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Americans show their generosity

By MARK BERNS
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Americans demonstrated their "good will to men" on Christmas by giving freely of time, money, food and clothing to the nation's needy and by sharing with their families the joy of the holidays.

In Washington, President and Mrs. Reagan spent Christmas Day at the White House exchanging gifts before a festive dinner, joined by Mrs. Reagan's brother, Dr. Richard Davis, and his family and other guests. The Reagans' children were not on hand this year.

Artificial heart recipient William Schroeder, hospitalized in Louisville, Ky., since the implant a month ago, spent Christmas Day visiting with members of his family, who said Schroeder's "gift of life" was the best present they could have had.

In Madison, Wis., Marine Corps veteran Thomas F. Miller, director of the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project Inc., donned battle dress, left his family and stood vigil in the statehouse in memory of servicemen missing from the Vietnam War.

"The veterans should not be forgotten," said Miller, 43. "The war should not be forgotten. We don't want our children to get involved in such a war."

Volunteers in Los Angeles rolled shopping carts piled with donated clothing to two blue-and-white tents and a tepee next to City Hall, where about 300 homeless people spent Christmas Eve and Christmas.

"God bless these people, God bless these people," a grizzled Freddy Johns, 64, said of the tent city organizers as he sta Restaurant with elderly diners for the third annual Christmas dinner given by owner Joe Garcia.

"You look around, you see the faces, you know what Christmas is for," Garcia said. "Some of these people only see each other once a year, and that's here. Today, at least, they have someone to talk to, someone to share with."

In Oklahoma City, 6,000 people were served more than a ton of turkey and trimmings at the Red Andrews Christmas Dinner, named after a state legislator who started it 40 years ago as a party for the needy. Friends and relatives have carried on the tradition since Andrews' death in 1977.

Rita Swiener spent the day distributing to St. Louis' needy children the $2,500 in gifts she spent the year collecting.



BULLET DAMAGE—Shannon Johnson, an employee at Sears-Roebuck & Company, 1623 N. Hobart, puts his finger in a bullet hole in the store's plate glass window. The store was one of 74 Pampa businesses damaged by vandals shooting holes in windows Christmas morning. (Staff photo by Ed Copeland)

Yule vandals cause damage in 74 locations

BY JEFF LANGLEY
Senior Staff Writer

A total of 74 businesses and individuals were wished an unmerry Christmas by vandals who damaged windows across town in a spree of destruction with a BB gun.

Police received the first damage report from the window shootings about 4:30 Christmas morning. An alarm at the Radio Shack, 1820 N. Hobart, was set off when two holes were fired into the stores windows, police said. After officers saw the BB holes in the windows, they started checking other properties for damage, police said.

Police soon found or received reports from 74 businesses and individuals about windows damaged by the air gun. The reports on the shooting spree continued to come in this morning.

Police said the vandal or vandals may have been trying out "a new toy," in a package opened on Christmas Eve. The windows were shot some time from late Christmas Eve to early Christmas morning.

Police Chief J.J. Ryzman said he thinks the shots were fired from a moving vehicle and speculated that at least two people, one who drove the vehicle and one who fired the shots, were responsible for the destruction.

The chief said the damages are still being estimated but will total many thousands of dollars.

No arrests had been made as of this morning.

Some of the locations hit by the vandals included, The Bottle Shop, 714 E. Frederic; Ideal Food Store, 801 W. Francis; Stapleton's Saddle Shop, 612 E. Frederic; Parkway Liquor, 1824 N. Hobart; M & D Oilfield Supply Co., 734 S. Cuyler; a vacant house at 838 S. Cuyler; Oilwell Pluggers, 817 S. Cuyler; Gray Tool Co., 719 S. Cuyler; Cuyler Street Laundry, 641 S. Cuyler; and Douglas Paint and Body Shop.

Also, the Gray County Courthouse, 200 W. Kingsmill; Sound West, 1700 N. Hobart; Vogue Cleaners, 1542 N. Hobart; Lil' Speedy Mart, 225 W. Brown; Beal Equipment, 701 E. Frederic; Western Hotel, 821 E. Frederic; Jim's Grocery, 1001 E. Frederic; Rustic Inn, 318 E. Brown; Frank's Food, 421 E. Frederic; and Gary's Automotive, 842 W. Foster.

Also, Holmes Gift Shop, 304 S. Cuyler; Clements Barber Shop, 310 S. Cuyler; Southard Electric Motors, 836 W. Foster; Lewis Supply Co., 317 S. Cuyler; Addington's Western Wear, 119 S. Cuyler; Wayne's Rental, 717 S. Cuyler; Miller's Plumbing, 853 W. Foster; A - 1 Canvas, 317 E. Brown; Malcolm Hinkle, 1925 N. Hobart; and Bob Clements Cleaners, 1437 N. Hobart.

Also, Coca Cola Bottling Co., 1515 N. Hobart; Charlie's Carpets, 1533 N. Hobart; the Department of Human Resources, 1541 N. Hobart; the Pampa Travel Center, 1617 N. Hobart; Sears, 1623 N. Hobart; Dos Caballeros, 1333 N. Hobart; Big Cheese Pizza, 2201 Perryton Parkway; Payless Shoes, 1327 N. Hobart; Behrmans, 123 N. Cuyler; Singer Sewing Center, 214 N. Cuyler; and the Pampa College of Hairdressing, 613 N. Hobart.

Also, Nicky Britten Motors, 833 W. Foster; Granny's Corner, 110 N. Cuyler; Heard & Jones Drug, 114 N. Cuyler; Texas Furniture, 210 N. Cuyler; Sands Fabric, 225 N. Cuyler; Sammons Communications, 1425 N. Hobart; Pampa Computer Systems, 302 W. Foster; Radcliff Electric, 519 S. Cuyler; Honda - Kawasaki, 716 W. Foster; and Hall Auto Sound, 700 W. Foster.

Also, Pantechs Labs, 407 W. Foster; Coronado Conoco, Coronado Center; Gay's Cake & Pastry, 310 W. Foster; Tire Retreading, 618 E. Frederic; Graham Furniture, 1415 N. Hobart; Western Warehouse on Foster; Gann's Showcase, 217 and 219 N. Cuyler; Elco Glass, 416 S. Cuyler; George M. Clark Tax Service, 113 W. Foster; Leonard's Shine Parlor, 118 W. Foster; M.E. Moses, 103 N. Cuyler and Bill's Custom Campers, 930 S. Hobart.

Vandals shot the windows of about a dozen Pampa businesses with a BB gun last spring. Some time on April 10 or April 11, the vandals in the similar incident caused an estimated $6,500 in damages. Police said the vandals in previous incident also shot the windows from a moving vehicle.

The destruction was the subject of a Pampa Crime Stoppers report published in the newspaper on two subsequent weeks.

Despite the appeal for leads in the case, no arrests were made, Pampa police said.

Eight die in retirement home

Holiday fires claim 20 lives

By The Associated Press

At least 20 people were killed and 20 injured in holiday fires in seven states, including an inferno at an Illinois retirement home that claimed eight lives and three Christmas tree-spawned blazes in California and West Virginia, authorities said.

In other fires on Tuesday, two people died in a Baldwin, Mich., foster home; one person perished in a fire blamed on an electrical malfunction in West Virginia; two people were killed in a Tennessee house fire; two people lost their lives in a Minneapolis suburb house fire; and one man died in a rural Columbia, S.C., house fire.

The fire in the nine-story Karcher Retirement Hotel in Waukegan, Ill., that also left 21 people homeless, apparently was caused by an electrical problem in a tailor shop on the ground floor, authorities said.

"From what we can determine right now, it appears to have something to do with the wiring," said fire Lt. Jim McGrain. "We think it began in the dead space above a drop ceiling, and that it smoldered for a long time. Whatever started it was totally destroyed, we think.

"The building was built in the 1920s, but we don't know how old the wiring was. From what I saw, it didn't look like it was very old."

The early morning fire — the deadliest in the county in at least 10 years — swept into the lobby and sent dense smoke up an elevator shaft, said Lake County Coroner Barbara Richardson.

"The dead were found on the building's sixth, seventh, eight and ninth floors," Mrs. Richardson said. "The cause of death for all appeared to be smoke inhalation."

Seven of the dead ranged in age from 67 to 86 years old, and an age was not available on the eighth, she said.

Five of the six tenants injured, also suffering smoke inhalation, remained hospitalized in good condition today, officials said.

Temporary shelter for the homeless was established at a nearby hotel in the community 40 miles north of Chicago.

A St. Albans, W.Va., couple died Tuesday when an apparent malfunction in Christmas tree lights set the house afire. A 9-year-old girl visiting the home with her parents "saw the Christmas tree ablaze and woke her father and sister and fled the house," said Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputy K.H. Savilla.

"The house was pretty well burned up by the time we got there, said Lakewood Fire Chief Carl Cobb. "We had to haul water to the area because there aren't any hydrants. It was a good piece from the station."

A woman died of heart failure in La Puenta, Calif., and a teen-ager from smoke inhalation in Bell, Calif., both near Los Angeles, after Christmas trees caught fire in separate incidents Tuesday that also injured 14 people, authorities said.

Uncle Sam's bills go in mail today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncle Sam's annual post-Christmas greetings will start on their way today with the mailing of more than 92 million income tax forms.

While it may seem Scrooge-like to get a reminder of one of life's two inevitables during the holiday season, the Internal Revenue Service says the period right after Christmas is the best time to mail out the forms.

In that way, the 92.4 million IRS packages don't get caught up in the mailing crush before Christmas. But the forms are still sent in time to give early-bird filers a head start on doing their 1984 returns.

Since about four-fifths of all taxpayers get a refund, there is a strong incentive to file well in advance of the April 15 deadline, the IRS points out.

The bundles of 1984 forms have been at mail distribution centers for several days, but the Postal Service had instructions not to begin delivering them until today.

"It's traditional that we mail them out the day after Christmas and generally most taxpayers get them some time in the week after Christmas," said Larry Batdorf, an IRS spokesman.

While proposals to scrap the current tax system in favor of a simplified tax with lower rates and fewer deductions will be hotly debated in the new year, none of the discussion will have any impact on taxes due this April.

In fact, taxpayers will notice few changes in the 1984 forms from those mailed last year. The one change with the biggest impact — the final stage of the 1981 tax cuts — won't be apparent from looking at the forms at all.

The cut, which averages about 5 percent below the 1983 tax rates, is already built into the tax tables and tax-rate schedules that taxpayers will use to calculate how much they owe.

One change that will be noticed involves Social Security recipients, who for the first time may have to pay taxes on part of their benefits.

In general, up to half of Social Security benefits will be taxable if total income exceeds $25,000 for a single person or $32,000 for a couple filing a joint return.

The IRS will be sending out about 53 million "long-form" 1040 tax packages and about 39.4 million packages that include both the 1040A "short form" and the shortest form, the 1040EZ.

The IRS said more than 15 million people used the 1040EZ last year, which requires taxpayers to write figures in printed boxes rather than filling in the usual blank lines. This is a boon to the IRS, since it allows the form to be checked by computers.



inside today

Marie DeBlanche dressed up in a Santa Claus suit and demonstrated in front of the Brighton, Mich., post office after her mail carrier husband was fired after 29 years for putting Christmas cards in his customers' mail boxes. The story is on Page Six.

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Test time near for city's new siren system

BY LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

The city has nearly completed installation of a radio-activated system for its warning sirens, with testing of the system scheduled for the first week of January.

Steve Vaughn, coordinator of the Pampa-Gray County Office of Emergency Management, said the radio system will save taxpayers money eventually and will enhance the use of the warning system.

Cost of the system is being split between a federal grant and city funds, Vaughn said.

The city's nine warning sirens are currently activated by telephone lines. But Vaughn noted the city has been paying around $228 a month for the use of the lines, or $2,736 a year.

He said he felt the cost was not justified by the little use the sirens receive. The sirens are sounded at noon every Saturday for testing purposes. Otherwise, the sirens are not activated except in emergencies - and those haven't been too common, he said.

"It's not cost effective to spend that much" for the few times the sirens are sounded for only a brief moment, Vaughn explained.

The cost of the system was $8,400, awarded by bid to MCA Communications of Borger, he said.

The city had applied for a grant of $3,938 in September, 1983, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to convert to the radio activation system.

Vaughn said the city was fortunate to receive the grant, since the FEMA grants are usually reserved for cities with populations of 50,000 or more. But the city was able to get the grant since its request was for so low an amount.

The grants are generally on a 50-50 basis, but the city decided to pay the balance of the system's cost after the bid came in higher than previous estimates.

With the savings on the removal of the telephone lines and their monthly bills, the system should pay for itself within three years, Vaughn estimated.

The radio system also will provide new options for the use of the sirens, he explained. Each of the sirens can be activated separately or in any combinations since each siren will have a separate frequency.

If one area of the city needs to be evacuated, for instance, the siren or sirens in that area only can be sounded instead of having to activate all nine of them, Vaughn said.

The options for use were "an added incentive for going to radio control," he stated.

City and OEM personnel checked the radio systems in Borger and Amarillo to gain information on the system and to check on any problems with its use.

Vaughn admitted there could be some problems with the sirens activating during an electrical storm if the storm produced related radio frequencies.

"I hope we won't experience any false alarms from electrical storms, but that's a possibility," he said.

But personnel will watch for that eventuality and make any corrections as needed, he said.

Specific frequencies will be set for each siren. But the system is designed so that you have to go through one frequency to get to the one for each siren, he explained. That system should decrease any problems of the sirens being activated accidentally, he said.

He noted that other cities had experienced such problems in the past. But "hopefully we have learned from them" to take steps toward cutting down on the eventuality, he said.

The radio system has been installed at each siren location, with each one tested individually. All that remains is to place the frequency encoder at the police station. The police station generally serves as a central place for emergency operations since it is manned 24 hours a day, he said.

"Now all we have to do is watch it," he said.

All nine outdoor warning sirens will be sounded at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, for a general test of the system, Vaughn said.

This is an initial test to check the working capabilities of the system, he explained. It will be conducted during working hours so city personnel can check for any malfunctions, he noted, and then take any corrections as needed.

After the system is operational, the weekly Saturday noon soundings will continue, he said.

DAILY RECORD

services tomorrow

SHELTON, Robert L. - 2 p.m., Jack Rowe Funeral Home, League City.
HALL, Pearl — 2 p.m., Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel.

obituaries

ROBERT L. SHELTON

LEAGUE CITY - Funeral services for Robert L. Shelton, 53, former Pampa resident, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Jack Rowe Funeral Home in League City. Officiating will be Rev. J. R. Manning, Mr. Shelton's brother-in-law.

Mr. Shelton died Tuesday morning in the Clear Lake City Hospital.

Born Nov. 12, 1931, in Noelette, he was a 1949 graduate of Pampa High School. He moved to League City in 1967 from Pampa. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 and the Central Baptist Church in Pampa. He was working as a construction superintendent for Brown and Root at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Adams Shelton, of the home; two daughters, Debby Johnson, Austin, and Peggy Chapman, Deer Park; a brother, Ray Shelton, Keener, La.; a sister, Beth Manning, Kermit; and two grandsons.

ROBERT E. HAYNES SR.

BORGER - Services for Robert E. (Bob) Haynes Sr., 82, were to be at 2:30 p.m. today at the Borger First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Lyman Paul Wood, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Doug Chapman, associate pastor.

Burial was to be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Minton - Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Haynes died Monday at the Golden Plains Community Hospital.

He was a native of Chillicothe. He had been a resident of Borger since 1937. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the B.P.O.E. and the Isom Masonic Lodge; he was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. He was executive consultant of R&R Sheet Metal of Borger.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby, of the home; three sons, R. E. Haynes Jr., and Buddy Haynes, both of Borger, and Don Haynes, Midland; two daughters, Mrs. Robbie Fleck, Andrews, and Mrs. Judy Lynn Browning, Caldwell; a brother, W. C. Haynes, Waco; eight grandchildren and nine great - grandchildren.

WILMA GLADYS JOHNSTON

BORGER - Services for Wilma Gladys Johnston, 65, sister of a Pampa resident, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Gateway Baptist Church with Rev. Roy Henderson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Ed Brown and Sons Funeral Home of Borger.

Mrs. Johnston died Sunday at Moore, Okla.

Born at Denison, she had lived in Borger for 50 years. She was a member and past Noble Grand of Tri-City Rebekah Lodge No. 226 and Rebekah Lodge No. 286. She was also a member of Royal Neighbors of America, VFW Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion.

Survivors include three sons, Harold Johnston, Angelton, Vernon Lee Johnston, Augusta, Ga., and James William Johnston, Vernal, Utah; a daughter, Bea Clifton, Moore, Okla.; four sisters, Faye Meadors, Pampa, Bethel Lucas, Houston, Ethel Cowan, Ferriday, La., and Geneva Jones, McGregor; eight grandchildren and one great - grandchild.

KARLI NICKELL

Services for Karli Nickell, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Joe Nickell, are pending at Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors.

Born Sunday, she died Monday at Northwest Texas Hospital.

In addition to her parents, survivors include a brother, Cory of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dossie Nickell and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Cash, all of Pampa; great - grandparents, Jewel Chapman of Pampa and Albert Chapman of Wheeler.

PEARL HALL

Services for Pearl Hall will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. George Warren, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens.

Mrs. Hall died Tuesday.

Born Dec. 19, 1896 in Indian Territory, she lived in Pampa from 1927 to 1940. She lived in Kansas until 1964, when she returned to Pampa. She married S.P. Hall Sr.on June 3, 1916 in Alma, Okla. He died Nov. 15, 1979. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Scott P. Hall Jr. of Pampa and Carl Hall of Lefors; a daughter, Mary Lou Winningham of Granbury; three grandchildren and five great - grandchildren.

GLENNARD TENNANT

Services for Glennard Tennant, 82, were to be at 2 p.m. today at Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel. Burial was to be in Memory Gardens.

Mr. Tennant died Saturday.

Born April 29, 1902 in Fairview, W. Va., he moved to Borger in 1926, then to Pampa in 1933. He retired in 1967 from Sinclair Oil Co. after 40 years. He married Thelma Bridges in 1926 in Magnolia Ark..

Survivors include his wife; a son, Richard of Claflin, Kan., a brother, N.E. Tennant of Pampa; two sisters, Iva Pearl Wright and Ethel Arnett, both of Fairview, two granchildren and six great - grandchildren.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler - Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.19
Milo	4.45
Corn	3.39

The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation.

Ky. Cent. Life	22	
Serfco	5¼	
Southland Financial	28⅝	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Beatrice Foods	29⅝	NC
Cabot	26¼	dn¼
Celanese	79⅝	NC
DIA	17⅝	NC
Halliburton	28⅝	up¼
HCA	46⅝	dn¼
Ingersoll-Rand	44	up⅝
InterNorth	41⅝	dn¼
Kerr-McGee	27⅝	NC
Mobil	38⅝	NC
Penney's	47	NC
Phillips	46¼	up¼
PNA	32	NC
SJ	36⅜	dn⅜
Southwestern Pub.	21¼	NC
Standard Oil	53¼	up¼
Tenneco	36⅝	up¼
Texaco	36⅝	up⅛
Zales	26	NC
London Gold		N.A.
Silver		N.A.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY

Admissions

Kimberly Lindley, Clarendon
Rush Turner, McLean
Mary Harlan, White Deer
Jess Bowerman, Pampa
Sadie Maul, Pampa
Ann Craig, Pampa

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. John Lindley, Clarendon, girl

Dismissals

Ann Craig, Pampa
Merlie Nix, Pampa
Cynthia Pshigoda and infant, Perryton
Pamela Williams and infant, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Iva Cox, Shamrock
Vena Richardson, Wheeler
Baul Hartwick, Shamrock
Evva Grimes, Shamrock
E.H. Woodruff, Shamrock
Reagan Clark, Wheeler
Cecil Clark, Shamrock
Freda Peters, Oklahoma
Jeannette Suarez, Shamrock
Irma Finley, Shamrock
Guy Kinnard, Shamrock
Edna Dennis, McLean

Dismissals

Bernadette Majkowski, Connecticut
Michelle Coulter, Wheeler
Sylvia Saldana and infant, Wellington
Reagan Clark, Wheeler
Willie Menefield, Shamrock

police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 112 calls in the 48 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

A total of 74 Pampa businesses and individuals reported incidents of criminal mischief. A vandal or vandals shot windows with a BB or pellet gun at a wide range of locations across town. The incidents occurred some time between late Christmas Eve and early Christmas morning. Police continued to receive damage reports this morning (see story page one).

