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Soviet Union dies; commonwealth is born

By ALAN COOPERMAN
Associated Press Writer

ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan (AP) — Eleven of the 12 former Soviet republics on Saturday proclaimed the birth of a commonwealth and the death of the Soviet Union after seven decades of terror, then reform. Their pact effectively left Mikhail S. Gorbachev a leader without a country.

Accords signed in the Kazakh capital of Alma-Ata call for economic cooperation within the commonwealth but recognize the individual republics' independence and current borders. Member states promised a unified nuclear command, but divisions emerged.

The commonwealth chiefs made it clear they expect Gorbachev to move aside quickly. The Soviet president, who unleashed the most sweeping reforms in the nation's history since coming to power in March 1985, was quoted as saying he would decide in a few days.

Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin, the driving force behind the commonwealth, said he wanted an orderly transition.

"Now that we are no longer forcibly bound by the chains of the center, when the center has been destroyed and the totalitarian Communist system has been destroyed, the field is open for forming a democratic commonwealth — the kind civilized countries should be in," he said at a news conference after each leader signed the accords in red-bound books.

Gorbachev and Yeltsin said last week that the Soviet Union would be dissolved by the year's end. But events, capping a tumultuous year, outpaced that timetable.

The Slavic republics of Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine formed the core of the commonwealth on Dec. 8. Saturday's pact brought in eight members — Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Kirgizia, Uzbekistan, Moldavia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. Small flags of each republic were arrayed on the round wooden table where the presidents signed the documents.

The only republic that didn't join was Georgia, which has pursued a fiercely independent policy since the August coup attempt that completed the union's disintegration. The three Baltic states, which gained their own independence after the coup, have not expressed interest in joining.

The independent states were expected to win quick international recognition. The United States, NATO and the European Community have

said recognition could come within days.

Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev briefed Secretary of State James A. Baker III, en route to Washington from Belgium, by telephone on the commonwealth conference.

"We hope the agreement will help to provide a stable and peaceful environment to permit the individual republics to pursue democracy and market economy reforms," said White House spokeswoman Judy Smith.

The republics agreed that Russia would take over the permanent Soviet seat on the U.N. Security Council and other states would seek their own U.N. representation. That would require a Security Council recommendation and a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly.

Despite the new structure, the problems of the old Soviet Union remain: the shattered economy, an aging and dilapidated infrastructure, and bloody ethnic strife. The former union is facing a winter of shortages and hardship.

Among the most pressing international concerns was the nuclear arsenal. The commonwealth moved quickly to offer assurances the vast arsenal would be under central control.

Yeltsin, who returned to Moscow after the summit, said the presidents agreed to name former Soviet Defense Minister Yevgeny Shaposhnikov as interim head of a unified military command that would control all nuclear and conventional forces. An estimated 27,000 nuclear warheads are deployed in Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan.

The accords did not, however, give any one leader exclusive control over the "nuclear button" — an issue dividing Russia and Kazakhstan.

Yeltsin has said that all republics except Russia will become nuclear-free, but Nazarbayev, the Kazakh president, has said his republic would retain its nuclear weapons if Russia does.

