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Good Morning!

LOCAL

PAMPA — A Pampa man is free on $5,000 personal bond today after he was accused Friday of robbing his mother.

Tex Thurman Jr., 26, 212 Gillespie, was arrested at 11:45 a.m. Friday at Pampa Police Department after officers learned from his mother Virginia Rush, 315 E. Francis, Thurman and a compatriot allegedly took from her at gunpoint a paycheck belonging to Thurman's brother Thursday evening.

A warrant has been issued for the second suspect whom police decline to identify.

According to Lt. Steve Chance, the unnamed man called Rush to the door and reportedly demanded at gunpoint the unsigned $500 payroll check belonging to Tommy Thurman of Pampa.

Reports say Tex Thurman ran up to the Francis Street home from his Gillespie Street residence and told the first man to put his gun away and told his mother to give the man the check, Chance said. Rush instead handed Thurman the check and the pair left together, Chance said.

Bond was set by Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge Friday afternoon before Thurman was transferred to Gray County jail where he was released on personal bond.

PAMPA — A Missouri man discovered dead by his grandson early Thursday is considered to have died of natural causes, said Dep. Jim McDonald of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Emergency personnel were called to the 135 mile marker on Interstate 40 about 8:50 a.m. where they discovered the body of Billy Gene Kramer, 63, Windsor, Mo., inside his Dodge pickup, McDonald said.

Kramer and his grandson were returning to their Missouri home following delivery of a load campers to the west coast when Kramer apparently stopped on the roadside to sleep and died, McDonald said.

STATE

HARLINGEN (AP) — A 43-year-old Childress man has been arrested on suspicion of driving a truck carrying a ton of marijuana north of the Willacy County line.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers pulled over Billy Wayne Sessions about 1 a.m. Thursday, a jail spokesman said.

About 2,000 pounds of marijuana was seized from the truck Sessions was driving, police said. Authorities didn't put a dollar value on the load.

Sessions was charged with aggravated possession of marijuana and remained in Willacy County Jail Friday night in lieu of $250,000 bond.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Prosecutors say a man charged with killing his former employer, an elderly Eldorado, Okla., woman, likely will be returned to Oklahoma next week.

Jesus Benito Hernandez, 39, waived extradition rights Friday in a San Antonio courtroom, said Assistant District Attorney David L. Cummins.

Hernandez, arrested Thursday, is accused in the death of Ruby Esther Richeson, 83, earlier in the week.

Ms. Richeson is the grandmother of Linda Daschle, who is deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and wife of Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

The suspect had done yardwork for Ms. Richeson until about two weeks before her death. She apparently fired him because he did not speak English well enough for her to give instructions to him, said Harmon County assistant district attorney David L. Cummins of Eldorado.

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge has extended the deadline for the state to file additional briefs regarding a lawsuit seeking $1.3 billion from the federal government for the costs of illegal immigration.

Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, said Friday the deadline has been extended to Dec. 30.

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U.S. to express regret to North Korea

By PAUL ALEXANDER
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – An official letter of regret will be sent to North Korea for the U.S. Army helicopter straying into its territory a week ago, U.S. sources said today.

Contacts with North Korea resumed today as U.S. and U.N. officials tried to negotiate the release of a captured American pilot. In Asia, apologies often are critical to resolving touchy problems.

Rep. Bill Richardson said military officials were telling North Korea that the helicopter flown by Chief Warrant Officers Bobby Hall and David Hilemon strayed into North Korea due to a map-reading error.

Hilemon was killed when the OH-58C helicopter either crashed or was shot down Dec. 17. His body was returned Thursday. Hall was taken captive.

Richardson, D-N.M., told NBC News he still hopes that Hall can be freed by Christmas. He said he saw "very good signs" in today's meeting at the Korean truce village at Panmunjom, noting that high-level U.S. military officials were involved as North Korea wanted.

Richardson, who happened to be in North Korea at the time, helped negotiate the repatriation of Hilemon's body.

The congressman said the United States is giving information to North Korea that will allow the North Koreans "to save face, say they have all the information relating to the accident, be convinced that it was not an intelligence mission."

The South Korean newspaper Dong-a Ilbo reported in its Sunday editions that the letter already had been sent. Jim Coles, a spokesman for the U.S. and U.N. military presence in South Korea, said he could not confirm that.

Panmunjom, in the Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas, is where Hilemon's body was repatriated Thursday.

Earlier in day there were conflicting reports on whether Hall would be freed by Sunday.

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency first reported that a deal had been reached under which North Korea would free Hall on Christmas Day.

But the government-funded agency later backtracked, saying no agreement was reached and a Christmas release was unlikely.

U.N. officials said they could not confirm that a meeting had taken place. They had denied Yonhap's first report and said they still were seeking to talk with the North to "resolve issues" on the release.

"The KPA (Korean People's Army) has claimed that their investigation into this incident is still under way and Chief Warrant Officer Hall will be returned once it is completed," said a statement today by the U.N. Joint Forces Command.

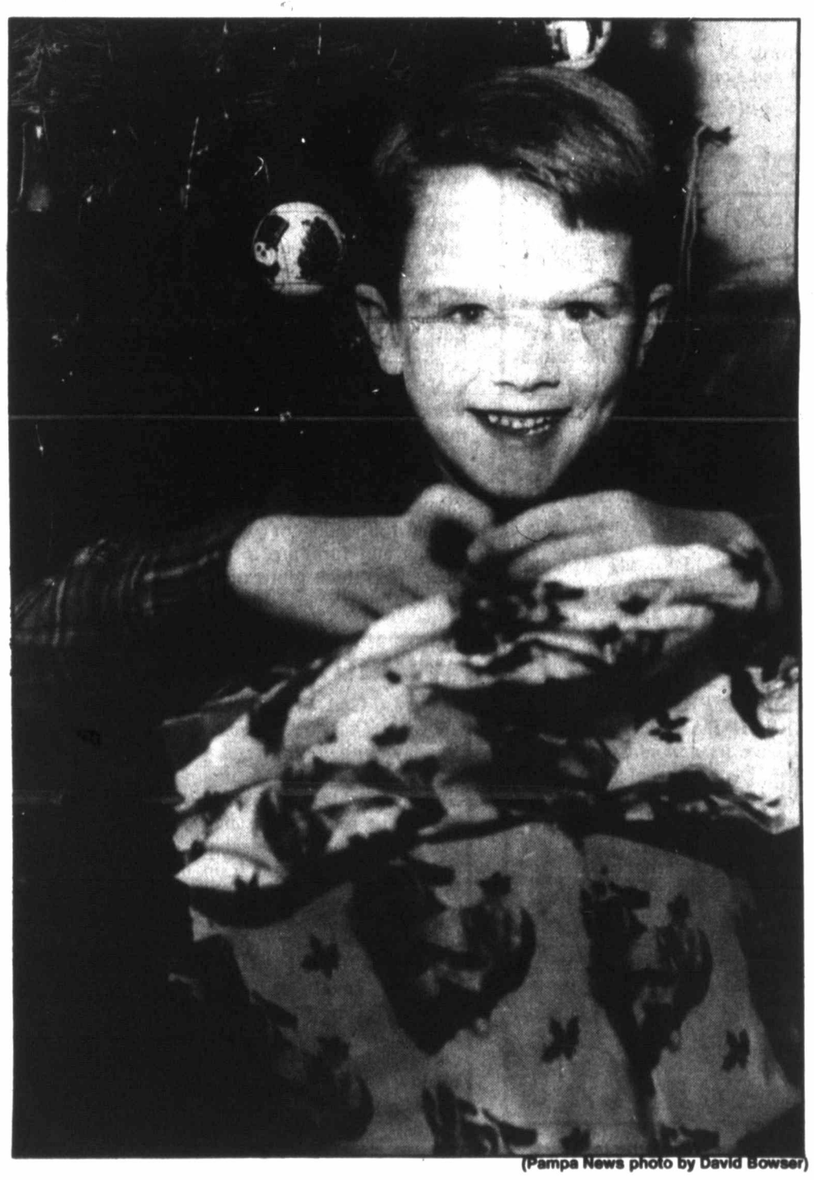
The statement said the United Nations had sent a message to North Korea requesting details on Hall's condition and seeking his immediate release. It said a meeting with the North had been requested but there had been no reply.

Pyongyang has said Hall is in good health. No contact is being allowed with him.

U.S. officials in Korea and at the Pentagon also cast doubts on Yonhap's first report that North Korea had agreed to free Hall on Sunday.

"We have no confirmation of that and we believe it to be wrong at this stage," said a senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Early Christmas present



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Waking up to Morphin Power Rangers pajamas, Christopher Smith, 6-year-old son of Charles and Karen Smith, 1105 Christine, opened an early Christmas present from his grandmother on Saturday morning. Thousands of other Pampa area youngsters eagerly awaited their special Christmas gifts.

Palestinians play anthem, fly flags in Manger Square

By DIANNA CAHN
Associated Press Writer

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) – Bagpipes lustily played the national anthem and the Palestinian flag festooned Manger Square on Saturday in the first Christmas since the PLO took power in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

But autonomy is limited in Bethlehem, and heavy Israeli security kept Palestinians waiting hours outside the square in front of the Church of Nativity, where tradition holds Jesus was born. Tourists passed through a separate gate.

"I think it is a great thing to hear the Palestinian national songs being played by the scouts but I think there is still something missing," said George Abu Zuluf, from the neighboring Beit Sahour.

Balmy weather and the developing Palestinian autonomy attracted about 10,000 people, including pilgrims and some 20 members of the Islamic militant group Hamas that opposes peace with Israel.

Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the first Palestinian to head the Roman Catholic Church in the Holy Land, drove in from Jerusalem. He was escorted to Manger Square as drums and bagpipes played the Palestinian anthem, "Biladi, biladi," or "My homeland."

Most of the celebrations reflected nationalism more than religious fervor. Palestinian Muslims felt free to participate. Christians are a small minority of the 1.8 million Palestinians living the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"It is the first time we see Palestinian flags and pictures of (PLO chief) Yasser Arafat," said Jamal Laham, a Muslim from Jerusalem. "You can feel a Palestinian atmosphere despite the presence of the soldiers."

But Laham said the celebration was marred by Israeli troops stationed on rooftops and patrolling alleys.

"There is no reason for them to be here," he said. "This is a pure Palestinian celebration."

Israel withdrew from the Gaza and West Bank town of Jericho in May and has transferred some authority elsewhere in the West Bank to Palestinians. Decorations in Bethlehem were handled by Palestinians.

Expansion of self-rule has been delayed, mainly due to increased attacks on Israelis by Islamic militants. Since the peace agreement was signed 15 months ago, 94 Israelis have been killed.

The 10,000 tourists expected to attend Bethlehem's Christmas Eve celebration are a far larger crowd than in recent years, when visitors stayed away because of the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

This year's tourists include the first Jordanian Christians since 1967. Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel on Oct. 26.

"I think Christmas is on the inside, so even despite the tension and the guns and the Israeli soldiers, I think there is a lot of joy around in Bethlehem right now," said Dave Johnson, a college student from La Crosse, Wis.

U.S. media to get Cuban bureaus

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Clinton administration is about to allow U.S. media outlets to open bureaus in Cuba for the first time in more than two decades, according to U.S. officials.

They described the move, under consideration for almost a year, not as an overture toward Cuba but rather as part of a policy of expanding communications between the two countries.

One official said he believes the presence of American reporters in Cuba would help expose the hardships of the Cuban people under communist rule.

But some Cuban officials believe that unbiased reporting from Cuba by American journalists would be a plus for Cuba. They point out that information about the island has been dominated by anti-communist exiles and U.S. administrations hostile to Cuba.

Based on inquiries received thus far, the officials said that barring major developments on the island, only a limited number of news organizations will open bureaus in Cuba.

For years, neither the United States nor Cuba showed interest in allowing American news organizations to establish bureaus in Cuba.

Cuban authorities shut down the last such bureau in 1968, but they have allowed American reporters to make periodic visits since the mid-1970s.

Cuba has had U.N.-based reporters but successive U.S. administrations have denied Cuba permission to open news bureaus in Washington.

Acting on the principle of reciprocity, Cuba has said Washington's policy precluded the opening of U.S. news bureaus in Cuba. Washington, meanwhile, had little incentive to alter the status quo, seeing the absence of a permanent American press presence in Cuba as part of the overall U.S. economic sanctions package.

But the Cuba Democracy Act of 1992, while tightening economic sanctions, calls for increased communication between the two countries, and this was part of the rationale for the new policy about to be unveiled.

Storm batters New England

By The Associated Press

A storm that blustered up the length of the East Coast left about 175,000 customers without power Saturday in New England and littered highways and railroad tracks with tree limbs on one of the year's busiest travel days.

High wind knocked over the 50-foot, 7,300-pound Christmas tree outside the Prudential Center in Boston. Crews waited for the wind to die down before trying to put it back up.

"The storm was stronger than we expected. In fact it was pretty close to a hurricane," said Bob Plant, director of the Connecticut Office of Emergency Management.

Wind gusted above 80 mph during the night on Massachusetts' Nantucket Island, where some commuter flights were canceled. Wind up to 70 mph trashed trees in Connecticut. Rough seas washed a few small boats onto the beach, but there was little other damage.

On its northward trek along the coast, the storm wrecked several small boats off the Florida coast and flooded parts of South Carolina.

Ferry service between the mainland and North Carolina's Outer Banks resumed Saturday and the main highway along the island chain was reopened, though strong wind was expected to continue through Sunday.

Up to 44,000 customers of Massachusetts Electric Co. had lost power since Friday night, most of them in Rhode Island, said utility spokeswoman Karen Berardino.

Commonwealth Electric Co. had 21,000 customers without power in southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

In Connecticut, about 110,000 Northeast Utilities customers were without power Saturday morning, said spokesman Emmanuel Forde.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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Services tomorrow

D'SPAIN, Mary Elizabeth — 2:30 p.m., Church of Christ, McLean.

HARLAN, Tom — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

RAMSEY, Ora — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.

WILLIAMS, Clarence O. 'Slats' — Graveside, 10:30 a.m., Edith Ford Cemetery, Canadian.

Obituaries

MARY ELIZABETH D'SPAIN

McLEAN — Mary Elizabeth D'Spain, 84, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday in McLean Church of Christ with Henry Walker, Weston Walker, Joe Horton and George Watson officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mrs. D'Spain was born in Plano, Texas. She had lived in McLean for more than 40 years. She married Harris D'Spain in 1930 in Erick, Okla. He died in January. She was a member of the McLean Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Beth Walker of Kennewick, Wash., and Margaret Sue Horton of Big Spring; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

TOM HARLAN

Tom Harlan, 86, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 23, 1994. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Harlan was born Feb. 23, 1908 in Gray County and had lived here all his life. He was a former rodeo stock producer and longtime Gray County rancher. He married Martha Ellen Ivey in 1932 at Clovis, N.M. She died in 1974.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marquetta Henricks, who died in 1967.

Survivors include a daughter, Phynelpha "Corky" Rhoades of Pampa; a sister, Lucile Kincade of El Reno, Okla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

ORA RAMSEY

CANADIAN — Ora Ramsey, 89, Friday, Dec. 23, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Christian Church, with the Rev. Mike Williams, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ramsey was born Nov. 20, 1905 in Nebraska. The Ramsey family came to Hemphill County in a covered wagon in 1913. He and his wife Helen were engaged in farming and ranching in the Gem community for many years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wfie, Helen, of the home; a son, Bill Cannon of Canadian; two grandchildren, Edie Davis of Amarillo and Eddie Cannon of Canadian; a great grandchild, Ashleigh Cannon of Bethany, Okla.; and two sisters, Evelyn Curlee of Amarillo and Pearl Owens of Dumas.

The family requests memorials be to the Kidney Foundation.

The body will be available for viewing from noon until 5 p.m. today.

WILLIE JANE WINEGEART

Willie Jane Winegeart, 93, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 1994. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, and the Rev. M.B. Smith, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Winegeart was born Nov. 16, 1901 in Camden, Tenn., and had lived in Pampa for many years. She had lived at the Coronado Nursing Center since 1989. She married Felix Winegeart on March 26, 1920 in Sayre, Okla. He died Feb. 12, 1982. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include five sons and four daughters-in-law, Cecil and J.C. Winegeart of Spur, L.J. "Dooley" and Oneyla Winegeart of Lindale, Foster Winegeart of Pampa, Gene and Von Winegeart of McLean, and Doyle and Wilma Winegeart of Edmond, Okla.; a sister, Thydas Hedger of Pampa; 23 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle.

The family will be at 1120 Willow Road.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 22

C. Shackleford, 923 S. Faulkner, reported theft.

FRIDAY, Dec. 23

Unattended death was reported at 135 mile marker on Interstate 40.

Jimmy C. Davis reported assault at 1000 E. Frederic.

B.J. Bradford, Rt.1 Box 11A, reported information.

Arrests

Department of Public Safety

FRIDAY, Dec. 23

Michael Brandon Voss, 17, Miami, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 23

Virginia Lee Rush, 315 E. Francis, reported aggravated robbery at 11:45 p.m. No injuries were reported.

Cecil Andrew Lewis, 325 N. Banks, reported information - miscellaneous non criminal.

Violation of protective order was reported in the 500 block of North Zimmers.

Glenn Jack Noack, 701 N. Sumner, reported burglary. Thieves entered through a north bedroom window.

Virginia Lee Noack. 946 E. Malone, reported burglary. Thieves entered through the west kitchen door.

Charles Morgan, 835 S. Gray, reported theft.

Christopher Louis Smith, 711 E. Browning, reported simple assault which occurred at Knight Lights.

David Lynn Garmon of Frank's Market, 300 E. Brown, reported threats.

Jonas Silva, 723 S. Ballard, reported criminal mischief at 641 N. Faulkner. A rock was thrown through a south window.

Thomas Daniel Short. 1008 Crain, reported criminal mischief.

Domestic assault was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner. No injuries were reported.

SATURDAY, Dec. 24

Lt. Shawn Fullagar reported evading arrest or detention at the intersection of Louisiana and Garland at 12:31 a.m.

Russell Dee Bowen, 810 N. Frost, reported burglary of a habitation between 7 p.m. Friday and 12:08 a.m. today. Thieves entered through the front door of a garage apartment.

Domestic violence - assault was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

Arrests

FRIDAY, Dec. 23

Tex Ray Thurman Jr., 26, 212 Gillespie, was arrested at 201 W. Kingsmill on a warrant. He was transferred to Gray County jail where he was released on personal bond.

John Franklin Bonner, 27, 124 S. Faulkner, was arrested at the residence on a charge of simple assault He was released on personal bond, authority Police Chief Chuck Flemins.

SATURDAY, Dec. 24

John Riley Wadsworth, 23, Rt. 2 Box 371 J, was arrested at Garland and Louisiana on a charge of evading arrest.

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 23, 1001 E. Browning, was arrested at Garland and Louisiana on a charge of disregarding an officer.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 669-7403 or write SIA, P.O. Box 119, Pampa, 79066-0119.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse plans to meet at 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 883-2097 or write SIA, P.O. Box 903, White Deer, 79097.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

TOASTMASTERS

Pampa's Toastmaster Club will meet 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the cafeteria of Coronado Hospital.

BETA SIGMA PHI SCHOLARSHIP DANCE

Beta Sigma Phi will have its annual Scholarship Dance on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. CrackerJack will be playing. For ticket information, call 665-6037, or any Beta Sigma Phi member.

AMARILLO INVENTOR'S ASSOCIATION

Amarillo Inventor's Association is to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the conference room of KemenTek Corp., 3910 S. Georgia (across Georgia and one block north of the Randall County Courthouse). For more information, call Worth Hefley, 376-8726, or Randy Brack, 352-7526.

Fires

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

FRIDAY, Dec. 23

9:06 a.m. – Three units and four firefighters responded to an industrial accident rescue at Panhandle Industrial Supply, 2225 W. Alcock.

9:12 a.m. – Three units and four firefighjters responded to a medical assistance call at 1105 N. Frost.

10:08 a.m. – Two units and three firefighters responded to a pipeline fire 12 miles south of Pampa near the intersection of Texas 70 and Babcock Road. The fire was out when firefighters arrived.

SATURDAY, Dec. 24

2:08 a.m. – Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance all at 120 S. Russell, Schneider House Apartments.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Because of early deadlines Saturday, the Coronado Hospital report did not come in by press time Saturday.

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Shamrock

John King

Dismissals

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United Way donation

(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

It was all smiles at the Pampa United Way last week when IRI International presented the agency with a $20,000 corporate gift and $8,217 contributed by employees. The total contributions helped the Uniited Way exceed its $300,000 goal. It was the first time the goal has been reached since 1989. At the ceremony were, from left, Bill O'Brien; Jeff Andrews, United Way board president; Les Howard of IRI International; board member Rey Cardenas; United Way Executive Katrina Bigham; City Manager Bob Eskridge; and board member Marilyn McClure.

Georgia flood recovery could take years

By ELLIOTT MINOR
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) – There is little decking of halls this Christmas in Gertie Wells' neighborhood.

Yards once lined with pink and white azaleas are strewn with debris five months after the Flint River roared through, leaving gaping sinkholes on asphalt streets.

Some houses will never be rebuilt.

Mrs. Wells' neighbors are still in temporary housing. Thousands of them, many poor and elderly like her, face long waits for home repairs because the damage has overwhelmed contractors and volunteer groups.

"I've been asking for help," Mrs. Wells said. "Everywhere I go they give me a phone number to call. I call there and they say, 'We're going to get to you.'"

But they didn't, so the 71-year-old former child of the cotton fields has begun rebuilding – by herself.

No stranger to back-breaking work, Mrs. Wells, who worked as a maid all her adult life, hauled out some old tools and began making her mud-ravaged two-bedroom bungalow livable.

The foul odor of water-logged clothes and furniture is gone. She cleaned up thick globs of mud that coated almost every surface. With a $4,800 grant supplied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and carpentry skills learned from her father, Mrs. Wells paneled three rooms, hung sheetrock on two ceilings, carpeted the living room and covered the other floors with tile.

Others were not as fortunate or resilient.

The July flood, Georgia's worst natural disaster, forced about 34,400 people to evacuate, mostly in the Flint River towns of Albany, Newton and Bainbridge, and Montezuma in southwest Georgia. It left 31 people dead and caused an estimated $1 billion in losses, mostly to uninsured property.

About 1,700 flood victims still live in travel trailers and mobile homes supplied by FEMA, which is picking up the tab for thousands more who are temporarily housed in apartments.

Roy Lane, city manager in Albany, where nearly 6,000 homes and apartments were damaged, said the recovery could take up to four years.

"It's a slow and frustrating process for the government and the people," he said.

Homeowners can apply for FEMA grants and loans from the Small Business Administration, but the repairs are their responsibility. And repairs have to comply with local building codes.

Municipalities can apply for FEMA grants to repair roads and public buildings. Local officials are studying long-term community needs, such as rebuilding schools and relocating housing projects.

In downtown Montezuma, where 67 turn-of-the-century buildings were flooded, most businesses have reopened and many have applied for federal grants to repair historic structures.

"I think the town's coming back," said Jack Maffett, whose clothing store is still not fully functional. "All of the buildings that were flooded have remodeled. They've made them look 100 percent better."

In tiny Newton, 165 families were displaced and fewer than a dozen have returned. Downtown is almost lifeless.

"It's deserted unless you see a dog trotting up the middle of the street," attorney Earl Jones said.

Bainbridge, population 11,000, was spared major damage. About 100 homes were flooded and residents are slowly returning, said Earl McGrotha, emergency management director.

The flood killed 15 people and destroyed or damaged 301 dwellings in Americus and surrounding Sumter County.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Merry Christmas. Partly cloudy Sunday with a high near 60 and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Low Sunday night in the middle 30s. Increasing cloudiness and cooler Monday, with a high near 50 and a slight chance of rain. Rain mixed with snow is possible Tuesday, when the sky will be cloudy and the high will reach only about 45.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Panhandle: Christmas Day, partly cloudy. Highs around 60. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Monday, cloudy. A slight chance of rain late. Highs mid 40s to around 50. South Plains: Christmas Day, partly cloudy. Highs around 60. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in mid to upper 30s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain late. Highs in low to mid 50s.

North Texas – Christmas Day, increasing cloudiness. Highs 55 to 60. Christmas night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain central and west. Lows 39 to 43. Monday, cloudy with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 60 to mid 60s. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 40s Hill Country to near 50 south central. Monday, cloudy with chance of rain. Highs in the 50s to near 60. Coastal Bend: Sunday and Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 50s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs in the 60s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Sunday and Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 50s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs in the 60s to near 70.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico – Christmas Day, partly cloudy early. Increasing clouds west by afternoon with a few showers possible. Highs 40s and 50s except locally near 60 southern border. Sunday night, increasing chance for showers and mountain snow central and west with a slight chance for showers east. Gusty east winds developing Rio Grande valley. Lows 20s to mid 30s mountains and north with 30s to low 40s south. Monday, cooler with showers and mountain snow likely. Gusty east winds Rio Grande valley. Highs mid 30s to 40s mountains and northwest with mid 40s to 50s east and south.

Oklahoma – Christmas Day, partly cloudy. Highs in low to mid 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in low to mid 30s. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 50s.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

EASY'S POP & Cheese Shop, let us make your cheese, fruit and vegetable trays for your party or your next get together. Adv.

AARP TAX Aid-Help elderly people with tax returns. Call Ernie Wilkinson, 665-0356 Adv.

FRANK'S FOODS now accepts Visa and Mastercard. One of the ways that we can serve you better. Adv.

GIFT CERTIFICATES available for the gift of relaxation - Therassage Body Work Professionals. AMT's Bryan Going & Holly Hoganson. One hour Therapeutic or Swedish Massage- $30 until New Year's. Call 665-5445 or come by 2139 N. Hobart. Adv.

LOST MALE boxer bulldog in vicinity of 600 block N. Christy, sick child's pet, 665-4185. Adv.

BROWN'S SHOES will be closed Monday 26th! Adv.

PAMPA MEALS on Wheels, 669-1007. Adv.

PEGGY'S PLACE, 301 W. Kingsmill. Open Christmas Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Happy Holidays. Adv.

CRYBABY COPS do they cower to the Powers that be, or maybe vice versa due to Skeleton keys? Hembree 12-23. Adv.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone from T-Shirts & More, Miles and Rita. Adv.

1/2 OF 1/2 store wide final sale begins Tuesday, December 27 at 10 a.m. Bobee J's will be closed Monday December 26. 2143 N. Hobart.

15% OFF on all Table Cloths through January. Vogue Cleaners. Adv.

HEDRICK SUED and collected not a cent, Hackler left and to Midland he went! I'm still here, oh, woe is me, am I to fear the Powers that Be? Am I too dumb and old to start runnin? Keep them cards and letters comin! Hembree asks what's the score, at Christmas time 1994? Adv.

TICKET DISMISSAL, Insurance Discount, 669-3871. Bowman Defensive Driving (NTSI). Adv.

MANY THANKS goes to Mackey's Small Engine and Dobson Cellular Systems on the trees, Troop 480. Adv.

GENESIS HOUSE wishes to thank all who have assisted in our efforts this year. It is through your thoughtfulness and continuous support that we are able to help many teenagers throughout the state of Texas find a new beginning. Adv.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Yes we're open, Coronado Inn will be serving Sunday Lunch Buffet 11-2 p.m. Join us after your special church service. Reservations appreciated. $6.95 adults, $5.95 seniors, children under 6 eat free. 669-2506. Adv.

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Actor Christian Slater arrested at airport for carrying gun

NEW YORK (AP) – Actor Christian Slater was arrested at Kennedy Airport and spent about eight hours in jail after trying to carry a 9 mm pistol onto an airplane, officials said.

Slater, one of the stars of *Interview With the Vampire,* was arrested Friday night, police said.