Shawn Dirk White, 2310 Fir, reported theft from a motor vehicle at his residence.

Kirstan Hellena Brown, 512 E. Browning, reported theft from a motor vehicle at 1120 Buckler.

Dale Williamson, 1341 Starkweather, reported a bicycle was stolen from his residence.

Randy Warren Norris, 1031 N. Sumner, No. 115, reported theft from a motor vehicle at the Barrington Apartments.

Rodney Craig Heckman, 2101 N. Russell, reported theft from a motor vehicle at his residence.

Teresa Maria Nickelberry, 1145 Varnon Dr., reported she was assaulted with a steak knife about 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. The assailant reportedly said, "You're not going to keep my stuff." No injuries were reported.

Cuyler Street Laundry, 641 S. Cuyler, reported a burglary of the business.

Arrests

SUNDAY, December 23

Vernon Devoll, 30, address unavailable, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Devoll posted a $119 cash bond and was released.

Ricki Stokes, 32, Star Rt. 3, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Stokes posted a $119 bond and was released.

Bobby Ward, age unavailable, of Liberal, Kan., in connection with a charge of running a red light. Ward posted a $26.50 bond and was released.

Othel Pierce, 31, 1324 E. Frederic, in connection with a charge of public intoxication.

Calvin Urbanczyk, 42, Star Rt. 3, in connection with a charge of driving while intoxicated and an alleged traffic violation. Urbanczyk was released on personal recognizance.

Ron Odom, 19, 2239 Lynn, in connection with a charge of driving while intoxicated and four alleged traffic violations. Odom was released on an attorney's bond.

Robert Graham, 25, 702 Blackwell, in connection with three unspecified Department of Public Safety warrants. Graham paid fines of $294.50 and was released.

MONDAY, December 24

Jerry Lynn Williams, 24, 1037 Clark, in connection with an unspecified Tarrant County warrant.

Lavelda Tingleff, age unavailable, 1804 Hamilton, in connection with charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain a single lane. Tingleff was released on a bondman's bond.

TUESDAY, December 25

Emmit Ray Calfy, 44, 534 S. Reid, in connection with a felony charge of driving while intoxicated, a charge of driving with his license suspended and an alleged traffic violation.

David Tomasi, 22, 712 E. 3rd, Apt. B, in connection with charges of speeding and having an expired license plate. Tomasi posted a $53 cash bond and was released.

minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported two minor accidents in the 48 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, December 24

11:20 a.m. — A 1982 Oldsmobile, driven by Audrey Durham Campbell, Star Rt. 2, collided with a 1981 Toyota, driven by Lanie Allen Putman, 1309 Rham, in the 600 block of North Ward. Campbell was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

Time unlisted — A 1979 Chevrolet, driven by Leo W. Tyrrell, 619 Powell, collided with a vehicle driven by Irving Akst, 1032 Duncan, in the 300 block of Foster. No citations were issued.

fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following runs for a 48 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Dec. 25

1:07 a.m. - Irving Akst reported a car fire in the 2100 block of Alcock. The fire was out when the firemen arrived. Very light damage was reported. Cause was listed as a fuel line leak.

6:30 a.m. - A fire alarm went off at Coronado Community Hospital, but no fire was discovered.



NEW OFFICES—Ceremonies marking the High Plains Federal Land Bank Association's move into its new offices at 2526 Perryton Parkway were held recently. Participating, from left, were Gold Coats Charles Buzzard and Jim Olsen; Gregg Lloyd, loan manager; Bob Williams, president; Mary Baten, office manager; and Steve Jones, Gold Coat. The association is an agricultural financial service cooperation, fully owned by its farmer and rancher members-borrowers. (Staff photo by Ed Copeland)

Vietnamese troops, tanks attack camps in Cambodia

NONG SAMET, Thailand (AP) — Backed by artillery and mortar fire, Vietnamese troops and tank units swept into the largest Cambodian resistance camp today, setting it afire and battling a guerrilla counterattack, Thai military and guerrilla officials said.

Some 61,000 Cambodian refugees from the Rithisen camp watched huge columns of smoke rising above their former homes from temporary shelters near this Thai border village.

Lia Ne, the camp guerrilla leader, told newsmen the defenders of Rithisen had split up into groups of 20 to 30 soldiers and were counterattacking the Vietnamese, who moved at least five tanks into the camp.

Ne, who belongs to the anti-communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front, claimed the guerrillas had been able to retake a northern section of the sprawling camp which is set on a sparsely forested plain near the Thai frontier.

The Vietnamese launched their attack Tuesday, and Bun Soi, a minister of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, said by telephone earlier today from near Rithisen: "The condition is tense and serious there."

The Vietnamese also were reported attacking Ampil, another of the guerrilla group's camps, but as of late Tuesday had not been able to breach its defenses.

Kiwanians name Wopperer police officer of quarter

Michael Wopperer, assigned to the Patrol Division of the Pampa Police Department, was named Officer of the Quarter by the Downtown Kiwanis Club at its luncheon meeting Friday.

Though generally working as a patrolman, Wopperer also has pulled special assignments with the Criminal Investigation Division.

In presenting the award, Kiwanis president Steve Vaughn noted Wopperer had participated in the recent undercover investigation which had led to charges of drug violations being placed against 50 individuals in the city.

Vaughn said Wopperer had been instrumental in the drug investigation.

"We're very fortunate to have him," he said.

Wopperer started with the PPD in December, 1980. He left for a little more than a year to work with another agency and then returned to the Pampa police.

"One of Mike's biggest faults is he is a work-aholic," Vaughn said, noting Wopperer has put in many hours of overtime, often without pay, to complete his investigations and other assignments. "If he was allowed to, he would be working at the police department 24 hours a day."

Wopperer is nearing the completion of his associate degree from Frank Phillips College. He has attended numerous law enforcement schools and is scheduled to attend two drug investigation schools in law enforcement courses.

He graduated from the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy in 1981. He is one of four hostage negotiators on the department's Tactical Team.

Wopperer is "a person who really cares about his police work . . . about his community," Vaughn said.

Vaughn said Wopperer has other talents. He designed and helped build a large portion of the department's facilities during recent renovations. He also has designed houses, Vaughn said.

The policeman is married to Lynn Wopperer, a clerk in the police department. They have three children.

City briefs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jesus - Gary's Pest Control.
Adv.

40 PERCENT off Storewide. Granny's Corner, 110 N. Cuyler.
Adv.

WE AT Gary's Pest Control would like to personally thank each of you for making such a successful year possible. Merry Christmas and God Bless each of you.
Adv.

CAMBERNS SEMI Annual Clearance Sale begins Thursday at 10 a.m. Save 30 percent to 50 percent on Fall and Winter Shoes, boots, belts and bags.
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LATCH-KEY project director. Experience with children necessary. Send resumes to P.O. Box 2432, Pampa. Deadline: December 28.
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FOR SALE: Sharp SF 740 plain paper copier. $950 or reasonable offer. Can be seen at Wy-Vel Corporation. 1201 Price Rd. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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AEROBIC DANCERSIZE new session begins January 7th and 8th. $20 per month. Clarendon College Gym. Call 665-6347 or 669-2909.
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ACT I, Area Community Theatre, INC. will hold open auditions for Neil Simons comedy "Last of The Red Hot Lovers" Thursday and Friday, December 27 and 28 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the 6th floor penthouse of the Hughes Building. Anyone interested in auditioning but unable to attend should contact Kayla Richerson at 665-7137 days and 669-9312 evenings.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Variable cloudiness and warmer through Thursday. Chance of light rain. High today in low 50s, low near 30. High Thursday in low 60s. Southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday's high, 40; overnight low, 35.

REGIONAL FORECAST

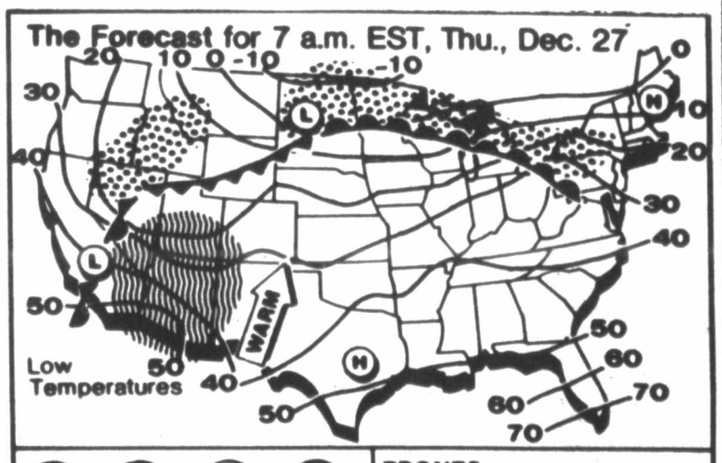
NORTH TEXAS — Cloudy through Thursday with periods of fog and drizzle. Lows in the low 40s to low 50s. Highs in the mid 50s to low 60s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Cloudy and cool through Thursday with patchy fog. Intermittent light rain or drizzle. Highs in the 50s and 60s, climbing to the 70s in extreme southern portions. Lows in the 40s and 50s.

WEST TEXAS — Cloudy tonight and Thursday with widely scattered light rain. A gradual warming trend. Lows in the 30s in the Panhandle to near 40 in the Big Bend. Highs Thursday near 60 in the Panhandle to the 70s in the Big Bend.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Friday Through Sunday

North Texas — Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain through the period. Mild Friday turning cooler over the weekend. Lows Friday and Saturday morning upper 40s to upper 50s. Lows Sunday in the 40s. Highs Friday mid 60s to low 70s. Highs Saturday and Sunday in the mid 50s to low 60s.



South Texas — A chance of rain north on Friday. Otherwise mostly cloudy and unseasonably warm. Lows generally in the 50s except in the 60s along the coast and southwest. Highs mostly in the 70s except in the low 80s southwest.

West Texas — Considerable cloudiness Friday becoming party cloudy Saturday and mostly fair Sunday. Turning colder Saturday. Panhandle: Lows mid 30s Friday cooling to mid 20s Saturday and Sunday. Highs mid 60s Friday cooling to mid 50s Saturday and Sunday.

BORDER STATES

OKLAHOMA: Mostly cloudy and warmer through Thursday. Low tonight mid 30s Panhandle to near 50 southeast. High Thursday mid 50s to low 60s.

NEW MEXICO: Slight chance of rain and snow showers west tonight. Lows in the 20s mountains and northwest to the 30s east and south. Mostly cloudy Thursday with a chance of showers west and south. Warmer east and south. Breezy in the northeast. Highs Thursday from the 40s northwest to the 50s and 60s east and south.

Smaller crowds visit Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Some 6,000 tourists and pilgrims, searched and guarded by hundreds of Israeli occupation troops, visited the birthplace of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Bethlehem tourism director George Sammour said the crowds were about two-thirds the size of last year's, and he blamed the lag on the troubled world economy.

Church bells heralded the holiday in the town of 15,000 on the West Bank of the Jordan River. A 30-foot Christmas tree was aglow with colored lights in Manger Square. Inside the adjacent church, brown-robed monks sang carols in Latin.

Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres, visited the town Christmas Eve and talked with Mayor Elias Freij, a Christian Palestinian.

Carrying a whiskey, Peres walked through a reception with Freij by his side, shaking hands with Palestinians opposed to Israel's presence in the West Bank.

"I always wanted to see where Jesus walked. I think this experience will make me a better Christian," said Eva Verhulst.

TEXAS / REGIONAL

Executive is pushing for interstate banking

DALLAS (AP) — A prominent Texas banker says regional banking makes "as much sense as attending high school after elementary school," but some out-of-state bankers say they aren't so sure.

Ben F. Love, chairman and chief executive officer of Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc. of Houston, wants banks throughout the Southwest to be able to open branches or subsidiaries here and in other nearby states.

He says he'd like to see regional reciprocal banking between Texas and nearby states such as Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Wyoming.

States in the southeast and New England already have such agreements, Love notes, but several Southwestern states oppose or are sharply split over the proposal.

"As an interim step to full interstate banking, regional reciprocal banking makes just as much sense as attending high school after elementary school and before you go to college," Love told The Dallas Morning News.

"Elementary school might be analogous to banking in the confines of one's own state borders," Love said. "Full interstate banking is like going to college. Therefore, high school is equivalent to regional interstate banking."

Such agreements likely would spur a round of mergers and acquisitions across state lines, banking leaders agree. But not all of them say that's good.

The ensuing consolidation would resemble the development of Texas holding companies during the 1970s, Texas banking leaders feel, except that the mergers would be across state lines.

Love says that would make banks stronger, with increased legal lending limits that would spur economic development.

But the Oklahoma Bankers Association, which includes the state's independent and large banks, has opposed a regional agreement.

"The answer from our membership was, 'Not yet, we are not ready for interstate banking'," said Laura Pringle, an attorney with the industry trade group.

Arizona bankers are reported divided over the issue, and that state's legislators are to begin consideration next month of a bill that would authorize reciprocal banking with any state.

In other nearby states — including Arkansas, Louisiana and Colorado — the banking industry has not taken a stance, and their legislatures are not expected to consider any interstate proposals soon, the News reported.

In New Mexico, the state's banking association has taken a neutral stance so far. The bank-holding companies have said they will support legislation next year for a regional agreement.

But small banks have formed the Independent Community Bankers to fight the proposal.

"When you live in a place, you have more concern for that particular state," said David Stone, chairman of Portales National Bank, a family-owned bank. "We think New Mexico is serviced well by bank owners from New Mexico. We are not looking to sell out."

Love said three Texas legislators, whom he wouldn't identify, have said they are willing to introduce a reciprocal interstate banking bill.

Authorities investigating crash of Clinton Manges plane

MARBLE FALLS, Texas (AP) — Investigators were working to determine what caused the twin-engine plane belonging to Texas rancher-oilman Clinton Manges to crash and explode in a Hill Country ranch, killing the pilot of the aircraft.

The victim, whose body was burned beyond recognition, was identified as Manges' pilot, Ray McClennan, 50, of Horseshoe Bay in Llano County, said Leigh Moore, a dispatcher with the Llano County Sheriff's office.

Earlier, speculation mounted that the victim may have been Manges. But his wife, Ruth, told the Associated Press her husband was alive and well.

"We're just glad to report it's not Clinton. He's fine. He called me," Mrs. Manges said early today.

Malou Manges, 20, said she talked to her father by telephone from Houston almost four hours after accident.

The twin-engine Cessna Conquest crashed and exploded at about 8:20 p.m. Tuesday night at the T.P. Ranch northwest of Austin, Todd said.

Todd said the 10-passenger plane was identified as belonging to Manges by the craft's tail number, which is N441CM. He said it was registered to the Clinton Manges Oil and Refining Co. of Austin.

The foreman of the ranch, whose identity is not known, heard the plane overhead and thought it was flying too low, said Llano County Constable Tom Hall.

"He said he knew it sounded too low. He saw the glow on impact, an orange glow under the fog," said Hall.

The plane came to a stop near a small clump of oak trees after skidding some 300 yards, Hall said. The site of the crash is about ¼ of a mile from the airport in Horseshoe Bay in Llano County.

Hall said there was no evidence to indicate there was more than one person in the plane when it crashed. He said the body, which was found in the cockpit, was "extremely burned."

At the time of the crash, the area was covered by heavy fog and drizzle, making visibility very difficult, Hall said.

The only thing left of the left side of the plane was "some floor, a bunch of ash and some scrap," Hall said.

Asked if there was any speculation as to what caused the crash,H all said: "No. There are sure as hell not any instruments left to read."

The right wing was almost completely severed from aircraft, which is trimmed in black and blue. However, the "CM" brand of Manges' ranch was still visible on the plane's tail section.

The Federal Aviation Administration was to conduct an investigation at the site today, Hall said.

Shortly before the crash, the plane had stopped in Houston to drop off Manges and afterwards landed in San Antonio to drop off "dignitaries," Hall said.

The Waldrope Funeral Home in Llano transported the victim's remains to Austin for an autopsy, said funeral home spokeswoman Diane Hatfield.

The aircraft had flown this week to Horseshoe Bay in Llano County, said FAA tower supervisor Don Endsley in San Antonio.

"They were inbound at the time. Nobody was waiting here for them," said Warren Marsh, general manager of Horseshoe Bay Airport. "The pilot had radioed Austin Central to close out the flight plan. He said he was circling and had the airport in sight."

Marsh said weather conditions were "kind of hazy and misty but not really too bad."



Off beat

By Dee Dee Laramore

Crazy personalities of cats

Bertha was supposed to have entered the hospital today for her operation. You remember Bertha, the little girl who needed a $15,000 operation to correct a birth defect — tunnel chest. I wish I could tell you more, like what hospital she will be in and exactly when the operation will take place, but for right now I can't find all those things out. You know how it is during the Christmas holidays, everyone's out of pocket. But I'll let you know as soon as I know. In the meantime, keep Bertha in your thoughts and prayers, as I will.

I know everyone has had enough Christmas to last them until next year, so this week I'll talk about something totally off the subject.

Lewis Grizzard inspired my column today. It stems from a comment he made in his Sunday column which was: "How could anybody like cats more than dogs?" Well, I'm a confirmed cat lover as well as dog lover, but I'm afraid that cats have a little bit of an edge. I just love cats.

I've probably had 25 cats in my lifetime — that may be a bit of an exaggeration. And I loved all of them dearly, except for Muffin. Muffin ate my rabbit and I'll never forgive him for that. I'm pretty sure he ate "Unny-Bunny," anyway, because one morning I got up and Unny-Bunny's cage had been burglarized, the bunny was gone and there was incriminating "Muffin" fur on the chicken wire.

Muffin didn't have the best temperament in the world, especially after Mom had him "fixed" after he was nearly killed in a cat fight. Mom said he disappeared for a week (cancelling appointments, she said) and then returned only to sit on top of the refrigerater and glare at her everytime she walked by.

When we lived on the ranch we had loads of farm cats — mousers — about 13 in all. Whenever I went riding on my Shetland pony, the whole group, plus two dogs, would follow me, the kittens meowing loudly until I slowed down enough for them to catch up. What a sight that must have been!

I'll never forget the summer all the cats caught what I called "cat fever." I set up a cat hospital in the garage where we also had hay stored and tried my best to save them. Only one survived however — Bootsie. That black and white cat definitely had nine lives, and we saw him use up most of them.

It began when he was run over by the neighbor's car. That put him in a cast for several weeks. He would have put Mary Lou Retton to shame with the flip-flops he turned with that cast on his leg. Later he got an abcess in his ear which left it all shriveled up. And we think the car accident took care of his masculinity, too.

One day, after her daily 15 mile drive to work in McLean, Mom heard meowing under the hood of her car. She decided a cat must be caught in the engine somewhere. Under no circumstances would she lift the hood, so she had some men in a gas station open it. Expecting to find a mangled cat, instead they found Bootsie in perfect condition, sitting in the only possible place in a car engine where he wouldn't get hurt.

We had a girl cat named Freddy who got really nasty while she was pregnant, but was gentle as could be when she wasn't. I have scars on my arm to prove it. She drank from the toilet, until Mom left Saniflush in it one day. Don't ever leave Saniflush or the like in a toilet when there's cats around.

