Preliminary indications are favorable that a federally created neighborhood revitalization program hailed for its stimulation of grassroots home and business remodeling projects will come to Midland.

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Was Santa here?

Did Santa Claus leave his glasses behind? Apparently, Rachel Frosch, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Frosch of Midland, thinks so. Children everyone were checking under the Christmas tree this morning to see what Santa left for them.

On videotape, Anderson says he is doing well

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — On his third Christmas Eve as a hostage, American journalist Terry Anderson told his family Thursday that he is well and asked his government to do what it can to free him.

Anderson, the longest-held foreign captive in Lebanon, spoke on a four-minute videotape released by the Moslem extremists who kidnapped him March 16, 1985, as he was returning home from a Saturday morning game of tennis.

"To my family, I love you and miss you very much," he said in a strong, steady voice. "I'm sorry we have to be apart again this Christmas.

"I'm in good health, but tired and very lonely. I think of you very much. Kiss my beautiful children for me and be patient."

Anderson has two daughters: Gabrielle, 10, and 2-year-old Sulome, born after his abduction. His father and a brother have died during his captivity.

The 40-year-old journalist, who is chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press, said to President Reagan:

"Mr. President, I say again this cannot continue. This is my third Christmas as a hostage. Others have been nearly as long.

"Surely it's enough? It has to be. Our condition is not great. There's a limit for how long we can last and some of us are approaching their limit very rapidly."

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said: "All statements by hostages are made under the duress of their captivity. We continue to be deeply concerned for the health and the well-being of all the hostages. They are not forgotten."

Twenty foreigners are hostages in Lebanon, including seven other Americans. In addition, Anglican church envoy Terry Waite dropped from sight Jan. 20 after leaving his west Beirut hotel to meet with hostage holders.

Anderson's captors delivered the tape to the British news agency Reuters in Moslem west Beirut, which made it available to the AP later.

Peggy Say, Anderson's sister, said at her home in Batavia, N.Y., that the message brightened an otherwise discouraging Christmas. "Next to his release, it's the best news we could have gotten."

In remarks directed to the Reagan administration, Anderson said no progress had been apparent in efforts to free American captives since David Jacobsen, former director of the American University Hospital in Beirut, was released on Nov. 2, 1986.

He has appealed to Reagan for action in earlier message delivered by his kidnappers, the pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem group Islamic Jihad. The name means Islamic Holy War.

On the Christmas Eve tape, Anderson said to Reagan:

"Surely by now you know what must be done and how you can do it. This is difficult, but you can do it. There has been enough careful consideration, cold discussion and enough intricate secret maneuvering and more than enough self-righteousness.

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Bethlehem has 'sad, quiet' Christmas Eve

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — A small turnout of pilgrims and tourists marked Christmas Eve in the town where Christ was born, and observances shadowed by weeks of violence were held under unprecedented military guard.

Only a few hundred were on hand as Arab boy scout bands beat drums and played bagpipes in a heavy rain to accompany the Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem in his annual procession to the Church of the Nativity.

Hundreds of extra troops patroled Bethlehem to maintain security following two weeks of violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 21 Arabs have been killed by Israeli gunfire.

"This is a sad, quiet Christmas," said Elias Freij, the Christian Arab mayor of Bethlehem who canceled an annual party for Israeli officials and Arab notables to protest the violence.

"There are very few tourists here," he said from his office overlooking Manger Square and facing the Church of the Nativity. "I knew this would happen, because of recent events and because of the weather."

Last year, more than 10,000 visitors jammed Manger Square.

Freij also blamed the lack of visitors on an advisory issued by the U.S. State Department that warned Americans to exercise caution when visiting the occupied territories.

About 500 U.S. sailors from 6th Fleet ships were advised to stay away from Bethlehem because of the recent violence.

"Let's say that we advised them that under the circumstances it would be better not to travel to Bethlehem," a U.S. Embassy spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

As darkness fell over Manger Square, clusters of tourists were driven by pouring rain to seek refuge under a shopping arcade lining the square. Some began singing Christmas carols as they gazed at the deserted square.

"It's only the faithful few who've decided to come," said Martin Hammond, a 25-year-old student from York, England. "We were hoping there would be more people. It's obviously due to the trouble."

Some tourists said they were uncomfortable with the heavy military presence. Soldiers carrying sniper rifles or machine guns searched all visitors at checkpoints set up throughout the streets of Bethlehem.

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Midland rancher affectionately remembers grandmother

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Christmas in Midland 101 years ago had the warmth and family ties evident in families today.

Otherwise, things were somewhat different.

The town was new and rustic, and the countryside was wild and untamed. And those pre-Christmas shopping days, particularly for the ranch folks, were a far cry from today's hordes of helter-skelter shoppers playing Santa Claus stand-ins in the maze of shops abounding with glitter and sales pitches.

Christmas on the ranch in 1886 was full of glad tidings.

"We were all so happy," Arminta "Minnie" Estes recalled in 1956 — 31 years ago — at age 82. "Papa had shot a wild turkey, and Mama had baked a cake."

Mrs. Estes' recollections of Christmas in 1886 were recorded in a 1956 Christmas Eve edition of the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Mrs. Estes was grandmother of Midland rancher Aldredge "Button" Estes, who affectionately remembered his grandmother.

In 1886, Mrs. Estes was 12-year-old Arminta Draper. She, her five brothers and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Draper, were new settlers in the West. They had moved overland from Palo Pinto County in Central Texas to ranch in Midland County and elsewhere in West Texas.

"We didn't expect much (at Christmas), what with making the move from home and being so far from town," Mrs. Estes recalled.

"And I guess by today's standards, we didn't get much. But those stockings full of fruit and candy we found on Christmas morning made us wish for a Christmas every day."

On that Christmas in 1886, icy winds blew across the prairie lands where buffaloes once roamed and bent low the tall grass.

"But we didn't notice the cold, because it was Christmas, and we all were so excited," Mrs. Estes said.

Her father's ranch was about 30 miles northwest of Midland. And the closest neighbors were her Uncle Billy Cowden and Uncle Frank Cowden, who lived 35 miles to the west.

She took well to ranch life, attended school in Midland in the fall, winter and spring, and worked on her father's ranch during the summer months.

She recalled her father as a salty Texan who strapped on pistols and, as a young man and drove cattle along the Chisholm Trail. Occasionally, taciturn men wearing low-slung six-shooters would drift by the Draper Ranch.

"We knew they were outlaws," Mrs. Estes recalled, "but we didn't ask, because questioning a stranger was considered risky."

In 1893, at age 19, she married Sanders Estes, a rancher whom she had met three years earlier in a Christmas dance in the old Midland County Courthouse. "I saw him about 10 times in the three years before we were married in 1893," she recalled.

The Estes children attended school in Midland but remained on the ranch when not in school.

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Youngsters give varied impressions of Santa Claus

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Santa Claus may have made his annual rounds as visions of sugar plums danced in their heads, but youngsters had some pretty clear impressions of jolly old Saint Nick when asked to describe him for a class project.

Judging from his roly-poly image, Santa must like to eat, said one youngster in Jeannie Kirby's first-grade class at Killeen's Duncan Elementary School. His fifth suit a size 40 suit — or is it a size 50? — with everything from shrimp, fruits, chips, pumpkin pies and turkey to lots and lots of potatoes, the youngsters speculated.

The varied diet apparently hasn't hurt his health: He might be 3,000 years old. Or he could be only 8. Or Santa could be "real old," as Dena described him, "about 20."

Saint Nick does get some exercise before his big Christmas Eve trip. He skis around to the shopping centers. Or maybe, as David thought, he rides the reindeer.

When he's not delivering toys, Santa sings, plays a game of checkers or chess or marbles, competes in hockey, or just frolics in the North Pole snow. The elves sometimes join him, according to a student named John.

One youngster, though, said Saint Nick just "sleeps for fun."

Many of the first-graders said the Kringle couple has children: as few as two, as many as 100. And, yes, there's even a little Scrooge in Santa. He gets mad when the kids are noisy, Michael said.

Santa has pets, including at least one cat and a hamster, not to mention the reindeer. In fact, he might need another. Catherine is worried that Rudolph might get sick.

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West Texans may experience white Christmas

From Staff Reports

The sentimental Christmas which Irving Berlin wrote about and which Bing Crosby sang about in the "White Christmas" movie may visit Midland and much of West Texas today.

The weatherman at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport is forecasting a 60 percent chance of freezing rain and drizzle this morning and rain by afternoon.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter-storm warning for today.

Today's high temperature is to be in the mid-30s, and winds are to be northeasterly at 10 to 15 mph.

Snow may fall tonight.

The weatherman is predicting a 60 percent chance of freezing rain, which may change to snow during the evening.

The low temperature is to be near 20 degrees.

The weatherman is calling for a 20 percent chance of snow under cloudy skies Saturday. The high temperature is to be in the low 30s. The weatherman is predicting partly cloudy skies for the remainder of the holiday weekend. The low is to be in the upper teens, and the high is to be near 40 degrees.

Thursday's peak temperature was 41 degrees, and the record high for a Dec. 24 is 78 degrees in 1955. The overnight low for Thursday was 26 degrees, and the record low for a Dec. 25 is 7 degrees in 1983.



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Christmas celebration

Pope John Paul II celebrated Midnight Mass in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Sailors try to keep minds off Christmas

EDITOR'S NOTE: This dispatch was filed by Frank Morring Jr. of Scripps Howard News Service, a member of the Pentagon media pool in the Persian Gulf.

ABOARD THE USS RICHMOND K. TURNER IN THE PERSIAN GULF (AP) — It's no fun for young sailors to spend their first Christmas away from home on a ship in the Persian Gulf. But it's not much fun the rest of the time either.

For the officers and men on Christmas Eve duty aboad the guided missile cruiser USS Richmond K. Turner, the attitude is, "Somebody's got to do it."

Twenty-year-old Bruce Dobson made clear during a brief visit by a small group of reporters that he'd rather be spending the holiday with his family and friends from the class of 1985 at Georgetown High School in Georgetown County, S.C.

"It's my first Christmas away from home," said Dobson, an operations specialist who makes his living tracking planes, ships and boats in this crowded waterway. "I feel pretty much down."

Earlier Thursday, the crew got a reminder of what the electronic blips in the ship's combat information center can mean. Five armed Iranian speedboats chased away an American helicopter that had flown from a U.S. ship in the southern gulf.

The helicopter, normally used for anti-submarine warfare, turned back to the USS Elrod when its crew realized the Iranians were firing small arms at a range of about 4,000 yards, according to a Navy officer who spoke on condition he was not identified.

There were no injuries, and the officer said it wasn't clear the Iranians were actually firing at the helicopter. But the incident underscored the environment in which the sailors work.

"They can teach you a lot in the classroom, but you've got to get over here for the reality to sink in," said Michael Lose, 21, of Huntsville, Ala. "I'm not trying to be a Rambo. But the fear is here, the threat is here."

Lose operates an SLQ-32 electronic warfare system programmed to identify ships, aircraft and missiles by the electronic "signature" given off by their radars.

Journalists visited the Turner once before, on Thanksgiving Day, and saw a dramatic encounter between the Turner and Iraqi warplanes. The U.S. battle cruiser came within a hairbreadth of firing on the Iraqi planes, which approached in what the Navy believed was a threatening mnner.

The incident ended without an exchange of missile fire, but the news accounts brought a flood of cards and gifts to the ship.

Last May 17, an Iraqi fighter-bomber hit the frigate USS Stark with two missiles, killing 37 American seamen. Iraq apologized for what it said was a mistaken attack.

The presents sent after the Thanksgiving attack helped the young men on Christmas duty. So did the promise of liberty ashore soon and special holiday activities organized by the ship's officers and non-commissioned officers.

The skipper, Capt. John D. Luke, offered cash prizes in acey-deucey, chess and cribbage tournaments, and the ship held a costume party with prizes for the best outfits.

Torpedoman 1st Class Olisco Carden, 25, of Anniston, Ala., is spending his fouth Christmas aboard ship. He served 120 days off the coast of Lebanon in 1981 and 1982.

"In my division there are only four guys that this is the first time," he said. "The other guys who've been underway before are helping them out by keeping their minds off Christmas."

Robert Ritter, 19, of Port Jefferson, N.Y., said all the shipboard activities didn't keep him from missing his family and girlfriend, or from looking forward to seeing them again when the Turner returns to its homeport of Charleston, S.C., in the spring.

Customs official orders Santa, reindeer released

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — By the time you read this, the enticing pile of packages under the tree will have been reduced to wrecked wrapping, battered boxes and remnants of ribbons. But, for the record, there are signs that your government was at work on the night before Christmas.

There is no requirement that federal agencies expend time, money and manpower for getting into the spirit of the season. But they do it anyway.

When astronauts were flying, NASA always reported an unidentified object leaving the North Pole, the Air Force usually gets into the act with a similar sighting and the weather bureau reports on flying weather for Santa and his sleigh.

"Customs officers found that Donner, Blitzen and Cupid hadn't had certain inoculations..."
— U.S. Customs Service

Now comes the U.S. Commissioner of Customs, William von Raab, with an order to officers at a remote northern border crossing "to release Santa Claus from detention so that he can speed on his way bringing toys to good little girls and boys."

Why was Santa detained in the first place?

"Customs officers found that Donner, Blitzen and Cupid hadn't had certain inoculations required for animal importations," said the U.S. Customs Service, an agency that does not easily succumb to humor.

"They discovered that Rudolph's nose wouldn't meet standards established by the Underwriters Laboratory for electrical safety. When they inspected the cargo, customs officers also found that Santa had listed the wrong weight on his entry form and had misdescribed some models as toys.

"There were a number of other minor violations that could have kept the jolly old elf tied up at the border for several hours. But the local district director of customs put in an emergency call to Washington, and von Raab waived the threatened penalty actions, telling the customs officers to speed Santa on his way."

There is more of this, but it isn't necessary to print it here. After all, customs service publicists count on getting such a tale into newspapers because Christmas Eve is a slow time in the news business.

How wrong they are.

ANDERSON

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"Mr. President, we in the United States are not absolutely innocent here, our hands are not completely free...It is American money and weapons, cluster bombs and phosphoric shells that Israel used in its insane spree in Lebanon and left tens of thousands of Palestinians and Lebanese men, women and children dead.

"We continue to support Israel despite its campaign of oppression in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip...We should be surprised that there are still so many who want to be friends with us.

"To my government I don't know what to say. I know that you are trying to get us out, but I don't know what it is you can do. I only know that it has not been enough or the right thing."

After Jacobsen was freed, it was disclosed that Washington secretly sold weapons to Iran, despite an arms embargo, in return for hostages.

Two other captives were freed during those clandestine dealings: the Rev. Benjamin Weir on Sept. 14, 1985, and the Rev. Lawrence Jenco on July 26, 1986.

Anderson was bearded on the tape. He wore spectacles and a light brown sweater, and appeared to be reading from a prepared text.

It was the first tape of him since Oct. 3, 1986. On that one, he and Jacobsen asked Reagan to work as hard for their release as he did to free American newsman Nicholas Daniloff, who had been arrested in Moscow on espionage charges.

In Washington, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said intelligence experts would examine the latest tape "for nuances" and any other information it holds about the hostages' condition.

Asked what Washington was doing to secure the captives' release, he said: "Everything we can."

Anderson said on the tape that conditions for himself and other hostages probably would improve if the those of 17 convicted pro-Iranian bombers in Kuwait get better.

"If something is done to improve their conditions, ours will too," he said, but did not describe his own situation.

Islamic Jihad has demanded freedom for the 17, who were convicted of bombing the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait in December 1983. It also holds Thomas Sutherland, an American who is acting dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut, and at least three French hostages.

Anderson, a native of Lorain, Ohio, said he was grateful to be allowed to send a Christmas message to his family, countrymen and government.

"To my friends and countrymen," he said, "I know your prayers and messages of goodwill and efforts for us. I've seen some of your Christmas cards you have sent."

As-Safir, a Beirut daily, published scores of Christmas messages from American schoolchildren to the journalist earlier this month.

BETHLEHEM

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"I feel very sad seeing all these guns, all these military people," said Doris Wagner, of Frankfurt, Germany. "No Christian, Jew or Moslem would try to blow up a church or something on this holy day."

Other visitors said they were concerned about the news of violence in the occupied territories, which Israel seized in the 1967 Middle East war.

"There is concern that people are dying and being hurt," said Paul Carbone, 22, of Carlstadt, N.J. "It does put a damper on the Christmas spirit."

As the observances began, Jerusalem's Roman Catholic Patriarch Giacomo Guiseppe Beltritti stepped out of a black car in the center of Manger Square and exchanged kisses with Freij and Shmuel Altman, the city's Israeli military governor.

Wearing a white fur stole over purple-and-white vestments, the patriarch walked slowly in the rain to the 4th century Church of the Nativity, surrounded by more than a hundred white-robed Franciscan priests and brothers.

"This is so beautiful, I'm just thrilled to be here right now," said Fran Stevenson, a retired telephone operator from Salt Lake City.

A military helicopter circled overhead during the procession, but soldiers kept their distance.

Earlier, hundreds of soldiers had patrolled the square and the narrow alleys leading off of it. Long lines formed at checkpoints around the square as soldiers guided visitors through metal dectectors and searched bags.

Some shopkeepers said the tight security was causing them to have the worst Christmas in years.

"If customers have to go through a metal detector to come and browse in my shop, why should they bother?" lamented Assad Jakamer, who owns a gift shop. "No one has bought anything here all day, and we live for Christmas here."

Maj. Gen. Amram Mitzna, head of the army's central command, told reporters the heavy security was necessary to ensure a peaceful Christmas.

"We have prepared ourseleves in the necessary way to prevent disturbances," Mitzna said as he toured Manger Square.

By Israeli count, 21 Palestinians have been killed and 158 wounded in the bloodiest riots since Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Fifty Israeli soldiers and civilians have been injured.

RANCHER

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"She did not like town," Button Estes said of his "plain-spoken" grandmother, who, he said, "went to church and straightened the preacher out and ranched," Button Estes said.

"She was just a typical pioneer ranch woman," Button Estes said.

His grandmother helped organize the First Christian Church of Midland. And his grandfather, Sanders Estes, helped start the old Midland National Bank and the old Midland Christian College.

Button Estes recalled his grandmother in her latter years, when he would visit and look after her.

She objected to too much attention.

"'Sonny,'" Button Estes recalled his grandmother telling him, "'I want to talk to you. You don't need to be coming by here. You need to be working and taking care of Pat and this child you all are about to have. If I need you, I can call you.'" Pat is Button Estes' wife, whom he calls a "pistol" and a "crackerjack."

Button Estes said that his grandmother was a "character."

"She wasn't into riding and roping and that kind of business," Button Estes recalled. "She took care of the cooking. She ran the house and raised the kids; I'll guarantee you. You can bet she would have a heluva meal. She never did get 'horse bit.' She didn't rodeo or ride barrels or bend poles. Cowpunching wasn't her cup of tea."

But sentimentally recalling a Christmas was.

SANTA

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What would Santa want if he could get a gift or two, instead of handing them out? Charles thought he needed a new coat. Of course, it has to be red. Eric suggested new tools to make toys. Or as David suggested, "He needs a clock for Christmas. I hope he isn't late."

It was Valena, though, who said what Santa really needs is a hug. After all, she said, "Being Santa is hard. You're always working."

'Ghost' visits Coloradoan

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — The ghost of Christmas past visited the George Duvall family of Boulder this week.

Debbie Hoyt of Golden notified Duvall on Sunday that she had a letter to Santa Claus written by Duvall's father, the late George Duvall, 81 years ago.

Hoyt said she discovered the letter while remodeling her home a year ago.

Written in pencil on a child's wide-lined notebook paper, the yellowed letter was dated Dec. 3, 1906.

"Dear Santa Claus," the signed letter read. "I want a horn, I want a popgun, I want a sled."

"Oh, yeah, I'm sure it's my dad," said Duvall, 59, a retired aerospace engineer. "Golden was his place of birth, and also where he was raised."

The senior George Duvall would have been about 6 years old when he wrote the letter to Santa.

Hoyt said she was showing the letter to friends Sunday, and her 11-year-old son suggested looking for Duvalls in the telephone book. "He said, 'We should find out who this is,'" Hoyt said.

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Churches envision economy for benefit of all

EDITOR'S NOTE: Six major Christian denominations scrutinized the U.S. economy against the Bible's edicts and in many instances found it wanting. The final installment of a four-part Christmas series, "The Economics of God," deals with American churches' recommendations for a just and good economy that provides a collective well-being, with special attention to the needy.

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

As envisioned by major American churches, and by the Bible, a good economy is based on an active partnership of workers, owners and government for the benefit of all, including the poor.

"Brethrenomics," it has been termed.

Through God's love, "humankind is a single family so that all economic questions and problems are to be understood as among brothers and sisters," says a 1984 assessment by the Presbyterian Church (USA), entitled "Faith and Economic Justice."

Various terms are used in several Protestant and Roman Catholic economic analyses to describe this interdependent characteristic, such as "community," "cohumanity," "cooperation," "partnership," "solidarity," "co-responsibilitry," "teamwork" and "co-determination of economic life."

It calls for turning "our national wealth" into our "commonwealth," say U.S. Episcopal bishops.

AS ANCIENT Judaism understood, the bishops say, "God promised collective, and not simply individual, well-being," continuing:

"Jesus makes it abundantly clear that all economic arrangements must serve to strengthen the common life of the people rather than to serve as a dominating force over their lives."

Another key mark attributed to the good economy is its caring for the poor, aged, sick, disabled and others unable to care for themselves.

"Central to the biblical presentation of justice is that the justice of a community is measured by its treatment of the powerless in society," say U.S. Roman Catholic bishops.

"God's special concern for the poor and powerless makes our attitudes toward and actions for them a test of loyalty to God," says the Presbyterian economic study.

This special tilt does not mean the poor have greater worth in God's sight. Nor does it demand economic equality. But justice requires it as part of what the Lutheran Church in America terms God's "distributive love."

"PARADOXICALLY, BECAUSE God loves all equally, God has a special concern for the poor," the Presbyterian study says. "Equal love demands unequal concern according to unequal need."

Just as parents love their children equally, parents are especially concerned for the sick or needy child. "God's love is given equally to all, but God has a special concern for those who are in greatest need," the church adds.

That extra concern was shown through Jesus, even at the time of his impoverished birth, in his peasant mother Mary's exultation about its significance, her Magnificat:

"My soul magnifies the Lord...He has scattered the proud in the imaginations of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of low degree."

That same option for the poor, the broken and the neglected was displayed throughout Jesus' actions and words, including his first sermon, echoing words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

CHURCHES REGISTER the same concern. Christian ethics sometimes are called "therefore" ethics since they are based on expressions of God's will and conclude that "therefore" humanity should pursue the same purposes.

"A just economic system fulfills the basic material needs of all members of the human community and enhances the life opportunities of the poor, the weak and groups at the margins of society," says the United Church of Christ.

Various other features seen by the churches as essential for a just economy under Judeo-Christian principles are these:

— It enables all people to meet basic needs for sufficient food, clothing, decent housing, adequate health care, basic education and employment as fundamental human rights. These necessities include a "goal of full employment" so everyone able to work can, say Catholic bishops.

— It provides access to participation by all, including workers, in economic decisions affecting their lives. They should be "co-determiners of their economic life," says the Lutheran assessment.

— It respects individual freedom of expression and worship, including, say Catholic bishops, protecting "freedom of entrepreneurship, business and finance," but also assures their accountability to the common good. "The obligation to serve justifies the right to possess," says the Lutheran study. "The Creator does not sanction the accumulation of economic power and possessions as ends in themselves."

— IT SHOWS concern for the future by preserving the Earth's resources, recognizing they were inherited from God and past generations and, as the Presbyterian study says, "held in trust" for coming generations.

— It contributes to the well-being of the total community, respecting the equal worth of all members. "Justice is a community concept," says the Presbyterian study. "As it affirms our individual freedom it equally affirms our co-responsibility for the good of the community as a whole."

The churches don't prescribe precise blueprints or espouse any existing economic system for accomplishing the objectives, whether capitalism or socialism.

"No current economic system fulfills the biblical mandates for economic justice," says the United Church of Christ.

But Episcopal bishops note: "American capitalism, subject as it is to direction by representative government, just might succeed in fashioning new processes for economic justice, particularly if our society moves to refurbish our human value priorities."

Both the church studies and Christianity have historically stressed that because of sin, humanity alone cannot achieve perfect justice, economically or otherwise.

VAUNTED "UTOPIAS" presuming that progress can bring in paradise are considered vain conceit — what T.S. Eliot called "dreaming of a system so perfect that no one will have to be good."

"The reality of sin forces us to be modest about human possibilities," says the Presbyterian study.

While God's work remains to be finished, it continues with people to share hope in it, Catholic bishops say, adding:

"The spirit of Christ labors in history to build up the bonds of solidarity among all persons until that day on which their union is brought to perfection in the kingdom of God."

The churches stress helping the unfortunate as especially urgent in economies with widening gulfs between the well-off and impoverished.

Eyeing these conditions of immense wealth, exorbitance and bloated incomes alongside widespread poverty, homelessness and unemployment, Catholic bishops say:

"THAT SO many people are poor in a nation as rich as ours is a social and moral scandal."

United Methodist bishops, criticizing rising arms budgets and sharp cuts in programs aiding "women, children, the ill, the elderly and the unemployed," question "basic ethical assumptions" of U.S. economic policy.

The churches note that the chasm between haves and have-nots also exists worldwide, and contend the United States should be providing more in foreign aid.

"We must condemn as unjust and sinful the existence of economic systems which allow the persistence of hunger and starvation in a world with plenty of food and the capacity and technology to produce even more," the Presbyterian study says. "Constructions of a more just society will require not merely modest reforms, but major transformations."

"We can rebuild a just and prosperous society," say Episcopal bishops, "if we have the determination and vision.

"But for community to be rediscovered and recreated here in America will really require our embracing a new economic covenant. It will require rebuilding a new relationship between capital and community, between those who make significant economic decisions and those who must live with the consequences."

UNDER THE apostles' tutelage, the earliest Christians claimed no possessions as their own but "had everything in common," Acts 4 relates, "and there was not a needy person among them."

Nowadays, the poor and deprived have "the most urgent claim on the conscience of the nation," say Catholic bishops, among others.

That special obligation to the poor was portrayed in one of Jesus' most gripping images, told in both Matthew 25 and Luke 13, about the end of time when all the world's nations would be gathered for judgment.

He said those accepted into the divine "kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" were those who had fed the hungry, clothed the naked, welcomed the refugee, tended the sick and imprisoned.

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

The Economics of God

Religion goes to sea in a bottle

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Almost every spring for 33 years, Everett Bachelder has set God adrift in the Bering Sea in 2,000 mayonnaise jars, ketchup bottles and plastic wrappers.

It's the Gospel afloat off the starboard bow, the sea-tossed sermon of bottle evangelist Bachelder and his wife, Mina. Theirs is a mission of faith, dropping bits of Scripture into the powerful Arctic currents at the top of the world. The Lord's message in a bottle, in 100 different languages.

Their inspiration came from a Tacoma, Wash., bottle evangelist who pitched his religion into Puget Sound and received letters from around the world.

Nine months after the Bachelders put out their first batch, one of their bottles was retrieved near Borneo, 10,000 miles away.

"It was 10 years before we heard from the Atlantic Ocean," said Bachelder, a silver-haired, square-jawed 74-year-old believer in fundamental Christianity. "When the wind is right, all the bottles go to Siberia."

Bachelder figures for every 1,000 bottles sent out, 100 are found. Of every 100 found, he hears from 10 finders. But what bottle evangelism lacks in the immediate gratification of saving souls face to face, it makes up in divine drama.

A man in Singapore was ready to jump off a cliff over an unhappy love affair when a bottle washed against the rocks below him. "I'll jump when the bottle breaks," he told himself.

But the bottle wouldn't break. The fascinated man carefully climbed down the treacherous cliff to examine it. It was one of Bachelder's.

"There wasn't any Sinhalese in it, but there was enough that he could understand," Bachelder said. "He knew about the Bible and missionary stories, and he went and found a missionary and came to Christ."

A seminary student in Aruba was sitting on the beach, depressed over his future, when a Bachelder bottle rolled in. Inside, there were the usual eight or 10 tracts in different languages, Dutch among them. His life was changed.

"He had to choose between continuing at his school and serving the Lord or going into a business venture," Mrs. Bachelder said. "When he found the bottle, he felt he should go ahead and serve the Lord instead of making bucks on this business venture."

A submarine retrieved a Bachelder bottle in the Mediterranean Sea.

The serviceman who picked it up took it to the commander who said, "It's somebody in Nome who's thinking about us. Let's all pray."

Bachelder leaned back in his easy chair and sorted through his stack of letters, the source of these stories. On the wall near him, inscribed on a seal skin, words from Proverbs 4:12: "As thou goest step by step, I will open up the way before thee."

So it has been for Bachelder in Alaska these past 40 years. The couple landed in Nome in an Arctic storm with seven dogs, three children and a washing machine to take over the Nome Gospel Home from the departing missionaries.

Christmas joy began with events of shock, turmoil

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus."

It began disturbingly. She, in a bewildering interlude, had become pregnant, and not by her intended husband. That unsettled her, shattered him and upset their plans for marriage.

He was a kind, good man, of firm moral character, and while he concluded he no longer could marry her, he didn't want to subject her to public disgrace by openly renouncing her.

Heartbroken, he "resolved to divorce her quietly," Matthew's account says, a procedure then necessary for engaged couples abandoning their betrothal.

It was an agonizing time for him and also for her, and it was the life-shaking prelude of the first Christmas.

The young Jewish woman, Mary, had been utterly staggered by her experience, described in Luke 2. It had been strange and incredible, yet shockingly real. She couldn't escape it.

An angelic vision, the heavenly courier Gabriel, suddenly had confronted her with the salutation:

"Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

It startled the girl, threw her into awe-struck fright. Tradition says she had gone to a well, fetching water, when the amazing presence came upon her. Her bucket rope must have slipped uncontrollably.

But the mystical words sought to calm her.

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High."

It didn't calm her, only stunned her the more, dumfounding her. She trembled, gasping, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?"

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Shaken, confounded, she quivered, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

The episode ended as abruptly as it began, but it left her in utterly perplexed anxiety. She realized, if this unheard-of birth was to be, it had undermined her expected marriage.

Finally, in growing unease, inclined to flee, she left her parents' home in Nazareth and went on a visit to a cousin, Elizabeth, in Jerusalem. After hearing Mary's account, Elizabeth, also pregnant, exulted:

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

Elizabeth added that at Mary's report, she had felt a delighted sensation inside herself. "Behold, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."

All this, the women's mutual sharing of confidence, the encouragement of an older relative, also pregnant, reassured the young, worried Mary, buoyed her spirits, drawing from her an exalted paean, her Magnificat:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth, all generations will call me blessed.

"For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name...He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree."

That rejoicing, however, didn't resolve the marriage problem. This remained up to that good man, Joseph, driven almost to despair over the fact that his beloved bride-to-be was inexplicably pregnant.

Over many a furiously hard-working day in his carpentry shop and many a sleepless night, he must have grieved, sometimes doubtlessly falling into fits of rage, slamming his tools about, or lapsing into lonely silences.

He knew what he should do for the sake of propriety and the law he honored — issue a writ ending their betrothal. Then one night, twisting in troubled sleep, an angelic voice stabbed him in a dream:

"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Joseph rose from his mat, his burden vanished, perhaps with a happy shout. It was all right; it was great, wonderful. He may have sobbed in gladness, for he dearly loved Mary, and she probably shed tears, too, of joy.

Wholeheartedly, they married.

But that didn't end their difficulties. A Roman tax edict required their hard trip to Bethelehem. After the baby's birth in a stable cavern they had to flee a slaughter of infants. They became refugees in Egypt for a year or more.

But their devotion saved that special child, the one whose birth in a musty cave brought a winging word to bedazzled shepherds and set the heavens singing:

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Siblings reunited after 35 years

By SANDRA GINES

WACO (AP) — She was a picture of nervous anticipation as she waited for the airplane to arrive at Waco Regional Madison Cooper Airport. Her eyes scanned the baby-blue horizon as she sipped a Coke.

Dianne Bankston's older brother was arriving from Maryland — a brother she had been separated from 35 years ago when she was 4 months old.

Taking her eyes from the wide expanse of landing field for a brief moment, Ms. Bankston said: "I told my girlfriend at work, when she asked me if I had butterflies in my stomach, I said, 'No, I have condors.'"

The Atlantic Southeast Airline plane touched down last week 15 minutes late, and Dianne spotted Andy Alvarez immediately. He and her other relatives from Maryland had sent her video tapes of themselves after she contacted them early in December.

Tentatively, they spoke.

"Andy?"

"Dianne?"

And then they hugged.

Dianne's young parents divorced soon after she was born, and her father took custody of Andy, she said. Her 18-year-old mother decided to give her up for adoption, which Dianne said has not made her the least bit bitter.

"I have no hard feelings," she said. "I told my aunt to thank my natural mother for making sure I had a good home."

Adoptive parents B.B. Bankston and his wife were stationed at Fort Meade near Laurel, Md., at the time. Childless, they overheard some women at church saying that Dianne's family was going to offer her for adoption.

"So we made a bid for her and got her," B.B. said.

Dianne didn't know she was adopted until after the death of her adoptive mother 10 years ago. As she was cleaning out some closets, she ran across adoption papers and a partial birth certificate.

"I told my dad that I was surprised to find out that they'd tried to adopt a child earlier. He said, 'You'd better read it.'"

"It was me," she said.

She said finding out she was adopted was not traumatic because she was 25 at the time. Ten years later, a radio contest planted a seed of curiosity about her natural family and catalyzed her search.

The winner of the contest won free airplane tickets. All a contestant had to do was present the radio station with the best reason for getting the tickets. Dianne said she started thinking about how she'd win the contest if she ever found her real family.

"By the time I decided to do it, the contest was over. I could have won that," Dianne said, laughing.

With nothing but the name of the lawyer who handled the case, a few surnames and the city of Laurel to go by, Dianne and B.B. began making phone calls Dec. 2. The lawyer gave them the names of several Laurel people and the name of Luther Welch.

"I remembered that some of her relatives' name was Welch. Well, there were about 300 Welches in the phone book. I said, 'Pick a name and give us one name, one Welch.' So he picked a name and gave it to her, and it turned out to be her cousin. That's where I think the Lord came in," said B.B.

Luther was able to find Dianne's natural grandmother, who he contacted the morning of Dec. 3.

"She called me that evening, and while I was at work that day, my dad called me and told me my brother had called that day," said Dianne.

Finding her family in less than 24 hours had her "about 10 feet off the ground, flying," she said.

Dianne found she has an extensive family in Maryland, including two half-brothers and three half-sisters. The family sent her videocassette tapes, letters and pictures.

Her 78-year-old grandmother seemed especially excited to hear from her, Dianne said.

"When I was talking to Andy, he said, 'You'd better get on that phone right now. Grandma's been crying ever since Luther called this morning.' She wanted to pack her bags and leave. She said, 'I'm going to Texas,'" Dianne said.

B.B. said he was happy Dianne found her natural family.

"I didn't feel I was losing her, but I was willing to share," he said.

Last week, with arms around each other's waists at the airport, Dianne and Andy prepared for a lot of catching up.

"My stomach is going up and down and all around now. I'm just glad about one thing. We'll never be apart again, no matter how far away we are," said Dianne, tears sparkling in her eyes.

Andy said Dianne looked how he expected her to look.

"She's about the same height as Mom," he said.

"I'm sure she needs to know a lot, and so do I," he said.

Dianne said: "It's turned out to be the best Christmas present ever."



Dianne Bankston and Andy Alvarez

STATE

Gov. Clements expected to endorse Bush

AUSTIN (AP) — Vice President George Bush's bid for the presidency is expected to be endorsed by Texas Gov. Bill Clements at a news conference Monday in Houston, sources close to the governor said.

Neither Bush's Texas political director, Kevin Moomaw, nor Clements' press secretary, Reggie Bashur, would confirm the endorsement.

"We will have a major announcement Monday. That's all I can say," Moomaw said.

Bashur said, "I can't confirm it and I can't deny it. The governor has indicated a neutrality with the possibility that he would move toward an endorsement if he felt it was appropriate and the right thing to do."

One source called the expected Clements endorsement "a big boost for Vice President Bush in Texas."

But a spokesman for GOP presidential contender Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas said he didn't expect Clements' endorsement of Bush to have a major impact on Texas voters because of the governor's unfavorable rating in recent polls.

"Quite frankly we're complimented by this endorsement," said Hugh Akin, a spokesman for Dole in Dallas. "It's indicative of the softness of the George Bush support and the strength we're gaining. Obviously, George Bush feels he needs this endorsement now."

Rita Clements, the governor's wife, co-chairs Bush's state steering committee. And when he was asked last month if he would split with his wife on a presidential endorsement, the governor said the odds of that were, "Very, very small."

George Strake, state GOP chairman, said while he was unaware of the pending endorsement, "it wouldn't surprise me a whole lot."

"I think Governor Clements believes that Bush is out front in this campaign and would be good for Texas," he said.

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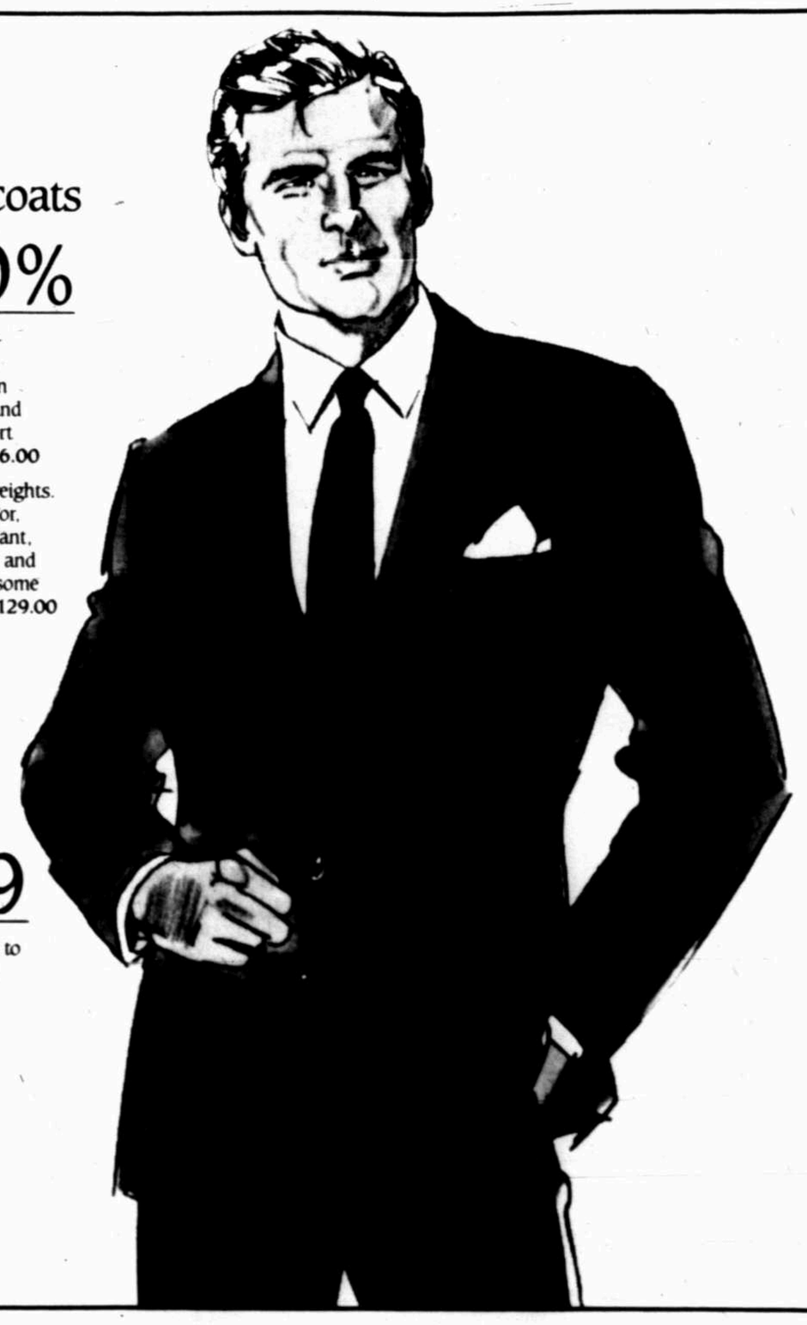
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Dr. David Rayfield, left, and Dr. Donnell Johns, both of Parkland Memorial Hospital, help Shawn Reynolds sit up in bed. Reynolds had six of his eight fingers reattached after an accident.

Six of man's fingers reattached after accident

DALLAS (AP) — Surgeons have reattached six of eight fingers severed from the hand of a young Amarillo man, who hopes someday regain use of his fingers.

Shawn Reynolds, 19, who is recovering in Parkland Memorial Hospital, says he thought he had lost the use of his hands forever when his fingers were caught in a machine that bends sheets of metal with 250 tons of pressure.

The accident occurred Dec. 16.

On Wednesday, he sat up for the first time after 15½ hours of surgery last week in which two teams of plastic surgeons at Parkland reattached the fingers.

Still weak from the accident and surgery and still in pain, Reynolds grappled with emotions ranging from hope to despair.

"I thought I was going to lose them all," he said. "I didn't think I had a chance." He said he knows his fingers may never recover fully and is depressed about that. But he also is thankful.

Surgeons may have been unable to save his forefingers. They are unsure their attempts to save the index finger of his right hand will be successful.

Reynolds hasn't even thought about what kind of work he will do after his release from the hospital.

"I'm going to get my fingers going again. That's my main priority right now."

"I thought I was going to lose them all. I didn't think I had a chance...I'm going to get my fingers going again. That's my my main priority right now."

— Shawn Reynolds

Dr. David Rayfield, chief resident of plastic surgery at Parkland, said Reynolds' youth and his attitude improve his prognosis. With therapy, he said, there is a "good chance" Reynolds will regain some feeling and mobility in his fingers.

Rayfield said Parkland surgeons are accustomed to reattaching one, two or even three severed fingers. "It's unusual for us to have eight digits," he said.

Two surgical teams under the supervision of Dr. Rod Rohrich were involved in Reynolds' operation. Powerful microscopes were used to conduct what is essentially surgery in miniature with sutures that are "much smaller than a human hair," according to Rohrich.

Small veins were removed from Reynolds' feet to repair damaged vessels.

Treatment has included the use of leeches to reduce blood pooling in the reattached fingers because of impaired circulation. The leeches, Reynolds explained, remove some of the blood and exude a natural anticoagulant.

Reynolds said he was changing a die on a "press break" machine when he accidentally stepped on a pedal that triggered its operation, pinning his hands. He was unable to reach a safety release and pain forced him to his knees. He hit the pedal again and that brought the full force of the metal bender onto his fingers.

His father, Kenneth Reynolds, helped free him from the machine. A co-worker who owns a four-wheel-drive vehicle plowed through snowdrifts as he rushed Reynolds to a hospital in Amarillo.

There, doctors found Reynolds' fingers still inside his heavy work gloves and put them on ice.

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Sam Langley, a flower vendor on Austin's Sixth Street, models one of the mistletoe hats he has created for the holidays.

Flower vendor creates hat with mistletoe

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who devised papal miters made out of folded newspapers now has created a mistletoe hat for Christmas.

Sam Langley, who sells flowers on Sixth Street — the heart of Austin's entertainment district — has always wanted to be in the hat business.

In September, just before the visit of Pope John Paul II to San Antonio, Langley made papal miters of newspapers. He sold almost 500 of the "pope hats" for $1 each, and still gets a request or two every day.

Deluxe models made from the comics section or from a color ad go for $2. Hats with red crosses or a Texas Longhorn symbol on the front sell for $5.

"I am in the low-capital hat business," said Langley, 33. "I do the best I can with what I have. I need more hats in my repertoire."

For Christmas, Langley created a hat that leaves a sprig of mistletoe dangling above one's head for the purpose of stealing a kiss. The headgear consists of a clothes hanger that is bent to the shape of a person's head, a tiny bell and a red ribbon.

They sell for $3, and Langley says the novelty hats — not flowers — have been his big seller during the Christmas holidays.

"When it's cold, people don't want to take their hands out of their pockets to buy flowers," he said.

Ex-mayor will run for senate

MARSHALL (AP) — Former Kilgore Mayor Mickey Smith said he will run against state Sen. Richard Anderson even though the state Democratic chairman has told him the race could damage party unity.

Smith said that he was summoned to a meeting at a Longview motel last week where Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, State Democratic Chairman Bob Slagle and Anderson urged him not to split the party with a divisive primary election in 1988.

Slagle suggested that if Smith stayed out of the race, the party would help him get a committee appointment or run for the State Board of Education, Smith said.

Smith said he told Slagle the only state board he might be interested in was the new Racing Commission. He said he decided to stay in the race after talking with his family.

Slagle said he arranged the Longview meeting after "almost every county Democratic chairman" in the 1st Senatorial District asked him to intervene to prevent a possible fragmentation of the party.

"It is unlikely that Mickey can beat Richard. Those are the facts. If Mickey and Richard go at each other in a primary and then the winner has to face a well-heeled Republican candidate in the primary, the party could suffer," he said.

Slagle said Hobby was at the meeting "because if you know Hobby very well, you know that he wants to work with good senators. Richard did a terribly effective job in his first term and Hobby noticed his good work."

Anderson said that at the meeting, he and Smith "reviewed some polls. I had one that showed me with a very comfortable lead, and he had indicated that he had a poll" showing similar numbers.

Anderson said "another race" for Smith was brought up during a meeting between Slagle and Smith.

Late-night Hart humor once again getting hearty laughs

By RITA BEAMISH

WASHINGTON (AP) — Johnny Carson announced cheerily that Gary Hart's new campaign slogan is, "I can't give you anything but love, Baby."

"Saturday Night Live" comedian Dennis Miller quipped, "I have locked my fiance in a room and she's not getting out 'til the election's over."

And David Letterman said, "I'm just glad the guy's dating again."

There is a holiday euphoria among humorists that is all part of the "Hart attack" joke mania stemming from Hart's announcement last week that he's back in the running for the White House.

If Hart thinks he eventually will be able to escape the focus on his relationship with model Donna Rice that forced him out of the Democratic nomination race last spring, the jokesters have news for him.

"This is going to be the greatest Christmas ever," said writer Gerard Mulligan of the "Late Night With David Letterman" show. "It's nice to have him back. We got a lot of mileage out of him."

