase while the Permian Basin tally remained stable as 1988 comes to a close.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the number of working oil and gas rigs rose by eight to stand at 930. At the same time, 98 rigs continued to work in the Permian Basin.

Lea County, N.M. continues to lead the Basin with 14 rigs, followed by Andrews County with 10.

Coke, Concho, Runnels, Dawson, Lubbock and Scurry counties saw renewed activity this week. Mithcell, Sterling and Terry counties were left with no activity.

Amon major oil producing states, the biggest gains were posted by Louisiana with four additional rigs, followed by Ohio, three; Colorado, Kansas, Michigan, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Wyoming with two each; and California, one.

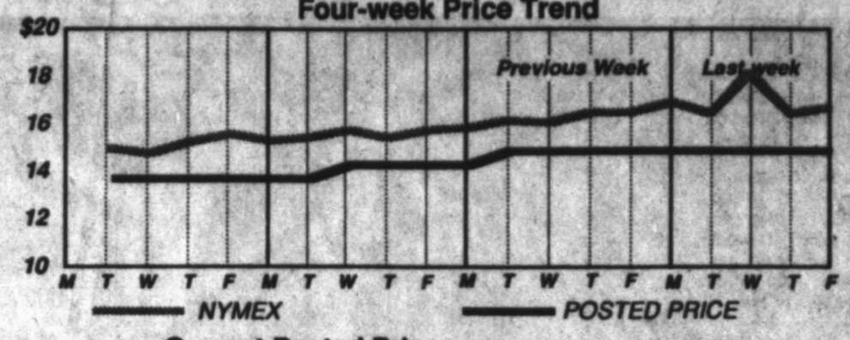
Texas had the greatest decline with 17 fewer rigs and New Mexico dropped by one. Pennsylvania was unchanged from the previous week.

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:

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POSTED $15.00

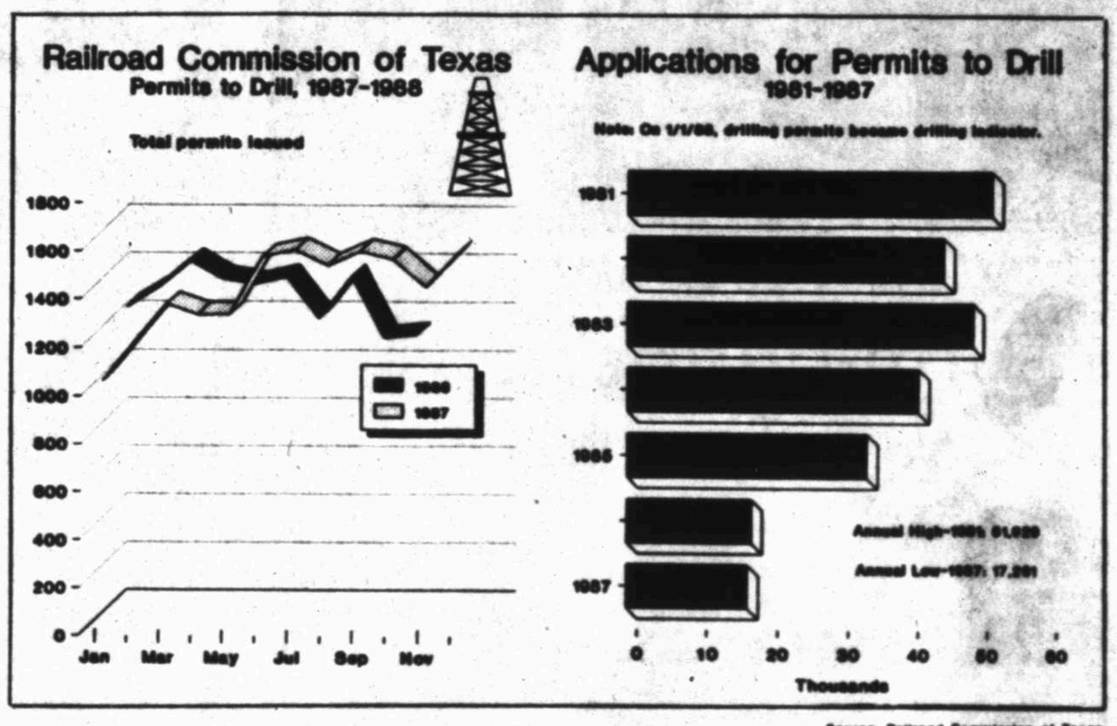


Current Posted Prices

Amoco*	$15.00	JM	$15.00	Scurlock	$15.00
Arco	15.00	Koch	15.00	Shell*	15.00
Chevron	15.00	Marathon*	15.00	Sun*	15.00
Ciitgo	15.00	Mobil*	15.00	Texaco	15.00
Conoco	15.00	Navajo*	15.00	UPR	15.00
Enron	15.00	Permian*	15.00	Unocal	15.00
Exxon	15.00	Phillips*	15.00		
Fina*	15.00	Pride*	15.00		

Note: Prices are effective Thursday afternoon prior to publication

*Net price without transportation charges



Source: Railroad Commission of Texas

According to the Railroad Commission, fewer drilling permits have been issued in 1988 as compared to 1987 levels.

Fewer permits issued in November

From Staff Reports

AUSTIN — A total of 1,030 drilling permits were issued by the Railroad Commission in November, down from October's total of 1,139.

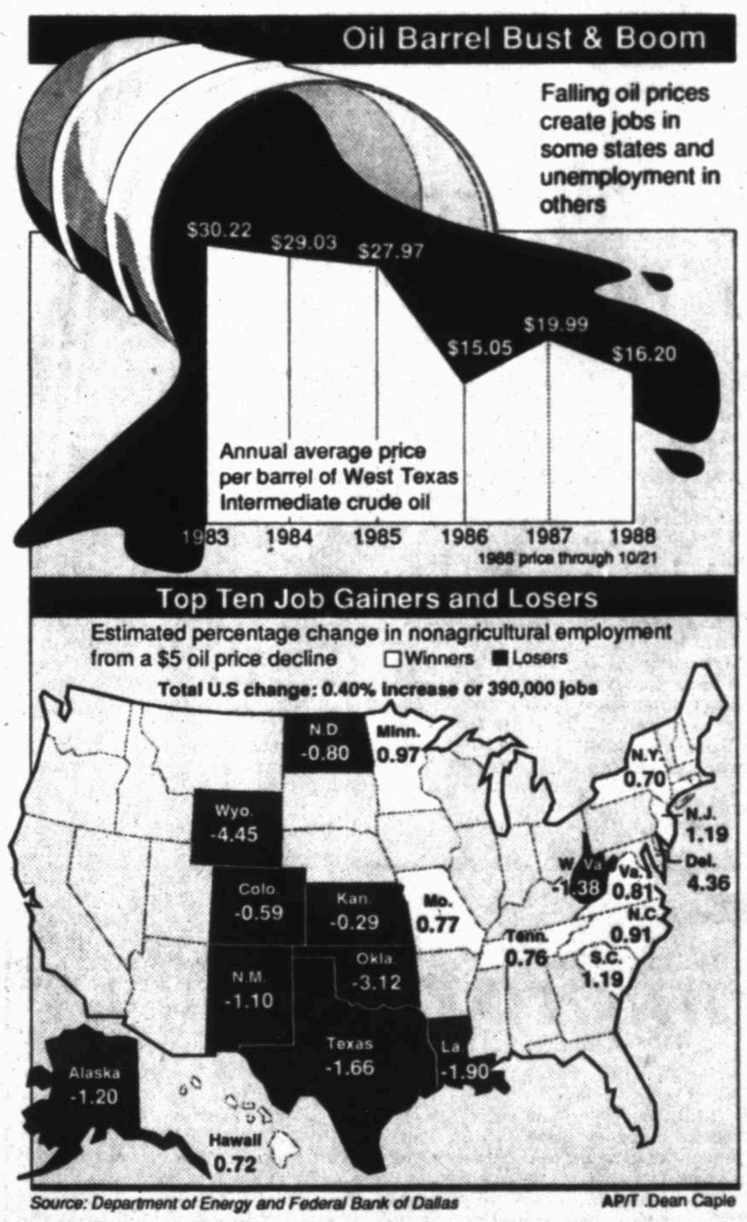
The November total included 648 permits to drill new oil and gas tests, 55 to reenter existing well bores, 38 to deepin existing holes, 162 to plugback existing holes, and seven for other wells. Operators were also issued 120 amended drilling permits.

There were 66 permits issued in the Midland area, 33 in the Lubbock area, and 55 in the San Angelo area.

In the first 11 months of 1988, the commission has issued 13,384 drilling permits, a 9.52 percent decrease from the 15,454 permits issued during the same period of 1987.

The 1,030 permits issued in November included 425 oil permits, 178 gas permits, 376 oil and gas permits, 26 injection permits, five disposal permits, and 20 other permits.

Oil Barrel Bust & Boom



Source: Department of Energy and Federal Bank of Dallas

AP/T .Dean Caple

Marketed gas, exports down in September

From Staff Reports

AUSTIN — Texas marketed gas production in September totaled 357,758,409 Mcf, compared to August production of 385,624,111 Mcf, the Railroad Commission reports.

However, the commission noted, September production was 5.64 percent higher than September 1987 production of 338,668,210 Mcf. Total gas production in Texas in September was 449,928,981 Mcf.

Marketed gas production is the gas left after liquid hydrocarbons have been separated on the lease from the "wet" gas that is usually produced at the wellhead. It also does not include gas that is used to fuel production-related equipment on the lease site, or gas that is otherwise not marketed.

Exports of Texas-produced gas in September totaled 113,721,687 Mcf, compared to 126,882,386 Mcf in August. The September exports reflected a 2.59 percent drop when compared to the September 1987 export total of 116,741,617 Mcf.