I had black cat I named Edna Allen Poe Kitty, shortened to Poe Kitty. She had white hairs around her neck, which I told her to grow there. I actually had some people believing that was true!

Then there was Mambo, a striped kitten I acquired in Lubbock who could only pull himself around by his front legs. He recovered after a time and became a normal ornery cat.

His greatest adventure occurred one Labor Day weekend. He disappeared. I searched everywhere for him. I even chased a cat that looked like him through someone's yard. I have no idea whose yard it was. After three days, I gave up. One afternoon, I was napping when Mambo came bounding through my open window, purring at 50 decibels and rubbing all over me. Then he dashed to the kitchen, ate five pounds of cat food and drank a gallon of water.

I later learned that janitors in the elementary school across the street had spent the whole Labor Day holidays chasing a cat inside the school. It could have only been Mambo.

About the same time I got Mambo, I adopted Silky. She was a beautiful orange, long haired tabby who had a wonderful habit of talking to me contantly. Instead of meowing, she made a sound that sounded like "berrrrrt, berrrrrrt." I loved it. When I moved to Amarillo about three years ago, I let her out and never saw her again. I went into deep mourning for that silly cat, and I'll still cry if I see one like her. I know that sounds maudlin, but after eight years, I had grown really attached to her.

Now I have a black and white long haired cat named "Three" who is spoiled rotten. He wakes me up every morning at 6 a.m. or so, by jumping on my bed and making one quick meow. And if I don't get up, I'm in trouble. He'll keep jumping on the bed until I do. Or if I roll over and ignore him, I'll open one eye and find him peering down into my face. That can be disconcerting to say the least.

He has a "miss" in his purr, my husband says. I say he has a deviated septum, because he also snores. His favorite resting position is on his back, all four legs spread wide apart.

I love dogs for their trustworthy devotion. And I love cats for their crazy personalities. Like people, each has its own traits that are delightful to discover.

Laramore is lifestyles editor of The Pampa News

It's not easy being state's first quints

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly everything the Davis kids do is a public spectacle.

The five — Christa, Casey, Chanda, Charla, and Chelsa — are Texas' first quintuplets. They were born 10 years ago to a young Lewisville welder and his wife at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Their baptism drew almost 500 people. Their first Thanksgiving, first day of school, first Halloween and "their first everything" has been recorded by newspapers throughout the state.

Even shopping isn't easy because they're whispered about, stared at and invariably asked: "Which one are you?"

Restaurants aren't any better.

"It's terrible going to eat," Jerry Davis, the quins father, told the Dallas Times Herald. "You always have a mouthful of food when someone comes up and asks about the kids ... We don't go out that much."

The only one who likes being a celebrity is Casey. And he's the only boy.

"People know you better, everyone knows you," Casey said.

But the girls, who resemble each other are tired of the attention and having their identities confused. Chanda and Chelsa have it roughest: They are identical.

"I'd rather be by myself," said Charla. "People always say, 'I saw you on TV,' and are bugging you all time."

At their request, Mrs. Davis stopped dressing her children in matching outfits.

"I dressed them alike for years because it was easy," she said. "I could say, 'Go get the red outfit,' and they knew which socks and shoes went with it. But the first time they said they all wanted different clothes, we started doing our own thing."

All the girls have short brown hair but each is a little different in length. They wanted it that way.

Mrs. Davis says her five freckled-face children have different personalities: Christa is more social; Chanda and Chelsa are "more babyish," Casey is a health nut; Chandra wants to work at a bank.

All the children play soccer: Casey on one team, the four girls on another, which causes problems for the coach.

"The girls won't look at you until you call them by the right name, so their coach spends half the game walking up and down the sidelines calling out their names, Christa ... Chandra .. Chelsa ... until he gets it right," Mrs. Davis said.

Having four girls on the team also puts an extra burden on the family not to miss a game.

"If we don't show up, the team has to forfeit," said Mrs. Davis.

Fort Worth police hold off use of stun guns

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Battery-powered "stun guns" might be undergoing testing in nearby cities' police departments, but Fort Worth lawmen say they're not yet ready to use the disabling devices.

Police in Dallas, Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake and Watauga are already using the devices, which are designed to disable a suspect without causing permanent injury. The guns cost about $100 each and are about the size of a transistor radio.

But Homer Clark, deputy Fort Worth police chief, says his department will not authorize their use "until there is no more data available of any possible long-term effects of their use."

"We've never tried them (stun guns), but we've considered the potential use of them," Clark said. "If they prove successful in other areas, we may look at them again."

The guns, which discharge 40,000 volts at extremely low amperage, cannot kill a person, but tend to stun the central nervous system for a few minutes, experts say.

Carl Jones, head of the physiology department at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, said the charge causes skeletal muscles to contract at the same time.

"You can't do anything," he said. "It stuns you."

Ed Spencer, a spokesman for the Dallas Police Department, said Dallas officers have been testing about 20 stun guns.

"The decision to use them hasn't been made yet," Spencer told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "All we're diong is testing them in a pilot program."

Southlake Police Chief Ted Phillips supports use of the guns.

"Anything that can be used to subdue a suspect without the risk of injury to an officer or the suspects is worth it," he said.

W.E. Keating, director of the Watauga Public Safety Department, said his first impression of the stun gun was favorable.

Beer-flavored toothpaste left on the shelves

DALLAS (AP) — People will buy just about anything at Christmastime, the old retail-store maxim goes. But from Dolly Parton-style bouffant wigs to imitation lizard-skin sport coats, a few items seemed immune from the seasonal buying frenzy.

Here are a some other dust-gatherers that merchants say shoppers could have bought in Dallas this Christmas, price negotiable in many cases:

— beer-flavored toothpaste, or after-dinner toothpaste in creme de menthe, anisette or amaretto.

— memorabilia from the Texas Rangers.

— tweed flop hats and painters' hats.

— jelly bellies, especially red and green ones.

— a computer program called "Basic Industrial History of America."

— men's Hush Puppy shoes, especially in gray.

Mike Dalton, manager of a Good Earth Vitamin Store, says his store was full of slow sellers, he said. People apparently are thinking calories, not nutrition, at Christmas.

"December is the worst month for nutrition. I mean, if it isn't covered with chocolate or if it doesn't have rum in the middle, nobody wants it at Christmas," Dalton said.

Terry Forest, manager of a Jarman-Flagg shoe store, said, "Don't ask me why, but you can have all these Hush Puppies you want — especially the gray. Nobody wanted them this season. But now, Nike tennis shoes — you couldn't keep up with the demand. Get a shipment and they're gone."

Other retailers had items that were a bit more fast-moving.

"Our biggest hits, of course, were Cabbage Patch dolls and accessories," Rod Turner, manager of a Target Store in Dallas, told the Dallas Times Herald. "And Transformer toys (small metal toys that convert from cars and boats into fanciful robots)."

A big surprise, Turner said, was physical fitness gear.

"Everything sold from weight benches to sweats to a total sellout of mini-trampolines. We couldn't keep up with the demand for mini-trampolines. Great season."

Charles Gay of Wormser of Dallas, a haberdashery, said he sold more than 100 Indiana Jones hats during December.

"All sizes, all colors. Men and women both buying them for $24.95 and $45, two different models," Gay said.

Other big sellers, Gay said, were "Untouchable hats. You know, like the gangster show, and gangster hats, like the movie."

But neither his tweed flop hats nor his black fur Moscow-style winter hats were selling. "But that's because it's been so warm. Wait until it gets real cold," he said.

Joe Niegoda, owner of Just Bearly Candy, said almost everything sold well for him this Christmas.

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Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

President should keep his promise

Did you exceed the speed limit yesterday?

Maybe it was because you were running late, or because almost everyone else seemed to be going past you at 65 mph.

But whatever the reason, if you were speeding and continue to do so, you may be responsible for a reduction in the state's share of federal highway funds.

Feeling guilty? That's just what the feds hope. Guilt is the latest weapon in the Department of Transportation's arsenal to enforce the 55 mph federal speed limit—and it's working.

At least four states have already been warned that they stand to lost federal highway funds if they don't begin enforcing the 55 mph speed limit more rigidly.

California has been one of the transgressors, but not the worst. State officials monitor speed constantly with a series of tripwires buried under the highways and they say only 54 percent of the motorists obeyed the speed limits during the 1983 fiscal year. That state has started warning mortorists that California stands to lose nearly $30 million if more than 50 percent exceed the speed limit.

But no amount of threats, no amount of gimmickry public relations campaigns and most likely no amount of guilt will make people obey a law they do not believe in.

For example, in 1981 California officials undertook a $4.6 million public relations campaign that included phony $55 bills, key chains with 55 printed on them and dice that would come up 55 no matter how they were rolled. And the state's motorists continued to vote against the law with their feet—on the accelerator.

The 55 mph limit was imposed by President Nixon as a fuel-saving measure in the wake of the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo. It gave the illusion the government somehow was striking back at OPEC.

In fact, it reduced our oil demand only 3 percent and our total energy consumption less than 1 percent.

Speed limit advocates then trotted out the idea that 55 saves lives. But while it is true that traffic fatalities declined after the 55 mph limit was imposed, the rate of fatalities had been declining steadily for years (80 percent drop in the 50 years before 1974). The drop in fatalities in the last 10 years was a continuation of that.

Much of the recent decline can also be attributed to people driving less, not to mention safety improvements in cars and highways.

President Reagan campaigned in 1980 on a promise to raise the speed limite above 55 mph.

That's what his transportation department should be working on—not on harassing morotists traveling uncrowded interstates at 65 mph.

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"I'm going on a diet — right after the holidays."



William Rusher

Democrats forget deficit

NEW YORK (NEA) — To nobody's great surprise, the Democratic Party's belated but noisy concern over the size of the federal deficit has drawn its last breath, now that the campaign is over. President Reagan has proposed to cut domestic spending by $34 billion in fiscal 1986, with even larger cuts further down the line, and the Democrats in Congress resemble a football team hunkered down on its own 5-yard line and determined not to yield a single inch.

Mr. Reagan's blue pencil has slashed through a large number of programs, from Medicare and revenue sharing to rail subsidies and farm price supports. Every one of these programs, however, has influential beneficiaries who don't propose to lose their subsidies without a fight, and behind every bloc of beneficiaries stand members of Congress strategically positioned to assist them in the struggle.

To be sure, the president has every right to argue that his overwhelming re-election carried with it a powerful mandate to reduce domestic expenditures. But such a generalized mandate is often helpless against a special interest grimly determined to protect its own particular patch of turf. To change the metaphor, the special interest is often able to acquire and maintain local air superiority over the key beachhead.

Take the school lunch program, for example. Of course, it requires a political leader of far greater than average courage to tamper at all with this huge program, which serves 23 million schoolchildren. (Just imagine what you will shortly be seeing on your favorite television news shows, as producers warm to the subject!) But Mr. Reagan has hardened his heart enough to ask why this country must go deeper into debt to provide free lunches, not only for genuinely needy schoolchildren, but for children from wealthy or well-off families perfectly capable of providing nourishing lunches for their own offspring. Must every little Rockefeller be fed one meal a day at public expense?

On the barricades there appears, at this stage of the game, not (as you might suppose) a colorful Children's Army, equipped with signs reading, "DON'T MAKE US GO HUNGRY, MR. PRESIDENT!" but the National Milk Producers Federation. This outfit, which is the lobbying organization for dairy cooperatives, is deeply interested in the school lunch program, not because its members are exceptionally vulnerable to the charms of the young but because one out of every three dollars spent on food under the program goes to the dairy industry.

What's more, Tip O'Neill and his boys are on hand on Capitol Hill to make very sure that nobody prevents America's milk producers from continuing to turn out dairy products for our schoolchildren, rich and poor alike. Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif, chairman of the Subcommittee on Nutrition of the House Agriculture Committee, says he sees "no chance at all" that Congress will approve any reduction in the program.

And so it goes. My brother columnist Tom Wicker wails that President Reagan's "ax" is "decapitating the elderly, children, the poorest among us, veterans, students, urban transit riders, small-business borrowers, the handicapped." We have already seen how Mr. Reagan proposes to "decapitate" children, but take another example from Wicker's list: veterans. Is there any earthly reason why the government should go still deeper into debt to provide free medical care for any veteran for any illness or injury that may ever befall him, no matter how unrelated to his military service? The gesture is splendid, but is it essential?

Mr. Reagan will need more help than merely the votes he received on Nov. 6 if he is to overcome the massed resistance of current beneficiaries of federal largess to any serious effort to cut domestic expenditures. With congressmen home for the holidays, this is an especially good time to tell them to stop trying to play Santa Claus all year long.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 26, the 361st day of 1984. There are five days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 26, 1776, the Battle of Trenton was fought during the Revolutionary War. Gen. George Washington's troops captured 1,000 Hessian soldiers in a major defeat for the British.

On this date:

Ten years ago: Comedian Jack Benny died of cancer in Los Angeles at the age of 80.

Five years ago: The Carter administration strongly rebuked the Soviet Union for what was described as a large-scale military airlift into Afghanistan.

One year ago: Citrus and vegetable growers in Florida, Texas and Louisiana reported damage in the millions of dollars after a record cold wave.

Today's birthdays: Actor Richard Widmark is 70. Comedian-composer-author Steve Allen is 63. Comedian Alan King is 57. Baseball players Carlton Fisk and Chris Chambliss are 36.

Thought for today: "When you're through learning, you're through." — Vernon Law, former Pittsburgh Pirates baseball pitcher.



Paul Harvey

Looking out for neighbors

Down the block and across the street from us lived Eleanor Knaphurst. Since she and husband Harry moved away everybody in the neighborhood has been poorer and less safe.

First because they're such good neighbors, always keeping their house and yard neat. I remember their annual outdoor Christmas decorations were so tasteful and cheerful.

But while Eleanor was too busy to sit by the window, she did seem to have a sixth sense about what was going on in the neighborhood.

And if a suspicious - appearing car was parked outside your house at midnight, you'd likely get a call from Eleanor.

She'd never let newspapers accumulate on your lawn while you vacationed.

And everybody in the block can remember more than once when a call from Eleanor or Harry intercepted some mischief, recovered a stray or - at least once - resulted in the apprehension of two, caught in the act of stealing a car.

Today the kind of "crime watch" which our dear neighbor initiated on her own is recommended by lawmen everywhere.

In residential Mt. Lebanon, near Pittsburgh, population 35,000, a neighborhood crime watch was established in cooperation with police in 1978. There'd been a rash of residential burglaries and minor arson, so neighbors began watching out for neighbors. In five years of their neighborhood crime watch burglaries decreased every year; down 11 percent, down 28 percent, down 5 percent, down 41 percent, down another 21 percent.

And vandalism was reduced to nil.

So dramatic was the improvement that this new neighborhood program became the fundation for 27 additional watch groups.

Lebanon police officer James Howell, liaison between the police and the public in these efforts, says, "The fundamental element of any successful neighborhood watch program is communication."

He means the watch group must be kept informed - and then must be able promptly to relay their suspicions and observations to police.

In Lebanon communication involved a telephone "pyramid" calling system. The crime prevention officer might alert a single group coordinator who would notify block captains who would notify members. Eventually this calling has become computerized, allowing notification of 9,000 individual homes and - or apartments within minutes. Any householder away from his phone is called back repeatedly and "automatically."

The speed with which a fugitive, a lost child, a car license, a bunko artist passing bad checks or a killer can be reported, traced and intercepted would be impossible were the police without this civilian help.

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Anthony Harrigan

Radical bias on the radio

Given the radical bias of National Public Radio, it's surprising that there isn't a greater volume of protest from moderate citizens. Perhaps the answer is that listeners are simply tuning to the NPR broadcasters who present only the liberal - left point of view.

There's evidence, however, that college publications are taking note of NPR's political pleading. Earlier this winter, The Dartmouth Review, a student publication, published a letter that took NPR and the Dartmouth authorities to task. The author of the letter to the editor said: "At this year's commencement exercise Dartmouth awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters to Susan Stanberg, co - host of 'All Things Considered.' " He added: "This daily two hour newscast spawned by National Public Radio is perceived in circles of credible journalists as nothing less than one of the foremost champions of leftist propaganda, trivia, and pre - emptive censorship funded by the American taxpayer."

It's amazing and distressing that the Reagan administration hasn't cut off funds for the radicalized drivel that NPR characterizes as "news." The program "All Things Considered" comes across as a propaganda conduit for the Nicaraguan government. Indeed anyone who badmouths the United Sates gets an opportunity to say his piece on "All Things Considered" or NPR's "Morning Edition." NPR comentators are down the line liberal - left, except for a very occasional token conservative. The regulars are Rod MacLeish in the morning and Daniel Schorr in the afternoon, veteran foes of all things conservative.

For months prior to the presidential election, NPR fled the airwaves with every possible piece of politicized "news" that cast President Reagan in a bad light. The propaganda barrage didn't work, of course. The people were listening to other voices than NPR. However, the taxpayer - funded NPR propagandists are back at the old stand, presenting the Reagan administration as an oppressor in Central America. Spokesmen for such radical groups as Amnericas Watch and Trans - Africa are given long stretches of time to air their complaints against the United States. Meanwhile, the voice of Middle America goes unheard on NPR.

Any newsman worthy of his salt understands the "pre - emptive censorship" referred to by the author of the letter to The Dartmouth Review. It's not only what the liberal - leftist commentators say on "All Things Considered," it's the stories that NPR chooses to downplay or not to mention. No matter what the Soviet Union is doing to threaten world peace, we can count on NPR to keep the protest stories coming on countries such as Chile and South Africa. The latter are presented as the real threats to world peace, whereas the communist countries receive polite treatment.

If NPR were a private outfit, we wouldn't like the propaganda any better, but would conclude that the group had a constitutional right to make its point. NPR, however, is able to beam its propaganda at the public because it is subsidized by the taxpayer. This subsidization is intolerable and should be stopped. The taxpayers ought not to be compelled to play for radical propaganda on the radio.

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ROADBLOCK—European settlers opposing independence from France face - off with French police at a roadblock on the outskirts of Bourail Wednesday. Several roadblocks have been set up around the island since the native Kanaks begin seeking independence during general elections last month. (AP Laserphoto)

Some good news for Christmas

By The Associated Press

Christmas 1984 brought moments of cheer to some of the world's troubled places.

Striking British coalminers donned Santa Claus costumes on the picket lines they have manned since March.

Mother Teresa arrived in Ethiopia to comfort victims of the calamitous famine.

And a holiday truce in El Salvador's five-year civil war survived in spite of a 15-minute battle Monday night at the northern town of Dulce Nombre de Maria. One rebel was killed.

Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas, who has acted as mediator in El Salvador's first peace talks, said in his Christmas homily: "Though we have to be realistic...we cannot but be joyful, we cannot but have great hope, because — yes — there is change."

Pope John Paul II chided the rich for being "frighteningly poor in heart," and the Queen of England said the world would be a better place if nations behaved more as children do.

Some striking miners in Britain's bitter 10-month-old coal strike turned up to man Christmas Day picket lines outside mines and power stations in Scotland wearing Santa Claus outfits and carrying balloons and Christmas crackers.

Mother Teresa, the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, began visiting camps where 26 sisters of her order were helping care for the estimated 7.7 million Ethiopians who the government says face starvation.

In Rome, more than 100,000 people jammed St. Peter's Square to hear Pope John Paul II's Christmas Day message to the world.

"We ... manifest our solidarity with the countless multitude of the poor, with their rights, with their hopes," he said.He criticized "the cynical society of consumerism," saying:"Are there not people rich in material goods, power, fame, and yet who are poor ... by reason of the great emptiness of the human heart?"

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II made her newest grandchild, Prince Harry, the star of her traditional Christmas message.