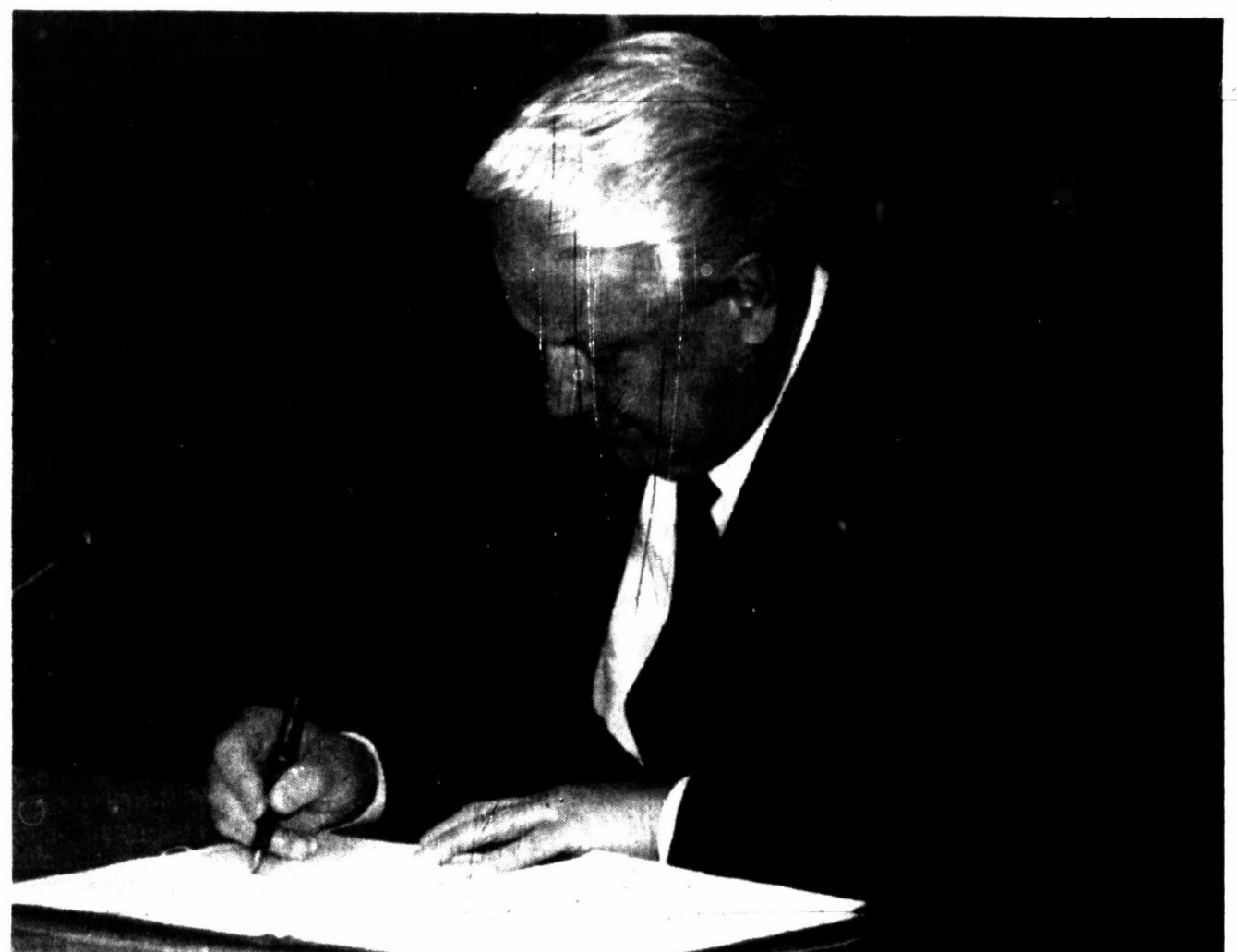
The issue was likely to come up again when the 11 leaders meet Dec. 30 in Minsk, the ceremonial capital of the commonwealth, to establish a council to run the joint command.

Seitkazy Mataev, a spokesman for Nazarbayev, said Shaposhnikov effectively replaced Gorbachev as commander-in-chief.

Aides had said Gorbachev might resign soon after the summit, and Yeltsin indicated the republics' leaders expected him to do just that.

"As far as Gorbachev is concerned, we have ... adopted a corresponding resolution ... on the basis of his so-far oral statement on his resignation in the near future," he said.

The 60-year-old Soviet president told CBS News:



(AP Laserphoto)

Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin signs the final documents proclaiming a new Commonwealth of Independent States, at the House of Friendship in Alma-Ata Saturday.

"As soon as I receive official documents and see that the commonwealth is a reality, I will then within a few days take my decision."

Gorbachev's spokesman Andrei Grachev said the president would deliver a nationally televised address, but did not give a day.

Since the attempted coup, Gorbachev's influence steadily waned while Yeltsin's grew.

He has moved to take over virtually every Soviet institution, including the Kremlin and even the mone-

etary assets of the presidential office. He took final control of all branches of the old central security service by seizing the powerful Soviet foreign intelligence service.

Although the Soviet leader was virtually stripped of his power, Yeltsin insisted he was being treated fairly.