Slater, 25, was caught as he was going through a metal detector to board a Delta Airlines flight, said Sgt. John Mariano of the Port Authority police. Mariano said he did not know where the flight was headed.

Officers brush up on fingerprinting skills

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Those with sticky fingers or a penchant for violence may get their come-uppance because a group of Panhandle law enforcement officers brushed up on skills needed to nab criminals who leave their fingerprints where they do their dirty deeds.

Under the tutelage of Texas Ranger Gary Henderson of Pampa, assisted by Officer Morse Burroughs of the Pampa Police Department and Lt. Jesse Wallace of the Gray County Sheriff's Office, 24 deputies, police officers, constables, investigators and attorneys learned the ins and outs of fingerprint gathering and preservation.

The group met four Mondays at the local sheriff's office to practice gathering fingerprints from different objects by different methods. Officers earned 16 hours credit from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education through GCSO's training agreement with the accreditation agency. Funding was provided by the District Attorney's Office for the 31st and 223rd Judicial Districts.

Henderson

Officers from sheriffs' offices in Gray, Carson, Roberts, Wheeler, Donley and Hemphill counties; police departments in Pampa and Spearman; Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a Gray County constable listened to Henderson demonstrate the uses for chemicals cyanoacrylate (Super Glue, for the uninitiated), silver nitrate, ninhydrine and amido black in the detection and preservation of prints.

(Pampa News photos by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Fumes from cyranoacrylate heated in a chamber bring out fingerprints on a soft drink can during a fingerprint school for area law enforcement officers. Looking on are Beverly Chace of Pampa Police Department, Deputy Jerry Bailey of Wheeler County, Deputy Stephen Lewis of Gray County and Carroll Dodson of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Support of the fingerprint school is a continuation of the education push begun in early fall by his office, said John Mann, district attorney for the 31st and 223rd Judicial Districts.

A school to teach officers to process crime scenes is scheduled for early 1995, he said. Mann said he is willing to support schools for any and all agencies interested in improving their crimefighting skills.

A Wheeler County deputy, Jerry Bailey, knows first-hand the value of fingerprint gathering in putting the bad guys away. A 1985 killing in Castro County was solved because the perpetrator put his paws on a kerosene lamp which cops were able to link to the crime.

"He was inside the house. What it was basically, this guy and others came to do a burglary at the house. The new owner was living in a camper behind the house and he confronted them. The new owner had a gun and one of the perpetrators had come up behind him and stabbed him in the heart with a screw driver," Bailey said.

Ruben Baldiva, though not convicted of murder, is sitting out 75 years in prison convicted of burglary of a habitation, Bailey said.

Henderson, a 22-year veteran of the Department of Public Safety, five of those as a Texas Ranger, is also experienced in training of law enforcement officers, primarily at the DPS academy in Austin, he said.

Besides teaching technical skills, Henderson encourages collegiality.

"It's imperative all agencies get along - get along and work together," he said.

He noted the cooperation between Gray County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, Pampa Police Department and himself.

"I just think ... it's a way of getting to know the officers from the different agencies. If I've got a little bit of knowledge that I can pass on to other officers that will benefit them at a crime scene, then it's worthwhile," Henderson said.

Officer Fred Courtney of the Pampa Police Department attended the school before beginning his late-night shift.

"To learn more about fingerprinting. To aid in my professional abilities," Courtney said about his reasons for attending.

Before the school, his fingerprinting experience was limited to on-the-job training, he said.

Officer Monte Cornett of Shamrock Police Department practices dusting for latent fingerprints on the side of a filing cabinet at Gray County Sheriff's Office.

'Happy Christmas' makes a British holiday greeting

By MATT WOLF
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) – It's a rare person who wishes you a "Merry Christmas" in London.

The locals say "Happy Christmas" – that is, when they're not hoarding food at the supermarket or reeling home after office parties, sporting paper party hats and even antlers.

Christmas goes on and on in Britain, as a supposedly buttoned-up country goes into eccentric overdrive.

The great day is preceded by a month of partying, and extended by an extra day's holiday for Boxing Day – named for the tradition of leaving Christmas boxes for servants, employees, mailmen and others.

This national shutdown apparently counts as a guilty pleasure. Tim Hollingsworth, a spokesman for the Confederation of British Industry, was reluctant to admit that it happened at all.

"There's a reason for those (businesses) that do close down," Hollingsworth said Friday. "It's not that they are not being industrious or losing ground."

No, many people are at home, making tea.

After watching or listening to Queen Elizabeth II address the nation and Commonwealth at 3 p.m. on Christmas Day, the nation makes a dash for the kettle, resulting in a 300 megawatt power surge.

(Even so, this is less than half the surge after an episode of the BBC TV soap opera, *Eastenders*, according to Diane Owen, press officer of the National Grid Co., carriers of the nation's power.)

Still going strong after 150 years is the tradition of pulling Christmas crackers, cylindrical noisemakers whose loud pops bring holiday meals to a clamorous end.

Other customs are newer, and quirkier.

Bookies take bets on what will be the highest-rated television program over the holiday, or the No. 1 Christmas record.

Playhouses up and down the country stage rival versions of *Aladdin, Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Sleeping Beauty* complete with lots of noise from the audience.

As the holiday nears, shoppers clog supermarket aisles, filling carts with food and liquor as if Christmas and Boxing Day lasted two months, not two days. Half of the turkeys sold annually at Harrods move in the two weeks prior to Christmas.

Christmas Eve is one of the few times each year when most churches will have a full house.

But come Christmas itself, the country shuts up shop. Even some hotels close. The trains stop running.

Buses to and from Heathrow Airport provide the only such travel on Christmas – and they stop at 2:30 p.m. Taxis on the day carry a $3.10 surcharge.

TV networks stockpile heavyweight programming in the manner of an American "sweeps week." On Christmas Day, one could stay glued to the box all day, watching *Mary Poppins, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* and *Trading Places.*

Eerie glow puzzles West Texans

ODESSA (AP) – A "big orange flame" in the sky got the attention of West Texans Friday night. They knew it was more than 24 hours too early for Rudolph and the rest of Santa Claus' reindeers.

The light turned out to be the result of a refinery in Goldsmith 20 miles northwest of Odessa, burning off gas. The cloudy Friday night skies made the light look like a glowing vertical spike from some areas. In other areas, it was more dramatic.

"It was like a big orange flame," said Laurie Skipper, 20, of Odessa. She went outside at 7 p.m. after seeing a message on her TV screen about the light.

"I looked outside, and this big vertical light was in the sky," she said.

Carolyn Payne, a dispatch operator for the Odessa Police Department, said the police department had received about 15 calls about the strange light by 8:30 p.m. Friday.

A spokeswoman at Midland International Airport said the airport had received several calls from concerned stargazers.

She said the light had been visible for the past three nights, but she said Friday night was the first night the light was in a vertical line.

"It's playing with the clouds," she said.

Late shoppers finish Christmas buying in a crush

By STEFANI G. KOPENEC
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) – Gena Weaver had a reason for putting off her Christmas shopping until Friday night. She also had a reason for wrapping up the task in the breakneck speed of 90 minutes.

"I just got paid today. I had to wait," the 30-year-old Dallas woman explained as she paused in an aisle at Wal-Mart, her shopping cart brimming with gifts for more than a dozen relatives.

She also had a mental list that helped ease her burden.

"I may wait until the last minute, but I know what I'm getting," she said, eyeing the juicer, coffee maker, compact disc holder and electric razor in her basket.

A few days ago she talked with her mother about the commercialization of the holiday and the family stress level. It was then the pair decided they would donate food to a charity in people's honor for Christmas.

"It's easier that way. It's better that way," Ms. Weaver said. "I think that's the way it's supposed to be."

Weaver was one of thousands of Texans who crammed stores and malls as the Christmas shopping rush entered its final hours.

"Right now it is just a madhouse," said Laura Ehrlich, assistant marketing director for Sharpstown Center mall in Houston. "I really haven't seen it this busy since Halloween. We had about 7,500 kids in the mall then, but now it's all grown-ups. It doesn't seem to be slowing down at all. All week this week it has been busy."

Bill and Levona Anderson of Dallas avoided the mall crowds and were stocking up on music at Best Buy for their three teen-age daughters. They began holiday buying on Thursday.

"We'll get done," Anderson said, walking leisurely as his wife bustled past him toward a CD storage rack. "No pressure. Nope. Nope."

Mrs. Anderson told a different story.

"The other day I thought I left the milk out in the car, and somebody told me I put it up. I've just lost it," she said. "This is the worst year. We waited last year and I told myself we were going to do this earlier, but no way."

Nearby, Amy Hatfield sat cross-legged on the floor in the jazz section, browsing.

"I'm done with my Christmas shopping. This is for me," the 31-year-old graduate student at the University of Texas at Dallas said. "Now, I have to finish a thesis proposal ... I did not procrastinate on my shopping, so I could procrastinate on my proposal."

Across the street at Wal-Mart, Kim Windeler and her mother, Anita Marcos, were finishing their shopping. Their cart was overflowing with gifts for Mrs. Windeler's 4-month-old son – a walker, a football-shaped toy box, a puzzle – and a "trashy novel" for the new mom.

"Believe me, with a 4-month-old son, they're few and far between now," Mrs. Windeler said of the book.

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Opinion

Let government return our money

It's fairly obvious why a president who, as a candidate, stressed a middle-class tax cut, is finally offering a semi-concrete proposal for one some two years into his term of office. By electing a Republican majority to both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years, voters have done their best to let the system know they're ready for some serious downsizing – both in the burden of taxation and in the burden of big government.

So offering tax-cut proposals is all the rage in the nation's capital. The Republican "Contract With America" contained some modest tax-cut proposals, and the president will offer something different enough to be sold as his own idea. Rep. Richard Gephardt, soon to be House minority leader, also has offered a not-quite-worked-out proposal, garnished with class-envy rhetoric.

But with all these trial balloons floating in the hot air of Washington, D.C., it might be helpful to remember a few fundamentals.

Most important is that taxes are not the price we pay for civilization, as a wag once tried to persuade us. They are forced exactions with which those with the temerity to try to rule us seek to buy our assent with giveaways of our own money. Government has no money that it doesn't seize by force (and sometimes fraud) from productive citizens.

When politicians and commentators speak of "tax breaks," the hidden premise is that government by rights has a claim on all the money we earn and that allowing us to keep some of it is a sign of magnanimity for which we benighted peasants should be grateful.

Another stunt is to insist that tax cuts must be "paid for" by cutting back popular programs. There's nothing wrong and a good deal right with cutting back government programs and government spending. But not all tax cuts reduce government revenue, and not all tax increases boost it.

As politicians maneuver, citizens should demand that they also consider more serious reforms. Clinton is talking about budget cuts in the departments of Energy, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Health and Human Services. He talks about replacing the Federal Housing Administration with a government-controlled but more-like-a-corporation agency.

That's a start. But how about the abolition of the income tax, the outright elimination of numerous government agencies, and the repeal of laws and regulations that hogtie productive activity? How about serious reductions in the percentage of gross domestic product seized by government? Keep such ideas in the back of your mind as a standard by which to judge the wishy-washy reforms likely to be offered in the coming weeks.

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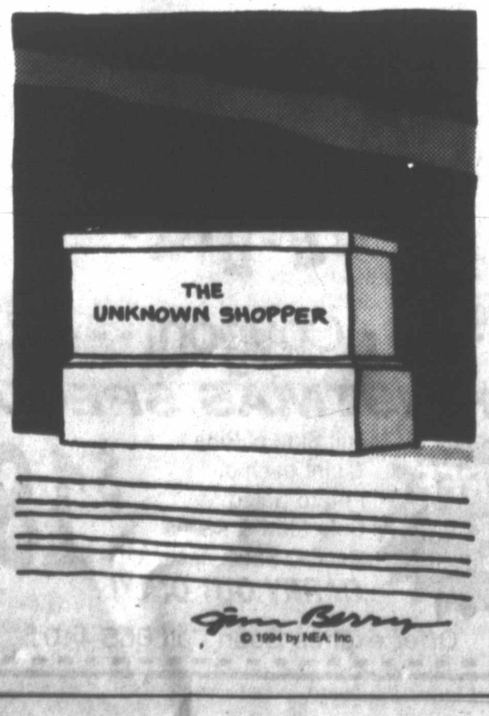


We've had enough of crime

Walter Williams

"America does not have a crime problem; inner-city America does." That's what Princeton's professor of political science, John J. Dilulio, says, and he's just about right. If we ignored inner-city violent crime, mostly committed by blacks and Hispanics, America would be a fairly civilized place. "Dammit, there you go again, Williams," you say, "giving aid and comfort to America's racists." Let's look at it.

Professor Dilulio's article, "The Question of Black Crime," appearing in the *Public Interest* (Fall 1994), reports that blacks are 20 percent of the general population of the nation's 75 most populous urban counties. However, they are 54 percent of murder victims and 62 percent of all murder defendants. In Washington D.C., between 1985 and 1988, three-quarters of all murders were by blacks against blacks. In Pennsylvania, 42 percent of the state's violent crimes occur in Philadelphia, which contains only 14 percent of the state's population, most of them occurring in several predominantly black neighborhoods. In 1990, nearly 49 percent of state prisoners and 31 percent of federal prisoners were black. Compared to white prisoners, they were more likely to have committed a violent crime.

These dismal statistics are new, and what are some of the whys? In 1960, there were 783 people in prison for every 1,000 violent crimes. By 1980, it was 227 per 1,000 violent crimes, a drop of 69 percent. Nationally, within three years of sentencing, while on probation, about half of all probationers are arrested for a new crime or abscond. About three-quarters of all convicted criminals are not incarcerated, and where are they? Callous courts, prosecutors and parole boards have set them free to prey on and "imprison" law-abiding citizens.

The victims of liberal hare-brained schemes on how to treat criminals are mostly poor blacks and Hispanics They can't afford to move to a safer environment, and police do not protect them. Boston University Professor Glenn Loury, pointing to the murder of Polly Klaas by a violent repeat criminal, suggests there is a muting of outrage in the black community: "If the degree of energy and organizational skill invested in campaigns against racially motivated violence, or against police brutality, or against the death penalty, were instead expended voicing demands that bad men be kept behind bars, these demands would become irresistible." Black ambivalence toward and identification with black criminals explains the difference between the celebrity status of Polly Klaas and the anonymity of countless young black victims.

When we talk about jailing predators, liberals come up with the lame lament that it costs $25,000 to keep a criminal in jail and less than that to send him to college. They want us to believe that predators would attend college if only they had the chance. But jailing criminals is a bargain. Dilulio reports that in 1992 crime victims lost $17.2 billion in direct costs. That doesn't include medical costs, pain and suffering, fear and prevention measures.

There's no denying that poor, law-abiding blacks and Hispanics are overwhelmingly the primary victims of crime. They live in fear and terror. They are the people whose neighborhoods have been turned into mini-Beiruts. Politicians and liberals, who live on the outskirts of town, respond to their plight by searching for "original causes" and proposals for midnight basketball. Blacks and Hispanics must ignore the criminal nonsense of their "leaders" and elected officials and say, "We've had enough. And we're not going to take it anymore!"

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, the 359th day of 1994. There are six days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In A.D. 336, the first recorded celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome.

On this date:

In 1066, William the Conqueror was crowned king of England.

In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi assembled one of the first Nativity scenes, in Greccio, Italy.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J. The crossing is depicted in the famous painting by Emanuel Leutze.

In 1818, "Silent Night" was performed for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorff, Austria.

In 1868, President Andrew Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to all persons involved in the Southern rebellion that resulted in the Civil War.

Disagreeing with Brady bunch

Charley Reese

If the logic of the gun control crowd is correct, then I should be able to become a musician by buying a piano and putting it in the living room.

Who knows, if I stare at it long enough, I may suddenly be transformed into another Jose Iturbi or at least a Harry Connick. If mere ownership of a firearm can cause crime, then I don't know why ownership of a piano can't cause music.

One the other hand, I have owned saws, drills, straightedges and hammers for a number of years, and I've yet to become a carpenter; I've owned wrenches and washers and not become a plumber; I've even owned paints and pencils and not become an artist.

Maybe these people who are turned into criminals by an inanimate object know some magic that I don't. Maybe their guns, unlike my guns, are magic.

Perhaps these people are sitting around on the couch, watching TV and sipping a beer, when their pistol comes walking into the living room and says, "Get your lazy rear off that couch and go rob a 7-Eleven."

"Ah, *The Simpsons* are on," the innocent persons tells his gun. "Besides, I got five more cans of beer in the fridge. I don't need to go to the 7-Eleven. Get back in the closet and leave me alone."

"I'll leave you alone all right," the irate pistol says, cocking itself. "If you don't get off that couch and go commit a crime right now, I'm going to put one in your ear."

"Yes, sir, Mr. Pistol," the poor frightened youth says. "My Sunday school teacher and my mamma both told me not to steal, but I guess I got no choice."

"That's right. You have no choice," says the magic pistol. "Sara Brady expects me to make you commit a crime, and I'm not about to disappoint that lady. She has even talked the medical profession into declaring a crime to be a disease, and so you have to be the germ. Now put me in your pocket and let's go rob that store."

Now if such a scene popped into my mind, I'd make some black coffee and swear off bourbon the way I swore off gin 30 years ago. Sara Brady and her happy band of gun controllers – actually it's people they intend to control – must be used to having strange and weird little scenes floating between their ears.

Otherwise, I can see no reason why the gun control crowd would pursue inanimate objects with the fury of Cotton Mather going after witches. After all, the United States already has over 26,000 gun control laws and regulations, and there is no legitimate study anywhere that shows that gun control laws have any effect on crime. Au contraire, as the wonderful French folks would say, those cities with the toughest gun control laws generally have the highest violent crime rates.

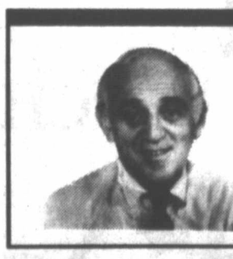
One explanation could be that criminals in those cities know that the odds are high that their victims will be unarmed. I know Charlie Murray in *The Bell Curve* says most criminals are on the slow slope of the bell but, gosh, you don't have to be in Mensa to figure out that rape and robbery are a lot easier to commit if victims are unarmed. I suspect about the last thing a rapist would want to do is to bend down to drop his drawers and then look up into the barrel of a .45. I bet he would go limp all over.

At any rate, it's too bad that the warped logic and fantasies of the gun control crowd aren't true. Not only would I like to see a cheap solution to the crime problem, but I'd also love to play the piano without all that bother of lessons, scales and practice.

I'm tempted to buy a piano and see if it will make me become a musician the way the Brady bunch believes guns make people become criminals. I'm tempted, but I won't because I already have a guitar and a recorder and neither of them has yet forced me to become a musician.

Either I'm short on faith or the Brady bunch is on the wrong side of the bell, too.

Social regress vs. economic progress



Ben Wattenberg

You might never know it, but there is still an argument about what is happening to income in America, and why. The new orthodoxy dictates that: A) middle class income has gone down, B) the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer, C) poverty isn't going down. This is deemed to occur because there is something wrong with our economy as we go global. I doubt it.

Liberals have been reciting that ABC for years – they believed that the greedy Republican 1980s could only be rectified by a tax increase on the wealthy. Conservative disagreed. Now, however, a liberal president has been in office for two years, and conservatives will run Congress. Accordingly, many on the right, to use political boilerplate, view with alarm rather than point with pride.

The recent publication by the Census Bureau of highlights from "Income, Poverty and Valuation of Non-Cash Benefits: 1993" tends – at first glance – to reinforce the ABC notions. But a closer look turns up other evidence, both short and long term.

Median household income for 1993 was down 1 percent from 1992, and that is the figure that gained prominence. It is a puzzling number for a time well into the second year of recovery from recession, a year when unemployment receded from 7.1 percent to 6.4 percent and the Gross Domestic Product grew by 3.1 percent.

But the same report shows that 1993 per capita income went up by 1.8 percent. Average income went up by 2.2 percent. And household income corrected for "non-cash transfers" went up by all of $7, to $32,091. Income inequality jumped crazily: The richest fifth of the population received 48.2 percent of all income in 1993 vs. 46.3 percent a year earlier. That is a stark increase in a usually slow-moving time series. Why?

One reason: The Census Bureau changed some of its information-gathering techniques. Thus, the income bracket that was "over $300,000" has been changed to "$300,000 to $1,000,000." By some measures, that assigns greater statistical weight to income of the wealthy, which probably accounts for at least some of the big one-year increase in income inequality. Moreover, the 1993 survey was the first in which interviewers used laptop computers instead of paper questionnaires. All that and more caused glitches. Census officials recommend "extra caution" when using the 1993 data, especially for historical comparisons.

Given the small 1993 changes, the new Census methodology seems to dwarf (at least for 1993) the commonly held view, that "this was a different kind of recession," or that "there's something wrong with the economy."

But some longer-term numbers in the new report shed some light on the ABC issues. Married-couple families with children under 18 had a poverty rate of 46 percent! And the number of such female-headed households has soared from 2.6 million in 1960 to 8.8 million in 1993, a 238 percent increase, while married couples with children increased by only 8 percent.

Such numbers show how social issues drive economic data. No surprise: A mom and a pop can support children better than a mom alone. It's a big reason why poverty rates aren't falling, stuck between roughly 12-15 percent for almost 30 years, why income inequality has gone up (slowly) for several decades and why both median and average income advanced only grudgingly.

We will know more about the short term next year when the 1994 numbers come in. New Census procedures will be in place. Unemployment is now down to 5.7 percent, in the general range of "full employment." The GDP has apparently grown by nearly 4 percent. Inflation is low.

All this should yield a yearly bump in good things and a decrease in bad ones. But I doubt it will touch long-term trends. Those are being largely determined by social changes, not macro-economics. We should hear a great deal about that when the focus turns next year to welfare reform. It's not the economy, stupid. It's family erosion, dumbkopf!

Letters to the editor

Pampa's white picket fence

To the editor:

My letter is in reference to the shooting that took the life of a very young man a few weeks ago, although it will probably seem like yesterday to the family that suffered so much behind such a senseless tragedy that, I feel, along with others, could have been prevented, had the situation been given half the chance.

And now two of your policemen walk free. It just seems to me that for some reason the city of Pampa has a hard time admitting when they're wrong. You mean it took two of you to shoot one man? I mean, get real!!!

What happened to that good old training you got that says, try to diffuse the situation without loss of life if possible? I mean, you were properly trained for that particular situation, weren't you? Wouldn't that mean shoot the gun out of his hand first? Because you tell me, is that person going to shoot or be able to shoot after being shot in the hand? That alone would have diffused the situation then and there.

And I think it is so mean and cruel that the family or members of the family came on the scene and weren't even allowed to try to talk to him. I mean, if you won't listen to family, who will you listen to? I mean, something just doesn't fit.

Did setting up a command post ever cross your mind after others inside were out? After all, the only life he was threatening was his own, not others inside the house. I mean, do you really and truly think shooting him 10 times was enough? There is no way anyone can explain to me and make me feel that that shooting was justified.

Stevie Wonder can see that because Ray Charles showed it to him. Oh, by the way, Jose Feliciano was at home and heard it on the radio (he's blind too) and says he heard it the way I did and says it was wrong. Whose eyes or ears do you need?

You say you didn't want the family to come face-to-face with the young man – the man's family, not some strangers off the streets. Did you not want it to turn out differently? I mean, what's up? Shooting him twice was overkill. Oh, and as one officer put it, "It just hadn't sunk in." Sunk in!!! Does that mean, "Oh, I've really never given it any thought"? Or "What shooting?"

You know, people, I just don't know. Something just doesn't fit. I mean, it seems to me that the city of Pampa is just one big happy family. All that's missing is the white picket fence, and I guess they'll have that soon, too.

There's a saying that goes, "White is right and black is a fact." Now I am learning the true meaning of that saying. I mean, Pampa is too small for little L.A. I and others put off writing concerning this matter until the outcome of this situation, because we felt and knew that nothing would bring him back. But we were all so sure that justice would be carried out.

Although, I do hope that every night you will try real hard to ask yourself if you really feel that it took two men to pump 10 shots into one man's body and still come away and feel it was justified. If you can, just promise me you can do that. I hope I never have to shoot a gorilla that many times. I hope you can sleep, because I'm sure that his family's not able to do so.

It has been confirmed that no one's life was in danger at any time but that of the young man who was threatening his life – and not others'. So I say to the people of Pampa, this could have been your child.

Words have not and cannot be invented to describe how I'm feeling at this time. It saddens me very deeply. Who are you anyway, Kevorkian? Oh, I forgot; he only assists those who really want to die. This young man had no intentions of dying; the gun later told you that.

It could go on and on, telling you how I'm feeling now, but I'm going to leave it at that for now. I thought it was do the crime, do the time, not do the crime, start to lying.

Pampa, we must now wake up!!!!

Thank you.

Etha Broadnax
Pampa

Steaming mad at dirt

To the editor:

Dear Pampa citizens, have you ever stopped to think how much dirt is swept under the carpet by our city officials? It really is a low down dirty shame once you get to read or think about it. Here is a prime example:

On Nov. 2, 1994 a Pampa man was in a standoff situation with our well-trained city police. They retrieved all other persons in the house, no one is in any danger at this point, he is in the house by himself. If you come to help someone from killing himself, you shouldn't play God and decide you might as well kill him yourself.

After they pumped 10 9-millimeter bullets in him, they (meaning our well-trained police officers) handcuffed this man. Didn't you know he wasn't going to even flinch after all of those bullets? No Respect.

The Pampa newspaper printed a story on Dec. 14 about a former resident in Corpus Christi in a similar situation. This man fired at policemen repeatedly. The police did not shoot back; they negotiated with this man for 20 hours. Then after 20 hours, he surrendered; no one was shot or dead.

What's so bad about it is that our well-trained city police had to deal with another situation not long after the Nov. 2 incident. I noticed it went a lot better, because this man's father was able to come and talk to his son. He also had two little children endangered. Oh, I forgot to mention they negotiated with Mr. Brown for 8 to 10 minutes, and his family didn't have the privilege to talk or persuade him to give it up; they pushed them back.

You know, people, I wouldn't shoot an intruder coming into my house that many times, especially with that caliber of weapon.

In the Thursday front page article, I have never seen so much good job of patting on the back for killing a person in distress. Well, like you have done before, you picked up the carpet, swept some more dirt under it and let it down easy so no dust would fly. One of these days it's going to need a professional steam cleaning to get all that dirt.

Jeanette Darnell
Pampa

Accreditation 1, Charges 0

To the editor:

In Re: Headlines Pampa News 12-15-94. Why weren't the officers charged, reprimanded, disciplined or trained?? Why was the chief pleased? Where was this counselor that these officers are going to talk to later?? Could not Mr. Versie Brown have talked to that same counselor?

911 means that we need help. If 911 is dialed because someone smells smoke, does that mean that their house is automatically burned down?? How many times has a tragedy happened and it was ruled justifiable?

Come on, voted-in officials; either they were wrong or they were right. In an attempt to commit suicide, should we just call Kevorkian? How many 9 mm. (pellets) does it take to answer a 911 call?

Charges 0 — Accreditation 1 to all the fine officers and other well-trained officials in the city of Pampa.

Albert Young
Pampa

Symphony on Somerville

To the editor:

Somerville Street Symphony, Sunrise and Sunset.

When I retired, several people asked me if I was going to travel. I do travel daily, back yard to front porch. There is a lot to be said for front porch sitting; you see a lot that you missed.

Sipping the morning's first cup of coffee and watching the hurried, hectic rush towards downtown, some still working on their makeup or straightening their ties, hair combing, steaming coffee on the dash board. Some staring intently ahead already at the office in mind. Hunched over the steering wheel can mean they hate to get there or are eager to. Lawyers, judges, stenos, clerks, bosses and serfs, all intent on the day ahead. Some early, some late – it shows.