Comedians and amateur humorists wasted no time starting in on Hart jokes, mostly about his reputation as a womanizer. Many of the jokes are of a sexual nature not suited for publication in mainstream newspapers.

Capitol Hill abounded with snickers that Hart's wife, Lee, has a new campaign button, "Trust But Verify," that Hart's new campaign manager is Dr. Ruth and that his new pollsters are Masters and Johnson.

Late-night TV writers had a field day. Letterman announced that along with his regular features like Stupid Pet Tricks, "We set aside a few minutes every night for Gary Hart jokes."

"I'm just glad the guy's dating again," he said.

"Saturday Night Live" was atwitter with Hart jokes and skits, including a mock commercial in which a young woman destroys her photos of Hart, then embraces a man in a suit who wordlessly enters the room as the announcer's voice says, "Gary Hart, you can't get him out of your mind."

Talk-show host Carson said Hart "may not get the presidency, but he was offered the lead in 'Fatal Attraction II.'"

Hart's response when asked about the field day the comedians are having was, "You learn to live with it." He made the comment in a "60 Minutes" television interview broadcast Sunday.

One of the writers for "The Tonight Show With Johnny Carson," Patric Verrone, said in an interview that when the Carson writers heard of Hart's re-emergence on Tuesday their reaction was simply: "There will be comedy tonight."

By Tuesday evening, a Washington comedy troup, the Capitol Steps, which performs weekly in trendy Georgetown, already had incorporated Hart into its satirical singing spoofs.

The group has Hart singing a parody of Willie Nelson's "To All the Girls I've Loved Before," in a duet with Donna Rice, said the group's Bill Strauss. Hart left the race for seven months after disclosure of his liaison with Ms. Rice last May.

As the skit goes along, a woman comes on stage and sings, "Gary, dear, about last night, right after you turned off the light."

Hart sings, "I never met you in my life," to which she replies, "But, Gary, I'm your wife."

The Steps also came up with one about a need for new positions at the White House, even whole new wings — for the first lady, second lady, third lady ...

Carson included in his monologue a reference to the notorious photos of Ms. Rice sitting on Hart's lap. Carson said Hart is campaigning in a red suit — that way he can claim to be Santa Claus if spotted with a woman on his lap.

He continued:

"It looks as though the Democratic nomination will fall in his lap. That is, if there's room."

On Wednesday, Carson mentioned that day's rare snowfall in Los Angeles, and quipped:

"Gary Hart said a little prayer yesterday before announcing his decision. He said, 'Dear God, if I'm doing the wrong thing, let it snow in California.'"

Letterman regaled his audience Tuesday night with his "Top 10 list" of Hart's Christmas wishes — a follow-up to the list of Top 10 Hart "pickup lines" that delighted Letterman watchers last spring.

Among the Christmas Top 10:

— To be played by Lorenzo Lamas in a Donna Rice made-for-TV movie.

Polls about Hart: Some good news, some bad news

NEW YORK (AP) — Pollsters dived for the phones when Gary Hart revived his presidential campaign last week, and within hours the first results were in: Hart was back on top of the Democratic pack.

But that finding probably was neither the most surprising nor the most significant result of the spate of polls that followed Hart's startling announcement, pollsters said. Their advice: For the full story, look beyond the horse race.

"We're still in the name-recognition stage," in which the best-known candidates lead the polls, said Harry O'Neill, president of the National Council on Public Polls. As other candidates become better-known, he said, "Hart still has to carry the burden of his past problems."

That burden was reflected in the sizable number of voters who expressed unfavorable opinions of Hart in the quickie surveys done last week. The polls all showed large increases in his unfavorable rating since he left the race in May amid questions about his relationship with a model.

A national ABC News poll found that Hart led the Democrats with 28 percent support. But it also said 38 percent of Democrats viewed him unfavorably.

A CBS-New York Times poll put Hart's unfavorable rating at 27 percent, about double his unfavorable rating last January. The one-day ABC and CBS polls had error margins of 7 and 6 points respectively.

Hart had 21 percent Democratic support in the CBS poll, leading the field. "It's to be expected, because he's known and his views are known, and a lot of the people he's running against are not known," said Warren Mitofsky, chief of polling for CBS News. "Most people are not yet tuned in."

The CBS poll found that Hart had retained 70 percent of the Democrats who supported him before he left the race, a sizable proportion that shows he is a candidate to be reckoned with, said Mitofsky.

At the same time, regaining his old support is not Hart's only task. "Any poll that goes into his negatives has to be looked at very closely," said O'Neill. "That will tell us to what extent his past behavior is coming back to haunt him."

What was wrong in 1984 polls?

NEW YORK (AP) — Some pollsters came very close to predicting the precise outcome of the 1984 presidential election. Burns W. Roper was not one of them.

President Reagan defeated Walter Mondale by 18 percentage points in the November election. The Gallup Organization's last pre-election poll had hit that number on the head. Roper, one of the nation's most experienced pollsters, was 10 points off.

He's had three years to figure out why, and Roper's analysis provides a telling example of the pitfalls of public opinion polling.

First was a sample error: Roper had used the 1976 census in selecting counties where his poll respondents lived, and he did not update the sample from the 1980 census. Unnoticed population changes increased the Democrats in his sample, and his counties voted 1 percentage point more Democratic and 1 point less Republican than did the nation as a whole.

Next was a question-order error: Roper first asked respondents whom they favored, then asked if they planned to vote. People who have just named a favorite candidate often feel obligated to say they'll vote, even if it isn't true. In Roper's poll, 71 percent said they would vote. In reality, only 54 of the nation's eligible voters turned out.

Roper, who has made corrections for 1988, took the flaws philosophically. "In 1976," he noted, "we were the only poll that was right."

Too many Santas?

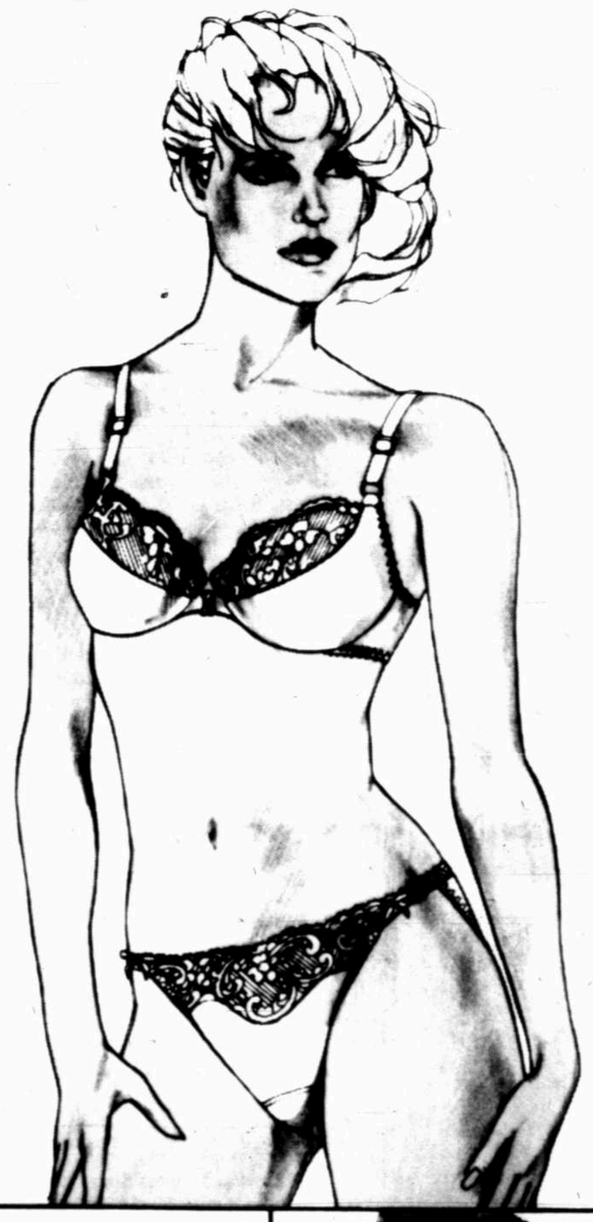
ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Two Santas in one mall is one too many, even if the second, uninvited one hands out dollar bills, says a mall official in this Blue Ridge mountain city.

The mysterious Santa Claus came through Hair Plus on a recent evening, shop manager Alberta Reed said, then walked into the public area of Asheville Mall.

"Less than five minutes later I saw some kids coming through the mall with dollar bills, then the Santa came back by, being escorted out of the building by mall security," she said. "He wasn't doing or saying anything, just saying Merry Christmas. He just went on out as happy as he was before."

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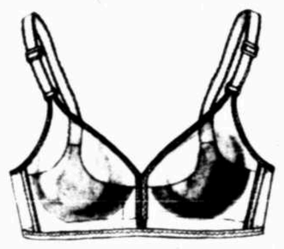


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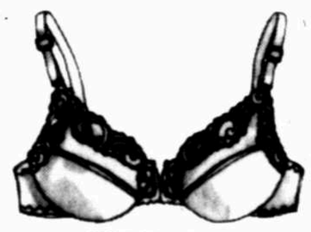
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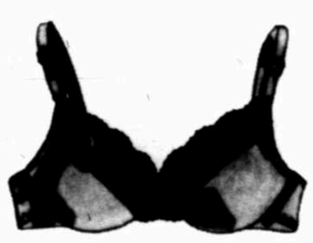
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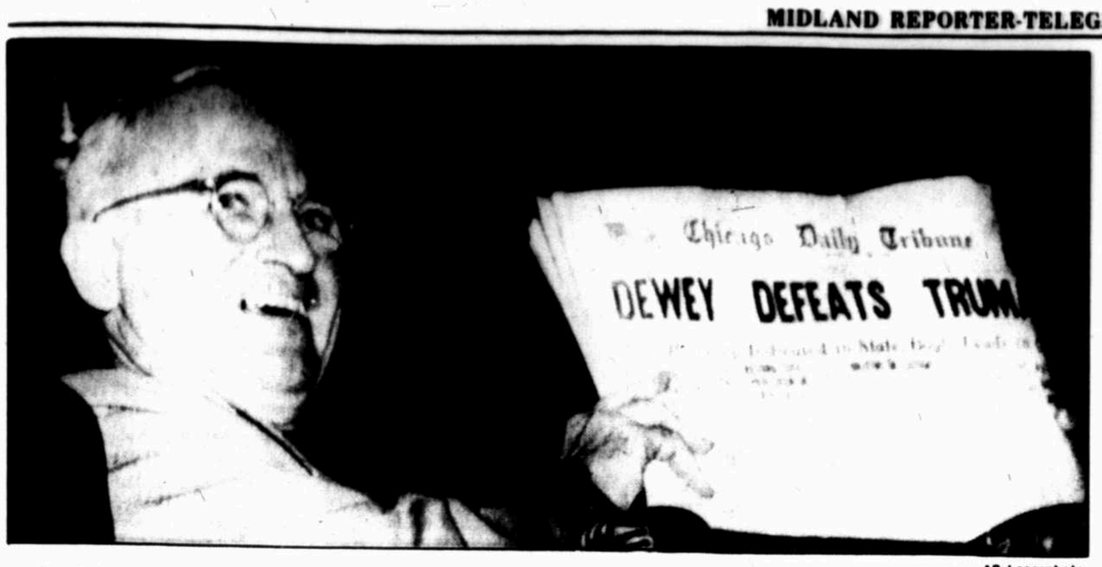
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President Harry Truman holds up a copy of the Chicago Tribune's edition of Nov. 4, 1948, as he arrives at St. Louis' Union Station to celebrate a victory belied by the headline.

Parade of polls growing despite 1948's famed slip

By GARY LANGER

NEW YORK (AP) — It was Sept. 7, 1948, and the Roper Organization had seen enough polls to predict flatly who would win the upcoming election for president of the United States: New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

"The thought back then was that nothing ever happened after September, that everyone had their minds made up," recalls pollster Burns W. Roper. "We said it's all over, Dewey's in, there's no point polling."

It didn't work out that way. President Harry S. Truman surged to victory, and his surprise win fostered the growth of aggressive public opinion polling as a pervasive feature of national politics.

Four decades later, political polls are inescapable. The three major television networks have already conducted more than 20 presidential preference surveys this year, identifying putative leaders months before most voters knew who was even running.

That parade of polls will become a stampede as the 1988 race intensifies. There will be national polls, state polls, exit polls, tracking polls, and the growing phenomenon of overnight polls.

And at the receiving end, experts say, will be millions of voters who remain largely misinformed about polls, and dubious of their results.

"Polls are more misunderstood than understood," said Andrew Kohut, president of the Gallup Organization. "They're thought of as predictions and conclusions about public opinion. In fact they're just pieces of evidence."

Kohut blames analysts who "overinterpret" poll findings. "The easy thing is to say the public 'feels' this way about this issue," he said. "The real thing is to say the public responded this way to this question."

That caution is required because public opinion polling is as much high art as hard science, a marriage of language and mathematics in which every nuance counts. Bias in a question can wildly skew the results.

Take, for example, two apparently conflicting polls last summer on U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf. One found 57 percent support for the use of force, if necessary, "to ensure an adequate supply of oil from the Middle East."

That question was abstract. The other poll was specific: Should the United States blockade, bomb or invade Iran, if Iran attacked an oil tanker sailing under the U.S. flag? Put that way, only 29 percent said yes.

No less a political veteran than President Reagan defined the issue when he was asked about polls. "You have to know what questions are being asked, and how they're being asked," he said.

If question wording is the art of polling, the science lies in selecting who is to be asked the question. Pollsters, using statistical theory, reach a random group whose characteristics, such as sex, age, race, income, religion and geographical distribution, mirror those of the nation.

Done correctly, the sample can be astonishingly precise. "People have a hard time believing that," said Harry O'Neill, president of the National Council on Public Polls.

"I tell 'em, if you really don't believe in sampling, the next time the doctor draws a blood sample, say, 'No, Doc, take it all.' "

There are some mistakes — telephone surveys, for example, miss people who don't have phones — and pollsters tinker with their figures to adjust for such errors. They also use a mathematical formula to arrive at the sampling error, an estimate of how close the results would be if every adult in the nation were asked the same question.

But sampling error, while important, is another area of misunderstanding. "It sucks people into thinking it's the only source of error," when in fact question wording is as important, said O'Neill. A good sample means a pollster has selected a representative segment of the population; it does not mean the pollster has asked those people valid questions.

Roper, who wants to lower the emphasis on sampling error, conducted a poll in which only 14 percent of the respondents correctly identified the definition of sampling error from among four choices. The largest group, 29 percent, thought sampling error meant "all possible sources of error."

Sampling error remains important because it indicates the imprecision inherent in polling. If a poll's sampling error is plus or minus 3 percent, a candidate reported to have 24 percent support in fact may have anywhere from 21 percent to 27 percent backing. If another candidate is reported to have 22 percent support, the two can only be said to be tied.

Such horse race polls, pitting candidates against one another, garner the most attention in a political campaign.

"It is like wanting to know who wins the World Series before it's over," said Roper. "It's human curiosity."

But critics say pollsters have run amok in their effort to satisfy that curiosity. Already this year, "There's been an awful lot of activity, more than I've noticed in a long time," said I.A. Lewis, head of polling for the Los Angeles Times. "I do more polls that I really think are necessary, simply because of the demand."

The polls this year have consistently put Vice President George Bush well ahead of the Republican field. And Gary Hart, before his withdrawal in May, led his little-known Democratic opponents. Since May, no other Democrat has fared as well in the polls.

Before voters are attuned to the campaign, Lewis said, horse race polls mainly show recognition of candidates' names. In his view, "Almost all of the stories dealings with standings right now have almost no meaning at all."

That can change, and quickly. Voter opinions can evolve so fast some pollsters do nightly surveys in the days before important primary and caucus elections, adding each new night's result to the previous few nights' totals to get a rolling figure that shows movements in support.

Another phenomenon, stand-alone overnight polls, gives fast readings of opinions on events. But such polls have greater chances of error, and some critics say they measure gut reactions rather than thoughtful opinions.

For instance, Hart immediately topped the Democratic race when he rejoined it last week. But pollsters cautioned that an unusually large number of voters had strong negative feelings toward Hart.

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First year of 100th Congress shaped by outside events

By LEE GOULD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Outside events, more than any legislation, helped shape the first year of the 100th Congress, which saw its agenda overwhelmed by the Iran-Contra affair, a stock market crash and the president's attempts to fill a Supreme Court vacancy.

The rancorous session ended quietly Tuesday after bitter fights over aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels and passage of a $600 billion spending bill that was needed because Congress failed all year to pass a single appropriation bill.

When the 100th Congress opened on Jan. 6, Democrats held control of both the House and Senate for the first time since 1980 and were eager to capitalize on the waning Reagan presidency.

Their agenda included major trade legislation, arms control and campaign finance reform.

By year's end, none of those had become law.

In between, Congress reacted, as always, to world events and issues of war and peace, from the May 17 Iraqi missile attack on the USS Stark in the Persian Gulf to the December meetings between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev. The summit produced for Senate consideration early next year a treaty to ban medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

There also were the hearings on the administration's secret arms deals with Iran and the diversion of funds to the Contras, followed quickly by the Supreme Court fight over the nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork to succeed Lewis F. Powell.

But, as usual, Congress saved most of its work until last.

BUDGET AND TAXES

The marathon final session, which began Monday morning and continued until 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, produced two packages of legislation that wrapped in virtually all of the money to fund government agencies in fiscal 1988 — $606 billion. That included $291.5 billion for defense, $8.1 million for non-weapons supplies for the Contras through February and $425 million for work on a manned, orbiting space station.

Congress also passed a $17.6 billion companion package of tax increases and entitlement cuts. That, combined with cost-cutting in the spending bill, helped meet the goals of a deficit-reduction agreement that had its genesis in the Oct. 19 Wall Street crash, which saw the Dow Jones average fall more than 500 points. The crash resulted in direct deficit reduction negotiations between Congress and the White House and what Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., called a new "positive and conciliatory" spirit between Congress and the Reagan administration.

IRAN-CONTRA

The 100th Congress was only hours old when the Senate and House appointed separate special committees to jointly investigate the Reagan administration's secret military assistance to Iran and to the Contras.

The first phase began May 5 and centered on the administration's channeling of money and arms to the Contras through a network of U.S. officials and private operatives. From June 23 until Aug. 3, the committees concentrated on the arms-to-Iran deal.

Nationwide television audiences heard National Security Council aide Lt. Col. Oliver L. North and Rear Adm. John M. Poindexter explain how they hoped the Iranian weapons sales would help free U.S. hostages in Lebanon and generate money for the Contras. Poindexter, who was Reagan's national security adviser, said the buck stopped with him, that he never told the president of the plan.

On Nov. 18, the committees issued a report concluding that "the ultimate responsibility for the events in the Iran-Contra affair must rest with the president. If the president did not know what his national security advisers were doing, he should have."

CENTRAL AMERICA

As Congress skirmished with the president over continued support of the Contras, House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, boldly injected himself into the peace process by meeting in Washington with Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega. The speaker steadfastly supported a peace plan worked out by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias that will get a crucial test next month when a cease-fire is scheduled to take effect. House Democratic liberals, however, were unable to block additional aid to the Contras, as GOP conservatives were suspicious of the Sandinista government's true intentions.

SUPREME COURT

It was an extraordinary year for Supreme Court nominees.

The Senate ended one of its most bitter nomination battles on Oct. 23 by voting to reject Robert H. Bork, 58-42. But when the year ended, the high court seat vacated by the retirement of Justice Lewis F. Powell in June remained vacant while the Senate considered the third nominee selected by Reagan.

Bork's critics attacked his narrow reading of constitutional protections, calling him anti-civil rights, anti-consumer and against equal rights for women.

Bork's supporters accused opponents of distorting his record, and painted the nominee as a compassionate man who believed judicial rulings should strictly follow what the Constitution's authors had in mind.

Bork's defeat was followed by the nomination of Douglas H. Ginsburg on Oct. 29. But on Nov. 7, Ginsburg asked Reagan to withdraw his name after a public furor over his admission that he smoked marijuana in the 1960s and 1970s.

Reagan's next choice was conciliatory. On Nov. 11, he selected federal appellate Judge Anthony M. Kennedy of Sacramento, Calif., for the seat. The Senate Judiciary Committee held three days of hearings, Dec. 14-16, ending with Kennedy receiving bipartisan support. The committee will vote in late January and the full Senate shortly thereafter.

PERSIAN GULF

The Persian Gulf and nuclear arms control were two of the major areas of conflict between Congress and the president.

The Persian Gulf fight centered around Reagan's plan to allow 11 Kuwaiti tankers to sail under the U.S. flag with protection from Navy warships in the war-torn waterway. The convoys began July 20.

Congressional critics feared the policy would draw the United States into the Iran-Iraq war, since Kuwait has been an ally of Iraq. Critics also said Reagan should invoke the War Powers Act, the 1973 law restricting a president's right to send troops to areas of imminent danger. Reagan refused to invoke the law, arguing that it was unconstitutional in any case and did not apply to the Persian Gulf situation.

Democratic opponents in both the House and Senate tried on several occasions to agree on some type of formal response to Reagan's gulf policy, but were unable to come up with any action that would win approval from either the House or Senate.

A suit was filed by 110 legislators, seeking a court order to start the War Powers invocation process, but a federal judge dismissed the suit hours before Congress adjourned for the year.

ARMS CONTROL

The arms control fight centered on Reagan's Star Wars anti-missile plan, known formally as the Strategic Defense Initiative, and on his view of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty.

Reagan asserted that his administration had the legal right to adopt a "broad" view of the treaty, a stance that would permit wider SDI testing, while opponents said the current "narrow" view should remain.

Legislation requiring adherence to the narrow ABM treaty view was attached to defense spending bills, an action that led Reagan to threaten a veto. But a compromise eventually was reached that retained the requirement for a narrow view of the ABM pact, while dropping other arms control restrictions opposed by Reagan.

The Senate debate and vote on approving the intermediate-range missile treaty signed by Reagan and Gorbachev on Dec. 8 won't occur until after Congress returns from its holiday recess late next month.

TRANSPORTATION

Motorists chafing under the 55 mph speed limit got a lift from Congress this year with legislation that raised the speed limit on about three-quarters of the nation's interstate highway system to 65 mph. Reagan vetoed the transportation bill to which the speed limit provision was attached, but he was overridden, 67-33.

A spate of aircraft accidents help gain approval at session's end of a ban on smoking on domestic flights of two hours or less.

ETHICS

Rep. Mario Biaggi, D-N.Y., and Rep. Harold E. Ford, D-Tenn., were indicted this year. Biaggi was convicted of accepting illegal gratuities, Ford was indicted on federal charges of bank, mail and tax fraud.

On Dec. 19, the House voted 324-68 to reprimand Rep. Austin Murphy, D-Pa., for allowing someone else to vote for him and for misusing congressional property. Ethics committee investigations continue for Reps. Charles Rose, D-N.C., Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, and Fofo I.F. Sunia, the non-voting delegate from American Samoa.

House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, put his holdings into a blind trust after several news reports questioning whether there were conflicts of interest in some legislation he supported.

FARMERS

In the last days of the 1987 session, Congress passed and sent to Reagan a plan to rescue the financially troubled Farm Credit System. The proposal, which represents the major farm legislation produced this year, would authorize $4 billion in 15-year bonds to aid the nation's largest farm lender. Taxpayers will contribute $1 billion to $1.5 billion over five years to prop up the $50 billion network of banks and local lending coops, a system now reeling under $4.8 billion in losses the last two years.

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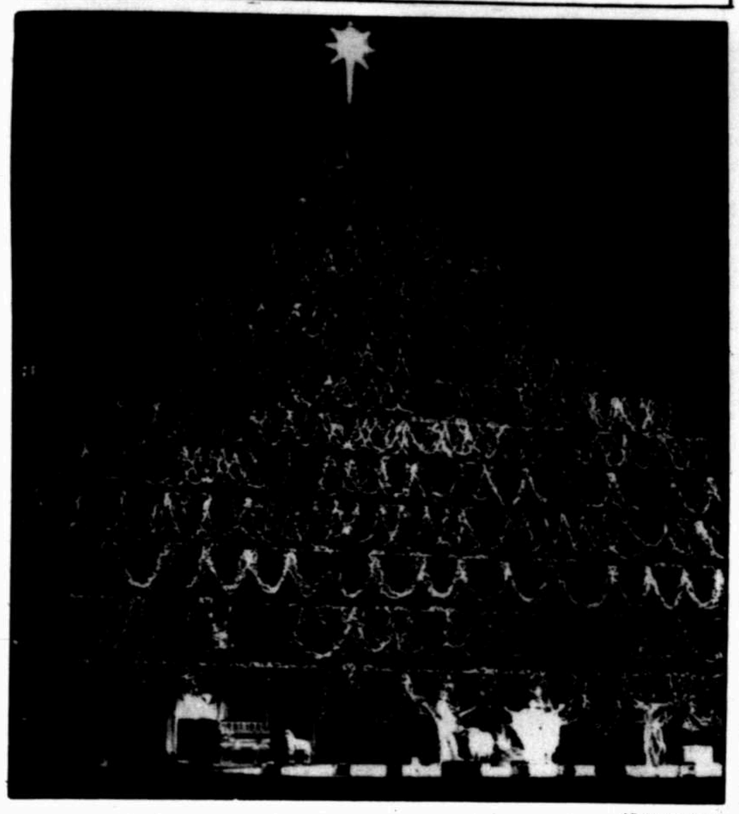
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WORLD



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More than 500 church workers, filling up 17 tiers of an 111-foot tall simulated Christmas tree adorned with tiny glowing light bulbs, sing Christams carols earlier this week in Singapore's National Stadium to a crowd of 8,000 people.

Soviet toy stores may have trouble meeting demands

MOSCOW (AP) — For Masha Makarova, entering the squat five-story building across from Moscow's KGB headquarters was like going into a fairyland.

"There are so many toys!" the pigtailed 3-year-old exclaimed as she stood in the main doorway of Detsky Mir, or Children's World, Moscow's largest toy emporium.

Masha may be impressed with the selection of playthings, but store officials and the Soviet media say there aren't enough to meet the demand of the more than 400,000 Soviets who will crowd onto the gray marble floors of Children's World each day until the end of the year, jostling each other and standing five deep at counters to buy presents.

Although officially atheist, the Soviet Union has appropriated many of the trappings of Christmas for New Year's Day, including exchanging gifts and decorating fir trees with ornaments and lights.

From a banner suspended on the wall in the toy store's central arcade, a jolly white-bearded man in red gazes down upon the children. He is Ded Moroz, or Grandfather Frost, the Russian version of Santa Claus.

Although Masha doesn't know it yet, a man dressed in the flowing robes of Ded Moroz will visit her apartment to give her toys and present her 8-year-old sister with a globe, said Olga Makarov, 30, the girls' mother.

"It seems to mean so much more to the children that way," Ms. Makarov said as Masha gawked at the 30-foot-high giant wooden cuckoo clock that hangs in the store's central hall.

As in the West, toys are a big business in the Soviet Union, although the sector has come under recent criticism for shoddy quality and failure to meet demand.

Both ills in the consumer sector as a whole have been targeted by economic reforms adopted under Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev that seek to improve quality and give Soviets a wider choice of goods and services.

Children's World, a sprawling five-floor building that sits on Dzherzhinsky Square across from the headquarters of the KGB state security police, plans to sell $8.5 million in toys for the New Year's holiday alone.

"An advantage of the planned economy is that we can plan to meet demand," the store's deputy director, Alexander G. Botin, said in an interview. "But unfortunately for some toys, we can't meet that demand."

Especially coveted by Soviets this season are hand-held computer games such as "Nu, Pogodi" ("I'll Get You"), a pocket calculator-sized game that uses a liquid-crystal diplay to show a wolf snaring eggs as they tumble from chicken coops.

The game, only moderately exciting by Western standards, costs nearly $39, more than a tenth of the average city dweller's monthly salary of about $338.

Despite their hefty pricetag, the computer games sell out within hours of being put on the shelves. Lyubov V. Lileeva, chief of Children's World's toy section, said 1,500 were snatched up in a day.

Mrs. Lileeva spoke as she strolled through the 11,000 square feet of floorspace devoted to toys. It was a Thursday, and she was approached by fur-hatted Soviets eager to buy computer games.

"Come back Sunday," she told them with an encouraging smile. "Maybe then we'll have some."

Also in great demand this year are plastic telephones akin to the one used by Vladimir I. Lenin at the Kremlin following the 1917 Russian Revolution, priced at about $7.60, and small orange plastic dragons.

There is an impressive arsenal of toy tanks, rocket launchers, warships and firearms scattered throughout the store, but Botin said they account for less than a tenth of 1 percent of sales.

"I never heard our kids saying, 'Let's make believe we're fighting America," he told a Western reporter. "You people have such games, directed against us. You don't conceal that. But we have nothing of the kind."

This fall, the Communist Party daily Pravda turned its attention from disarmament to toys, and said the sector badly needed reforming.

"You rarely find so much junk, lack of taste and technical ineptitude as you do in the toy sector," the paper complained on Sept. 20.

Botin said only 2 percent of the toys purchased at Children's World are rejected, a rate he said would be the envy of toy shop owners in the West.

The store, which claims to be the biggest toy store in Europe, cannot meet the demand for computer games and electronic toys, but Botin is counting on Kremlin reforms to improve both quality and supply.

"I believe that in another year, or two, the market will be abundant in technological games — the things that are now becoming popular with our young people," he said.

Three Kremlin churches restored

MOSCOW (AP) — Three churches behind the Kremlin's walls have been restored as part of a project to give Moscow a billion-ruble facelift by the end of the century, Tass said Thursday.

The cathedrals of the Assumption, the Annunciation and the Archangel Michael inside the Kremlin were given a fresh look by renovators from the state-run Soyuzrestavratsiya firm, the official news agency said.

It quoted the firm's director, Alexander Lesovoy, as saying more than a billion rubles ($1.5 billion) will be allocated for overhauling Moscow's architectural monuments by 2000.

Under that program, 35 million rubles (about $53 million) will be spent by 1990 to renovate 40 architectural landmarks in Moscow's center, Tass said.

Next year, restoration work will begin on buildings of the Lenin Library and the mansion that belonged to czarist-era millionaire Savva Morosov, who made contributions to the Bolsheviks.

The Morosov home, located in central Moscow near the Kremlin, houses the Soviet Friendship Association.

Under Josef V. Stalin and Nikita S. Khrushchev, vast building projects were undertaken in the Soviet capital that destroyed many of the city's old buildings and churches.

Many Muscovites have called recently for better conservation of their city's historical monuments and have objected to some construction projects that would harm existing buildings.

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A Saviour is born, Christ the Lord!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JACK ANDERSON

Navy's move has developers hopping

WASHINGTON — A search by the U.S. Navy for $500 million in new digs has churned real estate developers into a frenzy. But don't look for the Navy to be dropping anchor in your town unless you live in northern Virginia.



Jack Anderson

The 16,000 employees of the Navy's sea, air, space and supply commands are scattered throughout 16 office buildings in Crystal City, Va., and Virginia congressmen are determined to keep an iron grip on that economic prize. The last time the Navy got the itch to move was 1981; the plan was to consolidate commands at the Washington, D.C., Navy Yard. Virginia congressmen put up such a squawk — cutting off all the appropriated money for the project — that the move had to be abandoned.

For that reason, the only real estate developers with reason to hope are those in the northern Virginia suburbs that border Washington. The Virginia congressmen don't mind a move out of Crystal City as long as the Navy stays in the neighborhood.

When the deal is done, it could be a trend setter for the government, because the Navy wants to lease office facilities with an option to buy, which could mean participating in a joint venture with a private development partner. That's a big step for government, which normally moves in only as a renter.

If the joint venture works, it might spread like a multi-billion-dollar wildfire across the land wherever the federal government puts down roots. Already the Navy is quietly looking for a similar deal in San Diego, the home port of its Pacific fleet.

The scattered Navy commands in Crystal City now occupy about 2.1 million square feet near National Airport. What the Navy wants is a staggering 2.5 million square feet of consolidated office space by 1994. That is a tall order, but still short of the Pentagon's 3.7 million square feet.

The Navy has camp followers that sweeten the deal. Wherever the Navy offices go, an estimated 7,000 related jobs in private industry are bound to follow to be close to their government sugar daddies. That's big business by anyone's books.

The General Services Administration, the federal government's realtor, plans to award new leases next October, which is a year before the Navy's current leases expire. Quietly soliciting bids with an option to buy, the GSA has had at least 17 offers so far.

Arlington County, Va., which includes Crystal City, is scrambling to keep the Navy from anchors aweighing. A 1985 study found that Navy leases and work account for about 5 percent of that county's annual budget, 26 percent of its leased office space and 19 percent of its jobs.

Despite a GSA requirement that the northern Virginia site be no farther than one mile outside the Beltway that rings the capital, the Navy may consider enticing projects farther into the Virginia countryside.

An official in neighboring Fairfax County, Va., told our reporter Jennifer Smith that he could quickly tick off at least five undeveloped sites in his county that would be suitable, not to mention developed sites. At least two proposed projects in Alexandria, Va., are also in the running.

Not everyone in northern Virginia is ecstatic. Despite what officials say in public, they are privately worried about the downside — the already horrendous traffic in northern Virginia caused by rampant development and inadequate road construction. To top it off, the federal government pays no taxes.

Whatever happens, the deal is bound to interest taxpayers. When this kind of money is involved, it's always a healthy practice to look for fraud, skimming and other unethical practices as bids move closer to a decision.

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



Another View:

Explanation needed

The Navy brass owe the Marines and the country an explanation. After almost three months of grilling and polygraphing the one suspect it knew to be guilty, the Naval Investigative Service apparently is satisfied that Marine security guards at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow didn't give away the store to Soviet spies. In fact, they didn't even come close.

That's cause for relief, but it leaves a glaring question: Why did the Navy investigators work so hard to suggest that the embassy had turned into a nest of spies and even coerce a young marine into saying so?

The Investigative Service finally concludes that Sgt. Clayton Lonetree acted alone in giving diplomatic secrets to the KGB after being seduced by a female agent who worked at the embassy. Investigators base their conclusion on extensive interrogation and polygraphing of the sergeant, who was convicted in August of espionage, sentenced to 30 years and promised five years off for his cooperation.

To arrive at so modest a conclusion, the service went to extraordinary lengths, trampling the lives and careers of several marines and raising alarming visions of an entire Moscow Marine detachment in league with Soviet spies.

"They told me, 'If you don't sign this, your life will be over as an American citizen; at 21 your life will be over.'" So said Cpl. Arnold Bracy, whose "confession" last March after three grueling days of interrogation was the linchpin of the spy-nest charges. Even though he immediately began recanting and the confession ultimately was discounted, it activated the Washington rumor mill.

Bracy and Lonetree were said to have escorted Soviet agents through the most secure parts of the embassy, shutting off alarms as they went. Other Marines were accused of fraternizing with Soviet women and of giving up secrets for sex. One was actually convicted of "dereliction of duty." His offense: consorting with a couple of Moscow prostitutes without telling his superiors. Applying that standard at every duty post would make a sizable percentage of all enlisted men subject to prosecution.

In the end, the only espionage charge sustained was against Lonetree, and his conviction was based largely on his own confession, made voluntarily to a CIA agent.

A congressional examination of the naval investigators is in order, not only for the sake of the Marines whose reputations were blotted and the morale of the corps. The inquiry might ask whether overreaching in the guards' case was prompted by embarrassment over the service's failure to uncover the Walker family spy ring. It went undetected for years before its discovery in 1985.

The naval investigators need to be made aware that there are limits to the conduct of an investigation, even — perhaps especially — one that invites compelling national security questions.

— The New York Times

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Mike Deaver's fall has lessons for all

I was rooting for Mike Deaver to beat the perjury rap. Not because I approve of the way he threw his weight around in the Reagan White House, manipulated the press, dispensed nest-feathering favors, sold access, lied under oath and ultimately betrayed his "closest friend" — but because he was both badly and wrongfully prosecuted.



William Safire

The investigation of the Deaver dealings was slow-starting and too long extended; the office telephone of the prosecutor was unlisted, discouraging informants, and the power-dippy prosecutor all but declared war on the government of Canada for standing on its sovereign rights.

Deaver was not charged with violation of the Ethics in Government Act. The independent counsel, Whitney North Seymour Jr., was unable to persuade a grand jury to indict the former White House aide for unlawfully lobbying his former colleagues.

Instead, Mike Deaver was charged with lying under oath. That seemed to me a cop's cop-out: if a prosecutor cannot get a jury to indict on the central crime, or is fearful of losing at trial, he ought not to strain to put his target in jail for testifying about what nobody has charged was a crime. (An exception would be to coerce a suspect to testify against a higher-up target.)

Seymour is now on a publicity blitz and may parlay his court victory into a book contract or another bid for political office. His perjury prosecution succeeded only because Deaver was too smug to offer a defense, but the prosecutor is right about one thing: If Deaver's blatant sale of "access" did not constitute a crime, then the Ethics in Government Act (which should be labeled the Ethics in the Executive-but-Not-Legislative-Branch Act) needs fixing fast.

The Reagan White House fuzzed up the act by dividing itself into nine compartments, in effect making it easier to peddle influence. That huge loophole should be closed, and the act otherwise made much more specific, using the activities of Reagan aides as a guide to impropriety.

The law should prohibit a pattern of official deeds designed to be exploited for profit after leaving office. Deaver's influence on the White House invitation list enabled him, in my view, to build contacts for later solicitation; his power, through Nancy Reagan, to determine which political friends should be ambassadors could be seen as paving the way for representation of foreign clients.

This ethics act is Congress' handle on the White House. It was not Deaver who triggered the act; his asking for such counsel to "clear his name" was a stunt to get ahead of the action he knew was coming. Nor was the Justice Department inclined to move on the Reagans' closest friend, despite hollering in this space; it was Sen. Joseph Biden, organizing a majority of the minority on the Judiciary Committee, who forced the appointment of independent counsel.

Special prosecutors can also draw a lesson from the Deaver affair: Dawdling lets the trail grow cold. The central evidence in the case was developed by Martin Tolchin and Stuart Diamond of The New York Times, who traveled to South Korea to get specifics on the meeting and photo set up by Deaver — through the U.S. ambassador in Seoul and our National Security Council — between President Reagan and Kim Kihwan, a trade official. The reporters' story broke months after Seymour was appointed; none of their many sources had yet been approached by his lethargic lawmen.

Washington reporters and pundits learned something, too. They were aware of the Deaver greed early in the 80s, as he tried to exploit his office with a "White House Diet Book" and turned his wife into a rainmaking publicist. But Mike was such a good source, and his power to deliver access to the president and first lady was so great, that few were willing to take him on in print.

The Reagans should have learned most. In his book, "Behind the Scenes," previewed in Life magazine, Deaver reveals that he was downing a quart of Scotch a day while he was Mrs. Reagan's closest confidant. (At the first lady's behest, he repudiated the passage.) According to The Washington Times, whose George Archibald has been on top of this story, the Deaver book confirms conservatives' long-held fears that he and the first lady conspired to soften the president's hard line toward Moscow, to cut off aid to the contras, and to force out William Clark and Donald Regan. William Morrow, the publisher, is foolishly suing the newspaper; those passages in the galleys that upset the first lady by exposing her political power-playing may be cut out.

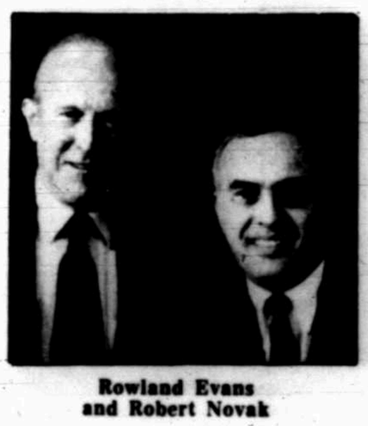
Thus did Deaver's fall instruct us all.

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EVANS & NOVAK

Soviet 'ultimatum' set treaty-making task

WASHINGTON — On Dec. 3, as Washington tensed in agreeable anticipation of the long-awaited superpower summit, the Soviet Union gave the U.S. another lesson in using the clock as a deadly negotiating weapon by delivering what one administration official called "an ultimatum."



Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

On that day in Geneva, Soviet negotiators warned that if the INF agreement could not be signed Dec. 8, when Mikhail Gorbachev joined Ronald Reagan in the White House, "there will be no treaty." The draft contained more than 100 "bracketed" clauses, signifying major differences between U.S. and Soviet positions. They ranged from new landing rights for U.S. inspectors in East Berlin to advance notice of "transit routes" of Soviet SS-20 missiles on their way to destruction.

With the cherished summit in jeopardy the Soviets quickly won their points. The U.S. gave in on nearly all disputed clauses, including the advance notice of transit routes. That permitted the Gorbachev-Reagan signing Dec. 8, marking the latest round of pell-mell treaty-writing that confused even the document's own drafters. But the agreement is now elevated to untouchable status before such details are revealed in Senate hearings, as they were eight years ago in the case of SALT II.

At work here was no cabal, either treasonous or duped, to undermine American interests. Rather, policymakers led by Secretarty of State George Shultz simply decreed that deadlocks be broken on the basis of political expediency, not equity. Although they repudiated careful U.S. positions, these decisions were needed to satisfy the Soviet timetable. In turn, the Kremlin could set deadlines once it appreciated President Reagan's newfound yearnings for a treaty and a summit.

This bypassed much of the grinding, nitty-gritty work of negotiators in Geneva intended to close loopholes. Once the Soviet Dec.-8-or-never demand for signing arrived here, the back channel set up between Washington and Moscow blew away one Geneva deadlock after another.

Here was a replay of times past when back channels undermined U.S. negotiators of earlier nuclear treaties. Left behind in those cases were disputes that, in the case of the ABM treaty, are still far from solution. Always the big loser in this costly method of treaty-making is the U.S.

Damage potential crystallized in a faceoff over CBS's "Face the Nation" Nov. 29 between Shultz and Sen. Steve Symms, a conservative Republican manning the Senate's thin anti-treaty ranks. Symms revealed that the U.S. had "never seen" the SS-20 missile, or even a picture of it. Asked separately about that, Shultz said that "contrary" to Symms, the SS-20 "does have a distinctive signature" He thus ignored Symms' damning disclosure that the U.S. never had seen the SS-20 or a good photographic image.

Shultz is no technician. He may have been unaware that the U.S. had to rely on satellite photographs of the garages in which the missile is housed. When the U.S. finally demanded a picture of the missile itself, nothing happened for days. When the photo arrived only last week, it was fuzzy and unclear, useless as a verification yardstick.

Thus the U.S. signed the treaty without ever seeing a clear picture of the major Soviet weapon it outlaws. That outrages technicians who spent long months negotiating the INF agreement, only to see it snatched away — incomplete.

The U.S. also rushed to sign before it could possibly complete evaluation of the Soviet "data base" (the specifics on numbers of SS-20 missiles and five lesser weapons the treaty is supposed to destroy). Raw information on these missiles was not handed over until signing day, Dec. 8.

Where does this leave American security? In the dark. The Soviets gave American negotiators at least four different versions of their existing arsenal of SS-20s between Oct. 26 and Dec. 3. On Nov. 18, they claimed a total of 614 missiles; on Nov. 21 that had grown to 650. So, the puzzling question: How many of these missiles that they have pledged to destroy do the Soviets really have? Only the Kremlin knows.

Ambiguities proliferate. An estimated 20 ground facilities not acknowledged by the Soviets as in any way connected to the SS-20, or to any of the other banned missiles, are now considered "suspect sites" by U.S. intelligence. Detected only by accident, they exhibit characteristics closely associated with the banned missiles.

So confused was the helter-skelter rush to treaty signing that flustered U.S. technicians on at least two occasions handed false information to the Soviets about their own missile forces and factories. Those mistakes were accidental. Soviet concealment and misinformation are endemic, historical and far more widespread.

Senate critics intend to explore in depth this risky method of writing life-or-death agreements. Their professed aim is not defeat of the treaty but Senate approval of reservations or amendments. They really want to prevent similar, more dangerous handling of the forthcoming treaty to reduce intercontinental missiles. Regrettably, with both sides aiming for spring in Moscow, negotiation under deadline already has begun.

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak are columnists for North America Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 1985. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 25, 1818, the Christmas carol "Silent Night," by Franz Joseph Gruber and Joseph Mohr, was sung for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorff, Austria.

On this date:

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

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

In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi assembled one of the first, if not 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 camped at Trenton, N.J. The crossing is depicted in the famous painting by Emanuel Leutze.

In 1821, the founder of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton, was born in Oxford, Mass.

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

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan.

In 1931, the Metropolitan Opera House in New York broadcast an entire opera over radio for the first time. Listeners throughout the United States and overseas got to hear "Hansel and Gretel."

In 1941, during World War II, Japan announced the surrender of the British-Canadian garrison at Hong Kong.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin met in Egypt with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to discuss guidelines for peace in the Middle East. Charlie Chaplin, known to millions of fans around the world as the "little tramp," died in Switzerland at age 88.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Bomb explodes at Jewish cemetery

CORDOBA, Argentina (AP) — A bomb exploded Thursday at a Jewish cemetery, destroying the entrance gate and shattering nearby windows, police said.

No injuries were reported in the early morning blast, which was the second attack on a Jewish cemetery since the Nov. 13 arrest of alleged Nazi war criminal Josef Franz Schwammberger in Huerta Grande, near this northwestern Argentine city of 1 million.

Schwammberger, 75, is accused of involvement in the deaths of 5,000 Jews in labor camps in occupied Poland from 1942-44. He is in jail awaiting Argentine action on a West German extradition request.

The day after Schwammberger's arrest, a synagogue in the predominantly Jewish neighborhood of Once in Buenos Aires was damaged by a blast that destroyed the entrance and broke nearby store windows. No one was injured.

No one has claimed responsibility in the two explosions.

Solidarity activist sentenced

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A Solidarity activist was sentenced to one year in prison for striking a policeman after being arrested for possessing underground leaflets, an opposition spokesman said Thursday.

Krzysztof Wolf, 29, a dismissed employee of the Warsaw Steelworks, was sentenced Wednesday night in the southern city of Czestochowa, where he was arrested Sept. 18, the Solidarity spokesman said.

Zbigniew Romaszewski, the head of a Solidarity human rights monitoring committee, said much of the trial testimony involved allegations that Wolf was beaten severely by police after his arrest. The court made no ruling on those allegations, he said.

About 50 friends and union sympathizers attended the trial, Romaszewski said.