According to James E. "Jim" Nugent, chairman of the commission, Tenneco Inc. was the state's top exporter of Texas-produced gas in September, exporting 24,173,510 Mcf.

Operators reported a total of 326,833,186 Mcf of gas in Texas storage facilities in September, compared to the August total of 318,376,680 Mcf. The September total reflected a 7.05 percent incrse when compared to September 1987's volume.

Natural Gas P/L Co. of American, Harrison County, had the state's top storage operation in September, with 131,000,884 Mcf.

Offshore production down in September

From Staff Reports

AUSTIN — Leases in state offshore water produced 47,441 barrels of oil during September, down from 54,075 barrels in August, according to the Railroad Commission.

Gas well gas production from offshore leases amounted to 6,937,257 Mcf of gas in September, down from the 8,440,994 Mcf produced in August.

Casinghead gas production totaled 51,487 Mcf, compared to 64,588 Mcf produced in August.

Condensate production from offshore leases amounted to 13,892 barrels, down from the 15,903 barrels produced in August.

In September, offshore crude production made up about 0.08 percent of the preliminary figure for crude production in Texas. Offshore gas well gas production was approximately 2.05 percent of the preliminary state total.

New owners will have Burger King ads 'their way'

By RANDALL ROTHENBERG
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — Like a tireless suitor, the Burger King Corp. keeps searching for a line that will work.

In the last five years the nation's second-largest hamburger chain has told consumers they could have it their way, asked them if they were hungry, informed them that its hamburgers were bigger and better, introduced them to a fellow named Herb, invited them to a Burger King town, instructed them that its burgers were the best food for fast times and apprised them that "We do it like you'd do it when we do it like we do it at Burger King."

That inconsistency, say marketing experts, franchisees and advertising agency executives, is at the root of the marketing problems at Burger King, whose new owner — Grand Metropolitan PLC — indicated Tuesday that the $215 million advertising account, which has been at N.W. Ayer for one year, would be reviewed.

A spokeswoman for Grand Metropolitan, the British company whose bid for the Pillsbury Co., Burger King's parent, was accepted on Sunday, said it was too early to say whether additional advertising agencies would be invited to compete for the Burger King account.

"But advertising is a major priority we have at Burger King," Mary Carroll, the spokeswoman, said. "It will be one of the first things we look at."

Burger King has been steadily losing market share to the McDonald's Corp. In 1987, Burger King had 17 percent of the fast-food hamburger market, while McDonald's had 36 percent. McDonald's, which spends more than three times as much annually on advertising as does Burger King, has had the same theme for four years: "It's a Good Time for the Great Taste of McDonald's."

Burger King's advertising travails have several sources, say people who have worked on the company's marketing.

Foremost may be the revolving door in Burger King's management suite in Miami. In the last decade, the company has had four chairmen, five presidents and six marketing directors, each of whom had a desire to put a stamp on the company's advertising.

In addition, Burger King franchisees have exerted pressure on the company and its advertising agencies.

The result has been a long history of abrupt changes in tactics. Earlier this year Marketing Week magazine faulted the company for a "decade of ill-conceived marketing and downright sloppy strategic planning."

In the late 1970s, Burger King tried to lure children, a critical factor in family fast-food decisions, by creating a cartoon character, the Burger King, to compete with Ronald McDonald.

When that failed, the company went head-to-head against McDonald's in the 1982-83 "Battle of the Burgers." That campaign, which used explicit comparisons between the two companies' hamburgers, was moderated in the face of a lawsuit by McDonald's, and eventually replaced by the "Have It Your Way" and "Aren't You Hungry?" campaigns.

James B. Patterson, the chairman of J. Walter Thompson U.S.A., which created these ads, said that despite the shifting slogans, the campaigns were thematically consistent, identifying Burger King as "the quality fast-food alternative" because it broils its burgers instead of frying them as does McDonald's.

During this period, Burger King's sales increased 10 to 14 percent a year. But in 1985, the entire fast-food industry went into a slump.

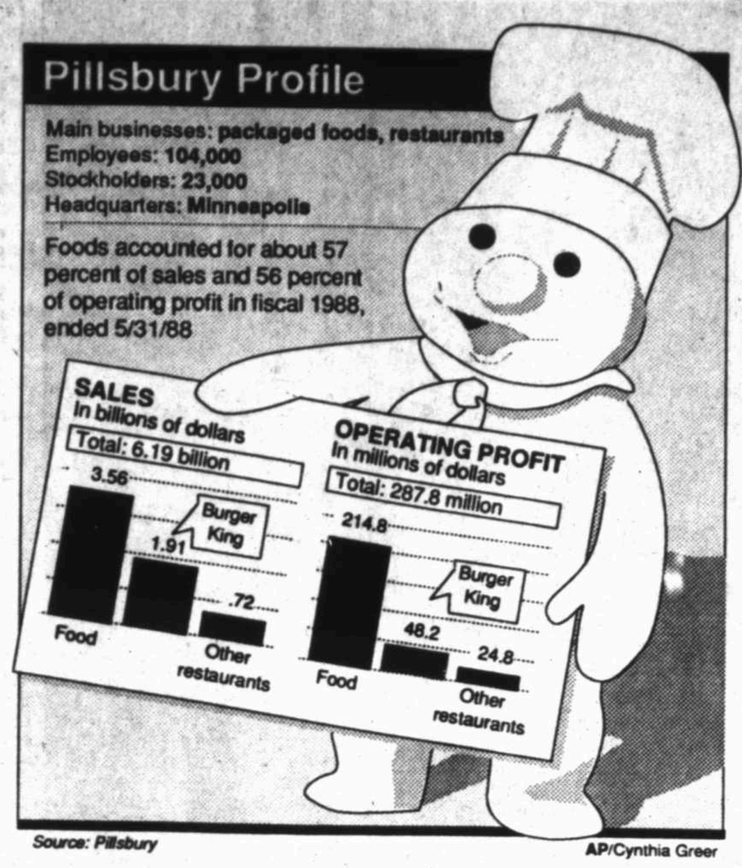
At the same time, the ad campaigns dropped the focus on quality.

To combat McDonald's introduction of the McDonald's McDLT, a hamburger with lettuce and tomatoes, Thompson in 1986 created "Herb the Nerd," a character who had never tasted a Whopper. The campaign, which cost $40 million, was ridiculed in the advertising trade press and abandoned after three months.

There followed "This is a Burger King Town," which identified the company with solid American values and was designed to give it an institutional image on a par with Mickey Mouse, Mom and McDonald's.

When this failed to spur sales immediately, Thompson switched to a campaign focusing on service, "The Best Food for Fast Times."

When that campaign also failed to increase sales, Burger King dropped Thompson in October 1987, welcoming N.W. Ayer in a ceremony that included champagne and Whoppers.



Source: Pillsbury

AP/Cynthia Greer

Basil N. (Bill) Pothitos, the chairman of the organization that represents Burger King's franchisees and the owner of 23 outlets in Canada, said the rapid advertising changes were the result of pressure on Burger King from Pillsbury.

"Pillsbury had a short-term approach to the business and was asking Burger King for immediate turnaround," he said. "It was Pillsbury looking for quarterly profits."

Ayer reintroduced the broiling versus frying theme in its first set of Burger King commercials, which began in March with the slogan, "We do it like you'd do it." But even before they were broadcast, the ads caused controversy.

In a front-page review in February, Advertising Age's critic, Bob Garfield, assailed Ayer's Burger King spots, criticizing the "bad acting, flat jokes, bewildering premises and characterizations that are borderline insulting."

The attack stunned creative people in the ad industry — not only was it printed before the ads had run, but Advertising Age published it on its front page.

Pothitos dismissed the review. "We don't really care if we win awards," he said. "We're very happy with increased sales and we'll leave the creative awards to someone else."

But Al Ries, a marketing consultant who worked with Burger King last year, called the Ad Age review "devastating."

"A review like that causes damage with the marketing people at the company," Ries said. "When they have a creative success, the marketing people can sometimes blame the franchisees for sales problems. But if sales are bad, as they are with Burger King, and the campaign is taking heat in the press, then they can't justify the advertising. So they put heat on the agency to change it."

Louis T. Hagopian, the chairman of N.W. Ayer, defended the "we do it like you'd do it" campaign. He said that agency research showed that 64 percent of the public could identify the slogan as Burger King's. While that is less than the 80 percent who recognize McDonald's slogan, McDonald's has been using its theme for four years.

Fast-food rush hour gives rise to robot

Cox News Service

ATLANTA — Julia Child can relax.

Chris Rowen's invention will not bake souffle a l'orange anytime soon. Beef Wellington is not in its repertoire. Trout meuniere is beyond its grasp.

For those days when only a hamburger will do, however, Rowen is pleased to offer the latest in kitchen help: a robotic burger king that can do it your way 200 times an hour.

Rowen, a Georgia Tech grad student, came up with the notion of a machine to fill fast-food orders about seven years ago when he was working the dinnertime rush at a Burger King near his parents' home in Florham Park, N.J.

He decided there had to be a better way. It was stressful. It was boring. It was greasy. It gave him zits. It was the kind of work a machine ought to be doing.

Then, when he read last year that a growing shortage of unskilled workers was forcing fast-food franchises to pay $8 an hour for help, Rowen knew the world was ready for a mechanized McDonald's.

His faculty adviser at Tech agreed and gave him the go-ahead to make burgers the subject of his master's thesis in mechanical engineering.

The soul of the new machine is a $50,000 industrial robot on loan from Adept Technology Inc. The nuts and bolts, provided by Rowen, include a lettuce bin, a pickle slicer, a bun dispenser and a "hand" that is half-clamp, half-spatula. The finished product works a little like a Woolworth's lunch counter presided over by a hyperactive forklift.