"Above all, we must retain the child's readiness to forgive, with which we are all born and which it is all too easy to lose as we grow older," she said.

In Christ's birthplace Bethlehem on the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Israeli soldiers stood guard on rooftops looking down on Manger Square outside the Church of the Nativity.

In Limavady, police were called to a Protestant church when fighting broke out between the moderate congregation and Protestant hardliners.

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Administration seems bargaining with self, as well as the Soviets

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

An AP News Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's tough enough dealing with the Soviet Union, but the Reagan administration has the added burden of negotiating with itself, the Western allies and the news media.

In less than two weeks, Secretary of State George Shultz is to sit down across the bargaining table from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Their meeting could set the agenda for reducing nuclear weapons — or, if it fails, extend the year-long suspension in arms control talks.

The consequences could be horrific. Both sides are ready to break out new and devastating weapons. Both are spending wildly on defense. With technology on the march, the nuclear fuse is getting shorter.

Considering the stakes, President Reagan and his senior advisers have enough on their hands deciding what Shultz should say to Gromyko and what he should not say. But they have made the job harder on themselves by trying to be both tough and flexible in public.

Most of the trouble revolves around the controversial "Star Wars" project. It portends a major shift in U.S. nuclear strategy from deterrence based on offensive nuclear weapons to being able to shoot down incoming Soviet missiles.

With Americans and Europeans conditioned since World War II to think one way about averting nuclear war, the Strategic Defense Initiative — the form name for Star Wars — has raised questions in this country and anxieties across the Atlantic, where the allies are protected by the U.S. nuclear umbrella.

Knowing that Gromyko's principal goal in Geneva will be to sidetrack Star Wars and to block the testing of U.S. anti-satellite weapons, the Reagan administration wants to make sure it has the American public and the allies on its side.

The result has been a hard-sell campaign. Officials are describing the $26 billion research program as both indispensable and humane. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger got so carried away recently he dismissed the current strategy of "mutual terror" as flawed, odd, simplistic and a failure.

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MOTHER TERESA IN ETHIOPIA—Mother Teresa of Calcutta embraces the bowed head of one of her Missionaries of Charity working among Ethiopian famine victims. Mother Teresa, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, arrived in Ethiopia on Christmas Day to begin a seven - to - 10 day tour of famine relief operations run by the Missionaries of Charity.

Mailman fired for distributing Christmas cards without postage

BRIGHTON, Mich. (AP) — A letter carrier who deposited unstamped Christmas cards in his customers' mailboxes as he had done for seven years was "hung without a trial" by officials who fired him after refusing the man's offer of payment, his wife says.

Marie DePlanche donned a Santa Claus outfit and picketed the post office where her husband, Frank, worked after the 29-year veteran of the postal service was informed he would be without a job after Jan. 9.

Mrs. DePlanche said the incident also landed her husband in the hospital for the holiday, suffering the effects of stress.

DePlanche left a Christmas card last week in each of about 545 mailboxes on his route, just as he'd done the past seven years, she said.

This time, postal officials say someone complained, and DePlanche was confronted about the cards Thursday by the postmaster and two inspectors, she said. "They won't say who complained. We don't even know if it's real. We've been hung without a trial."

Mrs. DePlanche said her husband admitted placing the cards in the boxes and offered to pay the postage, but the officials wouldn't accept the money.

She said she was so angry that she donned a Santa Claus suit and sandwich sign Monday and picketed the Brighton Post Office.

The sign read: "Merry Christmas. My husband was fired from this post office Saturday for giving his customers a Christmas card. He's been a mailman for 29 years. Yes Virginia, there really is a Scrooge. Happy holidays."

Workplace noise case raises many issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is a steel company responsible for the hearing loss of an employee exposed to 90 decibels of noise near a blast furnace on the job when he also listens to 90 decibels of rock music at home on his stereo?

A federal appeals court has said no, some labor unions say yes, and federal safety regulators say they want another opinion.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration asked all nine judges of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday to consider the question.

Last Nov. 8, three judges on that court in Richmond, Va., threw out a new OSHA noise regulation, saying its enforcement could be too easily triggered by hazards outside the workplace.

"Airplanes, hunting rifles, loud music and a myriad of other sources produce noise potentially as damaging as any at the workplace," the court said in its 2-1 decision.

The noise regulation would require employers to give workers hearing tests, provide hearing protectors and conduct education programs on hearing loss whenever factory noise rises beyond an 85-decibel level. An 85-decibel level is about half the din of 90 decibels. Normal conversation is about 65 decibels.

At first, OSHA appeared as if it were prepared to accept the court's ruling and continue using an older noise rule that merely limits noise to 90 decibels. But after studying the issue and hearing from concerned labor unions, it sought the judicial review.

The unions say that if the court's ruling is allowed to stand, it would set a dangerous precedent that can be applied to benzene and lead workplace standards OSHA is now amending.

The AFL-CIO also sees the OSHA hearing standard case as he appeals court suit against the OSHA noise regulation, says it will take the blame for noise in its factories — as long as the government sets reasonable limits.

"This is a noisy business we're in. We smash and shape metals," said association treasurer Charles Hageman. "When OSHA had a 90-decibel limit, everybody was happy, and we protected workers with ear plugs and headphones on the job.

"We objected when OSHA selected an arbitrary 85-decibel limit and ordered that everyone who is exposed to that be measured, tested, and educated."

Such measures don't come cheap. OSHA estimated that it would cost U.S. industries $254.3 million a year to comply with the noise regulation.

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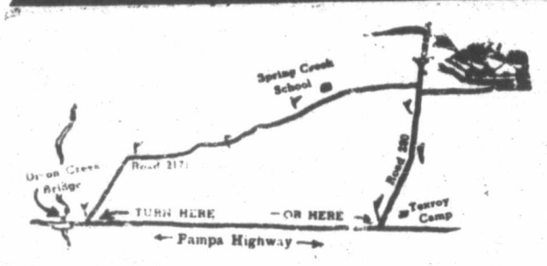
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Taking census of U.S. trees can sometimes be dangerous

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — One group of federal employees assigned to take a census has an easier, but more dangerous task than its colleagues who count people.

Seven U.S. Forest Service teams spend their time in forests across the United States counting trees.

And while trees don't move around as much as people, some of their neighbors — suspicious marijuana growers and rattlesnakes, for example — can make the timber surveys hazardous.

The tree-counters also have faced poison ivy-laced brush, bees, dogs, hazardous roads and bad weather as they measure and tally trees on designated census plots.

Tree surveys are never taken in Northern California during marijuana harvesting season, said Dale Baer, part of the team that counts trees in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.

"When we go out in the field we try to let everybody know we are there for one thing and one thing only — tree surveys — and we are not interested in anything else," added Don Gedney, who works with Baer and about 10 other people on the Portland-based team.

Aside from the dangers inherent in their job, the census-takers face skepticism from acquaintances.

"They say, 'Do you mean you count trees?' When I say yes, they can't believe it," said team member Janet Ohmann, returning to Portland after measuring Multnomah County trees.

The Forest Service teams don't count every tree, but select certain forest plots as samples and use these to extrapolate total figures.

Aerial photographs are used to pinpoint distinguishing landmarks on the selected plots.

After finding a plot, the foresters measure and count all the trees that were identified, numbered and measured 10 years earlier to determine how fast the trees have grown and how many have died or were harvested.

The information, along with data on vegetation, wildlife habitat and dead trees, is passed on to federal officials who make decisions affecting forest land, Gedney said.

The forestry surveys were authorized by the McSweeney-McNary Act of May 22, 1928, which was designed to assess timber land productivity and help balance the federal timber budget. Gedney said each team's office has a budget of about $1 million a year.

The last survey estimated 1.7 billion trees grew in Western Oregon, Gedney said, but since the census is always being taken somewhere, no updated totals for Oregon or the United States are available.

Apparent trends in the number of trees can be deceptive because fewer large trees than small trees fill an acre, he added. He said the large trees he used to count are no longer seen frequently on commercial land, where farms of smaller but more numerous trees are common.

In his 30 years of counting trees, Gedney said, he has seen centuries-old forests mowed down to make way for second-growth timber that in turn was replaced by convenience stores.

When it comes to counting trees, Gedney said, he'd rather work with old-growth timber on government land.

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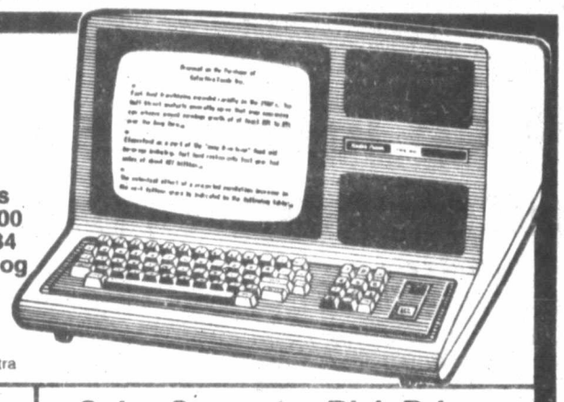
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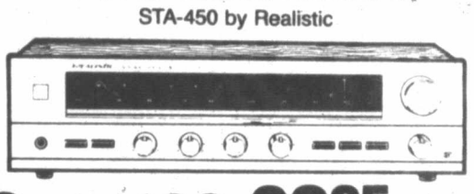
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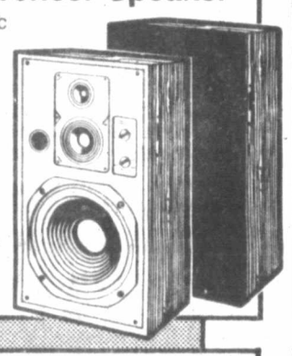


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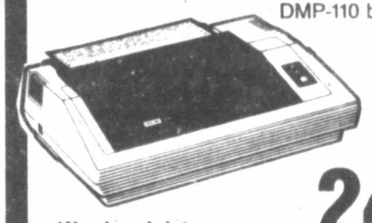
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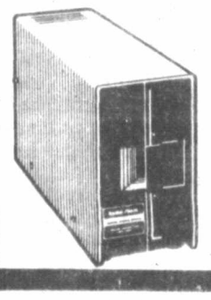
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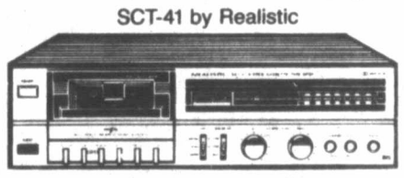
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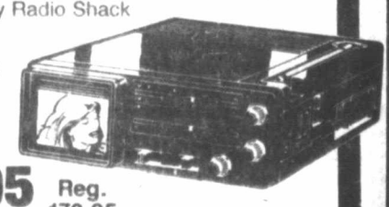


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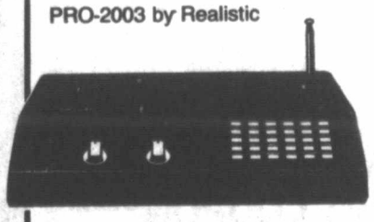
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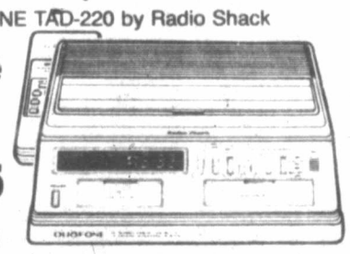
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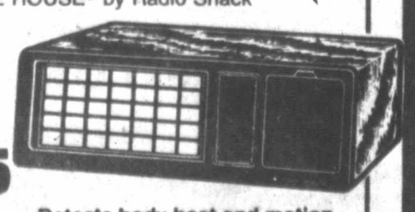
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HOLIDAY PREPARATION—Two women walk along a street carrying home fir trees for the New Year's holiday celebration on a cold Wednesday in Moscow. The billboard in the rear shows "Ded Moroz," the Russian Father Frost who brings gifts to children during the holdiay season. (AP Laserphoto)

Those who sell lottery tickets win big, too

By JOEL SIEGEL
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Regardless of the numbers drawn in the Pennsylvania lottery, Dick Ruggieri is always a winner.

His tavern, tucked away near the Delaware and Maryland borders, should earn about $70,000 selling tickets this year.

"That's $70,000 you don't have to put anything out for," said Ruggieri. "What do you call that? Two hundred percent profit?"

For most retailers in Pennsylvania, who earn a 5 percent commission on every ticket they sell, lottery tickets are another product helping to pay the bills. For a select few, the lottery is much more, generating $50,000, $100,000 or close to $300,000 a year in income.

The same can be said for lottery retailers in many of the 16 other states with lottery games. Officials in New Jersey, Illinois, New York and Maryland, for example, all said they have agents earning $100,000 or more.

In Pennsylvania, Stanley Szott is a big winner. His five Pittsburgh-area sign shops sold more than $5.8 million in tickets last year, generating up to $290,000 in commissions, according to state lottery figures.

In Washington County, Thelma Progar is making money off the lottery, too. Her Burgettstown gas station and general store, near the West Virginia and Ohio borders, earned $91,000 in commissions.

And two suburban Philadelphia stores, located on opposite sides of a highway to New Jersey, sold more than $2 million in tickets last year, reaping more than $100,000 in commissions for their owner.

From a modest beginning 12 years ago, the Pennsylvania lottery has grown into a big business, generating more money than any other state lottery.

However, some industry observers say they expect the California lottery, which begins next March, to surpass Pennsylvania in revenue eventually.

Sales in Pennsylvania in the 1984-1985 fiscal year are expected to approach $1.3 billion. If the projections are accurate, the lottery will funnel more than $60 million during the year into the pockets of retailers.

About 42 percent of Pennsylvania lottery revenues are used to fund a variety of programs mainly benefitting senior citizens. In 1983-84, this came to $516 million. The rest of the money paid for prizes, commissions and overhead expenses.

Lynn Nelson, the lottery's executive director, said large profits are merely the byproduct of a successful lottery.

"My charge is to maximize our profits. We use the retailers as private business people in Pennsylvania to effect the sales," he said. "The reason for our existence is not to benefit retailers; it is to benefit senior citizens."

But no one denies that some retailers make out quite well. They tend to be near the state's borders, capturing a steady flow of out-of-state players. They also sell tickets for the popular Daily Number, Big 4 and Lotto computer games, which require players to select three, four or six numbers correctly.

Ruggieri's Hilltop Inn is located minutes from Wilmington, Del., and Maryland's northeast corner. About 80 percent of his players come from Delaware, he said.

Like Lotto players who beat 1.9 million-to-1 odds for a multimillion-dollar jackot, Ruggieri could consider himself lucky. He never sought a lottery terminal — the lottery came to him.

Thelma Progar applied, and now her general store near the West Virginia panhandle is one of the top-selling lottery outlets in the state.

Even success has its price, though. So many lottery players have flooded Mrs. Progar's store, she said, the games have "ruined" parts of her business. Cars of the players have also created gridlock in the parking lot, forcing her to add spaces so other customers could buy gas.

In Bucks County, near Philadelphia, Sal Basen has no horror stories to tell. But he says the more than $100,000 he collected in commissions last year doesn't represent pure profit. There are electricity costs and salaries for people to man the machines.

Mice and rats make nice pets - sometimes: report

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mice and rats as pets? Yuk! But in case they do fit in as family pets, the Agriculture Department has some advice as to their care.

There are advantages in having mice instead of larger animals. And they have "a variety of coat colors and patterns that are of interest to breeders." Mice also can be kept in a very small place.

"Unfortunately," says a report in the department's new yearbook, "their smell is unacceptable to many people."

Pet mice generally are quite tame, although they will bite quickly if mishandled, the report said. Housing sytems similar to those used for gerbils and hamsters are used, and a variety of diets are available commercially.

Rats are another story. Those used as pets and for laboratory purposes are derived from the wild brown or Norway rat, Rattus norvegicus. They are not one of the more popular pets, probably because of their long, sordid relationship with humans.

"Most rats become very friendly, are quick to learn, and respond positively to handling and attention," says another yearbook report. "They are generally friendlier than mice, but they will bite if provoked."

For people interested in commercial aspects of growing mice and rats for sale to laboratories, the yearbook could be a beginning source of information. And it could help those who are thinking about trading in Doggie and Kitty for smaller pets like Mousie and Ratty.

Dr. Eugene Wood of the University of Maryland has some advice for farmers on controlling rats and mice — the wild kind that pillage and destroy.

Wood, an urban entomologist and rodent specialist, says that stories told by your grandparents about farm cats keeping mice under control were probably just stories.

Forget cats and dogs, he says. Controlling rats and mice is more an issue of environmental control than an extermination problem. In fact, pet food and pet waste attact rodents.

"Besides, domestic cats and dogs do not usually hunt with any special tenacity," Wood said in a recent report. "To stop a rodent population from growing, you have to deny them as much food, water and habitat as you can. Without that effort, you can't get rid of them."

Wood listed four steps:

—Cnate places where mice and rats can next or hide in barns or other buildings.

As fall harvests end and cold weather sets in, rats and mice start looking for warm places to next that have good food supplies. Improperly stored grain and livestock feed are "as good as an engraved invitation" to rodents.

Man-made 'comet' rescheduled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists will try again Thursday to create a comet-like phenomenon 70,160 miles over the Pacific Ocean after being stymied by poor weather that would have prevented them from observing it.

The so-called Christmas Comet was rescheduled for 4:32 a.m. PST Thursday, said West German scientist Gerhard Haerendel. It was to have been created early Tuesday by the release of a barium vapor cloud from a West German satellite over the Pacific Ocean off the coast of South America.

The "comet" would have been visible from much of the western United States, southwestern Canada, northern Mexico, Hawaii and Tahiti.

But Haerendel, directing the experiment from the Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona, scrubbed the release with 15 minutes to go when clouds moved over the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, making the site too marginal for telescope observations.

Clouds already covered the three other major observatories — Mauna Kea on Hawaii, Haleakala on Maui and Kitt Peak.

The experiment is part of a $78 million U.S.-British-West German study of how Earth's magnetic field is affected by the solar wind, a hot, electrically charged gas or "plasma" speeding from the sun at nearly 1 million mph.

Atlanta group overhauls way adults are taught to read

By ROBERT BYRD
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The image is a familiar one — a benevolent volunteer tutor working patiently one-on-one, week after week, teaching a proud but illiterate adult how to read.

The problem, says an Atlanta organization, is that too often, it doesn't work.

Those traditional adult literacy programs have a success rate of about 20 percent, said Lunette Hayes, vice president of Atlanta's Literacy Action. And with an estimated one out of four Southerners functionally illiterate, that's not enough to solve "an absolutely monumental problem," she said.

A recent report of the Library of Congress said one American adult in eight can't read books.

Literacy Action, a non-profit group teaching adult Atlantans to read for 15 years, has junked its traditional one-on-one volunteer program and substituted a new concept in group teaching.

"We've got a very innovative thing ... something very special," she said. "We may have a real solution."

Literacy Action can take a class of illiterate adults and, in less than a year of twice-a-week, 90-minute sessions, have 80 percent of them reading and writing at a 10th grade level, according to president Vern Pulling.

The key is in the approach.

"Illiteracy among adults is not primarily a reading problem," he explained. "And the conventional approach of teaching traditional reading skills isn't going to solve the problem."

Rather, he said, the problem is that adults who cannot read have spent their whole lives thinking differently from the majority of the population.

"Our students do not process information like the rest of America does," Ms. Hayes said.

The idea behind Literacy Action's program, based on studies by University of Georgia reading professor James Dinnan, is that illiterate people "have developed a whole language pattern slightly out of sync with standard language patterns," Pulling said.

For example, Pulling said, although a non-reading person knows very well what "hot" and "cold" mean when he hears them, he may "misfile" those words in his mind, and never associate them with other words or understand other meanings.

A stove, then, is certainly "hot," but when something is described as "hot stuff," that has nothing to do with stoves — and comprehension breaks down.