The sentencing came one day after another Solidarity activist, Boguslaw Szybalski, was sentenced to a 1½-year prison term on a charge of trying to bribe a police officer who caught him transporting illegal copying equipment.

Japanese sentenced for spying

TOKYO (AP) — Two Japanese fishermen who have been detained for four years in North Korea on spying charges were sentenced Thursday to 15-year terms in prison labor camps, Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency reported.

The agency said a court in the western port city of Nampo found Isamu Beniko and Yoshio Kuriura guilty of espionage and abducting a North Korean.

The agency, in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo, said the court also ordered their 234-ton vessel confiscated.

Japan, which has no diplomatic ties with North Korea, denied the two had been spying.

The ship was detained in 1983. The government demanded the return of a North Korean defector who stowed away on the ship during an earlier stop that year.

The defector, identified as North Korean Army Sgt. Min Hong Gu, 25, is living in Japan and seeking political asylum in South Korea.

Christmas lottery totals $3.2 million

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The prize in the annual Christmas lottery went to tickets sold in the capital and in the Yucatan peninsula city of Merida.

The total prize for the first-place tickets is 7 billion pesos, or nearly $3.2 million. But it was not clear immediately how many people would split that prize.

The first prize — known as the "gordo," or "the fat one" — represents about 20 percent of the amount collected in the annual Christmas lottery.

Jesus Rodriguez y Rodriguez, general director of the National Lottery, told the government news agency Notimex that this year's Christmas lottery was a sellout, collecting 35 billion pesos.

There were seven series of tickets issued with the winning number, 27607. The lottery reported that four of the series were sold in Merida, two at a stand in downtown Mexico City and one on South Insurgentes Avenue in the capital.

Trade agreement to be signed

OTTAWA (AP) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will sign the proposed Canada-U.S. free-trade agreement without fanfare Jan. 2 in his Parliament Hill office.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan has said he will sign the treaty separately at the same time while on vacation in Palm Springs, Calif.

The signings are essentially a formality to meet a timetable set by the U.S. Congress. The deal won't be fully binding until diplomatic notes are exchanged later in 1988 stating that each side is ready to meet the terms of the deal.

The treaty, which would tear down a wide range of trade barriers between the countries over 10 years, won't take effect until January 1989.

Hong Kong police seize heroin

HONG KONG (AP) — Police on Thursday seized a record amount of heroin worth an estimated $12.8 million and arrested three men in a harbor raid, authorities said.

About 100 police, acting on a tip, lay in wait at a public pier and arrested the men before dawn after they received the drugs from a motorboat, said police spokesman Robert Yiu. He said the delivery vessel got away.

Police seized 176 pounds of pure heroin and 101 pounds of heroin base, he said. It was the largest amount of pure heroin ever seized in the British colony. The drugs probably were intended for sale in Hong Kong, Yiu said.

Scottish skiers killed in Alps

CHAMBERY, France (AP) — Two young Scotsmen were killed while skiing on a slope near Val d'Isere in the area's first fatal accident of the ski season, police said Thursday.

Alan Webb and Stephan Bottrill, both 18, from Edinburgh, were killed Wednesday when they skied over a rock barrier and fell about 700 feet, according to police in the village of Bourg-Saint-Maurice.

Father says son hijacking plane 'thunderbolt'

ROME (AP) — The father of a 15-year-old who hijacked a jetliner to Rome said Thursday his son's action was "a thunderbolt from a serene sky." But police and an airline official said the boy had a history of mental problems.

Adalgiso Scioni reportedly was upset that his grandparents in Holland were sending him back to Italy, where he had recently run away from home. Pretending he had a bomb, he hijacked KLM Flight 343 on Wednesday night as it was flying from Amsterdam to Milan, and diverted it to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport.

The teen-ager demanded $1 million ransom and a getaway plane. At the Rome airport, officials promised him a flight to the United States, then nabbed him when he walked off the KLM jetliner.

None of the 91 passengers or six crewmembers was injured.

"He was always a well-mannered boy, with sane principles," Angelo Scioni, 52, said of his son.

"I really don't understand why he did something like that. I am very surprised and disheartened...it was a thunderbolt from a serene sky."

KLM Chairman Johan de Soet described the boy as "mentally imbalanced" and said he had a history of mental problems.

Magistrate Gianfranco Dosi, who questioned the boy in a Rome juvenile jail, told state-run television Thursday that the teen-ager regretted his actions.

"He wants to say he is sorry, that he is repentant, that he knows he did something wrong and asks to be forgiven," Dosi said.

"He and his family had lived in Holland for so long and then returned to Sardinia. He had problems of adjustment like many returning immigrants. But he seems very tranquil and serene."

Dosi said the boy would be examined by psychologists to determine whether he was fully conscious of his actions at the time of the hijacking. "The results will determine whether he should stand trial," he said.

Umberto Improta, the head of Italy's anti-terrorist police who arrested the youngster, said in an interview with state-run television Thursday that the boy had "pathological problems."

Some passengers described the youth as troubled and said he had hinted that he knew military secrets and was being persecuted, according to the Italian news agency AGI. Others passengers, however, described his manner as "professional" and "calm," AGI said.

AGI quoted unnamed judicial sources as saying that the boy's lawyer planned to call in a psychiatric witness when he was put on trial.

AGI also reported that Italy's Carabinieri paramilitary police had recommended to juvenile court authorities that Scioni be charged with holding hostages for purpose of extortion and hijacking a plane.

The plane's captain, Henk de Ridder, said when the youth walked into the cockpit and claimed he had a bomb in his luggage, he appeared to have "prepared his plans carefully."

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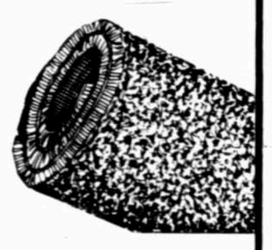
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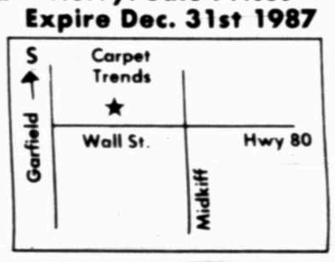
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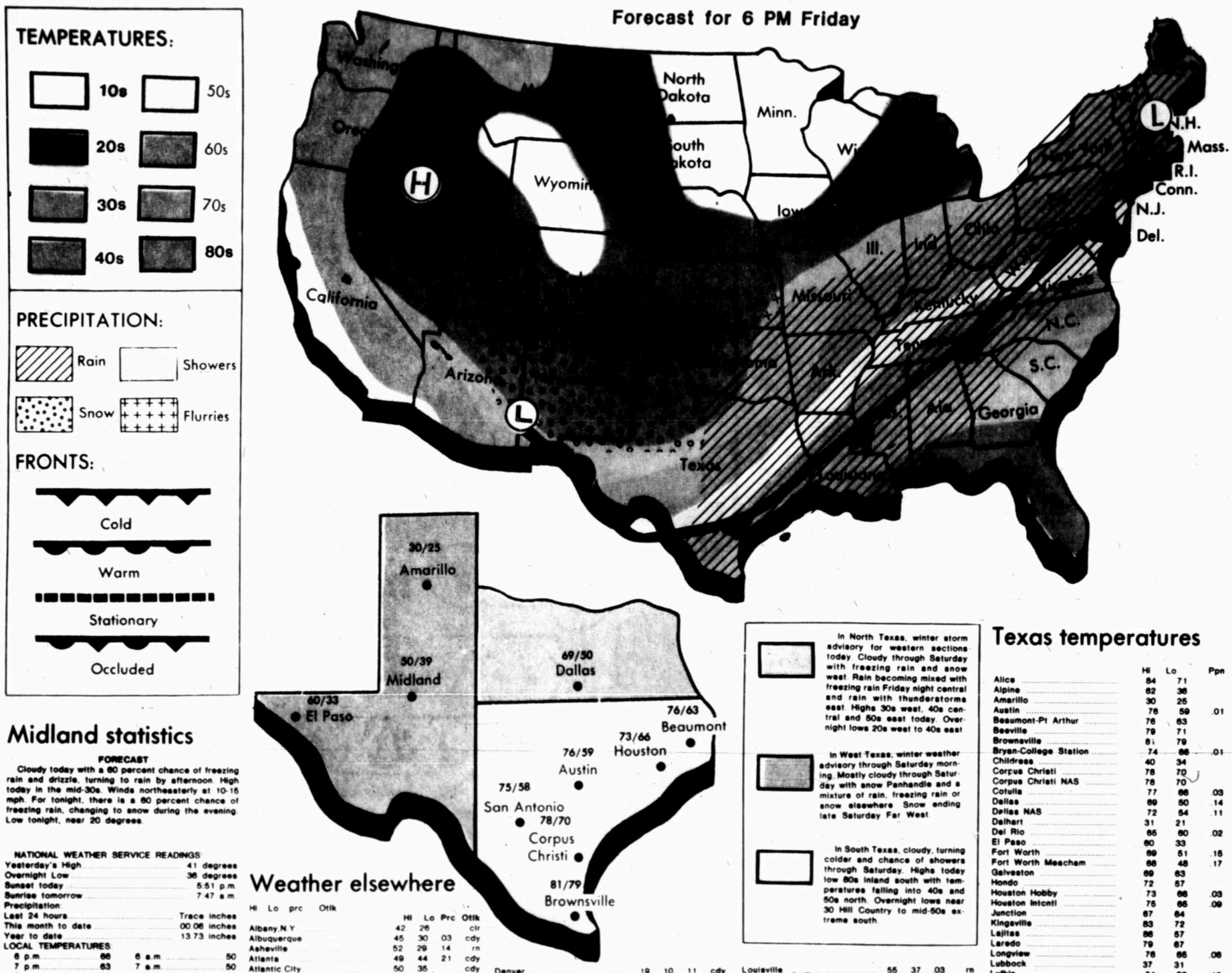
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Storm forecast across state

Associated Press

Winter storm warnings and advisories were posted for western portions of Texas for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as a strong cold front and an upper level storm combined to produce wintry conditions.

The National Weather Service issued a a winter storm warning through Christmas Day for the Permian Basin and the South Plains, and a winter storm advisory for snow was in effect Christmas Eve for the Panhandle.

The weather service issued a winter storm advisory for freezing rain through Christmas Day for the extreme northwest part of North Texas. A winter storm advisory also was in effect through Christmas Day for Far West Texas and the Big Country.

A strong cold front moved southeast across Northeast and South Texas Thursday afternoon. By 4 p.m., it was located from near Texarkana to near San Antonio. Showers and thunderstorms formed to the east of the front in the warm moist unstable air over East and South Texas.

The front brought cold temperatures and strong north winds to West Texas and most of North Texas. A strong upper level storm over the southwest United States was responsible for precipitation falling over much of the state Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The forecast for Christmas Day called for colder temperatures over much of the state, with highs reaching only into the low 20s in the Panhandle but up to near 80 in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

NATION

A winter storm anchored over the southern Rockies dumped heavy snow across the most of the mountain chain and into the Plains on Wednesday, while rain dampened parts of the Midwest and the South and record cold gripped parts of California.

Up to 18 inches of snow fell across the southern mountains of Colorado during a 24-hour period, and warnings were posted overnight for up to 20 more inches.

Snow also fell across parts of Arizona and New Mexico, leaving 8 inches on the ground in Los Alamos, N.M., and 6 inches in Flagstaff, Ariz. Winter weather advisories were in effect across east-central and southeastern Arizona and most of western and northern New Mexico.

Up to 15 inches of snow had fallen in east-central South Dakota, and freezing drizzle iced roads over the southeastern third of the state.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Cloudy today with a 60 percent chance of freezing rain and drizzle, turning to rain by afternoon. High today in the mid-30s. Winds northeasterly at 10-15 mph. For tonight, there is a 60 percent chance of freezing rain, changing to snow during the evening. Low tonight, near 20 degrees.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High	41 degrees
Overnight Low	36 degrees
Sunset today	5:51 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:47 a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	Trace inches
This month to date	00.06 inches
Year to date	13.73 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 p.m.	66	6 a.m.	50
7 p.m.	63	7 a.m.	50
8 p.m.	55	8 a.m.	48
9 p.m.	53	9 a.m.	39
10 p.m.	50	10 a.m.	39
11 p.m.	49	11 a.m.	39
midnight	50	noon	39
1 a.m.	50	1 p.m.	40
2 a.m.	50	2 p.m.	40
3 a.m.	48	3 p.m.	40
4 a.m.	48	4 p.m.	40
5 a.m.	47	5 p.m.	40
		6 p.m.	40

Weather elsewhere

	Hi	Lo	prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	42	26		clr
Albuquerque	45	30	03	cdy
Asheville	52	29	14	rn
Atlanta	49	44	21	cdy
Atlantic City	50	35		cdy
Baltimore	56	33		cdy
Billings	20	08		cdy
Bismarck	18	11	01	cdy
Boise	31	08		clr
Boston	42	34		cdy
Buffalo	51	32		sn
Charleston,S.C.	66	51		cdy
Charleston,W.Va.	64	29		rn
Chicago	48	38	02	cdy
Cleveland	48	29		cdy
Columbia,S.C.	63	34		cdy
Columbus,Ohio	48	35	04	cdy
Dayton	51	34	06	cdy
Denver	19	10	11	cdy
Detroit	43	32	17	cdy
Duluth	27	20	11	cdy
Evansville	56	41	38	rn
Flagstaff	20	08		cdy
Grand Rapids	42	33	08	cdy
Great Falls	24	09		cdy
Hartford	46	25		cdy
Helena	20	-03		cdy
Indianapolis	52	35	10	sn
Jackson,Miss.	78	62		rn
Kansas City	45	31	03	cdy
Las Vegas	40	31		cdy
Los Angeles	54	42		clr
Louisville	55	37	03	rn
Memphis	66	55	1.84	rn
Milwaukee	40	37	06	cdy
Nashville	57	47	57	rn
New Orleans	78	66	02	rn
New York City	49	37		cdy
Oklahoma City	45	36		sn
Orlando	77	61		cdy
Philadelphia	53	29		cdy
Phoenix	50	40		clr
Portland,Ore.	36	27		cdy
Providence	46	28		cdy
Raleigh	62	33		cdy
Reno	28	16		clr
Richmond	58	32		rn

In North Texas, winter storm advisory for western sections today. Cloudy through Saturday with freezing rain and snow west. Rain becoming mixed with freezing rain Friday night central and rain with thunderstorms east. Highs 30s west, 40s central and 50s east today. Overnight lows 20s west to 40s east.

In West Texas, winter weather advisory through Saturday morning. Mostly cloudy through Saturday with snow Panhandle and a mixture of rain, freezing rain or snow elsewhere. Snow ending late Saturday Far West.

In South Texas, cloudy, turning colder and chance of showers through Saturday. Highs today low 80s inland south with temperatures falling into 40s and 50s north. Overnight lows near 30 Hill Country to mid-50s extreme south.

Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Ppn
Alice	84	71	
Alpine	62	38	
Amarillo	30	25	
Austin	78	59	.01
Beaumont-Pt Arthur	76	63	
Beeville	79	71	
Brownsville	81	79	
Bryan-College Station	74	66	.01
Childress	40	34	
Corpus Christi	78	70	
Corpus Christi NAS	78	70	
Cotulla	77	66	.03
Dallas	69	50	.14
Dallas NAS	72	54	.11
Dalhart	31	21	
Del Rio	65	60	.02
El Paso	60	33	
Fort Worth	69	51	.15
Fort Worth Meacham	66	48	.17
Galveston	69	63	
Hondo	72	57	
Houston Hobby	73	66	.03
Houston Intcntl	75	66	.09
Junction	67	64	
Kingsville	83	72	
Lajitas	66	57	
Laredo	79	67	
Longview	76	66	.06
Lubbock	37	31	
Lufkin	74	62	.12
Marfa	66	49	
McAllen	91	72	
Mineral Wells	62	47	.02
Palacios	74	66	
Presidio	mm	mm	
San Angelo	61	47	
San Antonio	75	58	.01
Stephenville	65	45	.09
Texarkana	71	59	.16
Victoria	75	70	
Waco	70	59	.11
Wichita Falls	48	44	
Wink	42	37	

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A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
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So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless-ings of His heaven.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
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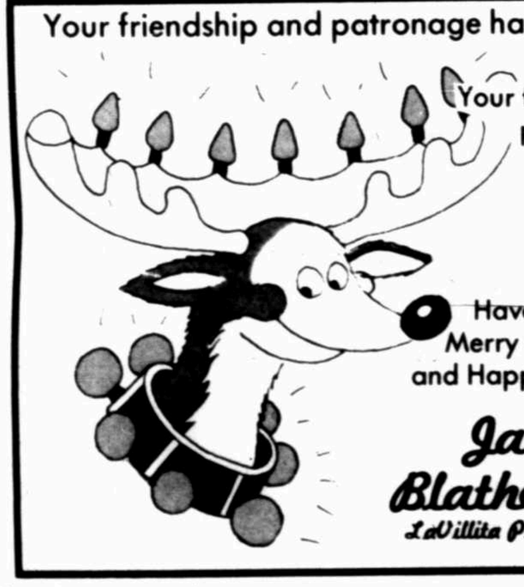
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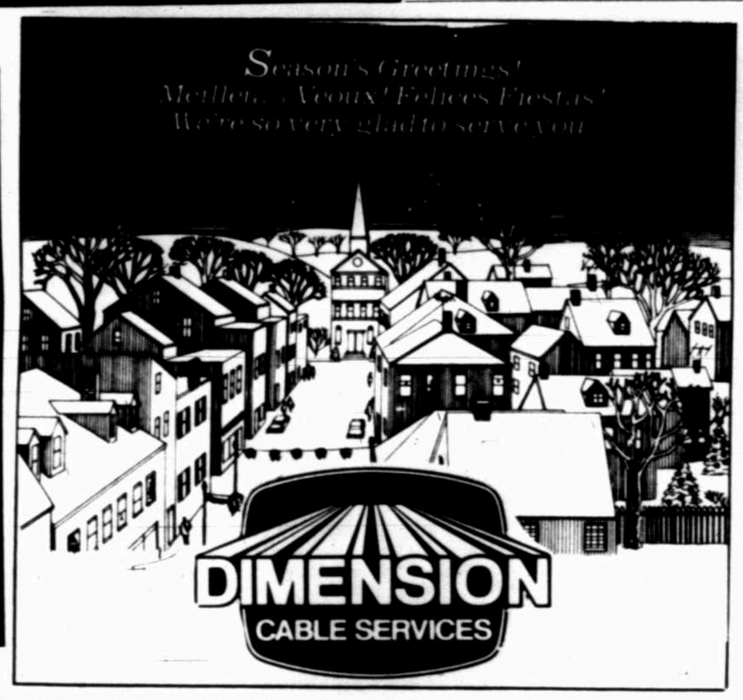


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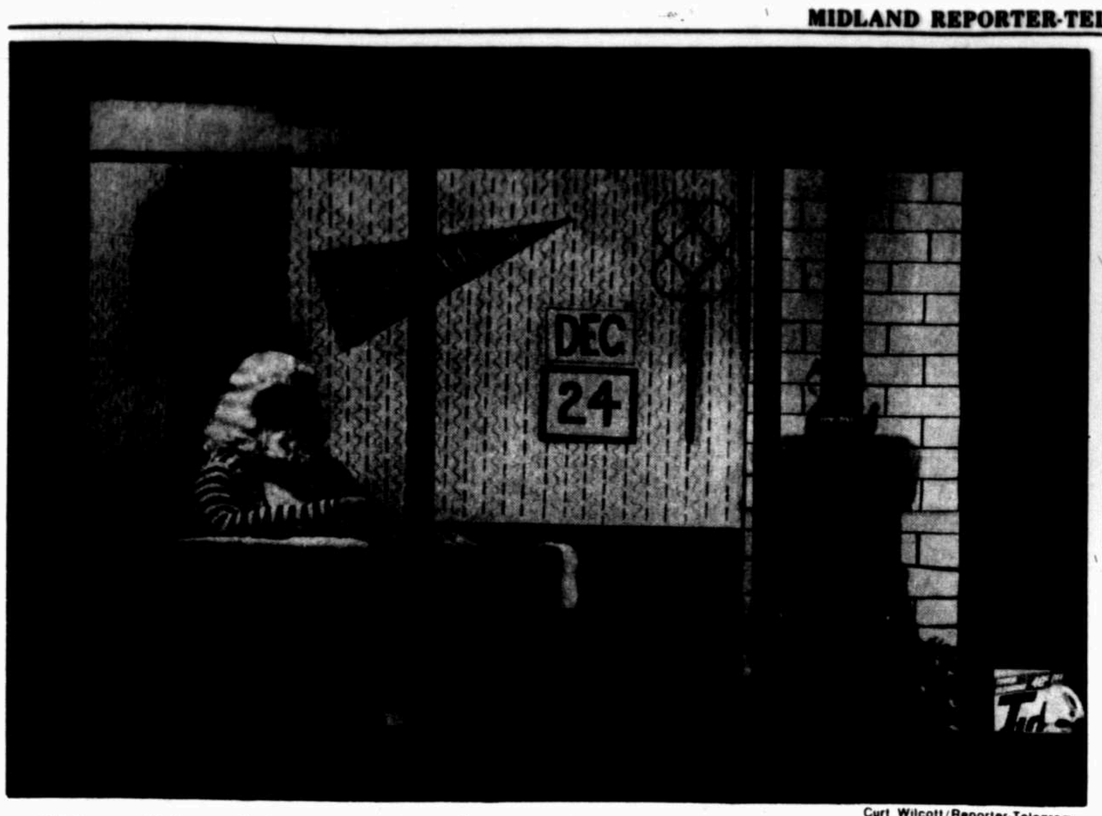
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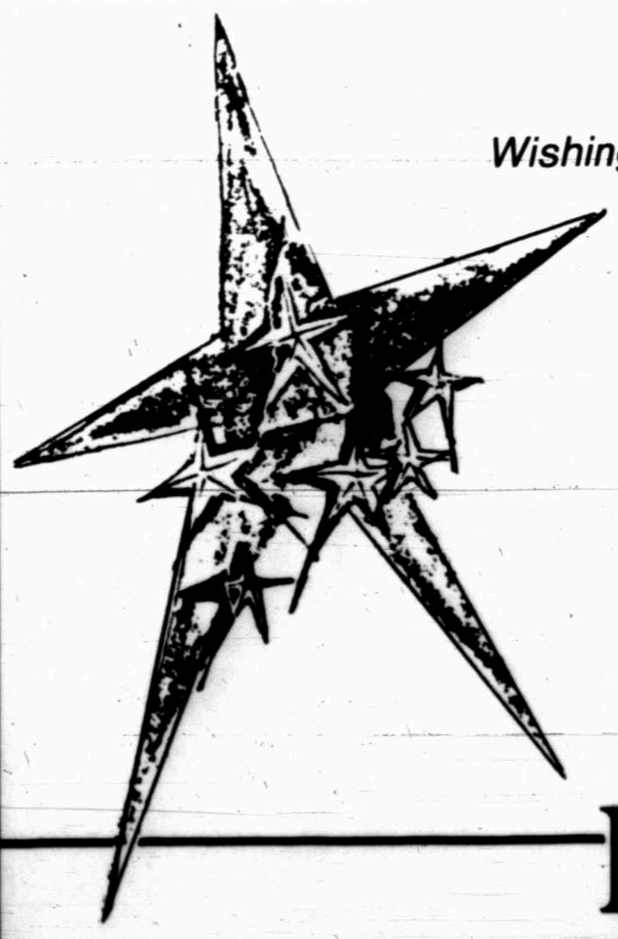
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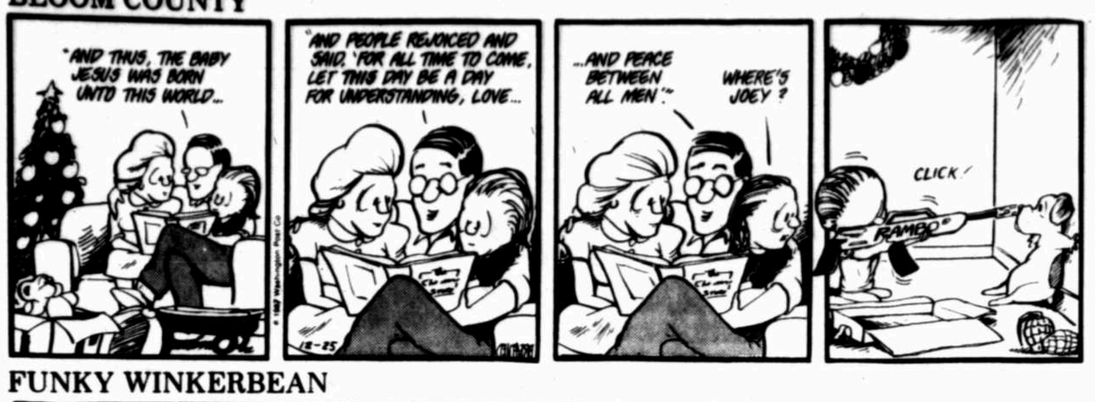
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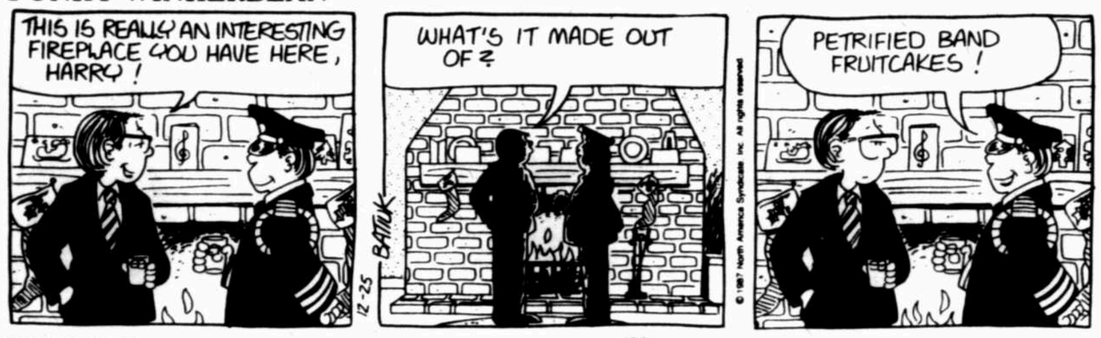
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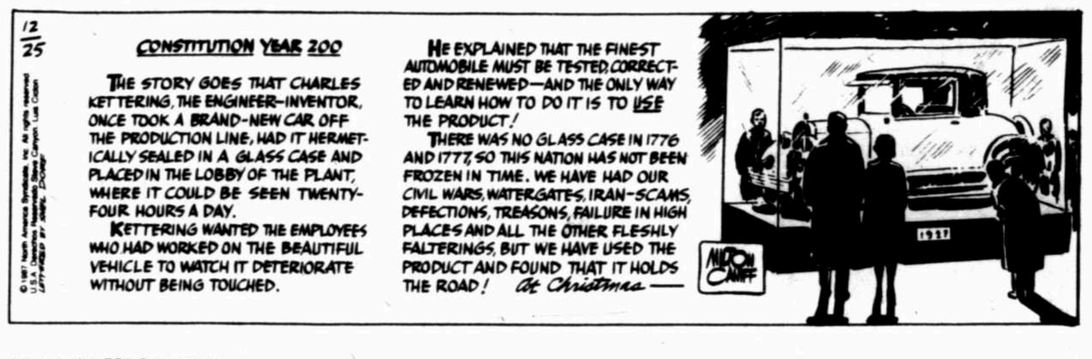
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JEANE DIXON'S your horoscope

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1987

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: The prognosis is favorable for a business or romantic venture. Your relationships benefit from lessons learned in the past. Travel is helpful, but not absolutely necessary for boosting profits. Keep a tight rein on spending and you will be able to build a nice nest egg. The financial wizardry of a friend could lead to big gains. A close associate helps you choose the best road to travel.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: comedian Steve Allen, funnyman Alan King, actor Richard Widmark, catcher Carlton Fisk, slugger Chris Chambliss, shortstop Ozzie Smith, novelist Henry Miller, China's Mao Tse-tung.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make this a weekend everyone will remember! Time spent outdoors will be especially welcome. Avoid arguing about money. It should be easier to reach an agreement with your partner now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Rest up today and start making plans for the new year. Catch up on your reading if you like. A good book makes an excellent companion for those tired of the social whirl.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The joy of Christmas is still yours today! Find ways to make your family and friends feel good. Cheering up someone who is under the weather gives you special pleasure. Travel is favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An earthshaking romantic encounter has you walking on air. Your chances for a great weekend are excellent. Travel will boost your spirits, especially if you are going somewhere sunny.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Some of your investments will mature early. Enjoy yourself! A family outing is a source of delight. Keep your personal goals in sight at all times. Romance is in high gear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make this a day of relaxation and fun. The Christmas spirit abounds! Loved ones are generally pleasant and easygoing. Many will enjoy a second celebration with grandparents or in-laws. Be affectionate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A good day for visiting with neighbors or friends who stop by. Roll out the welcome mat! Someone you meet at a party could have a profound effect on your future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bargains abound for those who have the energy to go to department stores. Go ahead and accept a last-minute social invitation. The mail brings delayed Christmas greetings. Phone someone far away.

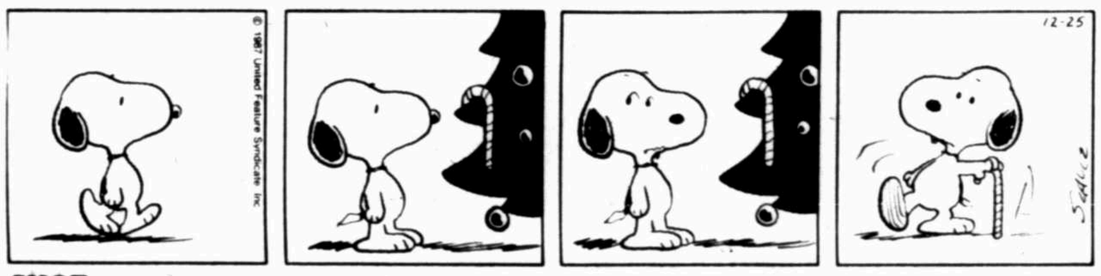
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let household chores go and spend time with your children. Attending a social function lets you see both old and new pals. The news regarding overseas investments is encouraging. Wait a while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Enjoy some slack time after the rush of the past few days. You get a unique opportunity to mix business with pleasure at a social event. Take mate out for a special treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some will work today and earn a nice year-end bonus. The extra money will come in handy when paying bills for Christmas gifts! Spend a quiet relaxing night at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Memories of past holidays surface when you see old friends or attend a family reunion. Devote more time to children. A college student home on vacation adds to your joy.

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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A SEASONAL GIFT

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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◇ 8
♣ A K J 5 4

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◇ 10 9 7 5 2
♣ 7

SOUTH
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◇ A K Q J 4
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The bidding:

South	West	North	East
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3 ◇	Pass	3 ♡	Pass
4 ◇	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♡	Pass	6 ♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

'Tis the season to be jolly. A time for the giving of gifts. For the receiving of good wishes. We extend ours for a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanuka to all our readers.

North-South bid reasonably to their six-heart contract, although hindsight would suggest that North would have done better to elect to play in six no trump despite the 5-4 fit. But we are getting ahead of ourselves.

West led a club, taken by dummy's king. Declarer lost no time in getting into the spirit of yuletide when he led a trump to the king and ace. West persisted with a club, and East's ruff was the death knell.

Declarer was rather unlucky to find a 5-1 club break, but he had only himself to blame for his defeat. Had he realized the threat of a ruff was there, he could have taken preventive measures.

After winning the first trick in dummy, declarer should have led a spade to the ace right away. It would then have been a simple matter to cash the ace of diamonds and cross to the table with a diamond ruff. On the king of spades declarer sluffs his remaining club, and he now can go about his business secure in the knowledge that there is nothing the enemy can do to stop him from making his slam.

Believers in Murphy's Law—that if something can go wrong, it will—do well at the bridge table. They take time out to think of the worst that can occur, then see if there are any steps they can take to avert the catastrophe.

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3 UNSCRAMBLE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER

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PEOPLE

Roxanne Pulitzer's book sells out in adopted town



Pulitzer

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — **Roxanne Pulitzer's** book about her bitter divorce from publishing heir **Peter Pulitzer** almost sold out in its first day on the shelves in her adopted town.

"Everyone likes dirt and gossip," said J.L. Goldman, manager of the B. Dalton Booksellers branch.

"We shipped to Florida first," said Villard Books publicist Sally Berk. "We figured that's where there will be a big demand."

Ms. Pulitzer, 36, complained Wednesday as the book arrived that libel lawyers had excised most "juicy" sections of her work, "The Prize Pulitzer: The Scandal That Rocked Palm Beach — The Real Story." But she's not unhappy.

"The whole thing had such a negative overtone," Ms. Pulitzer said of her divorce case. "Now I think I've turned it into something positive."

Ms. Pulitzer lost custody of her twin sons in the 1982 case that featured allegations of cocaine use, extramarital sex and various jet-set excesses. She now works in West Palm Beach as an aerobics instructor.

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Somers

NEW YORK (AP) — **Suzanne Somers** says she traces the roots of her acting career to her childhood, when she tried to cover up her father's alcoholism.

"We lived in a darling little house with a picket fence and a lawn that was always perfect," Miss Somers says an interview in the Jan. 12 issue of Family Circle magazine. "But inside was all darkness and violence."

The 39-year-old actress said she, her mother, sister and two brothers suffered physical violence and emotional trauma when her father came home drunk, but did not seek help fo three decades.

"We thought Alcoholics Anonymous was only for skid-row bums — not respectable, middle-class people like us," she said.

Her father's alcoholism caused Miss Somers to grow up with little confidence and few friends, she said. A failed marriage while still in her teens, single parenthood and financial troubles created a "private hell" after that.

Eventually, Miss Somers said, she used some of the money she made in her role as Chrissie in "Three's Company" to pay for therapy, and was better able understand her father's alcoholism and how it affected her family.

The actress has written a book about her experience. "Keeping Secrets," published by Warner Books, is scheduled to be released in January.

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Entertainer-businessman **Merv Griffin** has completed the purchase of the Beverly Hilton, and the price was less than what had been speculated when an agreement was reached last month.

Hilton Hotels Corp., which owned the 592-room hotel jointly with Prudential Insurance Co. of America, said Thursday that a Griffin company, GriffTel, paid $100.2 million.

Sources had indicated the price could be around $200 million, based on prices paid recently for two other hotels.

The famed Beverly Hills Hotel was sold by businessman Marvin Davis to the Sultan of Brunei for a reported $200 million earlier this year, while last year Hong Kong-based Regent International acquired the 59-year-old Beverly Wilshire Hotel for $120 million.

Hilton Hotels will continue to manage the Beverly Hilton under a long-term contract with Griffin.

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Harris

BEDFORD, N.Y. (AP) — The former girls' school headmistress who killed her lover, Scarsdale Diet developer **Dr. Herman Tarnower**, may be able to keep the royalties from her second book.

Earlier this year, the state Crime Victims Compensation Board ruled that **Jean Harris** had to turn over any profits from her autobiographical book, "Stranger in Two Worlds," because state law prohibits criminals from exploiting their crimes.

Now Mrs. Harris is writing "They Always Call Us Ladies: Stories from Prison," which deals with the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility where she is serving her term of 15 years to life.

If she doesn't discuss the 1980 shooting of Tarnower, she may be able to keep whatever cash she earns.

Judith A. Brindle, senior attorney for the board, said the law is invoked if someone writes about "the re-enactment or thoughts, feelings or emotions of their crime."

The board ruled that as much as $200,000 in profits from Mrs. Harris' first book must go to Tarnower's survivors. Mrs. Harris has challenged the ruling.

The new book, due out from Charles Scribner's Sons in July, will be reviewed before a final decision is made.

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Caliguiri

PITTSBURGH (AP) — **Mayor Richard Caliguiri** received a pacemaker Thursday to correct an irregular heartbeat caused by an incurable disease that has attacked his heart and other organs, doctors said.

"We expect he'll be able to return to work at the beginning of the year," Caliguiri's physician, Dr. Murray Sachs, said at a news conference at Shadyside Hospital.

Caliguiri, 56, entered the hospital Wednesday complaining of light-headedness, the same condition that led last March to the discovery that he has amyloidosis, which attacks vital organs by depositing excessive proteins. Doctors found an irregular heartbeat.

Amyloidosis, which is often fatal, causes irregular heartbeats in at least one-third of its victims, Sachs said.

"It doesn't necessarily mean the amyloidosis is progressing," he said. "His heart was beating quite well, but it was slowing down and speeding up."

The battery-powered pacemaker will not reverse the deterioration of the mayor's heart, said Dr. James O'Toole, head of cardiology at the hospital.

Caliguiri has said he hopes to be able to complete his third term, which runs through 1989.

Evening TV Schedule

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25, 1987

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6:00 6:30	News Fortune	News M*A*S*H	Jeopardy! Win, Lose	Star Trek "	Praise the Lord	A. Griffith Sanford	La Dama de Rosa	Cheers B. Miller	SportsCtr. Moments	MacNeil/ Lehrer	Rodeo Odyssey
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12:00 12:30	News CNN News	Soul Train "	terman Videos	possible Bodies	Scenes Religious	Tracks Nite Track	Rina "	derful Life"	SpeedWeek SportsLook	Sign-Off	" "

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6:00 6:30	Emperor Comedy	"Lady Jane"	Disney Channel	Kid Part Two"	Inside the NFL	Be a Star Fandango	Uncle Sam Magoo	Can't/TV Mr. Wizard	Montreux Buffalo Bill	Life" "	Remington Steele
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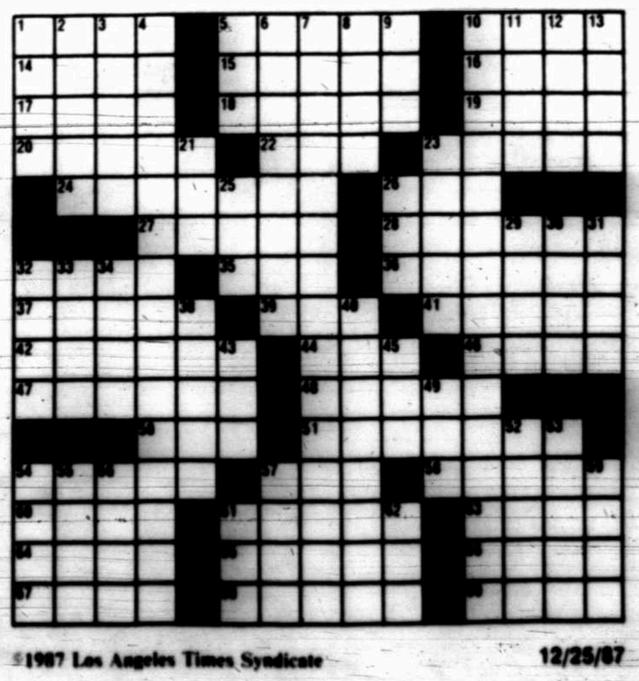
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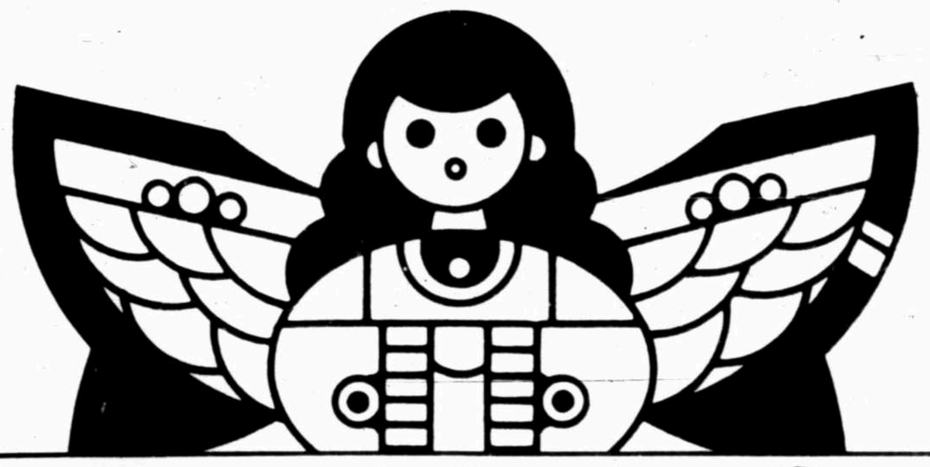


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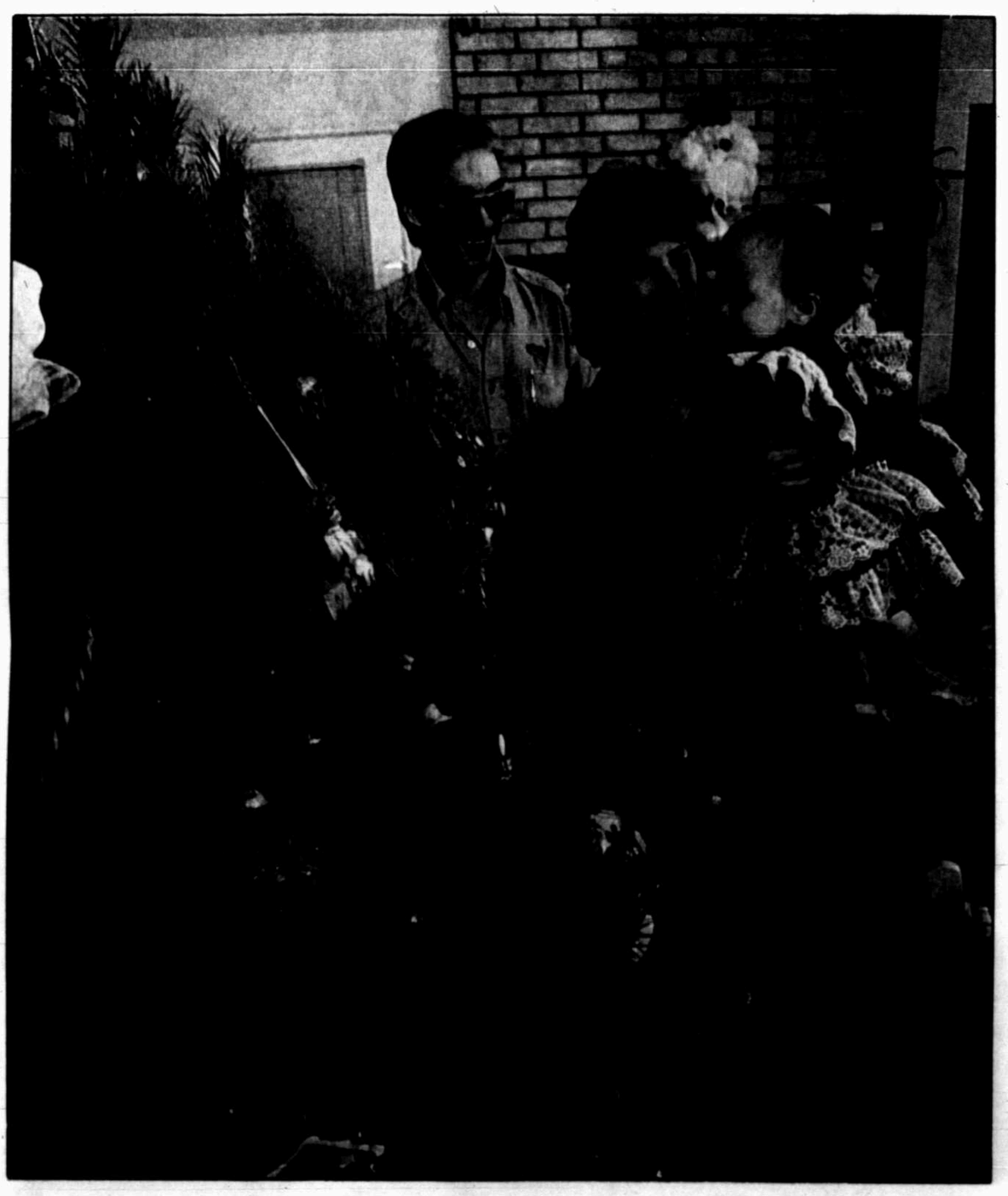
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Cissy and Chip McClure

Local agencies to spread holiday cheer

By JULIE HILLRICHS
Staff Writer

It's Christmas and reminders of the holiday season are everywhere.

There's a nip in the air, the aroma of chestnuts roasting on open fires, the sounds of church bells ringing and lights dancing from window panes and Christmas trees.

Unfortunately, the joy that exudes from most households today will be shadowed by the plight of the poor, elderly and homeless whose circumstances prevent them from sharing in the celebration.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, local social service organizations hope to spread some holiday cheer today, offering Christmas dinner and fellowship to hundreds of less fortunate individuals.

Maj. Harvey Harwell said the Salvation Army will open its doors at 11 a.m., expecting to serve turkey and trimmings to more than 200 area residents.

Despite the fact that Salvation Army donations are down by an estimated $2,000 this year, Harwell said, "We'll serve until there's no more food."

The Christmas dinner menu will consist of turkey, stuffing, yams, green beans and...oh yes...pumpkin pie for dessert, he said, encouraging guests to come with a healthy appetite.

The 10-year-old Dress A Live Doll and other Salvation Army holiday programs were a "huge success" this season, said Harwell, observing that 700 youngsters were outfitted in new clothing.

The organization also fed Thanksgiving dinner to more than 200 people last month, he said.

Several local churches and civic groups provided holiday meals earlier in the week to the homebound, handicapped and other needy residents.

On Monday, Hollowell United Methodist church served Christmas dinner to about 35 senior citizens, according to the Rev. Hadley Edwards.

And Meals on Wheels made its rounds early Thursday, delivering regular meals and Christmas dinners to about 50 elderly residents.

Juanita Arreguin said the refrigerated platters consisted of ham, potatoes, asparagus, cranberry gelatin and pumpkin pie that may be heated later today.

Meals on Wheels normally feeds up to 180 elderly and handicapped residents on a daily basis. Christmas dinner was sent primarily to those who were unable to spend the holiday with friends or family, Ms. Arreguin said.



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Manden Robbins, 4, helps Fort Worth police officer Robert Dena unload toys Wednesday at a local substation. Manden's mother said that when he heard many children won't be getting anything for Christmas, he decided to donate his gifts.

Plea brings in $25,000 for Wichita Falls Toys for Tots

Associated Press

Texans prepared for Christmas by helping each other, reuniting with loved ones, and getting in some last-minute holiday shopping.

"We're ending our most important selling season on a real upbeat note, Foley's spokeswoman Sheri Carbonera in Houston said Thursday. "Sales are a little better than expected and they've exceeded last year."