Rowen's contraption cost about $5,000 to build — not counting the robot or the labor of its inventor.

It can assemble a precooked hamburger, complete with lettuce, tomato and pickle, in as little as 18 seconds. That's slower than a human, but fast enough, Rowen says, to meet peak demand at a typical hamburger joint.

"Besides, a robot never calls in sick, and you don't have to provide any benefits," he said.

To test the waters for his product, Rowen set up a booth last month at the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions convention in Dallas. Hundreds of amusement park managers stopped by. About a dozen seemed interested in buying a more polished product — partly to make burgers, partly to give customers one more sight to see at their amusement parks.

"Obviously, we'll have to get the price of the robot down a little bit, but that shouldn't be too hard," Rowen said. "The one we're using is accurate to 1/10,000th of an inch. I don't have to put a burger on a bun within 1/10,000th of an inch."

Pickles, however, are still a problem.

Rowen's machine slices a pickle nicely on command. But it tends to flip the slices some distance from the waiting hamburger.

"The dispenser is pretty cheesy," said Rowen. "It needs some work."

Pessimists down on still-robust economy

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK — There is just too much good economic news around to suit the economic pessimists, and it has got to stop soon or they'll have to re-evaluate their scenarios.

The good news is coming from every direction, from the Commerce Department and consumers and retailers and purchasing agents and even from the Federal Reserve Board, which deferred an expected increase in the discount rate.

The latest retail sales showed a 1.1 percent improvement in November. Car sales were good. Housing construction was at the highest rate in seven months. The purchasing agents foresee strong, non-inflationary growth in 1989.

The November report on producer prices shows they rose only three-tenths of 1 percent for the third month in a row. Even though they probed deeply into the guts of the report, inflation-fearers found little grist for their mill.

The latest and broadest measurement of the U.S. trade deficit showed a sharp improvement in the third quarter of the year, reducing the gap to its narrowest in three years.

It might seem hard to argue with items such as these, but that is not so. There is a peculiar attitude toward good news today, the commonest one being that good news is bad because it will bring on inflation and recession.

Never mind that neither is in sight. Just remember, if you will, that in the view of some economists inflation and recession are ever-present threats even in the best of times. Like sin, they attack the weak and unprepared.

That being so, you must forever flagellate the economy during good times in order to ward off the threat. The economy should not be indulged, because it is inherently weak and subject to excesses that can destroy it. Beware.

In this environment, improved retail sales are viewed as an indication of an economy overheating and heading toward inflation.

News of the improved trade deficit had been broadcast only minutes when the oil analysts warned that higher prices for that product would slow and even reverse the improvement.

The continued lowering of the jobless rate, and the continued expansion of the work force, the pessimists said, was very, very dangerous. When you reach jobless levels of 5 percent to 5.5 percent, they say, wages soon will rise.

Sharply rising wages would mean inflation, of course, and so would a continued high level for plant usage. When you use up your most efficient plant space you can't make more goods except at a higher price. Beware.

The latest report by the National Association of Purchasing Management, in which members overwhelmingly say the economy will improve next year, was said to be naive.

Higher car sales just can't continue without rebates, said some of the auto analysts. The news of heightened activity in housing was immediately followed by economists warning that high interest rates would put that to an end.

There are enormous problems facing the U.S. economy — budget deficits, trade deficits, low savings rates, excessive and probably very poor credit, banking problems, tax and revenue issues, the dollar, competitiveness ...

So why is the news about people working, companies producing, deficits shrinking, prices remaining constant and houses abuilding accompanied by warnings?

Sooner or later the inflation and recession watchers will have their way, because economies are cyclical. Expansions follow and precede contractions. The lines on the graph waver; seldom are they straight, as in straight up.

The inflation-recession watchers know this, and they know, too, that you do not worry enough about it. They feel they must atone for your inattention to worry. Their motto is, "If you only knew, you'd worry more."

Seven years of uninterrupted economic expansion has left them dismayed, disturbed and disgruntled, and habitually inclined to growl, "Bah, humbug."

And so at Christmas, say the good people of America, "The same to you."

New titles grace tomorrow's business cards

By ART GARCIA
and CHRIS BARNETT
Copley News Service

When Walter Macauley visits Europe, he's nearly as intrigued by the different size business cards passed around there as he is with the scenic and historic treasures. A trip earlier this year got him thinking about what American business cards may look like by the year 2000.

Likely to be missing, predicts the president and chief executive of Adia Services Inc., a nationwide temporary help and permanent job placement services firm, are references to CEO (chief executive officer), COO (chief operating officer), CFO (chief financial officer), MIS (manager of information services) and HR (human relations) Director.

One of the more prominent business cards when the new century dawns, he believes, will be for a company's AAA, who will have nothing to do with auto clubs. Rather, the letters will stand for administrator of aging affairs.

"As we enter an age of severe skill shortages, it will become increasingly important to recruit and retain elderly workers," says Macauley.

Young workers will drop from 30 percent of the work force now to 16 percent by 2000.

"The successful company in the year 2000 will know how to recruit, motivate and retain the elderly worker," he says.

Among the duties of the AAA will be continuously updating these workers on technology changes and making sure they catch on to the latest software programs.

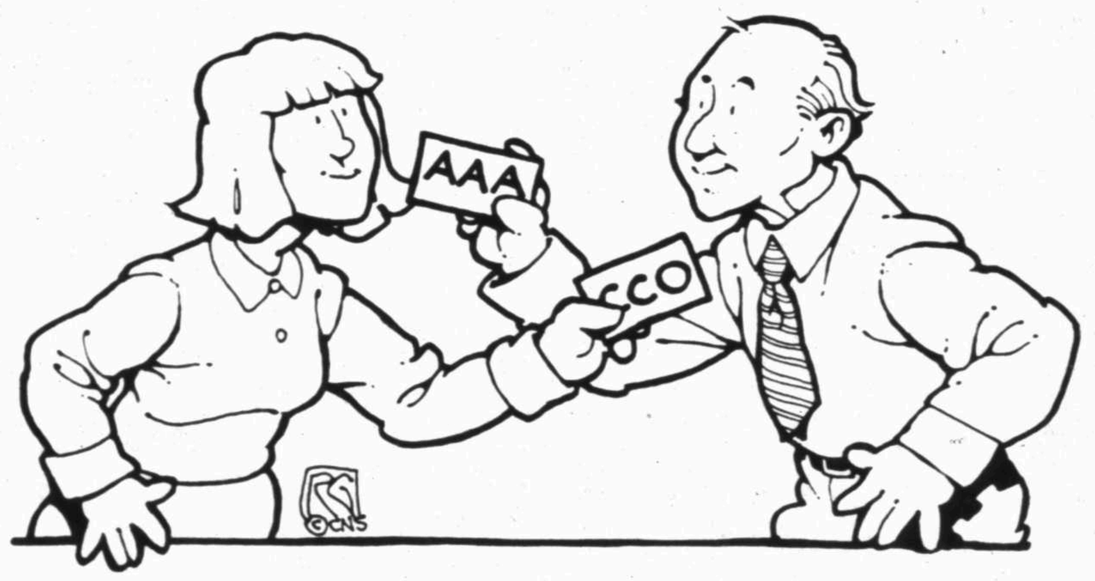
Another duty will be helping schedule elderly workers into non-traditional hours, perhaps coordinating seasonal work schedules and assuring that elderly workers don't jeopardize their Social Security benefits.

Look for companies to have a CCO, a chief child-care officer, a relatively easy job to cost-justify.

"Today, absenteeism caused by child-care problems is costing U.S. businesses $3 billion a year," Macauley notes.

Women with children under age 6 are the fastest-growing labor segment; in the year 2000, 80 percent of the women in the work force will be of childbearing age, 90 percent of them will have children while employed and 75 percent of all families will be dual career vs. 55 percent today.

Another business card we can expect to see by the end of the next decade is for the CAR — commuter affairs regulator. Today's average employee travels about half an hour to his or her job, a time frame that will continue getting longer and longer. Macauley says employees will need more and more assistance in car-pooling and arranging non-prime-hour commute time.



McDonald's fast-food chain already is doing what many companies will initiate as this century winds down, arranging transportation as a necessary "perk" and even sending vehicles to pick up employees.

Macauley sees companies printing cards for their MOHODL, the manager of home office data linkage, whose job will be to make certain work is not only on time, but on line. Part of the job will involve managing the affairs of the 5 million workers who will be "telecommuting" in the year 2000, plus assisting managers working at night and on weekends at home on lap-top computers that are connected to the corporate main-frame computer.

Also computer-related will be the SSO, software security officer, who may spring surprise "disk frisks" on suspicious subordinates.

"I can just see it," chuckles Macauley. "One unauthorized move into the confidential internal data base and you'll be zapped out of your ergonomic seat. The SSO's angry face will appear on the screen — life-size — and a siren will blare from your terminal."

Another business card that may become familiar will be for the RRACE, or race resource administrator for cultural enlightenment. Macauley says this person will need to be part mediator, part educator, ensuring that workers are sensitive to cultural differences and smoothing over misunderstandings.

One job title will have a dual meaning. There will still be certified public accountants, but look also for a new kind of CPA, the cardio pulmonary assessment manager, who will account for the fitness level of company work forces.

"This is another position that will be easy to cost-justify and easy to justify for competitive purposes," Macauley is convinced. "Everyone's going to have one."

He points to projections of a national medical bill by the year 2000 topping $1 trillion, with business paying half, or $500 billion, of that cost.

Managers responsible for the bottom line have a vested interest in improving the health of workers. In large companies, the CPA will supervise "elaborate" in-house facilities for smaller companies, he says. At smaller companies, the CPA will coordinate access to facilities that will exist in most office complexes.

But Macauley doesn't envision a 21st century work world so high tech that employees are only numbers and acronyms.