"We are treating Mikhail Gorbachev with the proper respect and don't want to keep the country's tradition that was started in 1917 to bury and rebury each head of state and consider him a criminal," Yeltsin said. "In a civilized country, one should put an end to this."

A 'White Christmas' for Pampa probably just a dream this year

By LARRY HOLLIS
Managing editor

With the failure of the predicted snow storm over the weekend to arrive, chances have lessened for Pampa area residents to enjoy a White Christmas.

But the safer road conditions mean many will use the occasion for a holiday visit with families and friends, with the Texas Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies still urging motorists to exercise caution for the mid-week Christmas holiday.

The same caution applies to those who will be out doing last-minute shopping for the next few days before Christmas is celebrated Wednesday. Pampa Police Department authorities remind motorists that the rush of shopping is no excuse to drop regular safe driving habits, including wearing seatbelts for in-town driving and watching out for other drivers who may not be practicing safe habits.

Both the DPS and Pampa police, along with the Gray County Sheriff's Office representatives, reminded motorists that the holiday is no excuse for drinking and driving. Law enforcement agencies will be keeping watch for those violating laws regarding drunk driving and taking precautions to keep those drunk motorists off the roadways.

Those looking for a place to enjoy a Christmas Day meal with others are invited to the Christmas dinner sponsored by Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

The free ham, turkey and "all

the trimmings" meal will be served in the church's Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Prepared meals will be delivered to those in need who have requested the meals.

The holiday feast is prepared by members of the church as an annual event. Members of the church want to say, "Because He cares, we care," by providing the meal and inviting others to join them.

The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen Street, across the street from Pampa High School.

With Christmas Eve being observed Tuesday, many state, county, city and federal offices will be closing early, along with various other businesses and service outlets throughout the city. Most businesses will be open during the day for last-minute shopping, but many will be closing earlier in the evening than usual to allow their employees time to enjoy the holiday with their families and friends.

The Pampa News office will close at noon Tuesday and will remain closed Christmas Day. Regular office hours will resume Thursday.

There will be no miss-service Tuesday for those not receiving their newspapers. Those not receiving their Tuesday paper may call Thursday to arrange for delivery of the paper.

There will be no issue of *The Pampa News* on Wednesday. Christmas Day is one of two holidays during the year when no edition is published, the other being Thanksgiving Day. Tuesday's edi-

tion will go to press at mid-morning, with carriers being encouraged to make early deliveries that day.

Pampa public schools closed for winter break Friday afternoon. Classes will resume Monday, Jan. 6.

All government offices will be closed Christmas Day, except for those providing emergency services such as police and fire protection. Some also will be closed Tuesday, as are the city and county offices. The city and county offices will resume regular hours on Thursday. Most state and federal offices also will open again Thursday, while others will be taking an extra long weekend. Those needing to take care of business at government offices are encouraged to do so early in the week for matters that cannot wait.

Most businesses will be closed Christmas Day, though some grocery stores and restaurants will be open for limited hours. Convenience stores generally will be open as usual.

Thursday, though, is expected to be a busy day for many businesses as they begin holding post-Christmas sales or deal with gift exchanges and returns.

The U.S. Postal Service will have regular mail delivery on Tuesday, but there will be no general mail delivery on Wednesday. The Post Office will remain open for box patrons. Regular mail delivery will resume Thursday.

Weather forecasts for the Texas Panhandle are indicating partly cloudy skies Monday, turning fair Tuesday and Wednesday. Lows will be in the 20s, with highs in the 40s.

County Commission decides to work out in-house agreement on janitorial services

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners Court unanimously voted Friday to try to work out an agreement with two current county employees to take over the janitorial services at the courthouse and the courthouse annex.

The Commissioners Court had opened bids on the service during a Monday meeting. Four companies bid on the service, and the bids ranged from \$2,137 per month to \$3,170 per month.

The current janitorial service is provided by Texas Janitorial Service, at a cost of \$3,100 per month plus some supplies the county purchases. That company presented the highest bid on Monday. The lowest bid was made by Cook Cleaning Services. The two other bids were submitted by Hammon's Janitorial Service at \$2,810 per month and Building Maintenance Co. at \$2,837 per month.