The problem, in other words, is not understanding words. It's reading — reading whole sentences and paragraphs and knowing what they mean. Some illiterate people may perfectly "read" a whole paragraph, but because they cannot "process the information," they won't "have the faintest idea what it meant," Pulling said.

Before students are given anything to read, they work on their image. "Most of the people who have struggled with this have developed a pretty bad attitude about their ability to learn," Pulling said.

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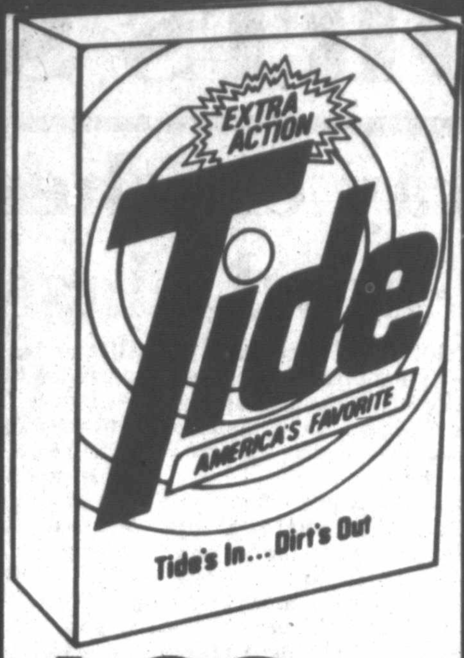
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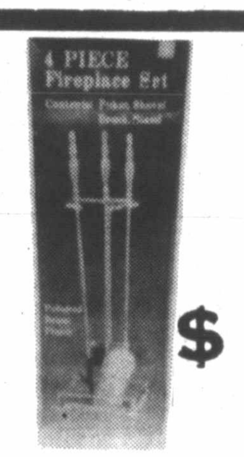
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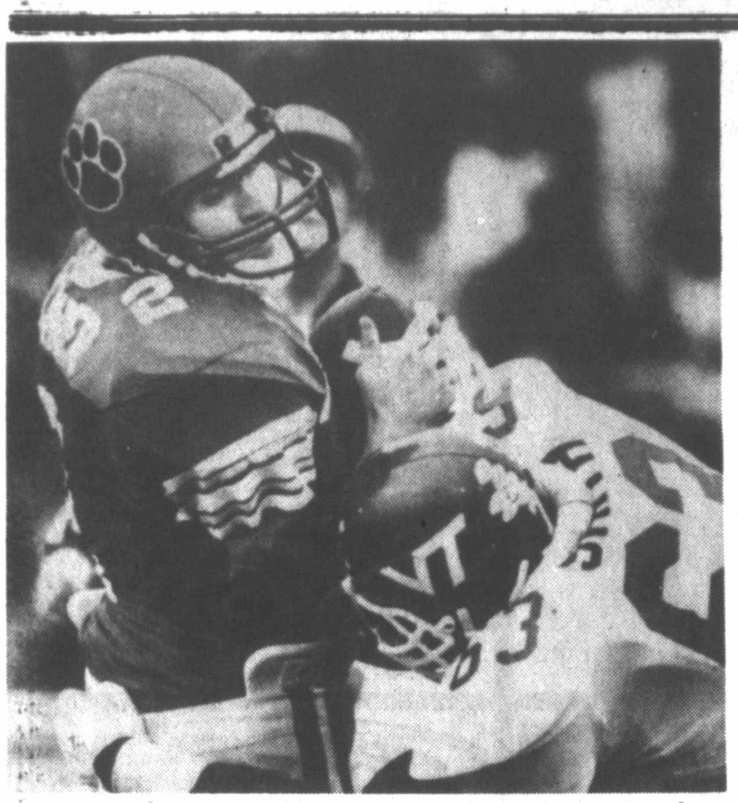
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SPORTS SCENE



SACK TIME— Outland Trophy winner Bruce Smith (63) of the Gray squad puts the stop on Paul Berner during the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic Tuesday. The Gray won, 33-6. (AP Laserphoto)

Gray crushes Blue in bowl classic

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Tennessee's Faud Reveiz said his four field goals in the 47th annual Blue-Gray Classic shows he can kick like a pro, whether the pros want him or not.

Raveiz's footwork and two touchdown receptions by Mississippi Valley's Jerry Rice highlighted a 484-yard offensive showing that gave the South a 33-6 victory over the North Tuesday.

Raveiz kicked field goals of 41, 43, 52 and 30 yards without using a tee for the first time in his career.

Pro kickers aren't allowed to use a tee, and some college kickers were never able to make the adjustment. But Raviez said his first try "really helped my confidence."

Raveiz has yet to hear anything from professional scouts, but after Tuesday's kicking performance, he said: "Even if I end up not being good enough, it won't be the end of my life."

Rice, the game's most valuable player and a member of The Associated Press Division I-AA All-America team, caught four passes for 101 yards, one a 60-yard touchdown throw from Alabama halfback Paul Ott Carruth.

The Gray, with Clemson's Mike Eppley and Vanderbilt's Kurt Page directing the offense, pounded out 233 yards rushing and 251 yards passing, while the South defenders held the Blue offense to seven yards on the ground and 193 passing.

The game's leading rusher was Alabama's Ricky Moore, who picked up 113 yards in 13 carries. North Carolina State's Joe McIntosh, the workhorse of the South rushing attack with 22 carries, added 78 yards.

The South took charge after Brigham Young's Lee Johnson booted a 39-yard field goal to give the Blues a 3-0 lead with 6:34 left in the first quarter.

Following an exchange of punts, Memphis State's Derrick Burroughs intercepted a pass by Pacific's Paul Berner and returned it 54 yards for a touchdown.

College bowls at a glance

By The Associated Press

Saturday, Dec. 15
California Bowl
At Fresno, Calif.
Nevada-Las Vegas 30, Toledo 13

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Air Force 23, Virginia Tech 7

Friday, Dec. 21
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Brigham Young 24, Michigan 17

Saturday, Dec. 22
Florida Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia 17, Florida State 17

Cherry Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Army 10, Michigan State 6

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Maryland 28, Tennessee 27

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 33, Blue 6

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Iowa, 7-4-1, vs. Texas, 7-3-1

Thursday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Arkansas, 7-3-1, vs. Auburn, 8-4

Friday, Dec. 28
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
South Carolina, 10-1, vs. Oklahoma State, 9-3

Saturday, Dec. 29
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Southern Methodist, 9-2, vs. Notre Dame, 7-4

Hall of Fame Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Wisconsin, 7-3-1, vs. Kentucky, 8-3

Monday, Dec. 31
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Purdue, 7-4, vs. Virginia, 7-3-2

Blockbuster Bowl
At Houston
Texas Christian, 8-3, vs. West Virginia, 7-4

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Houston, 7-4, vs. Boston College, 9-2

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
UCLA, 8-3, vs. Miami, Fla., 8-4

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Ohio State, 9-2, vs. Southern California, 8-3

'Horns meet Iowa in Freedom Bowl

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Two teams that suffered through poor finishes in the regular football season are looking to the inaugural Freedom Bowl as an opportunity to erase some of the bad memories.

The Texas Longhorns, who lost their final two games to finish 7-4-1, meet the Iowa Hawkeyes, who went 1-2-1 in their final four games and ended up 7-3-1, meet tonight in the bowl game at Anaheim Stadium. Kickoff will be 5 p.m., PST.

Texas Coach Fred Akers wants his team to enjoy its trip to California.

"It's a reward for a football team," Akers said at a press confernce. "I would be upset if all we did was come out and think about the game. We would miss a great deal of what a bowl really is.

"We're a bowl team. So you generally gave players who know how to turn on and turn off. They should know when business takes the place of pleasure."

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry has his team thinking the same way.

"We treat a bowl game as a reward for the players, the fans, and the coaches," Fry said. "I'm not saying we're not trying to win ... These kids are missing an opportunity to be at home with their families for the holidays.

The game has, however, captured the attention of the players.

"I want to finish out on a winning note," said Texas defensive lineman Tony Degrate, who was awarded the Lombardi Award as college football's premier college lineman.

"It seems like your last game will be the one you remember most. Our last game against (Texas) A&M didn't turn out so well, so personally, I'm looking for a little satisfaction. I'd like to finish out on a winning note with a win against Iowa."

"After our last game, we just wanted to go and hide," said Johnny Gray, the Longhorns' All-American defensive back. "But then we started thinking that a bowl game would give us another chance. We could go there and try and come out as winners. The seniors are really taking the game seriously. They don't want to go out on a wrong note."

Both teams have been working out in the area only since Saturday because their players had final examinations all last week.

"Our practices have gone well," Akers said. "The players are alert and they've been real sharp."

Fry couldn't say the same about his team, which hadn't practiced in three weeks since their final regular season game.

"We're a little bit rusty and our execution is a little off," he said. "But the thrill of seeing the sunshine and feeling the heat will have us ready by game time."

Cotton Bowl Roundup

Eagles' coach worried about Cougar offense

DALLAS (AP) — Some numbers tell one story.

Boston College is ranked eighth in the nation with a 9-2 mark, and Doug Flutie has thrown for a major-college career record of 10,579 yards. Houston is 7-4 and not ranked in the Top 20.

But other numbers tell Eagles' Coach Jack Bicknell a different story.

Houston rushed for 309 and 366 yards in its last two regular-season football games, and his Boston College defense gave up an average of 201.2 yards on the ground tton Bowl on New Year's Day.

"They're a split-back veer. They run it very well," he said of Houston's offensive system. "They have two guys in the backfield, exceptional team speed. They won five of their last seven games. They really played well down the stretch."

Boston College has had trouble with running formations it hasn't seen much. It played against the wishbone twice in the last three years, allowing Auburn to rush for 313 yards in the 1982 Tangerine Bowl and Army to gain 349 yards on the ground this season.

"We didn't play a true veer team this year," said Bicknell. "I think we understand it.... They don't have the lead-back blocker that the wishbone has.

"It's not quite as difficult to defend as is the wishbone from a technical standpoint. From the standpoint of their people, it's hard."

Houston's people include Raymond Tate, Mat Pierson, Sloan Hood and Michael Simmons. They ran for 309 yards in a victory over Texas Tech in their next to last game of the regular season.

The following Saturday, Tate ran 27 times for 205 yards and three touchdowns, including a 72-yard dash, as Houston locked up the Cotton Bowl berth with a 38-26 victory over lowly Rice.

But with Flutie, the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, Boston College has the most explosive offensive force in the game.

"There is a lot of motivation to win the game. I think Flutie wants to go out a winner, not just him but the whole senior team," Bicknell said.

That determination and the way the Cougars finished the season should help his players avoid over-confidence, he added.

"Our kids have been pretty good that way," he said. "I say, 'look at the film, look who they beat.' They beat Texas, they beat Southern Methodist. Houston's excited about going (to the Cotton Bowl). They haven't gone in a while. Everybody tells me if they're playing well they're tough."

Houston Coach Bill Yeoman "has done a great job," Bicknell added. "When you say the veer, you say the Houston veer. This is the guy that invented the attack. At times, everybody in the country was running it."

The Eagles have had plenty of time to prepare for it. After ending their regular season Dec. 1, they took one week off, spent the next week running and lifting weights and returned to full practices last week.

They planned a light workout today.

"We got all of our technical work done in Boston. We're completely ready," said Bicknell.

Chaminade shocks SMU to win own tourney

HONOLULU (AP) — Chaminade Coach Merv Lopes compares his unlikely giant-killers to a song that, at least for the moment, is No. 1 on the hit parade.

"Not too many people believe in Chaminade, not year in and year out," Lopes said. "One upset and then they tend to forget you, you disappear from their memory. It's like a hit song. So we just want to keep on reminding them we are for real."

Chaminade, a tiny NAIA school, surfaced for the third Christmas in a row to make believers of major-college basketball. After an upset of then-12th ranked Louisville in the first round, the Silverswords won their own Western Airlines Chaminade Basketball Classic on Tuesday with a 71-70 stunner over fourth-ranked Southern Methodist.

"Every team is even when the game starts," Lopes said. "I don't let us put anybody on a pedestal. We start side by side."

In 1982, Chaminade shocked the basketball world with an upset of then top-ranked Virginia, then followed a year later with an upset of Louisville. But Lopes said the win over previously unbeaten SMU may have been the biggest victory yet.

"This was bigger than Virginia because each game we build on what happened the game before," he said. "Virginia built us up for Louisville, which built us up for SMU. But it all started with Virginia.

"We prepare mentally for each game. We had put the Louisville upset out of our minds at Sunday's practice and concentrated on SMU from then."

For a time Tuesday, it looked as if Chaminade's magic would finally fail. SMU held a 70-69 lead when Carl Wright blocked a shot by Chaminade's Mark Rodrigues with nine seconds to go.

After a scramble, Wright came up with the ball as the final second ticked off the clock. But Wright's foot was out of bounds and, because the buzzer hadn't sounded, the game officials gave Chaminade the opportunity to try a final shot.

That's all the chance Chaminade needed. As the buzzer sounded, Keith Whitney's 20-foot shot bounced on the rim and fell through for the winning points. It was the 11th victory in 15 games for the Silverswords.

"I let it go as soon as I touched it," said Whitney, who scored all but two of his 21 points in the second half. "I wanted to "soft" it up to the basket ... I knew it was going in when it bounced and then everyone came running at me."

"Nice baseline shot," said SMU Coach Dave Bliss, whose club lost for the first time in 10 games. "The referees were right all the way. The buzzer must go off. You have to play until that buzzer goes off because you don't know how much time is left."

In the tournament's consolation game, All-American Wayman Tisdale scored 28 points to go over the 2,000-point career plateau in leading No. 17 Oklahoma to a 90-72 romp over 20th-ranked Louisville.

Whitney, Wright and Tisdale were named to the all-tournament team along with Louisville's Billy Thompson and Rodrigues, whose last-second shot beat Louisville in the opening round. SMU's Jon Koncak, who scored 24 points in the title game, was named most valuable player.

Tisdale, with 2,009 points, needs 107 points to surpass the Big Eight career record of 2,115 owned by Kansas State's Mike Evans.

Oklahoma was forced to go to what Coach Billy Tubbs called "a spread offense" when Tisdale fouled out in the second half.

"Wayman was having a great day," said Tubbs. "It's a shame he got two really picky fouls called on him that takes him out of the game. He's the most-abused-by-the-defense player in the country.

"I thought the key was going to the four corners when we got into foul trouble. We probably haven't spent 10 minutes practicing on that all year because you can't use it in the Big Eight because of the 45-second shot clock. But that was the thing that paid off."

Louisville Coach Denny Crum wasn't a bit surprised by that tactic.

"Three of our top four guards are out with injuries and when you've got three or four forwards out there playing, you've got to guard their people with inexperienced freshmen, sophomores and forwards. That's hard to do," he said.

Pampa Youth Center basketball roundup

Men's basketball league action at the Pampa Youth and Community Center is as follows:

Dec.10

Heritage Ford def. Curtis Well Service, 50-35; Culberson Stowers def. J.S. Skelly, 55-39; Northwest Insulation def. Con Chem Co. & Specks, 85-48.

Dec. 12

Misfits def. Parish Construction, 45-36; Kramer Construction def. Celanese Chemical, 38-36.

Dec. 13

Parish Construction def. Culberson Stowers, 55-44.

Dec. 17

Northwest Insulation def. Misfits, 73-65; Culberson Stowers def. Celanese Chemical, 55-18; Curtis Well Service def. Con Chem Co. & Specks, 50-47.

Dec. 19

Parish Construction def. Kramer Construction, 44-33; B & B Solvent def. Heritage Ford, 56-53.

AP picks Division 1-AA All-American team

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

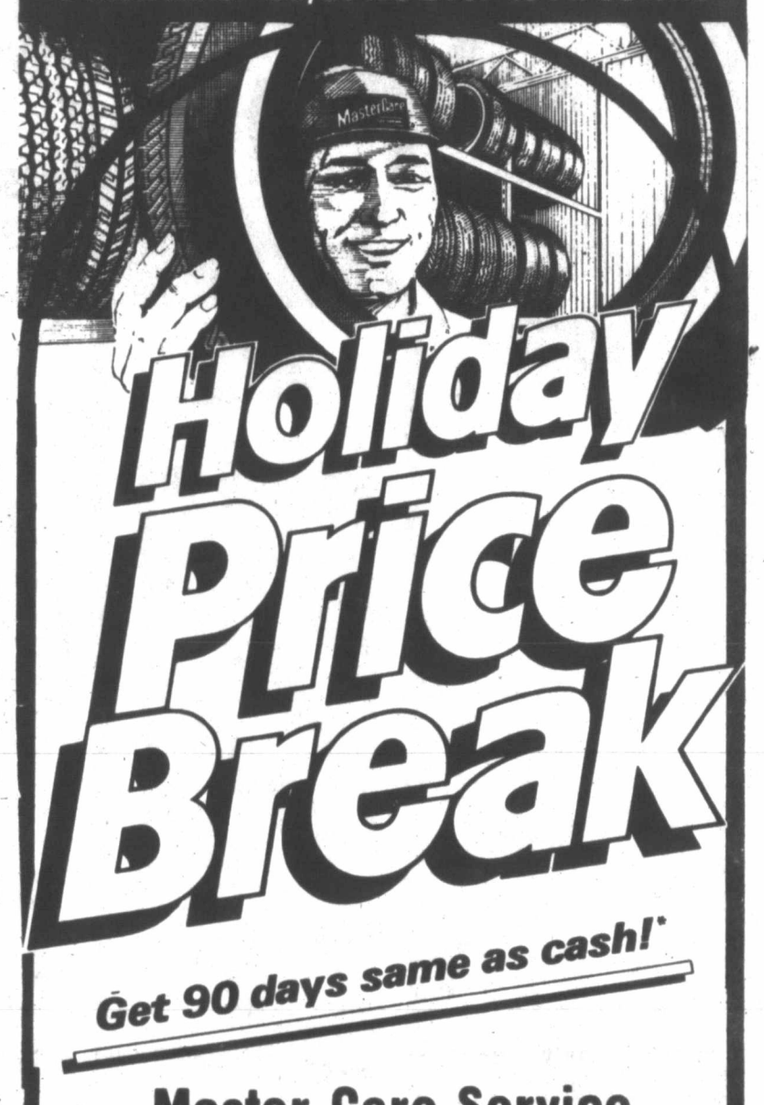
Wide receiver Jerry Rice of Mississippi Valley State and running back Paul Lewis of Boston University have been named to The Associated Press Division I-AA All-American football team for the second year in a row.

Rice was the nation's top receiver with 103 catches for 1,682 yards and 27 touchdowns while Lewis rushed for 1,165 yards and finished fourth nationally with an average of 116.5 yards a game.

They join two other repeaters — guard Mike Grantham of Northeast Louisiana and defensive tackle Chris Gunderman of Western Illinois, who made last year's team as a nose guard.

The other wide receiver is Tom Stenglein of Colgate, who caught 62 passes for 1,184 yards.

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GIANTS' WORKOUT— New York Giants' coach Bill Parcells puts his squad through its first workout at California State University in preparation for Saturday's game with the San Francisco 49ers. (AP Laserphoto)

King hits 60, but Knicks lose

NEW YORK (AP) — For Bernard King, a career-high 60-point performance was nothing to be excited about.

"I'd rather have scored 10 and we had won the game," King said Tuesday night when, despite King's high-powered performance, the New York Knicks lost a 120-114 National Basketball Association decision to the New Jersey Nets.

The point total was not only a season high for the NBA this year, but was the highest since April 9, 1978, when Denver's David Thompson had 73 and San Antonio's George Gervin 63 in separate games. King's 60 points also broke the Knicks' club record of 57 set by Richie Guerin in 1959.

The previous NBA high this season was 59 by Golden State's Purvis Short, also against the Nets.