"To be successful in the year 2000, we are all going to be much more involved in a very human way with our employees," he says. "We must continue humanizing the work place."

If business makes the kinds of hires he's suggesting, it will help eliminate unnecessary legislation being proposed today for paternal leave, child care and mandatory health-care coverage. And if you're skeptical about his view of what 2000 will look like, Macauley offers this thought: All of the job titles he describes for the year 2000 exist today in at least one company in the United States.

Houston to gain 32,000 jobs

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston-area economy is expected to generate 32,000 new jobs in 1989, continuing a pattern of growth experienced this year, according to a forecast by Rice Center economists.

The report by the independent research and development organization projects an 11.6 percent increase in jobs through 1993, with an expected 150,000 additional jobs during the five-year period.

The biggest gains are expected in services, retail trade and manufacturing, reflecting some diversification of an economy heavily dependent upon the energy industry, said Jim Gaines, director of the Rice Center.

Calling 1988 the "Year of the Survivor" in Houston, Gaines said next year may well be dubbed the "Year of the Survivor II."

About 31,000 jobs is expected to have been created by the end of 1988, following significant losses since the crude prices plunged in 1986.

The Houston area lost about 101,00 jobs after the 1983 drop in oil prices and an additional 102,000 between 1986 and 1987.

"The major factors influencing our year-end outlook for Houston are softer energy prices and slower national growth," Gaines said. The study bases its 1989 projections on $15-per-barrel oil.

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Texas firm challenges Johnson & Johnson

Austin company making generic form of popular contraceptive

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD

AUSTIN (AP) — In a modern, industrial part of town dominated by high-tech and health care businesses, a small pharmaceutical company is waging a quiet war against one of the largest drug firms in the nation.

Lexis Pharmaceuticals Inc., is selling a generic version of Johnson & Johnson's popular oral contraceptive, Ortho-Novum 1/35.

John D. Bryer, head of Lexis, acknowledges an uphill fight against brand loyalty on the part of women and their doctors, but he said he and his colleagues "are not afraid to rattle the cages."

Lexis' N.E.E 1/35 is chemically identical to Ortho-Novum 1/35, but costs about half as much, Bryer said. The Austin-based company is sweetening its offer with a $20 rebate after one year's use. Lexis hopes women will use the rebate for a Pap smear or other gynecological exam.

Lexis has also thrown into the marketing gamble a frankly worded booklet directed at younger women about oral contraception, entitled "Pssst!!" and Bryer is trying, although it appears unsuccessfully, to market the product on the national television networks.

Competitors are taking note.

Rich Salem, a spokesman for Ortho-Novum, which introduced the first birth control pill in the 1960s, said, "We take no competition lightly, whether it's John Bryer, or someone else." Patent protection on the ingredients in Ortho-Novum 1/35 expired several years ago.

Bryer has a giant-killer reputation in the industry. He headed the U.S. operations of Boots Co. of Great Britain from 1972 to 1984. While there, he used rebates and advertising to capture sales from Upjohn Co. on the prescription drug Motrin.

After that, Bryer reorganized several pharmaceutical labs before arriving in Austin to take charge of a local pharmaceutical company, formerly named Metro Med, that was making iron capsules, high-potency vitamins and decongestants.

In his latest fight, Bryer said the major tactic is to shatter the "aura of mystique" surrounding birth control pills.

The battleground is in doctor's offices across the nation. The prize is a share in the $800 million oral contraceptives market. Johnson & Johnson, based in New Brunswick, N.J., has about 42 percent of that market with its Ortho-Novum 1/35 generating $160 million in sales annually.

"Doctors know that if they prescribe Ortho-Novum 1/35, it's going to work. They also know deep down that if they write N.E.E. 1/35 it's going to work, too," Bryer said.

"But the difference is once they've put a woman on Ortho-Novum, they really enslave that woman to whatever price increase comes along," he said.

Price is the primary selling point of N.E.E. 1/35, which costs about $7 or $8 compared with Ortho-Novum's price of about $15 or $16 for one month's packet of pills.

"Doctors today are competing for patients. They live in the real world. Their patients live in the real world. You cannot just ignore the financial aspects of what you're doing," Bryer said.

Lexis hopes to capture about 30 percent of the total market within four years, both with its N.E.E. 1/35, which is manufactured by Schering Canada, Inc., and other products it hopes to bring on line.

The biggest problem now is getting the company's foot in the door, Bryer said. Despite attempts, a nationwide television advertising campaign appears to be out of the picture, since all three networks prohibit oral contraceptive ads.

So Lexis has been trying to deal with obstetrics and gynecologists, either through mailings or personal contacts. Based on findings with focus groups, Bryer said many women have a "stressful" relationship with their gynecologist, so Lexis sales representatives seek out the doctor's nurse.

"The doctor is the one who knows best. But is there any reason why a woman should not be informed? She has the right to ask the right questions," Bryer said.

Dr. Marion Stahl, an Austin obstetric-gynecologist, supports Lexis' product. He has prescribed N.E.E. 1/35 to 410 of his patients; about five have asked to be switched back to their previous prescription.

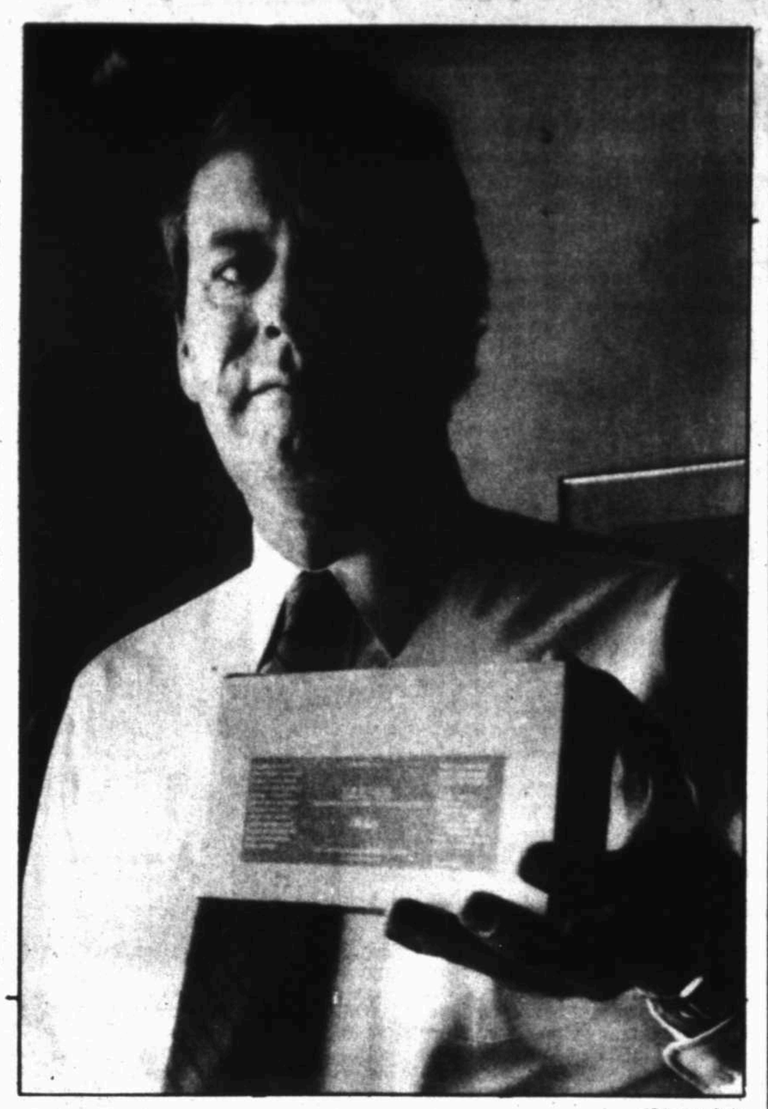
"They are very satisfied with it," Stahl said of his patients. "It represents a tremendous financial savings."

Stahl said physicians should be open to N.E.E. 1/35, but said many are loyal to the brand they've been prescribing for years.

But loyalties tend to fade when customers are given the option of a less expensive product, according to Henry Grabowski, a Duke University economics professor, who specializes in pharmaceutical economics.

"At first when these generics started coming out, they (drug companies) tried to impugn them. But generics have gotten increased acceptance," Grabowski said.

Bryer said he expects an all-out effort by Johnson & Johnson to protect its place in the market, but he added he doesn't sympathize with them. "I am not interested in maintaining the status quo," he said.



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John D. Bryer, head of Lexis Pharmaceuticals Inc., shows off a box of generic oral contraceptives.

Low standards blamed for high credit card debt

By SARAH BARTLETT
New York Times News Service

With last-minute shopping at full steam, credit counselors are bracing for what has become a post-Christmas ritual: a stream of over-indebted consumers who start pouring through their doors in January.

Some counselors say that banks and credit card companies have lowered their standards, often giving people far more credit than they can handle.

The credit card has been one of banking's most profitable products. The banks earn money from cards in three ways: annual fees from cardholders, transaction fees from merchants and interest on unpaid balances.

For most banks, interest is the big money-maker.

But all those profits have come under pressure in recent years — mainly because increased competition has driven down fees and the interest rates charged.

In response, many lenders have intensified their marketing efforts, resorting to gimmicks like sweepstakes to encourage card use during the holiday season.

The National Foundation for Consumer Credit, an umbrella organization for counseling offices nationwide, has nearly doubled its offices in the last two years, to more than 400.

Yet its offices, partially funded by the United Way, are still overflowing, and the group's president, Donald L. Badders, fears that they have only scratched the surface.

The number of individuals and families seeking budget counseling from his organization has soared to 211,000 for the year ending in October, from 126,000 four years ago.