An impromptu fund-raising challenge in Wichita Falls led to about $25,000 being donated to the Toys for Tots program.

Organizers had reported a drop in donations because of economic problems related to the slump in oil prices. A plea from fireman Brian Richardson, chairman of the the Toys for Tots program, on KTLT-FM last week prompted another caller to issue a challenge for money.

The station then dumped regular programming, holding an 11-hour fund-raiser Dec. 17 that by Thursday netted $25,000.

But in Dallas, donations to the Salvation Army were about a half-million dollars short of that agency's $2.5 million fund-raising goal. Officials were hopeful contributions would increase before the end of the year.

"I'm a little concerned and a little disappointed, but this is the biggest goal we've ever had," said Maj. Kenneth Brewer, Dallas County coordinator.

In Fort Worth, 4-year-old Manden Robbins took matters into his own hands.

Inspired by television commercials showing police delivering toys to needy children, he donated half his toys — three large boxes — to the holiday cause.

"I'm going to get presents and take it to the kids because they don't have no Christmas and Santa Claus," said Manden. "Their mommies can't afford it."

In Houston, more than 1,000 needy families received aid from an annual charitable project sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service, The Houston Post and Compaq Computer Corp.

The holiday also was a time for families to be reunited.

In San Antonio, oil company executive Herbert Rooks had a pre-dawn champagne celebration with his family when he arrived there after being freed from a Nigerian prison where he was held for five months.

Imprisoned because of a dispute between his company and the Nigerian government, Rooks planned a family Christmas and some relaxing on South Padre Island over the weekend.

In Odessa, a mother and daughter separated for 10 years met Wednesday. "It was so great, I'm so excited," said Sheila Tibbets Been, 18, of Pampa. She lost touch with her mother when a divorce split the family in 1978.

In El Paso, Christmas excitement centered on the 54th annual Sun Bowl where Oklahoma State and West Virginia were set to square off at 12:30 p.m. Christmas Day. Thousands were expected to brave rain mixed with snow to watch the contest.

Many Houston-area families with relatives serving in the U.S. military in West Germany were able to spend a few minutes with each other via videoconference this Christmas week.

"It's exciting," said Darlene Franklin, after speaking 15 minutes with her son, Sgt. Maj. Miles Graham, stationed in Frankfurt. "It's something that not everybody gets to experience."

"It leaves you kind of speechless," said T.J. Townshend, Graham's father-in-law. "It boils down to a few words: This is great."

Nine U.S. cities were chosen for "GI Holiday Homecoming," sponsored by the American Red Cross and U.S. Sprint, according to U.S. Sprint spokesman Steve Dykes.

Members of a Nacogdoches County family had to change their menu for Christmas dinner, since about 40 pounds of deer sausage burned Thursday in a smokehouse fire.

Marie Chalker of Shady Grove said the meat belonged to her brother and was being cured, in anticipation of a holiday feast.

No one was injured in the 3 a.m. blaze, which also engulfed a barn.

Across the state, cities were all aglow with their individual decorations.

Luminarias brightened cities of Hispanic influence, such as San Antonio and El Paso.

And at the point where Texas, New Mexico and the Mexican state of Chihuahua meet, the 50-foot-high, white marble cross atop Mount Cristo Rey was to be illuminated by dozens of floodlights Christmas Eve, to stay on until dawn Christmas Day.

Officials warn homeowners to have furnaces serviced

By PATRICK CRIMMINS
Staff Writer

Faulty or improperly used furnaces have caused at least four instances of carbon monoxide poisoning so far in December, and Midland fire officials are warning residents to have them serviced.

No serious injuries were reported in the poisonings, but in the most recent instance on Dec. 20, six people had to be transferred to the hospital for treatment of the symptoms, most commonly headaches and nausea, officials said.

"That is an unusual amount for this early in the month," Fire Marshal Jerry Petree said Wednesday. "That to me is something that we really want to caution people about. If they have open-flame heat in the house, a window should be open to let fresh air in."

All of the incidents were caused by floor furnaces or gas-fueled wall heaters, Petree said.

"Usually, if there is a peculiar smell coming from the furnace, then the gas company should be called right away," he added.

..."If they have open-flame heat in the house, a window should be open..."
— Jerry Petree

Often, consumers who own forced-air furnaces will remove the cover of the pilot light, and after working on or adjusting the unit will fail to replace it.

"These instances are, simply, the result of people who need to get their furnaces checked, but don't," Fire Chief James Roberts said. The chief added that he was "surprised" when told of the number of poisonings this month.

Ron Ainsworth, an estimator for C.A. Gray Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., said older furnaces should be checked by a technician.

"If you get a hole in the heat exchanger, which often happens, the carbon monoxide fumes go out with the warm air through the vent," Ainsworth said.

"Improper venting is also a potential problem. Anyone with a furnace 15 years or older should have them checked."

A "goodly number" of people call C.A. Gray each year for preventive checks as cold weather approaches, Gray said.

"We also tell our service people to check these types of things.

"I am surprised it (carbon monoxide poisonings) doesn't happen more, because there are a lot of old furnaces out there."

Andy Glasscock, a Midland police detective who is also chief of the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department, said this year there have been no reports in that community of the problem.

But, "it is not uncommon," Glasscock said. "People do not clean out their heaters, and their flues.

"When I was with the Big Lake department, it happened to a whole family there. Luckily, we found them in time."

Organizers say Midland likely to get reinvestment program

By RICK BROWN
Assistant City Editor

Preliminary indications are favorable that a federally created neighborhood revitalization program hailed for its stimulation of grassroots home and business remodeling projects will come to Midland, organizers said this week.

"Everything is looking positive at this point," said William Benavites, a San Antonio-based field service officer with the program known as the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp.

Benavites earlier this week traveled to Midland to continue compiling demographic statistics and measure community support for the program, which was created by a 1978 act of Congress.

Benevites and others working to bring the program to Midland — including city economic development coordinator Nancy Vickery, local NAACP chapter President James Fuller and City Council member Oralia Corrales — emphasized the need for grassroots support for the program.

"If this thing comes to fruition, it has to be locally," said Ms. Vickery. "The idea is neighborhood pride."

Said Fuller: "I think the primary distinguishing factor is that the people themselves in the section of town affected make their own decisions. Usually, these programs are administered by a municipal entity."

Benavites explained that at least 51 percent of the members of the board that administers the program must be residents of the area where the improvements are slated.

Those residents, plus other community and business leaders, administer a revolving loan fund from which residents can complete improvements at favorable rates and payback terms, Benavites said.

Each year, several blocks at a time are chosen for a concentrated revitalization effort, he said.

"You target certain areas to work in so that after you are through there will be a visual impact," he said.

One indication of Midland's positive chances for snaring the program is that the corporation is willing to commit an estimated $35,000 necessary for in depth information gathering, Benavites said.

However, cities that have passed those initial tests and still failed to nab the program are not unheard of, he added.

Said Ms. Corrales: "If the banks and the local community isn't completely behind it, then they won't do it."

Necessary for on-going operation of the program is about $100,000 yearly for administrative costs, Benavites said.

A second "pot of money" — about $500,000, depending on the size of the projected area — is needed to start the revolving loan fund, he said.

Although many of those funds should come from inside the community, the national scope of the program helps cities find sources from around the country, he said.

Once the program is in place, those sources often are helpful in finding buyers for the loans and thereby freeing up additional money within the fund for more loans, he said.

Benavitas added that a "go, no-go decision" on bringing the program to Midland "ideally" should be made early next year.



Tourists look at the damage to the front door of the Alamo Thursday, where a vandal had tried to set fire to the San Antonio shrine. A man was arrested after he set fire to a wreath on the Alamo's door.

AP Laserphoto

Budget cuts delay building new post office

By JANE MARLER DEES
Staff Writer

The construction of a new Midland post office has been postponed indefinitely in the wake of a U.S. Postal Service $1.25 million budget cutback announced Wednesday.

The station was to have been built at Briarwood Avenue at Midland Drive and was to have replaced the Graves Station on Wadley Drive, said Stan Sartain, a postal spokesman in Midland.

The budget cutbacks likely won't affect current construction of the new post office to be built at Midland Intercontinental Airport, Sartain said.

The cutbacks were announced by Postmaster General Preston R. Tisch.

Sartain said Thursday it was still too soon to tell the full effect of the action.

Many post offices around the nation will see Saturday operations halted Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 at least, but Sartain said the one station open in Midland on Saturdays will stay as such for now.

The Graves station is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Mail delivery will remain the same, though Tisch said service cutbacks could hinder the delivery of magazines and correspondence.

Announcement of the cutbacks follows congressional passage of a federal budget-cutting bill which requires the Postal Service to reduce its spending by $1.25 million over the next 21 months.

The price of a first-class stamp is expected to rise to 25 cents next April, Tisch said.

Christmas wreaths set afire on Alamo door

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About $3,000 worth of damage was done to the historic Alamo when Christmas wreaths on the old mission's front door were set ablaze early Thursday, fire department officials said.

Park rangers arrested Steve Michael Moellendorf, 30, of Houston, who was charged with arson and resisting arrest. He was held in the Bexar County jail in lieu of $25,800 bond, said a deputy sheriff who declined to give his name.

A park ranger on the scene said he spotted a man in front of the Alamo about 1:15 a.m. and first thought he was just reading a plaque on the front door.

"All of a sudden they saw him run off and then they saw the flame on the door," said Capt. Dan Davila, of the fire department's arson division.

"They gave chase and while they were trying to place the handcuffs on him he tried to set fire to the clothing of one of the park rangers with a cigarette lighter," Davila said.

The fire engulfed the carved, wooden doors and started filling the interior of the mission with smoke before firefighters put out the blaze.

Davila said most of the damage was to the exterior of the building.

Moellendorf was arrested in front of the mission after a scuffle with rangers, who said he had a cigarette lighter.

Lawyers send inmate to visit sister in Dallas

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — This Christmas, Shirley Staggs will awake to see the faces of her family rather than the bleak surroundings of the Women's Correctional Center where she is an inmate.

And she has a group of Raleigh attorneys to thank for that gift.

Miss Staggs, who is serving a 15-year sentence for second degree murder, was eligible for a 72-hour holiday home pass from prison this year. But her sister lives in Dallas and could not afford to travel to Raleigh. The attorneys at Purser, Cheshire, Parker, Hughes & Dodd paid for the sister's family's Christmas trip.

"I thought as the years go by, the holidays would get easier, but they don't," said Miss Staggs, 48, who has spent the past four Christmases in prison.

"This is going to be the best Christmas I've had since I was a little kid," she said.

This is not the first act of kindness the attorneys have bestowed on Miss Staggs. This spring, attorneys Joseph B. Cheshire V and L. Michael Dodd hired Miss Staggs as a legal secretary after she became eligible for work release.

Miss Staggs has been in prison since Oct. 1, 1982. She pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the shooting death of her boyfriend in Swain County. She expects to be released in 1988.

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'Singing Savage' goes country

EDITOR'S NOTE: They called her the Singing Savage, and with her coal black hair, dark eyes and high cheekbones, Annie Golightly could look and act the part. But the darling of Fort Worth's late night sing-a-long circuit has taken her guitar and moved to the country.

By MIKE COCHRAN

SANTO (AP) — Annie's got herself a creek full of catfish, a backyard full of noisy cardinals and a forest full of deer and wild turkey.

She's got a horse who thinks he's a dog and an armadillo who thinks he's a horse. She's got a hoot owl who lives on the creek and a quirky cat who lives at her side.

Annie Golightly's built herself a country home and a country dance hall and spends most of her time smoking ribs and frying catfish and belting out C&W ballads for a curious country audience.

The Singing Savage has gone country. And, she says, "I love it."

LONG A fixture on the North Texas nightclub scene, Ms. Golightly, 56, closed the Fort Worth club that bore her name and said farewell early this year to a few thousand friends and 35 rollercoaster years on the fast track.

She loaded up her guitar, her stereo, her horse, her cat, her John Wayne paintings, a few million memories and headed off in her pickup truck in search of the good life.

She found it in the scenic seclusion of 130 wooded acres along Buck Creek near this remote little hamlet an hour's drive west of Fort Worth.

Recruiting a 13-year-old Mexican alien and a cowboy with a fondness for strong drink, she built a functional but stylish two-story house in a grove of oak trees overlooking serpentine Buck Creek.

She lined the walls with photographs of her five children, her own oil paintings and scores of autographed pictures of friends and celebrities ranging from John Wayne and Tom T. Hall to Arnold Palmer.

"It's just a home made to live in," she told a couple of visitors the other day while spreading butter over slices of freshly home-baked bread.

A SPLENDID old wood stove, a rock-walled staircase and a built-in bar are the focal points of a living center that includes the kitchen, den and dining area all wrapped up in one spacious fir-paneled room.

Neither of the upstairs rooms has a bath, Annie quipped, "cuz I was afraid one of my kids might move back in."

Her children are scattered from Mississippi to California but return home at least once each year bearing gifts for a Christmas assemblage — at Thanksgiving.

"We kind of had to do that because I was always busy cooking Christmas dinner for somebody else," explained Ms. Golightly, who since 1969 has raised money and prepared holiday meals for the poor and those she affectionately calls "my old folks."

For the first time in 18 years, she is not involved in a charitable Christmas project, but she is already planning a Christmas party in July for the youngsters at the New Horizons Ranch for abused children in Goldthwaite.

Her parties are memorable affairs, none more than a three-day bash celebrating the April 1978 opening of her Fort Worth club, Annie Golightly's.

SHE ROASTED a pig, barbecued a cow and fried a mess of catfish to feed 800 people in a club that seated 76.

"They ate everything but the pot," she said.

But mostly people came to listen, not eat. Writing once about her singing, columnist Jim Trinkle, formerly of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, observed:

"There is a happy, vibrant quality to songs as Annie sings them...Audiences often break into song with her. They are moved by her personal magnetism, and by subtle phrasing that changes from joyous to thoughtful to whimsical to solemn, almost in the same breath.

"It is a talent rarely found. It is a gift always coveted..."

With customers pouring in, Annie moved to a new and larger club on July 18, 1984. It was the very day, she now claims with a smile, "that the economy went to hell."

OUTSIDE HER house, a horse named Blue was making a noble attempt to climb into a truck driven by a man who had come to repair a leak in Ms. Golightly's miniature water system.

"Stay out of that truck, Blue!" she snapped, adding with a shrug: "Damned horse thinks he's a dog."

Annie is surrounded by animals. Deer and turkey and raccoons come each morning to drink from the creek and an armadillo who lives nearby spends each day "working like a horse," she said.

When she feeds her cardinals, she said, "There's so many of them, the backyard looks like a red carpet. And they sing like mockingbirds."

It's pretty obvious that the once-divorced and twice-widowed Ms. Golightly does not feel that she lives alone.

"I love living with these creatures and I love it out here. The country people are really wonderful. Of course, everyone's curious about me. Some are still not sure where I'm coming from."

BUT ONE in particular, who looks like a mountain man from the movie "Deliverance," was almost beside himself when Annie started building her cafe-dance hall last spring.

"Damn, Annie, I'm glad you're building this joint," he said, "cuz I'm tired of fightin' in Mingus."

She explained that the guy wasn't tired of fighting, just tired of fighting in Mingus, a nearby oasis famous for its Satuday night beer brawls.

"I told him I was the meanest so-and-so in this valley and there wasn't going to be any fighting here.

"And there hasn't been."

Her new club naturally bears the Golightly name, which she as Annie Smith appropriated from a Tyler cattleman. "It's a beautiful name and it's Indian," she explained.

With her dark hair and eyes, bronze skin and high cheekbones, she looks more like a Golightly than a Smith. And, she says:

"HELL, NOBODY could remember Ann Smith. Even me."

Annie grew up a Milford on an East Texas cotton farm, the daughter of a German father and a Cherokee mother and the sister of former U.S. Congressman Dale Milford.

"He's a real gentleman," Annie says of her brother. "I don't know how the hell he got mixed up in politics."

Annie cooks lunch and dinner Wednesday through Saturday at her club, serving up such noontime delights as gumbo, chicken fried steak, chicken and dumplings and stew and cornbread. But the house special is the deliciously messy catfish and barbecue.

A sign says:

"No napkins — but now and then a shaggy dog will pass among you."

Another reads:

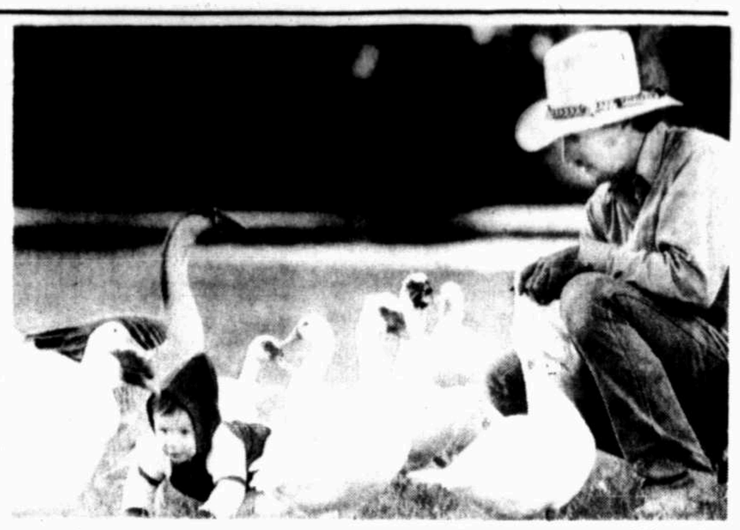
"For service, ring bell, whistle, shout, scream, whimper, beg, grovel, whine and if none of the above works...go away."

A PERMANENT sign promises "Free Beer Tomorrow."

Actually, Annie doesn't sell alcholic beverages, just set-ups. She brings in C&W bands for dancing on Saturday nights, and rotates on stage with the band. On other evenings she entertains alone.

"I love music for the sake of music ...music that's good for the ear, that stirs some sort of emotion in you, one way or another," she once told a friend.

"Entertaining is not necessarily being good, it's communicating. Either you communicate or you don't. I just sing to those who are listening, and to hell with the rest."



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Feeding the ducks

Levi Smith, 8½ months old, helps his father, Tommy, feed a flock of hungry ducks and geese during a recent outing at Shy Pond Park in Lake Jackson.

DPS predicts 42 holiday fatalities

Associated Press

Traffic accidents claimed seven lives in Texas by Thursday night as the Christmas holidays began, the Department of Public Safety said. Four of the victims were pedestrians.

The DPS predicts 42 people will die in traffic accidents before the 102-hour counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Wednesday, ends at midnight Sunday.

Albert J. Williams, 21, of Houston was killed when the car he was driving collided headon Thursday morning with a pickup truck. Police said Williams was passing in a no-passing zone when the collision occurred at 9:30 a.m. in the 3000 block of Rankin Road in Houston.

Four other people were injured in the crash and were taken to Hermann Hospital, three of them by LifeFlight helicopter, authorities said.

Shawn Adam White, 22, of Powell, died when he was struck by a pickup while crossing State Highway 31 in Corsicana at 2 a.m. today. In Wichita Falls, a local resident, Rudolfo Martinez, 25, died in a hit-and-run accident around 4:15 a.m. while he was walking along Loop 370, police said.

The first traffic death during the holiday occurred just minutes after the DPS count began. Lois Lynn Scott, 21, of Orange, who was seven months pregnant, was killed when a pizza delivery truck hit her on a city street at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, police said. A second pedestrian, Tracy Jo Clawson, 15, of Orange, was injured in the same accident and was listed in stable condition at an Orange hospital, officials said.

A 43-year-old Corpus Christi man was standing on the edge of Interstate 37 eight miles north of Pleasanton when a tractor-trailer rig struck and killed him about 7:20 p.m. Wednesday. The DPS identified the man as Ivory Stevens.

DEATHS

Ila Shroff



Shroff

Services for Mrs. Ila Shroff of Midland were Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Ellis Chapel. Interment followed in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Shroff died at her home in Midland following a prolonged illness.

She was born Nov. 26, 1920, in Bombay, India, where she was reared. She married Narendra Shroff there in December 1941. Mrs. Shroff dedicated her life to the betterment of children through education.

She established the institution known as Narendra High School in Bangalore, India. She served as principal for several years. She had a bachelor of arts degree in history and a degree in education.

Following her retirement in 1981, she moved to West Texas.

She was very active in the Hindu Association of West Texas.

Survivors include her husband, of Midland; one son, Nick Shroff of Midland; one daughter, Bharati Randeria of New York City, N.Y.; one brother, Pradip Khandwala of Philadelphia, Pa.; two brothers; one sister; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Hindu Association of West Texas, 4401 Cardinal Lane, Midland, 79707.

Jesse Williams

FORT STOCKTON — Services for Jesse Caleb (J.C.) Williams, 88, of Scottsville, Ariz., and formerly of Fort Stockton, will be held at 4 p.m. Monday in the First Christian Church of Fort Stockton.

Burial will be in East Hill Cemetery in Fort Stockton under direction of Fort Stockton Funeral Home.

Williams died Wednesday in Scottsville.

He was born on April 15, 1899, in Fort Stockton, where he was graduated from high school, and attended Texas A&M University and New Mexico A&M University.

Williams was general manager of California-Texas, a subsidiary of Texaco Inc. While working for Cal-Tex, he traveled extensively and lived in China, Australia, India and New York.

Upon his retirement from Cal-Tex in 1964, Williams returned to Fort Stockton, where he became involved in ranching, and oil and gas investments.

Williams served in World War I and in World War II, he served as chief intelligence officer and assistant chief of staff for Gen. Claire Lee Chennault's Flying Tigers, a group of volunteer American aviators, in China. Later, Williams retired as a colonel from the U.S. Air Force. He was active in the America Legion in Fort Stockton.

Survivors include his wife, Meredith; three sons, William David Williams of Fort Worth and John Collier Williams of LaGrande, Ore.; a daughter, Sallie Ann Williams of LaGrande, Ore.; five grandchildren; nephew Clayton W. Williams Jr., niece Janet Williams Pollard, both of Midland, and niece Sara Garnett of Fort Stockton.

Albert McClendon

LUBBOCK — Albert W. McClendon, 78, died Wednesday afternoon in a Lubbock Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Sanders Memorial Chapel in Lubbock with the Rev. Wayne McKay and the Rev. Adolpho Hernandez officiating.

Burial will be in Levelland Cemetery in Levelland.

Funeral services are under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty McGlothlin of Lubbock and Billie Odom of Midland; three sisters, Faye Brandon, of Fort Worth, Beulah Mickey and Vera Kaylor, both of Lubbock; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He had farmed in Pettit for several years.

Winnie Garrett

Graveside services for Mrs. Winnie Mae Garrett will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Taylor City Cemetery in Taylor.

Pallbearers are to be Clarence N. Parker, C.N. "Buddy" Parker, Durwood Thompson, Scott Montgomery III, Brett Montgomery and Scott Montgomery IV.

Louise Hitchcock

Services for Mrs. Louise Hitchcock of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hitchcock died at a Houston hospital Thursday morning.

Raymond Howard

Raymond E. Howard, 70, of Midland died Thursday afternoon at his home.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Oscar Lopez

Oscar Lopez, 19, of Midland, died Thursday at his home following a lengthy illness.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Defense attorney to run against Ector County DA Eric Augesen

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — A 43-year-old criminal defense attorney who says he has seen the "best and the worst" prosecutors' offices throughout Texas has filed to run for the Republican primary nomination for Ector County District Attorney against incumbent Eric Augesen who is seeking a second term.

John W. Smith, a partner in the Odessa law firm of Smith and Cliff, says he's considered seeking the office "at least twice before" and feels his nearly 12 years experience as a defense attorney will help him turn the Ector County DA's office into "a first rate operation."

Smith says he attended law school with the intention of becoming a prosecutor but, by the time he graduated from Texas Tech, he was married and had two young children and didn't feel he and his family could live on the low salaries then being paid assistant district attorneys.

Smith said he's "entertained the idea of running for district attorney at least twice" but talked himself out of it both times "for one reason or another."

However, this time Smith says, "I believe we have everything situated where it's not going to harm my family financially or cause any hardship. The opportunity is there and that's why I'm running this time."

In seeking the Republican Party's nomination in the May primary election, Smith said, "I've been involved in criminal defense work for so many years. I've seen the best prosecutors' offices in Texas and I've seen the worst. I've seen excellent prosecutors and I've seen bad prosecutors. During 11 years I think I've picked up, if by nothing other than osmosis, enough that I think I can bring that (experience) to the prosecutor's office in Ector County and develop a crack unit."

Smith says he would want his assistants to become specialists in handling certain types of crime, such as child abuse, burglary, etc.

"It will take time to get all this developed," Smith said, but he believes the effectiveness of the district attorney's office can be improved by encouraging greater cooperation with the the sheriff's office and police department.

"By working hand-in-hand with these agencies and using capable prosecutors," he stated, "We can help make this an excellent prosecutor's ofice."

While stopping short of criticizing first term Republican incumbent Eric Augesen, Smith said, "I just think it (the office) can be improved."

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Dodd and Cheshire said they appreciated Miss Staggs, her work and her predicament. They just wanted to make her Christmas as merry as they could.

"It's hard for somebody in prison to have any kind of a Christmas," Dodd said. "People who haven't been there can't imagine what it's like. You can't help everybody, but we were in a position to help Shirley."

Some 'Santa' calls steamy

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Youngsters trying to call Santa this Christmas can listen to him talk about candy canes, or if they misdial slightly they can hear a woman describe much more intimate matters.

Robert Lorsch said Wednesday that Pacific Bell provided similar 976 numbers to his dial-a-message Santa Hot Line and two pornographic dial-a-message services even though he had asked the phone company for "a number as pure as we could get it."

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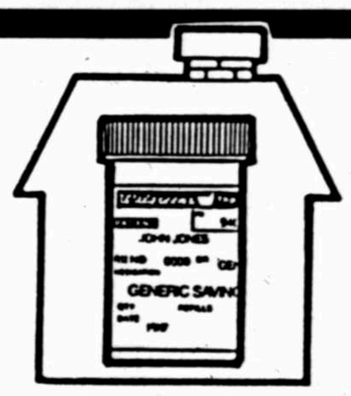


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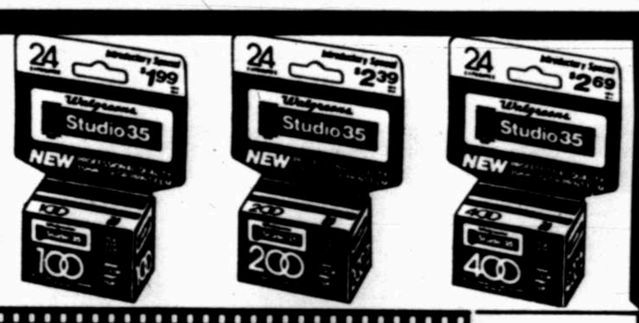
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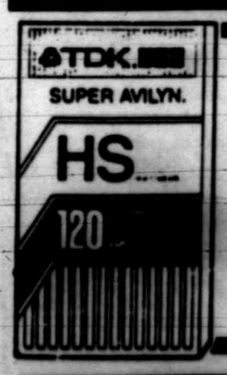
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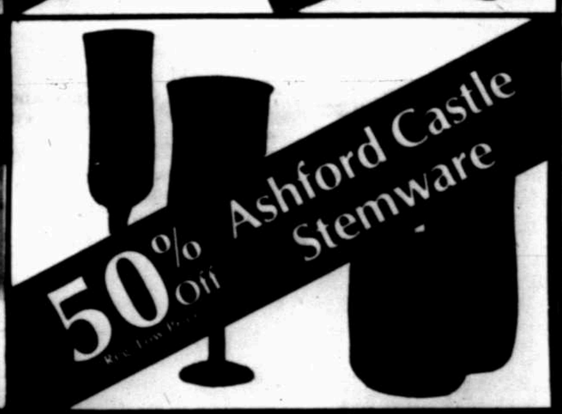
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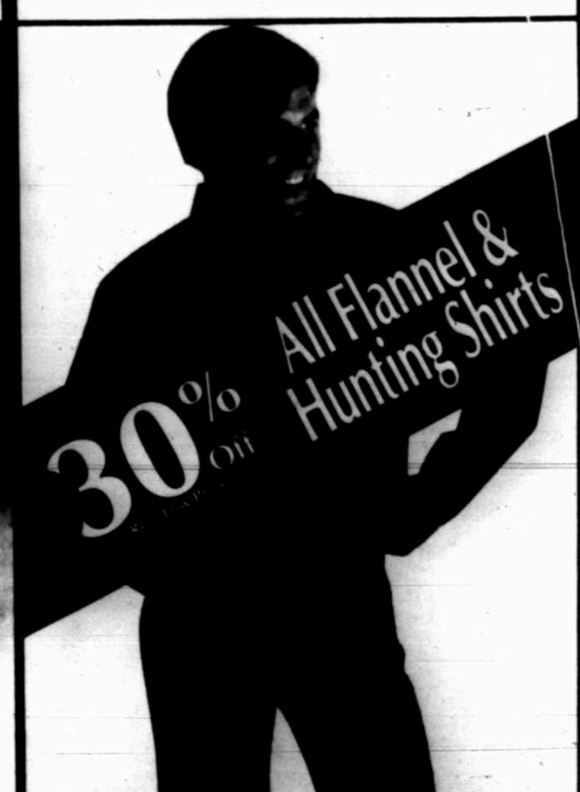
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MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS OF 1987

Sun Bowl could be send off for WVU's Nehlen



AP Laserphoto

West Virginia head coach Don Nehlen is ignoring rumors about taking the Ohio State job as he prepares his Mountaineers to play Oklahoma State today in the Sun Bowl in El Paso.

By KELLY P. KISSEL

EL PASO (AP) — The Sun Bowl has a history of being a place for coaches to say goodbye.

This time, the future of West Virginia's Don Nehlen is being discussed as much as the running of All-American Thurman Thomas.

Nehlen wants to talk about whether his team can defeat Oklahoma State in the Christmas Day Sun Bowl. Others want to talk about whether the game will be Nehlen's last with the Mountaineers.

Nehlen, an Ohio native, has had his name linked most often with Ohio State, which has been looking for a coach since it fired Earle Bruce last month.

Nehlen and Arizona State coach John Cooper are being mentioned as the finalists for the job. Nehlen says he won't talk about it until after Friday's game.

"I'm not getting into that. I'm getting ready for the Sun Bowl," Nehlen said, adding that he hasn't even talked to his wife about the rumors.

LAST YEAR, Ray Perkins repeatedly said during Sun Bowl week that he was not considering taking a job in professional football. Within a week after his Alabama team defeated Washington 28-6, Perkins was named head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In 1977, immediately after coaching Stanford to a 24-14 victory over LSU here, Bill Walsh was named head coach of the San Francisco 49ers. And in 1941, the Detroit Lions hired Bill Edwards after his Western Reserve team defeated Arizona State.

Junior tailback Anthony Brown, who transferred from Pitt, said the team seemed to be concerned about it "up to the point when he (Nehlen) made it clear that he hasn't been contacted by them."

However, this week WVU Athletic Director Fred Schaus said he agreed to an Ohio State request for permission to speak to Nehlen.

"We really can't worry about it," Brown said. "What's going to happen is going to happen.

"I think he'll stay. I hope. I hope."

NEHLEN'S DISCUSSIONS have centered around Thomas, who finished third in the nation in rushing with 1,613 yards. But Nehlen also said he is worried about Oklahoma State quarterback Mike Gundy, a sophomore who passed for a school-record 2,106 yards; wide receiver Hart Lee Dykes, who is at least five inches taller than anyone in the WVU secondary; and Barry Sanders, who leads the nation in kickoff returns and is second in punt returns.

"When I go to sleep at night I see that running back running around and that big receiver leaping up and catching passes and that little quarterback running around — and then, when we score and kick off, there's that other little guy back there," Nehlen said.

Oklahoma State Coach Pat Jones says he has his own concerns.

"We're certainly aware of what kind of competition they are," Jones said, disregarding his team's 9-2 record and West Virginia's 6-5.

THE COWBOYS have lost only to No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 5 Nebraska and four of West Virginia's losses have been by five points or less.

Jones said the Cowboys' incentive is solely to win its 10th game and finish in the top 10 — not to avoid losing to a team that some said shouldn't be here.

"Scary" has been the adjective used most often by Oklahoma State players to describe West Virginia quarterback Major Harris. In West Virginia's first four games this year, Harris and the rest of the offense had 19 turnovers and the Mountaineers had a 1-3 record. In the seven games since, WVU is 5-2 with an average of only two turnovers per game.

"After the Pitt game, everything came together," said sophomore running back Eugene Napoleon. "We matured together as a unit and the big thing has been the maturing of Major.

WVU's Sun Bowl press guide even made note of Harris' double life this fall. In the first four games, he was 16-of-43 passing for 174 yards. He finished the season 75-of-148 for 1,146 yards.

The Mountaineers also use a wishbone at times and spring Harris for long runs. The freshman quarterback has 119 carries for 512 yards, including a 64-yard touchdown run.

AFTER A week of 65-degree temperatures, the weather threatens to turn for the game.

The National Weather Service has posted a winter storm watch for West Texas, but says that after a period of freezing rain Christmas Eve, snow accumulations should be light Christmas Day.

"I think if we were playing on a natural surface, it would be a problem. As far as the weather's effect on the (artificial) surface, I don't think it's much of a factor."

The Sun Bowl is the first postseason appearance by Oklahoma State since a 34-23 loss to Florida State in the 1985 Gator Bowl. West Virginia's last bowl was in 1984.

Gundy injury not serious

EL PASO (AP) — Oklahoma State coach Pat Jones says he can't say what starting quarterback Mike Gundy was doing when he suffered a foot sprain during a practice session, but the sophomore player is expected in the lineup Friday for the Sun Bowl against West Virginia.

"I can't really say what I want to say about what he was doing," Jones said after Gundy injured the foot about halfway through a two-hour, non-contact practice Wednesday afternoon in Sun Bowl Stadium.

"I cussed at him and told him to go get some ice," Jones said. "I don't think he's hurt much — a little bit of a sprained foot. I think he'll be all right."

Oklahoma State sports information director Steve Buzzard said that the injury had been diagnosed as "a minor foot sprain."

"The injury will not keep him out of the game," Buzzard said.

Quarterbacks coach Larry Coker said that he was unsure how serious the injury was but that he expected Gundy to play.

"I really don't think it's that serious," Coker said. "Mike pulled the front part of his ankle, stumbled over it."

The injury came a day after No. 11 Oklahoma State, 9-2, wrapped up full workouts in preparations for the Mountaineers, 6-5.

Gundy, a 5-foot-11, 185-pound sophomore, led the Cowboys to a third-place finish in the Big Eight Conference and threw for 2,106 yards — a league record for sophomores.

After the injury, freshman Chris Smith took over the practice session and completed the drills with the first team. Smith played in five games for the Cowboys this year, completing nine of 20 passes for 130 yards. He threw on interception.

Cards' fate depends on Vikes-Skins

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

The St. Louis Cardinals offer an interesting problem for forecasters this weekend, in which each game is related to every other game.

The Cardinals play at Dallas, opening as 2½-point favorites. If Washington beats Minnesota Saturday, they will be playing for a berth in the playoffs.

But if not, they'll be playing for nothing, which means you almost have to pick the Redskins, a 3-point underdog, to pick the Cards. Because if Minnesota wins, St. Louis has no incentive.

What is Washington's incentive?

The possibility of a home playoff game should Chicago lose to the Raiders Sunday — another relationship.

But stick to the first two.

Minnesota has done very little ever since it failed to score from the one-yard line against the Bears three weeks ago. The Vikings also have a track record of losing games they need to win to get into the playoffs.

REDSKINS, 23-19.

The Minnesota win should give the Cards just the incentive they need to make it to the playoffs over a Dallas team that is suffering its second losing season in a row.

CARDS, 24-23.

Cleveland (minus 3) at Pittsburgh (Saturday)

The Browns won the first, 24-10. They should win the second, particularly with the division title on the line. That's because, despite the Steelers' improvement, Cleveland's just better.

BROWNS, 24-16.

Green Bay (plus 10) at New Orleans

Remember how the Packers played last year's hot team (the Giants), on the last week of the season? The score was 55-24. The Saints may not be there with last year's Giants, but ...

SAINTS, 35-24.

Chicago (minus 1) at Raiders

Mike Ditka's benching the Fridge and two other guys. Will that shake up Chicago? Probably enough to beat these guys.

BEARS, 24-20

Jets (plus 7½) at Giants

Does anyone outside New York care? Does anyone in New York care? Care is the key word. The Giants do; the Jets don't.

GIANTS, 27-6.

Tampa Bay (plus 10) at Indianapolis

Did the guys who made the schedule believe this would be the final week's most important game? If the Colts choke here, they can re-schedule it again next year on the last week and it will be back to its old self.

COLTS, 24-3.

LA Rams (plus 10) at San Francisco

The Saints care more about this game than the Rams and the Niners would rather be staying home this winter — as in home field advantage through the playoffs.

49ERS, 28-10.

San Diego (plus 10½) at Denver

Does it really surprise anyone that the Chargers caved in?

BRONCOS, 28-10

Seattle (minus 4½) at Kansas City

The Seahawks have played two good games against good teams. But they're not playing a good team now and they rarely play well in Kansas City.

SEAHAWKS, 21-20.

New England (plus 5½) at Miami (Monday)

If the Colts win, neither team will care. Don Shula always cares.

DOLPHINS, 27-20.

OTHERS (Home team in caps)

Buffalo (plus 2) 20, PHILADELPHIA 17.

HOUSTON (minus 6) 34, Cincinnati 30.

Detroit (minus 1) 14, Atlanta 12.

Last Week: 4-10 (spread); 9-5 (straight up)

Season (non-strike games) 69-84 (spread); 87-64-1 (straight up).



AP Laserphoto

Santa, taking a break from a hectic holiday schedule, didn't like what he saw at the Cincinnati Bengals' game last week.

Pro Picks

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Blue-Gray All Star Game, 11 a.m., ABC.

Sun Bowl, West Virginia vs. Oklahoma State, 1:30 p.m., CBS.

Aloha Bowl, Florida vs. UCLA, 2:45 p.m., ABC.

PRO BASKETBALL — Pistons-Knicks, 11 a.m., CBS.

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New Mexico JC	14	2	.875
Midland College	11	3	.786
South Plains	10	3	.769
Frank Phillips	8	4	.667
Clarendon	6	8	.429
New Mexico MI	6	7	.462
Howard College	7	9	.438
Western Texas	5	12	.294

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Midland	3	2	1½
Howard	3	2	1½
South Plains	3	2	1½
New Mexico MI	2	3	2½
Clarendon	1	4	3½
Frank Phillips	1	4	3½
Western Texas	0	5	4½

Trivia Teaser...

Friday's Question: Going into the season, New York Giant Joe Morris needed 1,094 yards to become his team's all-time leading rusher, breaking the record of...a-Frank Gifford. b-Pat Summerall. c-Ken Strong. d-Tuffy Leemans. e-Alex Webster. f-Mel Hein.

Thursday's Answer: "If they took our sticks away and gave us brooms, we'd still have fights."--Phil Esposito.

Quotebook...

"It's a good thing Brian was a third child, or he would have been an only child." Kathy Bosworth, mother of Seattle linebacker Brian Bosworth.

NBA Today...

GROUNDED

Michael Jordan watched his teammates fly to Atlanta Thursday without him as the Chicago Bulls' 10-20 lost to New York. Jordan made just five of 20 shots from the field and also missed 5 of 9 free throws.

DYNAMIC DUO

Seattle's Xavier McDaniel and Tom Chambers combined for 49 of the SuperSonics' 101 points as they beat Golden State 101-97 Thursday night. McDaniel had 25 points and 11 rebounds, while Chambers had 24 points and 10 rebounds.

WEST TEXAS RUNNER

Surprise! World class runners not 100-feet tall

By FRANK MORGAN



Morgan

Mark Twain wrote in "Tom Sawyer" about Tom's dismay upon meeting a United States Senator and discovering that he was not 100 feet tall.

We all have individuals that we hold in such great respect and awe that we ascribe larger than life qualities to them.

For me, world class runners hold that kind of aura. Those people who can race along at sub-five minute mile pace cause me to shake my head in disbelief. I have had the chance to meet a few of them at major races, and I have, unabashedly, stood in line to receive an autograph and a few cherished words of encouragement.

Imagine then, my excitement when I was invited to have dinner recently with Gidamis Shahanga. By any definition of the term, Shahanga is a world class runner.

He most recently finished second to Ibrahim Hussein in the Honolulu Marathon. He holds a 10K PR of 27:47 and a marathon PR of 2:09.39. His marathon pace translates to 4:57 per mile.

In 1984 Shahanga won the Los Angeles Marathon and the Peking Marathon and was considered the pre-race favorite going into the 1984 Olympics. The 30-year-old native of Arusha, Tanzania, lives in El Paso where he ran for UT-El Paso.

MY FIRST impressions of Shahanga were much like those of Tom Sawyer. I had read stories of the mansion that Carl Lewis owns, and of his collection of Waterford Crystal. I was expecting the same from Shahanga.

Instead, I found a sparsely furnished but livable apartment. It included a couch and love seat, some textbooks, a few trophies and a small television. There was no sign of the luxury that I expected.

Shahanga told me that he had eaten a hamburger for lunch and during dinner he heavily salted his food. I expected someone with God-like qualities, but it was not to be found. Shahanga was a mere mortal like the rest of us.

What I did find, however, was a very thoughtful, intelligent human being. As we talked, I got the feeling that Shahanga was, indeed, a world class individual.

Shahanga spoke of his desire to return eventually to his native country. He said that if the athletes from the developing countries stayed in the United States or Europe, they would not be able to make their own countries better. He felt that it was his obligation to return to his homeland and try to help.

Shahanga received his degree in education from UTEP, but he has plans to be a lawyer. He said if he taught school he would feel compelled to stay with his students and would have to give up his running. As a lawyer, he could arrange his schedule so that he could train and race, as well as work.

Shahanga talked of the pressures of running competitively and of trying to earn a living at the sport. He said that one reason that Americans are not doing so well in road races now, is that they are trying too hard to gain a financial reward from the sport.

The foreigners run because they love the sport, and as a result, they are able to earn a living from it. Shahanga has just signed a sponsorship contract with Mazda.

SHAHANGA SAID that the average world class runner earns between $50,000 and $300,000 per year. When he mentioned those figures, however, he gave me the feeling that he did not put himself in that category.

When I asked him how many miles per week he ran, Shahanga said he did not know. He said that he ran as he felt. He had tried to keep track of his mileage for the previous 10 days, running 40 miles in the first three days. He took the fourth day off and forgot to count after that.

On the day we met, Shahanga had run for an easy hour in the morning and had run nine miles at five-minutes per in the afternoon.

Shahanga plans to run the Tokyo Marathon in February and spoke of his plans for the 1988 and 1992 Olympics. He said he wanted to be completely settled down by 1995.

Shahanga proved to be an honest, sincere and friendly individual. I'm not sure how they would refer to him in Tanzania, but in West Texas vernacular, we would call him a Good Ol' Boy. That, in my mind, makes him 100 feet tall.

RUNNING NOTES: The 2nd Annual Midnight Madness Run will be held at the stroke of midnight, Jan. 1, at the Windlands Par Course. There is no charge for the 2½ mile event...

(Frank Morgan is a correspondent for the Midland Reporter-Telegram).

Lockbaum gets chance to shine

By PAUL NEWBERRY

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gordie Lockbaum, the two-way player from Holy Cross, will be displaying his versatility for the pro scouts Friday in the 50th annual Blue-Gray All Star Football Classic.

Lockbaum, who placed third in the Heisman Trophy balloting despite playing for an NCAA Division I-AA school, and San Jose State quarterback Mike Perez, one of the nation's top passers, head the Blue team.

The Gray has Duke quarterback Steve Slayden, who finished fourth in the nation in total offense, and Kentucky running back Mark Higgs, a 5-foot-7 waterbug who became only the fourth Wildcat back ever to break 1,000 yards rushing.

Kickoff for the Christmas Day game is set for 11 a.m. CST. ABC is televising it nationally.

Blue-Gray Classic

LOCKBAUM, WHO rushed for more than 400 yards this season and caught passes for 1,100 more, is expected to play wide receiver, running back and defensive back.

"I'd just like to have a consistent game," he said. "I'll try to play within myself and be my own player. I won't try to do things I can't do."

Perez threw for 3,213 yards, an average of 292 per game. He completed 59 percent of his passes for 22 touchdowns and helped his team lead the country in passing.

"I'd say I'm the best quarterback in the nation," said Perez, who will get a careful look by the NFL scouts.

Perez will be joined on the Blue offense by two of his San Jose State teammates, receiver Guy Liggins and running back James Saxon.

Colgate's Kenny Gamble, who was second-leading rusher in Division I-AA with 1,411 yards, should head the running game for the Blues, who also have Ohio State's George Cooper and Darrell Wallace, Missouri's all-time top runner.

On defense, the Blue team has one of the all-star game's largest lines ever: 293-pound Glenn Derby of Wisconsin; 283-pound Dave Widdell of Boston College; 275-pound Dave Fiala of Colorado State; 275-pound Mike Scully of Illinois; and 301-pound Larry Clarkston of Montana.

The South offense features Slayden, whom Duke Coach Steve Spurrier believes was "the best quarterback in the nation" the last five weeks of the season.

SLAYDEN WILL have several speedy targets to throw to, including Maryland's Abdur-Ra'oof, considered a top pro prospect, and Central Florida's Bernard Ford, who finished third in the voting for the Harlon Hill Trophy — the Division II equivalent of the Heisman.

In the South backfield is Higgs, who gained 1,278 yards this season and averaged 6.6 yards per carry. He is anxious to display his talents for more than 100 professional scouts expected to attend the game.

"I look at this game as a chance to show the pro scouts that I'm not too small," he said.

Anchoring the Gray defensive line is 6-4, 278-pound Pierce Holt, a 25-year-old who gave up football for three years before signing with Angelo State of Texas.

Spurrier is coaching the Gray offense and Jim Wacker of Texas Christian will handle the defense. For the Blue team, Mike White of Illinois and Bill McCartney of Colorado will direct the offense and defense, respectively.

'Canes suspend two for Orange Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — Linebacker George Mira Jr. and offensive tackle John O'Neill, both starters on the University of Miami football team, were suspended Thursday by Coach Jimmy Johnson and won't play against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl.

"Both George and John violated team policy," Johnson said in a statement released Thursday night. "The nature of the violations is confidential, and consistent with our past procedures, we will not reveal them."