In the other NBA action Tuesday night, Philadelphia edged Detroit 109-108, Portland beat Golden State 106-97 and Cleveland stopped Atlanta 109-106.

With King scoring 40 of his points in the first half, the Knicks twice held leads of 16 points before finishing with a 64-54 advantage at halftime. But Micheal Ray Richardson, who scored 24 of his 36 points in the second half, rallied the Nets to their first road victory after eight straight losses.

Richardson wasn't the only big gun for the Nets, who also got 27 points and 14 rebounds from Mike Gminski and 24 points from Kelvin Ransey.

76ers 109, Pistons 108

Moses Malone scored 28 points and Andrew Toney made two free throws with 30 seconds remaining to lead Philadelphia over Detroit. The victory was the 76ers' 13th in their last 15 games and improved their record to 22-6.

The Sixers trailed only in the first two minutes of the game, but had to hold off the Pistons in the fourth quarter.

Trail Blazers 106, Warriors 97

Clyde Drexler scored 26 points, collected 11 rebounds and eight assists as Portland ended a seven-game losing streak by beating Golden State.

The victory, Portland's 14th in 29 games, was costly as the Blazers lost all-star guard Jim Paxson in the first quarter with a dislocated finger on his left hand.

Cavaliers 109, Hawks 106

Phil Hubbard scored 28 points to lead Cleveland over Atlanta. The Cavaliers have won four of their last five games, but still have the worst record in the league at 6-20. The Cavaliers, however, are 3-1 against the Hawks.

The Hawks rallied to lead 101-96 on Mike Glenn's jump shot with 6:36 remaining. But John Bagley then scored two baskets and Mel Turpin and Hubbard each added a basket to give the Cavaliers a 104-101 lead with 4:43 to go and they never trailed.

NFL roundup

Steelers' Noll respects Broncos' defense

By The Associated Press

Nobody in pro football appreciates defense more than Pittsburgh Coach Chuck Noll, who assembled the Steel Curtain that produced four Steeler Super Bowl championships.

So Pittsburgh goes into Sunday's American Football Conference semifinal game with proper respect for the Denver Broncos, who allowed only 241 points all season, second lowest in the National Football League.

Noll was not surprised that the wild-card victories of the New York Giants and Seattle Seahawks were constructed by stifling defenses that simply shut down the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Raiders.

"Defense has been important in championship football games as long as I can remember," Noll said. "Before you can win, you have to not lose."

Denver didn't lose very frequently, dropping only three games all season. And the opportunistic Bronco defenders scored eight touchdowns after forcing fumbles and picking off passes. Noll, a connoisseur of defense, was suitably impressed.

Bronco Coach Dan Reeves knows the Steelers' reputation for being stingy with yards and points and spent much of the last week drilling Denver on defending against the blitz. "The Steelers blitz a lot more than most people," Reeves said.

Nobody, however, blitzes more than the Chicago Bears, who led the league in rushing defense, total defense and set a record with 72 quarterback sacks. The Washington Redskins, hoping for a third straight trip to the Super Bowl, must control the Bear defenders as well as handle Walter Payton, the NFL's alltime rushing leader.

Redskin Coach Joe Gibbs, analysing the films, said Chicago's most frequent defensive set had produced blitzes almost three-quarters of the times they lined up in it. "What scares you offensively is that they force things," Gibbs said. "Their interior rushers, nobody can block."

Blitzing, of course, has its price. It leaves the defensive secondary in man-to-man coverage and against the Redskins that can mean trouble with receivers like Art Monk, who broke the NFL single season record with 106 catches this season.

The Bears thought they would be playing in San Francisco this weekend but the New York Giants changed those plans when they upset the Los Angeles Rams in the NFC wild-card game. That thrust the Giants into the NFC semifinal against the 49ers, whose 15-1 record was the best mark in the NFL this season.

"The 49ers are the best team in football right now," New York linebacker Lawrence Taylor said. "This will be our Super Bowl."

The game affords the Giants a chance at revenge for a midseason 31-10 loss which the 49ers administered to them in a Monday night game. The same kind of incentive helped them eliminate the Rams, who had embarrassed them 33-12 during the season. Coach Bill Parcells used the early-season loss to drive his team last week and promised to do the same this week.

The Giants stayed conservative, using a short-pass attack and aggressive defense to defeat the Rams. A day earlier, Seattle did the same thing against the Los Angeles Raiders with a throwback offense that included only 10 passes all day by Dave Krieg. Now the question is whether they'll stay with the ground game against Miami.

After football season, it's tough

This year, while high school football stars think of championships and college players think of bowl games, Chris Pryor thinks of last year.

Last year, Pryor was running to the top.

The 17-year-old fullback was the most prolific single-season rusher in Texas high school history. He gained 2,800 yards. He and Converse Judson beat the odds to become Class 5A champions. Big-time college coaches phoned him, visited his home, showed him their campuses, offered him scholarships.

Last year.

This year, he's out of his scholarship, out of college, out of the game.

"Oh, I miss it a lot," says Pryor, now 18. "I miss it so much, I go up to the high school games and I get mad that I'm not playing."

Pryor, living with an aunt, works in the sporting goods section of a San Antonio department store, exercises and hopes to get back to college, back on a scholarship and back to football.

"I made some mistakes," he says. "I'm just going to have to look forward, to the future."

It's been a tough, confusing year for Chris Pryor. It's a long way down from the heights he reached.

You had to see him run, they say. You had to see him.

"He was exceptional. He broke tackle after tackle. He got yards where there weren't any. I learned more about the kid each ballgame," says Frank Arnold, his coach at Judson, near San Antonio.

At 5-9 and 195 pounds, he was neither exceptionally big nor exceptionally fast. But having started playing at 9, he had something.

"He hthat. He had such great balance. He had some fantastic moves. I'd call him a miniature Campbell. Yeah, a miniature Campbell," Arnold said.

"He was a can't miss. That's the shame of it."

Pryor was approached by Texas Tech, Houston, Baylor, Texas, Texas Christian, Oklahoma State and Florida. He chose Tech and signed a letter of intent to be a scholarship player there.

"I liked the school. I like the coaches. When I visited Tech, the student body was real nice. I liked the campus," he said. "I always had a dream of playing in the Southwest Conference."

The dream disappeared in English class.

Pryor failed the course and didn't gradvate with his class. "He had a poor first semester and a good second semester. Other than English, his grades would have been enough," Arnold said.

The failure cost him the Tech scholarship. Making up the grade during the summer mattered not. NCAA rules prohibited his playing the 1984 season.

He went to Lubbock in August anyway. He said he would spend his freshman year studying and waiting for 1985 to play football. But in a signal of what was to come, there was confusion.

"He came out with the freshmen early. But he couldn't work out. He couldn't go through any football-related activities. He came out to some practices and watched," said Joe Hornaday, Tech's sports information director.

"Then there was some confusion. He left, went home and didn't really tell anybody he was leaving. I'm still not real sure why he left. Evidentally, there was still a lot of confusion in his mind about what he wanted to do," Hornaday said.

"I thought I wouldn't be able to make it sitting out a year," Pryor says. "I'd been talking to the A&I coach. That was really close to home. Some of my friends played there. A&I is a really good school. They have a lot of pros coming out of there."

Texas A&I University at Kingsville is a Division II school. The rules are different. There, Pryor could play.

A&I Coach Ron Harms knew Pryor and his ability. He had seen him run.

"He's for real. I think his ability is outstanding," Harms said.

Pryor enrolled and played four games for A&I.

"He was up and down. He came in late and it took him longer to get into shape. He was going to class and doing his work," Harms said.

Unexpectedly, he quit.

"I was playing there and I enjoyed it," Pryor said. "But it was my dream to play in the Southwest Conference. I just didn't have the feeling at A&I that I wanted to play there."

Confusion still dogs him. Pryor says he has made no decision yet, but hopes to talk to Texas Tech.

Pampa bowling roundup

HARVESTER MEN'S LEAGUE
(thru Dec. 5)

1. Pampa Concrete, 34-18; 2. B & M Tool, 32-20; 3. Harvester Lanes, 30-22; 4. (tie) B & B Firewood and KGRO, 29-23; 6. Earl Henry's, 28½-23½; 7. (tie) Jo-Le Enterprise and OCAW, 26½-25½; 9. Team 12, 26-26; 10. Titan Specialties, 23-29; 11. Panhandle Industrial, 21-21; 12. Heritage Ford, 20½-31½; 13. (tie) Pampa News and Dyer's Barbeque, 19-33.

High Average: 1. Forrest Cole, 202; 2. (tie) Donny Nail, Rick McElliott and David Livingston, 188; 3. (tie) Howard Musgrave and Ron Don Stephens, 186.

High Handicap Series: 1. Rick McElliott, 777; 2. LeRoy Proctor, 752; 3. Ade Becker, 732; **High Handicap Game:** 1. Ricky McElliott, 295; 2. Russell Eakin, 292; 3. Arnel Bryan, 284; **High Scratch Series:** 1. Rick McElliott, 729; 2. Ade Becker, 689; 3. Forrest Cole, 677; **High Scratch Game:** 1. Rick McElliott, 279; 2. Russell Eakin, 275; 3. Forrest Cole, 269.

HI LOW
(thru Dec. 5)

1. Dunlap Ind., 33-19; 2. (tie) Harley Knutson Masonry and Rheams Diamond Shop, 32-20; 4. Pampa Nursing Center, 29-23; 5. (tie) Wayne's Western Wear and Team Six, 28½-23½; 7. Little Bill's Plumbing, 28-24; 8. (tie) Goodman's Computer Service and Williams Welding Service, 26-26; 10. A & B Welding, 25-27; 11. Locke Cattle Company, 23-29; 12. Jim's Grocery, 22-30; 13. Mercury Team Four, 16-36; 14. Team Two, 15-37.

High Average: 1. Karen Adkins, 163; 2. Sharon Dunlap, 157; 3. Penny Pinley, 155.

High Handicap Series: 1. Myrtle Denham, 703; 2. Jean Townsend, 681; 3. Claire Edwards, 671; **High Handicap Game:** 1. Myrtle Denham and Donna Goodman, 271; 2. Mary Farmer, 269; **High Scratch Series:** 1. Karen Adkins, 541; 2. Jean Townsend, 537; 3. Myrtle Denham, 535; **High Scratch Game:** 1. Mary Farmer, 223; 2. Donna Goodman, 221; 3. Claire Edwards, 216.

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Menageries enter home decorating

By BARBARA MAYER
AP Newsfeatures

Characters such as Miss Piggy, Kermit the Frog and Kliban's Cats have been showing up in many American homes recently, in books and other products and as motifs on decorative home accessories.

These commercially successful figures are, however, only the latest in a long line of animals, which have been used in many forms as home decor.

Beginning with the noble cat in ancient Egypt — whose image was worshipped as a goddess — and continuing with more mundane creatures such as monkeys, pigs, rabbits, owls, frogs, roosters and teddy bears, animals have been popular decorations for home furnishings and toys for centuries. But they are particularly popular right now, according to Michele Clise, because they add a warm and personal touch to the home.

Though almost any animal form can provide this distinction, her own favorite is stuffed teddy bears.

"I'd like to be remembered as the Beatrix Potter of teddy bears," she says. She is pursuing her goal by authoring several books about the adventures of a teddy bear named Ophelia and her friends, by selling stuffed bears — both old and new — in a Seattle shop she calls "Bazaar des Bears" and by arranging for a toy company to reproduce Ophelia as a $150 collectible.

Ms. Clise, 49, is a display artist and designer as well as owner of the Bazaar des Bears, located in the picturesque Pike Street Market complex, where she also sells decorative home furnishings, accessories such as lace, antique, and contemporary bed linens, pillows and potpourri. The emphasis is on creating environments appropriate in Victorian and country style interiors.

Her interest in stuffed animals began more than 20 years ago when she was working as a display artist in a local toy store. She created displays in which stuffed toys were dressed and accessorized. At the same time, she began to collect old stuffed toys which she displayed in her home.

"I like antiques and old things, so I also began collecting old christening dresses, lace, toys, children's furniture and toy furniture," she said.

She'd construct a special vignette and use it as a party table centerpiece or on a mantel or table top. She found these accessories added considerably to the charm of her home.

The stuffed toys seemed to in pire people to make up stories about them, imagining a life for each of the characters. The stuffed bears (by now she'd become a collector primarily of bears) developed "personalities" and histories. Each had a name and a story which friends helped construct. Ophelia (a purchase for $65 at a local antique show) was characterized as a Parisian shop owner with a flirtatious and mischievous personality. Clarence, her suitor, became the perfect gentleman. Friends began to buy old doll clothes and accessories for their favorite

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Dear Abby:

Girlfriend tires of lawyer's refusal to sign

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I need your help. My boyfriend (26), a struggling attorney, and I (25), a secretary, have been dating for five years. I wanted to get married a year ago, but he wasn't ready, so I reluctantly agreed to let him move in with me because he insisted it would help him decide when he is ready for marriage.

He is no closer to a decision today than he was a year ago. He says he is not ready for the responsibilities of marriage yet, he's afraid of all the hassle involved in a divorce, and he wants to be absolutely sure our marriage will work before he commits to it.

He also says he doesn't "need" marriage, but he will marry me when he's ready because he knows that's what I want. Meanwhile he doesn't even want to become officially engaged because he says that's also a commitment he's not ready to make.

I love him and we have a comfortable life together, but for the first time I feel uncertain about where our relationship is going. I feel as though I am being taken advantage of and I'm on the verge of asking him to move out. Please help me decide.

UNDECIDED

DEAR UNDECIDED: Don't just ask him to move—help him pack. I think he will be relieved and so will you. If you feel that you are being taken advantage of, you probably are.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I recently read the following in your column:

"Confidential to everybody:
"'I have learned
"'To spell hors d'oeuvres
"'Which still grates on
"'Some people's n'oeuvres.
WARREN KNOX'"

Abby, I know the phrase has been Anglicized; nevertheless diehard purists like me still consider it improper to sound the final consonant in the phrase "hors d'oeuvres," which prompts my:

Confidential to Warren Knox:
To announce in print
You can spell hors d'oeuvres
And then rhyme it wrong
Takes a lot of nerve.

BEA SHAW,
HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

DEAR BEA: French is not my language (obviously). You might be interested to know that only two people wrote to point out my faux pas: You and Paul Ipsen of Platteville, Wis. Mon Dieu!

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DEAR ABBY: I am sending you an article I clipped from an American Legion magazine. If you print it, our trade balance might improve, which would be a great service for our country. Thank you.

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"He drove his German car made of Swedish steel and interior of Argentine leather to a gasoline station, where he filled up with Arab oil shipped in a Liberian tanker and bought two French tires, composed of rubber from Sri Lanka.

"At home, he dropped his Moroccan briefcase, hung up his Scottish tweed wool coat, removed his Italian shoes and Egyptian cotton shirt, then donned a Hong Kong robe and matching slippers from Taiwan.

"More comfortable now, he poured a cup of hot Brazilian coffee into an English coffee mug, set a Mexican placemat on an Irish linen tablecloth atop a Danish table varnished with linseed oil from India. Then he filled his Austrian pipe with Turkish tobacco, lit it, and picked up a Japanese ballpoint pen with which he wrote a letter to his congressman demanding to know why the United States has an unfavorable balance of trade."

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DEAR ABBY: I've got herpes—the genital kind. Now what? The fellow who gave it to me never told me and I'm mad! Big deal. A lot of good that does me. So what should I do when I start a new relationship? Do I say, "Hi, nice to meet you, I've got herpes"—then watch the man run? Or do I date him for a while, and then just before we sleep together mention it—then watch him run?

I'm young and pretty and I am not promiscuous, but I'm not dead either. A lot of men are interested in me, but I don't for one minute forget that I have herpes. I really don't want to take a chance on giving it to anybody, but I don't want to be treated like a leper either.

What should I do? Rather than tell somebody I have herpes, I just don't date.

I wish you'd write an article about herpes, Abby. Is it possible to get it off a toilet seat?

THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

DEAR GIRL: Yes. The herpes virus can live as long as five hours in warm, moist areas, such as the tiles and plastic-coated benches that often surround a swimming pool, hot tub and the steam room of a health club. Though it's very unlikely that you'll pick up the germ from one of these places, "It's wise," says the American Medical Association, "to always sit on a clean towel to be on the safe side—especially if you're bare-bottomed."

You need not feel like a "leper." But *never* withhold the fact that you have herpes from anyone who risks contracting it from you.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for telling "Mother of Two" not to let her 16-year-old daughter and 15-year-old son share the same bedroom. I also had parents who thought there was no problem putting me and my brother in the same bedroom. They were wrong. I became pregnant by my 16-year-old brother when I was 13. I was too frightened and ashamed to tell my mother, so she didn't know it until she saw me getting bigger and bigger. I did a lot of dumb things to try to get rid of it, but a baby girl was born to me. She was blind and brain-damaged, and died before she was 3 months old.

I still love my parents, but have very little respect for their judgment. That terrible experience left me with emotional scars that took many years of therapy to heal.

Abby, please tell your readers that although incest is not openly discussed, it's not all that uncommon. Keep on telling parents that they have a responsibility to protect their children from this terrible experience. Thank you for letting me say this.

VICTIM IN TACOMA

DEAR VICTIM: Thanks for writing. Many others wrote to say that they, too, had been victims of incest—something they had never disclosed before.

However, several readers wrote to tell me off in protest of my "ill-considered" warning. A sample:

DEAR ABBY: I wish you and your so-called sex experts would get your minds out of the gutter and realize that a brother and sister can share the same sleeping quarters without having it turn into incest.

My folks were poor. There were three boys and two girls in our family, and all us kids slept in one bed—the boys on one end and the girls on the other. I know for a fact there was no sex going on. I was 17 before I had a room by myself, and I had to have it because they thought I had TB.

It's my belief that the less you say about sex in the early years, the less stirred up the kids will get. Today everybody is sex-crazy. I am 80 now, and I am sick and tired of the subject.

HAD MY SAY
IN ILLINOIS

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DEAR ABBY: When a person is invited to ride with someone and share auto expenses, do you feel that paying just for one-half of the gas used is sharing expenses? That, in my opinion, is not sharing. Operating an automobile is very expensive, excluding the gasoline.

I would like to have your opinion on this. Thank you.

A FAIR SHARER

DEAR FAIR: To be absolutely "fair," all expenses pertaining to the automobile should be shared. But my mail tells me that most automobile owners would be tickled pink if their riders offered to go 50-50 on the gasoline.

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Here's the answer

By ANDY LANG
AP Newsfeatures

Q. — We know the stated dimensions of lumber are not their actual size — that, in reality, they are dimensions left over after the lumber has been milled. But we are having an argument over what the real sizes are. My friend says a 2-by-4 actually is 1¾-by-3¾. I say it is 1½-by-3½. Who is right?

A. — It would have been a simple matter to go to any lumber yard and measure a 2-by-4. Your friend would have been correct a few years ago. You are correct today. The actual dimensions of lumber have been shrinking over the years.

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Q. — I recently read about patching cracks in concrete with a special patching material. The instructions called for "undercutting" the cracks when doing the repairing. What does this mean?

A. — A crack in concrete, plaster or anything is undercut when you make the crack wider underneath than it is on the surface. Then, when you put in the patching material, some of it will be squeezed in beneath the surface. As the material dries and hardens, it will be locked in place because part of it is under the concrete or plaster.

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Q. — I have some picture frames I want to finish. I intended to use gold paint, but have been told gold leaf gives a much better look to the frame. Where can I get it and how is it applied?

A. — You can buy gold leaf at any art supply store. Yes, it has a fine appearance, but it is more tricky to apply than paint. The gold leaf comes in thin sheets. When you buy it, ask for the proper cement, since the sheets are glued to the frame.