Soon after the morning roll call parade comes the late shift heading home. Yawning, laid back, minds already at home and bed.

Then there are the sirens, always there are sirens. We used to be annoyed by them, but we are glad our street provides a few seconds or minutes faster to the hospital and hope.

We get to see the rodeo and Christmas parade from our front porch and we always have company.

The day always ends with the daily career parade in reverse.

Somewhere in the wee hours we will be serenaded by the kid in the sports model with dark windows. You can hear his boom box base four blocks away coming and going. They never did get enough attention when they were younger. They will grow out of it – if they live.

On Somerville Street or any street, the pages in the book of life turn daily for those who will take time to read, and it comes with pictures.

Less than original.

John Thomas
Pampa

Thanks from Toys for Tots

To the editor:

We would like to thank the following people for helping us make over 200 children have toys for Christmas:

Margie Balay and Ruby Davidson for running the toy store, Alice Balay and Carla Smith for helping set up, Wanda Talley for the use of a room at the Pampa Mall, Pampa Office Supply and Pampa Optimist Club for the use of their tables, the Jordan Unit for their toy drive, Pampa Car Club, Skate Town, Travis Booster Club and Mrs. Reed at Good Samaritan Christian Services for your very generous donations, Mrs. Johnson's class at Austin for donating the doll and books, and Thank You to everyone whose name we have left out.

We could not have done it without your support. You are all very special people. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tony and Melody Davis
Pampa

Let's keep Panama Canal

To the editor:

This is a follow-up letter to one I previously wrote concerning the return of the Panama Canal to the United States.

In the last Congress, Congressman Phil Crane introduced a legislative bill, House Congressional Resolution 2, that would overturn the unconstitutional Panama Canal Treaties of 1977 and abrogate the Panama Canal Act of 1979. During the last session of Congress, Phil Crane's legislation was "buried in committee" by the powerful Democratic committee chairman.

Now we have a Republican Congress that can reverse the biggest mistake in U.S. foreign policy.

Congress needs the support of the people. Please send your request that the bill be reintroduced to repeal the Panama Canal Treaties to: Congressman Phil Crane, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

We need your support. Congress needs to know your opinion on this issue.

Nina Spoonemore
Pampa

A holiday list for adults

To the editor:

Santa has his list. The kids have theirs. Now there's one for adults.

Budweiser Distributing Company, the Texas Panhandle distributor of Anheuser-Busch beers, reminds holiday revelers that promoting responsible drinking and safe driving during the holidays is *everyone's* responsibility. So if you go out with friends, choose a designated driver, and if you plan to host a holiday party, clip this list and post it on the refrigerator:

- Ask your guests who among them will volunteer to be a designated driver.
- Always serve food with alcohol beverages. High-protein foods like cheese and meats help moderate the effects of alcohol.
- Don't force drinks on your guests.
- Make non-alcohol beverages available to your guests.
- Close the bar an hour before the party ends so your guests have a non-drinking period before driving home.
- If – despite your best efforts – someone has had too much to drink, arrange transportation home with another guest, drive the person yourself, call a cab or ask your guest to spend the night. Do not let that person drive home.

When these safe holidays reminders are kept top of mind, we give our friends and family the best of all: a safe and prosperous holiday and new year.

Dean Morrison, President and CEO
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Israeli, Syrian military experts join ambassadors' Mideast peace talks

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Israel and Syria have expanded the closed talks their ambassadors are holding here to include military experts – a sign that the peace negotiations are getting serious.

The talks recessed after an initial session Thursday and are expected to resume this week but without military participation. The idea is to have experts on hand as Ambassadors Itamar Rabinovich of Israel and Walid al-Moualem of Syria consider security conditions on the contested Golan Heights.

The ambassadors have met sporadically since early summer without breaking a deadlock over major issues that must be resolved if Syria is to follow the lead of Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization and conclude terms with Israel.

A State Department spokesman, David Johnson, said Friday the two sides were "serious" in their pursuit of peace, but he declined to confirm the meeting had taken place or to provide any details of negotiations between Israel and Syria.

While the State Department, like the rest of the government, quietly eased into a long Christmas weekend, Dennis Ross, the senior Mideast specialist in the administration, was overseeing the Israeli-Syrian meetings.

Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, the Israeli chief of staff, and Maj. Gen. Danny Yatom, aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, represented their government's military aims and concerns in the meeting, according to informed sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

According to Israeli news reports, the Syrian chief of staff, Gen. Hikmat Shihabi, participated for his government.

Barak several times has questioned the wisdom of giving up the strategic Golan Heights enclave, while also pledging Israel's military would carry out whatever peace treaty was concluded.

Israel has refused to consider yielding to Syria's demand that it surrender the Golan Heights without assurances the border would be safeguarded against surprise attack. In capturing the enclave in the 1967 Six-Day War, Israel ended cross-border firing on northern villages.

In Jerusalem, Likud opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu accused the Rabin government of "making cynical use of Israeli officers to give the negotiations with Syria a kind of security status for the people of Israel."

Through a spokesman, Shai Bazak, Netanyahu said "it is absurd that it is the chief of staff himself, who on a visit to the U.S. a few months ago said to the Americans that coming down from the Golan would not be correct for Israel's security and that Israel can't come down."

Netanyahu said it was not "kosher" to use the generals and that international observers who would replace the Israeli Army on the heights could not stand before thousands of Syrian tanks if Damascus decided to attack.

If not obstructed, tanks can cross the 20-mile stretch of the Golan Heights in minutes.

Polls in Israel indicate Netanyahu has a good chance of defeating Rabin in the country's 1996 election for prime minister.

One reason is the unpopularity of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights and the prospect of shuttering wineries and other industries there and uprooting 11,000 Jewish residents.

The territory that Syria demands includes land Syria occupied in 1948 during Israel's war of independence as well as the land Israel seized in 1967.

Rabin has promised to put any Golan Heights withdrawal agreement to the voters for their approval or rejection.

Syria suspended formal negotiations with Israel last February. The two sides have exchanged views since then through U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, other American officials and ambassadors.

State workers donate snow

AUSTIN (AP) – State workers are used to being accused of snowing the public.

On Friday, they didn't mind.

Employees of the Texas Supreme Court donated manufactured snow to appear in the front yard of the Austin home of Shawn Michaud and Beckie Bell, child-care workers who have adopted or assumed legal custody of six youngsters, four of whom have disabilities. The women also provide foster care for one baby in state custody.

In no time, children who had never seen snow were mesmerized by the magic of a white Christmas, which arrived via Blue Whale Moving Company.

They built a snowman. They threw snowballs. They lay in the wet stuff.

"It's snow! It's snow! It came from the North Pole," said 4-year-old Alexandra.

The maestro of snow was 9-year-old Nicholas, who choreographed the snow show from his wheelchair. He couldn't throw snowballs because he has cerebral palsy and cannot control his hands. But he did direct the snowball fighting by shouting commands to others.

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District Judge Kent Sims serving as dean of College for New Judges

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

When an attorney dons judicial robes, perspective changes, said District Judge Kent Sims of Wheeler.

"Now as a judge you must allow yourself to listen to both sides before you rule. Before you've been an advocate. That's one of the hardest things for a judge - you see a whole lot better way to present things but you can't step off the bench and tell them," Sims said.

Sims, dean of the College for New Judges, says abandoning the advocate's role, bred into an attorney from the first days of law school, is a change in perspective a new judge must learn when he or she takes the bench.

Training newly elected or appointed judges to run their courtrooms with confidence and conduct themselves within the judicial code of ethics is satisfying to the judge, who volunteers to lead the college sponsored by Texas Center for the Judiciary Inc., of Austin.

One hundred and fourteen newly elected judges - 18 percent of all Texas judges to be on the bench Jan. 1 - attended the week long college in early December in Dallas which offered classes in trial management, ethics, legal issues, gender and race bias and public perception. The college, in its 21st year, provided training for county court-at-law judges, district judges, appellate judges and probate judges. They earned 31.7 hours of continuing education credit required for new judges.

Judge Kent Sims

In the volunteer position, Sims is responsible for designing the curriculum based on the review of past studies, observation of other state's curriculum, and consultation with other judges and past faculty members. The faculty was trained in a two-day session by a Reno, Nev., expert versed in adult teaching methods, he said. Each faculty member presented a "mini session" subject to critique during the training sessions.

On tap for new judges is a mentoring program similar to that used in other states, Sims said.

Sitting judges who volunteer to be mentors are trained in mentoring so that when a judge is elected or appointed, the mentor takes him under his wing and begins preparing him to take the bench.

This year's college was a success.

"We were very satisfied with the results, but always have room to improve," Sims said.

Postal Service: Elderly easy targets for scams

FORT WORTH (AP) – The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is urging people this holiday season to watch for signs that their elderly relatives may be victims of telephone or mail fraud.

"The elderly are more trusting," said Linda Kirksey, a postal inspector with the Fort Worth division. "They grew up in an era when a handshake was your word. Another reason is that many are on a fixed income, and they're looking for ways to increase their income."

Because of a process called "reloading," or refining lists to target specific groups, many shady operations can target just the elderly in a community.

Ms. Kirksey said there is never a shortage of complaints about the "fantastic deals" offered by con artists.

"I had a gentleman in my office the other day – he was about 75 – with a briefcase full of these guaranteed sweepstakes envelopes," Ms. Kirksey said. "He sent money in to a few of them, and he had not lost a lot, but ..."

In many cases, Kirksey said, crooks can filch thousands of dollars in registration costs, auditors' fees, shipping charges and other illegitimate fees.

The easiest ways to identify legitimate sweepstakes is to examine the fine print.

The key, Kirksey said, is whether anything must be bought. Legitimate sweepstakes do not require any purchase.

Investment schemes, health-plan offers and charitable appeals also must be watched closely, she said.

To avoid scams, postal inspectors offer these suggestions:

— Watch for stacks of sweepstakes mail proclaiming you "a guaranteed winner" or offering lottery tickets for sale.

— Volunteer to help senior citizens balance their checkbooks so you can be alerted to any questionable checks or sudden withdrawals. Offer to go over credit card statements as well.

— Watch for a steady stream of unsolicited telephone calls offering "fantastic" opportunities to claim prizes or make sure-fire investments.

— Remind senior citizens not to give out checking account or credit card information to unsolicited callers.

— Report schemes to the nearest postal inspector.

Chechen civilian casualties draw criticism

SLEPTSOVSKOYE, Russia (AP) – Russian ground forces and warplanes bore down on the capital of the separatist republic of Chechnya Saturday while criticism grew at home and abroad over the mounting civilian deaths.

Residents of besieged Grozny, fearful of new air strikes, have been huddling in basements and seeking shelter among the ruins.

Photographers who left Grozny Saturday said the capital was bombed before dawn for a fifth straight day. Several buildings were destroyed but the presidential palace appeared untouched. The number of casualties was unknown.

Two days of heavy daytime bombing had driven thousands more residents and most remaining journalists out of the Chechen capital.

Russian artillery shells were hitting the town of Argun east of Grozny, and residents were trying to recover some of their belongings from under the debris of their homes.

The Russian president, Boris Yeltsin, was expected to address the nation Monday night or Tuesday, his spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov said. Yeltsin, who has not made a single public appearance since the offensive began, called a meeting of his Security Council for Monday.

Russian newspapers noted prominently that today was the 15th anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Moscow launched its largest military operation since that invasion on Dec. 11, sending up to 40,000 troops to quash the Chechens' independence bid for fear it could encourage other regions of Russia to secede. Chechen leader Dzhokar Dudayev, a retired Soviet air force general, declared the mostly Muslim province of 1.2 million independent in November 1991.

Chechen officials say hundreds of people have been killed since the Russian offensive began.

The United States and other foreign governments, which had initially called the invasion of Chechnya an internal Russian affair, began to state their worries over the increasing number of civilian casualties.

"Respect for fundamental human rights has been and will continue to be a basic precept of U.S. policy toward Russia," State Department spokesman David Johnson said.

Britain, Canada, France and Turkey urged Moscow on Friday to find a peaceful solution to the fighting, a day after the European Parliament and Human Rights Watch-Helsinki criticized the Russian offensive.

Yeltsin's failure to appear publicly since Dec. 10 has fueled domestic criticism of the operation to restore Russian authority in Chechnya.

Military for Democracy, a group of current and former soldiers that once ardently supported Yeltsin, called on Friday for a halt to the "unjust war." It urged Russian pilots to follow the example of other officers who have either refused to attack Chechnya or resigned in protest.

Criminal proceedings have been opened against 17 soldiers who deserted their units, the Interfax news agency said.

The Duma, or lower house of parliament, overwhelmingly adopted a resolution Friday urging Yeltsin to immediately end the fighting and resume peace talks. But the measure carried no weight.

The Duma then adjourned until mid-January.

Teen found guilty of hiring parents' killer

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) – Eric Robles often blew up at his parents if they told him to do better in school or refused to buy him a car before he turned 18, prosecutors said.

The anger eventually turned deadly.

Robles was convicted of first-degree murder for paying a friend $100 to fatally stab his parents, then watching as Diana Robles was stabbed 29 times and Peter Robles 22 times.

A DuPage County jury deliberated 11 hours Friday before finding the 18-year-old guilty but mentally ill in the April 1993 slayings at the family's home in Bartlett.

Prosecutors claimed Robles was a conniver who planned the murders. The defense said he was driven to kill after years of verbal and mental abuse by his father.

The state will seek a life sentence for Robles, who was 17 at the time of the murders and therefore not eligible for the death penalty, said Assistant State's Attorney Mike Wolfe.

Robles would serve his time in a prison but could be sent to a prison hospital for care, said his lawyer, Scott Conger.

Robles' classmate at Elgin High School, 18-year-old Sean Helgesen, faces a February trial on murder charges.

The slayings shocked the quiet Chicago suburb, where the only other murder in its 100-year history had been in 1984. A trail of blood was found on the street outside the Robles home the morning after the killings.

Robles was arrested shortly afterward when police found him with blood on his pants.

Prosecutors said the teen-agers plotted for at least a week. They taped the bottom of their shoes to disguise footprints, put duct tape over the license plate of their car and wore nylon stockings over their heads.

"The defendant is a spoiled, self-centered, manipulative murderer," Assistant State's Attorney Rick Kayne said during the trial.

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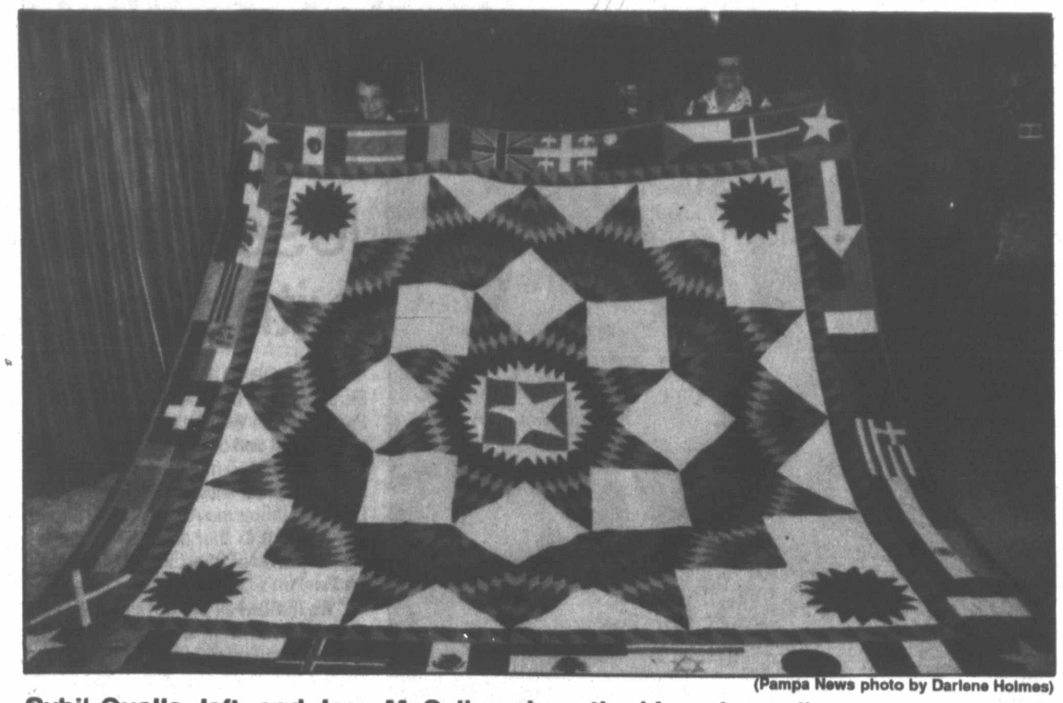

(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Sybil Qualls, left, and Jean McCalley show the king-size quilt prepared for Mrs. Qualls' son, Richard.

King-size quilt becomes mother's gift to son

A former Pampa resident will be the recipient of a king-size quilt, thanks to the effort of his mother and one of her friends.

Sybil Qualls said her son Richard Qualls, a resident of Layette, La., saw a poster at the Texas Folklife Festival 1983, sponsored by the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio.

He later mentioned to his mother that he would love to have a quilt like the one on the poster he saw.

Mrs. Qualls had her daughter-in-law take a photograph of the poster so she could fashion the quilt her son Richard wanted. She then enlisted the help of her friend, Jean McCalley, and together they stitched the 122 inch by 122 inch quilt, which has a border of 32 flags.

Mrs. Qualls did all the piecing, and McCalley planned the layout and chose all the fabric from looking at the photo of the poster. The quilt is all hand-pieced and hand-quilted. It took the two women a year, off and on, to complete.

The quilt was to be a birthday gift for him this past November. But now it is a delayed birthday gift, presented to him on Christmas Eve with cake and candles, Mrs. Qualls said.

On the quilt, McCalley has embroidered, "To Richard from Mother with love."

Mrs. Qualls has been largely confined to her home due to medical reasons and decided now was the time to finish the quilt for presentation to her son.

Clintons observe traditional Christmas

WASHINGTON (AP) – Celebrating "the traditional kind of Christmas that we grew up with," the Clintons are trimming the family tree and preparing for a Christmas morning with presents and home-baked cookies.

And in a radio address offering Christmas greetings to the nation, President Clinton provided an upbeat summary of the state of the world as 1994 nears its end.

"This holiday season, one of the greatest blessings of all is that our world is at peace, freedom is on the march and the world is a safer place than it was a year ago," he said.

"I'm proud of our accomplishments to turn conflict into cooperation, to transform fear into security, to replace hatred with hope," he said.

"In a world that is evermore bound together, those efforts have been good for millions of people around the globe, and very good for America."

Clinton asked a special holiday prayer for members of the U.S. military serving around the world and unable to return home for Christmas, including those in Haiti and the Persian Gulf.

"I wish all our troops could come home for the holidays, but those who aren't are doing important work for our nation" he said. "And as you gather in your homes this week, I hope you'll join me in a prayer for their well-being and the health and happiness of their families."

In separate excursions, the president and first lady completed their Christmas shopping Friday. Clinton visited an upscale shopping mall in Georgetown in northwest Washing-ton. Mrs. Clinton and daughter Chelsea went across the Potomac to the colonial Old Town in Alexandria, Va.

The first lady said she had no special "wish list" for Santa Claus. "I feel so blessed and so lucky that I can't think of anything that I want except a lot of love and my family."

It seemed clear she would get more than that.

The president's purchases included four video cassettes, colorful sweaters and at least two other, unidentified gifts. One was from a shop that specializes in signed documents and letters from past presidents and other historic figures; the other from a posh jewelry store.

Mrs. Clinton was more guarded about her gift for her husband.

"Oh, that's a secret and I can't tell you that; we don't open until Christmas morning," she said in remarks recorded for CNN's Larry King Weekend program Saturday.

The Clintons planned to finish decorating their private Christmas tree in the Yellow Oval room of the White House residence on Christmas Eve, then bake chocolate chip cookies from an old family recipe.

They are being joined by family members during the holidays.

Army officer marries her fiance – by satellite

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) – Renee Collingwood and her fiance tied the knot, but they won't be exchanging kisses anytime soon. The U.S. Army officer in Haiti and the computer programmer in upstate New York exchanged vows via satellite hookup.

Standing in a room at the U.S. Army's main base here Friday night, and flanked by an Army chaplain and other soldiers, the 23-year-old lieutenant beamed into a video camera set above a TV screen displaying the groom.

In Fort Drum, N.Y., a grinning Benjamin Lee, 24, stood with Collingwood's mother, Lynne, the bride's 16-month-old son, Devon, and three family friends. Collingwood's 10th Mountain Division is based in Fort Drum.

After having the fatigue-clad bride and Lee repeat wedding vows, Army chaplain Capt. Robert Sinnett said, "With this ring I thee wed," and placed the ring on her finger.

"At this point, I'd say kiss the bride, but a wave will have to do," the chaplain told Lee, who blew her a kiss anyway through the TV screen and giggled.

During the ceremony, Devon got bored, climbed down from his grandmother's arms and could be heard knocking down a microphone.

"Before, I had never even heard of a VTC," Collingwood, of Ithaca, N.Y., said of the Video Teleconference, which U.S. soldiers here occasionally use to chat with relatives back home. "It's kind of like when people jump out of an airplane to get married. If you're going to do it, do it in style."

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Food For Thought by Danny Bainum

Everyone loves muffins - and when you bake them in tiny muffin cups, they look extra-special, good enough for dessert! Top blueberry muffins with a mixutre of sugar and grated lemon rind, fruity bran muffins with chopped nuts and a little cinnamon sugar.

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Raw green peppers have [illegible] times as much vitamin C as oranges, red peppers nearly four times as much.

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For a fun party snack, cut cooked hot dogs into bite-size pieces, and pierce each one with a pretzel stick instead of a toothpick. Serve with mustard, ketchup and other sauces for dipping.

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Move beyond mayonnaise for potato salad. Cut little red potatoes into quarters (no need to peel) and cook until fork-tender. Toss with a little olive oil and lots of basil and rosemary (fresh or dried), plus salt and pepper to taste.

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Business

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor

It's better to give

The story of "Unlucky Jimmy" has become a Christmas tradition for this column. Because we have added thousands of new readers this year, I'd like to share it again.

Unlucky Jimmy is a sad little story my mother often read to me when I was small. It's about a little boy named Jimmy whose family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and spent most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope of joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jimmy would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jimmy knew he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive. He even called himself Unlucky Jimmy.

Then, one night just before Christmas, Jimmy received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jimmy a special gift. Jimmy grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jimmy saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jimmy's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little truck was still under the tree. As Jimmy reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jimmy there were only enough presents for one per child.

Jimmy looked longingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blond hair just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jimmy clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jimmy began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jimmy didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jimmy sat by his little sister's bed, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. She gave him the red fire engine and explained to Jimmy that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick sister. After she told them why Jimmy had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring the fire engine to Jimmy.

The True Meaning

I often think of Jimmy at Christmas time, usually when I'm feeling selfish. Would you join me this Christmas season in beginning a "Jimmy" tradition? We can make the coming year a joyous occasion for all people by giving of ourselves.

Volunteer time to your favorite church or charity. Make or bake something for someone less fortunate. Take time to listen to someone who needs you. Let's make this year a year of giving.

Remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas is Christ's birth. It is his life of giving, sharing and caring we should emulate.

(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

New directors of Citizens Bank & Trust are, from left, John Lee Bell, Betty Frye and Duane Harp.

New directors named

New name is in the future of Pampa's Citizens Bank

Citizens Bank & Trust of Pampa will change its name in the middle of 1995, but bank officials haven't yet announced what the new name will be.

The name change was mentioned toward the bottom of a written statement announcing changes in the board of directors of Citizens Bank & Trust.

The statement quotes Larry Orman, president and chief executive officer of the bank, as saying the name change will reflect "the united image" of the five Texas Panhandle banks owned by the same holding company that has owned Citizens Bank & Trust since 1990.

Those banks are located in Amarillo, Hereford, Perryton and Booker.

In addition, Orman said in the statement, the basnk will be streamlining operations in 1995. That will include some staff changes and a reduction in the number of employees, he said. Specifics were not immediately available.

The statement emphasizes that the bank is not being sold.

John Lee Bell has been elected chairman of the bank's board of directors. Bell has been a member of the board for 20 years and has been serving as vice chairman. In taking over as chairman, he will fill a position previously held by Rex McKay.

Duane Harp, who has worked for the bank since 1984 and is currently senior vice president, was elected to the board of directors and was named vice chairman. Harp has been active in the community and served as president of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce in 1992 and as chairman of the United Way Campaign in 1987.

Betty Frye, who has worked for Citizens Bank & Trust since 1958, also was elected to the board of directors. She will continue to serve as secretary to the board. Frye, who is vice president and cashier at the bank, fills the board seat previously held by Bill Waters. She has held positions on a number of community boards, including that of treasurer of the Gray County chapter of the American Heart Association.

Orman praised the three directors as being "extremely loyal" to the bank and its customers.

And, he said, "The parent holding company has praisedthe success of the bank, citing the strength of the Pampa area economy."

He said there are plans to expand the bank's services in 1995.

"Our company invested in the future of Pampa with a major remodeling project last year and sees great potential ahead," Orman said.

As of plans to make staff changes, he said, "Each of our people knows that the process of change is essential if we are to move forward in the changing and competitive banking industry."

PanAm loses fight with Delta

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge Friday cleared Delta Air Lines of driving Pan American World Airways out of business in 1991 and ordered Pan Am to repay Delta about $150 million.

Pan Am had sought $2.5 billion from Delta, claiming the Atlanta-based airline had forced it to shut down by withholding the last bit of financing needed to finish Pan Am's bankruptcy reorganization.

"We fulfilled all our obligations to Pan Am and even went the proverbial extra mile in providing assistance in the reorganization effort of Pan Am," said Delta chairman Ron Allen.

U.S. District Judge Robert Patterson Jr. also ordered Pan Am to repay $115 million Delta lent Pan Am during its bankruptcy. Delta said that as of June 30, the interest bill totaled $30 million.

The news was welcomed on Wall Street, where Delta's stock price was up $3.87 1/2 a share to $49.62 1/2 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Pan Am general counsel Paul Rendich described the decision as "a loss across the board for Pan Am." Rendich said Pan Am hadn't yet decided if it would appeal.

Pan Am shut down in 1991 days after Delta said it wouldn't put up any more money to carry it through a bankruptcy reorganization. Since it stopped flying, Pan Am has been selling assets and pursuing lawsuits to raise cash to pay creditors.

After selling its Washington-New York-Boston shuttle operation and its North Atlantic routes to Delta, Pan Am hoped to emerge from bankruptcy court as a smaller carrier flying between Miami and Latin America.

Pan Am claims Delta had said repeatedly it was planning to invest in the new Pan Am on Dec. 4, 1991, but reneged. Pan Am had been budgeting its cash to that day and when Delta backed out, Pan Am ran out of money and shut down.

Patterson ruled that none of the written agreements between the two or Pan Am's proposed reorganization plan indicated the deal would close on that day.

"To contend that ... not only flies in the face of the language of the joint plan of reorganization, but would require the court to find that Delta and its very experienced attorneys were grossly stupid," Patterson wrote.

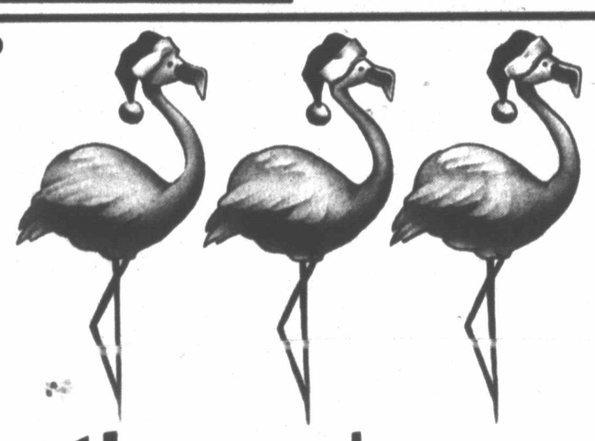
Vermont snubs Wal-Mart store

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A state board Friday denied a permit to build the first Wal-Mart in Vermont, fearing it will drive smaller stores out of business.