A source close to the team said the players violated team policy together, and the matter didn't involve police.

The university said Mira and O'Neill would not comment. Athletic Director Sam Jankovich also declined comment, except to say, "I fully support Coach Johnson and his decision."

The players were on Christmas break and unreachable for comment.

Mira, a fifth-year senior from Miami, is the school's all-time leader in tackles. He leads the team with 147 this season, including 20 against South Carolina and 21 against Notre Dame in season-ending victories that set up the No. 2 Hurricanes' showdown against No. 1 Oklahoma.

O'Neill, a junior, has started the last two seasons and is known for his good pass blocking.

Sophomore Bernard Clark will replace Mira. Junior Darren Bruce will replace O'Neill.

The suspensions mark the latest controversy during Miami's 11-0 season.

After the Hurricanes beat Maryland 46-16, Maryland officials accused Miami of running up the score and said they would schedule no more games against UM. A bench-clearing brawl in the South Carolina game prompted Gamecock officials to announce they would schedule no more games against the Hurricanes.

Syracuse's McPherson tops 14 finalists for O'Brien Award

DALLAS (AP) — Don McPherson of Syracuse heads a list of 14 outstanding players as finalists Thursday for the Seventh Annual Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award.

The winner will be selected on his performance during the regular season and announced in January. He will be honored at a dinner Feb. 15 at the Fort Worth Club, the O'Brien Advisory Committee said.

The other candidates are: Troy Aikman, UCLA; Kerwin Bell, Florida; Jeff Burger, Auburn; Dee Dowis, Air Force; Todd Ellis, South Carolina; Chuck Hartleib, Iowa; Tom Hodson, LSU; Rodney Peete, USC; Mike Perez, San Jose State; Todd Santos, San Diego State; Steve Taylor, Nebraska; Steve Walsh, Miami; and Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross.

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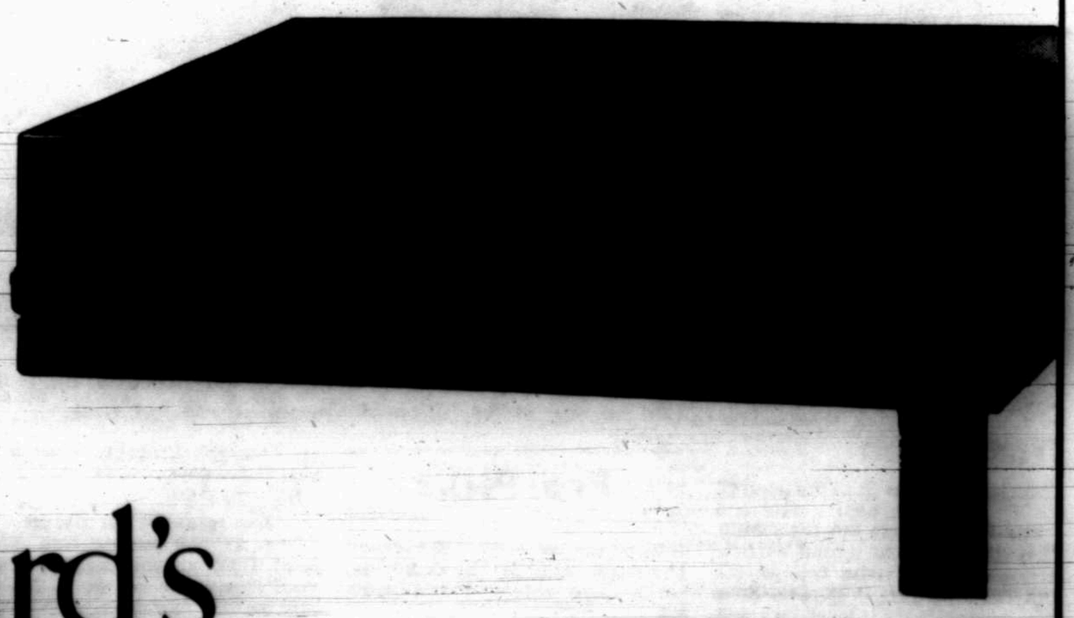
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Sooners rout Flyers with 151-point effort

College Roundup

HONOLULU (AP) — Although his team scored 151 points, one short of the team record set just three games ago against Centenary College, Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs still was dissatisfied.

"Defensively we didn't fare too well in the last eight or nine minutes," Tubbs said Thursday after his 12th-ranked Sooners defeated Dayton 151-99 to remain undefeated in nine games. "We gave away too many points."

Oklahoma had no trouble reaching its nation-leading scoring average of 113 points per game, taking a 72-46 lead at halftime. The Sooners scored a school-record 79 in the second half.

Stacey King led the Sooners' first-half attack with 20 points and four rebounds. He finished with 31 points, two short of his career high, 10 rebounds and six blocked shots.

"King has come a long way," Tubbs said of the junior center. "He's got a lot of confidence. He's going to get better. I feel he's just starting to scratch the surface."

Harvey Grant scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while former Midland College stars Ricky Grace contributed 21 points and Mookie Blaylock had 19 for the Sooners.

Dayton, which entered the game with the nation's leading record for an independent school, dropped to 7-2 for the season.

Anthony Corbitt led the Flyers with 22 points, while Negele Knight chipped in 18.

Oklahoma connected on 11 of 25 three-point shots. Overall, the Sooners made 59 percent of their shots, making 60 of 102 attempts.

The Sooners took a 20-10 lead in the opening five minutes on the strength of Grace's eight points, including two three-pointers, and Dave Sieger's pair of three-point baskets. With 9:57 left in the half, Oklahoma took a 20-point lead, 43-23, when Terrence Mullins connected on the team's sixth straight three-pointer.

Dayton went on a 12-6 run, led by Corbitt's seven points, to cut Oklahoma's lead to 49-35. But the Sooners came back with a 23-11 spurt. King and Grace each had eight points and Oklahoma led at the half, 72-46.

The game was played as part of the round-robin Chaminade Christmas Classic.

Virginia 87, Georgia 54

HONOLULU — Mel Kennedy scored 20 points and grabbed six rebounds to lead Virginia over Georgia.

John Johnson added 17 points for Virginia, while teammate Richard Morgan contributed 15 as the Cavaliers evened their record a 5-5.

Georgia, which dropped to 7-3, was led by Willie Anderson's 18 points.

Virginia cappped off the first half with a 23-12 spurt, fueled by Kennedy's nine points, to take a 37-19 lead.

The Cavaliers made 67 percent of the shots they attempted during the first half, while holding Georgia to just 30 percent, 7-23.

Virginia opened up a 53-26 lead with about 12¼ left to play in the game on a three-pont play by Kennedy.

A slam dunk by Mark Cooke with 2:20 left gave Virginia a 77-46 lead, its largest of the game.

U.S. International 96, Manhattan 81

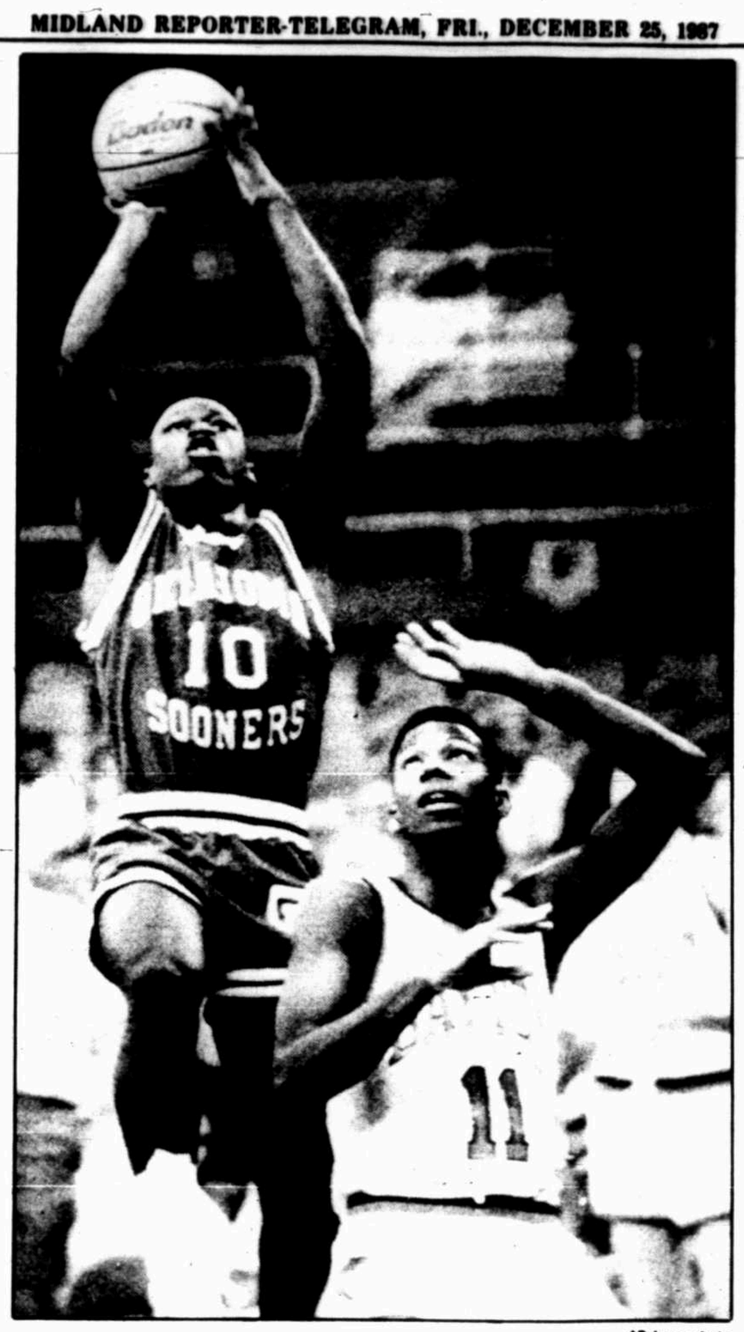
SAN DIEGO Russ Heicke scored six of U.S. International's first nine points and finished with 25 as the Gulls beat the Manhattan Jaspers.

Peter Runge had a game-high 26 points and 15 rebounds for Manhattan, which lost its fourth straight game and fell to 5-7. Billy Wheeler added 15 for the Jaspers.

Joining Heicker in double figures for the Gulls, 4-7, were Steve Smith with 21, Rade Milutinovic 15 and Charles Redding 10.

The Gulls led 45-37 at halftime and built a 71-55 lead midway through the second half.

Manhattan outrebounded the Gulls 52-40, but shot just 35 percent.



AP Laserphoto

Mookie Blaylock, now with Oklahoma after two years at Midland College, goes up for a quick two points over Dayton's Ray Springer Thursday at the Chaminade Christmas Classic in Hawaii.

Gators hope return to spotlight is special

Aloha Bowl

By JOHN NADEL

HONOLULU (AP) — Florida, which hasn't played in a bowl game in four years, and UCLA, which has been victorious in bowl games following each of the last five seasons, meet Friday in the Aloha Bowl.

Bowl officials say they expect the smallest crowd in the game's history, fewer than the 23,743 which attended the North Carolina-Arizona matchup of a year ago, because of the 10:45 a.m. start and because the game is being played on Christmas Day. Aloha Stadium seats 50,000.

Bowl founder Mackay Yanagisawa said he agreed to move the game's starting time from afternoon to morning at the urging of ABC television.

While the Bruins have been enormously successful in recent bowl games, the Gators haven't participated in a postseason contest since 1983, but not because they haven't been good enough.

Florida wasn't eligible to play in bowl games following the 1984 and 1985 seasons because of NCAA sanctions. The Gators went 9-1-1 in each of those years.

Last year, they were 6-5. They were also 6-5 this year, but they were beaten by five very good teams — Miami, Fla.; Louisiana State; Auburn; Georgia, and Florida State. All are ranked among the nation's top 20.

ALTHOUGH HAPPY to be playing in the Aloha Bowl, Hall expressed regret that the Gators must face the Bruins.

"I think for us to go out and pick a team to play in a bowl game, this would be the last team we would pick," he said. "This is just probably the best football team out there (in the West). Before the USC game, I thought they might be the best team around."

The Bruins were ranked fourth before being upset by Southern Cal 17-13 on Nov. 21. Because of that loss, UCLA is playing in the Aloha Bowl instead of the Rose Bowl.

The Bruins, 9-2 and ranked 10th in the country, will be trying to become the fifth team to win six bowl games in as many seasons. They are nine-point favorites.

Under Coach Terry Donahue, UCLA has won three Rose Bowls, one Fiesta Bowl and one Freedom Bowl starting with the 1982 season.

Both teams have excellent quarterbacks, Bell and UCLA's Troy Aikman, and top-flight running backs, Emmitt Smith of the Gators and Gaston Green of the Bruins. But Green will miss the game because of a pulled thigh muscle.

HIS SPOT will be taken by junior Eric Ball, the hero of UCLA's 45-28 win over Iowa in the Rose Bowl game on Jan. 1, 1986. Replacing Green, who pulled a hamstring early in the game, Ball rushed for 227 yards and four touchdowns.

This year, Ball gained 324 yards on 58 carries and scored seven touchdowns.

Bell, a senior, completed 140 of 239 passes this season for 1,769 yards and nine touchdowns with 10 interceptions. In his career, Bell has passed for 7,585 yards, the highest total in Southeastern Conference history.

Aikman, a junior, hit on 159 of 243 throws for 2,354 yards and 16 touchdowns with six interceptions, three in the loss to Southern Cal.

Smith, a freshman, gained 1,341 yards on 229 carries and scoring 13 touchdowns.



Sports Scoreboard

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for games of Dec. 26-28, as provided by the league:

Saturday

CLEVELAND AT PITTSBURGH — Browns: LB Mike Johnson (knee) is doubtful; DE Sam Clancy (ribs) is questionable; WR Webster Slaughter (ankle), WR Glen Young (shoulder) are probable. Steelers: QB Bubby Brister (flu) is questionable; G Terry Long (concussion), WR John Stallworth (hand), DE Edmund Nelson (ankle), S Donnie Shell (knee) are probable.

WASHINGTON AT MINNESOTA — Redskins: WR Gary Clark (thigh), WR Ricky Sanders (toe), TE Clint Didier (groin) are probable. Vikings: RB Rick Fenney (hamstring) is questionable; QB Tommy Kramer (neck) is probable.

Sunday

CINCINNATI AT HOUSTON — Bengals: S David Fulcher (back) is doubtful; TE Rodney Holman (shoulder), LB Joe Kelly (neck) are questionable; CB Lewis Billups (ankle), RB Larry Kinnebrew (knee) are probable. Oilers: T Bruce Matthews (ankle) is questionable; LB John Grimsley (ankle), S Jeff Donaldson (foot) are probable.

SAN DIEGO AT DENVER — Chargers: QB Dan Fouts (shoulder) is out; C Don Macek (calf), WR Lionel James (hip), S Venice Glenn (calf), T Mike Charles (knee), WR Tim Ware (ankle) are probable. Broncos: WR Vance Johnson (shoulder), LB Bruce Klosterman (knee), WR Rickey Nattiel (hand), S Mike Harden (ankle), WR Mark Jackson (flu) are probable.

SEATTLE AT KANSAS CITY — Seahawks: LB Greg Gaines (knee-foot) is questionable; WR Jay Butler (hand) is probable. Chiefs: S Lloyd Burruss (knee) is out; S Deron Cherry (knee), S Mark Robinson (hamstring), RB Herman Heard (neck), KR Jitter Fields (hamstring) are questionable; LB Aaron Pearson (ribs), WR Stephone Paige (foot) are probable.

DETROIT AT ATLANTA — Lions: RB Karl Bernard (ankle), TE Rob Rubic (knee), G-C Scott Barrows (knee), LB Shelton Robinson (neck) are questionable. Falcons: LB John Rade (shoulder), LB Reggie Wilkes (groin) are doubtful; WR Stacey Bailey (shoulder), DE Greg Brown (knee), CB Scott Case (foot), DT Tony Casillas (ankle), DE Dennis Harrison (knee), WR Billy Johnson (hamstring), LB Rich Kraynak (knee) are probable.

GREEN BAY AT NEW ORLEANS — Packers: WR Phillip Epps (abdomen) is questionable; S Tiger Greene (hamstring), LB Tim Harris (foot), QB Randy Wright (back), OL Bill Cherry (groin), LB Johnny Holland (groin), WR Walter Stanley (shoulder), LB Scott Stephen (ankle), S-CB Ken Stills (shoulder) are probable. Saints: T Shawn Knight (ankle) is doubtful; QB Bobby Herbert (knee), WR Lonzell Hill (hamstring) are questionable; CB-S Van Jakes (shoulder), NT Tony Elliott (ankle) are probable.

ST. LOUIS AT DALLAS — Cardinals: WR J.T. Smith (ankle), WR Roy Green (hamstring) are probable. Cowboys: LB Jessie Penn (ankle) is out; S Bill Bates (knee) is questionable; TE Doug Cosbie (achilles), CB Ron Francis (hamstring), G Nate Newtown (neck), QB Steve Pelluer (knee), K Roger Ruzek (right calf), T Daryle Smith (neck-leg) are probable.

LOS ANGELES RAMS AT SAN FRANCISCO — Rams: QB Jim Everett (ankle), RB Mike Guman (foot) are out; DE Doug Reed (back) is probable. 49ers: LB Darren Comeaux (calf), DE Charles Haley (hamstring), QB Joe Montana (hamstring), NT Pete Kugler (ankle) are questionable; WR Dwight Clark (ankle), RB Roger Craig (back), TE Ron Heller (hamstring), S Ronnie Lott (hamstring), DE Larry Roberts (hamstring), WR Mike Wilson (ankle) are probable.

BUFFALO AT PHILADELPHIA — Bills: T Will Wolford (thumb), DE Dean Prater (hamstring) are questionable; G Jim Ritcher (knee) is probable. Eagles: None.

CHICAGO AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS — Bears: RB Neal Anderson (knee) is out; QB Jim McMahon (hamstring), T Jim Covert (ankle) are doubtful; LB Otis Wilson (arm) is questionable. Raiders: T Steve Wright (knee) is doubtful; RB Bo Jackson (ankle), WR Dokie Williams (knee), G Bill Lewis (back), RB Chris McLemore (elbow) are questionable; CB Mike Haynes (ankle), S Vann McElroy (ribs) are probable.

NEW YORK JETS AT NEW YORK GIANTS — JETS: RB Freeman McNeil (hamstring) is out; C Guy Bingham (neck), G Joe Fields (elbow) are doubtful; LB Matt Monger (calf) is probable. Giants: CB Mark Collins (back) is out.

TAMPA BAY AT INDIANAPOLIS — Buccaneers: S Ray Isom (shoulder) is out; WR Mark Carrier (shoulder) is questionable; CB Rod Jones (ankle) is probable. Colts: TE Mike Walczak (knee), QB Gary Hogeboom (shoulder) are out; S Nesby Glasgow (ankle), is doubtful; WR Bill Brooks (ankle) is probable.

Monday

NEW ENGLAND AT MIAMI — Patriots: QB Steve Grogan (hand), T Bruce Armstrong (shoulder), RB Reggie Dupard (shoulder), WR Irving Fryar (groin), CB Ernest Gibson (thigh), WR Stanley Morgan (hamstring), LB Lawrence McGrew (neck), G Ron Wooton (hamstring) are questionable; G Sean Farrell (shoulder) is probable. Dolphins: T Ronnie Lee (groin) is doubtful; LB David Frye (hamstring) is questionable.

Harrah's Odds

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Here are this week's odds from Harrah's Reno Race & Sports Book for upcoming National Football League and college bowl games.

NFL

Cleveland 3½ over Pittsburgh
Minnesota 3 over Washington
Seattle 6½ over Kansas City
New Orleans 11 over Green Bay
Philadelphia 2½ over Buffalo
Houston 6 over Cincinnati
Detroit 1 over Atlanta
St. Louis 3 over Dallas
New York Giants 7 over New York Jets
Indianapolis 10½ over Tampa Bay
Denver 11 over San Diego
Chicago 1 over Los Angeles Raiders
San Francisco 10 over Los Angeles Rams
Miami 6½ over New England

College Bowls

Sun Bowl, Dec. 25
Oklahoma State 1½ over West Virginia

Aloha Bowl, Dec. 25
UCLA 9 over Florida

Liberty Bowl, Dec. 29
Georgia 7 over Arkansas

Holiday Bowl, Dec. 30
Iowa 6 over Wyoming

Freedom Bowl, Dec. 30
Arizona State 6½ over Air Force

Gator Bowl, Dec. 31
South Carolina 4 over LSU

Bluebonnet Bowl, Dec. 31
Pittsburgh 4½ over Texas

Florida Citrus Bowl, Jan. 1
Penn State even with Clemson

Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 1
Florida State 3 over Nebraska

Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1
Notre Dame 6 over Texas A&M

Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1
Auburn 1½ over Syracuse

Rose Bowl, Jan. 1
Southern Cal 3 over Michigan State

Orange Bowl, Jan. 1
Oklahoma 2 over Miami

Hall of Fame Classic, Jan. 2
Alabama 1 over Michigan

Peach Bowl, Jan. 2
Tennessee 6½ over Indiana

Ski Report

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Ski Country USA reports the following conditions at major Colorado ski areas on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Arapahoe Basin — 6 new, 41 depth, powder, packed powder.

Aspen Highlands — 5 new, 34 depth, powder, packed powder.

Aspen Mountain — 12 new, 36 depth, powder, packed powder.

Buttermilk — 8 new, 29 depth, powder, packed powder.

Snowmass — 8 new, 32 depth, powder, packed powder.

Beaver Creek — 8 new, 41 depth, powder, packed powder.

Breckenridge — 6 new, 33 depth, powder, packed powder.

Ski Broadmoor — 6 new, 12 depth, powder, packed powder.

Conquistador — 4 new, 24 depth, powder, packed powder.

Ski Cooper — 3 new, 31 depth, powder, packed powder.

Copper Mountain — 6 new, 34 depth, powder, packed powder.

Crested Butte — 4 new, 34 depth, powder, packed powder.

Cuchara Valley — 6 new, 20 depth, powder, packed powder.

Eldora — 4 new, 25 depth, powder, packed powder.

Ski Estes Park — 7 new, 36 depth, powder.

Keystone-North Peak — 6 new, 38 depth, powder, packed powder.

Loveland — 7 new, 41 depth, powder, packed powder.

Monarch — 2 new, 40 depth, powder, packed powder.

Pagosa — 14 new, 40 depth, powder, packed powder.

Purgatory — 10½ new, 41 depth, powder, packed powder.

SilverCreek — 4 new, 32 depth, powder, packed powder.

Steamboat — 5 new, 34 depth, powder, packed powder.

Sunlight — 8 new, 27 depth, powder, packed powder.

Telluride — 4 new, 35 depth, powder, packed powder.

Timberline — 3 new, 62 depth, powder, packed powder.

Vail — 6½ new, 31 depth, powder.

Winter Park — 1 new, 33 depth, powder, packed powder.

Mary Jane — 2 new, 46 depth, powder, packed powder.

Wolf Creek — 10 new, 67 depth, powder, packed powder.

Snow depth in inches refers to unpacked natural snow at midpoint. Snowmaking means artificial snowmaking equipment is on. New snow refers to snow within last 24 hours. T means trace. Open means percentage of terrain open. Snow depth in inches refers to unpacked natural snow at midpoint.

Figures are supplied to Colorado Ski Country USA, a ski industry organization, by individual areas.

Bowl Lineup

Saturday, Dec. 12
California, Fresno, Calif.
Eastern Michigan 30, San Jose State 27.

Saturday, Dec. 19
Independence, Shreveport, La.
Washington 24, Tulane 12.

Tuesday, Dec. 22
All-American, Birmingham, Ala.
Virginia 22, Brigham Young 16.

Friday, Dec. 25
Sun, El Paso
Oklahoma State, 9-2-0, vs. West Virginia, 6-5-0, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Blue-Gray At Montgomery, Ala.
North vs. South, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Aloha At Honolulu
Florida, 6-5-0, vs. UCLA, 9-2-0, 2:45 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Liberty at Memphis
Arkansas, 8-3-0, vs. Georgia, 8-3-0, 7 p.m. (Raycom)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Freedom At Anaheim, Calif.
Air Force, 9-3-0, vs. Arizona State, 6-4-1, 7 p.m. (Mizlou)
Holiday At San Diego
Wyoming, 10-2-0, vs. Iowa, 8-3-0, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31
Gator At Jacksonville, Fla.
South Carolina, 8-2-0, vs. Louisiana State, 9-1-1, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Bluebonnet At Houston
Pittsburgh, 8-3-0, vs. Texas, 6-5-0, 8 p.m. (Mizlou)

Friday, Jan. 1
Citrus At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson, 9-2-0, vs. Penn State, 8-3-0, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Fiesta At Tempe, Ariz.
Florida State, 10-1-0, vs. Nebraska, 10-1-0, 12:30 p.m., (NBC)
Cotton At Dallas
Notre Dame, 8-3-0, vs. Texas A&M, 9-2-0, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rose at Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan St., 8-2-1, vs. Southern Cal, 8-3-0, 4 p.m. (NBC)
Orange At Miami
Oklahoma, 11-0-0, vs. Miami, Fla., 10-0-0, 7 p.m. (NBC)
Sugar At New Orleans
Syracuse, 11-0-0, vs. Auburn, 9-1-1, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Jan. 2
Peach at Atlanta
Tennessee, 9-2-1, vs. Indiana, 8-3-0, 1 p.m. (Mizlou)
Hall of Fame At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan, 7-4-0, vs. Alabama, 7-4-0, noon. (NBC)

Jan. 16
East-West At San Francisco
TBA

Jan. 23
Senior At Mobile, Ala.
TBA

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	15	8	.652	—
Philadelphia	12	10	.545	2½
Washington	8	15	.348	7
New York	8	16	.333	7½
New Jersey	4	19	.174	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	15	5	.750	—
Atlanta	16	7	.696	½
Chicago	15	10	.600	2½
Milwaukee	13	9	.591	3
Indiana	12	12	.500	5
Cleveland	11	13	.458	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	15	8	.652	—
Denver	15	9	.625	½
Houston	12	11	.522	3
Utah	12	13	.480	4
San Antonio	11	12	.478	4
Sacramento	6	18	.250	9½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	18	6	.750	—
Portland	16	8	.667	2
Seattle	13	12	.520	5½
L.A. Clippers	8	14	.364	9
Phoenix	8	14	.364	9
Golden State	4	18	.182	13

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 110, New Jersey 108
New York 90, Chicago 89
Utah 91, Cleveland 83
Dallas 110, Indiana 109
Seattle 103, Phoenix 102
San Antonio 111, Los Angeles Clippers 97
Los Angeles Lakers 117, Sacramento 103
Golden State 129, Denver 117

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
Detroit at New York, 11 a.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Chicago at Indiana, 1 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Lakers at Utah, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Cleveland at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

Top 20 Box

Oklahoma 151, Dayton 99

OKLAHOMA (151)
Grant 11-17 2-3 24, Sieger 5-7 2-2 14, King 11-16 9-12 31, Blaylock 5-10 0-0 10, Grace 8-12 3-4 21, Pollard 2-5 0-0 5, Ball 4-4 1-1 9, Jones 3-8 0-0 7, Mullins 1-3 0-0 3, Wiley 4-6 4-6 12, Martin 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 60-102 20-28 151.

DAYTON (99)
Corbitt 8-13 6-7 22, Pittman 2-6 5-6 7, McCrocklon 3-6 0-1 6, Springer 4-9 0-0 8, Knight 5-14 0-0 10, Smith 0-6 2-2 14, Dehoney 0-0 0-0 0, Uhl 0-1 0-0 0, Graney 1-5 0-0 3, Matthews 0-0 2-2 2, Brooks 0-0 0-0 0, Branch 1-3 2-4 4, Robinson 5-11 1-2 7, Howard 2-6 2-4 7. Totals 36-89 37-54 99.

Halftime—Oklahoma 72, Dayton 46. 3-point goals—Oklahoma 11-28 (Grace 3-6, Blaylock 3-6, Sieger 2-3, Mullins 1-1, Pollard 1-3, Jones 1-4), Dayton 4-12 (Smith 2-4, Graney 1-3, Springer 1-5, Knight 0-1). Fouled out—Wiley, Robinson—Oklahoma 29 (Grace 11), Dayton 27 (Howard 7). Assists—Dayton 29 (Jones 7), Oklahoma 16 (Springer 6). Total fouls—Oklahoma 20, Dayton 22.

1987 Money Leaders

HORSE RACING
Thoroughbreds
1. Alysheba $2,511,156 2. Theatrical $2,235,500 3. Ferdinand $2,185,150 4. Bet Twice $1,922,642 5. Java Gold $1,621,300 6. Cryptoclearance $1,367,150 7. Creme Fraiche $1,311,666 8. Gulch $1,297,171 9. Broad Brush $1,204,680 10. Tejano $1,177,189

Quarterhorses
1. Elans Special, $1,071,341 2. Florentine, $831,470 3. Ronas Ryon, $442,317 4. Special Shake, $386,507 5. Elains Rae, $385,683 6. First Down Dash,, $339,136 7. Shoot Yeah, $301,596 8. Dash For Speed, $289,838 9. Runaway Winner, $260,009 10. Jody O Toole, $254,506

Women's Tennis
1. Steffi Graf, $932,535 2. Martina Navratilova, $866,602 3. Chris Evert, $576,866 4. Pam Shriver, $525,718 5. Helena Sukova, $402,524 6. Gabriela Sabatini, $329,900 7. Lori McNeil, $318,013 8. Hana Mandlikova, $310,149 9. Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, $298,273 10. Zina Garrison, $297,937

Men's Tennis
1. Ivan Lendl, $993,656 2. Stefan Edberg, $937,467 3. Miloslav Mecir, $890,326 4. Mats Wilander, $672,874 5. Pat Cash, $460,934 6. Tim Mayotte, $413,821 7. Brad Gilbert, $396,187 8. Andres Gomez, $375,813 9. Boris Becker, $371,979 10. Emilio Sanchez, $366,158

AUTO RACING
Final NASCAR Money
1. Dale Earnhardt, $2,069,243 2. Bill Elliott, $1,599,210 3. Terry Labonte, $825,389 4. Rusty Wallace, $690,652 5. Ricky Rudd, $653,508 6. Benny Parsons, $566,484 7. Kyle Petty, $544,437 8. Bobby Allison, $515,894 9. Darrell Waltrip, $511,768 10. Richard Petty, $468,602

CART
1. Mario Andretti, $788,452 2. Bobby Rahal, $693,968 3. Roberto Guerrero, $637,361 4. Al Unser, $623,559 5. Michael Andretti, $614,864 6. Rick Mears, $485,312 7. Al Unser Jr., $474,620 8. Emerson Fittipaldi, $451,301 9. Danny Sullivan, $447,065 10. Fabrizio Barbazza, $436,113

BOWLING
1. Pete Weber, $175,491 2. Del Ballard, Jr., $159,945 3. Pete McCordic, $153,281 4. Walter Ray Williams Jr., $126,529 5. Marshall Holman, $115,563 6. Amleto Monacelli, $112,287 7. Brian Voss, $103,215 8. Randy Pedersen, $98,803 9. Kent Wagner, $94,166 10. Dave Ferraro, $92,823

NHL

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	17	13	5	39	122	125
NY Islanders	18	13	2	38	138	114
New Jersey	17	14	4	38	116	121
Pittsburgh	15	14	5	35	130	134
Washington	15	16	4	34	115	109
NY Rangers	11	19	4	26	130	138

Adams Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	20	8	9	49	137	106
Boston	21	12	3	45	143	122
Hartford	13	14	6	32	105	110
Buffalo	13	15	6	32	113	140
Quebec	13	16	2	28	114	121

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	15	14	4	34	129	110
Toronto	14	17	3	31	128	132
St. Louis	13	15	5	31	112	115
Chicago	14	18	2	30	125	147
Minnesota	11	19	5	27	112	143

Smythe Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	21	10	4	46	160	126
Edmonton	20	12	3	43	162	125
Winnipeg	14	15	3	31	119	125
Vancouver	11	18	6	27	112	121
Los Angeles	9	23	4	22	130	174

Wednesday's Games
Buffalo 5, Detroit 2
Washington 2, Montreal 2, tie
New Jersey 6, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 5, Minnesota 3
Chicago 7, New York Islanders 5
Toronto 5, St. Louis 1
Vancouver 5, Los Angeles 1

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
New York Rangers at New Jersey, 12:35 p.m.
Boston at New York Islanders, 6:05 p.m.
Quebec at Hartford, 6:35 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6:35 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7:05 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:35 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 9:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Hartford at Quebec, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 6:05 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at New York Rangers, 7:35 p.m.

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	276	232
Miami	8	6	0	.571	352	311
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	263	288
New England	7	7	0	.500	296	283
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	327	340
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Cleveland	9	5	0	.643	371	226
Houston	8	6	0	.571	324	332
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	272	260
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286	268	349
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Denver	9	4	1	.679	356	268
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	361	273
San Diego	8	6	0	.571	253	293
L.A. Raiders	5	9	0	.357	298	283
Kans City	3	11	0	.214	232	368

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washingtn	10	4	0	.714	352	261
St. Louis	7	7	0	.500	348	347
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	320	373
Dallas	6	8	0	.429	316	332
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	280	306
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Chicago	10	4	0	.714	380	279
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	312	309
Green Bay	8	8	1	.393	231	287
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	280	350
Detroit	3	11	0	.214	230	371
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
y-San Fran	12	2	0	.857	411	283
y-N Orleans	11	3	0	.786	360	269
L.A. Rams	6	8	0	.429	317	313
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	192	409

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 3 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon.
Cincinnati at Houston, noon.
Detroit at Atlanta, noon.
Green Bay at New Orleans, noon.
NY Jets at NY Giants, noon.
St. Louis at Dallas, noon.
Seattle at Kansas City, noon.
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon.
San Diego at Denver 3 p.m.
Chicago at LA Raiders, 3 p.m.
LA Rams at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Monday's Game
New England at Miami, 6 p.m.
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Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	7	5	.583	—
Baltimore	6	6	.571	—
Cleveland	7	7	.500	1
Dallas	7	8	.467	1½
Minnesota	5	8	.385	2½

Western Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	10	5	.667	—
Tacoma	9	7	.563	1½
Los Angeles	7	6	.538	2
Kansas City	7	8	.467	3
St. Louis	6	8	.429	3½
Wichita	5	10	.333	5

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
Tacoma at Minnesota, 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Wichita, 7:35 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 9:35 p.m.

Transactions

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS—Waived Artis Gilmore, center.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Waived Herbert Harris, wide receiver. Activated Reggie Sutton, cornerback.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW YORK RANGERS—Sent Ron Scott, goalie, to Colorado of the International Hockey League.

CBA

Eastern Division

	W	L	GB	Pts
Albany	14	2	4½	65
Pensacola	9	9	38½	63½
Savannah	8	11	38	60
Mississippi	7	10	38½	57½
Topeka	7	8	25½	46½
Charleston	5	13	29½	44½

Western Division

	W	L	GB	Pts
Rockford	11	4	30	69
LaCrosse	11	3	32½	66½
Wyoming	8	7	29½	53½
Rochester	6	10	33½	46½
Quad-City	6	11	29½	47½
Rapid City	5	11	23	38

NOTE: Each victory is worth three points, each quarter won during the game is worth one point and a quarter tied is worth ½ point.

Wednesday's Game
Savannah 120, Mississippi 105 (OT)

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
Wyoming at Rochester
Albany at La Crosse
Mississippi at Pensacola
Rockford at Quad-City
Savannah at Topeka

Saturday's Games
Albany at Rochester
Charleston at Pensacola
La Crosse at Quad-City
Wyoming at Rockford

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Ram philosophy: Find runner with 'S' on chest

By KEN PETERS

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — "You'll never be hurt, they'll never put you out of the game. When there's blood on your jersey, it won't be yours, it'll be the other guy's. You're invincible, you're Superman."

"It's a certain amount of baloney," John Robinson admitted, grinning. "But that's what I tell 'em."

His approach to teaching the art of running with a football may owe a slight debt to "The Power of Positive Thinking," but there's no arguing with the success of Robinson's students.

The NFL rushing record for a season belongs to Eric Dickerson, who gained 2,105 yards in 1984 for the Robinson-coached Los Angeles Rams.

The college record-holder is Marcus Allen, who ran for 2,342 yards in 1981 under Robinson at Southern Cal.

And, in what may be the ultimate example of Robinson's ability to get the very best out of runners, the Rams' Charles White — an undistinguished running back for seven previous NFL seasons — is on the verge of winning the league rushing title for 1987.

"I've been fortunate to have been around a lot of great runners — Ahmad Rashad, Anthony Davis, Ricky Bell, Marcus Allen, Sam Cunningham, Charles White, Eric Dickerson," said Robinson, whose eyes light up when he talks about the running game.

"I ASK the runners I coach to do certain things. Our running tends to be straight at you. If we run around end, we run sideways first then turn left and run straight at you.

"If you get in our way, we'll knock you down and step on you, anything we can do to go forward. Those kinds of runners aren't as pretty as the ones that go sideways and down the sidelines. But I strongly believe running for 60 yards down the sidelines doesn't win ball games.

"We talk incessantly to our runners about being prepared for the type of game where they are going to have to fight and get the heck kicked out of them," Robinson said. "We say, 'As the game wears on, you're going to have these horrible collisions, but in the end, the other guy is going to die because of it and you're going to run past him.'

"If you're that kind of runner, you're going to lead the league in rushing."

WHITE, WHO won the 1979 Heisman under Robinson at Southern Cal but had a lackluster career with the Cleveland Browns until he rejoined his former coach with the Rams, fits Robinson's prototype well.

"Charlie is one of the ultimate at coming after you, saying you're 260 pounds and I'm 190, but if I run into you 20 times, you'll eventually collapse and I'll run for a touchdown," said the Rams coach, who picked up White as a free agent in 1985 after the Browns gave up on him.

"Of course it helps," Robinson added with a chuckle, if Newberry (offensive tackle Tom Newberry) is punching the other guy in the stomach while you're running into him."

Robinson, who began his college coaching career as an assistant under Len Casanova at Oregon and later at Southern Cal under John McKay, credits both with starting him on the road to success with runners.

"OUR RUNNER might not be as big as I like or as fast as I like, but he'll always run right at you and fight for every inch," Robinson said. "I learned that from John McKay, and my first experience in teaching a runner was with Ahmad Rashad (formerly Bobby Moore) at Oregon."

Robinson's philosophy also, of course, includes the blockers. He tells them not to be satisfied with merely holding up or slowing down their opponent; he wants them to knock them down and jump on them.

"We get very tense if a guy comes off our block and really hits the back," he said. "That's not supposed to happen. The back is not supposed to be butchered.

"I haven't seen any evidence that our kinds of runners get hurt. While I was at USC, I can only remember Ricky Bell getting a sprained ankle once. Marcus, Anthony Davis, Charlie, Eric were never really hurt."

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PRO BASKETBALL

CHICAGO — Veteran center **Artis Gilmore** is contemplating retirement after being placed on waivers by the **Chicago Bulls**.

If he retires without waivers, the 38-year-old Gilmore would be ineligible to return to the NBA for one year. A replacement for Gilmore on the Chicago roster was not announced.

Gilmore played 24 games this season, averaging 4 points, 2 rebounds and 16 minutes a game. He lost his starting job to Dave Corzine this week...

MIAMI — The Miami Heat reached the 10,000 mark in season ticket sales, satisfying a key league stipulation for final approval of the new NBA franchise.

Putting the Heat over 10,000 was a check from the Latin Builders Association for 200 season tickets. Officials said that was appropriate, considering that detractors have said the franchise will struggle because Latins don't like basketball...

BASEBALL

NEW YORK — Right-hander **Ron Darling** and the **New York Mets** have verbally agreed on a $1 million contract for the 1988 season, a five percent pay cut for the veteran pitcher who went 14 consecutive starts without a victory this year.

Darling was expected to sign the contract next week.Darling had gone to salary arbitration the past two seasons, losing in 1986 and receiving $440,000, and winning this year, when he was paid $1.05 million...

HOCKEY

PITTSBURGH — **The Pittsburgh Penguins** said that the injury defenseman **Paul Coffey** suffered Wednesday was a minor cartilage tear in his right knee that does not warrant surgery.

A team spokesman said he did not know if Coffey would play Saturday when the Penguins meet **Detroit** in Pittsburgh...

RUNNING

NEW YORK — Oft-injured **Mary Decker Slaney**, the nation's top woman's middle-distance runner, will skip the 1988 indoor track season because of an injured right calf.

WT Sports

Football

Texas A&M club **Cotton Bowl** party 11:30 a.m., Jan. 1 at Dan Anderson's home, 1127 County Road. Former students invited. (687 5136)...

Flatlanders

Mark Clark heads the Jan. 30 **Ski Apache** trip...**Texas Ski Week** Jan. 9-16 at Winter Park, Colo. **Beth Duree** (367-6841, home, or 333-4777, work).

Shooting...

The 4-H Shooting Club, and Love's Shooting Center, will hold short practical pistol training courses throughout the holidays. Courses designed for youths and ladies to learn safe firearms handling and techniques. Call 563-4479...

Bowling

Fairmont Park Lanes sanctioned scratch doubles sweeper Mondays at 8:30 p.m. Fee $10. World Class Doubles with $1,000 guaranteed prize fund Jan. 1-3. Fee $40. Guy Conley, 699-9725...

Miller Doubles qualifying, through Jan. 3 at Dellwood & Fairmont Park, 697-7871, or 699-9725. Regional Finals Jan. 30-31 at Fairmont Park...

Deadline for 1987 Midland Women's Bowling Association City Tournament Jan. 9. Entry forms at Midland bowling centers. Paula Bayley 697-8082...

Dellwood Lanes Adult-Youth tournament Dec. 26 at 1 and 3 p.m. Handicap Marathon Dec. 30 at 7 p.m...

Soccer

The Midland Soccer Association will hold a USSF Basic Referee's Clinic and Certification Jan. 15-17. The MSA will also host an Advanced Referee Clinic Jan. 16. Call Norm Preble at 694-3134 by Jan. 11 for reservations...

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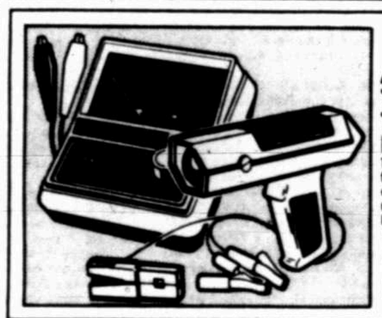
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Icahn lobs Christmas Eve wrench into Texaco-Pennzoil settlement

By RICK GLADSTONE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Takeover strategist Carl Icahn is threatening to disrupt Texaco Inc.'s settlement of its multi-billion-dollar feud with Pennzoil Co. by suggesting he will propose his own bankruptcy reorganization for the oil giant.

The surprise suggestion by Texaco's largest shareholder, disclosed in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission late Wednesday, also said unidentified parties had approached Icahn to express interest in buying part or all of the nation's third largest oil company.

Texaco denounced Icahn's latest move, which came a few days after the company settled Pennzoil's historic $10.3 billion court judgment by agreeing to pay the smaller rival $3 billion in cash.

The settlement was part of a plan reached after exhaustive wrangling to extricate Texaco from court protection under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy law, which it sought in April because of the Pennzoil judgment.



Icahn

Industry analysts and Texaco insiders portrayed Icahn's move as a pressure tactic aimed at forcing the management to scrap anti-takeover provisions in the company charter and give him a more powerful role in Texaco's fate.

They did not rule out the possibility that Icahn's ultimate goal was a takeover of Texaco. The financier controls 12.3 percent of Texaco's 242.8 million shares outstanding.

"In today's environment, if somebody comes up with something real good, shareholders go with it," said Jack Aydin, who follows Texaco for the securities firm McDonald & Co. "If I were management, I'd be thinking twice."

A Texaco source close to the settlement process, who agreed to discuss the matter only if granted anonymity, said that if "Icahn were to float another plan, all other elements are out of the story. It would really throw the whole thing into disarray."

Texaco said in a statement from its White Plains, N.Y., headquarters that "any filing of a competing plan of reorganization in the current bankruptcy proceeding would be obstructive and counterproductive to Texaco's efforts to move quickly with a plan of reorganization and subsequent restructuring that will improve shareholder value."

The company's anti-takeover provisions "enable Texaco's shareholders to receive fair value for their investment in the company, and the provisions protect the shareholders from attempts by any raider to obtain control of the company for less than full market value," the statement said. "These provisions are expecially important for a company emerging from Chapter 11 when there is potential vulnerability."

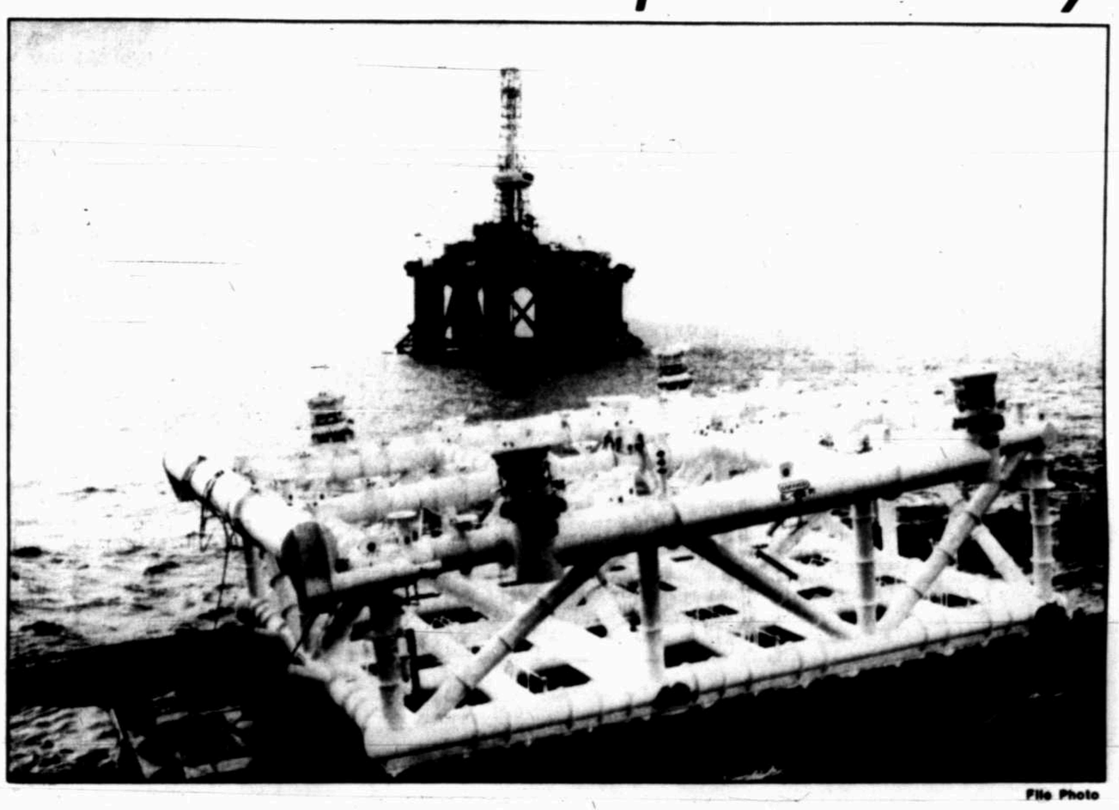
In Houston, Pennzoil spokesman Robert Harper did not return calls to his office and home seeking comment.