"Banks have become more aggressive than ever in soliciting customers," said Stuart A. Feldstein, president of the SMR Research Corp., a consulting firm in Budd Lake, N.J. "And whenever solicitation increases, we tend to see a decline in credit standards."

Bankers do not generally dispute this, but they say the higher credit losses are a necessary function of doing business in an increasingly competitive industry.

"Many large, sophisticated issuers have consciously said we would take more credit risk because we can afford to, in order to build share in an attractive market," said Scott P. Marks, the general manager of bank cards for the First Chicago Corp., the nation's third-largest bank-card issuer.

"Under certain economic scenarios, it is rational to accept" higher loan losses, he said.

The average debtor who walks through the door of the Consumer Credit Counseling office of eastern Massachusetts has $25,000 in income and debt of $17,700.

Mel Stiller, the executive director of that office, said that the debt level had climbed by more than $2,000 a year for the last three years, a rate much faster than the growth of his clients' average income.

"We are busier than ever," Stiller said, "and a lot of it has to do with credit card debt." Credit card debt is the fastest-growing component of overall consumer debt.

By getting numerous cards, often with the same bank, borrowers can end up with a far bigger total credit line than they could by filling out a single loan application.

And credit counselors complain that banks do not do a good job of monitoring the various divisions within their organization that offer different cards, or of keeping current on their status.

One New York salesman, who asked not to be identified, began to be inundated with credit card applications after he finished paying off a car loan.

Soon he had seven cards from five different banks, plus two credit lines, even though his annual income was only about $24,000 and came solely from commissions.

When business slowed he began using the cards for living expenses. Several banks responded to his increased use of their cards by raising his credit limit.

He said that even after receiving two dunning letters from a bank, a different group in the bank sent him a letter offering to raise his credit line by an additional $1,000.

Eventually he had to file for bankruptcy, with $30,000 in debts.

David Caplovitz, a bankruptcy lawyer at the New York budget counseling office, who has written two books on consumer indebtedness, said he had encountered this kind of problem with a number of debtors.

"Banks are not being diligent in investigating debt levels," he said. "One division of the bank doesn't know what the other is doing."

Bankers dispute that there is any laxity in the methods they use to screen borrowers. If anything, they maintain, their methods have grown more sophisticated over the last few years.

"We're all trying to learn more about how to manage credit, how to be more predictive," said David K. Hunt, who is executive vice president of the Richmond-based Signet Banking Corp. and chairman of the bank-card committee of the American Bankers Association.

Nevertheless, losses on credit card debt are twice what they were in the early 1980s. More important, personal bankruptcies are up sharply in the last three and a half years, the Federal Reserve Board has said.

In a recent study, the Fed found that while some portion of that increase could be explained by more liberal bankruptcy laws, a large part was simply a result of the greater debt burden consumers have taken on.

More worrisome than the absolute number of bankruptcies, said Charles A. Luckett, who did the Fed study, is that "they have risen rather sharply in a period of economic advance." What will happen, many counselors wonder, during a downturn?

Some credit experts believe there is nothing inconsistent about banks having improved technology for screening out bad creditors and simultaneously having more credit losses. Higher losses, they say, reflect marketing strategies at some banks. As long as they are meeting certain profit targets, some lenders may have decided to tolerate the losses.

"Creditors may well have little incentive to change lending standards in view of the relatively small impact of bankruptcies on earnings," the Fed concluded in its study on the trend toward higher levels of bankruptcy.

Certainly, credit card issuers face rising pressure to improve profits.

The greater number of competitors in the field has put pressure on card issuers to reduce fees and even the interest rates on cards.

At the same time, rising interest rates have raised financing costs, squeezing profit margins.

To make matters worse, changes in the tax law that reduced the deductibility of non-mortgage interest has encouraged borrowers to pay down credit card balances.

Normally, about a third of all card users have paid off their whole bills monthly. But in the last year that has increased to 40 percent, the American Bankers Association said.

GM head trying to steer firm back to success

By FREDERICK STANDISH

DETROIT (AP) — Roger B. Smith sits in a corner office of industrial America, looking over his desk filled with model cars and trucks, trying to drive the nation's largest corporation *off* the shoulder and back into the passing lane.

The General Motors Corp. chairman, a one-time accountant who never worked an assembly line, says things are getting better for the company, which has faced lower profits in the past few years while domestic and foreign rivals have lured customers with snazzier, more innovative vehicles.

During that time, GM has been streamlining layers of management and outfitting plants with new equipment to introduce a few innovations of its own.

It has closed more than a dozen plants and cut more than 130,000 people from the payroll, including a 25 percent reduction in its white-collar work force.

It was under Smith's auspices that the symbol of U.S. industrial might took a back seat to Ford Motor Co. in earnings and watched its share of the U.S. market slip 10 percentage points from mid-1986 to 48.6 percent now.

GM has been rebounding lately, the 63-year-old chairman is proud to say.

"A lot of the things we did dating back to 1982 are starting to pay off now, that's the big thing," he said in a yearend interview in his 14th floor office of the GM Building. "Our quality has come up, our new plants are on stream, a lot of the things in the old plants aren't even done yet. ...

"A lot of the (plant and equipment) investments we made are paying off," he said. "It's just a slow steady grinding of the progress we've been working on."



Smith

Smith pointed to surprisingly strong third-quarter earnings, a resurgence in sales and, most visibly for employees, an announcement earlier this month of profit-sharing — the first since 1985 — amounting to about $200 per worker.

The GM chairman is well-versed in the finances of the corporation, an attribute for which he has been both praised and rebuked. He began his career with the automaker as a general accounting senior clerk in 1949, and rose through the company's finance arm before winning a director's seat in 1974.

Some critics have said Smith is so preoccupied with numbers that he let style slip to the point where it was hard to tell a Buick from a Chevy from an Olds, giving all GM cars that boxy look. The automaker is trying to change that perception with its 1989 models.

Smith himself is fond of the classic styles GM pioneered. He owns two Corvettes — a 1960 and a '67 — a '64 Corvair and a muted yellow 1936 Cadillac convertible sedan.

"It's the big old long wheelbase, one with a divider windshield and a hood that runs from here to down there and back again," he said gesturing toward the other side of his office.

"They're great cars," he said. "The only problem is that the engine is so big and the pistons are so small I have trouble knowing when the engine's running."

Smith keeps the Caddy at his summer home near Burt Lake in the extreme northern part of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. He takes it out frequently there.

"People wave at you, they think it's nice. The people are waving at the car, I think."

Smith plans to retire in 1990, a decade after he was elected chairman and chief executive officer amid one of the toughest times for the automobile industry.

In the 1980s, the industry as a whole has recovered and is approaching the second-best sales year on record. U.S. sales estimates for 1988 are running at more than 15.5 million cars and light trucks, second only to the 1986 record of 16.3 million.

Smith sees pretty good times ahead.

"If you flatten at 15 (million)," he said, "I don't have any problem with that. I think General Motors is particularly well-positioned. We've got a lot of our new plants that were in the startup phase last year."

Smith holds out great hope for Saturn Corp., a subsidiary plant outside Nashville, Tenn. Little news about the car has been released, other than it will be a compact or subcompact, marketed via a new dealer network.

"I think Saturn is going to be a colossal success," Smith said. "Under budget and ahead of schedule, that's what we like."

Production is to begin in 1990 for the 1991 model year.

One unknown for the industry will be the policy of the Bush administration. Smith, like other automobile company executives, is cautious about forecasting Washington's policy shifts.

"A little tiny stroke of a pen down there can shatter our industry," he said. "Look what they're talking about on a 15-cent-a-gallon gas tax that can take 150,000 jobs out of this industry. That's crazy."

Smith reacts strongly when he feel the industry or GM is threatened. But he has spent his time in the bullseye, too.

Besides taking criticism that he is too finance-conscious, Smith came under sharp attack by former GM board member H. Ross Perot for executive excesses. Perot was severed from the board with a $750 million buyout after his Electronic Data Systems computer company was bought by GM in December 1986.

Through all the controversy, Smith has tried to keep the lid on — something he dislikes in automobiles.

All the cars in Smith's garages are soft tops.

"I like convertibles," he said, "and I like fast cars and I like to drive."

Frequent fliers in danger of losing triple miles

DALLAS (AP) — Triple miles, perhaps the greatest frequent flier promotion of all time, will soon become a thing of the past if the airline that introduced the program has its way.

"Triple miles will pass into legend on Dec. 31st," Matt Guilfoyle, director of consumer marketing for Delta Air Lines Inc. said last week.

Delta last year introduced the practice of giving members of frequent flier programs three miles of credit for each mile they flew, a move that forced other airlines to introduce their own triple-miles programs.

Delta's frequent flier membership increased by 2.5 million during 1988, and American's jumped by 1.5 million, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"Triple miles truly sent a shock through the airline industry and through American Airlines," said Michael Gunn, America's senior vice president-marketing. "It was fundamentally unsound from an economic standpoint."

Now the airlines appear ready to bring the programs to an end, but only if all join in. As Delta proved last year, only one airline has to break away from the herd to start a stampede.

And Houston-based Continental Airlines could do just that. When asked whether Continental would extend the bonus program into next year, a spokesman said the question was "premature."

If Continental does extend triple-mileage programs, other carriers probably would follow, the newspaper said.

American Air Lines first introduced the frequent flier program in 1981 to foster customer loyalty and the goal of keeping the cost of providing free travel from outweighing the benefits of attracting repeat benefits.

Analysts estimate the potential cost of all frequent flier miles — when translated into free tickets and service upgrades — could approach $1 billion. As much as half of that total is attributable to triple-mile bonuses.

"There will be a move to slowly — and I mean slowly — tighten the use of frequent flier mileage," said Paul Karos, an industry analyst with First Boston Corp. "But the airlines aren't going to be able to get rid of the programs totally, nor would they want to. They're a good marketing tool."