Nearby towns stand to lose tax revenue if their stores have to shut down because of competition from Wal-Mart, the Environmental Board ruled. Other opponents have said the project would lead to job losses.

The board estimated there would be $3 of public cost for each dollar of public benefit generated by the store proposed near St. Albans in northwestern Vermont.

Officials from Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, said they would try again with an application that addresses the board's concerns. The board wants Wal-Mart to put up a bond or an impact fee that would ease the burden on any community hurt by the project.



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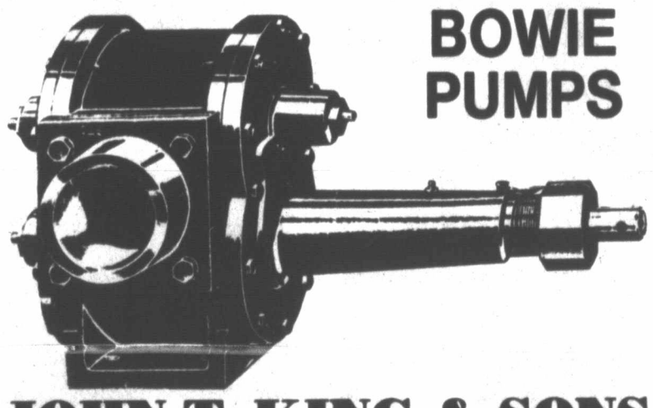

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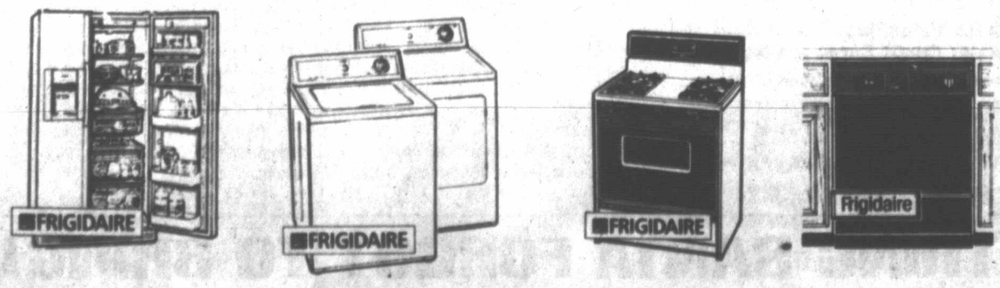

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Intentions to Drill

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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Maxus Exploration Co., #1-56 Arrington (640 ac) 2200' from North & 600' from East line, Sec. 56,A-2,H&GN, 13 mi S-SW from Canadian PD 11300' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188)

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Maxus Exploration Co., #2 Willa Rae Dumler 'A' (640 ac) 660' from North & East line, Sec. 2,1,I&GN, 10 mi SE from Canadian, PD 11450'.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., Huth (320 ac) Sec. 5,M-24,TCRR, 7 mi NW from Stinnett, PD 3425' (7120 I-40 West, Suite 100, Amarillo, TX 79106) for the following wells:

#8-5, 330' from South & 1300' from East line of Sec.

#9-5, 990' from North & 330' from East line of Sec.

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & SOUTH HIGGINS Morrow & FELDMAN Tonkawa & WEST HIGGINS Novi) Oneok Exploration Co., #1-174 Jones (658 ac) 2640' from North & 1320' from West line, Sec. 174,43H&TC, 2 mi SW from Higgins, PD 12600' (100 West 5th St., Suite 871, Tulsa, OK 74102)

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & S.W. LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Maxus Exploration Co., #3 Oliver N. Waters 'B' (646.9 ac) 1750' from South & 1800' from East line, Sec. 462,43,H&TC, 8 mi SW from Lipscomb, PD 8200'.

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Sandra Arcoma, #3 Homer (507 ac) 2640' from South & 1220' from East line, Sec. 392,44,H&TC, 7 mi N-NW from Dumas, PD 3850' (Box 1662, Pampa, TX 79066)

POTTER (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Arrow Energy, Inc., Arrow-Bivins (482 ac) Sec. 0-18,D&P, 30 mi N-NW from Amarillo, PD 2500' (8144 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 998, Dallas, TX 75231) for the following wells:

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SHERMAN (WILDCAT & LARIAT Morrow & CUMBERLAND Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #5 Files (653 ac) 467' from South & East line, Sec. 112,1-C,GH&H, 7.5 mi south from Texoma, PD 6750' (Box 358, Borger, TX 79008)

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HANSFORD (NORTH HANSFORD Wolfcamp) Questa Energy Corp., #29-2 Davis-Bryan (640 ac) 1800' from North & 467 ' from West line, Sec. 29, 4-T,T&NO, 4 mi NE from Spearman, PD 5153' (Box 19297, Amarillo, TX 79114)

HEMPHILL (BIG TIMBER CREEK Douglas) MER Resources, #3 Wayne Cleveland #3-88 (960 ac) 1120' from North & 1260' from West line, Sec. 88,41,H&TC, 8.5 mi SE from Canadian, PD 8000' (1800 S. Canyon PArk Circle, Suite 402, Edmond, OK 73013)

Oil Well Completions

OCHILTREE (PEERY Marmaton) Unit Petroleum Co., #3 Morris 'C', Sec. 736,43,H&TC, elev. 2725.5 kb, spud 10-8-94, drlg. compl 10-20-94, tested 12-13-94, pumped 15 bbl. of 55 grav. oil + no water, GOR 1533, perforated 7464-7489, TD 7620', PBTD 7570 —

ROBERTS (SHREIKEY Granite Wash) J.M. Huber Corp., #2 Coffee Estate, Sec. 3,B-1,H&GN, elev. 2746 gl, spud 11-8-94, drlg. compl 11-29-94, tested 12-5-94, flowed 28 bbl. of 58 grav. oil + 2 bbls. water thru 12/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure —#, tbg. pressure 740#, GOR 18571, perforated 9316-9338, TD 11027', PBTD 10955' — Plug-Back

Gas Well Completions

HANSFORD (NORTH HANSFORD Wolfcamp) Questa Energy Corp., #29-2 Davis-Bryan, Sec. 29,4-T,T&NO, elev. 3073 gr, spud 10-17-94, drlg. compl 11-4-94, tested 11-18-94, potential 138 MCF, rock pressure 584, pay 3254-3268, TD 5153', PBTD 3318' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Resources Co., #3-7 Cheek, Sec. 7,1,I&GN, elev. 2754 gr, spud 8-10-94, drlg. compl 9-14-94, tested 11-6-94, potential 5811 MCF, rock pressure 1986, pay 10557-10826, TD 11030', PBTD 10833' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Wallace Oil & Gas Inc., #3-3 Petree, Sec. 3,1,I&GN, elev. 2670 gr, spud 9-5-94, drlg. compl 10-5-94, tested 12-1-94, potential 950 MCF, rock pressure 1003, pay 10740-11002, TD 11170', PBTD 11131' —

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #1-C Kathryn '112', Sec. 2,JW,John Wortham, elev. 2375 gr, spud 8-27-94, drlg. compl 9-20-94, tested 11-10-94, potential 9500 MCF, rock pressure 3826, pay 9420-9605, TD 9850', PBTD 9705' — Dual Completion w/#1-T Kathryn '112'

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #1-T Kathryn '112', Sec. 2,JW,John Wortham, elev. 2375 gr, spud 8-27-94, drlg. compl 9-20-94, tested 11-12-94, potential 19000 MCF, rock pressure 3322, pay 9676-9714, TD 9850', PBTD 9705' —

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #18 McDowell, Sec. 12,1-PD,W.N. Morton, elev. 3393 kb, spud 3-25-94, drlg. compl 4-14-94, tested 11-17-94, potential 318 MCF, rock pressure 37.72, pay 2918-4082, 2975-5154, MD 4082', TVD 2813', MD 5154', TVD 3196' — Horizontal Well

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Kerr-McGee Corp., #C7 McDowell, Sec. 16,M-16,AB&M, elev. 3367 gr, spud 10-6-94 drlg. compl 10-21-94, tested 11 21-94, potential 380 MCF, rock pressure 20.9, pay 3040-3270, TD 3350', PBTD 3298' — Plug-Back

OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH Upper Morrow) Medallion Production Co., #3B Leroy E. Smith, Sec. 69,13,T&NO, elev. 2959 gr, spud 9-2-94, drlg. compl 11-1-94, tested 11-15-94, potential 924 MCF, rock pressure 3068, pay 8434-8444, TD 8600' —

ROBERTS (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Alpar Resources Inc., #5 South Lips '17', Sec. 17,A,H&GN, elev. 2605 gr, spud 10-7-94, drlg. compl 10-24-94, tested 12-1-94, potential 4150 MCF, rock pressure 2329, pay 8718-8735, TD 8900' PBTD 8784 —

Plugged Well

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) VRK Oil & GAs Inc., #7-C E.E. Watkins, 'A' R/A 'A', Sec. 72,Z,HE&WT, spud 11-18-35 plugged 12-8-94, TD 3000' (inj) — Form 1 in Amoco

Employees of the Year

(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Vincent Hillman, left, of West Texas Ford, and Cindy Abbott of Robert Knowles Auto Center, have been named as Employees of the Year for the two firms. Hillman and Abbott were honored at a special banquet last week in recognition of their service.

Gun violence, other crimes increase in Japan

TOKYO (AP) – Japanese news media confirmed Friday what many fear – that gun violence and other crime is rising in Japan, a country long known for its safety.

The National Police Agency reported 248 shooting cases – with or without victims – so far this year. That was more than in any of the past five years.

"The report makes it clear, Japan is on its way to becoming a gun society," the Friday edition of the financial daily *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* said.

The term "gun society" has long been synonymous in the Japanese media with the United States, which many perceive as a dangerous place where gun crime is out of control.

There are more gun deaths in a single afternoon in the United States than Japan records all year. Thirty-eight Japanese were shot dead and 28 wounded as of Tuesday, said the report, released Thursday. No one was injured in the other shootings.

But the rise in violent crime, however low the overall rate, appeals to the sense many Japanese have that their nation is vulnerable to bad influences from abroad. The 38 fatal shootings marked a 71 percent increase over last year's figure.

Police say illegal firearms are increasingly available. Most of those confiscated last year were U.S.-made.

Until recently, shootings were widely considered a problem that affected only gang members. But that has changed since a rash of widely publicized shootings involving ordinary people with no underworld links.

In a case that led to a flurry of news reports, a 36-year-old man shot his doctor in a crowded commuter train station on Oct. 25 following a dispute about his hernia operation.

In a single day, six shots were fired into a patient's room at a hospital in southern Japan, a man was shot in the head during a robbery at his finance company, a real estate agent was found shot in the chest near his office, and the body of another man who had been shot in the face was found at his home.

Hutchison asks for delay in auto emissions testing

DALLAS (AP) – U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has asked the federal government for a six-month moratorium on Texas' auto emissions testing program, calling it an "onerous" regulatory burden and a financial strain.

The moratorium on the program, which is set to begin Jan. 1, is needed to review alternate testing methods and for Congress to make changes to the Clean Air Act, Mrs. Hutchison said Friday at her Dallas headquarters.

"Right now, we are looking at this auto emissions test improving our air quality possibly 1 percent to 5 percent, but costing $1.2 billion," she said. "In fact, if you look at the regulatory burden overall in this country it about equals the entire federal income tax burden."

In a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency, Hutchison said Texas' rigid interpretation of federal clean air rules would "foist substantial, unnecessary expenses and inconveniences on Texas motorists."

Gov.-elect George W. Bush and other Texas leaders already have signaled opposition to the planned testing program and should have the opportunity to review the plan, the letter stated.

EPA officials did not immediately return a telephone call Friday for comment.

The testing was established by amendments to the Clean Air Act signed by then-President Bush. States are required to establish programs to test vehicle emissions once every two years in polluted areas.

Texas has four such areas – Houston-Galveston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Beaumont-Port Arthur and El Paso. Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Longview have borderline air quality and could be added to the program if pollution levels rise.

The new testing is not part of the annual emissions test with which Texans already must comply.

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HOCKEY

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — NHL owners would accept a deal without a tax if the players make major concessions on arbitration or free agency, according to published reports.

Negotiators will meet again next week in a final rush to get a deal by the new year so games can begin during the first half of January.

Canadian Press reported the players association is planning a union league with 16 to 20 teams playing a 20- to 25-game schedule, beginning Feb. 1.

Players want commissioner Gary Bettman to set a deadline so they can proceed with their plans, if necessary, CP said. Bettman has refused to say when the "drop-dead date" will be.

Meanwhile, both sides will be waiting to see whether the cap implemented unilaterally by baseball owners will hold up in court.

QUEBEC (AP) — Marcel Aubut, president and part owner of the Quebec Nordiques, announced that he is resigning three corporate board positions to see his NHL team through the labor crisis.

Aubut, who is on the executive committee of the NHL's board of governors, said his top priorities are negotiations with the federal, provincial and municipal governments to build a new arena in Quebec and on reaching a settlement with locked out players.

BASKETBALL

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Washington Bullets forward Chris Webber was placed on the injured list after dislocating his left shoulder Thursday against Golden State and is expected to miss 4-6 weeks.

Webber, playing against his old team for the first time since his trade to Washington, left the game early in the third quarter after being injured in a scramble for a loose ball.

The 6-foot-10 Webber is the team's leader in scoring, rebounding, minutes, blocks and steals. He has averaged 18.4 points since joining the Bullets in the Nov. 17 trade that sent Tom Gugliotta to the Warriors.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Supporters of Memphis basketball coach Larry Finch, hoping to draw more spectators to Tigers games, will buy tickets from season ticket holders who are staying home.

The supporters are worried the coach's job is in jeopardy because of low attendance. They point to the recent firing of Tigers football coach Chuck Stobart as an indication Finch might also be in trouble.

The Tigers drew less than 8,000 to each of two home games this week. Their arena, the Memphis Pyramid, seats just over 20,000.

The Tigers were 13-16 last season, their first losing record since 1980-81. Finch has been coach since 1986.

FOOTBALL

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons signed running back Craig Heyward, who is having the best year of his career, to a new two-year contract.

Heyward has 1,041 combined yards this season, the highest total of his seven-year career. He also has career highs with 746 rushing yards, eight touchdowns and 30 receptions for 295 yards.

His rushing average of 4.5 yards is third in the NFL and his eight TDs are the most by a Falcons running back since Gerald Riggs in 1986.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Penn State offensive line coach Craig Cirbus was named head coach at Buffalo.

Cirbus, with Penn State since 1984, helped shape the nation's No. 1 offense, which averaged 47.8 points this season.

While at Penn State, he has coached in seven bowl games and two national championship games.

Cirbus, who played collegiately at Buffalo, began his coaching career at Buffalo in 1982.

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — A chartered plane carrying some members of the Oklahoma football team to Tucson, Ariz., had to make an unscheduled landing in Amarillo, Texas, after developing engine trouble.

No one was injured and the team, coaches and other athletic department staff transferred to another plane and continued the trip, university spokesman Ryan Mayes said.

The team was heading to Arizona to begin preparations for the Dec. 29 Copper Bowl game with Brigham Young.

TENNIS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jennifer Hall advanced to the semifinals of the Orange Bowl International junior tennis tournament.

The unseeded Hall, 17, stunned third-seeded Stephy Halsell, 6-1, 6-4.

Today, Hall will play 13-year-old prodigy, No. 9 Anna Kournikova, in a semifinal. The Russian ousted top-seeded Miriam D'Agostini of Brazil, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. The other semifinal pits fourth-seeded Spaniard Marian Ramon against unseeded Aarthi Venkatesan of Australia.

SKATING

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Tonya Harding, who didn't exactly carry a jolly elf image in 1994, brought a little holiday cheer to shoppers who crammed a mall in suburban Portland two days before Christmas.

Harding, in a short Mrs. Santa Claus suit with white fur trim, skated an elegant routine to "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," finishing by coasting on one leg toward a bank of cameras, her arms spread and a smile on her face.

The routine carried an element of suspense because Harding had to avoid 10 or so other skaters who were sharing the ice with her. But she persevered.

After she finished, she collected the roses and stuffed animal that were thrown onto the ice for her.

MLB owners quickly dump players under cap

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It didn't take major league teams long to start adjusting to the salary cap era.

Just hours after owners imposed the cap, teams let go of 36 players Friday by refusing to offer them 1995 contracts. At the same time, congressional critics promised a renewed attempt to strip the sport of its antitrust exemption.

New York Yankees pitcher Jim Abbott, Colorado Rockies third baseman Charlie Hayes and New York Mets pitcher Pete Harnisch were among the top players let go.

"We just thought the money that we would have to spend for them was over their market value, and we couldn't attend to that," said New York Yankees general manager Gene Michael, who also let go infielder Randy Velarde. "We just didn't think the value was there for that kind of money. Both of them are free to negotiate now with anyone, and that includes us."

The moves came 19 years to the day after pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally won free agency for players in the case that ended the owners' century-old reserve clause.

Friday's implementation signals a change that might be just as dramatic.

The 21 teams over the cap must reduce their payrolls by a total of $56.2 million next season. And it's possible the season won't even begin with the usual major leaguers.

"There are owners out there who want to break the union," Jay Bell of the Pittsburgh Pirates said. "I think they think they can squeeze it and get us to cross. That won't happen."

Owners, having gone through with their threat to implement the salary cap, said they were ready to start spring training with replacement players if the strike continues.

"The Oakland A's had hoped that implementation of a new compensation system could be avoided and that we could look forward to a 1995 season with the labor issue resolved," team president Sandy Alderson said. "Unfortunately, this is not the case. However, we intend to play baseball. And while we hope that an agreement with the major league players can still be reached, we recognize that we must prepare to play the season with new personnel."

Union officials said they will file an unfair labor practice complaint next Tuesday with the National Labor Relations Board and ask the agency to seek a preliminary injunction against the cap in U.S. District Court. If the NLRB issues a complaint, a hearing is likely in February.

Congress also could attempt to intervene by stripping owners of their antitrust exemption. Two senators said Friday they would start the process when Congress reconvenes early next month.

"The major league owners ought not to suppose that Congress will allow another baseball season to be ruined without taking legislative action," Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y, said.

Moynihan said he will introduce the National Pastime Protection Act on Jan. 4.

"This action by the owners intensifies the need for Congress' immediate action to repeal major league baseball's unwarranted and antiquated antitrust exemption," said Bob Graham, D-Fla. "Existence of this exemption has tilted the playing field, and that tilt has the potential of rolling major league baseball into the closet for the foreseeable future."

Owners implemented their proposal in an unusual way. Management lawyers left the notice for union head Donald Fehr in an envelope at the front desk of the Capital Hilton hotel.

"When I got to my room, the message light was on," Fehr said early Friday. "They told me I had a package at the front desk."

The envelope contained a five-page letter from management lawyer Chuck O'Connor and 66 pages of new contract language. Owners changed the sections of the collective bargaining agreement dealing with salaries and the reserve system, and rewrote the uniform players contract.

"This week's events, including your proposal of this afternoon, have demonstrated that any further bargaining on this issue would be futile," O'Connor wrote. "We sincerely hope that this longstanding bargaining impasse will be broken."

Mavs suffer back-to-back losses on West Coast trip

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are trying to establish themselves as a legitimate playoff team after being one of the league's worst for three years.

On Friday night, the Portland Trail Blazers showed the Mavericks an ugly side to life in the NBA — the dreaded back-to-back game.

Portland sprinted to a 15-point lead in the first quarter and kept sprinting to the 118-92 win over the weary Mavericks, whose coach said afterward the players brought broken hearts with them from Seattle.

"It took me about three minutes to figure out that we were goners here," said Dallas coach Dick Motta, whose team lost 103-101 to Seattle on Thursday night.

"I guess you could say our disappointment last night might have spilled over," Dallas guard Jason Kidd said of the last-second loss. "But Portland played so well, it may not have made any difference."

Clifford Robinson led the Portland onslaught with a season-high 31 points in three quarters, hitting 12 of 18 shots, including four of seven 3-pointers.

Clyde Drexler added 18 points for the Trail Blazers. Point guard Rod Strickland, who was injured for Portland's first game against Dallas, a 101-91 road loss, had 13 points, 10 assists, seven rebounds and four steals in 30 minutes.

Portland took 99 shots, making 45. Its fast-break was working well. One-time starter Jerome Kersey came off the bench for 12 points and Harvey Grant had nine, all in the second quarter.

"I'm buying Harvey dinner for running the floor so well," Strickland said.

On defense, the Blazers contained Dallas' high-scoring tandem of Jimmy Jackson and Jamal Mashburn. Jackson, the league's second leading scorer at 28.8 points, was 5-for-14 from the field for 10 points. Mashburn, averaging 26.8 points, was 4-for-14 and had 14 points.

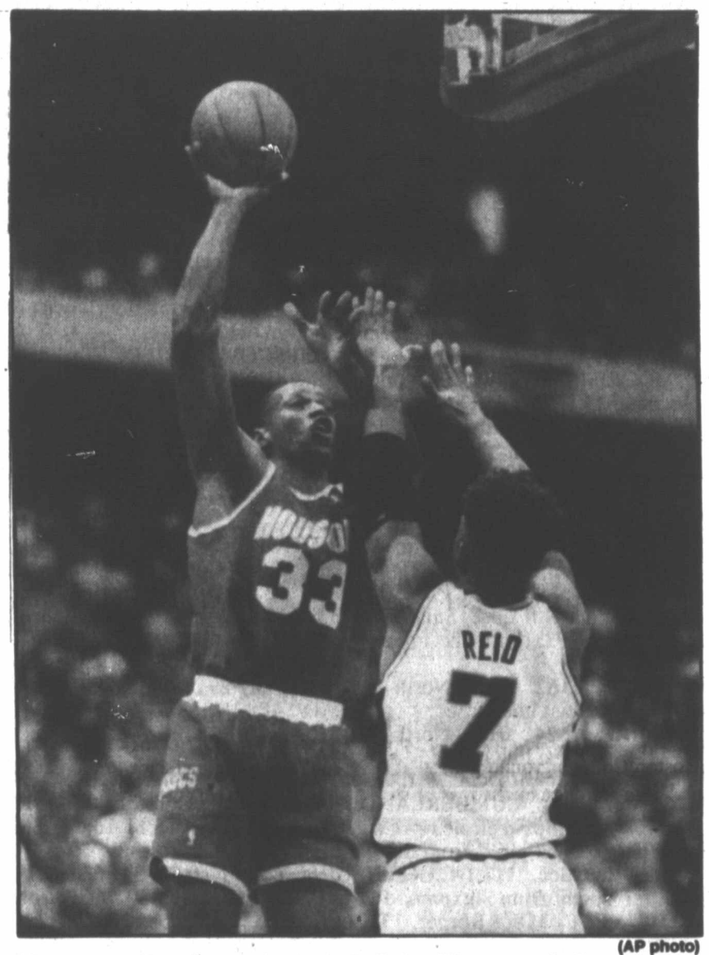
"With the big lead like we got in the first quarter, the game could get sloppy," Portland guard Steve Henson said. "We were able to control it."

Doug Smith led the Mavericks with 18 points, Roy Tarpley had 17 and Jamal Mashburn 14.

Portland led 57-40 at halftime, and Dallas made a 10-4 run to open the third period, with Jackson's 8-footer closing the lead to 61-50 at 7:48.

"When we cut it to 11 in the second half, I started to think maybe we could make a real run, but then they stripped the ball away and started a run of their own," Motta said.

Robinson nailed a 5-footer



(AP photo)

Houston Rockets forward Otis Thorpe, left, shoots over San Antonio Spur's forward J.R. Reed Friday night in the Spur's win.

Baseball troubles top sports stories of '94

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

Baseball has always been like a symphony, with a defined beginning on opening day in April, a recognizable middle at the All-Star game in July, the crescendo of the pennant races in September and the climax of the World Series in October.

In 1994, the music stopped.

For the first time in 90 years, baseball's summer ended abruptly. The players went on strike Aug. 12 to protest a salary cap proposed by management to control costs. On Sept. 14, after 34 days of limited negotiations, acting commissioner Bud Selig canceled the remainder of the season, including the playoffs and the World Series.

There would be no crescendo and no climax this year.

Last Thursday, as the strike stretched one day longer than the 131-day season had, last-ditch talks broke off and the owners imposed the salary cap, a move certain to carry the dispute well into 1995.

In a tumultuous sports year full of twists and turns — almost as many off the field as there were on it — the sudden and dramatic end to a baseball tradition was voted Story of the Year by The Associated Press.

(AP photo)

Former Dallas Cowboys head coach Jimmy Johnson and Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones shake hands at a news conference March 29, 1994. Johnson and Jones announced they were parting ways at the conference.

Member newspapers and broadcast stations were asked to vote for the top 10 stories, with a first place vote worth 10 points, a second place worth nine, etc.

The baseball strike and World Series cancellation received 765 points, followed by the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan figure skating soap opera, which was second with 531. The arrest and trial of O.J. Simpson on two counts of murder finished third with 483 points, ahead of George Foreman winning the IBF and WBA heavyweight championships (429) and the New York Rangers winning the Stanley Cup after 54 years (324).

Completing the top ten stories were the NHL lockout (268); Jimmy Johnson quitting as coach of the Dallas Cowboys (263); Dan Jansen's Olympic gold medal (240); Michael Jordan's move into baseball (226); and the Dallas Cowboys winning a second straight Super Bowl (189).

Baseball's troubles began to develop last January. With their collective-bargaining agreement expired, the owners agreed to a new revenue-sharing arrangement that would be contingent on players accepting a cap on salaries.

Robinson steps in to stop Olajuwon in Spur's win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A hobbled David Robinson rose to the task in the waning moments of the San Antonio Spurs' game against the Houston Rockets.

The 7-foot-1 center came into the game with a painfully swollen left ankle that he sprained in a victory over Denver on Wednesday. But he blocked two shots by Hakeem Olajuwon in the final two seconds to preserve the Spurs' 98-96 win Friday night.

"I told the guys before the game that they were going to have to pick things up, because I couldn't jump," Robinson said. "And then the other [illegible]"

Late in the first quarter of Friday night's game, Robinson twisted his right ankle while scrambling for a loose ball.

After briefly visiting the locker room to retape both ankles, Robinson returned later in the first half.

A 15-foot jumper by forward Sean Elliott with 2.9 seconds left gave San Antonio its first lead of the fourth quarter. But the Rockets weren't through, managing two shots in the final ticks.

After a Houston timeout, Robert Horry inbounded with an alley-oop pass to Olajuwon. The Rockets center caught it, but Robinson made a desperate swipe to swat the ball out of bounds.

After another timeout, Sam Cassell inbounded again to Olajuwon, who tried a 17-footer at the buzzer. Again, Robinson rejected the shot.

Robinson finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Coach Bob Hill dug deep in San Antonio's playbook to pull out an isolation play that set up Elliott's last shot, which handed Houston its ninth defeat in 14 games and the Spurs their sixth consecutive victory.

Jazz enjoy surprise success

By WENDY E. LANE
AP Basketball Writer

The Utah Jazz, a team that didn't make any impressive offseason moves and whose two stars aren't getting any younger, are the surprise team of the early season.

But their recent surge, which includes a franchise-record 10-game road win streak and a spot atop the Midwest Division, should be no surprise given Utah's history in December. With two games to play this month, the Jazz are 9-3. In the previous five seasons, they were 54-20 in December, including 11-3 each of the last two seasons.

At 31, Karl Malone is playing as well as he ever has. And although he's criticized Jazz management for not being more active in improving the personnel around him, Malone now is part of a team he really likes.