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(Do-it-yourselfers will find much helpful material in Andy Lang's handbook, "Practical Home Repairs," which can be obtained by sending $2 to this newspaper at Box 5, Teaneck, NJ 07666.)

Menageries

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bear characters.

Eventually, she moved from her large Victorian home. As a present, a friend arranged for a photographer to take pictures of the house before it was broken up. The first book about Ophelia and the other bears was a collaboration between the photographer, Marsha Burns, and Ms. Clise.

"Ophelia's World," the just-published sequel, is also a collaboration between the two. It tells in pictures and diary entries of a year in the Parisian life of Ophelia and friends. All the pictured characters are teddy bears in her collection.

Ms. Clise and Ophelia, her constant companion, have been featured in ads in Seattle and have become well-known in the community. They've appeared on local television where the toy bear came to the attention of Steiff Co., a well-known German manufacturer of stuffed toys sold all over the world. Ms. Clise concluded an agreement with Steiff and this fall a reproduction of the stuffed bear made its appearance in a number of retail stores around the country.

Though it may seem odd for adults to give personalities and imaginary lives to toys, she has found most people, regardless of age, educational level or occupation, enter readily and with pleasure into the fantasy.

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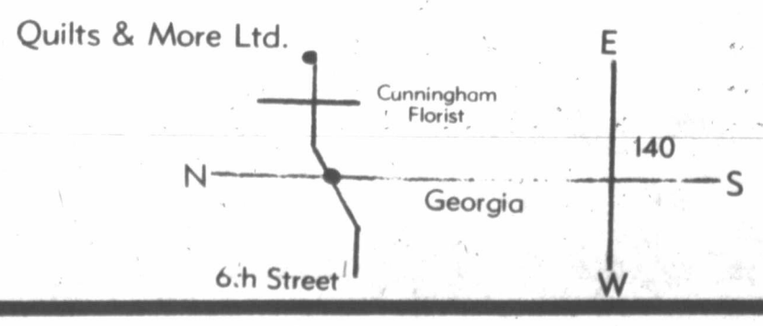
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FOOD

Potato Scallop enhances turkey



POTATO SCALLOP — Delicious accompaniment for leftover sliced turkey.

There comes a moment at our house when we want to serve leftover holiday turkey a simple way — but not in the usual sandwiches and salads.

That's the moment when we may arrange the sliced turkey in a platter, garnish one end with whole cranberry sauce and the other with watercress, and present it with Potato Scallop.

Potato Scallop is an old - fashioned hot side dish that is easy to make and delicious enough for guests. You may want to try the following recipe — just enough for supper for four. Green peas make a fine addition to the turkey and potatoes, and holiday cookies or fruitcake a convenient dessert.

POTATO SCALLOP

4 med. potatoes
3 T. butter
2 T. flour
1 med. scallion, thinly sliced
2¼ c. milk
½ t. salt
Dash white pepper
Dash cayenne pepper
2½ T. grated Parmesan cheese
Paprika

Pare potatoes one by one and as you do so drop each into a bowl of cold water so they are covered with the water.

In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt two tablespoons of the butter; stir in flour, then scallion; cook, stirring, for a few minutes. Off heat, gradually stir in milk, keeping smooth. Cook over moderately low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Off heat, stir in salt, cayenne and pepper; keep hot, stirring occasionally, over very low heat.

Drain and thoroughly dry potatoes on paper towels. Slice each crosswise ⅛ - inch thick. Stir potatoes into hot sauce, increase heat and let bubble a few minutes. Turn into a buttered two quart (9x9x2 inch) baking dish. Dot with remaining one tablespoon butter. Sprinkle with Parmesan and paprika.

Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven until potatoes are tender and top is golden brown — about 45 minutes. Serve hot.

Makes four servings.

Vary menus with meat loaf recipes

By Aileen Claire
NEA Food Editor

Meat loaf can change its flavor and texture as quickly as a chameleon changes color.

Vary your meat loaf recipes by using such extras as hard-cooked eggs, mushroom caps, whole peanuts, capers, olive slices or cheese. Experiment with different spices and herbs because almost all enhance a meat loaf.

You'll have a moister meat loaf if you add meat broth, tomato, mixed vegetable juice, barbecue sauce or ketchup, dry wine, milk or cream to the meat mixture, binding it with egg.

Serve hot or cold. Cut portion sizes to keep in the freezer to reheat in the oven for a quick meal.

MEAT LOAF ITALIANO

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
2 cups soft bread crumbs, divided
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons parsley flakes

Preheat oven to 350-degrees. Mix beef, 1 1/4 cups of the bread crumbs, egg, salt, onion powder, Italian seasoning, garlic powder and black pepper.

Add tomato sauce to meat mixture; mix well. On a lightly greased shallow pan, shape meat mixture into a 9-inch loaf. Bake for 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt butter in a small saucepan. Add remaining 3/4 cup bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese and parsley flakes; toss lightly. Spoon on top of meat loaf; bake until crumbs are golden, about 5 minutes.

This kitchen-tested recipe makes 6 portions.



VARY spices and other ingredients to have epicurean meat loaves for meals.

HARLEQUIN CHEESE MEAT LOAF

1/4 cup instant minced onion
1/4 cup water
1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 cup soft bread crumbs
3/4 cup Cheddar cheese cubes
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 cup ketchup
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon thyme leaves, crumbled
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl combine onion and water; let stand for 10 minutes to soften.

Add beef, bread crumbs, cheese, green pepper, ketchup, eggs, salt, thyme and black pepper. Mix lightly until well blended.

On a lightly greased shallow baking pan, shape meat mixture into a 9-inch loaf. Bake for 1 hour. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 6 portions.

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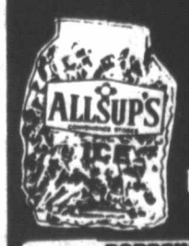
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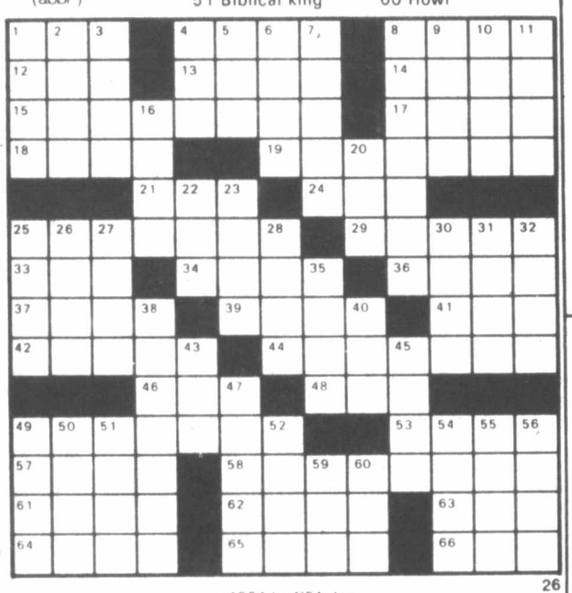
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21 Old musical note
24 Man's nickname
25 River in Oregon
29 Tea
33 Author Fleming
34 Busy insects
36 Far (pref.)
37 Fall suddenly
39 Heavy blow
41 Small island
42 Glide over ice
44 Caresses
46 Baseball player Mel
48 Cobra or viper
49 Ship part
53 Idea (comb form)
57 Amorous look
58 Floes
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62 Mongolian monk
63 Long time
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65 Not hard
66 Farewell (abbr.)

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11 Places
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23 Polynesian god
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27 Small forest ox
28 Poultry
30 Bird's bite
31 Wings
32 Florida islets
35 Coarse hair
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43 Ands (Fr.)
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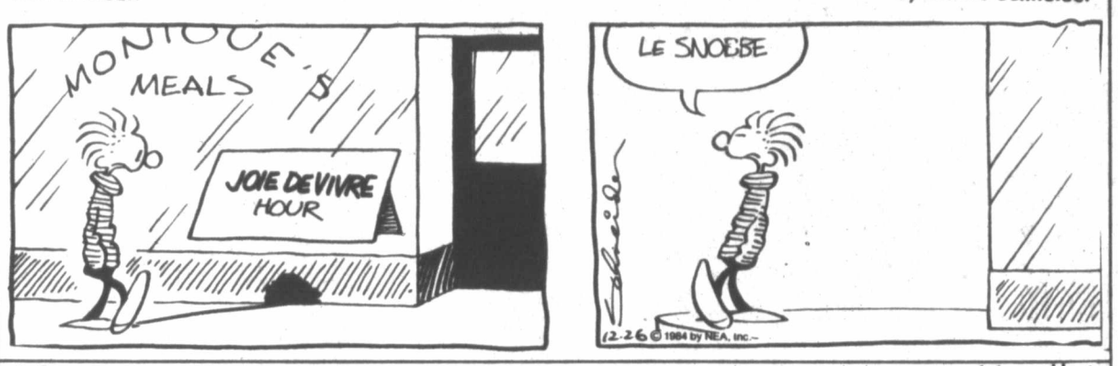
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Dec. 27, 1984

Your leadership qualities will be powerfully enhanced this coming year. In involvements where you were once content to play a minor role, you'll now feel qualified to lead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you may be tempted today, make certain that you do not disclose informaton told to you in the strictest confidence. Major changes are in store for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Asto-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone who is already obligated to you might try to put the bite on you again today. Be wise about the way you handle this poor risk.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Tenacity and staying power will be required today in order to achieve your goals. Don't switch course or tactics when the end is in sight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Subdue tendencies today to jump into things before you know what you're getting into. Impulsive actions could cause complications that can be avoided.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be self-reliant today, instead of depending too heavily on others. Even those who may want to help you might not be in position to do so.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The objectives you set for yourself today will be difficult to achieve without the assistance of key people. Don't alienate essential allies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you perform in a slipshod fashion today, your methods will irritate co-workers. Organize your efforts instead of doing things the hard way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though your intentions may be good today, it's best you don't butt into the private affairs of others. They'll resent your intrusion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Decision-making may be taken out of your hands today if you get involved with people more assertive than yourself. Don't be led astray.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's best to temporarily shelve important tasks today, rather than to approach them in a half-hearted fashion. The results will reflect your attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Speculative ventures that may appeal to you today are apt to have more sizzle than substance. Think twice before betting on the "if-come."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Others will hold you to the promises you make today, even though you may think you'll be able to figure out ways to squirm out of them later.

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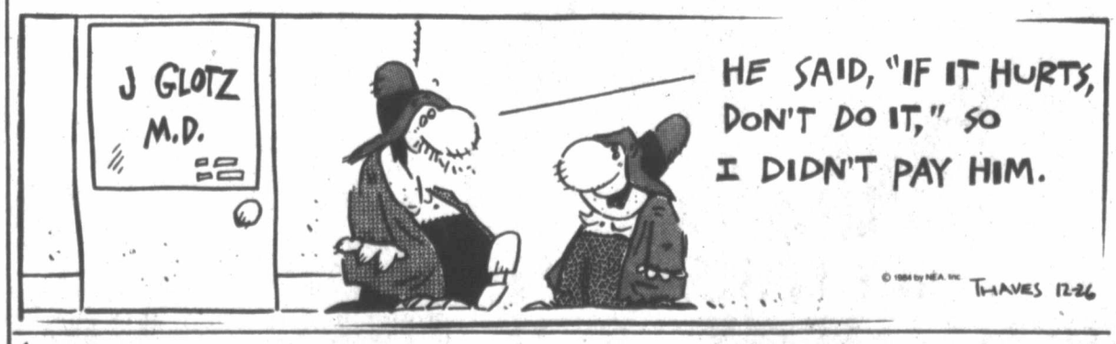


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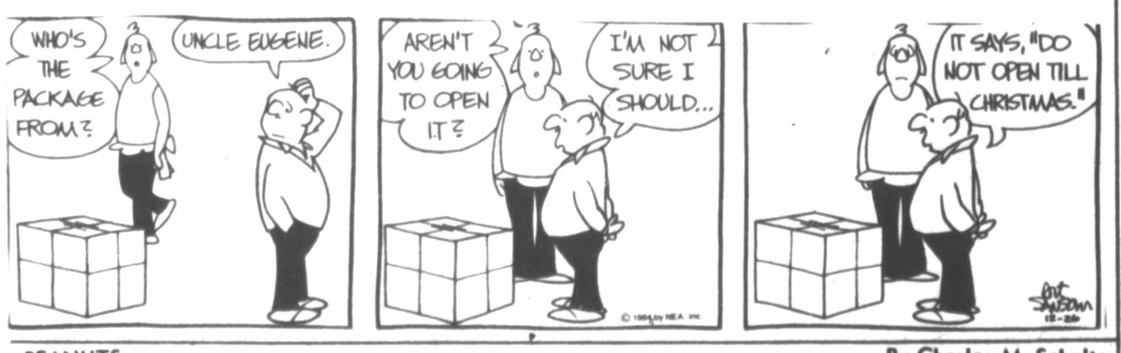
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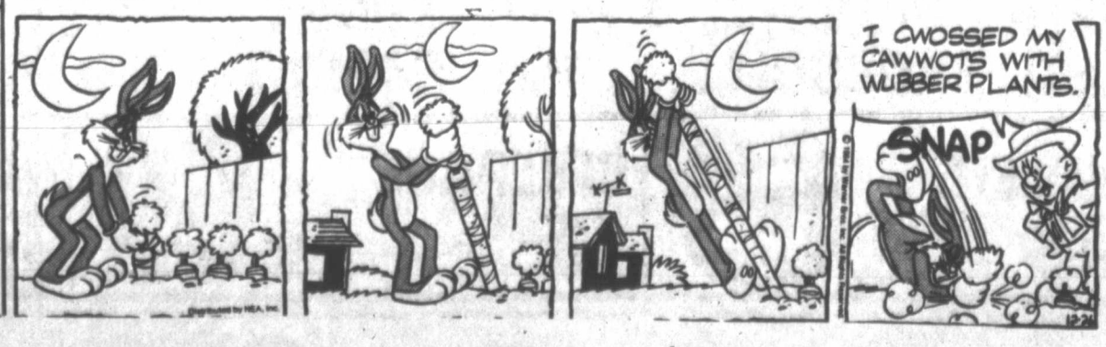
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MAKING FRIENDS—A member of the Busch Gardens existing giraffe herd meets a distant cousin from Kenya as 17 pure - bred reticulated giraffe arrive at the Tampa theme park last week. The pure - bred giraffe, representing the first major importation of these animals in more than a decade, will form a new breeding nucleus for the subspecies. (AP Laserphoto)

Gib Lewis: no tax hike

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis is a leader who at times feels led.

His decisions on major issues facing the 1985 Legislature have been directed, he says, by mandated changes and a state money crunch.

Lewis, who faces the formality of election to a second term at the House helm, promises no tax hike in 1985. He was on board for the $4.6 billion tax bill approved last summer for highways and education. That's it, he says.

"There will not be a tax bill," Lewis said in an interview with The Associated Press. That could mean program cuts or revenue enhancers such as college tuition hikes.

"As you can tell, my decisions are somewhat based on the economic situation we find ourselves in," he said. "Unfortunately, I happen to be in the saddle. I've got to balance the budget and raise the taxes (if needed)."

So Lewis looks for bottom-line guidance on big issues. That's where he finds his support for legal gambling on horse racing.

"To meet a budget crunch, I think the time has come for parimutuel to go ahead and pass. The money crunch is the key issue," he said.

"When I see us having to delete funds from our Mental Health and Mental Retardation centers and delete funds from some of our institutions of higher learning, that's when I say it's time for us to give a choice between what some people want vs. what nobody wants — a tax hike," added Lewis, a Fort Worth Democrat.

But he has limits on how he would raise money. Lewis opposes a state lottery, though some see that as a windfall for the government.

"I think the lottery is a sham on the general public. It's a carrot out there for some poor unfortunate person to think he is going to win," he said. "Parimutuel brings the horse industry, the tourism and all the other benefits that come with it. It is an industry. A lottery is not an industry."

Lewis is looking for more bottom-line information on the state Blue Law, which forces most stores to close on Sunday. Some say Sunday shopping would mean more sales tax dollars. But Lewis is, as yet, unconvinced. He sides with those who believe "Texas citizens only have so much money to spend."

His opinion on the Blue Law is simple: "We need to enforce it or get rid of it."

Lewis' decision on raising the drinking age to 21 also is colored by an outside force — the federal government, which has threatened to cut highway funds to states that don't bar drinking until age 21. The age in Texas is 19.

"I think we are going to have to increase that because of the federal mandate handed down," he said.

Lewis is irked by dictated decisions. Federal court reform orders could force the state to spend millions in prisons and on care for the mentally ill and retarded. For the speaker, it's a matter of priorities and limits.

"If the courts order more money spent in MHMR or the Department of Corrections, that judge needs to realize that is taking money from other valuable programs of the state. That's taking away an education from some people. That's taking away some medical assistance that some people might need. That's taking away extending help for the elderly," he said.

"I question seriously if anyone has ever considered that. I know William Wayne Justice has never considered that," he said, referring to the Tyler federal judge who ordered costly prison reforms.

Although a tax hike is out, revenue enhancement is not. Lewis wants state college tuition increased.

"If the colleges want more money, what they are going to have to do is go out and promote a tuition increase, which should have been done 10 or 15 years ago. It ought to be somewhat in proportion to what the cost of that education is," said Lewis.

The speaker's arena in 1985 will feature many new Republican faces. The Reagan landslide brought the GOP membership in the House from 37 to 49, an unprecedented high. But no one is predicting a major move by the Republicans or a shift in the overall House attitude.

That's because Lewis has never been a party-line speaker. Republicans have been given committee chairmanships.

Lewis said some observers will be surprised at votes from the new GOP members.

New taxes or belt tightening key issue

By GARTH JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The big question Texas legislators face when they open their 1985 session Jan. 8 is whether to raise taxes or try to pay for state government out of current revenues.

"There will be no increase in taxes — except as a last resort," says Gov. Mark White.

Speaker Gib Lewis says he sees no need for a tax bill, adding, "We can make it within our available revenues."

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby says he will not be pushing for new taxes, but has not said he would oppose them.

Although the special session in the summer of 1984 passed a $4.8 billion tax hike, the first general tax increase since 1971, Comptroller Bob Bullock estimates the state will be in the red by at least $900 million by the fall of 1987 unless something is done to cut spending or raise revenues.

The faltering oil and gas economy, which provides a substantial portion of Texas' tax dollars, has cast a cloud of what Legislative Budget Board Director Jim Oliver calls "gloom and doom" over state finances.

He said the LBB — which drafts the 1986-87 budget that legislators start their work with — "has the assignment and determination to write a budget within available revenue. That means there will have to be some budgetary cuts to some agencies and institutions far below the current level."

Not all lawmakers agree the state's financial belt has to be tightened enough to avoid taxes.

"There's going to be a tax bill," said Sen. John Traeger, D-Seguin. "Our only hope right now is God, Santa Claus and a good economy or a tax bill. There's no way we can get out of the Legislature without a tax bill."

"I bet a nickel to a doughnut there will be a push for a tax bill," said Rep. Kae Patrick, R-San Antonio.

"I think it would be a sad mistake if we just said there is not going to be any money, so we won't do anything," said Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena. "That would be a great disservice to everyone."

"Alternatives" is the buzz word in Capitol corridors these days. Everyone wants to find money somewhere other than from new taxes.

Rep. Stan Schlueter, D-Killeen, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee that would write any tax bill, says one option is "fine tuning" present tax levies to provide more revenue.

Other legislators have proposed increased state college tuition and other state fees.

Another money-maker that some are proposing would tap proceeds from the $4.3 billion Permanent School Fund, which gets about $40 million a month from oil and gas royalties.

The State Board of Education immediately warned it would wield its considerable influence against any such move to disturb the fund. The proceeds are too important to the future of public schools, the board declared.

Then there are those who see easy money from horse race betting or a state lottery.