It also appears increasingly likely that the organization that sets accounting standards for U.S. businesses, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, will soon require airlines to list their potential frequent flier liabilities on their balance sheets.

In response, airlines are likely to find ways to remove the mileage awards from their books by putting an expiration date on miles already earned or by putting a time limit on using all future mileage awards.

Airlines also are increasing the number of "blackout dates" — popular travel periods when tickets obtained as frequent flier awards cannot be used — and capacity controls. With capacity controls airlines limit the number of seats to be given away to frequent fliers.

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Investors look everywhere for new year's answers

Santa leaves behind hot stock tips

By PHIL LINDENBAUM
New York Times News Service

Dear Santa,

I'll tell you this. If you think things are frigid at the North Pole, you haven't met my wife. Why, she barely talks to me these days.

As you remember from my letter last year, I lost a wad in the massacre. The Mrs. was, well, not happy. She kept telling me, "I told you so."

She kept pointing at a shoe box and saying, "That's where I would've kept our hard-earned money."

Well, no sooner did she unwind, than I upped and bought some RJR Nabisco bonds. Figured they were safe. Figured they'd offer security.

Then, leveraged-buy-out fever broke out like a bubonic plague. Up went RJR stock and down went RJR bonds. Last words out of the little woman's mouth to me were, "You couldn't win a race if there was only one horse in it. Our grandchildren will end up as street people 'cause you won't quit the Street!"

Now mind you, I'm not one of those greedy people who seem to be springing up all over the landscape. I haven't even yelled at my broker, although tempted, because he has been looking a little peaked since October '87. No, I haven't shouted, cried, pouted or tendered for my business all year.

But the little woman and I have been building up our own private budget deficit — buying hamburgers and fries on our worn-out credit card and celebrating the holidays with generic ginger ale instead of champagne. Moreover, not a European or Japanese company has offered to buy my business.

So, assuming I'm still on your list, and realizing that my six-month CDs won't recoup my losses, could you deck my halls with a hot stock tip or two for 1989? (Please seal the envelope, or my wife may expunge herself from your list of believers.)

Please accept this milk and these homemade brownies. (The Europeans now own all of our cookie companies, and we figured you'd like something still made in the USA.)

Most sincerely and affectionately,
John Q. Public

Dear John Q.,

I must, again, remind you that North Pole statutory law precludes my offering anything that might be construed by the SEC (Santa's Ethics Committee) to be "inside information." The SEC remains so sensitive that I've taped the mouths of Dancer, Prancer, Donner, et al.

Nevertheless, the old cliche, "Men are boys with more expensive toys," leads me to consider your case — and millions like it — sympathetically.

In fact, the fear and trepidation that pervade the Street upon which you play had even affected my elves at the workshop. Productivity was down, creativity was missing and I will, as a result, be delivering last year's toys to this year's children.

Returning, however, to my customary jolly disposition (which I intend to infect into the dour investment community). I guess the SEC wouldn't mind my relating some thoughts to you about the outlook for 1989, which were borrowed from a handful of the more diligent elves and analysts.

The "greenhouse effect" certainly hasn't warmed up the stock market, which seems to be locked in a trading range that's tighter than some chimneys I've squeezed into.

Some elfin analysts feel that 1989 will be a tough year with recession a possibility. But I must say, John, others see a more positive side. They believe that the hoards of cash on the sidelines, and the very high degree of pessimism, augur well for some stocks next year. I say some because, at best, the consensus sees a mixed bag — like the one over my shoulder — some real bargains and some that will malfunction.

Winston Churchill said, "An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity." Right now, most of the elves are neck-deep in gloom, but that's not all necessarily bad for the markets.

Take the drug stocks. Several analysts like the values in Warner Lambert, Merck, Bristol-Myers and Forest Labs, to name a few. Industry sales are looking good and new product introductions even better.

Some elves recommend regional banks such as Security Pacific, First Wachovia, Barnett and Fleet-Norstar. Dividend yields are solid and price-earnings ratios are historically low.

For superior total return, a number of positive thinkers favor electric utilities and AT&T. They like Con Edison, TECO Energy and Duke Power among others.

And don't forget early January "tax bounce" candidates. Favored are such tax-loss stocks as Dreyfus Corp., Masco Corp. and Franklin Resources.

Look also, John, at the fertilizer stocks — like Freeport-McMoRan Resources, IMC Fertilizer and Inspiration Resources. (Freeport pays a high tax-deferred yield.) I hear tell the industry is poised for solid growth.

One certainty is that this is a very uncertain environment for investors. So I will tell you to stay nimble, agile, cautious, fickle and alert. The near term will undoubtedly involve some rough sledding.

Now, John, be more understanding of your wife. Remember, a recession is when your neighbor loses his job. A depression is when you lose your job. And a panic — that's when your spouse loses his or her job.

Thanks for the milk and brownies. Actually, I fed them to the reindeer. These days, Mrs. Claus keeps her eye on my cholesterol. Soon, she'll have me doing sit-ups!

Here's to a more productive 1989, John. Enter the market as gingerly as I enter a chimney. Stay away from the punch bowl and smile at your enemies. Arafat and Gorbachev are still not on my list, but you broker could be reinstated next year.

Merrily,
S. Claus

Phil Lindenbaum writes on the stock market for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune in Sarasota, Fla.

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Savers and investors need an extra dose of foresight as they try to plan how to manage their money in 1989.

In addition to the usual imponderables — the likely direction of the economy, interest rates and stock prices — they are faced with the first change of occupancy at the White House in eight years.

President-elect George Bush and a Democratic Congress are under mounting pressure to shrink the federal budget deficit. The decisions they make, or don't make, are likely to influence the outlook for investments of many kinds.

"Expert" opinion isn't much help in sorting out prospects for the new year. A sampling of about a dozen financial forecasts for 1989 yields these conclusions:

The economy either will, or will not, slip into recession. Interest rates probably will come down if the economy slows, but they may rise further before the decline starts. And the stock market — well, it will fluctuate.

But there still are ways to plot a reasonable plan of action, based on what is known now and on educated guesses you can make about the future.

The unusual pattern of interest rates that prevails as 1988 draws to a close makes some income-producing investments look appealing and others chancy.

Rates on many relatively short-term investments, with lives of two to 10 years or so, are now as high as, or higher than, what you can get with a longer-term commitment.

For example, as of mid-December 30-year Treasury bonds were yielding 9.02 percent, while three-year Treasury notes offered a 9.17 percent yield.

In these circumstances, known to investment professionals as an "inverted yield curve," there isn't much incentive to take the extra risks involved with a long maturity.

Or consider a five-year certificate of deposit yielding somewhere around 10.29 percent — the national average at banks and savings institutions reported by Bank Rate Monitor as of Dec. 7.



Like Treasury securities, CDs are available with the backing of the federal government, in the form of deposit insurance.

There's no overlooking the much-publicized threat to the deposit insurance system of insolvent savings institutions, with an unpaid bill that grows larger by the day.

Among the government's possible options in dealing with this problem, however, reneging on its promise to depositors does not seem workable, even if someone thought it was a desirable choice. Discrediting deposit insurance would likely create havoc in all the markets.

If you are convinced that interest rates are headed higher in early 1989, a logical choice would be to keep your nest egg in a money-market investment with a very short maturity.

The average yield of money-market mutual funds, as reported by Donoghue's Moneyletter of Holliston, Mass., recently stood at 7.75 percent. It would quickly move up further if short-term rates continue their recent rise.

The newsletter's current view: "Long-term bond funds are not attractive now compared to money funds or even short-term bond funds. Investors just are not being paid to be in more volatile long-term bond funds.

"We think the time for a switch to long-term bond funds will come, but it hasn't yet."

Prospects for stocks and stock mutual funds continue to confound a lot of very sharp minds. Many experienced investors have been waiting since early in 1988 for a market decline and a recession to make stocks available at bargain prices.

So far the market has refused to accommodate them.

As Thomas Bailey, chairman of the Janus Group of mutual funds, put it in a recent note to shareholders, "Today's stock market is 'OK.' But it does not represent any real bargain."

Crisis may be missing economic piece

BUSINESS MIRROR

By PETER COY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — If the economy were a good book, there would be a crisis one of these days.

The stock market would crash and stay crashed, or inflation would shoot up, or unemployment would soar.

Things would get bad. But there would be a silver lining. Everybody would realize that something had to be done about the problems that caused the crisis.

The crisis would galvanize the country into action.

"Great crises produce great men and great deeds of courage," John F. Kennedy wrote in 1956 in "Profiles in Courage."

In a good book, the stock market crash on Oct. 19, 1987, would have been the perfect crisis to climax a tale of greed, short-sightedness and easy living.

Unfortunately, at least from a literary point of view, the recalcitrant economy kept chugging along and the moral of the story got lost.

The economy, it seems, is not a good book. It's kind of a bad book, actually.

Realizing this, some people who believe the economy really does have serious problems have stopped waiting for a crisis to galvanize the country into action.

These people are starting to say there may never be a crisis. Instead, they say, there could be gradual, imperceptible decay — what is sometimes known as "the British disease."

They're reaching for a literary device again to explain their ideas, but this time it's the metaphor.

"A failure to move quickly on the (federal budget) deficit doesn't necessarily mean a recession of the kind people like to write about," Paul Samuelson of Massachusetts Institute of Technology said in an interview this week in the Wall Street Journal.

"It's more like the radon problem in the basement of the new house I'm building," Samuelson said, coining a memorable phrase. "The clock is ticking all the time, but nothing big happens that you can suddenly write about in the Wall Street Journal."

Samuelson is not alone in the metaphor concoction business:

"It's like one more pack of cigarettes. It isn't a wolf at the door; it's termites in the basement," says Charles Schultze, a Brookings Institution scholar who is the former chairman of President Carter's Council of Economic Advisers.