"If we stay focused, this is the best team I've been a part of, and that's the way we're looking at it now," he said. "I haven't been this excited about a season in a long time. Maybe it's because we're winning on the road and maybe it's because of the closeness of this team."

But Malone's closeness to his teammates, even point guard John Stockton, apparently has a limit. Asked this week how he would feel about a trade to a major-market team like the New York Knicks, the Mailman said: "Would I be opposed to it? Absolutely not."

NCAA hoop coaches — like dust in the wind

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

We haven't even hit the New Year yet and four Division I schools have changed coaches since practice began on Oct. 15. That's after an offseason when 53 schools changed the man in front of the bench.

The first of the four changes this season was Tim Grgurich taking over for Rollie Massimino at UNLV after the latter accepted a $1.8 million buyout of his contract. Grgurich had been an assistant to former UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian for 12 years.

Then came Darrel Johnson's firing at Baylor after the school placed itself on a two-year probation over a grade-fixing scandal that resulted in Johnson being among five people indicted on federal fraud charges. Assistant Harry Miller was named interim head coach.

College Bowl Games

Frazier might lead Huskers in Orange

By JOHN PACENTI
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A scrimmage will help determine what role Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier, disabled for two months because of recurring blood clots, will play in the Orange Bowl against Miami.

"It won't be a huge scrimmage, but there will be contact," coach Tom Osborne said Friday after Nebraska arrived in Florida. "We'll let Tommie Frazier get bumped around a little bit. It will be a full go, but we'll try not to have the quarterbacks get hit needlessly."

Frazier, who played in last January's Orange Bowl loss to Florida State, was prohibited from contact drills after surgery in October to remove a clot. In his absence, Brook Berringer stepped in and kept the team undefeated.

Today's scrimmage was filmed to evaluate both quarterbacks. Osborne has said both would see time in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1, but he plans to wait as late as game day to announce the starter.

"It doesn't matter who is quarterback," said defensive back Jay Foreman, son of former Minnesota Vikings great Chuck Foreman. "We can get the job done."

Top-ranked Nebraska (12-0) will play No. 3 Miami (10-1) in the Orange Bowl, but Osborne said he was disappointed he couldn't take on No. 2 Penn State (11-0).

"I think it's a real tragedy that the people in college football, if they're not going to have a playoff, are not going to be able to somehow have two teams who are undefeated ... get together somehow," Osborne said.

Because the Big 10 Conference is under contract with the Rose Bowl, No. 2 Penn State will play Pac-10 champion Oregon on Jan. 2.

Osborne's feelings may also reflect Nebraska's recent bad luck in the Orange Bowl.

The Cornhuskers have lost their last seven bowl games. Last season, the second-ranked Cornhuskers entered the game undefeated and lost to No. 1 Florida State 18-16. Miami defeated the Cornhuskers in the Orange Bowl in 1984, 1989 and 1992.

"I think Miami is a tougher draw than Penn State in Pasadena," Osborne said after his team went through more than two hours of drills at St. Thomas University.

For many of the upperclassmen, the 22-0 loss to Miami three years ago is very much on their minds. The Hurricanes handed the Cornhuskers their first shutout in 32 bowl games.

"We played them a couple of years ago, and it was embarrassing," linebacker Donta Jones said. "Now we have a chance to come back and redeem ourselves."

The Cornhuskers didn't waste anytime getting ready for Miami, practicing with half pads shortly after arrival.

"We started out pretty stiff," fullback Cory Schlesinger said. "But I thought we warmed up at the end of practice. It was a good practice."

Meanwhile, Nebraska fans are behind their team like never before, snatching up more than 14,000 tickets to watch the Cornhuskers play in the Jan. 1 game. Last year, 12,500 Nebraska fans bought tickets.

Virginia readies for TCU passing attack

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Virginia defensive end Mike Frederick has definite ideas about what Texas Christian University's offense can accomplish when the two meet next Wednesday in the Independence Bowl.

He's looking for the run. He's looking for the screen pass. And he's not looking for TCU to complete many long passes.

"They can't beat us by dropping back and passing the ball," he said shortly after the Cavaliers arrived here to begin bowl preparations.

TCU, 7-4, will face a Virginia defense that led the nation in rushing defense and interceptions.

Virginia, 8-3, held opponents to an average of 63.6 yards rushing per game while intercepting 27 passes. Ronde Barber pulled down eight of those interceptions; Joe Crocker, six.

The Cavaliers start getting use to their surroundings with a practice Saturday morning.

While the Cavaliers arrived by air on Friday, TCU's players will be reporting Saturday and, because most of them are from neighboring east Texas, they'll largely be arriving on their own.

Any dilemma over where to feed all the players on Christmas day was solved by a local casino.

All the players will be treated to Christmas dinner Sunday at the onshore pavilion for the Harrah's riverboat casino on the Red River. Jeff Zeagler, a member of the media relations staff at the Independence Bowl, said the casino officials stepped forward with an offer to feed the players for the holiday.

The Independence Bowl is sponsored by Poulan-Weed Eater.

Potent offenses square off in Aloha Bowl

By GORDON SAKAMOTO
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — Exploit the Kansas State secondary and stop the Boston College ground game.

Those were the exchanges of strategy provided by the opposing teams Friday as they began final preparations for the Aloha Bowl on Sunday.

Boston College wide receiver Clarence Cannon, who won't be in uniform because of an injury, said 11th-ranked Kansas State's aggressive secondary might be ripe for the Eagles to exploit.

He prefaced that by saying the Wildcats have a "really good defense," but added, "I wouldn't compare it to Miami because Miami has a unique defensive line that takes a lot of pressure off the defensive backs.

"Kansas State puts pressure on its defensive backs because they play nothing but man-to-man. That will give us an opportunity to explore deep passes."

So, if Cannon, who's been helping "coach" the receiving corps, is correct, quarterback Mark Hartsell could be a major factor in the game.

Hartsell, who completed 159 passes for 1,864 yards and 13 touchdowns this season, will be looking for Kenyatta Watson and Greg Grice. They combined for 73 receptions, 1,030 yards and six TDs during the regular season.

Another option might be Justice Smith, who caught 17 passes coming out of the backfield.

On the other side, Kansas State co-defensive coordinator Jim Leavitt said the Wildcats will have to stop Boston College's running game.

"They've got two good running backs," he said. "They've driven the ball on everybody they've played. I don't know of anyone who's stopped them."

That means containing David Green, who rushed for 1,018 yards, and Smith, who gained 708.

The key, however, will be making proper reads on BC's tight ends, according to Leavitt.

"They use the tight ends in a lot of ways," he said. "They move around inside, creating problems. We have to adjust to them so as not to allow their running game to get established.

"If they do, it's going to create a balance for them, make them two-dimensional. We don't want them to do that."

Bob Stoops, who shares defensive duties with Leavitt and coaches the secondary, agreed.

"We have to try not to let them achieve a balance in their attack," he said. "When they pass, Boston College throws high-percentage passes to the tight ends. Once they establish a balance, they're good at moving the ball downfield and keeping the clock going."

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

Thursday, Dec. 15
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
UNLV 52, Central Michigan 24

Sunday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Kansas State (9-2) vs. Boston College (6-4-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Arizona (8-3) vs. Utah (9-2), 9 p.m. (Raycom)

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Texas Christian (7-4) vs. Virginia (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Oklahoma (6-5) vs. Brigham Young (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 30
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
South Carolina State (9-2) vs. Grambling State (9-2), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Gainesville, Fla.
Tennessee (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado State (10-1) vs. Michigan (7-4), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Texas (7-4) vs. North Carolina (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Baylor (7-4) vs. Washington State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Illinois (6-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 1
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
North Carolina State (8-3) vs. Mississippi State (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (12-0) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Monday, Jan. 2
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin (6-4-1) vs. Duke (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Ohio State (9-3) vs. Alabama (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Colorado (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (6-4-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
South Carolina (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas Tech (6-5) vs. Southern California (7-3-1), 1 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Penn State (11-0) vs. Oregon (9-3), 4:50 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (10-1-1) vs. Florida State (9-1-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 14
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
Senior Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 22
At Honolulu
Hula Bowl
East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Miami	9	6	0	.600	362	307
New England	9	6	0	.600	338	309
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	331	346
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	297	311
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	254	296
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800	282	197
y-Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	305	195
Cincinnati	2	13	0	.133	243	376
Houston	1	14	0	.067	202	342
West						
x-San Diego	10	5	0	.667	344	272
LA Raiders	9	6	0	.600	294	308
Kansas City	8	7	0	.533	300	289
Denver	7	8	0	.467	319	366
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	278	288

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Dallas	12	3	0	.800	404	233
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	264	295
Arizona	8	7	0	.533	229	257
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	278	275
Washington	2	13	0	.133	296	391
Central						
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	335	300
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	337	315
Chicago	9	6	0	.600	268	294
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533	348	268
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	.400	232	317
West						
x-San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	491	275
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	318	379
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	307	379
LA Rams	4	11	0	.267	265	341

x-clinched division
y-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Washington at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
Sunday's Game
Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.
Monday's Game
San Francisco at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Playoffs
Saturday, Dec. 31
AFC and NFC Wild Card
Sunday, Jan. 1
AFC and NFC Wild Card
Saturday, Jan. 7
AFC and NFC Divisional
Sunday, Jan. 8
AFC and NFC Divisional
Sunday, Jan. 15
AFC and NFC Championship
Sunday, Jan. 29
Super Bowl at Miami
Sunday, Feb. 5
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	20	5	.800	—
New York	12	11	.522	7
New Jersey	12	16	.429	9 1/2
Boston	10	15	.400	10
Philadelphia	9	16	.360	11
Miami	8	15	.348	11
Washington	7	16	.304	12
Central Division				
Cleveland	17	8	.680	—
Indiana	15	8	.652	1
Charlotte	14	11	.560	3
Chicago	12	12	.500	4 1/2
Atlanta	11	15	.423	6 1/2
Detroit	9	14	.391	7
Milwaukee	7	17	.292	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	18	8	.692	—
Houston	14	9	.609	2 1/2
San Antonio	13	9	.591	3
Dallas	12	10	.545	4
Denver	12	11	.522	4 1/2
Minnesota	5	19	.208	12
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	19	6	.760	—
Seattle	16	7	.696	2
L.A. Lakers	15	8	.652	3
Portland	12	10	.545	5 1/2
Sacramento	13	11	.542	5 1/2
Golden State	9	15	.375	9 1/2
L.A. Clippers	3	22	.120	16

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 85, Boston 77
Cleveland 80, New Jersey 75
Orlando 123, Milwaukee 91
Miami 116, Charlotte 93
Atlanta 97, Detroit 77
Chicago 116, Indiana 92
San Antonio 98, Houston 96
Phoenix 126, Denver 110
Portland 118, Dallas 92
Washington 105, L.A. Clippers 102
L.A. Lakers 100, Sacramento 89
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Games
Seattle at Denver, 4 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Mens Top 25
By The Associated Press
How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll fared this week:

1. North Carolina (7-0) beat Hawaii 88-76.
2. UCLA (5-0) beat George Mason 137-100.
3. Arkansas (8-1) beat Florida A&M 97-57; beat Tulsa 82-63.
4. Massachusetts (5-1) did not play.
5. Kentucky (5-1) did not play.
6. Arizona (7-2) lost to No. 14 Syracuse 94-84.
7. Kansas (7-1) beat Santa Clara 80-75; beat Rice 71-57.
8. Florida (5-2) lost to Jacksonville 68-67.
9. Duke (6-1) beat North Carolina A&T 99-56.
10. Connecticut (5-0) beat Fairfield 85-68.
11. Maryland (8-2) beat Morgan St. 138-72.
12. Georgetown (5-1) did not play.
13. Cincinnati (7-3) beat Cal State Northridge 116-54; lost to No. 24 California 89-76.
14. Syracuse (7-1) beat Robert Morris 103-67; beat No. 6 Arizona 94-84.
15. Arizona State (7-2) beat Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo 98-43; beat Oklahoma State 72-69.
16. Minnesota (7-3) lost to Texas Southern 71-50; beat San Jose State 115-68.
17. Michigan State (5-1) beat Tennessee 79-68.
18. Georgia Tech (7-1) beat Furman 94-73.
19. Wake Forest (6-1) beat Citadel 81-58.
20. Wisconsin (6-1) beat Loyola Marymount 75-60.
21. New Mexico State (8-2) beat Texas-Arlington 102-63.
22. Virginia (6-3) beat VMI 100-73; lost to Stanford 64-60.
23. Illinois (8-2) beat Mercer 90-66; lost to Missouri 76-58.
24. California (6-0) beat No. 13 Cincinnati 89-76.
25. Iowa State (8-1) beat North Florida 114-80.

Women's Top 25
By The Associated Press
How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll fared this week:

1. Tennessee (9-0) beat Montana 66-61.
2. Connecticut (6-0) beat Iona 101-42.
3. Louisiana Tech (8-1) beat Ohio State 98-81.
4. North Carolina (10-0) beat Morehead State 92-43; beat College of Charleston 81-36; beat East Tennessee State 106-72.
5. Alabama (8-0) beat Middle Tennessee State 99-70.
6. Penn State (8-1) beat Houston 105-58; beat No. 19 George Washington 90-85.
7. Stanford (6-1) did not play.
8. Vanderbilt (11-2) beat Oregon 82-54; beat No. 25 Oregon State 78-57.
9. Colorado (7-2) beat Long Beach State 85-42; beat Montana State 74-53.
10. Washington (8-2) lost to Santa Clara 68-61; beat Gonzaga 88-59.
11. Texas Tech (11-2) beat Florida State 66-44; beat Old Dominion 67-53; beat Virginia Tech 68-47.
12. Virginia (6-2) beat Radford 88-48.
13. Georgia (7-0) beat Bowling Green 82-63.
14. Purdue (5-3) did not play.
15. Western Kentucky (6-0) did not play.
16. Mississippi (8-0) beat Tennessee Tech 61-38.
17. Kansas (7-2) beat No. 24 DePaul 84-67.
18. Florida (7-2) beat Loyola Marymount 85-48; beat New Mexico State 68-63.
19. George Washington (6-1) beat UNLV 93-85; lost to No. 6 Penn State 90-85.
20. Seton Hall (8-1) beat Miami 72-44.
21. Southern Cal (5-1) did not play.
22. Southern Mississippi (7-0) beat Southern U. 99-71; beat Alabama-Birmingham 99-59.
23. Texas A&M (6-1) beat Louisiana State 78-52.
24. DePaul (6-2) lost to No. 17 Kansas 84-67.
25. Oregon State (7-1) beat Utah 80-67; lost to No. 8 Vanderbilt 78-57.

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Letters to Santa

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My name is Kayla. I am 4. Please bring me Ice skates and a lion King tent. I have tried to be good. Thankyou. Look for your snacks.
Love,
Kayla Mendoza

Santa.
My name is Margo. I am 1. Please bring me some toys. I saw you at the mall. I am little and I was a little afraid. My mom says thats okay.
Love Margo Mendoza

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Dallas Cowboy and a Mighty Ducks wastebasket, Dallas Stars, Mighty Ducks, Dallas pocket knives, Dallas Cowboy, ,travelers bag, Kansas wildcats clock, Black team soccer t-shirt, jukebox, Kansas City Chiefs
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Dear Santa,
thank you for the toys I get from you and the elfs and Mrs. Claus. I got you a letter and cookies and milk with the letter. Have a safe trip on Christmas.
Santa, this is what I want for Christmas.
1. camra 2. smart start elite 3. hotshot basketball 4. triple arcade
5.Ask Zandar
tatoHoles 7.mall madnes 6. tellophone game.
thank you very much
love,
Rhiannon

Dear santa,
I want a Tattoododles,
Toy Nala
and Tresher rocks
THANK YOU!
Cassidy

Dear Santa Claus,
I've already talked to several of your Santa Claus helpers at the malls. I'm writing to you with my mom's help. I want to make sure you know that we've moved to 1913 N. Dwight in Pampa, TX. Mommy & I will put cookies & milk under the tree for you & milk under the tree for you & carrots for the reindeer, and peanuts also. My Christmas list is as follows:
Barbie House
Games
Little Bike
Clock
Barbie Kitchen
Barbie Accessories
My mom wants clothes & a salad shatter. My daddy wants clothes.
Thank you for reading my letter & thank you for whatever you can bring me. I've been a good little girl & so has mom & dad.
Love,
Danielle

Judge falls down elevator shaft during building inspection tour

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A judge touring an unfinished building before ruling on a city petition to demolish it fell down an elevator shaft on Friday.

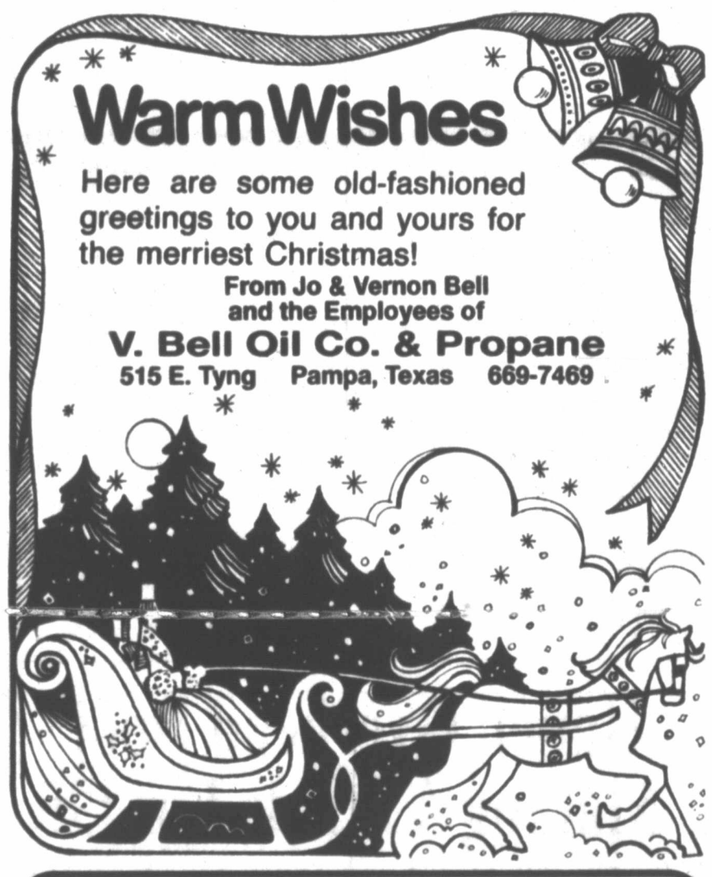
Circuit Judge H. Michael Coburn had been ahead of about 10 other people when he fell about 12 feet, witnesses said. The group had been using flashlights in the darkened building.

Coburn, 52, was in critical condition with brain, chest and abdominal injuries, said Jim Gember, a spokesman for Research Medical Center.

The judge was examining the privately owned building in preparation for ruling on its demolition, said Valerie Hartman, spokeswoman for the 16th Judicial Circuit, Jackson County. Several city officials, community leaders and lawyers for the building's owner were also on the tour.

Coburn had signed a temporary restraining order Nov. 28 to stop demolition of the building. At a hearing Dec. 8, Coburn gave the owner 15 days to make certain repairs.

Coburn, a former presiding judge in the 16th Circuit, was appointed to the bench in 1981 and retained by voters three times.



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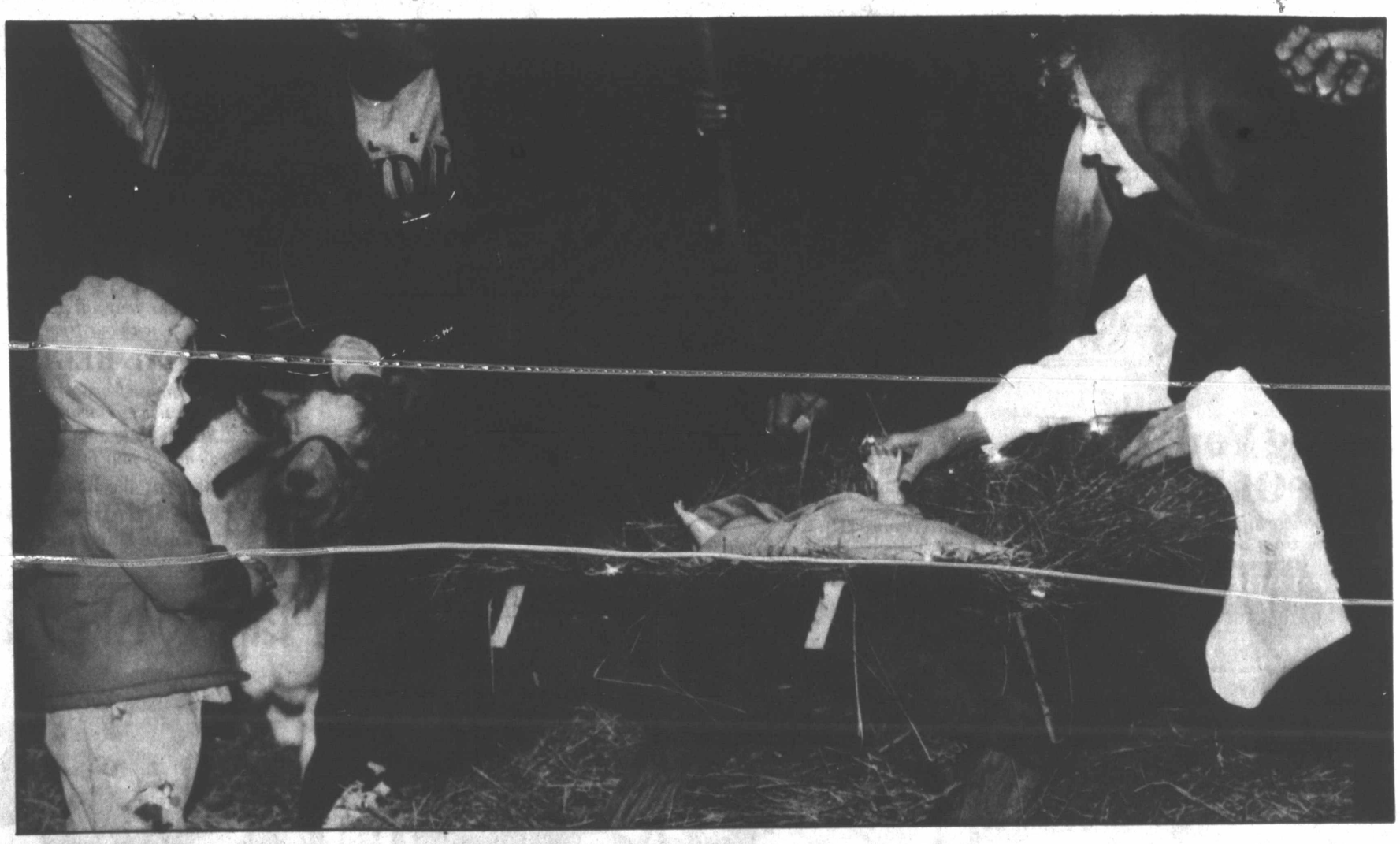
From The Gospel According to St. Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 1-14.

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, every one into his own city.
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into into Judaea, unto 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 would 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 around 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.

a Child is born!



Photos by Melinda Martinez

Lefors First Baptist Church presented a live Nativity scene last week in celebration of Christmas. The Nativity scene was new this year. In the past, the church has presented Christmas music programs. "We wanted to do something different this year," said Tula Ellis, organizer of the event, and wife of the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor.

Top left photo: Helen Akins stands as one of the wise men. In the back are Ray Turpin (left), and Keith Roberson (right), as some of the shepherds.

Above right: Melody Seely plays the Angel of the Lord that appeared to the shepherds and revealed to them that the Christ Child was born in Bethlehem.

Center: Sherry Thacker (right), as Mary coaxes Keely Shay Callaway to take a closer look at the Baby Jesus.

Left: Standing in the live Nativity scene are from left: Marvin Allison, Judy Livingston and Jesse Callaway as shepherds; Bobby Thacker as Joseph; Sherry Thacker as Mary; Ray Turpin and Keith Roberson as shepherds; Helen Akins, Luella Allison and the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor, as the wise men; and Melody Seely as the angel.

Coffman-Roden

Jodi Beth Coffman of Borger and Christopher Joe Roden of Pampa were married Dec. 16 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo with Monsignor Joseph Tash officiating. He was assisted by the bride's grandfather, the Rev. William D. McReynolds.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Ellen Coffman of Borger and the groom is the son of Joey and Monica Roden of Pampa.

Serving as the maid of honor was Michelle Cross of Borger. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Roden of Pampa; Jennifer McReynolds of Petersburg; Jill Lumpkin, Jill Granthan, Calley Simpson and Angelique Sims, all of Lubbock; and Tanya McDonald of Borger.

Standing as the best man was Victor Roden of Pampa. The groomsmen were Ryan Teague of Austin; Heath Parker of Amarillo; Hershell Barns, Jay Kajs, Matt Malone and Hadley Weaver, all of Lubbock; and John Mills of Houston.

The ushers were Brandon Knutson of Amarillo; Jason Becker and Brad Fricks, both of Lubbock; and Ron Coffman of Borger.

Registering the guests was Tammy Turner of Lubbock.

Providing music for the event was Sona Solano, soloist, of Pampa; Jim Gardner, organist, of Amarillo;. Ron Coffman, pianist, of Borger; and Susie Wheeler, Marney Wheeler, Anabelle Ingham and Cari Earnhart, bells, all of Borger.

A reception followed at the parish hall in the church.

Serving the guests were Shelby Sutphen, Lisa Ford and Arlene Schenpf, both of Lubbock; Jennifer Douglas of San Antonio; and Stefanie Gillian of Fort Worth.

The bride attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Amarillo. The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

After a honeymoon to Wolf Creek, the couple plan to reside in Amarillo.

The history of collecting disc art

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The Getty Art History Information Program has introduced a new compact disc documenting the history of collecting.

The disc, "Documents for the History of Collecting," brings together information compiled abroad, documenting the provenance of paintings and other works of art over the last 400 years.

Scholars, museum curators and collectors can access and retrieve information from European archives, sales catalogs and museum records by using the CD-ROM. Most of the information now available on the disc has never been published.

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Sabbe-Maddox

Kelli Brooke Sabbe and Haydn Shawn Maddox, both of Amarillo, were married Dec. 17 at First United Methodist Church in Wheeler with the Rev. Warren Schoenecker officiating.

The bride is the daughter of James and Carolyn Sabbe of Wheeler and the granddaughter of Mary Damron of Friona and Helen Sabbe of Wheeler.

The groom is the son of Gordon and Audrie Maddox and the grandson of Bill and Faye Maddox and Cecil and Iva Dean Phillips, all of Memphis.

Serving as the matron of honor was Tami Jo Thompson of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Becky Crockett of Stephenville; Tammy Damron, aunt of the bride, of Ruidoso, N.M.; and Cindy Coffelt of Amarillo.

The flower girl was Shaylie Thompson of Pampa.

Brad Stewart of Memphis was best man. Groomsmen were David Chamberlain of Lubbock, Andy Moffitt of Canyon and Ty Ferrel of Pensacola, Fla.

Ring bearers were Nick and Josh Hardcastle of Wheeler.

Ushers were Heath Sabbe of Wheeler, brother of the bride; Stephen Maddox of Memphis, cousin of the groom; and Grayson Benson and Jess Weatherly, both of Amarillo.

Candlelighters were Cassi Brown of Wheeler and Kyle Hester of Drumright, Okla., cousin of the bride.

Lisa Schardt of Canyon registered the guests, and Liz Stiles of Weatherford, Okla., and Brad Stewart of Memphis sang.