Icahn also did not return calls. But a source close to Icahn, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the financier wanted Texaco to abandon staggered terms for its directors and require a vote of only 10 percent of company shares to call a special stockholders meeting. With his 12.3 percent stake, that would enable him to call a special meeting at any time.

Texaco's shareholders committee, which played a crucial role in reaching the Pennzoil settlement last weekend, was not informed of Icahn's SEC filing, said Dennis O'Dea, the committee's lawyer.

O'Dea said he thought it highly unlikely Icahn would propose a rival reorganization plan, partly because of the procedural hurdles. Besides winning two-thirds approval in a shareholder vote, any plan also must be sanctioned by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Howard Schwartzberg, who has been overseeing Texaco's affairs.

Offshore platforms can't stop for holiday



File Photo

Workers on production platforms all along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast will be 'celebrating' Christmas with co-workers at sea. "It's hard not to be depressed," admits one worker.

WASHINGTON (SWN) — On Christmas Day, in homes across America, roast turkeys will be popped into hot ovens, and people will pile into cars, trains, and planes so they can share in the festivities with their families and friends.

Christmas lights will be twinkling, White Christmas will be playing on the stereo, and toy dolls, snow skis, and personal computers will be opened under the tree.

And in all of these things, petroleum will have played a part. In fact, this Christmas Day, 17.22 million barrels of oil will be used across the country — much of it coming from production platforms operating far away from the warmth and good cheer of the season. The most remote of all these are the oil and gas platforms that operate offshore.

According to the Minerals Management Service, the federal agency that oversees the offshore leasing program, there are more than 3,400 platforms or other oil and gas structures located in the Gulf of Mexico. Of these, 670 are manned, which means that someone is on the platform 24 hours a day. These platforms, equipped with living quarters, a galley, recreation room, and sleeping areas are "home" to their work crews 26 weeks a year.

The work crews, which usually range in numbers from six to 24, live on the platforms during their seven-day work shift. The cooks and galley hands also live on the platforms. An average work shift runs one week on, one week off, which means the crews work seven days, return home for seven days, and then back to the platform for seven days. This continues all year long — even on Christmas Day.

So how does one spend Christmas on an offshore oil and gas production platform? "It's pretty hard not to be depressed when you're away from your family on Christmas Day out on a platform surrounded by water," explains Bobby St. Pierre, foreman of Shell Offshore Inc.'s production platform Cognac. "We try to do everything we can to make the day as pleasant as possible for the men."

In operation for six years, Cognac stands in 1,025 feet of water, 20 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River, and from seafloor to the top of the structure, Cognac is taller than the Empire State Building. Everyday, it produces another 25,000 barrels of oil and 80 million cubic feet of gas.

The Cognac crew has 20 workers on a regular shift, but for Christmas week, the crew is usually reduced by 10 to 15 percent due to vacations. "We don't take on any new work Christmas Day, we just keep things running," explains St. Pierre.

Of course, the main attraction of the day is dinner planned in the traditional Christmas style. A full Christmas spread is served with roast turkey, glazed ham, herb stuffing, snowflake potatoes, cranberry sauce, garnished rice, sweet potatoes, buttered crescent rolls, pecan pie, mince meat pie, and pumpkin pie.

The platform does have its share of decorations for the holiday season. A small Christmas tree is set up in the galley each year along with other seasonal decorations to help spread the holiday cheer. But even a festive dinner and decorations cannot take the place of being home at Christmastime. The workers are given the opportunity to call their families on Christmas Day using ship-to-shore communication lines. All the family members usually take turns talking to the loved one who's away from home, yet even this does not change the fact that they are working on Christmas Day.

Fortunately, platform workers, like doctors and nurses on call at hospitals, and policemen walking a lonely beat, know that the work has to be done. America's energy production can't skip a beat, and these men are willing to do the job to keep it going.

In 1986, 355 million barrels of oil and 4,040 billion cubic feet of natural gas were produced in the Gulf of Mexico. These yearly figures calculate to an average of 973,000 barrels of oil and nearly 11 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. This means that everyday of the year, oil and natural gas are produced to help fulfill the country's energy needs.

Residential building leads city's economic indicators

From Staff Reports

Midland's economy is continuing to recover from a drastic drop in oil prices nearly two years ago, according to monthly economic indicators compiled by the economic development division of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Residential construction is improving, although commercial construction is off 43 percent from 1986 levels. The city issued 14 building permits for new construction during November, all for residences.

New residential valuations leaped 42.2 percent, totaling $1.3 million, up from the $946,000 in construction value for the same month in 1986.

Total construction through 11 months of 1987 are 24.3 percent ahead of year-earlier levels at $22.9 million.

The employment picture also continues to brighten, with the total labor force up 1.15 percent, total employment up 5.41 percent, and total unemployment down 32.76 percent. The unemployment rate for November stood at 7.4 percent, down from 11.2 percent in November 1986.

Deposits at Midland financial institutions were up, with savings and loans seeing a 7.85 percent jump in deposits last month. Midlanders hold deposits totaling $881,774,041 in local thrifts, compared to $817,573,662 on deposit last November.

Local banks saw deposits of almost $1.47 billion, a 3.16 percent rise from the $1.42 billion deposited in November last year.

Airline boardings were also up, with the Midland International Airport recording 47,803 boardings in November, up 3.75 percent from the 42,941 recorded in November last year.

Postal receipts totaled $912,187 in November, up from the $810,018 in receipts recorded in November 1986. However, postal receipts to date are down 3.02 percent from 11-month totals for 1986.

Of the four household utilities tracked by the chamber, only gas connections increased, with Energas reporting 27,699 connections, up 3.8 percent from 26,684 in November last year.

Telephone connections dropped 1.12 percent, to 69,219 from 69,494 connections last November.

Electric and water connections were down slightly, with the city receiving 27,499 water connections last month, off .35 percent, and TU Electric showing 44,513 connections, down .45 percent from November 1986.

BUSINESS GLANCE

MARKETS

Oil prices slip on profit-taking

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices dipped Thursday as traders took profits from a rally earlier in the week.

Analysts said volume was extremely light in advance of the Christmas holiday. Trading finished early on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Iranian speedboats reportedly fired at a U.S. Navy helicopter in the southern Persian Gulf, but the report had little effect on trading, analysts said. No injuries or damages were reported from the Gulf incident.

Contracts for February delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude, lost 12 cents to $16.52 per barrel, after a gain of $1.24 over the last two trading sessions.

Prices also declined for refined products traded on the exchange.

Contracts for January delivery of wholesale heating oil closed at 51.25 cents a gallon, down 0.30 cent. January wholesale unleaded gasoline fell 0.36 cent to 43.43 cents per gallon.

CRUDE OIL

SPOT MARKET

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- Previous Quote $16.65
- One Year Ago 16.90

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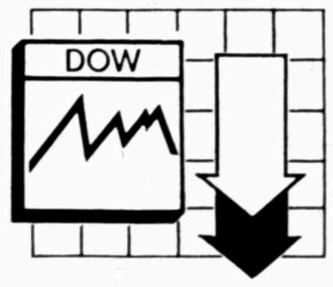
- Thursday's Quote N/A
- Previous Quote $15.20-15.25
- One Year Ago $16.05

SOURCE: NYMEX

POSTED PRICE

- Last Week $16.50
- Previous Week $16.50
- One Year Ago $15.00

Stocks slip in light holiday trading



NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market was little changed Thursday in slow Christmas Eve trading.

The day began quietly, and activity slowed to a trickle as the session passed and many investors got an early start on the long holiday weekend.

Analysts said the market's rally since early December, which produced its first sustained advance since the October crash, had lifted investors' spirits. But they also said doubts persisted about how long it could continue.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 5.97 to 1,999.67, reducing its gain for the week to 24.37 points.

Advancing issues slightly outnumbered declines on the New York Stock Exchange, with 756 up, 697 down and 438 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 108.80 million shares, against 203.11 million in the previous session. The NYSE's composite index slipped .51 to 140.85.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Southland sells Chief Auto Parts division

DALLAS (AP) — Southland Corp. said Thursday it would sell its Chief Auto Parts division for $130 million to a new corporation formed by management of the auto parts unit and Shearson Lehman Brothers, acting as principal.

The sale is part of a divestiture plan Southland announced after the Thompson brothers, whose family founded the convenience store chain, decided to buy it out and take Southland private.

The purchase price consists of cash and the assumption of certain liabilities, the company said.

Sutherland doubles number of newspapers

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Sutherland Media Inc. said Thursday it had acquired the Mexia Daily News and 16 other newspapers in a deal that will double the number of publications owned by the company.

The Mexia Daily News and its assets, including the Hubbard City News, were purchased from Blake Smith Jr. whose family had published the newspaper for 45 years.

Other Sutherland acquisitions announced Thursday include eight newspapers owned by Ohio Communications Corp. of Dayton, Ohio, and seven publications owned by Suburban Publishers Inc., of Duncanville, Texas.

UT author: Pooled efforts more competitive

AUSTIN (AP) — The growing number of U.S. companies that pool resources for cooperative research and development work could make the United States more competitive internationally, a University of Texas researcher says.

Since federal legislation was approved in 1984 to allow cooperative research, more than 50 consortia have filed with the U.S. Justice Department, says Michael J. Petit in a book just released by UT's IC-2 Institute.

MIDLAND ECONOMIC INDICATORS

CONSTRUCTION

AVIATION

POSTAL

FINANCIAL

EMPLOYMENT

UTILITIES

	November 1987	November 1986	To Date 1987	To date 1986	Percent change
Residential permits	14	8	224	160	33.33
Commercial permits	0	1	9	17	-50.00
Total new permits	14	9	233	177	25.27
Residential valuations	$1,314,560	946,000	20,736,171	13,376,477	42.20
Commercial valuations	0	317,000	2,156,600	3,517,600	-43.76
Total new valuations	$1,314,560	1,163,000	22,892,771	17,254,077	24.30
Airline boardings	47,803	42,941	536,824	517,501	3.75
Postal receipts	$912,187	810,018	9,357,048	9,648,659	-3.02
Bank deposits	$1,466,737,256	1,420,628,150			3.16
Saving & Loan deposits	$881,774,041	817,573,662			7.85
Total labor force	52,600	51,000			1.15
Total employment	48,700	46,200			5.41
Total unemployment	3,900	5,800			-32.76
Unemployment rate	7.4%	11.2%			-33.93
Water connections	27,499	27,199			-0.89
Gas connections	27,699	26,684			3.80
Electric connections	44,513	44,700			-0.42
Telephone connections	69,219	69,494			-1.12

Uncle Sam makes very unusual Santa Claus

BUSINESS MIRROR

NEW YORK (AP) — The tax collector makes a very unusual Santa Claus, almost everyone will agree. But other aspects of the Internal Revenue Service's behavior are just as noteworthy.

One is arbitrariness. Another is a propensity to confuse.

All year long the IRS had told Americans to fill out their W-4 tax statements so that they would have the proper amount deducted from their paychecks.

Those who failed to do so, and thereby fell behind in their taxes, would be charged an interest penalty on the shortfall. By law, total withholdings by the end of the year should amount to at least 90 percent of your tax liability.

But now, in what is being hailed as a munificent holiday gesture by some, the IRS has decided to waive the penalty for not keeping current with tax liability.

What it amounts to is an estimated $86 million gift to those who failed to obey the law. But where is the gift for those who dutifully obeyed? There is none. Law abiders, in effect, got penalized.

Those who failed to obey the law had the full use of funds that should have gone to Uncle Sam. If they were wise or lucky, they made good use of that money, conceivably even doubling it through investments.

Those who did obey the law never had that opportunity.

True, the money doesn't amount to much in most cases. But whether it's a dime or a dollar, it's nice to have the cash.

Arbitrariness is a pronounced characteristic of the IRS. In the past, for example, you could obtain a variety of answers to the same question, depending upon what regional officer or representative you called.

Most of those questions and answers involved dollars, of course, so the arbitrariness often had immediate and serious consequences. Some people paid, others did not, because the IRS's own interpreters were confused.

Confusion is an old story in taxing, and it was an attempt to correct that confusion that supposedly guided those who formulated the tax reform of 1986. The new tax forms, it was widely proclaimed, would be simpler.

So simple, in fact, that the IRS instruction package grew to 50 pages from 36. But no amount of instruction is likely to help some people when they encounter the complexities of their 1987 returns.

Consider, for example, the section of the tax code that says a certain tax break is available to an individual engaged in an activity stated to be passive, so long as the taxpayer is active in the passive activity.

The full realization of the confusion still awaits many taxpayers.

Convinced that their taxes are lower this year than last, as they have been told repeatedly, they face the prospect of discovering that their bill has risen instead.

Moral: Beware of poseurs in Santa Claus suits.

BP one step nearer Britoil

LONDON (NYT) — Britain's independent Takeover Panel has ruled that the British Petroleum Co.'s multibillion-dollar bid for Britoil PLC could go ahead, despite the government's intention to use its "golden share" to prevent any bidder from gaining control of Britain's largest independent oil company.

After the announcement of the panel's decision, the British Treasury reiterated that it would use its special-share veto, established in 1982 when the formerly state-owned Britoil was sold to the public. The golden share, a power that has been vaguely defined and never tested, was installed in some privatized companies to deter takeovers that might not be in the national interest.

British Petroleum, the world's third-largest oil company, had said previously that it would drop its bid for Britoil if the Takeover Panel ruled against it. The offer by BP, which already holds 29.9 percent of Britoil, values the target company at more than $4 billion.

A second industry giant, Los Angeles-based Arco, entered the contest earlier this month as a friendly suitor. Britoil prefers the American company's offer of cash and assets for 49.9 percent of the company.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Average cost calculation complex, but preferred

By BILL DOYLE

Q. My mutual fund pays dividends every three months and capital gains distributions annually, both of which I reinvest to purchase additional shares. And I occasionally send in checks to buy still more shares. Each investment and reinvestment buys full and fractional shares — to the third decimal place.

My problem is keeping track of my average cost per share, which will be my "basis" — cost for tax purposes — if I liquidate the account. What method is acceptable to the Internal Revenue Service?



Doyle

A. You won't need to know your average cost per share, if you completely liquidate your account by redeeming all your shares. In that case, you simply add up all the money you invested — your original investment, the checks you occasionally sent in and all your reinvested dividends and capital gains distributions — to learn your total basis.

When you redeem all your shares, the difference between that total basis and the redemption check you receive is your capital gain or capital loss.

If you redeem only some of your shares, you can use the average cost method. Add up all the money you invested, divide by the number of shares you own and you have your average basis per share. Multiplying that average per share cost by the number of shares redeemed tells you the basis of the redeemed shares.

After that first redemption, you subtract the basis of the redeemed shares from the total basis you previously calculated. The resulting number is the total basis on your remaining shares. Your per share cost won't change unless or until you make a new investment in the fund and/or reinvest dividends or capital gains distributions.

At that point, the amount of your new investment and/or reinvestment is added to your total basis. Divide that new total basis by the increased number of shares you own and you know your new cost per share. You'll have to recalculate your average cost every time you make a new investment or reinvest.

The average cost method, with all its complications, is used by most mutual fund shareholders and has the IRS stamp of approval. Other methods acceptable to the revenooers are "FIFO" and "specific identification."

Under FIFO, for "first in-first out," the shares you redeem are those held the longest. You have to go to your records to determine the price at which those shares were purchased, through investment or reinvestment.

Under specific identification, also called the "identified share" method, you instruct the mutual fund to redeem the shares you purchased on such and such a date or from a certain date through another date. This method allows you to redeem your highest cost shares, thereby producing the lowest taxable profit — or even a loss.

A note of caution. Once you start using one method of reporting capital gains or losses on partial redemption of shares in a particular mutual fund, you can't change to another method in the same fund without getting written permission from the IRS.

Q. I switched my investment from one mutual fund to another often during 1987 and had a number of profits — all small. To eliminate the misery of reporting each profit as a separate capital gain on my income tax return, is it permissable to add the profit on each fund redemption to the dividend I received from that fund and pay whatever tax applies.

A. No! Do that and you will throw the IRS computers into a tizzy and yourself into trouble.

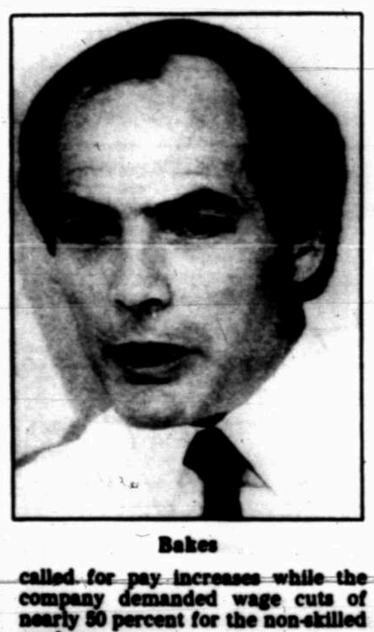
In January, you receive a Form 1099-DIV from each fund, listing the dividends you received. You also receive a Form 1099-B from each fund whose shares you redeemed, listing the dollar and cents amount of each redemption.

Copies of all 1099s and other "information returns" go to the IRS computers. If the numbers you report don't match the information the IRS receives, you'll hear from the revenooers.

You're required to report your dividends as such and each profit from the redemption of mutual fund shares as a separate item on Schedule D, Form 1040.

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Eastern chief: 'Very stark' changes needed



Bakes

MIAMI (AP) — The president of Eastern Airlines, which was bought last year by a man who declared "there ain't no Santa Claus," doesn't sound like he'll appear at the employee Christmas party in a red suit and white beard.

"Much of the weakness of Eastern over the years has been labor-management relations, which we didn't introduce to Eastern, ... and labor costs," Eastern President Phil Bakes said in an interview Wednesday. "We have not made progress with the unionized groups, and there have to be very, very stark changes in the economics of Eastern Airlines.

"I'd like to sit here and pull my punches and say the changes (needed) aren't substantial, but they are substantial," said Bakes, who took over nearly a year ago after cost-cutting airline entrepreneur Frank Lorenzo's Texas Air Corp. completed its takeover of Eastern.

Leaders of the unions representing Eastern pilots, flight attendants and machinists say the Texas Air management is crushing employee morale with increasingly strict work rules, layoffs of 4,000 people and threats of continued layoffs and wage cuts.

"For many years, the joke has been that Eastern keeps the crisis in Christmas," Charles E. Bryan, head of Machinists District 100, said in an interview Wednesday. "This year, it's hit a peak. The employees are just being devastated. There's no morale.

"The horror stories we hear of intimidation and threats — what a way to spend Christmas," said Bryan.

Bakes accused the union, which represents mechanics, baggage handlers and cleaners, of failing to take the negotiations seriously. The union called for pay increases while the company demanded wage cuts of nearly 50 percent for the non-skilled workers.

Bakes said he is taking necessary steps, including reducing labor costs, to position the carrier for an expansion in the 1990s.

But Eastern lost $72.8 million in the third quarter this year to more than wipe out gains the first half of the year. Another loss is projected for the fourth quarter.

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Celebrated custody fight centered on 5-year-old

By JOAN MOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hilary Foretich, the 5-year-old daughter of two successful medical professionals, is the ironic victim of a celebrated custody dispute. Both parents have fought bitterly for her, yet she lives with neither.

Hilary's mother, Dr. Elizabeth Morgan, hid her daughter in August to prevent the child's father, Dr. Eric Foretich, from seeing Hilary.

Ms. Morgan, a respected plastic surgeon and a best-selling author, was jailed four months ago after she defied a court order that she turn Hilary over to her father.

Ms. Morgan contends Foretich, an oral surgeon, had sexually abused their daughter. A city judge and a federal jury said there was no reason to believe her claims.

"It's a lie. A total lie. There isn't even a grain of truth to it," said Foretich, who says he has passed two lie detector tests.

The battle for custody of Hilary Foretich has drawn attention because of its complexity and length, the sensational nature of the charges Ms. Morgan and Foretich fling at each other, the prominence of the parents and the battery of experts and lawyers brought into the fray.

The case encompasses a host of thorny issues:

— How are the actions of a child to be interpreted?

— Should children be believed when they relate tales of sexual abuse and how often are parents accused of sexual abuse in divorce cases?

— How reliable is the testimony of paid experts?

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Williams calls the Morgan-Foretich case the "most bitter domestic dispute" to come before him.

From the District of Columbia jail cell she has occupied since Aug. 28, Ms. Morgan, 40, a soft-spoken woman with porcelain skin and thick dark-brown hair, says she is ready to stay behind bars and apart from her daughter into the 21st century to keep Hilary away from a man she calls "very clever, very determined."

"Hilary could be destroyed. She could grow up like her father. I am not prepared to have a human sacrifice," Ms. Morgan said.

Nonsense, says Foretich, 44, a trim, youthful man with huge brown eyes that dominate his face. Ms. Morgan once compared him to Lord Byron.

He calls his wife's allegations "a total fabrication," and points to victories he has won in D.C. Superior Court and in the U.S. District Court in Virginia.

His former wife, he says, is a "pseudo Joan of Arc" who enjoys the attention she is getting.

"I personally don't care...whether she is in jail," Foretich said in an interview in his office. "My concern and my only concern is, where is my daughter?"

Foretich says he is upset that law enforcement authorities have not done more to help him find her.

"I know not only that she is being well cared for but she is healing," said Ms. Morgan, who married Foretich five years ago in Haiti, shortly after she became pregnant, and left him the week before Hilary was born.

Bruce Nicholson, a legislative coordinator at the American Bar Association and editor of a forthcoming ABA handbook on child abuse, said cases involving young children are particularly hard to prove because victims have such limited verbal skills. Nicholson's handbook is designed to help legal professionals decide if allegations are true or false.

Child sexual abuse cases are particularly tricky because research in the field is so scant, experts said.

Melvin Guyer, co-counsel on Foretich's legal team, said there has been a "dramatic increase in sexual abuse allegations" by divorcing parents.

Guyer, a lawyer and a psychologist who runs The Family and Law Program at the University of Michigan, said his research indicates more than half such allegations are false.

But Susan White, director of the Middlesex County, Mass., child abuse project, said other research has shown young children "do not lie about sexual abuse." She added: "It's a very, very rare case that a child has been programmed to present sex abuse. Usually the lying that goes on is the retraction of the sexual abuse allegations because of fear."

A study by Dr. Muriel Sugarman, a child psychiatrist and co-director of Massachusetts General Hospital's Infancy and Early Childhood Program, found that three out of four probate courts do not believe a child's allegations of sexual abuse against a divorced or separated parent.



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In an interview at the District of Columbia jail, Dr. Elizabeth Morgan claims she hid her daughter, Hilary, from her ex-husbad, Dr. Eric Foretich, because he sexually abused the child.

Sugarman's team studied 19 children aged 6 or under who were thought to have been physically abused by the biological father after a divorce or separation. The abuse had been documented separately.

"The allegations were disbelieved by the judicial system — judges, attorneys guardians ad litem, court-appointed attorneys for the children, probation and family court officers — in 73.7 percent of the cases," Sugarman said.

In the Morgan-Foretich case, the courts have sided with Foretich.

On July 17, 1986, Judge Herbert B. Dixon Jr. of the D.C. Superior Court, said he did not believe Hilary had been abused and ordered Ms. Morgan to turn the child over to the father for 10 weekends.

Last August, the judge expanded Foretich's visitation rights to span two weeks. When Ms. Morgan refused, she was jailed indefinitely for civil contempt and fined $5,000 a day. Earlier she had two brief stints in jail.

On Feb. 20, 1987, a federal jury in Alexandria, Va., dismissed Ms. Morgan's allegations against Foretich and his parents, Doris and Vincent Foretich of Newport News, Va.

In her civil lawsuit, Ms. Morgan asserted that Foretich's parents had participated in the abuse of her daughter during court-ordered visits from 1983 until early 1986. The jury's decision was a "complete exoneration" of the Foretiches, according to their lawyer, Thomas Albro.

A federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., is set to hear the case in early January.

While court records in the case are sealed, Ms. Morgan and her fiancee, Paul Michel, an aide to Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., have worked to publicize the case, believing their cause will be helped by airing the facts.

Before her custody battle, Ms. Morgan was well-known in literary circles. One of her three books, "The Making of a Woman Surgeon," was a best-seller. Another, "Custody," detailed the split from her husband, her battle for Hilary and her close relationship with her mother, Antonia.

Ms. Morgan also wrote a health column for Cosmopolitan magazine.

Now she says she is broke. She has spent $500,000 on the custody case and owes $1 million in legal and medical fees in addition to the $5,000-a-day fine that started Aug. 28.

Foretich, married for a fourth time in 1986 to a dentist, refuses to say how much he has spent on the case.

Ms. Morgan's lawyers — four teams have worked on the case including Stephen Sachs, a former Maryland attorney general — are basing their appeal on their claim that the judge is biased against their client and is ignorant about child sexual abuse.

They also contend they lost the federal trial because the jury was not permitted to hear all the evidence, including testimony about 7-year-old Heather Foretich, Hilary's half-sister.

Heather, Ms. Morgan's lawyers say, once told a Fairfax County social worker that her father had played with her in a sexual manner and that she witnessed the sexual abuse of Hilary, according to a legal brief filed by Ms. Morgan's lawyers.

Heather has not seen her father for two years, attorneys confirmed. A judge suspended unsupervised visits between Heather and her father in 1986 as part of a settlement between the parents.

Foretich claims that Ms. Morgan and Heather's mother, Sharon Sullivan, have conspired against him. They say that allegation is silly.

There is conflicting evidence about Hilary's condition.

"Hilary named her father as her abuser and I had no reason to doubt this," said Dr. Mary Froning, Hilary's psychologist since January 1986. "She showed me on anatomically correct models where her father had touched her and where she had touched her father." Froning said Hilary exhibited psychological patterns consistent with abuse, such as depression.

Intertwined with Hilary's fate is Ms. Morgan's future.

Dixon's contempt citation is in effect until Hilary in 18. "I don't think I will have to stay here 13 years but I came prepared to do that," Ms. Morgan said.

Unless she turns over her daughter, which Ms. Morgan says she will not do, she thinks the earliest she could be released is late 1988 after the appeals process.

Sachs, Ms. Morgan's attorney, is fighting the contempt order on the grounds that Ms. Morgan's constitutional rights were violated because Dixon closed the hearing to the public. He also said the jailing will not make Ms. Morgan produce the child.

Paul Rothstein, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center and an expert on contempt matters, said the fine and sentence levied on Ms. Morgan are "unusual but...not out of bounds." He said judges have broad leeway in compelling people to comply with court rulings.

Trousers survive gag-gift tug

OWATONNA, Minn. (AP) — Two brothers-in-law who have foisted a pesky pair of moleskin trousers on each other for two decades finally agreed to burn them this year, but somehow the deed just could not get done.

The annual gag gift exchange between Larry Kunkel and Roy Collette had been getting out of hand in recent years. It started around 1964, they say, when Kunkel's mother gave him the pants made of an industrial strength cotton fabric that looks like fake suede.

Kunkel found they stiffened in the cold, so he gave them to Collette one year. Collette didn't like them either and returned them one Christmas.

And so it has gone.

Never willing to keep them, the two men began exploring new ways of packaging the "gift" pants for the other. The pants wound up in a 17-foot, cement-filled, 15,000-pound rocket one Christmas. Another time, the gift wrapping was a Gremlin car crushed into a three-foot cube.

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Fewer Americans seek doctorates in mathematics

New York Times News Service

Only 382 Americans received doctorates in mathematics in the last academic year, out of 32,000 doctorates awarded, according to a report by the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America. This is the lowest number in 15 years, at a time when mathematics is a key to scientific, technological and industrial success.

Dr. Edward A. Connors, chairman of the AMS-MAA committee on employment and educational policy, calls the situation "frightening" and a threat to national security and economic competitivenes.

Over all, 699 math doctorates were awarded, many to foreigners, down from about 1,200 in 1970.

Why do bright students avoid mathematics? According to Sheila Tobias, who has long been involved in helping students conquer "math anxiety," the answer is not simple.

The myth persists that mathematics is an esoteric subject necessary only for scientific geniuses. Young people think of it as dull, and teachers often make it so. They give students little opportunity to debate math in class as they do other subjects. Instead, math teachers often press for the one right answer, stress memorizing rules and force students to keep their eyes on the clock for quick answers.

In her new book, "Succeed with Math: Every Student's Guide to Conquering Math Anxiety," Tobias proposed an alternative. In the book, published by the College Board, Tobias urged that students be taught to think about mathematics as they work. For example, she recommended that they divide the paper in half and write down thoughts and concerns on one side while working on the problem on the other. Talking, thinking and writing about math are rare in school, she said, but they are constant among mathematicians, who fill tablecloths with calculations when they discuss their work over dinner.

Like Connors, Tobias said she considered it particularly serious that "virtually no black or Hispanic students are currently choosing careers in mathematics or mathematics education." In 1986, she adds, only nine members of these groups received doctorates in mathematics.

And while the number of women studying math has increased in the quarter century, it is far from enough. In 1950, American women got nine math doctorates; in 1985, they earned 109, still a disproportionately small number; men earned 590.

Tobias, a history and literature major, became a crusader against math anxiety as associate provost at Wesleyan University when it began admitting women in 1970. She was appalled that the most intelligent women shied away from math. Professors made them feel "they were either too dumb or too lazy" to do math, she said. Tobias began to view math anxiety in part as a feminist issue.

In 1975, she helped open a math anxiety clinic on campus. She put up math symbols and asked students: "Do these look hostile to you?"

"We listened to students," she said. As part of the treatment, she encouraged them to talk about their experiences with mathematics "way back." Many, she found, had been doing well through elementary school. Then, suddenly, they hit on something — perhaps geometry — that they did not understand. Without help, they felt stupid and gave up. Men also suffered from math anxiety, she said, but they covered it up.

In 1978, she wrote her first book, "Overcoming Math Anxiety," aimed at adults, especially women. The new book is aimed at students who enter college and insist, "I'll never take another math course again."

"I want to make sure that history or literature majors won't get out of college without having taken any math," she said, adding that everyone should be comfortable discussing matters involving mathematics.

"Very verbal students think wrongly that in math you just have to memorize to get by," Tobias said. "Real math majors know that the opposite is true: you don't have to memorize. You can work things out even if you forgot the formula."

Mathematics textbooks are often at fault, she said. "Students who are used to getting information by reading, don't get it from these books," she said. "They are written like cooking instructions. The reader expects points to be repeated but once something has been said, it never comes back. The books lack what psychologists call spiral reinforcement: making the same point again at a slightly higher level."

"Like many computer manuals," Tobias said, "math books are not user-friendly."

She also chided teachers who don't let students improvise: "They believe that there is one way to solve a problem; it just isn't so."

As an example, Tobias cited this problem: A car travels 50,000 miles, with its five tires rotated equally throughout the trip. How many miles will any one tire have been on the road?

The approved answer, Tobias says, is that each is on the road four-fifths of the time, and four-fifths of 50,000 is 40,000. But, she added, a student may ask himself, "How long was any tire in the trunk?" Since there are five tires that were rotated regularly, each acted as a spare for 10,000 miles.

Student 'conflict managers' settle disputes among peers

By MARYLEE SCHNEIDER

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — It sounds, at first, like any other American home — parents arguing, children listening.

But when Bill and Ruth Ann Smith argue, their 11-year-old daughter Cherie no longer just sits back and listens.

"When my mom and dad are arguing, I tell them, 'I feel mad when you argue because it hurts my feelings.' Sometimes they listen, sometimes they don't," said Cherie.

A mature and mild-mannered sixth-grader at Fulton Elementary School, Cherie is one of the school's elite — a conflict manager who works as a counselor on the school's playground.

She has been managing conflicts here since last spring, when the school instituted Mediation in the Schools, a program that teaches children that verbal communication is an alternative to fighting.

Cherie has been honing her counseling skills on the playground and at home.

"My interest in doing it ties into what we do at the center," said Sheri Carlyle, executive director of the Lancaster Mediation Center, the organization behind the program.

"We believe there is a positive way to handle conflict. We recognize that conflict is a natural part of life," she said. "This is the type of program that at an early age gets kids realizing that conflict is natural and that there is a better way to handle it than fighting, arguing or going to someone else to make a decision. It empowers kids to take responsibility for themselves."

Mediation in the Schools was started last spring as a pilot program by then-principal David Rentschler. The project worked so well — fights on the playground dropped from 20 to 25 a week to four or five — that other area elementary schools are becoming interested.

Rentschler, now principal at Burrowes Elementary School, hopes to start the program there soon. Students at Buchanan Elementary School, under Principal Mirianne Herzog, are currently undergoing the 15-hour training.

The young student counselors — who are fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders chosen by the school's students — do not take the place of adult supervisors. Playground aides still man the grounds and the school's staff still handles serious incidents.

Conflict managers, who range in age from 9 to 12, work in teams of two. Students in conflict are approached by the managers, who have been trained to help their peers work out their problems for themselves.

"The biggest thing I learned is not to solve their problems, but for them to solve it for themsleves," said Cherie.

"We're not supposed to help them. They're supposed to do it for themselves because then they learn to solve their problems and we don't have to help them," she said.

Conflict managers have been taught the effectiveness of eye contact and have learned how to read eye messages and the feelings of their peers.

"We ask them what the problem is about, and then we repeat it back," said 11-year-old conflict manager Dana Moore. "We say, 'Do you have a way to solve your problem?' Sometimes it keeps going back to each other. We don't suggest things, but sometimes there are solutions."

Fulton principal Richard Barbacane says the biggest benefit he has seen is that children are learning to solve their own problems and relying less on playground and lunchroom aides.

The young counselors wear white "Conflict Manager" jerseys when working.

"Instead of things escalating, they diffuse things at a much earlier stage," Barbacane added.

"I like doing it," 12-year-old Keeshond Cole said. "It cuts down on more fights. More people know about conflict managers ... and they know if they talk to us, the principal knows about it. Then they stop fighting."

After helping their peers resolve their problems, conflict managers complete a report that is given to the principal.

Third-grader Ryan Speidel, 8, said conflict managers really work: When a girl on the playground started fighting with Ryan's friend, Ryan hit the girl. She quickly sought the expertise of the conflict managers on duty.

"Erin and I talked to the conflict managers. They asked us how we felt and how to not do that again," he said. "We talked for 5 or 10 minutes, and then I wasn't mad. We solved our fight."

School staffers and mediation expert Ms. Carlyle agree that the program improves conflict managers' self esteem. Cherie said her grades had improved since she took the job.

They are happy Holidays

BOSTON (AP) — Michael Helides didn't like his last name. His wife, Natasha Vogdes, didn't like hers either. So now, they're the happy Holidays.

Just in time for the holiday season, the Brookline couple went through a routine hearing in Norfolk County Probate Court on Wednesday and changed their last names to Holiday.

"I like it. It's a happy name. It's positive. It's a very good Christmas gift for all of us," a beaming Natasha Holiday said after the court hearing. Included in the name change were children Lindsey, 3, and Brittany, 7 months.

Natasha Holiday, a psychologist, said now her patients can call her "Doc Holiday."

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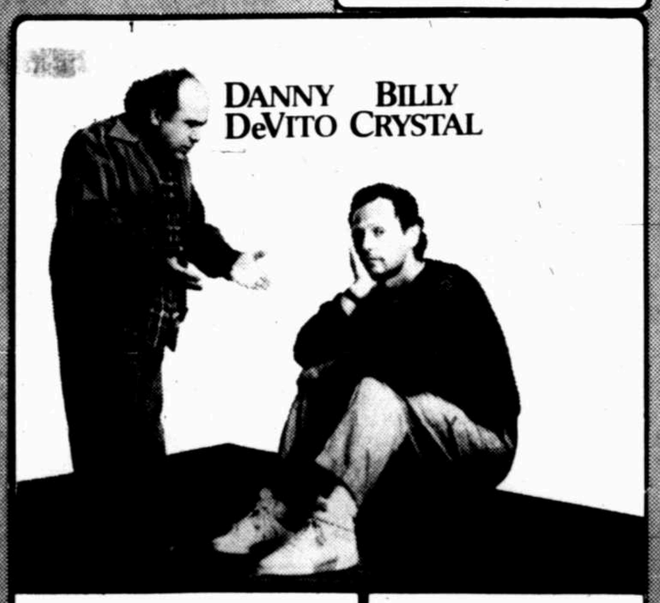


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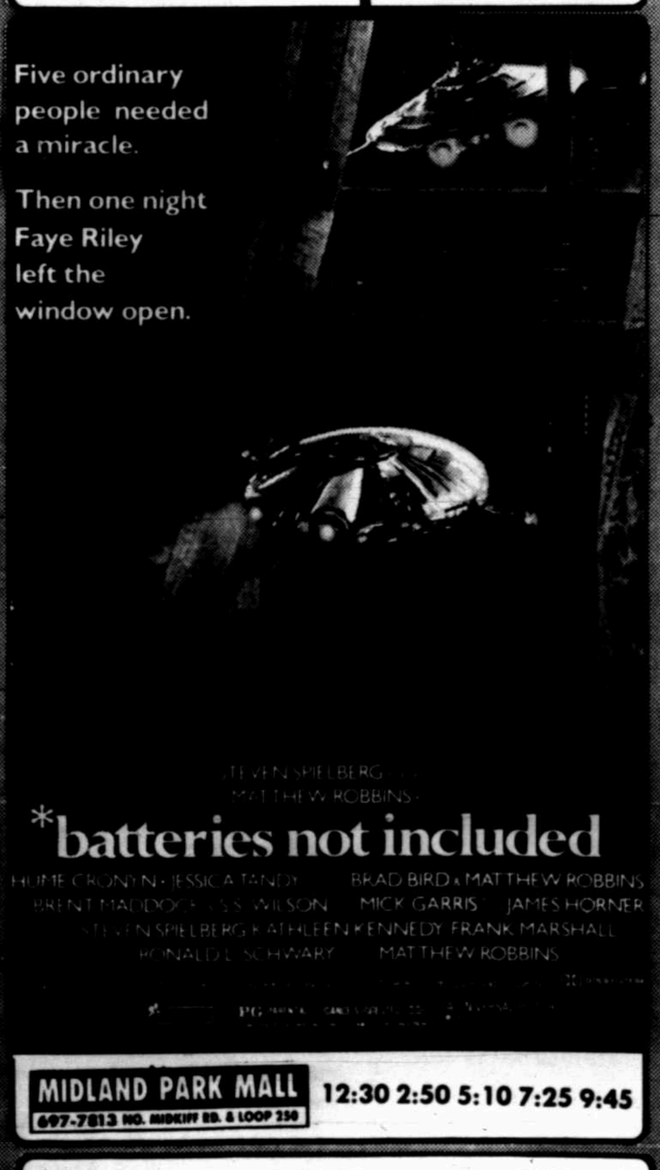
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Antiquarian book dealer got early start in business

By SUSAN OKULA
AP Business Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Books have always held endless revelations for William Reese, and now they're yielding more than $1 million in annual sales for the "boy wonder of the book business."

When Reese was a sophomore at Yale University, he borrowed $40,000 from his parents to buy 20 tons of books and launch his business in old and rare books.

Twelve years later, he is one of the country's leading sellers of antiquarian books dealing with Americana, says Michael Ginsberg, vice president of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America.

"You could call him the boy wonder of the book business," says Ginsberg, who runs a similar business in Sharon, Mass.

"I never could get much interested in stamps or coins," says Reese, 32. "It didn't have much content after you had seen the thing itself, whereas books can endlessly reveal things."

Wm. Reese Co. operates out of two connected and unmarked townhouses in New Haven. Reese estimates he has a half of mile of bookshelves there, plus another half mile in a warehouse.

"That's maybe 50,000 books," he says.

He specializes in books and papers having to do with America, and in 20th-century literature.

"What got me into the business was originally an inexplicable desire to read," says Reese. "By the time I was at Yale, I already had more books than I could move around. I became a dealer as a mechanism to see a lot more books, to hold a lot more books than I ever could have done if I had just been a collector."

Reese didn't intend to become a dealer until after graduation, but an opportunity came up that he could not pass up.

A New York bookseller who was retiring told Reese that a customer had died and his collection was up for sale. Reese and the bookseller, Peter Decker, went to check out the collection and recognized that the asking price of $40,000 was a bargain.

Reese defines antiquarian books as those that have a special value, either because of age or scarcity.

The most expensive book he ever sold was an atlas of paintings by C. Bodmer, a Swiss artist who accompanied the German prince Maximillian Alexander Phillip up the Missouri River from 1832 to 1834. It sold for $150,000.

Other books, listed in his dozens of catalogs, sell for as little as $20.

One of his favorite items, a 16th-century map of the valley of Mexico, hangs on the wall of a Yale library. Reese found it at an estate rug sale.

"If you're continually occupying yourself with doing something, then opportunities are going to present themselves to you. It's a matter of serendipity," he said.

On one trip to Ohio, Reese bought a broadside, a piece of paper with printing on one side, for $200 from a bookseller who didn't recognize its significance.

"It was a message from the president to the members of Congress asking them to assemble on Oct. 17, 1803, to conduct important business," Reese said.

"The reason I bought it is I knew what it was. Oct. 17, 1803, was the date they voted the Louisiana Purchase, and there was Jefferson's letter to members of Congress asking them to come vote on the Louisiana Purchase. It was a secret and he didn't want to say what they were going to do."

Reese discovered there were only two other known copies of the broadside. He also found out that the Historic New Orleans Foundation had one of only two known copies of a letter from then-Secretary of State James Madison that had accompanied Jefferson's letter.

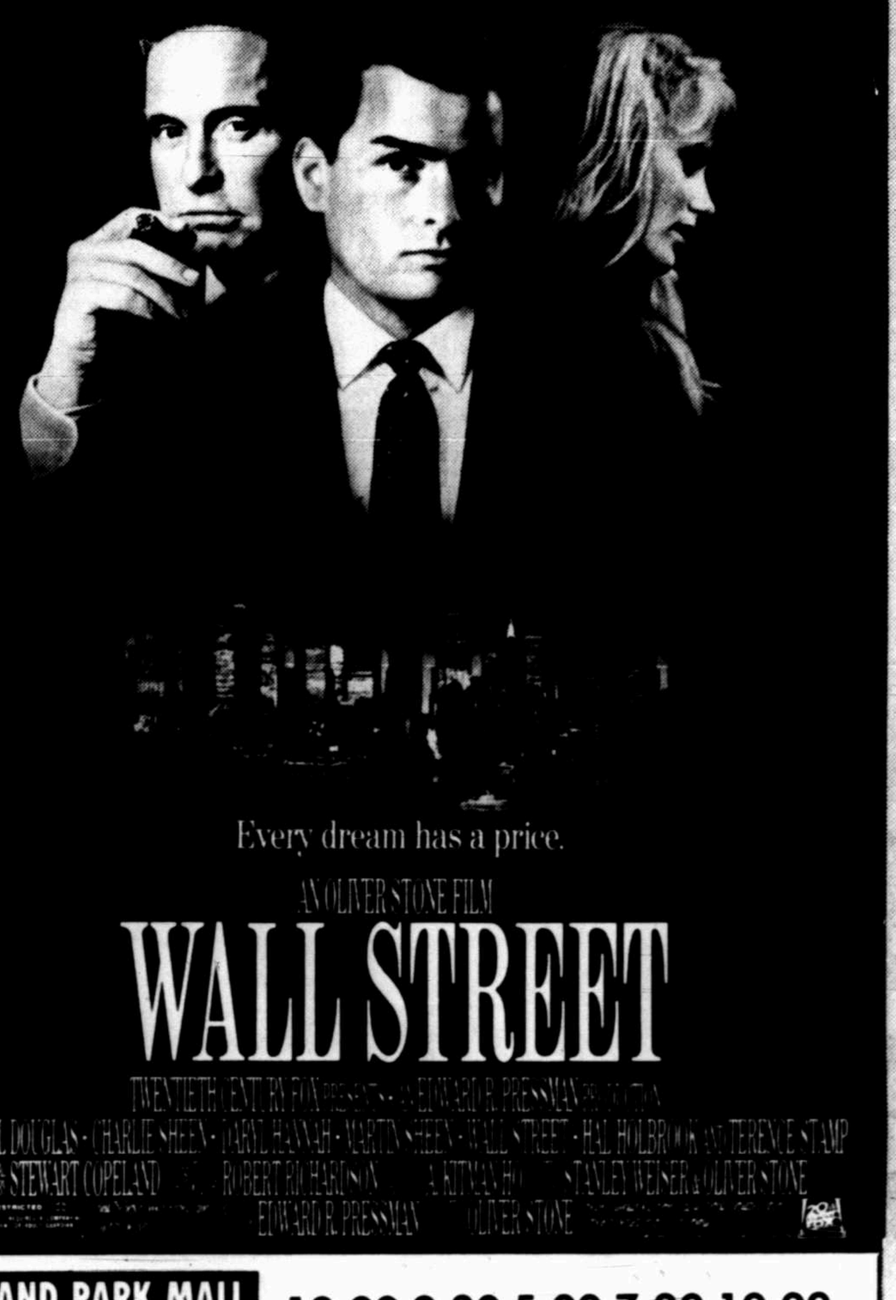
He sold the broadside to the foundation for $6,500, giving them the only pair.

"Luck like that doesn't happen every day," Reese says.

His personal collection is mostly made up of books by 20th-century British authors, but occasionally he finds a piece of Americana that he holds onto.

He has a copy of John Locke's "Essay" that belonged both to George Wythe, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Thomas Jefferson. Wythe was Jefferson's law teacher and the two corresponded about Locke, Reese said.