A parimutuel betting bill passed the Senate in 1983 but failed by two votes in the House. Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, says he will be back in 1985 with a horse racing bill that would raise $200 million a year.

Bills for a state lottery already have been introduced in the Senate and House, although the governor has said he opposes the idea.

Some of the state's biggest headaches may come from federal court orders directing the state to make improvements in the Texas Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardations. Both could cost big money.

The TDC is in the midst of hiring several hundred new guards to appease the court. The MHMR is hiring new staff members and trying to move some patients from state hospitals to community centers.

Both the public school reform bill and the 1984 tax bill will be back in 1985 for "fine tuning." Both bills were written for a three-year period ending in 1987, but unhappy home folks already are pressing legislators to make changes.

With water a top item on almost everybody's agenda, White, Hobby and Lewis have recommended a plan that calls for $600 million in bonds to improve water storage and quality throughout the state. It also calls for 25 groundwater planning regions that could be the first statewide effort to control underground water supplies.

Water plans are always controversial

By JACK KEEVER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A preview of a statewide water plan, historically among the more controversial legislative issues, recently was released and, once again, it got less than rave reviews.

Sen. John Montford, who ranks water in Texas as high as any priority, said the feud between east and west has been replaced by new antagonists: coastal and environmental interests against water developers.

A coastal senator, Carlos Truan, underscored what's ahead in the 1985 Legislature by quoting author and humorist Mark Twain: "Whiskey is for drinking; water is to fight about."

Montford, D-Lubbock, guided a package of water proposals though the Senate in 1983, but the measures were dry-docked on the final day of the session when senators refused to accept House changes.

"I think we'll let the House send it to us this time," said Montford. "That would be the best strategy."

The state of Texas has been involved in water management and development since 1957, following a severe drought, when lawmakers created the Water Development Board.

The board adopted the first statewide water plan in 1969, but a $3.5 billion bond proposal to pay for canals and dams was defeated by voters. Since then, financing for water projects repeatedly has been rejected at the polls, even though the need seems to become more acute each year.

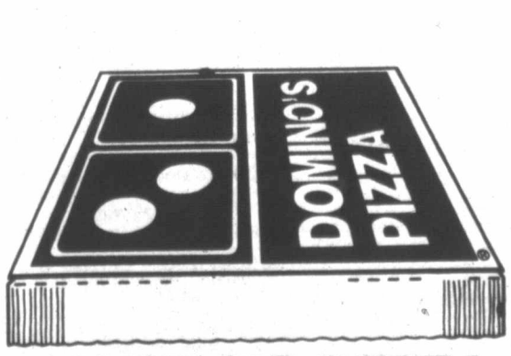
The Texas Research League, in fact, has estimated that more than 2,000 wastewater treatment plants will have to be built in the state over the next 20 years. Figuring in inflation, the state's cost for treating, transporting and storing water between now and the year 2005 has been projected at $17.3 billion.

With this in mind, the staffs of Gov. Mark White, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Speaker Gib Lewis worked on a "compromise" for 1985, which was unwrapped at a Dec. 7 public hearing.

Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said the measure "turns logic on its head" by doubling to $600 million a previous proposal for water development without giving any "self-respecting water conservation program ... half a chance."

The Sierra Club, which has helped defeat past water development proposals, withdrew its support for the White-Hobby-Lewis proposal, saying it could set up a system where reservoir construction would be "based on politics rather than need."

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Developers planning modern pyramid city

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — In a metropolis renowned for sprouting modernistic glass-and-steel towers almost overnight, an Egyptian-style city of pyramids may sound a bit odd.

But a real estate developer, an architect and an artist have announced plans to build in Tarrant County — probably north of Fort Worth — what they say will be the first modern pyramid city.

The project, to be called Valley of the Kings, will include four huge pyramids 30 stories to 40 stories tall, said Fred Tarrant, the project's developer.

"I want to build the safest, most beautiful, technically modern city in the world," Tarrant told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "In order to get the safest city, the strongest building in the world is the pyramid."

Tarrant, chairman of UCB International Corp. in Garden Grove, Calif., said the project will cost between $10 billion and $20 billion and take seven years to complete.

"Many contemporary designs have come and gone but none have equaled the pyramid in sheer beauty," Tarrant said. "They have withstoood the test of time architecturally."

He says he chose Tarrant County for his dream city because it bears his last name. And although he considered Dallas and Houston, he says he thought Fort Worth more suitable because it is behind the other cities in development.

He said he expects to buy the land for the project in 1985, and the 640-acre city will be a 40-story pyramid that covers 13 acres at the base and will contain city offices, penthouses and nightclubs.

Three other pyramids will be nine acres at the base, 30 stories tall and will house condominiums, offices, stores and restaurants, he says.

Tarrant said the pyramids are being designed for centuries of use, and he therefore plans to follow the exact specifications of the Great Pyramid of Egypt, he says.

But instead of the more traditional stone, he says he will use steel, glass and concrete.

"A lot of people are in fear of their safety," Tarrant said. "This city will be free of nuclear attack. Like the nation's top officials have bomb shelters, I want to build shelters for everyone in my city."

Los Angeles architect Weston Whipple and her husband, artist Michael Whipple, drew up the preliminary plans and designed a brochure to be shown to those interested in investing in the city.

Mrs. Whipple said the city, which can house about 25,000 residents, will be self-sufficient.

"We will have our own water," she said. "We will create energy by storing the sun. We will be self-supporting. We will reprocess our garbage and trash."

In addition, Tarrant says residents will not be allowed to bring guns into the city and visitors will have to pay $20 just to enter.

Names in news

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Jane Fonda says she spent "23 years of agony" suffering from bulimia, repeatedly stuffing herself with food and then vomiting, 15 to 20 times a day.

Ms. Fonda, 47, a leader in the physical fitness movement, said, "I would literally empty a refrigerator. I spent most of every day either thinking about food, shopping for it, or binging and purging. It's an addiction like drugs or alcohol. And it is tremendously debilitating."

She said in an interview in the January issue of Cosmopolitan magazine that bulimia "is something I never talk about. Never. And the only reason I'm doing so now is that the disease has reached epidemic proportions: 30 percent of American women are suffering right now.

"Bulimia will destroy their lives. I know."

Ms. Fonda said she suffered from bulimia from age 12 to 35 and overcame it when she was pregnant with her second child, Troy, because "the choice was between being a good mother and wife and being a bulimic."

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor James Coco and Cosmopolitan magazine editor Helen Gurley Brown say that among their most memorable New Year's Eves are ones they missed.

"I rushed home a day early from filming 'The Man in La Mancha' in Italy to attend a very hot party given by my buddy Neil Simon," Coco said of his New Year's Eve in 1972.

"I was so excited by this party that I went out and bought a new suit, which I carefully laid out next to me while I took a short nap to recover from jet lag," he told Family Weekly magazine. "Wouldn't you know it, the next conscious moment I knew was 11 a.m. New Year's Day. I'd missed the biggest party of the year."

Ms. Brown said her worst New Year's Eve was "when I was a single girl and I'd bought yards of pink flannel and white lace and made several nightgowns for seven straight hours so I didn't have to deal with the fact that I was alone. I sewed right through the bells ringing."

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Actor Jimmy Stewart has donated personal papers, films, photographs and movie posters spanning his 60 years in show business to Brigham Young University.

Stewart is to appear Feb. 1 at the university for the start of a weeklong event called "His Wonderful Life: A Tribute To James Stewart," said Sterling Albrecht, a librarian in the university's Harold B. Lee Library.



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Bed & Chair Gallery
665-6040 Pampa Mall 10-9 p.m.

69 Miscellaneous

MR. Coffee Makers repaired. No warranty work done. Bob Crouch, 665-8555 or 237 Anne.

GAY'S Cake and Candy Decor. Open 10:30 to 5:30, Thursday 12 to 5:30 310 W. Foster, 669-7153.

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FIREWOOD: Cured Oak and Locust, delivered, stacked $120. 665-2720 after 5 p.m.

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VIDEO Disc Player and 26 movies for sale $250. 883-3831.

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SEASONED firewood for sale, Delivered and stacked. 669-9991.

STORE fixtures, glass showcase for sale. Reasonable. Call 665-6966 or 665-5217 after 6 p.m. Can see at 118 E. Browning.

69a Garage Sales

GARAGE SALES
LIST with The Classified Ads
Must be paid in advance
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70 Musical Instruments

LOWREY MUSIC CENTER
Lowrey Organs and Pianos
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117 N. Cuyler 665-1251

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80 Pets and Supplies

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NEW and Used office furniture, cash registers, copiers, typewriters, and all other office machines. Also copy service available.
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89 Wanted to Buy

WANTED to Buy: House for sale to be moved. 806-359-5544.

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96 Unfurnished Apt.

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1, 2, 3 bedroom houses for rent. $120 to $165 month. Call 669-2080.

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2 bedroom, carpet, panelled, central heat. 665-2667.

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2 bedroom with sewing or utility room, 1 bath, 1 car garage. $250.

3 bedroom, formal livingroom, large den with fireplace, laundry room, 2 car detached garage. $450. Contact Ron Eaton, 669-7113.

98 Unfurnished House

LARGE duplex, 2 bedroom, 1 bath on corner lot. 1½ years old, double garage. 1437 N. Wells. $500 plus $200 deposit. R. Sparkman Broker, 669-6637.

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OWNER will carry with $20,000 down payment. 3 bedroom brick, 2 baths, living room, oversized den, fireplace and built-in bookcases, separate utility room. Kitchen adjoining den with eating bar, central heat and air, garage door opener, covered patio, storm windows and doors. See at 1011 Christine. Call 669-6973.

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ATTRACTIVE and well built brick home near Austin and Middle schools. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Large kitchen with breakfast area, microwave oven, living room, oversized den, hobby room, office. Corner lot. Large fenced yard. Call 665-2636.

BY Owner - 1717 Fir, 3 bedroom, 1¾ bath. 2 car garage. 665-1550.

103 Homes For Sale

121 RABBIT LANE
NEW 3 bedroom brick, large family room with fireplace, country kitchen, 1¾ baths, central heat and air, tankless hot water, double garage with work area, approximately 1 acre in Frashiers Acres East. MLS 619. Balch Real Estate, 665-8075.

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2429 Mary Ellen, $69,500. formal living room, den with woodburner, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, on corner lot, near malls and schools. Make your offers and lets deal.
2336 Cherokee, $69,800.00, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice residential area, living area with woodburner, look today.
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104 Lots

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DOUG BOYD MOTOR
821 W. Wilks-665-5765

122 Motorcycles

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Extra neat 3 bedroom home with 1½ baths. New fence, central heat & air & covered patio. Kitchen range, 3 ceiling fans & storage building are included. Single garage. $60,000 MLS 519.

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2 bedroom home with steel siding, storm doors & windows. Single garage. $19,500. MLS 438.

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Beginning Cash Balances September 1, 1983	$1,462,300	$19,096
Revenues:		
Local, Intermediate, Out-of-State	5,402,310	-0-
State Program Revenues	4,831,505	-0-
Federal Program Revenues	226,123	247,198
Total Revenues	10,459,938	247,198
Total Cash Available	11,922,238	266,294
Expenditures:		
Instruction	5,817,473	220,719
Instruction Administration	233,268	27,933
Instructional Resource and Media Services	185,089	3,891
School Administration	527,158	-0-
Guidance and Counseling Services	305,971	-0-
Health Services	81,449	494
Pupil Transportation - Regular	264,145	-0-
Pupil Transportation - Exceptional Children	31,622	-0-
Co-curricular Activities	389,283	-0-
Food Services	482,500	-0-
General Administration	479,070	1,123
Plant Maintenance and Operation	1,133,868	-0-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	51,833	-0-
Total Expenditures	9,982,729	254,150
OTHER RESOURCES	98,217	-0-
Ending Cash Balances August 31, 1984	2,037,726	12,144

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Legal Services Corp. surviving despite Reagan's dislike

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Legal Services Corporation is not one of Ronald Reagan's favorite programs. Four times in his first term he readied the outfit for the budget chopping block. His proposal for '85, as yet unsubmitted to Congress, would make it five. Still, the LCS has survived, and may again.

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The woman who walked into the Greater Boston Legal Services office was poor and not well educated. She told a lawyer her apartment was crumbling around her. The landlord was not fixing things, and was not giving her enough heat or doing anything about the rats.

There was a time, not so long ago, when the lawyer would have made calls to the landlord, written letters to city inspectors and, if necessary, filed a lawsuit.

Instead, the lawyer gave the woman the phone number of the city inspectors and the address of Boston's Housing Court, and suggested she try to act as her own lawyer.

She nodded and said she understood, but the sag in her shoulders suggested she would probably do nothing. She left and the lawyer called in the next client with a similar complaint.

"Instead of taking a case on and fully representing the client, we just try to explain what they can do themselves and refer them to the proper government agencies or other organizations," says Peter Anderson, director of Greater Boston Legal Services.

In all four of his budget requests in his first term, President Reagan sought to eliminate the Legal Services Corporation that funds the Legal Aid programs for the poor. In the latest budget proposal, not yet submitted to Congress, the corporation is once again marked for extinction.

The changes so far have reduced the amount of federal money for free legal help for the poor and the number of lawyers doing Legal Aid work. The result, Legal Aid lawyers say, is reduced access to the American judicial system for the one-fifth of the nation's population for whom it has always been least accessible.

The courts have said the Constitution requires that lawyers, usually called public defenders, be appointed for people accused of serious crimes. The public defender system has grown into a patchwork of programs paid for by state and local governments.

There has been no such constitutional mandate for free legal representation for the poor in civil lawsuits. But federal money for free legal representation for the poor has been available for many types of civil cases since the mid-1960s. That was when the Office of Economic Opportunity, one of the cornerstones of President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society," began funding Legal Aid to help meet the Fourteenth Amendment's goal of "equal protection" under the law for all Americans.

Legal Aid became an institution unto itself in 1974 when Congress created the Legal Services Corporation. The LSC, like National Public Radio, was funded entirely by the government, but had a separate corporate structure to insulate it from political pressures. The law required the president to make appointments to an 11-member board, confirmed by the Senate, to oversee the corporation staff.

The LSC could not directly hire lawyers itself. Instead, it parceled out the funds it got from Congress to Legal Aid programs throughout the country. Among the limitations: No money could go for criminal cases or "tort" civil cases such as those seeking money damages for someone injured in an accident.

Legal Aid attorneys, however, took on all manner of lawsuits involving welfare payments, food stamps, unemployment compensation, divorce, child custody, immigration and health care benefits.

Legal Aid developed a forte in making sure the bureaucracy delivered the benefits promised by state and federal governments, and the class action suit became its most potent weapon.

The nation's 326 local Legal Aid programs set their own eligibility rules, but in general a family of four can have an income of $12,000 and still be eligible.

Reagan and his aides, foremost among them Attorney General-designate Edwin Meese, point out that Legal Aid class action suits often put the government in the peculiar position of suing itself and paying lawyers on both sides.

And in congressional budget hearings after Reagan first proposed killing the LSC, critics showed videotapes of regional Legal Aid officials urging Legal Aid lawyers to lobby, organize letter-writing campaigns and do whatever else necessary to fight Reagan's budget cuts in social programs.

But the LSC budget fell from $321 million in 1981, the last year funded by the Carter administration, to $241 million in 1982, and $241 million again in 1983.

Donald Bogard, the former corporate attorney hired a year and a half ago to serve as president of the Legal Services Corporation, requested $257 million for 1984, but Congress approved $275 million. Bogard asked for $287 million for next year, but Congress approved $305 million.

"The current administration is in favor of limiting what the law can do for poor people," says Clint Lyons, the longtime Legal Aid attorney and administrator who was the last president of the Legal Services Corporation before Bogard.

Many of the rules implemented between 1981 and now were clearly aimed at shortening Legal Aid's reach.

There were limits on class action lawsuits and on lobbying. Funds for training were cut and eligibility rules were tightened. Attorneys were ordered not to talk to reporters or public officials. Members of the public had to have written permission before they could address the board.

More than 300 of the 1,475 local Legal Aid branches throughout the country were closed. The number of attorneys in Legal Aid programs fell from more than 6,500 to about 4,500.

However, Peter Broccoletti, head of LSC program development, says recent Legal Services Corporation history proves how committed the LSC is to fair and efficient representation of the poor.

And James Streeter, the LSC director of government relations, says that despite the funding cuts, the number of cases closed by Legal Aid attorneys across the country has increased by more than 130,000 a year — to more than 1.25 million — under the Reagan administration.

He acknowledged, however, that this is in part because attorneys are closing more cases by offering simple advice or making referrals and fewer by going to court or negotiating settlements.

Streeter and Broccoletti point toward the new LSC experimental programs as evidence that they are not letting Legal Aid languish. In one of those programs, law schools are being given money to let students represent poor people under the supervision of law professors.

Broccoletti, who worked in Legal Aid for several years in the late 1960s and early 1970s, said such clinical programs not only provide free legal help for the poor, but also train lawyers to do Legal Aid work in the future.

Broccoletti says the other experimental program LSC has undertaken is designed to farm out Legal Aid cases to private attorneys on a per-case fee basis.

The private bar has tried to respond to the cutbacks. The American Bar Association says there are now 350 lawyer groups around the country organized to do "pro bono" — meaning free — legal work. Still, the ABA says, only 11 percent of the nation's more than 600,000 lawyers do any pro bono work, and for most of them it is rarely more than one or two cases a year.

An American Civil Liberties Union study says pro bono makes little dent in the overflow from Legal Aid. In Tennessee, a pro bono project accepted 260 cases in 1982, while 5,200 were turned away by Legal Aid.

Elderly man loves the mines

YOLYN, W.Va. (AP) — Sixty-six years of working around coal mines haven't blackened the spirit of Mason White, who at 82 still cracks an easy grin — now toothless — after a day's work.

Few West Virginians can remember the state's southern counties without coal mines, but White remembers when the town of Yolyn, winding along Rum Creek, was no more than a tiny, turnip-growing hollow whose residents were mainly curious when the first coal-mine surveyors showed up.

"To make a living before the mines opened up you had to get ginseng and hunt for coons and possum," White says. "You had to tan those hides. A fur bearer would come in sometimes, and you'd get a little bit for them."

In 1918, White began working in the mines, and five years later he married.

"I could retire now and let someone else have a job, but I'm like anybody else. I'm just looking out for myself and my family," White says, sitting with his wife, Renda, 77, in their living room. "I like to work."

United Mine Workers spokesman Joe Corcoran says White is the oldest miner "I'm aware of," but he adds that no one keeps tabs on coal miner longevity.

Robert Doss, Amherst Coal Co.'s preparation plant superintendent, says White "uses a shovel all day.

"He goes ahead and sees what needs to be done and does it. A lot of men don't like to work with him because you have to work hard to keep up your end of the coal pile."

White concedes that he's old, but not that he's crazy. He has rarely worked inside the mines, he says.

"I'd go crazy inside the mines," he says. "It's too dangerous."

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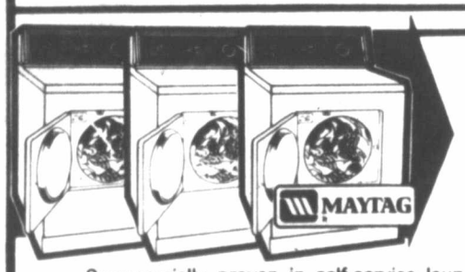
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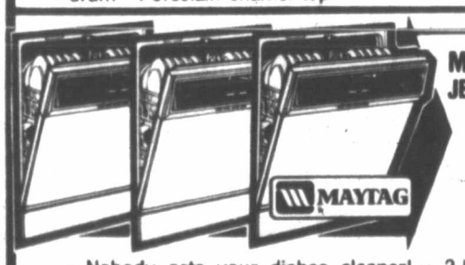
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