Serving at a reception in the atrium of the church were Mindy Brashears of Stillwater, Okla., Marcy Well of Prague, Okla., cousin of the bride, DeAnn Nagel of Elk City, Okla., Cristen White of Canyon and Tom Heidler of Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of Wheeler High School. She attended Texas Tech University and received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from West Texas A&M University. She is employed as a registered nurse at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

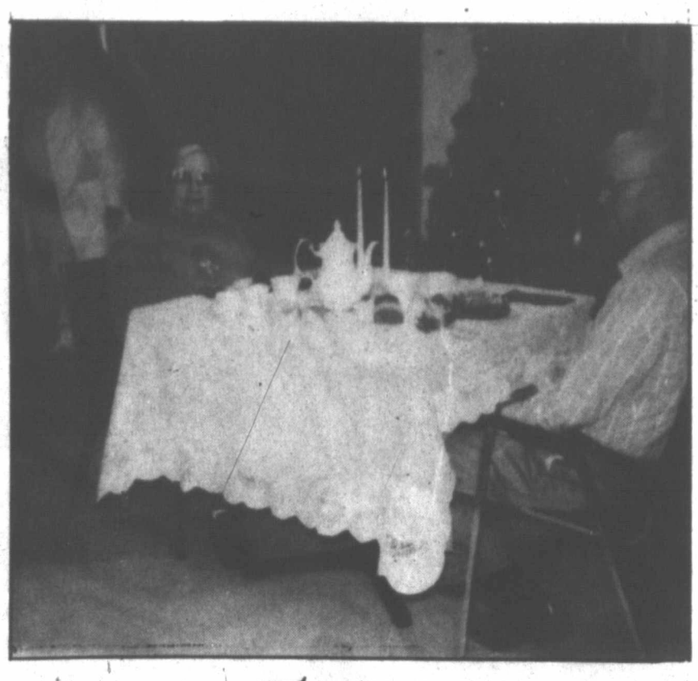
The bridegroom is a graduate of Memphis High School. He attended Texas Tech University and currently is a junior environmental science major at West Texas A&M.

Life of an actress

LONDON (AP) — English actress Lavina Fenton, afterward the Duchess of Bolton, was born in 1708, the daughter of a naval officer.

Miss Fenton first appeared in 1726 at London's Haymarket Theater. She made her greatest success in 1728 as Polly Peachum in "The Beggar's Opera," and was painted by Hogarth in this role.

Miss Fenton married an older man, the third Duke of Bolton, after the death of his wife in 1760. That same year, the actress died at the age of 52.



Teague

Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. Teague celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary Dec. 2 at Coronado Community Hospital where Mrs. Teague was a patient in the extended care unit. The luncheon was set up and organized by the staff of the unit.

Lifestyles policies

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2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding, and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

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7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198

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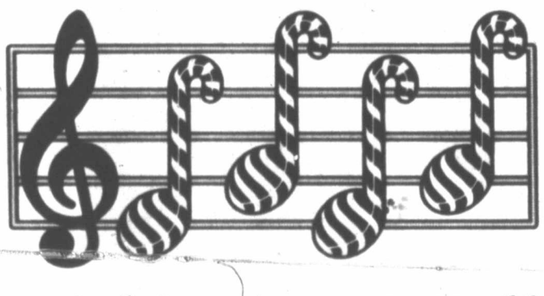

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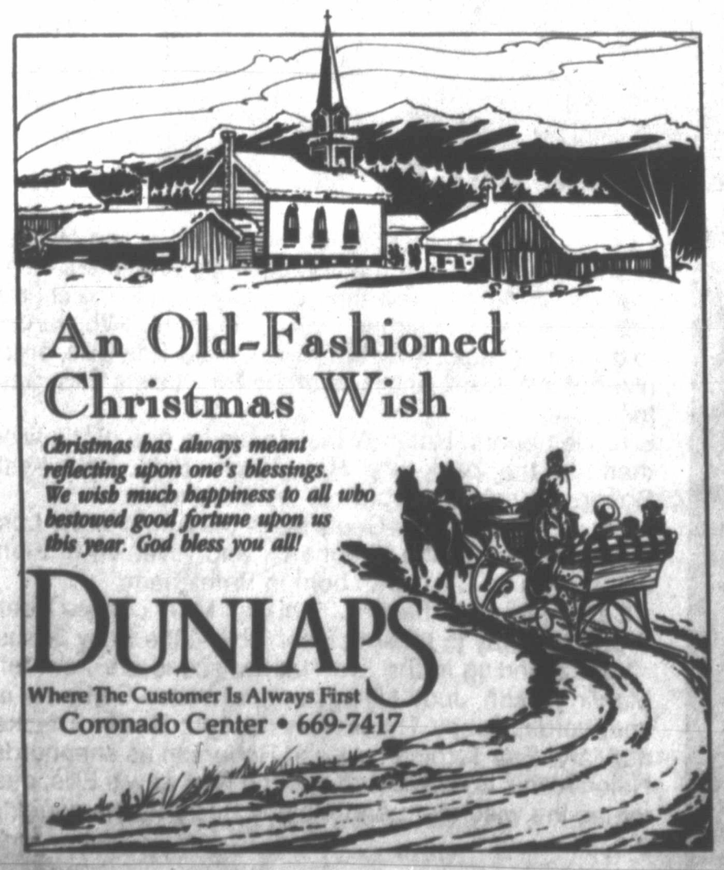

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

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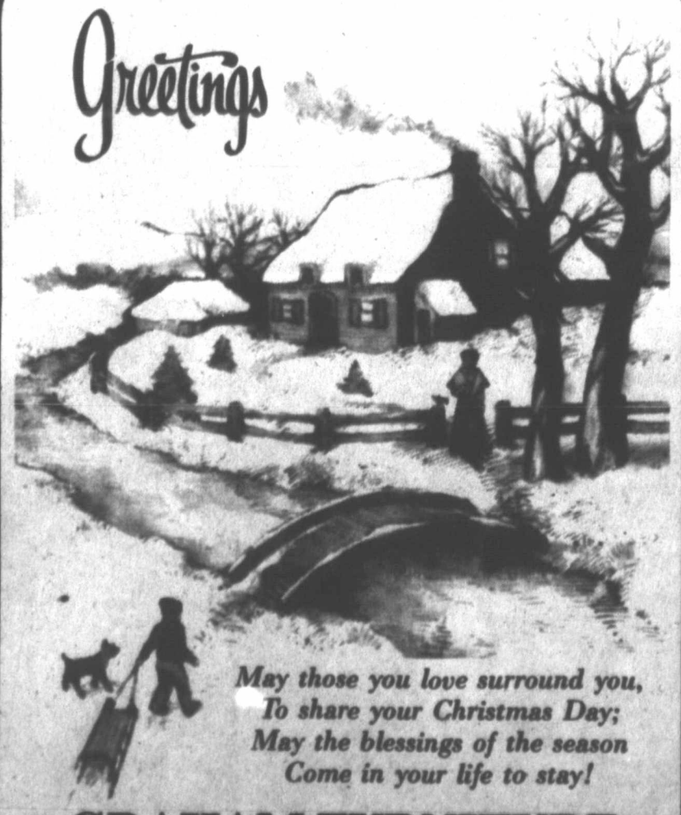
Greetings



May those you love surround you,
To share your Christmas Day;
May the blessings of the season
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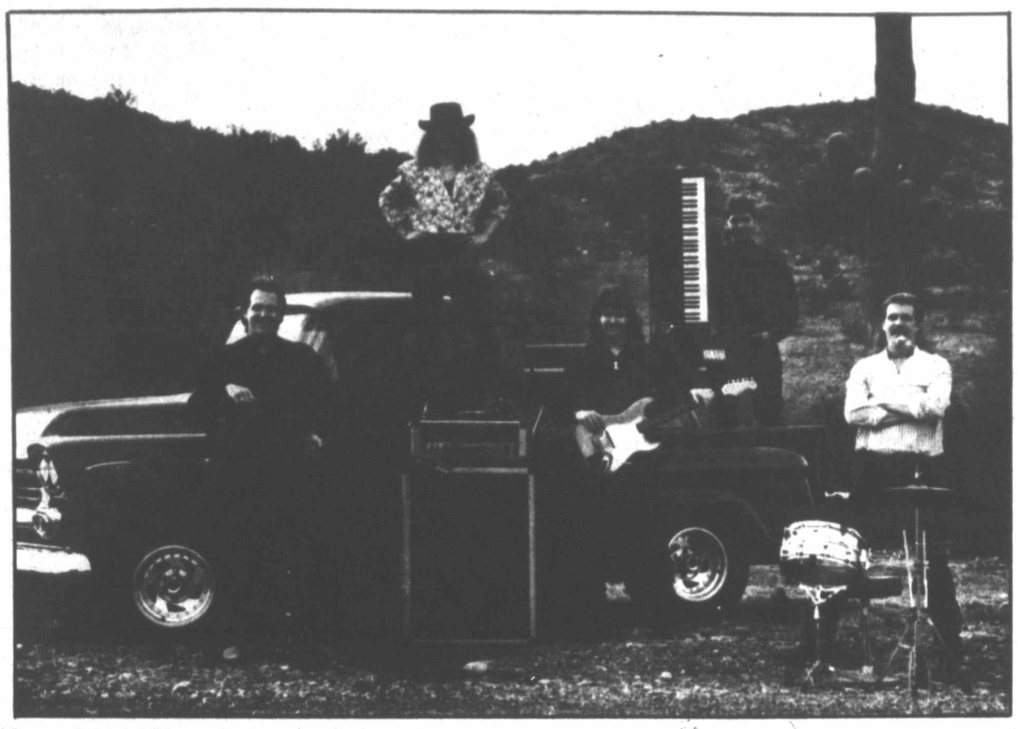
Kracker Jack to perform at dance



(Courtesy photo)

Kracker Jack (above) will perform at the Beta Sigma Phi New Year's Eve Scholarship Dance from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. Tickets can be purchased from any Beta Sigma Phi member or by calling Terry Harrison at 665-6037 or 665-1845. Proceeds raised from the dance benefit the Beta Sigma Phi scholarship fund. Each year, the organization awards scholarships to area students.

Menus

December 26-30

PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDAY...
CLOSED
TUESDAY

Chicken fried steak or taco salad, mashed potatoes, cream corn, spinach, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, banana pudding or strawberry cake, combread or hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, beans, apricot/peach cobbler or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, cornbread or hot rolls.

THURSDAY

Chicken fried chicken breasts or meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, macaroni and tomatoes, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, pineapple squares or German chocolate cake, cornbread or hot rolls.

FRIDAY

Fried cod fish or chicken spaghetti, French fries, buttered broccoli, fried squash, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, brownies or egg custard, garlic toast, cornbread and hot rolls.

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FRIDAY

Chicken patties, macaroni/cheese, pickled beets and applesauce.

Photojournalist gives collected works to new museum

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. (AP) — Photojournalist Lucien Aigner and his family are donating his collected works to the proposed Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art here.

"We are honored and delighted to be able to house this great collection, and are particularly pleased that we have been able to ensure that it remains in Berkshire County, where Mr. Aigner has made his home for the past 40 years," said North Adams Mayor John Barrett III, who heads the museum's organizing committee.

Aigner's photo study of Albert Einstein during his later years at Princeton University remains the enduring public image of the physicist. But his photo essays of Europe in the 1930s and New York in the 1940s captured both the famous and the commonplace.

The collection includes more than 70,000 negatives, 15,000 vintage exhibition and work printings and indexed notebooks of more than 72,000 file enlargements.

Organizers say a special gallery devoted to Aigner's work will be housed in one of the first buildings proposed for renovation in the sprawling vacant mill that promoters are seeking to convert into an $18 million arts center.

The project includes a mix of exhibition, performance and production space for various arts-related operations. Among the groups involved: Jacob's Pillow dance center in Becket, Mass. and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

Having a wedding in a skyline cathederal

(The Associated Press photo)

Maggie and John Manderson greet their friends after their outdoor wedding at South Cove Park in lower Manhattan. New York's financial district provided the backdrop of dramatic towers.

By BARBARA MAYER
For AP Special Edition

NEW YORK (AP) — As Maggie Simonelli and John Pilling Manderson embraced at the end of their outdoor ceremony at South Cove Park on the Hudson River in Manhattan, two white doves were released.

Silhouetted against the New York skyline for a few moments, the birds headed out across the Hudson River toward New Jersey — a fitting symbol for the union of a bride from New York and a groom from New Jersey. It also was a remembrance of Maggie's father, who died six months before the wedding.

The setting, the doves, and the celebrations that followed made the wedding memorable to Maggie, John, their families and their guests.

Maggie's parents had been planning a big wedding, but when Don Simonelli died unexpectedly, arrangements were put on hold. Then, with three months to go before the chosen date, the couple decided to go ahead with the wedding.

"After knowing each other for four years, we were ready to get married," says Maggie, 28, a recent master's degree graduate in fine arts from Pratt Institute. "It wouldn't be easier six months from now and we know that Dad would have wanted us to have the wedding."

Caroline Simonelli, Don's wife and business partner, was fully occupied running their company, Simonelli Design. So the bride and groom asked Caggie Simonelli, Maggie's 27-year-old sister and design coordinator at Donna Karan's DKNY division, to take charge of the wedding planning.

"I figured that Caggie, who runs fashion shows, should be able to handle a wedding,' says John, 34.

"My sister took over my father's role as planner," adds Maggie. "She organized everything and even designed the bridesmaids' and the groomsmen's clothes."

Since this family has business interests in fashion, the wedding apparel was important. Maggie's dress was designed by her father in an antebellum style with a boned bodice, a small waist and a full skirt. The white silk taffeta dress has long sleeves and bare shoulders.

Don Simonelli already had selected a silk Black Watch plaid for the attendants' outfits. Caggie Simonelli came up with the idea of using this fabric to create individual outfits, like long or short skirt or pants worn with a blouse, vest or jacket. Caggie, as her sister's maid of honor, wore a short black skirt, tank top and tent shirt in the silk plaid. Another attendant wore a short plaid skirt over a body suit with a navy jacket.

The groom wore a navy blue Moroccan jacket trimmed with black braid that was copied from one that belonged to his late father-in-law. His attendants each wore a Black Watch plaid vest, white shirts and black pants.

The couple wanted to include all those who had been important to them, which led to a guest list of about 200. Maggie preferred a party with dancing, while John was against a standard wedding in a traditional setting such as a banquet hall. They also wanted to be married outdoors, near water, to reflect John's occupation as a marine biologist.

The solution to this tall order involved planning three events: the Saturday afternoon ceremony itself at the park in lower Manhattan; an immediate reception for 120 at a family friend's glamorous apartment in Soho; and a nighttime party in a rented photographer's loft, where 95 guests danced to the music provided by a disk jockey.

The photographer's loft was lined up as an alternate location for the ceremony in case of rain — unnecessary in this case, since the fall wedding day air was balmy, with brilliant sunshine.

Logistics for a wedding in a public park, with 200 guests expected, were complex. Caggie Simonelli stationed ushers at the park's entrance to direct guests to the ceremony locale. To organize the walk down the "aisle," she communicated with helpers by two-way radio.

Just before the ceremony, John's brother and best man, Peter Harvey, laid down a white muslin cloth for the bridal party to walk on. Music for the ceremony was supplied by two family friends — professional musicians who played violin and guitar. Maggie was escorted by her godfather, Jim Goldy.

The Catholic ceremony included vows written by the bride and groom and short personal speeches by close friends.

After the ceremony, the bridal party formed a receiving line at the edge of the park, and later, private cars shuttled guests who were going to the daytime reception.

"It was a wedding that was uniquely us," says John. "And that is what's most important."

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Dashing through Pampa on this fine Christmas Day

Merry Christmas to all! Now that the big day has arrived, the hustle and bustle of preparation seem worth the effort to make Christmas a special day, a family day.

Angels and shepherds were seen everywhere a few nights ago when students of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School gave their annual Christmas play and musical. Preschoolers, dressed as Christmas presents, opened the program with four Christmas songs with Paula Simpson as director. Aftertalk revolved around the beautiful voice of fourth grader Wendy Arreola and extended to those in leading roles, Justin Juan, Andrew Persyn and Heather Ponce.

Justin, Dr. Alfredo and Tracy Juan, Jamie and Dr. Juan's nephew Francis had special Christmas visitors from far away, Tracy's mother Joan Van Voorhis, and her grandparents James and Honora Clifton all of Queens, N.Y. The "grands" sat center front row for full enjoyment. Joan, James and Honora are annual Christmas visitors, who arrive in mid-December, and, as Tracy readily admits, put her on vacation and cause her to do her Christmas preparations early.

The Thursday morning ladies' class of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ honored their babysitters with a tea in the home of Dona Cornutt. Enjoying tea, coffee, wassail and party munchies and then receiving gifts of appreciation were Amy Owen, teacher of the class and an R.N. at Coronado Hospital, Beverly Watson, Christine Knight, Peggy King, Irene Webb, Ruby Adcock, Thelma Thomas and Claudine Balch.

Mary Buzzard has all of her grandchildren home for Christmas. Danny and Becky Buzzard and Annika came from Austin. Added note! They are infanticipating a little girl to be named Nicole in January. Cheri and Randy Ray, Dane and Sean are here from Shallowater. Mary's mom Evelyn Tingle, Charles Buzzard, Kent and Jana Meyer and children Taylor and Colton complete the family group.

Little newborn Macy Breecheen was honored a few days ago with her own baby shower in the home of Myrna Smith. Several ladies assisted in hostesses duties. The wee one enjoyed the "ohs!" and "ahs!" of approval as she was passed around the room. Her mom Lexa Breecheen and her grandmother Smitty Breecheen of Abilene were among the guests.

In three days Myrna returned from an out of town trip and hostessed two parties.

Dr. Jack and Jana Albracht are enjoying a visit from Jana's father Eddie Spratt and a friend Vicki Roiz of Irving. Vicki, a teacher in Irving spent one morning attending classes with Sara and Jordan and stayed to eat lunch with them in the school cafeteria. Vicki helped Sara, Jordan and Brenan while baby Matthew looked on to make strings of Christmas strobe lights. Somewhere in between was time enough to buy out half of the town in a shopping spree. Christmas was celebrated on Tuesday with steaks cooked on the grill. On Thursday Sara's godmother and husband, Elizabeth and Kevin Adkins of Los Angeles, stopped by for a day or two on their way to Dallas for Christmas.

Around the time when little Matthew was born, the family dog was killed, resulting in buckets of tears and aching hearts. Well, Santa came 10 days early and left an adorable Labrador puppy named "Bo" with Paula Simpson. To introduce "Bo" to the children, Jack put him in a cute red wagon and hauled him for a wonderful gift from Santa.

Peeking at Pampa
By Katie

For your information Jana's first syllable of her name rhymes with the first syllable of "reindeer." However, she is a good sport when called Janna or Jane.

Bob Pritchett is the new owner of Dixie Parts. Mary Sebastian, former owner, has every intention of enjoying retirement. Congratulations to Bob, a long time employee of Dixie Parts, and retirement wishes to Mary, all in the same breath.

Recovery wishes to Lola Richardson, as she recovers at home from recent surgery. Her son Tommy Richardson of Dallas came to see her through the first few days of postoperative recovery.

Recovery wishes to Lillian Skelly as she recovers from a broken bone received in a recent fall.

For the first time in her life, Holly Abbott, a student at Abilene Christian University, will not spend Christmas in Pampa. She is spending the holiday with her brother Brad in Keystone, Colo.

When Karla Kotara of White Deer graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton last Saturday, her one big wish was granted: having all of her family with her on the big day. Attending were her mother Carol Jean Kotara of Mississippi, her father John Alden Kotara of White Deer; her grandmother, Mary McDaniel, her two brothers John A. and Tracy Kotara, and John's children, Jarett and Haili. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration in marketing. Adela and Paul Lopez are two busy store managers all year long, maybe more so at the Christmas season. Adela is manager of Kids' Stuff and Paul is manager of Lowe's Food Store. Both are pleasant as can be and happy to be living in Pampa.

Recovery wishes to Forrest Cloyd, who is suffering from broken bones in each leg or foot. Forrest fell from the roof of his house while putting up Christmas decorations.

On the bright side! Norman Goad now serves as organist for the Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo. If you are spending the morning at home, do tune into Channel 10 and listen to his beautiful music.

Restful wishes to Suzanne Wood, Jennifer Scoggins and Wanetta Hill, who are public school music teachers and choral directors. Suzanne presented her students in several public performances, directed the musical presentation of the choir of the First United Methodist Church and kept up with the teaching of private voice students. Jennifer directs school choirs and serves as choirmaster of St. Matthews Episcopal Church. Wanetta directs the music program and choir of Horace Mann School and teaches piano and voice privately and sings with First Baptist Church Choir. The school choirs, theirs and more, warmed the hearts of listeners in local banks during the Christmas season.

Warm holiday "Welcome home!!" to Kirk McDonald of Texas Tech, son of Katie and Lee; Shannon Flume, Texas Tech, daughter of Kathy Flume; Amy Malone, Nacogdoches, Stephen F. Austin University, daughter of Danny and Ellen; Danny Guerra, Stephen Beckham and Chris Doucette, students at a technical school in Houston. Apologies to all we missed.

If you think you have no place to eat Christmas dinner, read on. You are invited to eat at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ between noon and 2 p.m. as church guests. In the true spirit of Christmas, members gave up family plans that others might enjoy a good meal and good fellowship. There will be a devotional somewhere around 2-2:15 p.m. at the church for all who which to attend.

The blessings of Christmas are many. May you enjoy them all.

See you next week. Katie.

Orthopedic wonders possible with new technology

By DR. VICTOR H. FRANKEL
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Orthopedic surgeons today can replace diseased hips and other joints, and repair nonhealing fractures and congenital deformities in children. They can save the limbs of cancer patients who once would have undergone amputation — and even bring people with congenital growth disorders up to near-normal height.

The achievements of orthopedic reconstruction are made possible by a number of technological advances, chief among them is a remarkable device developed by a Russian surgeon, the late Dr. Gavriel Ilizarov, which has been widely adopted in the United States and other countries.

The Ilizarov apparatus is a circular device that is placed around the fracture or non-union area with multiple wires that are placed in a bone and kept under constant tension.

The graduated distraction of the bone achieved by the device stimulates the natural healing process for bone and surrounding tissue in a way that conventional orthopedic devices do not.

It has made possible the repair of nonhealing fractures that defied other methods, the lengthening of limbs in persons with one arm or leg significantly shorter than the other, and operations that increase the height of people with a congenital growth disorder.

There also have been continual advances in other major fields of orthopedic reconstruction.

For example, many of the 200,000 hip-replacement operations performed each year in the United States now use implants that form a natural union with the surrounding bone, so that cement is no longer needed in young patients. Cement-free implants may usually last longer, with fewer complications.

It's now commonplace to implant artificial knees, finger joints, shoulders and ankles for patients with disabling rheumatoid arthritis or traumatic accidents.

In repairing congenital defects, pediatric orthopedic surgeons now are operating on younger children than ever before. It's common for an operation to be done on a child under 1 year of age to repair a dislocated hip or clubfoot, or to replace a bone that was missing at birth.

In cancer patients, the arrival of newer, more effective means of chemotherapy after surgery has helped to save many limbs that once would have been amputated. Chemotherapy reduces the risk of cancer recurrence, so less tissue has to be removed. A section of cancerous bone that is surgically removed now can be replaced by a graft or a metallic implant.

Perhaps the most remarkable of recent achievements in orthopedics is the ability to increase the height of people with a congenital growth disorder.

This is accomplished by multiple applications of the technique used to lengthen an arm or leg that is significantly shorter because of a congenital defect or an accident. It is an effort that can take several years — and one that would not be possible without the device that Dr. Ilizarov invented.

Why do birds chirp and sing?

By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine
For AP Special Features

Birds chirp and sing for the same reason that people talk: to send messages.

A male bird sings to attract a female and to tell other males, "This is my territory. Keep out!" Both male and female birds may sing quiet songs, too. These "whisper songs" might mean a bird is very calm — or else that it's a little afraid. Some scientists think birds might also sing to get rid of pent-up energy — or just for fun.

Other bird calls send very clear messages. One call might warn other birds a predator is on the prowl. Another call unites a baby bird with its parent. Chirping helps birds keep in touch with their mates or other birds in a flock. But no matter what birds are saying, listening to them is a real "tweet!"

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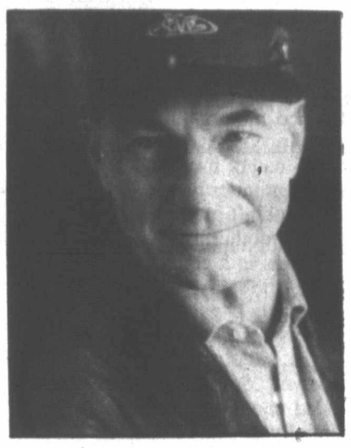
Stewart boldly goes to other projects after TNG

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE
Associated Press Writer



Patrick Stewart

NEW YORK (AP) — It doesn't just seem so. It IS so. Patrick Stewart is inescapable these days. And it's not just Stewart as Capt. Picard saying, "Make it so."

The actor graces movie screens in "Star Trek Generations" and Broadway in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." His magisterial vocal cords supply the voiceovers in commercials for RCA, Pontiac and other products. With an "Avast, ye matey" piratelike bravura, he even voices an animated character in the new movie "The Pagemaster."

And if that's not enough, he's called "intergalactically sensual" by the latest Playgirl magazine, which suggests he can "reduce you to a puddle of libidinous mush."

The 54-year-old Stewart, who has a grown son and daughter from a past marriage, says he's comfortable with his sex-symbol status, though he doesn't understand it.

"I personally don't get it," he says, denying that any mock modesty is at work. "Nevertheless, it seems now to be a fact and one that's not going to go away. So I have determined to sit back and enjoy it. As I've said before, it would have been nicer if it had happened when I was 19."

Back then, he was still having a go at a career in journalism, which he tried right out of school.

"If we'd have had these then," he says, tapping The Associated Press tape recorder, "I would probably still be a journalist. One of the reasons that I packed it in was that my shorthand was so bad that I was constantly getting into trouble for misquoting, writing things wrong. I used to just make it up."

So Stewart, who grew up in the English town of Mirfield, near where he lives now, turned to acting.

Associated with the Royal Shakespeare Company since 1967, Stewart has played such roles as Shylock, Titus Andronicus, King John and Henry IV.

Referring to a one-man play he's done titled "Uneasy Lies the Head," in which he plays kings, prime ministers, generals, trade-union leaders and the like, he allows that he's certainly filled a lot of authority figure roles.

"There're just been an awful lot of them in my career," says Stewart, whose biggest such role of course is Jean-Luc Picard, commander of the Starship Enterprise.

"I had a pretty good role model in my father," who was a military man, he continues. "There is a good deal of him in Capt. Picard. He would have recognized a good deal of what the good captain does."

Picard says he's always been interested in power and the use of power. "So I've always been interested in what power does to a human being. Therefore, I've been attracted to those kind of roles."

But now, he's consciously taking on other kinds of parts. Stewart recently finished making the film of Paul Rudnick's Broadway play, "Jeffrey," in which he has his first overtly homosexual role, as the title character's best friend. And he's filming the romantic comedy "Let It Be Me," in which he plays what he describes as a dancing coach who's a bit of a hustler.

"For a year I've been planning for this moment. I didn't want to wake up on an early June morning, having hung up my spacesuit for the last time, and find that I had nothing to do and that I was going back into a world that only knew me as Capt. Picard."

During the seven-year run of the syndicated TV series, "Star Trek: The Next Generation," he continued working on stage and doing some brief cameos "to remind the world out there that I was an actor, I was more than just captain of a spaceship."

Those passionate fans — known as Trekkers or Trekkies, depending on one's (benign or derisive) point of view — should be happy to know that Stewart is willing to go full ahead with a sequel to "Star Trek Generations," which grossed $57.6 million in its first three weeks of release.