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American slave descendants surviving in corner of Canada

EDITOR'S NOTE — Most of the estimated 400,000 blacks among Canada's 26 million citizens are West Indian immigrants living in the big cities, but some 30,000 descendants of American slaves live in virtually segregated communities in Nova Scotia. Some are well-off, but many live in squalid shacks reminiscent of the Old South.

By JEFF BRADLEY

PRESTON, Nova Scotia (AP) — Held fast by family ties, inertia and a legacy of discrimintion, an enclave of blacks directly descended from American slaves has survived intact in a corner of maritime Canada where their ancestors took refuge 200 years ago.

"Some young people move out, but a lot decide to move back the first chance they get," says handyman Edgar Johnson of North Preston, where split-level homes and run-down shanties indicate progress, and the lack of it, for a tiny minority that somehow hangs together.

Half an hour's drive from the provincial capital of Halifax, North and East Preston are the heart of the original freed slave settlement of the 1780s and remain virtually segregated in a province that has 30,000 blacks in 48 scattered communities.

North Preston's two elementary schools, the Nelson Whynder and Allen W. Evans, are entirely black, and the local orphanage is named the "Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children," as if the civil rights and black power movements never happened.

Winding country roads, wooded hills and fishing ponds have changed little since freed slaves were first apportioned 10-acre plots of swampy land in Preston.

"It's unique in Canada," says Dr. Bridglal Pichai, director of the Black Cultural Center for Nova Scotia. "The land was allotted to them in the 1780s and they have been there ever since."

In 1841, Sampson Carter, William Dair Seur and 105 other blacks in Preston petitioned the government for title to their land and the chance to move to better lots where "by patient industry and frugality" they could improve their prospects.

But the request was denied, and Pichai says the majority of Preston residents still lack legal title to raise mortgages or sell their land, an oversight that typifies the quiet neglect of Nova Scotian blacks. "We're working on this now with our lawyers," he says.

While Preston residents complain of discrimination, especially on the job market in an economically depressed province, life is comfortable for many.

East Preston is a verdant community of modest single family homes nestled among the trees, with cars in the driveway, flowers in the garden and rocking chairs on the porches. Many residents commute into Halifax for work.

North Preston is a poorer, more congested settlement dependent on welfare checks and plagued by unemployment and alcoholism. A row of new government-subsidized homes is a stone's throw from wooden shacks reminiscent of the Old South. Residents are reluctant to talk with reporters because of past news articles depicting their community of 1,200 as a slum.

They say blacks have remained isolated here for generations for good reason: the availability of land, a society built on the extended family and local church, and the comfort of staying with your own in an alien culture and climate.

"Everybody knows everybody," says Johnson, 43, who works for the Preston Area Housing Fund. "It's like brothers and sisters in this community. If your car breaks down, everyone who passes will help you."

The government does not record separate statistics on blacks, but Johnson put the jobless rate in North Preston at 80 percent in winter and 15 percent in summer, when there is construction work.

Gerald Taylor, director of the Halifax Black United Front, says 18 of every 20 Preston students drop out of high school. Many girls leave because of pregnancy.

"If they have two kids, the government will actually build them a house," says retired teacher Doris Evans of the Black Educators' Association. She tells blacks they have to out-perform whites, rather than expect special treatment, in order to achieve equality.

Mrs. Evans was born into one of 15 black families in the town of Kentville and when she reached high school, a white store owner objected to his daughter attending the same school.

"They built a one-room school just for blacks, but I didn't go," she says. "I went back to the old school and they sat me in the back row in the corner for the whole year." She overcame the humiliation and became one of the few blacks to enter college.

While groups of jobless teen-agers gather around ghetto-blasters listening to rap music, their speech full of street talk picked up from films and TV, a community founded on loyalty to king and flag remains inherently conservative.

"We're more British, quieter," says the Rev. William Pearly Oliver, 75, a Baptist pastor whose ancestors came to the province around 1815.

"We are such a small number. I was born in a town where I was the only black child for 25 years. In the United States, there are vast numbers of blacks with their own colleges and a growing middle class."



The Rev. William Oliver is a community leader among the 30,000 blacks of Nova Scotia descended from runaway and freed American slaves.

Oliver, in an interview at his spacious suburban home in the well-off black settlement of Lucasville, described himself as a loyal Canadian but he said Canada's original motive for accepting fugitive slaves was less than noble.

Noting that early Canada was a British colony at odds with the Americans, he says, "The bringing of blacks to Canada was not humanitarianism. It was an act of war, taking labor from the enemy and emptying the plantations.

"All through Nova Scotia our people have the names of former slave owners — Borden, Sparks, Monroe, Thompson. They were brought here under the pretense of emancipation. But continued, subtle and overt forms of racism got black people down."

A World War II chaplain and former adult education counselor to the province, Oliver inspired the creation of the elegant Black Cultural Center on Highway 7 in East Dartmouth to bolster the low self-esteem of blacks.

Most of the estimated 400,000 blacks in Canada's 26 million population are West Indian immigrants living in the big cities, but some 50,000 are descendants of slaves who came north in search of land and freedom in the period between the American Revolution and the Civil War.



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Paulo Collen, center, sits on the steps of a square in Sao Paulo, Brazil, recently with some of the street kids he used to hang out with. Collen, 18, was once a street beggar, but now has a job at a civil engineering firm and has written a book that has called nationwide attention to the millions of abandoned children in Brazil.

Brazilian street kid succeeds as author

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — For years, Paulo Collen was one of the tens of thousands of dirty-faced, barefoot and underenourished children who prowl the streets, stealing and begging to stay alive.

But at the age of 18 he has beaten the odds.

Collen today not only has a job at a civil engineering firm, he has written a book that has called nationwide attention to the millions of abandoned children in Brazil.

In "Mais Que a Realidade" (More Than Reality), Collen, who was abandoned by his prostitute mother when he was 3 months old, describes his childhood inside Sao Paulo's juvenile detention center and on the city's streets.

Created to re-educate abandoned children so that one day they could become useful citizens, the detention center "is in reality a school where the only thing you learn is how to become a beggar or a thief or a murderer because that was how we were treated," Collen writes in his book.

Showing several razor-blade scars on his left arm, Collen said in an interview with The Associated Press that "it was so bad at the detention center that to escape the brutality of it all, I tried to kill myself at least five times."

"No one really cared about us. No one took the trouble to teach and prepare us to earn an honest living."

Alda Marco Antonio, head of the newly created state Child Welfare Department, agreed with Collen's assessment of the detention center.

"It is a repressive place where the kids lose all their self-esteem," she said.

She added in an interview that the department was opening several shelters and boarding houses where children "will be treated like human beings, given vocational training and placed in jobs."

She said no one knows for sure how many street children exist in this industrial and commercial city of 10 million people. She estimates the number at no more than 50,000; other estimates go as high as 300,000.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 7 million children are abandoned in Brazil, a nation of 141 million people. Not all are street children. Some are in orphanages or in detention centers like the one described by Collen.

Collen said he escaped at least 15 times from the detention center but was always caught and sent back, often to be severely beaten. He was 13 when he fled for the last time and became one of Sao Paulo's street children.





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Few people know what sugarplums are

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
"Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
"In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;..."

By ABIGAIL WILSON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Clement Clarke Moore surely knew what he meant when he wrote in "A Visit From St. Nicholas" that the children were snug in their beds while visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

But it seems few people know what a sugarplum is anymore.

The definition in Webster's New World Dictionary doesn't exactly inspire dancing visions: "A round or oval piece of sugary candy."

Identifying a sugarplum stumped even some candy store owners and employees, who, one would think, would sell the confection.

"A sugarplum? I don't know. That's a good question," said Andrea Conte, who owns Conte-Philips Inc. in Nashville, which sells candy.

"I guess it's...let me look it up in James Beard."

But Beard, the food connoisseur, left sugarplums out of the cookbook Ms. Conte consulted. She returned to the telephone with a dictionary.

"It's a small candy in the form of a ball or disk," she said.

Joni Brown, a saleswoman at Greet and Sweet in Nashville, hazarded a guess that a sugarplum might be "a plum covered in sugar."

Ms. Brown said no one had ever asked to buy one. "I'd like to see one. I'd like to taste one."

The owner of Morrow's Nut House also thought a sugarplum was a plum rolled in sugar and said that in her 12 years of selling candy not a single person had asked to buy one.

"Never. Never, never," said Enza Bomcamp.

At Chez Chocolate in Knoxville, saleswoman Lisa Sancher hollered to her co-workers to try to find someone who'd seen, maybe even tasted, a sugarplum.

No one had ever encountered one. "I've never gotten any requests for them and I've come across some unusual candy," she said. "Maybe it's a myth."

Reagan helps out needy family

Story about man caring for disabled wife moves president

NATION

BLOUNTSTOWN, Fla. (AP) — A call from President Reagan and his offer of a donation brightened Christmastime for a man who has spent 30 years caring for his blind, paralyzed and brain-damaged wife.

Reagan was moved to make the call Wednesday after reading a newspaper article about Hilda Alford, who was injured in a traffic accident in 1957 and who has been under the care of her husband, R.L., and their children since.

"The president told me it was wonderful all the good I'd done over the years," said Alford, describing his 10-minute talk with Reagan. "I said: 'Mr. President, you've done a good job, too. I know you've taken a lot of flak over the years, but you've done well.'"

He said Reagan replied, "Well, after reading the article, it doesn't seem nearly as awesome as your task."

The president then promised to send a check to the church fund set up to help care for Mrs. Alford. The amount was not disclosed.

Alford said his wife was tired, but carefully listened from bed to his part of the conversation with the president. Mrs. Alford has suffered seizures, kidney problems and depression during the past year as the family's medical bills mounted.

Alford held several part-time jobs but recently had to quit to take care of his wife full-time, said their pastor, the Rev. Richard Waterman of the Blountstown Church of the Nazarene.

The couple has been unable to get insurance, Waterman said, noting that the traffic accident occurred when the couple was very young. The Alfords won a settlement from the accident, but that money has run out.

"They got in such bad shape financially that the church decided to set up the fund to help them out," Waterman said.

So far the fund has raised more than $13,000 to pay for the Alfords' mortgage, utility bills, groceries and medical bills, the pastor said.

A relative of the Alfords asked former state Republican Chairman Tommy Thomas of Panama City to speak with Reagan about the family's plight. Thomas and the Panama City News Herald have also agreed to match the president's contribution.

"This is the kind of thing the president wants to know about," said Jim Kearce, Mrs. Alford's cousin. "This is a story that needed to be shared."

The Alfords had been married just 10 months when an ambulance hit a car in which Hilda was a passenger.

At first, it appeared she would suffer only minor injuries, but a large blood clot formed and cut off circulation to her brain.

Mrs. Alford was left blind, unable to walk and with limited use of her hands and arms. She was hospitalized for seven months, and her husband visited daily.

The couple later had two children, Jonathan and Juanice, now in their 20s. Over the years, Alford has adapted continually to his wife's needs.

"We've had a difficult life," he said. "But it's been good, rewarding in a lot of ways."

Mrs. Alford, barely able to talk, served as her husband's adviser as he reared the children. Today, he continues to feed, bathe and dress his wife daily.

"I have relied on my faith all these years," Alford said. "If I hadn't had that, I'm not sure what I would have done."

Jonathan Alford, a senior at Florida State University, said that only in recent years has he fully appreciated what his parents accomplished.

"I never realized how tough it was until I got older and could look back," he said. "Most days it seemed pretty normal because that is all we had ever really known. We didn't have anything to compare it to.

"But," he said, "I think it made us all stronger because of all the situations and ordeals we've had to go through."

Contributions may be made to The Hilda Alford Fund, Church of the Nazarene, Blountstown, Fla. 32424.

Arrival of gift shows what can happen when people help others

PALMERTON, Pa. (AP) — Reese Badman's Christmas present from his grandfather had to find its own way to Pennsylvania from California.

The fact that it did "shows what people all across the United States can do if they work together," says the 10-year-old boy.

While visiting Pennsylvania in October, the grandfather traced Reese's silhouette onto a piece of plywood, painted his features on it and cut it out.

Then he took it home to California and left it Nov. 6 at a rest stop outside Palm Springs.

With thumb sticking out and a note inside a clear packet attached to blue overalls, the 3-foot-tall plywood hitchhiker began the trek back to Palmerton. It was a trip that would cover more than 6,000 miles.

The note, written by Reese's mother, Barbara, said:

"Hi my name is Reese Badman. I am 10 years old and want to get home by Christmas. Will you please help me? I live in Palmerton, Pennsylvania, so I'm a long way from home."

The packet contained post cards with instructions to mail them to Reese to let him know the whereabouts of his gift.

The fifth grader received his first postcard from Kingston, Ariz.

"When the second card arriived, we reallly got excited," said his mother. "It hit home that it was really on its way back."

The wooden figure hitched a ride from Arizona to Virginia with Flora and Allen Baarden of Kensington, Md. The couple sent cards nearly every day updating Reese on his gift's arrival.

The Baardens dropped the silhouette off near Ashland, Va., when they spotted a car with Pennsylvania license plates at a rest area.

The replica made a few stops in Virginia, switched to another driver and ended up in Glassboro, N.J. From there, it traveled west to New Cumberland, about 100 miles from its destination.

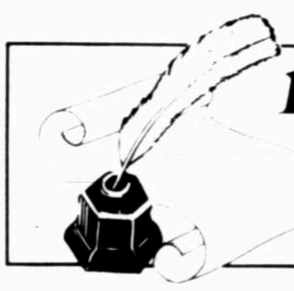
After a brief stop in York, the replica made a slight southerly detour to Baltimore before hitching a ride to Palmerton's Borough Hall.

Another small snag arose when workers at the hall didn't know Reese's home address because of recent changes in the mail route. But Mrs. Badman brought her son's gift home Monday.

"My mom told me to close my eyes," recalled Reese. "When I saw it, I ran over to it and gave it a big hug."

The gift's journey to Pennsylvania gave Mrs. Badman a new outlook on Americans.

"I really have a lot of faith in people," she said. "I am an eternal optimist. I'm a firm believer in people helping people. It really works."



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PHILADELPHIA TODAY

On this clear and cold Christmas Day, Philadelphians carried out business as usual (the modern-day concept of Christmas dates from the 19th century).

Solomon McNair submitted his reward notice for items stolen from his store two days earlier. Anyone returning the goods would get a $16 reward and another $8 for the thieves.

CONFEDERATION TODAY

America's Dutch bankers, Wilhem and Jan Willink, and Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst, wrote from Amsterdam to their old friend John Adams in Paris. Their letter is a commentary on the difficulty of 18th-century communications, and America's credit and credibility abroad.

RATIFICATION TODAY

In New Jersey, a correspondent in today's Trenton Mercury observed with satisfaction the unanimity with which that state's ratifying convention had proceeded, and predicted the same unanimity would be found in the public at large.

This was the day appointed by the Georgia Legislature for that state's ratifying convention to meet at Augusta. Only eight delegates were present. They asked Issue Briggs to serve as secretary pro tem, and adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

In the newspapers, the "Federalist 27," by Alexander Hamilton, appeared in the New York Packet; Centinel VI, an attack on the Constitution, appeared in the Pennsylvania Packet; and a response to anti-federal arguments appeared in the Maryland Journal.

DELEGATES TODAY

William Samuel Johnson (Conn.) noted that today was Christmas. He attended services at St. Paul's and dined with Mr. Temple.

George Washington's diary notes only the weather: "Thermometer at 34 in the morning — 46 at Noon and 42 at Night. Wind at No. West but not much of it." He wrote to Thomas Lewis at Point Pleasant on the Ohio, asking Lewis to serve as his agent in getting tenants for his land on the Great Kanhawa and the Ohio, and outlining rental terms. He also wrote Sir Edward Newenham to apologize for not writing, to report on progress of ratificaation and to repeat the reasons why Newenham's sons could not be appointed American consuls at Marsailles.

Gen. Mifflin, Capt. Falconer and Jacob Hiltzheimer, who were visiting the general's farm near Reading, Pa., went into town to dine with Gen. Daniel Brodhead.

LOOKING BACK

The Dutch in America

Mention the Dutch in America to most people and they think of the Pennsylvania Dutch — who aren't Dutch at all, but German. They don't think of Convention delegates John Lansing and William Livingston or presidents Martin Van Buren, Teddy Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt, all of Dutch descent.

Nor do we think of the Netherlands' role in providing loans for the specie-starved and unreliable third-world country the United States was in 1787.

John Adams had negotiated a loan from the Netherlands bankers in 1782. Earlier in 1787, with interest and principal due on a loan from France, and no specie available to pay, Adams had negotiated another loan on his own authority.

Now, Thomas Jefferson had written the bankers for 51,000 florins to pay principal and interest due to H. Fezaeux and Co. on an earlier loan. Failure to pay the sum due would further damage the already very shaky credit of the Confederation, but Willink and Van Staphorst had some problems:

(1) The notice given them was very short.

(2) The Board of Treasury should authorize payments out of the Confederation money they had on hand; they hadn't heard from the Board.

(3) Since they had very little cash on hand, and the bonds which were to provide the cash for the loan weren't selling, they'd have to advance their own money.

They closed with a fervent plea: "We must entreat your Excellency to desist, for the present, from accepting any further drafts for account of the United States, and to confine your disposals of money to your personal wants, as we might otherwise be exposed to greater advances than the circumstances...incline us to."

Reagan calls servicemen abroad

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five members of the armed forces stationed from Iceland to Turkey received telephone calls from President Reagan on Thursday thanking them for giving up Christmas at home.

"We really appreciate your service," the president said. "It's a sacrifice, I know, especially to be away from home at Christmas. Please pass my best to your fellow soldiers and shipmates and let them know we are thinking of you. There are a lot of prayers here for all of you and we are very proud of what you are doing. God bless you."

The White House identified the service personnel as:

— Army Spec. E4 John Varney of Worcester, Mass., a combat field medic with Joint Task Force Bravo, Company C, 397th Medical Battalion, Honduras, providing medical care for U.S. Forces personnel and Honduran nationals.

— Navy Seaman Keith John Tymkin of Albion, N.Y., aboard the minesweeper USS Inflict, part of the Inport Bahrain Ship Facility in the Persian Gulf.

— Airman 1st Class Mary A. Devera of Rush Hille, Mo., an air surveillance technician with the Air Force's 697th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron in Hofn, Iceland, described by the White House as the first line of air defense for the Northeastern seaboard.

— Marine Lance Cpl. William B. Kelley of Terrytown, Ga., an anti-tank assault man with the Security Force Company of the U.S. Naval Station at Rodman, Panama.

— Coast Guard Electronic Technician 2nd Class Jon D. Moeller of New London, Wis., stationed at the Loran Station in Kargaburun, Turkey, part of a chain of facilities providing long-range radio navigation signals for U.S. military forces operating in the Mediterranean Sea.

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NATION IN BRIEF

FBI declines comment on Czechs' intentions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI declined comment Thursday on a report that five Czechoslovakians, including a military pilot and a nuclear physicist, may have had more than good will in mind when they toured the United States in a truck that also carried an ultra-light airplane.

According to NBC News, scores of U.S. counterintelligence agents tailed the visitors on a five-month-long mystery tour that took them near military bases in 17 states, including one stop in which the small, collapsible plane was flown over a base in the Midwest. The base was not identified.

Sue Schnitzer of the FBI said the five Czechoslovakians had been issued tourist visas, and "the FBI was fully aware of the presence of these ...visitors." She declined to offer any other details.

NBC said the Czechoslovakians, including two Communist Party officials, entered the United States at Niagara Falls, N.Y., last summer after having sailed to Nova Scotia aboard a Soviet freighter. The network said they were allowed to drive into Mexico from Nogales, Ariz., after a border search of their vehicle failed to turn up hard evidence of spying.

The Czechoslovakians earlier told reporters in Tucson, Ariz., they were on a goodwill trip in behalf of their government and a state-run trucking company.

Thieves steal garbage

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — The state's new mandatory recycling program has created a new crime — theft of garbage, police say.

Thieves have been reported stealing cans and bundles of newspapers before the town's recycling truck can come along to pick them up, police said.

"They probably don't even realize it's illegal to do that," said Deputy Police Chief Alphonse Amaral, who added the thieves could be fined up to $100 per incident.

Residents here and in East Greenwich, where pilot recycling programs began this fall, are required to place all cans, bottles, newspapers and other recyclable materials in blue containers at curbside. A town employee uses a special truck to pick them up.

Officials expected residents to set aside 15 percent of their garbage, and initially, collectors took in 20 percent or more. However, the amount began to decline soon after the program began.

Recycling coordinators at first blamed the decline on residents who stockpiled recyclables in anticipation of the program but had exhausted their backlog. But they soon began receiving calls from people reporting that the materials were disappearing before the truck picked them up.

Last of quintuplets home

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Ron and Roz Helms are looking forward to a special Christmas present — the last of their quintuplets is due home after spending nine months in a neonatal intensive care unit.

Samantha Helms, born March 2, was to leave St. Francis Medical Center Christmas Eve. She will join her brother and sisters, Shannon, Benjamin, Bevin and Meredith.

Of the 13 sets of quintuplets living in the United States, the Helms quints had the lowest aggregate weight at birth.

Bevin was the heaviest of the five at birth, but even she weighed only 2 pounds, 3 ounces. Samantha and Meredith weighed only 1 pound, 12 ounces each.

"They've had different health problems, almost all of them relating to the immaturity of their lungs at birth," said Chris Lofgren, spokesman for St. Francis. "They were 12 weeks premature."

Samantha suffered from hyaline membrane disease, a common problem for premature infants. She spent most of her time since birth on a ventilator, but began breathing well on her own two weeks ago, the hospital said.

Record number of calls due

WASHINGTON (AP) — Telephone calls to family and friends on Christmas Day may keep the phone companies busier than ever this year.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. anticipates handling about 44.6 million calls today, which would set a holiday record. Last Christmas, the long-distance leader placed about 39.3 million calls on its lines.

MCI Communications Corp., the nation's second-largest long-distance company, expects to handle about 10 million calls on its lines Christmas Day and US Sprint Communications Co., No. 3 in the industry, anticipates as many as 15 million calls on its lines.

All three companies will have discounted holiday rates in effect during Christmas Day.

AT&T advises callers they can save money by avoiding operator-assisted calls by dialing directly whenever possible and using a telephone credit card.

The cheapest calling times for AT&T, when rates are discounted 53 percent, are from 11 p.m. Christmas Eve until 8 a.m. Christmas Day, and from 11 p.m. Christmas Day until 5 p.m. Sunday. Evening rates, discounted 38 percent, will be in effect from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Christmas day.

Call volume is traditionally lowest on the holiday between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., AT&T said.

Long-distance rates will drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s long-distance rates will drop Jan. 1, but the reduction will be less than the 3.6 percent the company had proposed, the Federal Communications Commission said Thursday.

The FCC said access charges the regional Bell companies were proposing to impose on long-distance carriers for connection to the local network were too high. It directed industry-wide reductions of more than $760 million beginning next year.

AT&T told the FCC last month that the Bell companies' proposed charges were excessive based on calling volume and expense estimates. The company proposed access charge reductions of $665 million for its connections, which would mean an average 3.6 percent cut in AT&T's long-distance rates.

Plane hits condominium

DESTIN, Fla. (AP) — A small plane crashed into the 19th floor of a beachfront condominium in this resort community Thursday, killing one person and critically injuring another, authorities said.

No one in the Hidden Dunes Resort was believed hurt in the 1 p.m. crash, which witnesses said left the plane hanging out the side of the building.

The pilot of the two-seater, a man in his late 30s, suffered chest injuries and multiple fractures, and his female passenger was dead at the scene, according to Rick Stevens, an associate director of Okaloosa County Emergency Medical Services.

A security guard who refused to give his name said the 19th floor was empty because penthouses were being remodeled. There was no fire when the plane hit the building, he said.

"It's hanging on the side of the building," the guard said.

The pilot, who was hanging out of the plane by his seat belt, was rescued by workers from inside the penthouse, Stevens said.

Town to lift liquor ban

PRAIRIE CITY, Ill. (AP) — This tiny community in west-central Illinois has voted to end a 40-year-long dry spell and lift a ban on alcohol sales.

By a lopsided margin of 131-11, voters approved the lifting of the long-standing ban in a referendum, clearing the way for the city to issue a single license for the sale of beer and wine.

Advocates of lifting the ban noted that Casey's General Store, a national convenience store chain, has said it will build an outlet in Prairie City if it can sell packaged beer and wine coolers.

The business could mean several thousand dollars in sales taxes annually for the city of 600 people, which lost its only service station and grocery store in recent years.

Recalling that problems with the town's taverns led to the liquor ban about 40 years ago, Prairie City Mayor Warren Thurman said the referendum would grant a liquor license only for Casey's and only for packaged liquor.

"We had one tavern then, some say as many as three," Thurman said. "There were a lot of brawls, and the police protection was costing more than what the liquor tax generated."

Thief robs deposit box

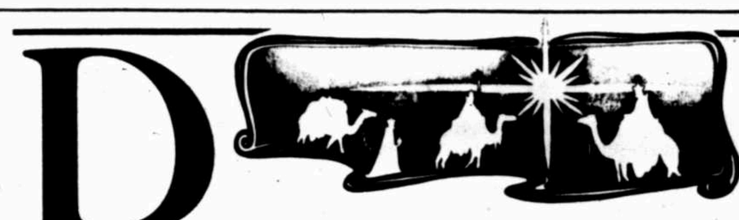
SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — A crafty crook covered a Comerica bank branch night deposit box with an out-of-order sign, set up a substitute box and then made off with $11,000 in store receipts deposited by an unwitting customer.

Police Officer Gary Conat said the phony night deposit box was set up at the Northland Center mall branch last Saturday. An employee of a mall store found out-of-order signs posted near the night deposit drawer. Bank officials later found a key had been broken off in the lock.

Signs directed customers to an adjacent green metal box with the word "Comerica" on the side. A posted warning said that tampering would result in prosecution and that the box was under 24-hour surveillance.

The box was removed later, and the theft was reported Tuesday by a store manager.

The FBI is involved in the investigation, although there is some question of jurisdiction because the money was never technically in the bank, said Bill Kerans, a Comerica spokesman.


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around town

San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts will feature an exhibit titled "Color Magic in Wool." It will be on display through Jan. 3.

The artist is Lloyd W. Blanks. His art works in this exhibit use only wool yarns in a full range and combination of colors.

The museum is located at East Ave. C and Burgess Street in the Quartermaster Building on the grounds of Fort Concho in San Angelo. For more information or to arrange a guided tour call (915) 658-4084...

...**TALL CITY** Road Rider's will meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7 in the meeting room of the Rodeway Inn, 3601 West Wall. For more information call 682-9669 or 684-2381...

...**LADIES ASSOCIATION** of Ranchland Hills Country Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Jan. 6 at the club for a luncheon, book review and informal modeling.

Reservations must be made by Jan. 5. For more information or to make reservations call 682-3729...

...**MIDLAND COUNTY** Public Library's Amazing Events will feature "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss, which is 30 years old, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Library, 301 W. Missouri.

This is a special celebration and there will be a film showing. Children and adults are welcome to attend. For more information call 683-2708...

...**FORT WORTH** Stock Show and Rodeo will be Jan. 22-Feb. 7 at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. Tickets are available at the Rodeo Ticket Office in the lobby of the Coliseum or at all Rainbow-Ticket Master locations. Call toll-free 1-800-992-8000 in Texas for more information.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. matinees Monday-Friday...

...**VISITING NURSE** Service of Midland has established a new telephone line called VNS-CARE. This new line offers Midland and Odessa residents a no-cost way to have important health care questions answered by trained registered nurses.

The line is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions will be answered promptly and without obligation or cost. The numbers to call for the VNS-CARE line are 563-2733 or 689-6697.

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...**MUSEUM OF** the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, is exhibiting "A World Made Small," a collection of miniatures and doll houses, through Jan. 10. The collection includes the traveling exhibition of "Architecturally Designed Dollhouses," 14 award winning designs from an international competition for architects.

The exhibitions of doll houses and room boxes include a haunted house, Victorian houses and historical scale replicas.

The museum also is displaying "Piranesi: The Grandeur of Ancient Rome," an exibition of 45 etchings by Giovanni Battista Piranesi, through Jan. 15. Piranesi, a Venetian born in 1720, was influential in the development of neoclasicism. Many of his etchings feature ancient Roman architecture.

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...**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS** Society Support Group will have an education/support meeting 7-9 p.m. Jan. 7 at Cardiocentral, 415 W. 8th, in Odessa.

Gaylean Ionatsch and Debra McPherson, registered dietician, will discuss diet and nutrition for persons with MS. The public is invited to attend. For information call 697-6118...

Christmas colored by love for plants

By PATRICK DENTON
Copley News Service

When gardening is so much a part of a personal style of living that it colors virtually everything else in life, then it's really quite impossible to keep the garden and growing things out of a special celebration such as Christmas.

From the gathering of the Advent wreath greenery at the beginning of the month, to arranging dried Christmas bouquets and potting small gift plants and cuttings, through the search in the yard for bits of evergreen for the Christmas table, right to the glad welcoming of the gift poinsettia plant that always arrives from longtime and well-loved gardening friends, the Christmas season in our family is gently but thoroughly colored with our love for plants and garden.

But now it's time for bit of a thoughtful rest. Not long ago I received a very touching request for the odd column that did not deal at all with practical matters.

Forget, once in a while, a friend suggested, all the things that must be done or should be done, and give us a column that simply allows us to think about gardening and our part in its glorious history, how we are caretakers who create and pass on our creations to others.

"We would love that little time out such a column would give — perhaps at Christmas."

This plea made me think about how very busy most of us are, how little time there seems to be to stand back from what we have done and just enjoy it. With all the doing we forget how good it is just to be.

The important and beautiful idea contained in this request also recalled to my mind the pattern of activity in the very first chapter of the Bible, Genesis 1, the first creation story, with its great dignity and order. That beginning truly reflected the Israelites' continuing growth under the guiding hand of God, and it surely reflects what our lives — and our gardens — are like. Out of a sometimes tangled, chaotic mess, out of darkness, we work toward light, order, beauty — and life.

But with all the creative activity, there is also a clear call to rest. Don't forget to stop, we are reminded. Stop, rest, step back from the doing. Take time to see what you have created, how good it is.

It seems to me that Christmas, for most of us, is an ideal time to stop the doing for a short while and just enjoy the goodness around us — the friends, our families — and take a tip from our cherished gardens. Over most of our continent, they are resting. Why not follow their example, and enjoy a refreshing spot of peaceful repose to replenish our inner resources?

It's nice, too, at this time of the year to reflect a little on some of the many fringe benefits that come to us courtesy of our beloved hobby — the intimate contact with nature, the earth, its changing season, the ability to find tranquil happiness among our plants and in our own backyard; a joy in the simple pleasures of the garden and friends and neighbors with whom to share them; the contentment and fellowship that comes with hard knowledge and gifts of the garden.

The intensely creative nature of gardening, and the pattern of constant rebirth and renewal that we see in our gardens, make this hobby of ours a powerful symbol of the Christmas message of hope — hope both for our own personal happiness and, as an extension of that happiness, hope for a just and peaceful world.

For as the Earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden make seed spring up,
So will the Lord God make both integrity and praise
spring up in sight of the nations.
— Isaiah 61



CNS Graphic

Advent of lady Santa heralded by feminists

By PHYLLIS BATTELLE
Hearst News Service

NEW YORK — The first woman Santa Claus made her appearance in this city in 1970.

The advent of a female St. Nick was hailed as a breakthrough of sorts for equal rights. Although feminists never lobbied diligently for the right to ho-ho-ho, any advancement into the area of "men's work" was considered significant. Some advocates of a unisex society rejoiced by predicting that the next giant leap for humankind would be a girl baby cradled in liberated creches.

That was not to be. The infant Jesus has remained sacrosanct and male. As one relieved gentleman observed wryly, "Let us thank God that She didn't permit change."

As a matter of fact, even the concept of the female Santa Claus has never really caught on in a big way. By the late 1970s, approximately five percent of some 20,000 store and street-chimney Santas were women — and that small ratio remains fairly stable. You don't find feminists objecting, either. The reason females are not straining to break into the Claus business has little to do with discrimination and much to do with economics: a red-suit career is difficult, seasonal and notoriously low-paying. Department store Santas typically earn only minimum wage, and contemporary women naturally spurn such positions.

And the work can be physically demanding. The Clauses who are obliged to stand outside, often in bitter weather, ringing bells and smiling back at scowling adults, have to follow stringent rules and often carry their own chimneys from home to street site. At stores, Santas face other challenges. "I wouldn't want my girl to take on the job," said a friend of ours who became a store Claus several years ago when he was idled by a newspaper strike. "It sounds like fun, but it's tough — a man's job."

He recalled that on his first day in the toy department, he dandled more than 200 little ones on his knee and rather enjoyed it. But "the bigger kids, the 9- and 10-year-olds" gave him a hard time, tugging his whiskers and taunting him. Then, three days before Christmas, on his lunch break in the employee cafeteria, when he went to pay his check he discovered his wallet was missing. "Some little thug's gonna have a happy Christmas," he philosophized as he resigned.

Although the gender of Santa Claus is still negotiable, as well as the color (a female black St. Nick made her debut in a Washington, D.C., department store almost a decade ago), some women who have tried it have since retired — even though they could use the money. One told me she enjoyed the youngsters — 'it's really fun and fulfilling, cuddling the kids" — but was put off by their parents. "Some mothers, especially, did not take to the idea of a lady Santa Claus," she said. "That surprised me, frankly. Women would be standing in line with their children and when they got close enough to see my face, they just grabbed the kids' hands and led them away. One of them complained to the store buyer, saying they shouldn't have hired a female 'cause kids expected a male Santa, and she didn't want them to be 'confused.' "

But the mothers' reservations were difficult to accept, in view of the fact that Santas now come in so many sizes, heights and temperaments that one more variant is unlikely to make a difference. In fact, some experts on pediatric psychiatry concur that small children, especially sensitive ones, would prefer a softer-voiced female rather than the usual bluff male Claus.

"Most of these characters who portray Santa believe their job is to talk and laugh louder than anyone else a little child has ever met before," according to Dr. Benjamin Spock, the world's best-known authority on child care. "Their clothes and beards are strange enough" without the booming vocal chords.

So a quiet female Santa could scarcely confuse children more. And she might traumatize them a great deal less. Women in red suits are not as likely as men to bellow and grasp; and as Dr. Spock put it, "It's the loud laugh and the grabbing of a child, holding him on the knee, that causes fear." The complaint that children may be bewildered if they perceive the lap on which they are rooted is a woman's is ridiculous.

Yet it's probably equally ridiculous to believe the current generation of women will clamor for Claus jobs — not unless the season of good will toward man also offers good pay unto Santa.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Christmas trees: 'Attractive nuisance' to toddlers

By JIM MAY



May

DEAR FAMILY: My 2-year-old had just pulled the Christmas tree over for the third time.

I have spanked him, sent him to his room, and tried keeping him out of the room where the tree is and he still goes back and does it again.

I feel really badly about the whole thing. My mother says that he never touches her tree and yet he pulls ours over. Do you have any suggestions? — SCROOGE

DEAR SCROOGE: Christmas trees are an "attractive nuisance" for toddlers, who may not be able to tell the difference between a "ball" on a Christmas tree and a "ball" they can play with.

Assuming your son is accidentally pulling the tree over, perhaps you could tie the tree to the wall.

Move breakable ornaments and give him several non-breakable ornaments at his height that he is allowed to take off and put back on. Show him how to take the ornaments off and on carefully.

These steps will make life a little easier for parents — reduce temptation and possible damage, and lower the "Scrooge Index."

Have a family meeting to discuss the Christmas tree problem. Give your son a chance to say what he thinks is happening.

The rules of the family meeting allow each person to express his or her opinion without contradiction.

In searching for the solution, each member of the family "brainstorms" to come up with a workable answer. This process teaches children how to be problem solvers, not just problem generators.

After an approach is agreed upon, penalties should also be agreed upon.

You'll want to teach your son that there are logical consequences of his actions, such as sitting in the "time-out" chair for five minutes, not being allowed to play with his ornaments for one hour, and so on.

Once the consequence is agreed upon, it must be followed consistently (unless it doesn't work). Consistency is very important to the over-all process of establishing family rules.

DEAR READERS: Speaking of Christmas, I would want to also warn everyone about poinsettias, another "attractive nuisance" to young children.

Unfortunately, they are also POISONOUS. Keep them far out of the reach of young children — but remember, children who can crawl often can climb very well.

DEAR FAMILY: My sister's 30-month-old throws really awful tantrums. She falls on the floor and screams at the top of her lungs and kicks and swings her arms.

My sister just ignores her. She says that her daughter will outgrow tantrums and that it's easier on everyone if they just ignore her. I like to visit my sister, but I don't want my son to start acting like that. What do you think? — WORRIED

DEAR WORRIED: I agree with you.

Dr. Spock suggested that tantrums were just a stage that children pass through and to ignore them.

I don't think that is a good idea unless the parent is willing for the child to throw a tantrum outside the home — for example, at church, the supermarket, the mall and so on. The home is, after all, the child's laboratory where he/she learns, among other things, socially appropriate behavior.

In my experience, I have learned that tantrums should be interrupted as soon as they occur. Depending on the age of the child, put her/him in a chair, firmly restraining the child *without* anger.

Hold him/her gently but firmly and in your calmest voice, tell the child that kind of behavior is unacceptable and inappropriate at home.

Simply and calmly repeat that until the child is quiet. Once the tantrum has been interrupted, then the child can go about his/her activities.

After the tantrum is over, you may want to reflect back upon possible causes of the tantrum.

Ask the child what "caused" the tantrum. She/he may or may not know, but if you have a suspicion, share it with him/her.

Suggest other things that they might do to solve a particular problem rather than having a tantrum.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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AT WIT'S END

Santa Claus questionable role model for children

By ERMA BOMBECK



Bombeck

He's fat. Too many cookie tosses have caused his triglyceride level to soar. Despite warnings from the surgeon general, he still puffs on a pipe that has smoke encircling his head like a cloud. His work ethic is sporadic and is somewhere alongside that of a talk show "guest host."

He doesn't vote or pay taxes. He doesn't stand when the national anthem is played. He doesn't care who wins the pennant, doesn't care what the stock market does or get involved in disarmament to ensure peace.

And yet, 87 percent of the children in this country between the ages of 3 and 10 still believe Santa Claus is the greatest role model on the face of this earth.

Who is this 2,000-year-old enigma who has never been interviewed by Barbara Walters or Sam Donaldson or by any other member of the press? What do we know of his church affiliation ... how much education has he had ... what is his ethnic background ... how does he feel about premarital sex? And why does he still continue to capture the hearts and imaginations of our children?

Don't these children know Santa Claus is no more than a handy threat used by parents to get them to shape up? Don't they know he is a retailer's dream for revenue? Don't they know he's not a real person ... but a spirit who lives in a rented suit?

They know.

When all of us were created, we were born with a wondrous innocence. The trick is to hang on to it. With every day that passes, a child sees his innocence diminish. Thoughtfulness develops a price tag ... love harbors suspicion ... even caring is circumspect. Say hello to prejudice. Grow up, sweetie, hypocrisy is everywhere. And don't forget grudges ... the gift that gives nothing forever. Things that seemed so simple to a child slowly become worthless and tarnished when put under the bright lights of reality.

Is it any wonder they hang on to a fat man in a red suit who doesn't try to corrupt them, make demands from them, or sell them any message except be kind to one another and you'll feel better for it?

I taught my children to believe in Santa Claus ... to follow his spirit that people can love you and not have ulterior motives ... that you can give a present and need nothing in return ... or can even give nothing but yourself and that is good enough.

A few years ago while he was teaching in Samoa, our son was hit by a truck that sped away, leaving him by the side of the road unconscious. "What kind of people leave another human being by the side of the road to perhaps die?" I asked. He answered, "The same kind of people in the next car who stopped, gathered me up and took me to the hospital."

Maybe that's why Santa Claus appears to the young ... so they can remind us what we were before we grew up.

Erma Bombeck is columnist for Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Illustrator of Santa Claus a cartoonist

Associated Press

Thomas Nast was born in Landau, Germany, in 1840, the son of Bavarian parents. His family came to the United States in 1846 and settled in New York.

As a boy, Nast displayed a vast talent for drawing and painting, says Country Home magazine, but his family's limited income could not sustain a formal art education.

Forced to seek employment at 15, Nast applied for a position as a draftsman at Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, a powerful and influential periodical of the era.

Although Leslie himself thought Nast was too green, he gave Nast a difficult trial assignment.

When Nast's work proved to be surprisingly superior, Leslie hired him on the spot.

Nast's style was so distinct and evocative that soon other publications were clamoring for his talents.

He began working on a free-lance basis, contributing sketches to Harper's Weekly and The New York Illustrated News as well as to many foreign newspapers and magazines.

Nast may be best known for his dramatic and stinging political cartoons that were instrumental in bringing the corrupt New York political organization of William "Boss" Tweed to an end.

His use of the donkey to symbolize the Democratic Party and the elephant to represent the Republican Party created enduring political emblems.

Nast's most beloved work was the creation of Santa Claus. Although old-world Christmas customs had always included a grandfatherly figure such as St. Nicholas or Father Christmas, it was Nast who produced drawings of Santa Claus as we know him today.

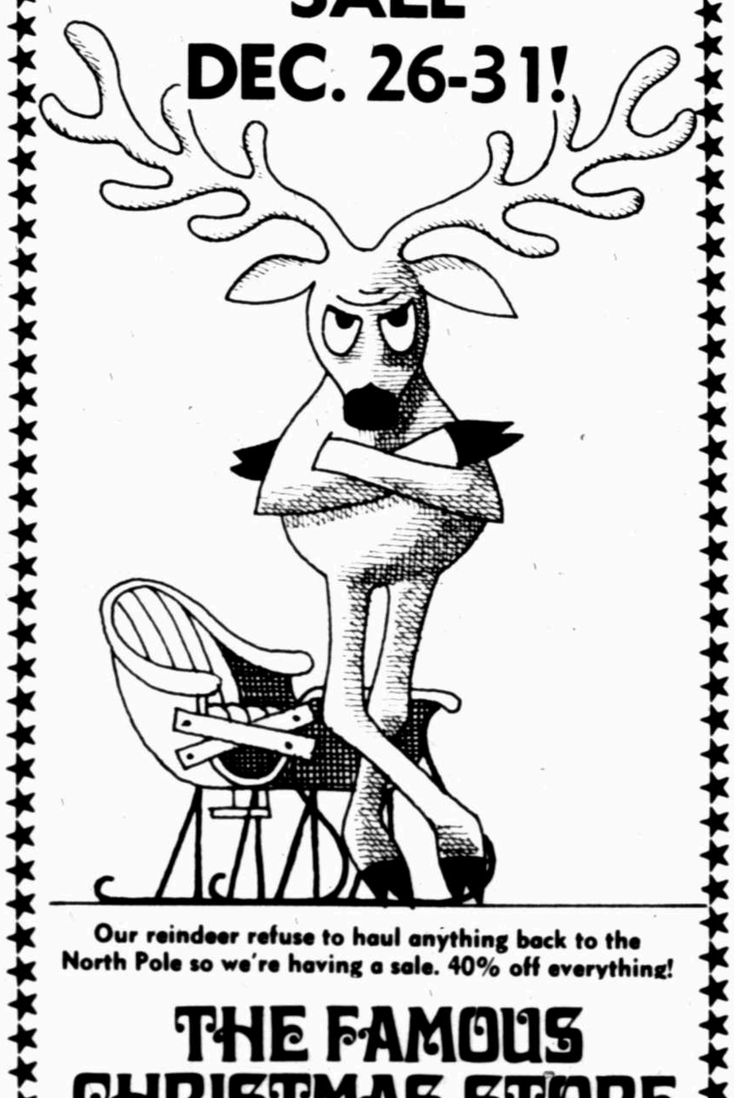
Rotund and rosy-cheeked, Santa Claus first became reality on the pages of Harper's Illustrated Weekly in 1863.

Although Nast continued to refine his Santa, the essential image of a red fur coat trimmed in ermine and a wide belt has remained unchanged.



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Holiday memories most cherished

By ANNA QUINDLEN
New York Times News Service

My most enduring and exalted memory of Christmas is an odd one, tied to neither home nor family. It is the memory of singing in the elementary school Christmas concert each year. We were rehearsed mercilessly from Halloween on, our consonants honed to a cutting edge, our tight little mouths coaxed into generous ovals.

We wore satin robes, floor length and full, with puckered necks and great bell sleeves, intentionally reminiscent of angel garb but colored ice blue, pale pink, chartreuse and gold. My braids were wound around my head, and my mother sprinkled glitter in my hair.

We were very good, I think, although perhaps that is just a trick of memory. I was a first soprano, and in my last year I was permitted to share a solo. It was "O Holy Night," which is really the most majestic of popular carols. What I remember is the music rising from my throat, high and clear, and a feeling in my chest — part nerves, I am sure — as though a large bird were beating its wings inside.

My voice breaks at the high notes now — "Fall on your knees-O hear the angel voices-O night divine" — as I feel a profound sense of mystery.

There is an aura of mystery around the holidays for me; mystery both in the child's sense of things not known and in a keener, adult sense of feelings not knowable. I have come to cherish both, although this was not always so.

MY MOST HUMILIATING Christmas memory is of standing on a chair one day when I was 13 to take a box from Bonwit Teller from the top shelf of my mother's closet. This was during a time when my mother dressed me funny, when I was no longer a child and not quite an adolescent and my mother had a tendency to buy me boucle sheaths and rayon shell blouses.

The gift in the box was no exception: a quasi-Chanel suit, winter white with navy-and-yellow piping and a matching print blouse. I was holding it up against my birch tree of a body when I saw reflected in the mirror my mother's face behind me. It was easy to read the expression in her eyes; I had broken the spell, and her heart. I had destroyed her Christmas.

I suppose all of us are anxious, when we are young, to tear back the veil, even though to do so is often disappointing, and painful. My elder son is picking apart the Nativity story and the Santa myth now, anxious to get to the bottom of both, not knowing that at the bottom is a sad ending.

In the mall one night he explained in a very loud voice that Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem on a donkey to be counted, much as his class is counted to be sure everyone is there on field trips; that when they arrived the city was too full of other babies, making Bethlehem sound a little like a maternity ward; but that they were able to stay with the animals in the stable, which was much better because the cows kept the baby warm. And, he added, they called his name Jesus. ("Do you remember when I was a baby and you called my name Quin?" said my child, who perhaps has delusions of grandeur.)

MUCH OF this has been culled from the Christmas carols he has learned at school, but it has left him with unanswered questions, like "What's a virgin?" and "What was Jesus the king over?"