County Judge Carl Kennedy said he had talked to the current county

maintenance person, James Stone, and Precinct 3 county employee Tommy Parks, and they had indicated they might be willing to take on the additional responsibilities of the janitorial service, if they could each be given a \$250 per month raise.

Kennedy said the two also were not sure they would want to do the stripping and waxing of the courtrooms and the hall areas.

Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheeley said, "If we're considering in-house cleaning, I don't see how we can lose anything by trying it and we'll be saving (money) on contractual work."

Stone is a licensed electrician who Kennedy said has saved the county his salary since being named the county maintenance man. Parks is a licensed plumber, Kennedy said, who works on various projects with Stone. Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright said if Parks accepts the janitorial job he would not replace him in an effort to save the county money.

Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jim Greene said, "We'd be gaining

another maintenance person to help on any plumbing or heating items."

Greene made a motion, seconded by Kennedy, to try to do the janitorial work in-house, subject to reaching an agreement with Stone and Parks, and to look at the situation again in six months. Greene said the two employees probably should not have the additional responsibility of stripping and waxing until they "get their feet on the ground."

The motion carried unanimously. Commissioners Wright and Ted Simmons were absent from the meeting.

Kennedy said Friday afternoon that he had met with Stone and Parks and was expecting a decision by them early this week.

During discussions of the bids and whether the county could do the work in-house at a cheaper rate, Dale Sprinkle with Building Maintenance Co. said the county could run into problems using county employees to do the janitorial work.

Sprinkle said a good janitorial service "takes people who are committed to this type of work."

Sheriff's race draws four candidates so far

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

The 1992 Gray County sheriff's race has officially drawn four candidates, as of Friday, to be on ballots in the primary election on March 10.

Two of the candidates — Fred Brown and John Triplehorn — have filed to be on the Republican Party primary ballot. The other two — Randy Stubblefield and Ken Kieth — have filed to be on the Democrat Party primary ballot.

The filing date opened Dec. 3 and ends at 6 p.m. Jan. 2. Candi-

dates who want their names to appear on a primary ballot have to file with either the Democrat or Republican party chairman. In Gray County, John Warner is the Democrat Party chair and Susan Triplehorn is the Republican Party chair. Write-in candidates will not be allowed in primary voting with the exception of county chair and precinct chair.

The only other Republican filing to date has been by Joe Billingsley for Precinct 4 constable, Triplehorn said.

In other Democratic filings, Paul Ortega has filed for Precinct 3 constable; incumbent Tax Assessor/Collector Margie Gray has filed for re-election; District Clerk

Yvonne Moler has filed for election; incumbent Precinct 1 Constable Jerry Williams has filed for re-election; and incumbent Precinct 4 Constable Jimmy J. McDonald has filed for re-election, Warner said.

People who want to run for county offices up for election this year need to file with the respective county party chairperson. Warner can be reached at his office at 669-3397 and Triplehorn can be reached at 665-8525.

In Gray County, offices up for election in 1992 will be the sheriff's office, district clerk (unexpired term), district attorney, tax assessor-collector, county attorney, county commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3 and all constables.

Millionaire shells out \$7,000 in bail money for five Nassau County prisoners

NEW YORK (AP) — One by one, the prisoners took a seat across the table from the millionaire. He looked each in the eye and asked: "What will you do if I bail you out for Christmas?"

With a holiday outside the Nassau County jail hanging in the balance, the five men told him:

- See my sister, said the one accused of petty larceny. He'd just written her to apologize for not being able to attend the family's annual Christmas reunion.
- See my 3-year-old son, said the

one accused of auto theft.

- Join Alcoholics Anonymous, said the one accused of burglary.

- See my two grandchildren and enter a halfway house, said the one accused of shoplifting.

- Join the Navy and get married aboard ship, said the one accused of breaking and entering.

That was good enough for Daniel Lehner, owner of Inflight Newspapers Inc. When the interviews were over he agreed to put up \$7,000 in bail money, and jailers promised to release the five Monday.