"I was ambivalent about the movie," he says. "Now that I've seen it, and seen the kind of thing that we can do, I think it'd be an excellent idea to start planning yet another 'Next Generation' movie. ... I think another two or three are certainly possible."

That should help feed the voracious appetite of show's hard-core fans, who can be so frenzied that there's even an effort to translate the Bible into Klingon.

"It's a very rich and complex and detailed world, this world of 'Star Trek.' And I think it holds a real appeal for a certain kind of mind who wants to lose him or herself in the intricacies of a new society, community and way of life," Stewart says, trying to explain the phenomenon that has even been the subject of doctoral dissertations and college classes.

Other reasons: the series and movies have compelling plots with "interesting principal characters, fairly dynamic and with an independent frame of mind."

"Also, it's the essential nature of 'Star Trek' to be optimistic, and I think that's very appealing."

Albany residents see new life in renovated theater

By LARRY ZELISKO
Abilene Reporter-News

(AP/Abilene Reporter-News photo)

The Aztec Theater in Albany, Texas, is shown in a Dec. 1994 file photo. The Aztec closed 20 years ago but was reborn this fall as a performing arts center.

ALBANY, Texas — The curtain is rising on a new Aztec Theatre.

The motion picture theater, which has been closed for years, has new life as a performing arts theater. And in its new role, the theater will be used for a wide variety of activities, said Clifton Caldwell, who headed up the renovation project.

"Every time I see people I know, I tell them what we've done with the theater, and they say, 'Oh yes, we'd like to do our show or have our meeting there,'" Caldwell said.

"We're going to have a little bit of everything at the Aztec," he said. "In small towns we try to make our own entertainment."

Support for the project has been tremendous, Caldwell said. People are excited about the work, he explained, and have responded financially.

"The Aztec never looked as great as it does now," said Ann Harwood of Fort Worth, who grew up in Albany and has fond memories of the theater.

"I remember the boys I used to sit next to," she said, "And how the mothers used to stand in the back (to check on movie-goers.)"

Harwood, who volunteered to help on the renovation project, used southwestern colors to complement the theater's California mission motif. The terra-cotta, burgundy and dark green trim brings out the colors in paintings behind window-like frames along each wall.

Architect for the project was Amy Wingrove of Bill Booziotis & Co. Architects of Dallas. Wingrove "has a touch for combining the new with the old," Caldwell said.

The biggest change to the theater was the addition of a meeting room and kitchen. Also, dressing and storage rooms were built, the lobby was enlarged and the stage was extended so that plays can be performed.

Cost has been about $500,000, Caldwell said.

Fund raising started in 1991, and work began in 1992. Seats were installed this week, and landscaping will be done later.

Caldwell said an open house will be held soon to show off the theater.

Already, though, the theater is in use. The Albany Nativity is Friday and Saturday. Last weekend, the Daughters of the American Revolution met there, and next year a three-day symposium on Camp Cooper is scheduled. Concerts, plays, dance recitals and perhaps even Shakespeare are likely to be performed on the Aztec stage. Plus, the theater is getting projection equipment so films can be shown.

"We'll have something for everybody at the theater some time during the year," Caldwell said.

The Aztec has been providing entertainment since 1927. For years, it was the only movie theater in town. Like other small-town theaters, eventually the Aztec closed, probably sometime in the 1960s, Caldwell said. For most of the last 20 years, the theater sat idle.

Galway goes pop for latest record

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Growing up in Belfast, Ireland, flutist James Galway studied Gene Autrey in cowboy movies.

As youths, he and his pals cooked stolen potatoes over open fires in vacant lots and sang and played, as nearly as they could, like Gene Autrey.

Mothers weren't pleased by smoky-smelling clothes or complaints from grocers.

But Galway, now the world's most-famous flute player, was laying a foundation for his latest recording. "Wind of Change" has him playing 16 popular songs on his platinum flute, backed by a pop ensemble. The man who can play Bach and abstract new classical compositions didn't just toss it off.

"You have to study the original people singing it," he says. "You have to play the way they sing.

"Pop music is not as easy at it seems. People on my side of the business deride pop guys, say they can't read music and they're inarticulate. Some of them are amazing performers."

Despite studying Gene Autrey, Galway says, "Willie Nelson is hard. He is so simple, the way he sings, but to capture this is quite difficult. Elton John is not so difficult. He is very special but he is a more straightforward sort of singer. Whitney Houston is so well in tune; her diction is perfect. She knocks me down."

On a couple of songs, like John's "Little Jeannie," Galway decided two flutes would be nice. So his American wife of 10 years, Jeanne, plays second flute. They live in a village near Lucerne, Switzerland.

Galway has been called a senior leprechaun because of his Irish origin, age — 51 — and his twinkle. He's also a serious musician whose more than 50 recordings, exclusively for RCA, are three classical to one pop.

He began his career as an orchestra player, making solo appearances on the side. In 1975 he left the Berlin Philharmonic, where he was principal flutist, to pursue the solo career.

Not for a while after that did he start playing peppy traditional Irish tunes as encores. Playing pop music came still later.

His newest classical record is the music of composer Franz Danzi, who died in 1826. He is accompanied by clarinetist Sabine Meyer, who also has the Berlin Philharmonic in her background.

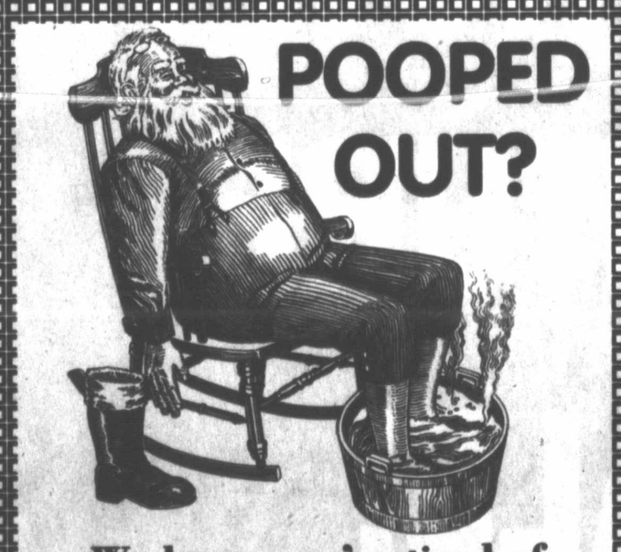
In February, Galway's American tour will feature Bach. In April he'll play AIDS benefits in Ann Arbor, Mich., and in England and he'll record the two Mozart flute concertos in London.

"I record all over the place," says Galway. "I like churches best. I always think that maybe a bit of spirit would rub off on an Irish pagan like me.

"I recorded Mozart with the Tokyo String Quartet in the RCA studio here. I didn't like it at all. I thought, I'm not going to issue this.

We recorded it again, at my expense, in a church. The atmosphere was so nice. The music could breathe. It was pure.

"Am I a pagan? When it comes to belief, most people believe what their parents did. I might have been Jewish or Buddhist. It's totally accidental. I would like to think I have the freedom of choice to believe in something I want to believe in. I think it's a good job the church does sometimes. I believe there's a good force around here somewhere. I don't want to believe in the establishments that are pushing it."



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Rudolph the fawn reunites with St. Nicholas

By CHERYL LAIRD
Houston Chronicle

HOCKLEY, Texas – Rudolph was having one of those, well, Rudolph kind of days.

He braced his buckling knees and scanned the sky nervously with his wide, brown eyes. Where was that pesky thing?

Ouch! The little deer bolted awkwardly into the air. The mockingbird had scored another direct hit. This time, on his rump.

Enough. Rudolph trotted toward the familiar form of Lee Goodman, ignoring the gray-haired man's raspy laughter.

This was Dad. He would make everything all right.

Maybe they'd go upstairs in the log house. Rudolph could settle into that comfortable tan carpet next to Goodman's bed where he sleeps every night. Or maybe they'd go for another ride in the truck.

Or perhaps they'd take some customers out in the field to see Christmas trees. Only this time, hopefully, there wouldn't be any girls armed with lipstick. His nose was still red from the day before.

Like the storybook Rudolph from the North Pole, this little Texas Rudolph had a rough start in life. But, as in any good fairy tale, the ending so far is happy.

A kindly neighbor found the baby deer last spring on the side of a road. He was tiny, less than a month old, covered with cuts and fire ants. The man lifted the deer into his truck and drove him to the St. Nicholas Christmas Tree Farm. The farm's owner – a tobacco-chomping, retired police officer named Lee Goodman – had a reputation around Hockley and Waller for befriending creatures in need.

(AP photo/Houstin Chronicle)

Lee Goodman sits on the sofa in his Hockley home with his pet deer Rudolph.

There was the goat, for one. Hunters found the black-and-white fur ball, tiny and nearly frozen, a year ago. Now she's big and fat and queen of the farm. When Goodman asks her to pray, she gets down on her knees. When he asks her to "gimme two," she raises a cloven hoof. He calls her Jingles.

"She thinks she's a dog," Goodman said, grinning about his apt pupil. "People say, 'What are you doing with that goat?' I say, 'Shhh. She thinks she's a dog.' "

Goodman wasn't sure what to make of his fragile new charge. He had cared for doves, rabbits, racoons, chickens, bulls and horses before, but never a deer. A veterinarian said Rudolph couldn't drink cow's milk, so Goodman fed him goat's milk from a bottle next to the TV.

Within a week of arriving at the farm, the fawn, who has since lost his white spots, was able to stand up and walk to the door when nature called. (He was naturally housebroken.) Soon after, he was deftly hopping up the two flights of stairs, staring at himself in the mirror and, yes playing other reindeer games.

Lately, Rudolph has taken to wandering in the fields. He always comes back, but Goodman is worried. It's hunting season.

He hopes the red collar around the deer's neck will alert hunters not to shoot. He wants to build a big pen for Rudolph until hunting season is over. But he says a "feller in Austin," a state wildlife official, told him that would be against the law.

So Goodman is just hoping that the word about his tame deer will spread to everybody who lives nearby. Chances are good, say his friends, that most of them already know.

"He does have quite a reputation," said neighbor Terry Straten. "You see him at the back going through the drive-through, with the goat and the deer in the back of the truck."

"He's like an old Santa Claus."

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Happy holiday for Samaritan

By CAROL LACKEY
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE (AP) – Stephen Faulkner can't talk and can barely walk, but he's alive.

That alone means Christmas will be a happy one this year at the Faulkner home.

Stephen Faulkner is the good Samaritan who stopped to assist a stranded motorist June 7. When a jack slipped, he was pinned under a trailer-load of used tires for several critical minutes.

"He didn't breathe for a while," said his mother, Lynda Faulkner.

He was in a coma for about two weeks, she said.

The only physical injury Stephen had was a cracked scapula. Because he was without oxygen for a while, however, Stephen's brain hasn't healed enough to let him function normally, Lynda said.

"He is improving daily, but it's just been very slow," she said. "I don't know if he'll ever be able to do everything he once could."

Stephen was a mechanic before the accident, which caused him to be hospitalized for 130 days.

"I don't know if he really realizes a lot of what happened," his mother continued, telling about his short-term memory loss. "He remembers where he worked the day of the accident, but he still thinks he's 18 years old. He's 23."

Because of the damage to Stephen's brain, he must have round-the-clock care.

When his mother and grandmother aren't caring for him, he is at the Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation and Abilene Adult Day Care Center.

He can't swallow, but it's not because of the physical injuries. His mother explained that it's because his brain doesn't tell him to swallow. So for now he is fed through a tube.

Stephen is slowly learning to walk again, with assistance. His progress even surprised his therapist recently, she said.

One item that will make everyone's life easier at the Faulkner household is a "talking" lap computer Stephen will soon learn to operate, which will make communication much easier.

"All he'll have to do is touch it, and he can ask for a drink, or whatever he needs," Lynda said.

The computer that arrived last week "will really help out a lot," she continued. "He's very slow, but he can type in some words."

The computer is being paid for by civic organizations and money donated to a "Good Samaritan" fund at a local bank after the accident.

"We've made it through this because of all the prayers," Lynda said.

Stephen's accident came just three weeks after his father, Mike Faulkner, died of a blood clot in his brain.

"We're so thankful for all of the doctors, nurses and caretakers, both at the hospital and rehab," Lynda said. "Our friends have meant so much to us. And, we've had a lot of cards from people that we don't even know.

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Why was Jesus born? Note the words of Jesus Himself: "To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." (Jn. 19:37.) Jesus was before Pontius Pilate and had been asked, "Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king." Certainly there was a very definite reason why Jesus was born but it was not in order that the world have a holiday to celebrate His birth nor that merchants could so commercialize the event to make money.

Jesus was born in order to fulfill the prophecies regarding Him. Isaiah had prophesied that He would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14.) Isaiah had also prophesied that He would be a Son (Isa. 9:6-7.) Micah predicted the place of his birth, Bethlehem (Micah 5:2.) The angel of the Lord, who appeared to Joseph, informed him that Jesus would save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21.) In order that the prophecies be fulfilled, Jesus was born and lived a sinless life. Finally, He died on the cross, was resurrected from the dead, ascended back to the Father and sat down at the right hand of God (I Cor. 15:1-8; acts 1:9-11; Heb. 1:3.) After His glorification, He sent the Holy Spirit who guided His apostles into all the truth (Jn. 16:7-13.) They preached the gospel to the whole world and their preaching we have recorded for us today by which we can be saved (I Cor. 1:18-21.) All of these things about Jesus has made salvation possible for all men. For this salvation man should be forever grateful every day of the year.

- Billy T. Jones

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College runs by town meeting rules

By SUSAN ALLEN
Associated Press Writer

MARLBORO, Vt. (AP) – There'll be no smoking in the Marlboro College library. Majority ruled.

In longstanding Vermont tradition, that decision was reached at a town meeting on a voice vote by the students, the dean of students, professors and staffers gathered around the yellow- and green-covered folding tables in the school's pine-paneled dining hall.

Librarian Sally Andrews argued that the smoke damages books, and smokers drive up insurance rates and threaten the building with fire – though she did acknowledge that "a cigarette means a lot" to late-night studiers.

Heads nodded.

Objections were raised. Questions were asked. Support for the ban was voiced. Finally, someone moved a vote and the non-smokers prevailed.

And that, it seems, is how business is done at the small, unconventional liberal arts school established in 1947 on a rural hillside.

One person, one vote. From the president of the college to the 270 students to the custodial staff.

"Town meeting is central to that philosophy, which is born out of Vermont's history as much as the founders of the college," said Tom Redden, dean of students.

It works, Redden believes, because of the school's small size and the prominence of town meeting in the Vermont culture.

Some meetings are well attended, others are not. Students have outvoted the faculty to allow pets on campus, approved funds for a campus pool table and a photography enlarger for the dark room, started a fencing club.

They have cracked down on sexual harassment, imposed parking restrictions on campus – an issue that resurfaces with regularity at town meetings by some disgruntled with that decision – and created a plan to "green up" the campus.

It's a far cry from the 1960s and '70s, recalls longtime English professor Geraldine Pittman. In those days, Pittman said, the issues of town meeting centered around national problems.

Today, she said, students use the town meeting to settle campus issues.

"The important thing is if they need a platform, they bring it here," Pittman said. "Everyone does have a voice."

At the same meeting when smoking was banned at the library, student April Greener raised an item for the next meeting.

Greener hadn't been able to get the school to fix her toilet, and wanted money from the student fund to hire a plumber – a ploy, students said, to force maintenance to solve the toilet problem.

Few decisions outside the issues of budget and tuition are made by the Malboro administration.

Curriculum changes come before the town meeting; anything to do with community life or civil rights is decided at the forum; and it's clearly a place to pick up campus gossip or corner a professor to discuss a problem.

This meeting was genial. That's not always the rule.

Three weeks earlier, junior Rob Hardin led a raucous debate over whether to allow pets on campus. He'd tried all year to win approval of the plan – eventually agreeing to restrictions and fines to win votes.

It surfaced during the debate that Hardin's roommate already had a mixed-breed dog – Keena – living in their four-person cottage. Irrelevant, Hardin argued, because professors and staff who lived on campus were permitted pets under certain conditions. Students, he said, were entitled to the same rights.

Eventually, he won.

Corin Cummings, a senior, objected. "I thought the nuisances outweighed the benefits," he said. But, he conceded, his views got a fair hearing.

The forum, senior Marya Plotkin said, "teaches students that if you want something, you have to go out and get it."

And, added fellow senior Jesse Carroll, town meeting is an attraction for prospective students, particularly those from larger, urban high schools. "They feel disempowered ... everyone has an equal vote here," he said.

One person, one vote. From the president of the college to the 270 students to the custodial staff.

After the smoking ban was approved, one of the two smoking rooms in the library is empty. The room, its shelves filled with classics, biographies of Chekhov and Tolstoy, as well as computer manuals, smells of cigarette smoke. Ashtrays are full.

A lone student, Deidre Cleere, sits puffing away at a small, wooden table in the other smoking room, this one housing books on religion. The school, she worries, is becoming too conventional, the students too willing to impose rules and restrictions.

But she's graduating in a week, she said.

That leaves future decisions in the hands of those yet to come to Marlboro. As it always has, majority will rule.

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Woman's world is brighter thanks to free eyeglasses

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I was desperately in need of new eyeglasses, and couldn't afford to buy any. A friend had read the column you ran last January about free glasses, and gave me the 800-number.

Through that number, I was put in touch with the nicest gentleman who determined that I qualified for the free eye examination, so he set up an appointment for me with a local doctor.

Well, I had the exam — and now I have new glasses!

I want to thank you for running such important information in your column, and also thank whoever is behind the program. I am more grateful than I can express. Abby, please convey my appreciation to those responsible.

LOIS MOIR,
NORTH VERNON, IND.

DEAR LOIS: It's VISION USA, sponsored by the American Optometric Association. They offer free eye care to qualifying low-income working Americans.

I recently received this letter from their president, Larry DeCook, O.D.:

DEAR ABBY: This January, the American Optometric Association (AOA) will begin the fifth year of our VISION USA program to provide free eye care to low-income, uninsured working people and their families.

Last year, "Linda L." read about the program in your column. She had been laid off her job and couldn't get another one because, at the age of 49, her vision was too blurred to read a job application and do the detailed computer data entry work for which she was qualified. Although her daughter, who lives with her, was working, there wasn't any money for an eye exam and glasses.

Through VISION USA, Linda received the eye care she needed. Three weeks after getting her new glasses, she found a job. She was one of approximately 32,000 people served last year by nearly 8,000 optometrists who donated their services through this program.

Nine out of 10 of these people had eye health or vision problems. These included such conditions as a detached retina, glaucoma, cataracts and many common vision problems that make it difficult for adults to work and for children to learn in school.

From Jan. 3 to 31, 1995, low-income working people can be screened for eligibility for the 1995 VISION USA program by calling (800) 766-4466. (Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Standard Time.)

People can also apply by mail. Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JAN. 25, 1995. Because the phone lines are sometimes very busy, it may be easier to apply by mail.

Last year, almost 8,000 callers to our toll-free number said they heard about the program from Dear Abby.

Will you please alert your readers to the VISION USA program again this year?

LARRY DE COOK, O.D..

DEAR DR. DE COOK: Yes!

Readers: To qualify for the free eye care, you must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member; have no health insurance of any kind; have income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye examination within the last two years. Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.

The comprehensive eye exams will be given in optometrists' private offices in March, coinciding with the celebration of Save Your Vision Week — March 5-11.

Horoscope

Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 26, 1994

Acts of kindness and compassion could pay extra dividends in the year ahead. Situations in which you do things for others, without seeking benefits for yourself, will not go unrewarded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Define your objectives realistically today. If you go off on an unproductive tangent, you will have little or nothing to show for your efforts. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today: Mail $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You won't be too convincing today trying to sell ideas in which you don't truly believe. Only sincerity instills the support of others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you ask a friend for an honest opinion today, make sure it's a person who will tell the truth, even if it hurts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Companions may get miffed at you today if you say one thing and do another. Clearly define your motives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your mind on what you're doing today if your work requires an eye for detail. A lack of attention could ruin your endeavor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be content with what you do today and with whom you share your time. If you start wishing you were elsewhere with others, you'll lose what the moment has to offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It is marvelous when we can take others at their word, but unfortunately, today several persons might promise you things they have no intention of fulfilling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually you're pretty good at clarifying your objectives, especially if they can enhance your prestige. Today, however, this mechanism might misfire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's best you leave your checkbook and credit cards home today if you plan to visit stores or shops offering tantalizing merchandise your budget can't handle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not pursue any project or endeavor that does not have your wholehearted support today. Shelve them until you're in a more favorable mood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Acknowledge the efforts of those worthy of compliments today, but do not use insincerity or flattery to manipulate them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are generous and giving, but today someone may try to take advantage of your kindness. Be careful.

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Hungary ripe for U.S. food exporters

By MICHAEL LANDWEBER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. food exporters should look to Hungary as a good place to introduce products to Eastern Europe, the Agriculture Department says.

The department cites Hungary's stability, both economically and politically, relative to its neighbors as reason to view the country as a starting point for exporting to the region as a whole.

Besides the 10 million consumers in Hungary, there are 3 million ethnic Hungarians living in the surrounding countries who are free to travel between them. Due to domestic shortages, these people will often buy in Hungary, introducing products to their countries.

However, the main reason to export to Hungary may not be for immediate economic gain, but to achieve a foothold in a region that is likely to recover economically, providing a large market for foreign goods.

The United States commands only about $10 million worth of the agricultural export market in Hungary. By contrast, the European Union exported half of the $595 million in agricultural products bought in Hungary in 1992.

The proximity of Western European exporters and the growing popularity of Hungary for European tourists makes the prospect of breaking their hold on the market daunting. Still, the department says that American products could find niches within the market.

Like other countries in Eastern Europe, Hungary has been inundated with examples of American culture since the end of the Cold War. Snack foods, such as popcorn, candy bars, soft drinks and chewing gum, have found success among Hungarians looking for a piece of America.

Consumer-oriented products are expected to hit $4 million in 1994, having risen from a token $53,000 in 1989. Snack foods lead all U.S. exports with nearly one-third of the total value shipped to Hungary.

American fast-food restaurants have also arrived in Hungary, particularly in Budapest, where the economic transformation has had the side effect of curtailing the traditional lengthy lunch hours.

Also, American products such as Pepsi and Coca-Cola are achieving name recognition.

Although the economic changes in Hungary resulted in inflation and unemployment, the USDA's Economic Research Service predicts that Hungary's economy is overcoming such problems and could see positive growth rates within two years, bringing a promising market for exports along with it.

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT (BULL)

OUTLOOK: The *known* fundamentals for wheat are bullish. What's known is world supply, and it's historically tight — perhaps the tightest since the early seventies when wheat traded much higher than current prices. The unknown fundamentals are *potentially* bullish. What's unknown is export demand, and no matter how bullish the supply is, if demand isn't there the market goes no where. The demand side of the equation can only be guessed at. Neither I, nor just about anyone else this side of the Atlantic, can know for sure if or when the Russian and Chinese buying starts. We can only guess it will come based on crop production in these countries which, at least on paper, does not meet the food needs of their people. It's my guess the demand comes, but the timing is harder to pinpoint. I think it makes sense to own wheat (with well-defined risk parameters) before this demand is known by the market. Once it is known, it will be hard to buy at a reasonable price, and when the news is out it will then be a time to look to sell. Farmers sould own options, not wheat in the bin. Traders should use technical analysis to define the risk. See the strategy section below.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers* : A few weeks ago I recommended buying the 380 March call options in the 12-14 cents as a low cost replacement for the sale of cash wheat. This was possible then, and at press time is available again. Last week I suggested buying the 390s in this range when the market was higher (if you missed the lower strike). Remember, these options are a replacement for the sale of cash wheat. It is highly recommended you sell your wheat since it will lose penny for penny as the market breaks — you really don't know what your ultimate downside is. Options have an absolute limit to their loss, which is what you pay for them. The sale of your wheat gives you use of the cash with greatly reduced risk. If you already sold your wheat I still recommend the purchase of these options as a low cost and limited risk way to regain ownership.

Traders : You still own March Chicago wheat in the $3.74 to $3.80 area and/or K.C. or Mpls. at approximately $3.80. The market ran up and back down but we recommend holding tight as long as the risk point is not reached. The risk remains 12 cents from entry.

CORN (BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: The corn market continues to range-trade. This market has basically been in a ten cent per bushel range for about the last three months. This is what we've anticipated and reported you look for. In the near term, I don't see a major move outside of the trading range in either direction. Bullish factors which will lend support on breaks include good domestic and export demand underpinned by China's withdrawal as a corn exporter. Plus much of the crop is locked up and not currently available to the market. The major bearish factor is the large U.S. crop and potentially burdensome carryover supplies which will tend to blunt any major rally since buyers know corn is available at a price. So look for a trading range affair (which, by the way, favors our option selling strategy outlined below).

STRATEGY: *Hedgers* : Strong basis levels in many parts of the country now make the sale of cash corn and the simultaneous purchase of March at the money call options a viable strategy and a smart way to lower the ultimate risk of corn ownership. I look for the basis to weaken (cash-to-lose versus futures) after the first of the new year due to tax-related selling.

Traders : Option sellers have sold the March 230 puts & calls and collected a total of 14 cents. This is profitable at press time and we would hold, risking no more than 10 cents/bushel on the straddle.

CATTLE (BULL)

OUTLOOK: Last week we turned bullish and the market has responded in a positive way. Our basic reason has to do with packer demand which has turned more aggressive. Wholesale prices are also rising which explains the packers' new found appetite — the consumer is buying beef. This good demand is met by a declining supply situation as average cattle weights are smaller. Going into the holidays, the packers will cut back with shortened factory time and the market very will could be due for a rest — possibly a correction as well. Yet, we would look at corrections as buying opportunities. Don't forget, the potential for severe winter weight-reducing weather is now a reality, and the seasonal tendency for cattle prices is to move higher into the winter months.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers* : Since we are bullish cattle, but still recognize the need to lock in profit margins, our recommendations have been centered on buying put options and avoiding shorting futures at current prices. Cattle feeders own the February 69 puts. These options give you the right (without obligation) to sell February cattle at 69. They offer downside price insurance, while still leaving upside potential open. We also suggested cattle feeders hedge their replacement needs by buying the March feeder contract at approximately 71. It's possible the market moved away from this price by the time your read the column, but be alert for this opportunity if it returns.

Cow/calf operators : No hedging recommendations at this time. If the market rallies a bit more, we'll start looking at "writing calls" — a strategy which has worked well for us all year as a means to increase income. More about this when the time looks right.

Traders : Last week I recommended the purchase of February futures at 6817 or lower. By the time the column got to press, the market rallied away from this objective, and it's doubtful you were able to buy them at the price.

The information and recommendations presented herein are believed to be reliable; however, changing market variables can change price outlooks. Neither Pampa News nor George Kleinman assume liability for their use. Use this section as a guide only. Futures and options trading can involve risk of loss. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Follow the recommendations if they make sense to you and for your operation.
George Kleinman is president of Commodity Resource Corporation (CRC), a licensed brokerage firm which specializes in marketing strategies using agricultural futures and options. CRC welcomes questions – they can be reached at 1-800-233-

Next year's soybean crop expected to be good

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ideal growing conditions in Brazil, good yields in Canada and record crops in the United States should lift world soybean production by 16 million tons from last year's level, the Agriculture Department says.

The Foreign Agriculture Service forecasts global world soybean production at 16.3 million metric tons above 1993-94 levels, as U.S. production sharply increased and soybean production abroad climbed to 64.2 million tons.

Brazil, where the 1994-95 crop is now expected to reach 24 million tons, accounts for much of the global growth.