I answered both in a rather unsatisfactory manner, and shuddered at the thought that next year, he would demand more. I shuddered again in church two Sundays ago, when he looked at one of the Stations of the Cross on the wall and whispered: "Why are they making that man carry a cross? Who is that man?"

Now, he sees the Christmas story as a wonderful tale of mother love and derring-do: the ride on the donkey, the animals in the stable, the shepherds, the angels, the kings, the bad king who tries treachery, the good parents who spirit the baby away. He does not know how it all turns out.

He has developed a similar amalgam of fact and whimsy for Santa. One day he asked me why Santa could not be seen, and I told him I was not sure. "It's because he is an imaginary figure," he said knowingly, and I felt the fish bone of disappointment caught in my throat. "What does being an imaginary figure mean?" I asked. "It means that nobody can see you," he replied, happy with his tautology.

THE SAME FOR flying reindeer. "No one knows how they do it," I said. "Mom," my son sighed, "it's because they eat magic food."

Trying to get at the truth, he remains in thrall to the mystery. He likes to peek into the boxes of the ornaments, to spot the teddy bear with the gold wings or the elephant with sequins on his saddle. He whines to have them lifted out, but I suspect that, secretly, he likes keeping them at arm's length for a tantalizing time. He gets that odd sort of breathless quality in his voice when he talks about leaving the plate of cookies on Christmas Eve and finding them gone the next morning.

I remember once coming out onto the landing to see Santa Claus and falling asleep at my post, and being secretly glad because I knew that my determination to end the mystery might have destroyed it. I woke up in bed the next morning and, lo and behold, he had been there. What a marvel!

I suppose I know how the alchemy works now. Still, I am hugging to myself this very minute my knowledge of a closet full of fine things somewhere in this house, which will materialize in the right place at the right time, as long as I remember to buy batteries. There remains a kind of mystery about it.

The other day I was walking down the main street, shopping, and from inside a store came the voice of Nat (King) Cole, singing, of all things, "Away in a Manger." I felt dazzled. My eyes filled with tears. And I cannot for the life of me tell you why.

Due to careers, some alone at Christmas

New York Times News Service

Christmas is a day to spend with food and familiars, pine boughs and wrapping paper, unless you have a job that automatically puts you out of the running for Mr. or Ms. Sociability of the holiday season.

Lighthouse keepers are few these days, what with electricity and high technology. Even the Kitt Peak observatory in Arizona and the Hale Observatories in California will be automated, not animated, on Christmas Day. Submariners and aviators have colleagues and co-workers on their little islands of humanity. Scientists in the Antarctic sit in their antipodean splendor with other scientists; isolated, yes, but not alone.

In reality, then, finding people whose jobs mean they are alone for the holidays is harder than one might assume, but it's not impossible.

Les Matarazzi, for example, is a dispatcher at the Federal Interagency Communications Center near the San Bernardino National Forest in California. He moved there six months ago to take the job, leaving his family in Sacramento, Calif.

On Christmas, he will be at a microphone in the headquarters, which serves as a communications center for the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management (his employer), the National Park Service and various local law enforcement and fire departments.

Matarazzi readily admits that he will miss being with his mother, brother and sister-in-law. "But I have some work to do," he said. "Ongoing projects and paperwork. The decorations will be up, too."

While Matarazzi is safeguarding the animals and forests of California, Natasha Vasillov is in New York tending her own herds. Vasillov, a technician at the Humane Society of New York, will share most of Christmas with her charges, more than 100 dogs and cats all up for adoption at the society's headquarters, a town house on East 59th Street.

"I'll be there from 9 to noon, giving pills and injections, coating eyes and making sure they eat," she said.

Oh, there will be a veterinarian somewhere in the building, and a kennel worker or two may drop by, which gives Vasillov hope that Christmas will differ from Thanksgiving. That day, she took several sick cats home to care for them, and had a traditional Thanksgiving supper of a bagel. (Christmas dinner, at least, will be shared with family.)

On a normal day the Grand Coulee Dam, in north-central Washington, employs more than 470 engineers, guards and maintenance workers. But this Friday the dam — the largest in the world made of concrete — will have a staff of 12. Michael J. McKay, a power-plant dispatcher, is one of them. He might as well be the only one, since he and his co-workers are spread over the dam's several thousand acres.

McKay has had only one Christmas off in five years. "It still bothers me," he said, although he added, "You learn to put your personal thoughts in the back of your head until you get off."



My Mom has always been a worrier. I have told her many times that she just couldn't be happy if she weren't worrying about something.

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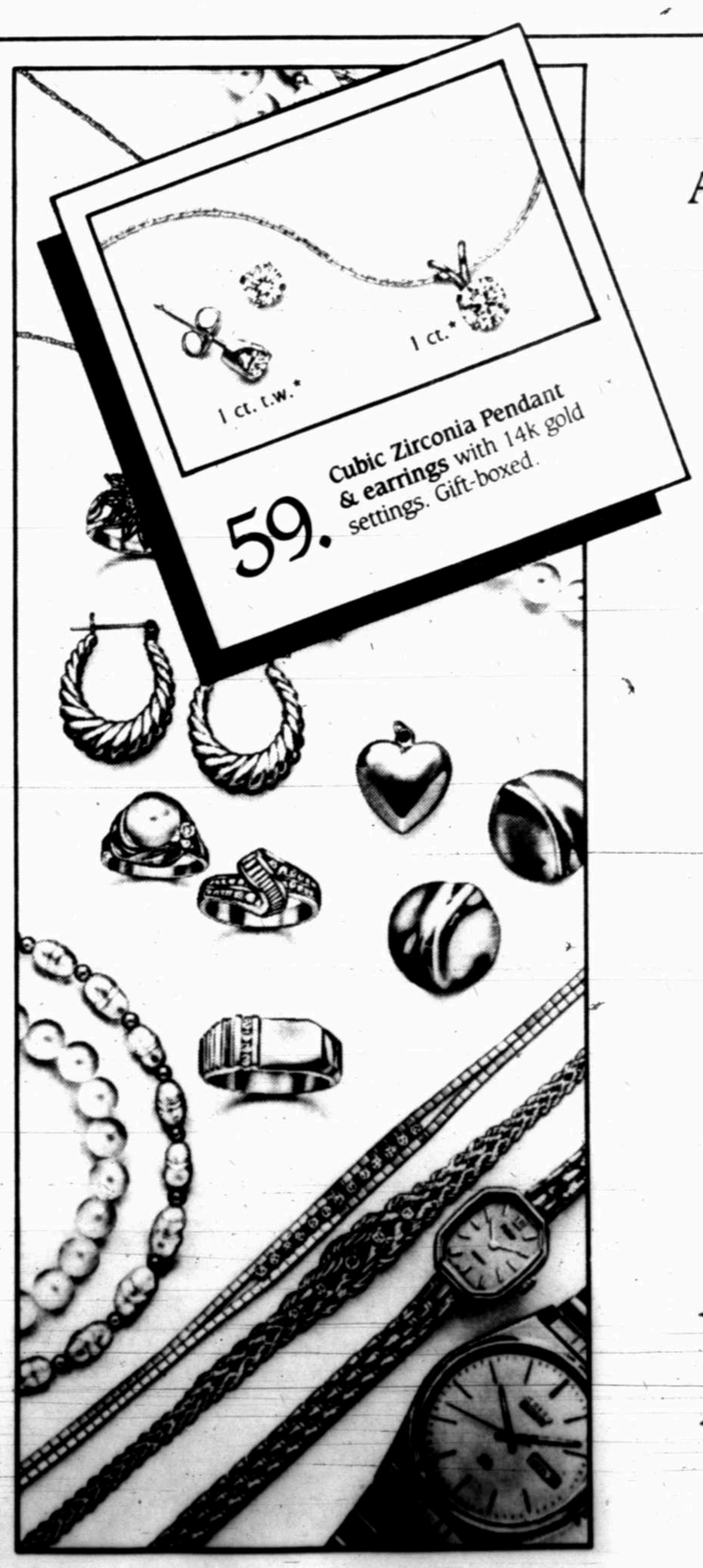
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DEAR ABBY

Co-worker gave man recycled gifts

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: As a daily reader (male), may I share my experience with Christmas presents? Before I retired, I was an executive with one of the largest chain stores in Maryland. A co-worker (woman) kindly answered my phone when I was out of the office. She also took messages for me, and I did her many favors, too, so we exchanged Christmas presents. (Incidentally, she had the reputation of being very tight with a buck.)

One Christmas she told me her husband had received a "soap-on-a-rope" and she couldn't stand the fragrance. Guess what she gave me for Christmas the following year? That foul-smelling soap-on-a-rope! A few days after that Christmas, she showed me and a few other guys in the office an ugly black necktie with a lot of scrollwork and various doo-dads painted on it. She said her husband wouldn't be caught dead in that tie. Of course, I received it from her the following Christmas!

Now here's the payoff. She told me that she and her husband had received a large box of assorted, individually wrapped cheeses for Christmas. One of my co-workers was there and heard how terrible the cheese was, and I bet him a dollar I would get it for Christmas the next year. Of course, I won the bet.

On New Year's Day, my wife and I decided to try some of the assorted cheeses. Abby, they were so old we couldn't even get the paper off any of them.

I'm sure others have had similar experiences with recycled gifts. If you use this, sign me "Blue Eyes." She will know who I am when she reads this — if she isn't too tight to buy a copy of the Baltimore Morning Sun. — NOW IN CATONSVILLE, MD.

DEAR NOW: I think we all have received and recycled a gift or two in our time. My nomination for the most recycled Christmas gifts are: (1) fruitcakes, (2) neckties, (3) colognes.

DEAR ABBY: You're not going to believe this one. There's this woman where I work who is nice enough — as a matter of fact, she's a preacher's wife. Well, yesterday I noticed she had a hickey on her neck! Yes, one of those things that appear when two people are engaged in intimate activity.

Well, Abby, I was just floored. I mean, I don't really mind, being a more liberal type, but what will the other people think? She is married to a man of the cloth — not a vacuum cleaner. She will have to go to church and face the congregation Sunday. Do you think they will stone the couple? — SEEING SPOTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SEEING: Stone the couple? Surely you jest. Jesus said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." But where is the "sin" if a man of the cloth bestows a love bite on his lawful wedded wife?

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column you stated that the Great American Smokeout was conceived by the American Cancer Society. Wrong! It was started in 1974 by Lynn Smith, a Monticello, Minn., newspaper editor. Since then, both the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society have become co-sponsors, encouraging smokers to kick the habit for at least 24 hours. Please give credit where credit is due. Thank you. — JANET GROENKE, ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR JANET: Mea maxima culpa, which maxes me to the limit of my mea culpas for 1987.

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt" objected to her daughter displaying precious family photographs in the bathroom, saying it was not a "nice" place for them to be displayed.

However, there is another reason they should not be there. Whether or not photographs are protected by glass, the steam and vapor generated from the running hot water in the sink, tub or shower could cause permanent damage to the photographs.

Exposure to moisture and excessive light over a long period of time will certainly ruin those photographs. And once they are ruined, they are lost forever. — C.F. KLASSEN, VANCOUVER, B.C.

DEAR C.F.: It is said that one picture is worth 10,000 words. In fewer than 100 words, you, sir, may have saved more than 10,000 pictures. Hail, (British) Columbia!

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter just turned 5 years old. Several times now, I have noticed that while playing or in some activity, when she turns her head a certain way she suddenly screams with pain, indicating that she must feel a very sharp pain in her head.

I have asked her pediatrician twice about it, and both times he said it was nothing to worry about.

I am worried. What could cause it? That child screams out in pain and cries. Isn't there anything that can be done to prevent this from happening? With access to your experts, you might be able to come up with some answers. — TROUBLED MOTHER IN N.C.

DEAR MOTHER: Please have your child examined by a neurologist immediately. The sharp pain she feels is a symptom that there is something wrong. Furthermore, a pediatrician who would tell a mother "not to worry" without ordering some tests to determine why her child screams in pain, would never see my child in his office again.

DEAR ABBY: I agree with "Upset Parent" concerning the free and open sexuality in college dorms. I believe college authorities should take some steps to control immorality in the dorms.

First, they should eliminate coed dorms. I strongly object to your statement that "If young adults are inclined to fool around, they will find a way to do it on their lunch hour."

If young men were kept out of young ladies' quarters and vice versa, it would certainly help to correct this situation.

How did we ever get into this mess, and where will it end? — HARRISBURG PARENT

DEAR PARENT: We got into this mess when the rules were so consistently ignored they might as well not even have existed. And it will end when enough students and parents get that message to the college authorities.

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RICHARD MINZENMAYER

Scorpion infestations in homes can be somewhat like 'Gremlins' movie


Minzenmayer

Recently, I recalled watching the movie "Gremlins," in which hordes of small impish creatures infiltrated virtually every area of their victim's home, wreaking havoc in the most novel and unexpected ways. The manner in which this motion picture depicted the disruption of normal household activity closely paralleled that of a scorpion infestation. While the gremlin is only a mythical creature, scorpion infestations are an all-too-real, sometimes threatening, fact of life for many homeowners in the United States.

I would guess that an infestation of hundreds of cockroaches would be considered by many to be less severe a problem than a single scorpion invading the premises. Even for persons living in the midst of "scorpion territory," few are indifferent to sharing a dwelling with these undesirable creatures.

Scorpions are arthropods and are classified as Arachnids, in the order Scorpionida.

Unlike a true insect, scorpions lack antennae and separate thorax. Like their relatives — the spiders, mites, and ticks — scorpions have four pair of legs, but unlike their relatives, they also have two appendages with terminal pinchers. A posterior extension of the abdomen is segmented to form the characteristic tail, terminating in the infamous poison glands and attached stinger.

Scorpions bear live young, which the female transports on her back for several days after birth. The typical lifespan for most individuals is around two years and growth is facilitated by molting, in much the same manner as snakes. The success of the scorpion as a species is in part due to its ability to survive extended periods of time (up to a year) without active feeding. These traits make the scorpion a fierce competitor and expert survior in a harsh environment.

With two exceptions, the popular belief that all scorpion stings are fatal is not true. In fact, the toxin produced by most scorpions contains formic acid, the same toxin found in wasps, bees, and ants, even though more of it may be injected via a scorpion sting.

While any scorpion sting should be attended to by a physician, the sting of two species, Centruroides sculpturatus and Centruroides gertsci contain a deadly neurotoxin, particulary deadly to the young or elderly. Fortunately, these species are limited in distribution and occur primarily in regions of southern Arizona, the Grand Canyon, and lower points along the Colorado River basin.

In most situations, the usual dependence upon a residual insecticide strategy should be replaced by a "search and destroy" type of approach.

Scorpions, not being true insects, are larger than most household pests. Because the lethal dose of an insecticide is based upon the ration of animal mass to concentration of chemical, the time between insecticide contact and scorpion mortality may be unacceptable.

To accomplish acceptable control, one must be unusually perceptive in order to identify current scorpion harborage sites. The actual number of scorpions infesting a structure at any given time may be small compared to other pests, but these individuals should nevertheless be sought out directly.

In most cases, the source of the infestation is derived more from migration than from the offspring of inhabiting scorpions. It is therefore possible to reduce the frequency and severity of indoor migration by treatment of outdoor areas. Indeed, as with flea or tick control, augmenting indoor control with outdoor treatments is essential for scorpion control.

When treating outdoors for scorpion control, one should recognize and treat potential harborage sites such as woodpiles, rocks, store rooms, well houses, lush vegetation, debris accumulations, landscape covering, roof overhangs, building perimeters, crawlspace entrances, or any other protected or secluded location.

As in the case of spiders and other arachnids, scorpions may be tolerant to certain organophosphates. Carbamates are usually the insecticides of choice, with synergized products, such as the "new generation" pyrethroids, being effective for direct application. DDVP is also useful in scorpion control, with its vaporous activity serving to extend the effective range of a directed spray. Other products can be equally effective. Therefore, a variety of labels should be studied for uses and restrictions as they pertain to scorpion control.

If you have any questions, please call my office any time.

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Farmers' cash income expected to drop

AGRICULTURE

By MATT YANCEY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cash farm income next year is expected to drop slightly from a record $57 billion in 1987 as increases in retail food prices slow to between 2 percent and 4 percent annually, according to the Department of Agriculture's latest projections.

Farmers can expect higher prices and receipts for their crops, lower livestock receipts and prices, moderately higher cash expenses and fewer government support payments than in 1987, the department's Economic Research Service said Monday in its latest agricultural outlook.

The service predicted cash farm income in 1988 will total between $50 billion and $55 billion. Marketing costs will continue to rise at about the same rate as inflation even though the farm value of consumers' purchases will be lower than in 1987.

With smaller world crop supplies and increased consumption, U.S. farm exports will be a bright spot next year as global trade expands and the American share of the world market rises.

USDA predicted the value of U.S. farm exports in fiscal 1988 that began on Oct. 1 will rise about $4 billion above the $28 billion of fiscal 1987.

"It will be a big year for bulk commodity sales," the forecasters said. "Wheat and flour volume will probably be up some 25 percent, coarse grains up around 10 percent and cotton up 20 percent."

Even though there will be less beef, large increases in the total supplies of red meat and poultry products plus higher production costs will keep livestock receipts and prices down.

Pork production may rise as much as 9 percent, broilers will increase by 5 percent and turkeys will be up 6 percent, according to the latest forecast. Output of eggs probably will be about the same as in 1987, but milk production could rise to a new record as increased yields per cow more than offset smaller herds.

Although yields for most crops are up, output will slip from the reduced totals of 1986-87 because the amount of acreage in conservation programs is the second highest ever, the department economists said.

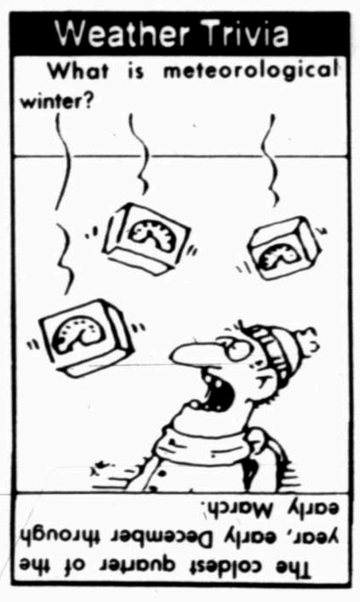
Both corn production and acreage are down. Acreage also is down in soybeans and wheat, but output of both is slightly higher than in 1986-87 because of increased yields.

With strong demand for cotton, yields and production are both recovering and stocks are declining. Ending stocks will be near the desired 4 million bales, the government economists predicted.

Tobacco production is expected to rise from the relatively low totals of 1986 and 1987 as expanding exports offset declines in domestic cigarette consumption.







Fertilizer, pesticide use about same as '86

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers used about the same amount of fertilizers and pesticides this year as they did in 1986, Department of Agriculture figures show.

Use of nitrogen and phosphate on corn held steady at 132 pounds and 61 pounds per acre, respectively, this year while the average amount of potash applied per acre climbed 5 pounds to 85 pounds.

Even though fewer acres were fertilized, the total amount of fertilizer used on soybeans also nearly matched the 1986 level as application rates increased for each of the three nutrients.

Average nitrogen use per acre of soybeans rose from 15 pounds to 20 pounds, phosphate use was up 4 pounds to 47 pounds and potash also was up 4 pounds, to 75 pounds.

For cotton, fertilizer rates varied by nutrient. Nitrogen applications were up 5 pounds per acre at 82 pounds, while potash use declined by 5 pounds to 45 pounds. The use of phosphate on cotton crops was unchanged at 44 pounds per acre.

Fertilizer rates for wheat approximated 1986 levels, the department said.

About 95 percent of the corn, soybean and cotton acreage and about 90 percent of the spring wheat acreage were treated with herbicides this year — no change from 1986 — the department said.

However, the use of herbicides on winter wheat increased 10 percent to 48 percent of the planted acres, it said.

Insecticides were applied to 40 percent of the corn acreage — the same as in 1986 — to control rootworm larvae.

EARNEST KIKER

Spring fields should be soil tested now


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Soil testing should be one of the first steps in planting your 1988 crop production program, and now is the time to collect soil samples from fields to be planted to spring crops. The cost of a soil test is a minor investment to make for the peace of mind it brings when faced with making fertilizer decisions.

If a soil test indicates that fertilizer is needed to attain a desired yield goal, then its use is strongly recommended. Not fertilizing or reducing fertilizer rates may result in yield levels which will not generate enough income to cover basic production costs.

On the other hand, direct savings can result when a soil test indicates that there are already adequate or near adequate levels of nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium or other nutrients to atttain a desired yield.

In either case, following soil test recommendations can effectively reduce the per unit cost of procuding a commodity and increase the chances of making a profit.

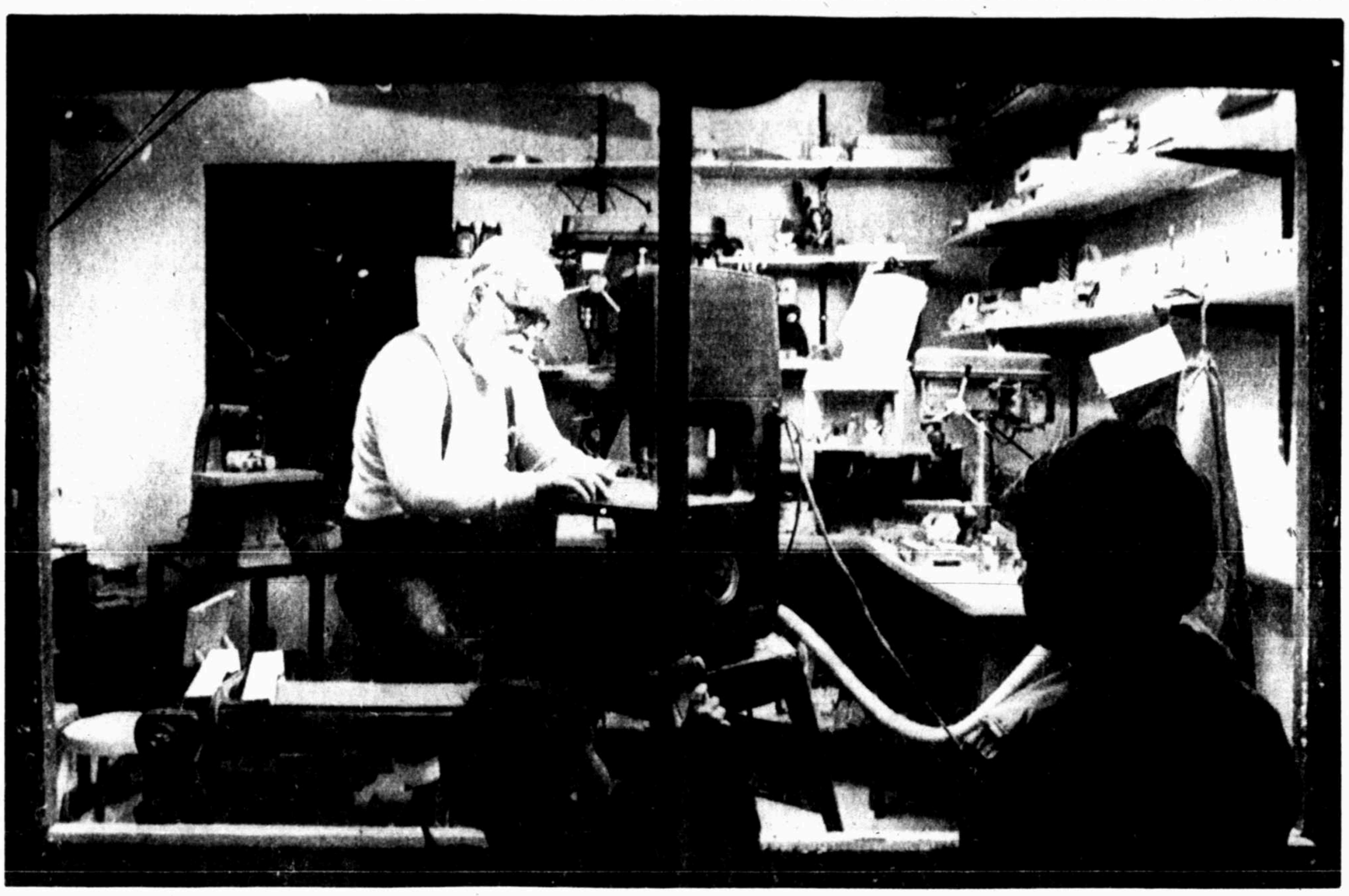
Of course, a good fertility program can only insure optimum yields when other conditions affecting crop yields are favorable. A good plant stand, adequate moisture, good physical condition of the soil, and insect disease and weed control are all important in obtaining profitable returns from money invested in fertilizer.

Crop producers who have not yet made a final deision about which crop to plant on which field should submit soil samples now and request fertilizer recommendations for several cropping alternatives per soil sample. This information can be helpful in making final cropping decisions.

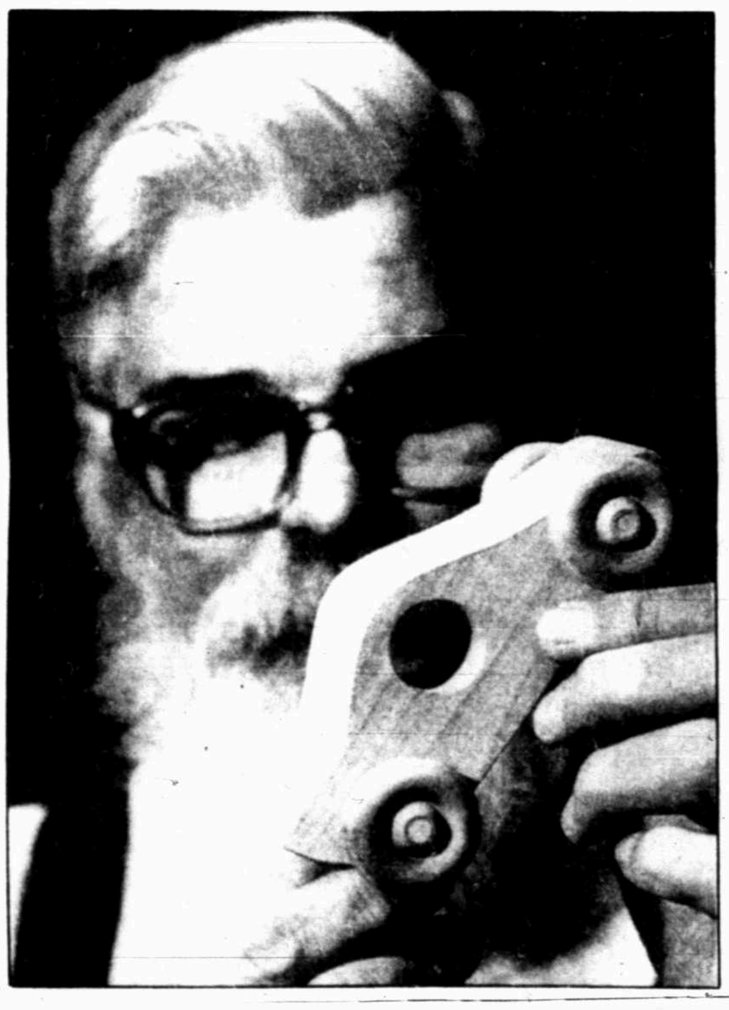
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Two boys watch through the window as Bob Keefe, looking very much like Santa Claus with his white hair and beard and bright red trousers, makes a wooden toy in his Medina, Ohio, workshop. Keefe says he gets the "greatest feeling" knowing the kids are watching him through the window.





Keefe works in his workshop last week, far right. In the foreground are some of the wooden cars, trains and animals that he makes. He has been making toys for years — as his father did before him — for the children who think he is Santa Claus. The toymaker, right, shows off some of his handiwork.



Keefe offers a wooden bus to a small girl who visited his workshop. He gives a toy to each child who comes to watch him work.

Santa's workshop

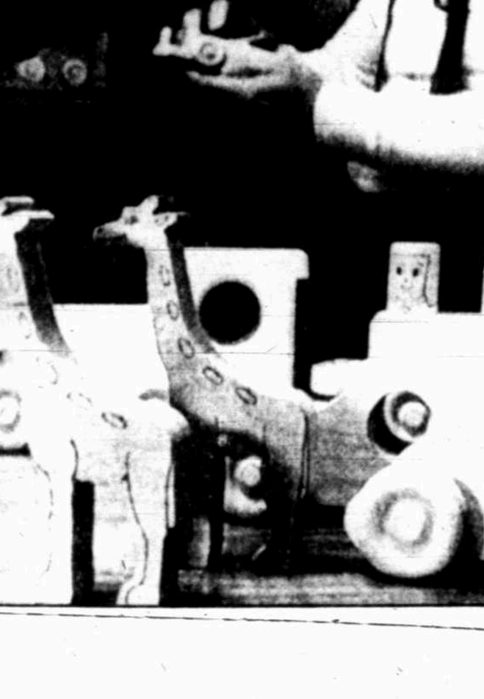
MEDINA, Ohio (AP) — When children see jolly, chubby, white-bearded Bob Keefe busy at work in his shop making toys, they have positive proof that there really is a you-know-who.

"I never mislead the children and tell them I am Santa Claus," Keefe says. "They come right up to me and tell me that I am Santa Claus. It's snowballed. It's terrific, as far as I am concerned. The more children who come in to see me, the more fun I have."

Keefe, a 50-year-old tool and die maker, recently took his toy-making hobby from his home to a small room in Apple Country Market, a rural craft shop that Keefe and his wife Betty run near this small northeast Ohio town.

A window decorated for the season permits visitors, and especially enchanted tots, to peep inside as Keefe works evenings and weekends cutting wood into shapes of animals, cars and trains, as well as various games.

His work is on sale in the craft shop. If a child comes to watch him work, Keefe sees to it that the child gets a toy for free, and there's never a charge for just visiting.



The children in Medina are sure that Keefe really is Santa.

Keefe keeps a traditional Santa coat and hat hung on the wall near his workbench, adding to the illusion's effect.

"I don't put it on," he said, about the Santa outfit. "I don't have children sit on my lap. I want them to have the impression that Santa works, that he's not just an image in the department store. He makes the toys."

Keefe, who says he has been "blessed" with white hair since he was 18, has been married for 35 years and boasts six children and 12 grandchildren. He says even his grandchildren think of him as Santa at this time of year.

The limited profits of his chosen work, he says, are outweighed by other rewards.

"As long as the children are happy, that's all that matters. They get excited, because they believe in Santa Claus. You almost have to see their noses pressed up against the glass. It's fantastic."

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50 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL

Sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the Midland County Auditor, second floor of the Midland County Courthouse or P. O. Box 421, Midland, Texas 79702 until 4:30 o'clock P.M. Friday, January 8, 1988 to be opened by the Commissioners' Court, Monday, January 11, 1988 at the 9:00 o'clock A.M. meeting for the SALE of

410 MISCELLANEOUS-SALE
415 MISCELLANEOUS-WANTED
420 GOOD THINGS TO EAT
430 HOUSEHOLD GOODS
440 FIREWOOD
450 SPORTING GOODS
460 ANTIQUES AND ART
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470 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
480 CAMERAS AND SUPPLIES
485 RADIOS, STEREOS AND T.V.
490 COMPUTERS AND ACCESSORIES
495 FOR FREE
500 PETS AND SUPPLIES

50 LEGAL NOTICES

the following

Description: Being 2.20 acres of land out of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Block 38, T-2-S, T & P Railroad Company survey, also known as Tract 1 and being more fully described by metes and bounds as recorded in Volume 707, Page 442, Deed records, Midland County, Texas and all improvements thereon

Intent: Described property was offered through a Sheriff's Sales the first Tuesday in June 1987 at which sale the premises were struck off to Midland County for the use and benefit of itself and Greenwood Independent School District and Midland Central Appraisal District, on behalf of all Political subdivisions for which it collects taxes for the title

Said taxing entities wish to sell this property for as much as the adjudged value of the said property and all improvements or the amount of the taxes, interest, penalties and costs

50 LEGAL NOTICES

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities

Sealed bids must reference Number 5101-LAND SALE on the outside of same

Dated at Midland, Texas this 18th day of December, 1987 A.D.

Mr. Floyd T. Jarnagin
Midland County Auditor
December 18, 25, January 1, 1987

110 LODGE NOTICES

Keystone Chapter & Council R.A.M. & R.S.M. 1st Tuesday of month, 7:30 p.m. Midland Commandery #84 1st Thursday of month, 7:30 p.m. Practice Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m.

110 LODGE NOTICES

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414, 1000 Upland. Stated Meetings Second and Fourth Tuesday, 7:30pm. All master masons invited. Charles Marchant, W.M. James Holt, Secretary

Midland Lodge 623 A.F. & A.M. 1600 W. Wall 682-3292. Next stated meeting, Thursday, January 14th, 7:30pm. NO MEETING DECEMBER 24th. HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. Dale Ivie W.M. R.G. Kiker Secretary

The Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Drive. Regular stated meeting December 18th, 1987 Hospitality 6:30 pm. Catered dinner 7pm. Business meeting 8pm. All nobles and their ladies invited. Jim Whitt, President. Aaron Cummings, Secretary

115 ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITA Mitchell invites all her clientele to Salon I, Northland Shopping Center. Call 687-1559 or come by.

120 PUBLIC NOTICES

FOR Sale: Pecan trees grown in Midland. Call Tom's Tree House at 694-3144, 694-6260 or 694-1681.

130 PERSONALS

ADOPTION

Young, professional, happily married couple with much love and security to give. Wishes to adopt infant. Expenses paid, confidential. Please call collect after 7pm or wknds. 617-625-9469.

120 PUBLIC NOTICES

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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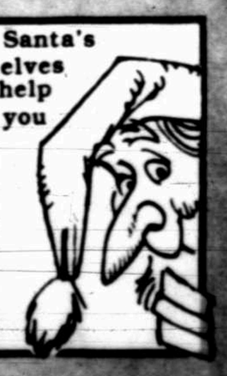
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130 PERSONALS

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150 LOST & FOUND

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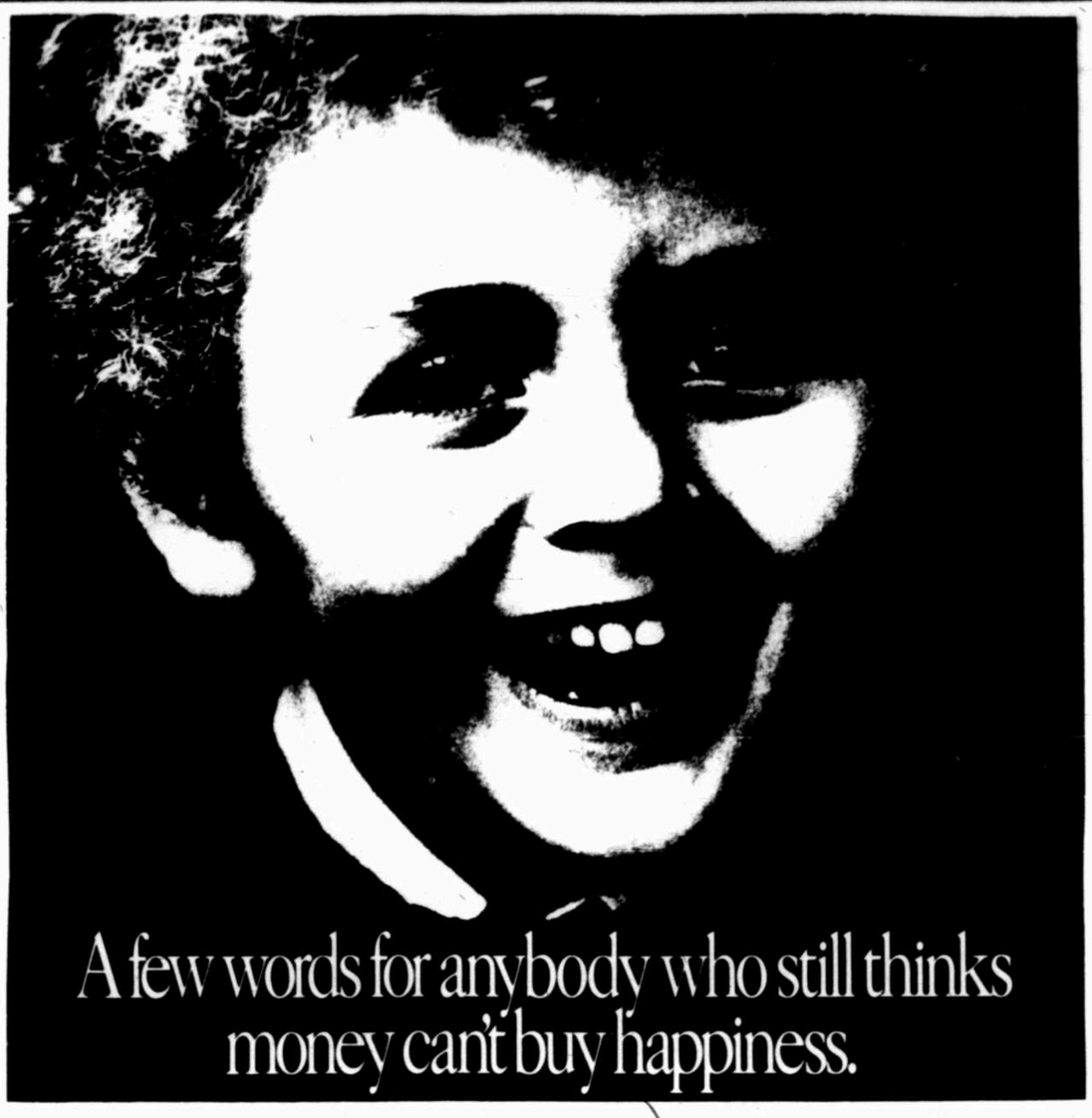
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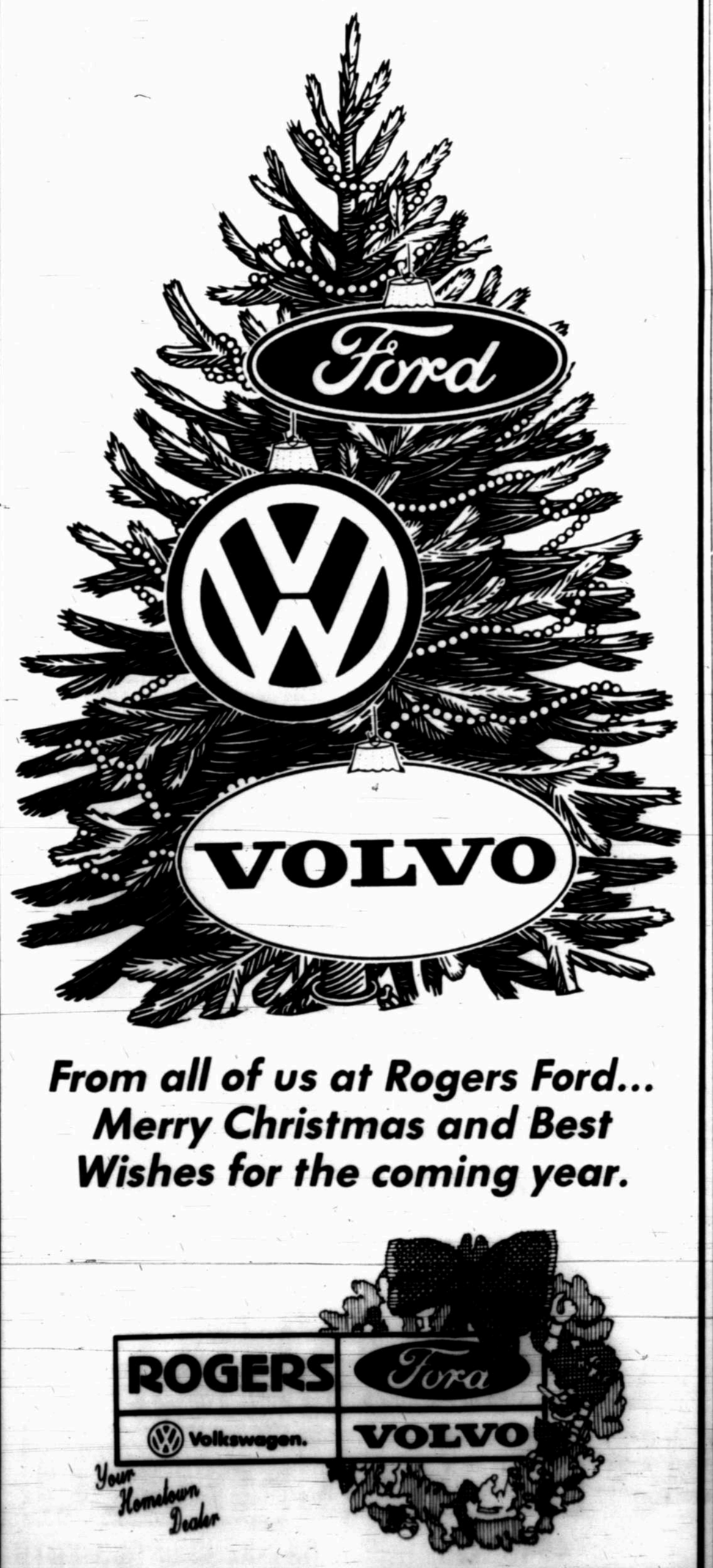
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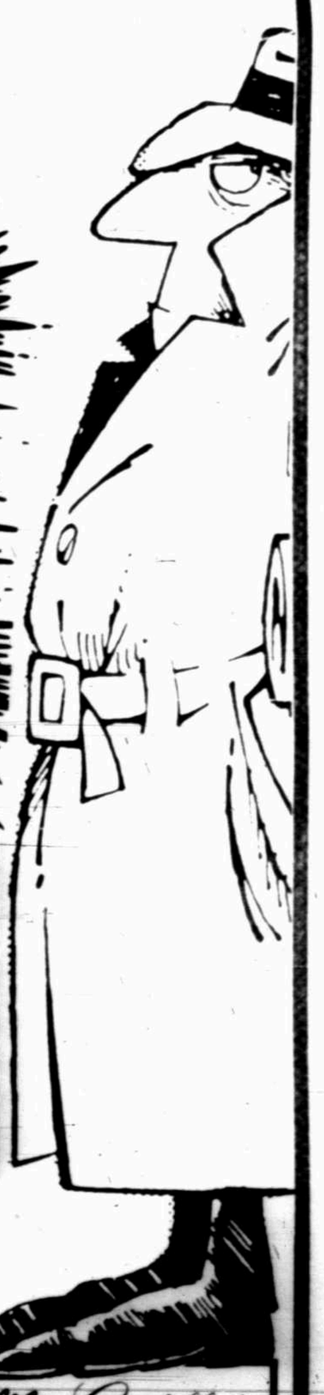
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3227 TRAVIS,3br,1½ ba 385mo
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605 RAYMOND,2br,1ba 250mo
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3403 CUTHBERT,3br,2ba 550mo
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BY owner. Three bedrooms, 1¾ baths. Eastside. $27,000. Owner pays closing costs. 687-6284 after 6:30pm.

$5,000 DOWN; take up payments of $641 on non-qualifying loan. Three bedroom, 1¾ bath, large living area and kitchen, extra large den with fireplace. Separate utilities and two car garage. Less than 23 years left on note. 684-5564

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BARGAINS OF THE WEEK

Gaston-3bdrms., 1½ baths, new carpet, corner lot, $38,000.
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4406 Brookdale-3bdrms, 1¾ baths, large kitchen, water well for yard. FHA loan with low equity. Would like to trade for country property. Listed for $55,500. For additional information about these homes contact Clemmie Sorge at STEPHENSON REALTORS 697-1091, evenings 697-1848.

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730 Suburban Property

BY Owner: Two acres, two mobile homes, Greenwood district, improved, excellent water, trees, $29,500. 682-5639

GREENWOOD: Good three bedrooms, two baths, one car garage, fireplace, ½ acre. Assume loan, no equity. 366-4947

740 Out of Town Property

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750 Lots and Acreage

LAND for sale by owner, good soil and water. Mobile home lots for rent or sale. Phone 684-8831.

FOR Sale. Two acres with well and septic near T.I. and Terminal with or without two bedroom mobile home. 561-9287.

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770 Resort Property

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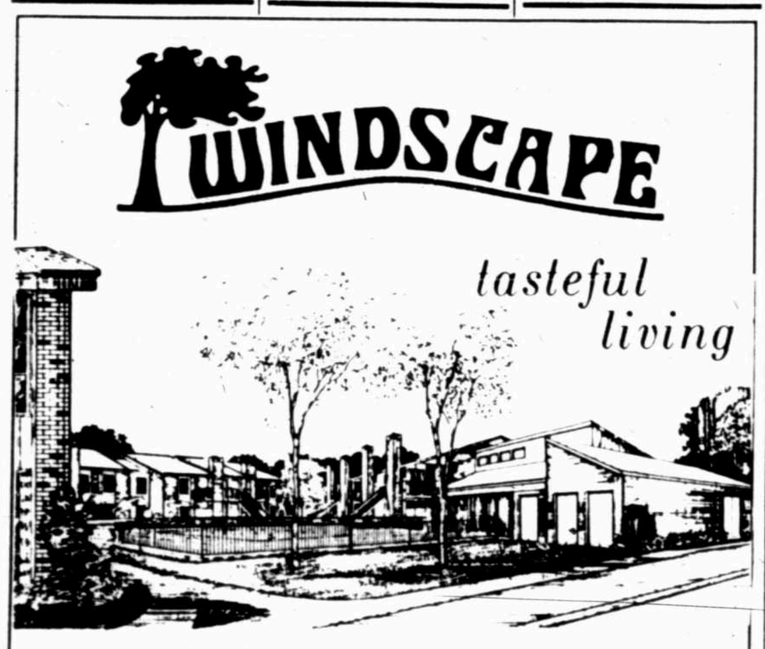
780 Business Property

OFFICE/Warehouse. Fenced yard, nice offices between Midland and Odessa. Call Allen 563-3637.

2140 Warehouse Rd.-Log warehouse with 2 private offices, fenced yard, lease for $650 mo., $500 security deposit, call for $60,000.
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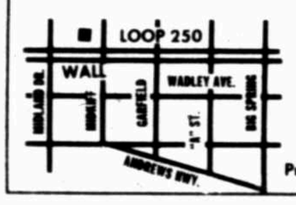
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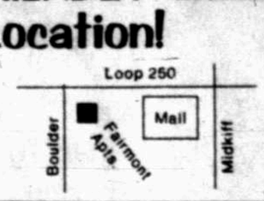
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