Schultze is of two minds about the new metaphorical approach. He is not so sure, he said, that talk of cigarettes, radon and termites will galvanize the American public as effectively as a good, old-fashioned crisis would.

"The real tragedy of the budget deficit is it's never been a tragedy," Schultze said in an AP interview this week, using yet another literary device, the paradox.

The United States has in recent years become the world's largest debtor, obliging future generations to pay a fat chunk of the national income to foreigners in the form of rents, dividends and interest.

But as long as the economy keeps perking along, it has been hard to focus attention on the underlying deterioration in the U.S. investment accounts.

Come to think of it, T.S. Eliot may have seen it coming six decades ago in this economic forecast:

"This is the way the world ends
"Not with a bang but a whimper."

New taxes could take many forms

By JAN M. ROSEN
New York Times News Service

Even at Christmastime, few adults believe in Santa Claus.

And in keeping with this cynical posture, tax professionals, academic economists and business leaders alike have greeted politicians' promises of no new taxes with a collective "bah humbug."

With the $155 billion federal budget deficit, many contend that the real question is what form the new taxes will take.

A consumption tax does not seem to be an idea whose time has come — at least not in its pure form as a replacement for the income tax.

But greater reliance on some form of consumption tax may not be far away, speaker after speaker suggested at a two-day academic symposium at the New York University Law School earlier this month.

The symposium was sponsored by the Coopers & Lybrand Foundation and NYU's Vincent C. Ross Institute of Accounting Research.

The first new consumption tax could be an energy tax. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., who heads the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, referred to his past proposal for a quarter-a-gallon gasoline tax increase as "good economic policy and good energy policy."

As a rule of a thumb, a one-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax raises $1 billion.

Oil producers in President-elect George Bush's adopted state of Texas, however, would rather see a tax on imported crude oil.

Another form of consumption tax that some foresee is a "sin tax," which would come in the form of higher excise taxes on alcohol and tobacco, like those Gov. Mario M. Cuomo proposed for New York state last week.

More comprehensive consumption taxes include European-style value-added taxes and business transfer taxes.

Adoption of either measure would be a significant policy change for the United States, but the ideas are coming under scrutiny as possible deficit-reduction measures.

"Many analysts believe that it is fairer to tax people on what they take from society, rather than on what they contribute by working and investing," said Murray Wiedenbaum, former chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers and Mallinckrodt distinguished university professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

Proponents believe a value-added tax provides "a broader and fairer tax base, one that the underground economy will have more difficulty evading," Wiedenbaum said.

Opponents view it as regressive. "Those least able to pay face the highest rates," he said. But, Wiedenbaum countered, "the regressivity of a VAT can be softened."

For example, food and medicine can be exempted, or luxuries taxed at a higher rate. Or refunds can be provided to low-income taxpayers.

Barry Bosworth of the Brookings Institution called the federal budget-deficit problem "much more extreme than stated," because of the inclusion of the Social Security surplus.

"Take out retirement accounts and the current deficit is $200 billion and growing," he said.

As a result, "defense expenditures are going back to before Reagan and Medicare to before Johnson," he said, and there will be major new taxes, not just a gasoline tax.

Ronald A. Pearlman, chief of staff for the Joint Congressional Committee on Taxation, said he expected increased excise taxes on many items as part of the effort to cut the deficit.

He also called the 28 percent income tax rate "vulnerable" because of the 33 percent "bubble" that affects upper-middle-income taxpayers.

"We might see 28 percent go to 33 percent to eliminate the bubble."

But in-depth studies would be needed before a VAT or other broad consumption tax could be adopted.

Lawrence Summers of Harvard University explained in a quip why the United States had not adopted a value-added tax so far. "Liberals think it's regressive and conservatives think it's a money machine." If they reverse their positions, the VAT may happen, he said.

NAME DROPPING


Danley

CHARLES DANLEY has been named senior vice president of Community National Bank.

He has been with Midland banks for the last 16 of his 22 years in the banking industry. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits in the City of Midland for the week Dec. 12-16.

NEW RESIDENTIAL

W.H. Tolbert Corp., 5810 Stonecrest, $130,000; Hays Construction, 2100 Rosita Drive, $82,000; Key Homes, 4500 Gleneagles, $60,795; Key Homes, 4413 St. Andrews, $60,795; JAR Investments, 4517 Saint Andrews, $60,000; W.H. Tolbert Corp., 4909 Fields Place, $88,000.
Total: 6 permits, $481,590.

RESIDENTIAL ALTERATION/REPAIR

Homeowner, 1604 Cascade Court, $1,448; Emilio Rubio, 1400 S. Colorado, $2,500; Freddie's Construction, 4035 Angelina, $6,800; Homeowner, 1216 Lynn, $15,000; Homeowner, 4414 Parkdale, $1,500; Homeowner, 941 N. Fort Worth, $2,500; Homeowner, 910 S. Terrell, $250; Scott Casey, 2100 W. Wadley, $33,349; Homeowner, 3409 W. Storey, $8,500; Homeowner, 2302 Lockheed, $1,000.
Total: 10 permits, $72,847.

MOBILE HOMES

ARIC Services, 1217 S. Moran, $4,000.
Total: 1 permit, $4,000.

COMMERCIAL ALTERATION/ REPAIR/ACCESSORY

J.W. Cooper Construction Co., 900 Gist, $868,200; J.W. Cooper Construction Co., 200 W. Dakota, $868,200; Deter Construction, 2415 E. Hwy 80, $37,500; Young's Auto Glass, 1101 S. Marienfeld, $2,600; Kelly Young, 3001 W. Loop 250 West, $10,800; Dave Leonard, 4612 Billingsley, $4,000.
Total: 6 permits, $1,791,300.

JOBLESS BENEFITS

From Staff Reports

The U.S. Department of Labor has begun approving petitions from oil and gas-related companies applying for expanded employment benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance section of the 1974 Trade Act.

Certification allows all company workers laid off due to a lack of work to apply for enhanced unemployment assistance including: weekly trade adjustment allowances, job placement; employment counseling; vocational training; and financial assistance for retraining, job search and job relocation.

According to the Texas Employment Commission, petitions have been approved for workers separated from the following companies during the specified period:

■ TMBR/Sharp Drilling Co. Inc., petition No. 21144; since Oct. 1, 1985.

Affected workers should contact Gay Honneywell at the Midland TEC office, 915/682-9421.

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Information for Sunday must be in the Business-Oil Department by the preceding Thursday at noon.

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Insurance claim ratings

Here are ratings for 1985 through 1987 model cars based on the number of insurance claims filed after accidents. The first column rates the number of injury claims filed. The index average is 100: lower numbers mean fewer injury claims.

Four-door models

Small cars	Overall injury
Saab 900	70
Honda Civic	100
Acura Integra	100
Volkswagen Golf	103
Plymouth Sundance	108
Volkswagen Jetta	113
Subaru GL 4WD	113
Honda Civic	114
Chevrolet Nova	118
Plymouth Horizon	120
Toyota Corolla	120
Dodge Shadow	122
Dodge Omni	124
Mazda 323	133
Subaru DL/GL Sedan	140
Ford Escort	140
Nissan Sentra	140
Dodge Colt	142
Mitsubishi Tredia	143
Chevrolet Chevette	145
Renault Alliance	149
Plymouth Colt	156
Pontiac 1000	163
Isuzu I-Mark	167
Hyundai Excel	167
Mercedes Sprint	178
Chevrolet Spectrum	

Two-door models

Small cars	Overall injury
Saab 900	80
Nissan Pulsar	96
Volkswagen GTI	100
Volkswagen Golf	102
Acura Integra	103
Honda Civic	103
Mazda 626	104
Mazda 323	108
Subaru Hatchback	109
Volkswagen Jetta	109
Plymouth Sundance	118
Toyota Celica	119
Dodge Shadow	122
Toyota Tercel	124
Nissan 200SX	124
Volkswagen Scirocco	127
Plymouth Colt	135
Dodge Colt	138
Isuzu Impulse	141
Toyota Corolla	142
Chevrolet Chevette	143
Renault Alliance	143
Pontiac 1000	144
Plymouth Turismo	147
Dodge Charger	150
Mitsubishi Mirage	
Ford Escort	
Nissan Sentra	
Mitsubishi Cordia	
Isuzu Impulse Excel	

Sport, specialty models

Midsize cars	Overall injury
Saab 9000	59
Volvo 760/Turbo/SW	60
Acura Legend, 4 Dr.	66
BMW 5-Series	68
Cadillac Seville	75
Lincoln Continental	76
Lincoln Mark VII	81
Toyota Supra	81
Buick Riviera	81
Volvo 740/760, 4 Dr.	82
Cadillac Eldorado	82
Audi 5000, 4 Dr.	91
Mercedes 190D/E	91
BMW 318i/325, 4 Dr.	93
BMW 318i/325, 2 Dr.	100
Merkur XR4Ti	103
Ford Mustang Conv.	119
Pontiac Firebird	127
Ford Mustang	128
Chevrolet Camaro	

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Less than 70 substantially better than average. 70 to 79 better than average. 80 to 120 average. 121 to 130 worse than average. over 130 substantially worse than average.

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Grand Met likely to sell Steak & Ale, Bennigan's

New York Times News Service

DALLAS — The S&A Restaurant Corp., the Pillsbury Co. unit that operates the Steak and Ale and Bennigan's restaurant chains, is likely to be sold quickly by its prospective new owners, Grand Metropolitan PLC.

A spokesman for Grand Met's New Jersey-based United States operations said that the company had already received several expressions of interest in the 379-restaurant company.

Food industry analysts called the Dallas-based restaurant company ripe for a turnaround and estimated its worth to be greater than $300 million.