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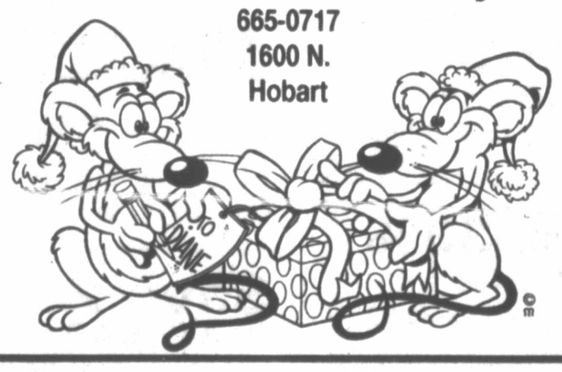

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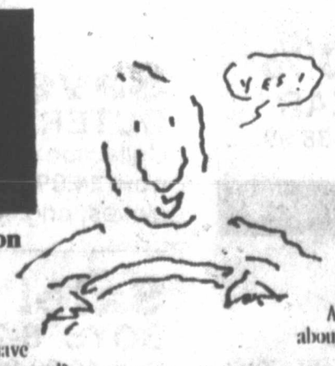

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Sad Christmas in a small town

FAIRFAX, Minn. (AP) — Most mornings, 3-year-old Steven Ziegler, his 4-year-old brother Nathan and their mother walked down their long farm driveway to see big brother David off to first grade.

The younger boys could hardly wait for their turn to hop on the bus and go to school.

Last Wednesday, classes were delayed for two hours because of thick fog. When the bus finally pulled up to David's stop, his brothers fell in behind him to say hello to Elaine, the driver, as their mother stood a few feet away.

Then Desiree Ziegler saw a tractor-trailer truck cut through the fog and head straight for her boys.

"Run!" she yelled.

The boys scrambled, but all three were hit as the truck, swerving to avoid the empty school bus, plowed into a snowy ditch.

Steven was killed. The two older boys were critically injured.

The tragedy stunned the small town of about 1,300 people, where everybody seems to know the Zieglers. This Christmas, St. Andrew's Catholic Church prepared for both Christmas Eve Mass and Steven's funeral on Saturday.

The Zieglers are known for their faith. They pitch in at church events. Mrs. Ziegler sits on the parish board of education, and they visit shut-ins around town.

Ziegler is a hog and crop farmer, as were his father and grandfather. The mobile home where they live is a mile from the farm where Frank grew up. Generations of Zieglers have been baptized at St. Andrew's.

"Frank and Desiree both are just uplifting people," said the Rev. Jack Brunner, their parish priest. "I think they're just as well-respected as anyone could ever hope to be."

The boys were the Zieglers' life.

"They were three peas in a pod," said Brunner, who keeps a stash of jelly beans in a kitchen drawer that the boys always knew where to find. "Whenever you saw one, you saw the other two."

The brothers would sometimes dress alike. Brunner remembers them in bib overalls, kerchiefs tied around their necks. "They looked like little toy farmers. They were cute as the dickens," he said.

The accident is under investigation. State records show the truck driver, Jon M. Barber, had a number of speeding tickets and license suspensions dating to 1989. He got his commercial driver's license three months ago.

Nathan was in critical but stable condition. His parents won't disclose his injuries. David, 6, was in stable condition with a broken pelvis and leg.

Mrs. Ziegler, who used to teach at the 44-student parish grade school that David attended, would sometimes help out at the school. The younger boys would tag along and sit on the floor and doodle, Brunner said.

Kid who killed dad may get parole

By ADAM YEOMANS
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A 16-year-old serving life in prison for killing his father with a knife and frying pan has been given a chance to be free.

Elec Trubilla's sentence was commuted last week by the state clemency board, made up of Gov. Lawton Chiles and his cabinet. Trubilla, who claimed his father abused him, had faced at least 25 years behind bars before being eligible for parole.

It will now be up to the Parole Commission to decide whether or when Trubilla should be released. A hearing could be scheduled within months by the commission, which had recommended the clemency board action.

"He was delighted with that," said Del Travis, who wants to adopt the youth. "That's a hell of a lot better prospect than 25 years."

Trubilla was convicted in December 1992 of first-degree murder in the slaying of his 44-year-old father, Allan, who was stabbed 45 times and bludgeoned with a frying pan in his Deerfield Beach apartment. The case drew national attention and exposure on "60 Minutes."

William Strausser, 33, the victim's former lover, also was convicted and was sentenced to die in the electric chair. Strausser and Trubilla accused each other of hatching the murder plot.

The boy's parents had divorced in 1990; his mother did not want him to live with her. Trubilla said he wanted to leave his father, whom he accused of physical, psychological and sexual abuse.

The boy was tried as an adult but escaped the death penalty because state law prohibits capital punishment for anyone under 16. He was 14 at the time.

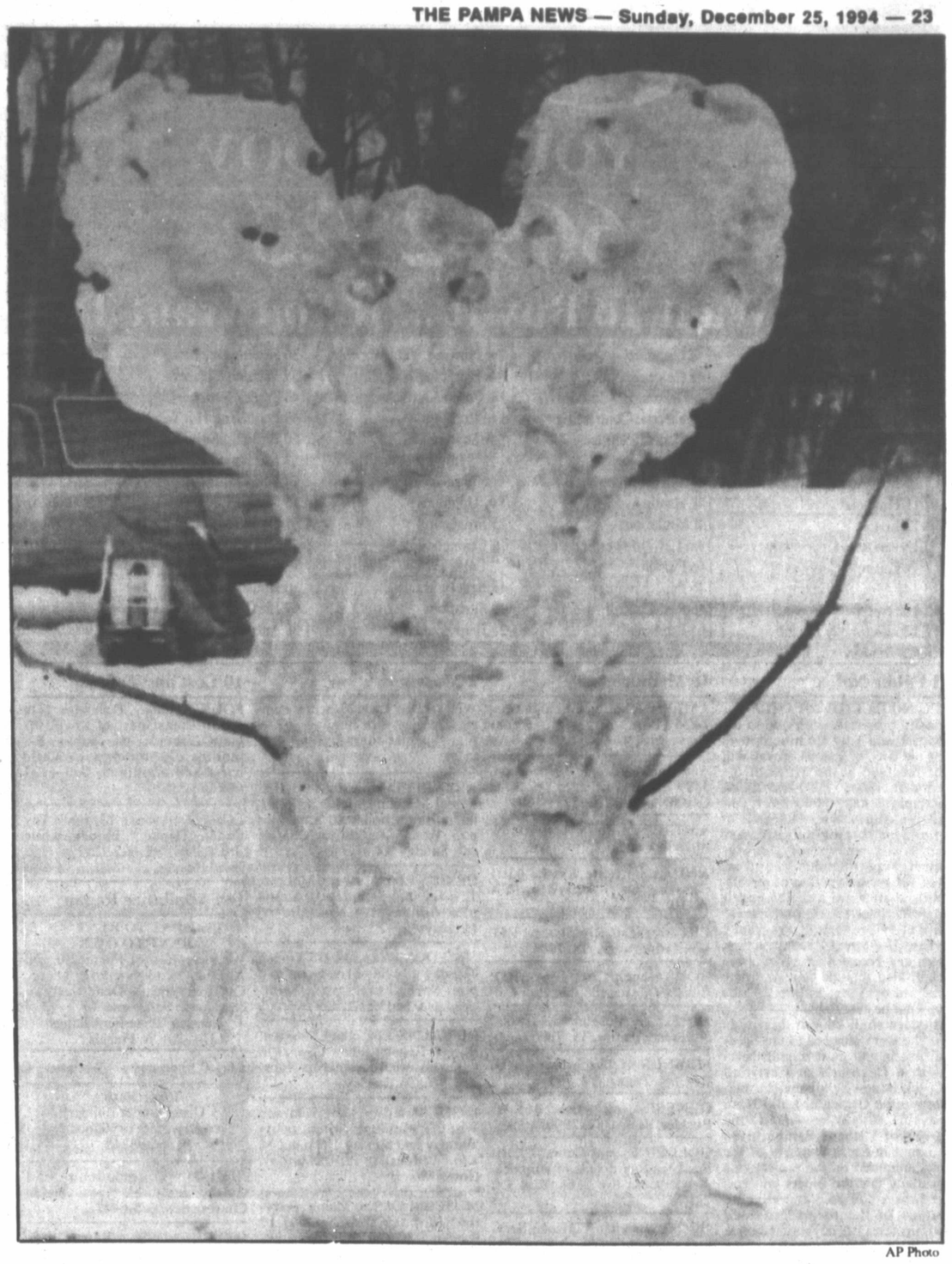
Prosecutor Charles Morton said he was disappointed with the clemency board's decision and called it an undeserved "gift" for Trubilla. He said the case's national exposure helped generate sympathy that many defendants convicted of similar crimes never get.

"I think it sends a bad message," Morton said.

The boy's lawyer, Paul Mones, said the appeals process could have taken years.

The commission will interview Trubilla within 90 days and a hearing will be scheduled to consider whether the youth should be paroled. His release would include some type of mandatory counseling.

Travis, who lives in Indialantic, said he and his wife, Rose, want to give the boy a chance to rebuild his life.



AP Photo

This snowman, with its big "Dumbo"-like ears, was built to torment a North Dakota youth, his father says.

Dad sues mocking teen-agers

By MARILYNN WHEELER
Associated Press Writer

NORTHWOOD, N.D. (AP) — As a parent, Arlo Svedberg said he had no choice. He had to take legal action against the teen-ager who called his son "Dumbo."

"I love this boy and I'll do anything to help him," Svedberg said Thursday. "There's nothing more important to me. He's my whole life."

The state Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld an order prohibiting Anthony Stamness, 17, from taunting 14-year-old Chris Svedberg.

The younger boy had been nicknamed "Dumbo" for his oversized ears and humiliated by three snowmen built to mock him, his family said in court.

Rather than let the teen-agers work out their differences, the parents got involved.

Svedberg, advertising sales manager and columnist for the weekly newspaper The Gleaner, complained repeatedly in his column that his son was being bullied at school. Before long, Charlene Stamness helped her son build a jug-eared snowman on the front lawn.

Mrs. Stamness would not comment on the court decision Thursday and said her son was out of town. The family's lawyer said the case raised several First Amendment issues and that an appeal was being considered.

Fourteen-year-old Travis Enger said it wasn't fair to single out his friend Anthony Stamness. He said Stamness "never hurt anyone in his life."

Svedberg always is railing against one perceived injustice or another, said Enger. "He's always taking someone to court over some dumb thing."

Christian, who prefers the nickname "Chris," has his father's ample ears. As a boy, Arlo Svedberg made his classmates laugh when he imitated Dumbo, the cartoon elephant who used his big ears as wings.

Chris is more sensitive.

He said he was embarrassed when his father wrote a column about local bullies. "But once it was printed, there was nothing we could do to get it out of print."

In the long run, the teen-ager said, it may have eased some of the taunting. "At the time," he said, "it just made it worse."

A hard-charging former Marine, Svedberg has stirred up Northwood, a community of 1,640, in the past.

There was the time the newspaper published a front-page photo of a snowmobiler who strayed across Svedberg's property line. "Family Under Siege," read the caption.

Soon, snowmobilers were going out of their way to cut across Svedberg's yard.

A school board member took him aside, Svedberg recalled, saying "Now, your son's really going to get it at school."

Svedberg pressed charges when his son's bike was stolen and again when someone vandalized the boy's bike. He complained last year when a young driver swerved his car to frighten Chris on his bicycle.

In the complaint against Stamness, Svedberg said the boy twice threatened to kill his son. There were no witnesses to the alleged death threats, however.

Svedberg said he and his wife appealed for help to school officials, to police and prosecutors.

Darlene Svedberg, Chris' mother, finally dialed a rape and abuse hotline. And a counselor told her the taunting might be prohibited under the state's new anti-stalking law.

The Stamness family appealed to the Supreme Court after being served with the restraining order in March.

Neither the Northwood police chief, the mayor, the city auditor nor the school principal would comment on the Supreme Court ruling.

Cuba to export rare crocodile skins

By IKE FLORES
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Perran Ross spent three weeks eating rice and beans on muddy little islets just west of the Bay of Pigs, tracking down rare black-and-yellow crocodiles.

Actually, there was little tracking to do since the pugnacious crocs soon found Ross and his small group of biologists.

"We found them to be particularly bold, wandering around our campsite all the time, which is unusual for such animals," said Ross, a native Australian and scientist at the University of Florida.

The Cuban Crocodile, or Lagarto Criollo, abounds in a small area of Cuba's Zapata Swamp, not far from where the ill-fated invasion of Cuban exiles was repulsed by Fidel Castro's troops in 1961. It is the only place in the world where the checkerboarded crocodile exists.

As a result of Ross' visit, the Cuban government has been authorized by an international convention to begin a worldwide trade in the skin of the rare animal. The skins are expected to be highly sought in Europe, Japan and other markets where expensive handbags and shoes are produced and prized.

Ross, a researcher at the Florida Museum of Natural History, was dispatched to Cuba last year under contract to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, called CITES.

His job was to determine whether there are enough Cuban Crocodiles in the wild to maintain the population and to support a captive-breeding program under way. He estimated 3,000 to 6,000 of the creatures.

"The Cubans have been successful in their conservation attempts," Ross said.

Ross found the Cubans have no intention of harvesting the Lagarto, which has thrived in the wild undisturbed for decades. The skins, with a striking yellow and black pattern, will come from butchered animals taken from the breeding program.

Cuban specialists hold about 800 of the crocodiles as breeding stock. When captive-bred animals are butchered, the meat becomes a Cuban delicacy — and the skin will now become a cash crop.

The CITES organization, of which Cuba is a member, agreed to the export program provided that no wild animals are harvested and part of the profits go toward conservation.

With the collapse of aid from the former Soviet Union and the up-and-down sugar trade, Cuba can use the foreign exchange the skins will bring. But officials have not put a price on potential profits from the skins.

The Lagarto, which grows to about 10 feet, is an ominivorous carnivore wth a diet of fish, turtles, a cat-sized rodent called Jutia, wild pigs and an occasional deer. It evolved undisturbed over the centuries in the sparsely inhabitated Zapata Swamp region, where thick vegetation offers it protection from any hunters and trappers.

The area is comparable to the Florida Everglades, with its wetlands rich in exotic flora and fauna, much of it found nowhere else.

The larger American crocodile and a smaller Cayman species from South America were introduced into Cuba many years ago and biologists suspect they may have driven the Lagarto into the Zapata Swamp.

Ross plans to return to Cuba soon to survey other possible habitats for the Lagarto. One site he will look at is the Isle of Pines, now called the Isle of Youth. Another objective is to identify suitable areas for possible relocation of some Lagarto.

Because its habitat is only about 30 square miles, biologists have recommended that some be transplanted to get another colony started.

"The current population is in such a small area, it wouldn't take much of a disaster, such as a hurricane or disease, to wipe them out," Ross said.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Bidders shall submit their bids on the form attached to the Specifications and must submit therewith a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond payable without recourse to the order of City of Pampa,in an amount not less than 5% of the bid submitted on the project as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him.

The successful Bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds on the forms attached to the Specifications in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company approved by the Owner holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner.

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The City Commission will consider award of project during the first part of March 1995.

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City of Pampa, Texas, Owner
By: Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
C-90 December 18, 25, 1994

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1 Dec. holiday
5 Caught
12 Stage play
13 Profile
14 Fiber for caulking
15 Fall month
16 Optic applicator
18 Circuit
19 Scandinavian monetary units
21 Unclaimed mail dept.
24 Aug. hours
27 Region
28 Vice pres.
29 African mammal
31 Clinton's st.
32 Shelter for bees
33 Saucy
34 One Day — a Time
35 Chemical compound
36 Architect Saarinen
37 Antlered animal
39 Cry of affirmation
40 Pigpen
41 Democrat's symbol
43 Male title
44 Come into view
48 — — fizz
52 Musician — Hayes
53 Like a bull
54 Speed
55 Position
56 Actual being

DOWN
1 Diagnostic aid
2 Manufacture
3 Frenzied state
4 Japanese knights
5 Michigan canal system
6 Type of family
7 Rose essence
8 Mess
9 Crane arm part
10 Chemical suffix
11 The (Ger.)
12 Female deer
17 For (Sp.)
20 Spruce up
21 Divine being
22 Embankment
23 Musical drama
24 Stupid people
25 Form of trapshooting
26 Linger
28 Videotape type
30 Abbr. on a page
34 Worshipping
35 Hermit
38 — out a living
41 Begin
eating (2 wds.)
42 Positive words
43 Antitoxins
45 Butts against
46 Stare open-mouthed
47 Author Umberto —
48 Depot (abbr.)
49 Household god
50 Possessive pronoun
51 Society-column word

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ARGALA ISLAND
MIG AHOME LAI
SLIT AIM DELI
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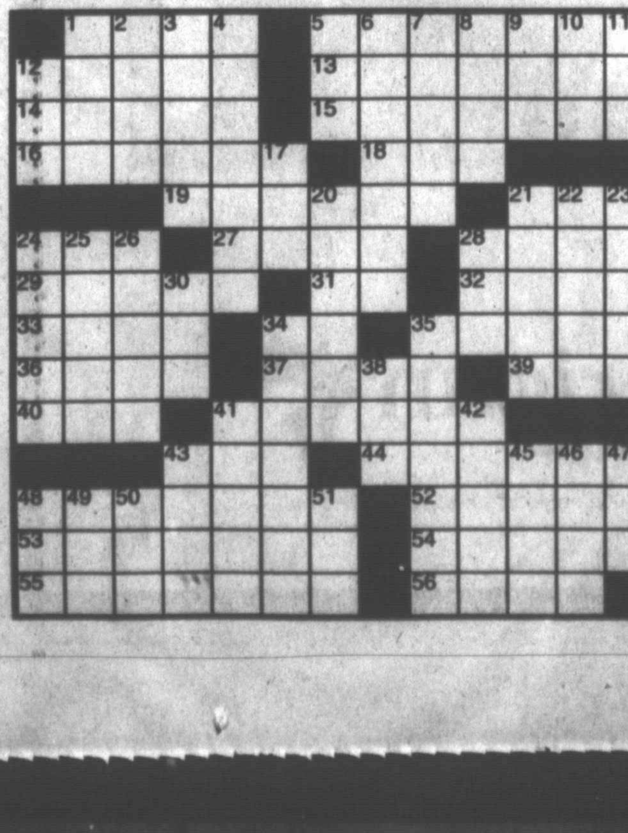

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Santa Claus breaks silence, tells all in book

"Magic is when something happens and can't be understood. Quite simply ... magic just IS." — Santa Claus, 1994.

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH (AP) – As millions of children know, Santa Claus is alive and well and no doubt worn out from making his Christmas rounds.

Still, there are skeptics.

So for the first time, Santa has ended centuries of public silence to share his story with the world.

"You're right to believe in me," he says in a foreword to his new book, *The Autobiography of Santa Claus*, which hit the stores just in time for Christmas 1994.

Santa understands it's sometimes hard to believe in him, since so many people insist there is no Santa Claus, that he is just an ancient myth.

"I suppose I should be angry with them, but I feel sorry for them instead," he says. "Have you ever noticed that it's always unhappy people who attack the things happy people believe in?"

Santa explains that he decided to tell his story to clear up many of the misconceptions.

"The true story of Christmas, and my part in it, is as wonderful and complicated as the world itself," Santa told Jeff Guinn, his biographer.

Santa says he chose Guinn because of a Christmas story he wrote last year for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, where he is associate book editor.

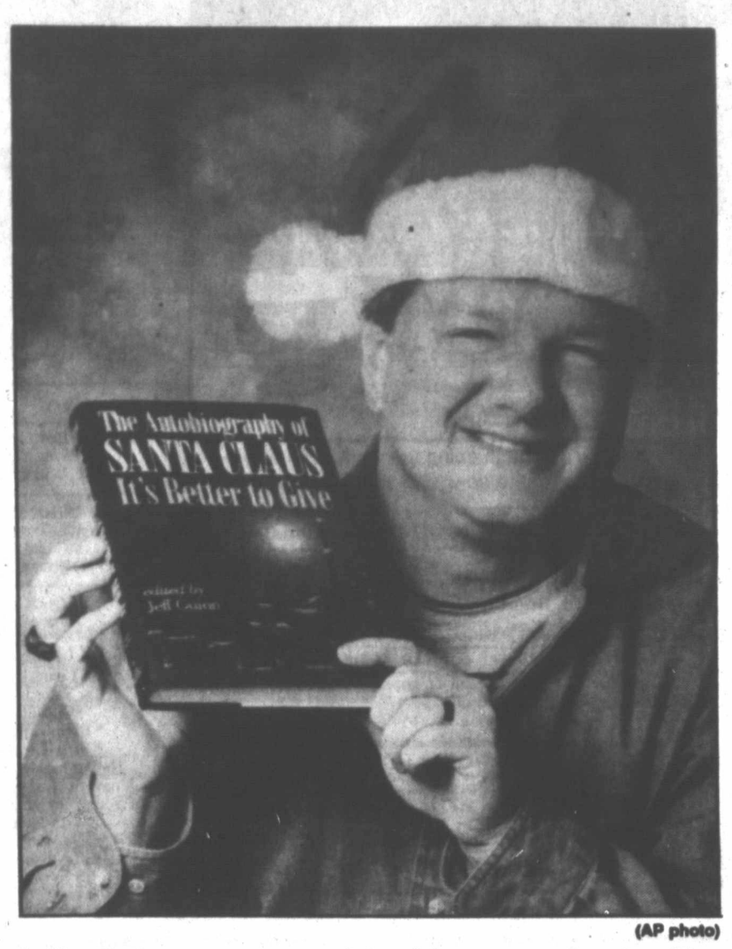
Santa says the article convinced him that Guinn truly loves Christmas, although he obviously doesn't know nearly as much about it as he thinks.

Through an emissary, Santa summoned Guinn to the North Pole to discuss the project.

"In person," says Guinn, "Santa is everything you'd want him to be – wise and jolly, white-bearded and red-robed, and, above all, loving."

"I live at the snowy North Pole now, but my life began surrounded by sand," Santa reveals in the first chapter.

He was born about three centuries after Jesus in a country called Lycia, which since has been absorbed by Turkey. He lived in the Mediterranean seaport town of Patera.



(AP photo)

Jeff Guinn poses with his new book The Autobiography of Santa Claus: It's Better to Give.

An only child, his wealthy parents named him Nicholas, which meant "victorious."

His parents died when he was nine, and Nicholas used his inheritance to finance his early gift giving, which was pretty sporadic for several hundred years.

Mostly, Nicholas provided money to feed the hungry and clothe the poor.

"The money was always left with children, so their parents would not feel ashamed," he explained.

"I always gave my gifts in secret and at night, of course, but once or twice every month."

Shortly after his arrival in Rome in 343 A.D., Bishop Nicholas, later Saint Nicholas, picked up his first helper, Felix, a runaway slave and a master woodcarver.

Soon thereafter, in Constantinople, he met Layla, who shared his spirit of giving. Layla became his wife, although she is not the frumpy, meek little woman some came to suspect.

Certainly the most sensible of the group, Layla was a constant source of encouragement in those pre-reindeer days. When Nicholas fretted that his gifts were too small and too few, she reminded him:

"What we're really giving these children is hope, and the knowledge there are people in this world who care about them. ... So stop complaining."

As the centuries whizzed by, the trio added some extraordinary members to their benevolent band, not the least of which was Attila the Hun, who had grown weary of killing.

"I think I'll come with you to Britain, and help you give your gifts there," said the scarred old warrior.

That's where the group picked up Arthur, a wounded tribal war chief.

"As the years passed into decades, then centuries," Nicholas says, "it became widely believed in Britain that (Arthur) had actually been a king with a crown ... who lived in a magical castle called Camelot."

Their next convert was St. Francis of Assisi, and it was he who changed Christmas forever, first suggesting what would become a nativity scene to help celebrate Dec. 25.

That was 1225, the same year he introduced music to the observance.

In what is now Spain, Nicholas met King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. And it was at his urging that Isabella financed a daring and historic odyssey by an Italian ship captain named Christopher Columbus.

In fact, Francis, as Nicholas' representative, sailed with him to the New World.

By the 18th Century, an Italian artist named Leonardo Da Vinci had joined the party. Most remember him for a painting, the Mona Lisa, but few know he designed a winged sleigh that, using the thrust of eight reindeer, could actually fly.

Nicholas, meanwhile, visited the New World as a passenger aboard the crowded Mayflower, and attended the first Thanksgiving feast at Plymouth.

Because of language variables, "Saint Nicholas" sometimes came across as "Sintnicklus" and then Sinta Klass," Nicholas explains.

"For the first time in America," he said, "a few children began believing that their Christmas presents were brought by 'Santa Claus.' "

In America, Santa was joined by Sarah Kimble Knight, a schoolteacher and author, and Daniel Boone, an explorer. Then came Ben Franklin, a Philadelphia printer and inventor.

In 1776, Felix, Santa's original helper, unwittingly helped Gen. George Washington and the Colonists win their war for independence from England.

In 1818, Layla provided the inspiration for the writing of that most cherished of Christmas songs, "Silent Night." She and Santa were on a second honeymoon of sorts when it was first performed at midnight mass in the Austrian village of Oberndorf, just north of Salzburg.

Santa and his companions also were pivotal in such familiar works as Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and Clement Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

President Theodore Roosevelt was so impressed with Santa that he offered to give up politics to join his group. Santa told him the country needed him more.

At least, Teddy insisted, Santa should move into the White House.

Santa gently declined. But the most popular toy of 1903 became the Teddy Bear.

In all probability, a gift left by Santa for a young boy named Francis Church would later inspire one of the most beautiful passages ever written.

In 1897, an 8-year-old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon sent an inquiry to the *New York Sun*. It said:

"I am eight years old, and some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

By then, Francis Church was the *Sun*'s "Question and Answer" editor.

"He didn't like his job very much at all," Santa reveals. "But Francis Church did love Christmas, and he did believe in me. Maybe it was the marbles I'd left for him one Christmas Eve when he was a boy."

So Church printed her letter and his response:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," Church wrote. "He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know how they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. ...

"Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. ...

"No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Santa says he doesn't know if Virginia O'Hanlon wept when she read that, but he did.

"I cried with joy, because I knew anyone reading those beautiful words would believe in me ... and never stop believing in me."

That Christmas Santa made an exception to a longstanding rule of giving gifts only to children. Francis Church awoke that morning to find a special set of marbles in a new stocking tacked by his fireplace. There was also a note. It said:

"Thank you. Love, Santa."

(*The Autobiography of Santa Claus: It's Better to Give*. The Summit Group. $22.95.)

Prisoners use crafts to make yard displays

By RICHARD L. SMITH
Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel

NACOGDOCHES – County prisoners are helping to make some Christmases brighter and paying for their own rehabilitation, building and selling holiday yard displays.

"We're making sleds and reindeer. We've got the standing kind that stick in the ground. They're real simple and real easy to put together," said Robert Pleasant, the inmate in charge of the county's rehabilitative woodworking program.

Lester Chancey, another inmate leading the project, says the decorations painted by inmates after being cut from patterns sell for $25 a set.

"We've made about 25," he said. "We're taking orders on them or people can come up and buy them here."

Chancey said any left over will probably be put back on sale next year.

A variety of inmate-built products are for sale at the county jail, including wooden yard swings, chairs and barbecue pits.

Lt. Molly Brown, the jail supervisor over the industrial rehabilitation program, says the Christmas decorations filled a niche.

"It's another part of woodworking," she said. "We were afraid we were going to have to shut it down. There weren't enough people buying swings and chairs, so we got some patterns and started making them. It's provided some needed capital."

The woodworking program at the county jail is one part of the rehabilitation effort started about a year ago.

Ms. Brown said about 40 prisoners now participate in the program, which also includes automobile repair, welding, and car painting.

All the money generated returns to the rehabilitation program.

"There's no tax money used," Ms. Brown said. "It's helped up buy a lot of clothes, boots and gloves for the program."

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