Reed & Associates finals merger with Geraghty

From Staff Reports

Reed & Associates Inc., and Geraghty & Miller Inc. have announced the completion of their merger, combining two of the oldest ground water consulting firms in the nation.

Reed is a Texas-based ground water and environmental consulting firm and will now operate under the name Reed & Associates, a Geraghty & Miller company. A. Joseph Reed will serve as president and chief executive officer and manage the firm's Midland office.

Stephen Reed, manager of the Corpus Christi office and Andrew Reed, manager of the Austin office, will remain in their present roles. Ed Reed will serve as a consultant and has been named co-chairman of the board of directors of the subsidiary.

The merged companies now have a total staff of more than 620 employees and over 30 offices nationwide. The combined gross revenues of the firms for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 1988 was approximately $40 million.

POINSETTIA

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At Klepac's a special room called "The Trees" is filled with a type of poinsettias for larger plants. These are now about three and a half feet tall, but may grow as tall as 15 or 20 feet.

The poinsettias come in pink, white or mixed colors as well as red, and they also make hanging baskets.

Poinsettia sales begin about Thanksgiving, with plants delivered to retail florists by the thousands. As they are sold, chrysanthemums take their place in the greenhouse, and lilies are planted for Easter.

Most of the chrysanthemums are not yet in bloom, but they are already a spectacle. They are also sold as potted plants.

The Klepac greenhouses produce mums in five colors — yellow, white, orchid, bronze and gold. Bob described the plants as the "bread and butter" of the greenhouse business.

"You can plant them any week of the year and they will bloom on schedule any week of the year," he said.

Four holidays are the backbone of the potted-plant business, Bob said. They are Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and Mother's Day.

Other plants that are popular for those special days include azaleas — growing in popularity and called by some the Cadillac of potted plants — and the Rieger begonia.

Hyacinths, tulips and amaryllis also are popular for Valentine's Day and lilies and hydrangeas for the spring holidays. A year-round favorite is the flowering kalanchoe.

In growing and packaging the plants, Klepac uses science and machinery. The soil of peat moss, bark and other ingredients is mixed by machine to an exact formula. The process is started by using two old-line concrete mixers.

Poinsettias are highly subject to infection. The mixed soil is steamed to 180 degrees to kill impurities that might affect the plant.

A machine places the soil in the individual pots into which plants or bulbs are placed.

The pots are fed and watered by tiny tubes that carry just the right amount of nutrients to each. Believe it or not, a formula that slows growth often is given to the plants to assure they will be healthy and the size most popular with their future owners.

Greenhouse temperatures are exacting. They vary from plant to plant and depend on the stage of growth. Special equipment controls the temperatures in various areas of the greenhouses.

Most of the plants are produced from cuttings — 30 or 40 cuttings from a single "mother tree." During that process, cutters put hospital disinfectant on their hands to keep from infecting the cuttings.

TAX

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fall in later years, because of the inflationary effect, and you do slow economic activity down somewhat," said DRI economist Joyce Yanchar. She said an income tax is considered a superior revenue generator by most economists because it does not contribute to inflation.

During the new administration of President George Bush, whose campaign line of "read my lips" made clear his staunch opposition to new or higher taxes, any tax increase could be out of the question. Perhaps because of this, proponents of a higher gasoline tax have begun to tout not only its revenue-generating abilities but its dampening impact on oil consumption and, eventually, oil imports, which are presently at an eight-year high.

But an increase in the size most often discussed — 10 cents, 15 cents or 25 cents at the most — would most likely have only a small effect on motorists' thirst for gasoline. Eli Bergman, director of Americans for Energy Independence, said policymakers charged with chipping away at the budget deficit are "grasping at straws" with gasoline tax hike suggestions of under 50 cents.

Such a large increase would push the price of a gallon of gasoline to levels never before paid by U.S. motorists, most likely inspiring them to new heights of conservation. But before any negative effects could be realized in the economy, billions of dollars would pour into the Treasury.

"The reality of reducing the deficit and pushing down oil consumption compensates for the regressive effect of the tax," Bergman said. "The oil industry has taken a myopic view. One really can't allow the industry to define the issue. Taking a global view is the only way to approach it."

Nevertheless, a gasoline tax hike of any size eventually could reduce sales of gasoline in the United States, cutting into profits for refiners and producers alike at a time that the producing segment of the industry has already endured three years of depressed prices and supply gluts.

"It would be unfair to our industry," said Chester Upham Jr., president of Upham Oil & Gas Co. in Mineral Wells. "Why don't they put it on all petroleum energy, including heating oil? Why should the deficit be paid for by the user of gasoline than the person in the Northeast who buys heating oil?"

Republican Drew Lewis, a former Transportation secretary who with Democrat Robert Strauss chairs the National Economic Commission, has toyed with what he calls a "broad-based energy tax." Others have recommended more specifically a tax on every Btu of energy consumed, by both individuals and industries.

"If you wanted to raise a lot of money and be fair, tax everything," Amoco's Eck said. "I think that probably would be the consensus judgment of the American people — assuming they want a tax at all."

Highway lobby among tax opponents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Automakers, insurance companies, contractors and the oil industry are trying to make a pre-emptive strike against raising the gasoline tax to cut the federal budget deficit.

The highway lobby presented its arguments at a news conference Thursday, saying such a tax increase would be unfair to the poor and to residents of rural areas. It also claimed that an increase would soak up money needed to repair the nation's highways and bridges.

The news conference was sponsored by The Road Information Project, which is financed by companies with a vested interest in highways. It presented four former Federal Highway Administration chiefs to argue against reducing the deficit by raising the gas tax.

Ray Barnhart, Frank C. Turner, Norbert Tiemann and John Hassell all said any gas-tax increase needs to be earmarked to repair roads and bridges. They cited estimates that 60 percent of the nation's paved roads and 42 percent of its bridges are substandard.

Some members of the National Economic Commission, which was created to recommend ways to reduce the $155-billion budget deficit, have urged an increase of up to 50 cents in the gas tax. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has said he could support an increase of 10 or 15 cents — if President-elect Bush should propose it.

But Bush has said repeatedly he opposes any tax increase to cut the deficit, and he specifically rejects boosting the gas tax.

Virtually all the tax, now 9.1 cents a gallon, is earmarked for highways, bridges and mass transit; none goes into the fund that pays for general government services.

Each one-cent increase in the gasoline tax would raise about $1 billion, although economists say a major boost in the tax likely would produce a smaller per-gallon payoff because people would drive less.

Managers help develop money mastery

By ART GARCIA and CHRIS BARNETT
Copley News Service



In the work he does as a money manager for businesses and individuals, James Bell has found that most people go through life feeling they are controlled by money.

"Money is the master and they are the servant," says the senior financial consultant for California Private Investment Corp. in San Francisco.

To teach companies and people how to boost their purchasing power, Bell offers four money-mastering principles. They are basic, but follow them and chances are they will pay off in helping you switch the servant and master roles in managing your money.

What better time to consider such a transition than as a new year dawns? Think about making your own version of Bell's principles part of your 1989 resolutions. Mix and match to forge your own guidelines from Bell's proposals:

1. Simple, to be sure, but the too-often overlooked first principle is to pay yourself first. Develop an attitude that a portion of every dollar you earn is yours to keep.

"This is different from all of every dollar you earn is yours to spend," says Bell. "Most people pay everything else first and they see what they have at the end of the month. I've discovered most people can put away 10 percent of every check they receive without changing their lifestyle."

2. Set up an emergency/security fund.

"I recommend that everybody have at least three months of income in an insured account with a strong bank," the consultant says.

You don't want to take risks with your emergency fund. Bell tells of a Japanese client who has set aside a one-year emergency fund.

"The size of your emergency fund is your personal decision," he says. "It's whatever makes you feel financially secure for the short term."

3. Don't use credit cards that you can't pay off in 30 days.

"You may be familiar with a quote from Albert Einstein that the phenomenon of compound interest is one of the greatest wonders of the world.

"Well, compound interest on credit cards is one of the greatest disasters of the world," warns Bell.

Remember that credit card interest at approximately 20 percent a year, compounded, doubles your debt in 3.6 years.

"Don't carry balances on credit cards," he urges.

4. Spend less than you earn.

Bare-bones basic, of course, but listen to Bell, who points out there are two verbs in the principle — "spend" and "earn."

Most people know what they earn but they don't know what they spend, he says. To make this principle work, you need to know both — and you need to spend less.

"People who implement these four principles exist differently in the world from those who don't," Bell believes. "They move differently in the world, they are more secure and more prepared to participate in life's opportunities. They are less dangerous than people who don't follow these four principles."

Once those basics are in place, you can begin practicing increasing your purchasing power.

The first step is to make a distinction between "safe" money and "stable" money.

Stable money is guaranteed to get back the same amount of money you deposited. A savings account emergency/security fund is an example.

Safe money, on the other hand, refers to situations where you have the potential to get back the same or more purchasing power from the money you invested.

To illustrate his points, Bell compares stable money in a savings account to safe money in a mutual fund over a 10-year period. To increase the buying power of your dollars, you must have equity.

"Equity equals ownership," he says. "You must own assets that hold and increase their relative value over time."

His choice as the safest way to have liquid equity? Mutual funds.

Why mutual funds? Because they pool your dollars with those of thousands of other investors. Your dollars are then invested in a diversified portfolio of stocks and/or bonds, sometimes as many as 100 or more different corporations, and it's managed by a full-time team of experts.

"It's the diversification and full-time management of your money in mutual funds that give you the safe equity exposure necessary to increase your purchasing power," Bell says.

"In my work with individuals and businesses, I've learned there's confusion about savings and investments," he adds. "Savings are to provide you with stable money for short-term purposes, such as your emergency/security fund. Investments are designed to increase the purchasing power of your dollars so that you insure the long-term quality of your life."

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