Bail money for Christmas is a tradition at the jail, 10 miles east of New York City in the Long Island community of East Meadow. It all began in the early 1970s with a developer named Sal Miglio. Each season he would scrape together a few thousand dollars, even if he had to borrow it, to bail out prisoners accused of minor offenses.

But last year, because of sickness and other personal reasons, Miglio did not come forward, and it seemed this would be the jail's second straight Christmas without bail. Then

Lehner heard a song on his car radio.

"'I'll Be Home for Christmas' has a special meaning for my family," he said. "In World War II my mother was pregnant when she got word that my father'd been killed by a mortar shell in Italy. In fact, he'd only been wounded, but she used to tell me about hearing that song and how sad it made her feel."

"So when I heard that this guy (Miglio) wasn't doing the bail, I thought, 'Why let some people sit in jail over Christmas just because they don't have a few hundred bucks?'"

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Services tomorrow

BRINKER, Julia Loretta Conlon — 10 a.m., Church of the Incarnation, Centerville, Ohio.

PERKINS, Celia Harriet — 2 p.m., graveside, Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

SCHROEDER, Verna E. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel; 2 p.m., burial, Dreamland Cemetery, Canyon.

Obituaries

CELIA HARRIET PERKINS

MIDLAND — Celia Harriet Perkins, 86, a former longtime Lefors resident, died Friday, Dec. 20, 1991. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock with Chris Swinford of the Shamrock Church of Christ officiating. Arrangements are by Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Perkins was born Aug. 24, 1905, in Beaver County, Indian Territory, Oklahoma. She was raised in Palo Pinto County. She married Avery Perkins on Sept. 9, 1925, in Palo Pinto County. She lived in Lefors for 45 years, from 1938 to 1983. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1976, and by two sons, Joe Mack Perkins in 1934 and Donald Perkins in 1935.

Survivors include two sons, Bob (B.C.) Perkins of Universal City and Leon (W.L.) Perkins of Edmond, Okla.; a daughter, Shirley Perkins of Midland; two brothers, Travis Shirley of Salem, Ore., and Walter Shirley of Denton; two sisters, Ida Freed of Tacoma, Wash., and Gladys Brown of California; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; 10 nieces; and five nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, Texas 79114-7448.

BOBBY GENE SMITH

ROSWELL, N.M. — Bobby Gene Smith, 58, died Friday, Dec. 20, 1991. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ballard Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Garry Schwalk of the First Baptist Church officiating. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Meadow Brook Gardens Cemetery in Paris, Texas. Arrangements are by Ballard Funeral Home of Roswell.

Mr. Smith was born Sept. 8, 1933, in Paris, Texas. He married the former Nancy E. Ousley on March 25, 1978, in Pampa, Texas. He had been a resident of Hobbs before moving to Roswell five years ago. He was a New Mexico division line supervisor for Southwestern Public Service Co. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a member of First Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge at Dumas, Texas, and the Scottish Rite of El Paso, Texas.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Chad Smith of La Mirada, Calif., and Ricky Smith of Dumas, Texas; two daughters, Criss Yon of Tijeras, N.M., and Pam Casteel of Amarillo, Texas; four sisters, Joy Thompson of Burleson, Texas, and Gay Rains, Linnie Mattison, and Carolyn Nance, all of Paris, Texas; two brothers, Stanley Smith of Paris, Texas, and Jimmy Smith of Chicago Ridge, Ill.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Ousley of Pampa, Texas; two aunts, Ruby Hodgkin and Alla Mae Smith, both of Paris, Texas; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Oncology Department of ENMMC, P.O. Box 1938, Roswell, N.M. 88201.

Court report

GRAY COUNTY COURT

The following people were dismissed from probation: Marilyn Flores Hughes, Jimmy Leroy Free, Angela Marie Bradstreet, Stephanie Kaylene Sanders and William Eugene Compton.

A motion was filed to revoke the probation of Ramon Taveres Valdez.

Angelo Bedia was fined \$45 and received deferred adjudication of one month probation on a speeding charge, appealed from Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace.

A charge of driving while intoxicated (second offense) was dismissed against Billy Dale Bush after it was used to revoke the probation of Bush in Donley County.

A charge of driving while intoxicated was dismissed against Jimmy Dale Hendon because the charge occurred on Oct. 18, 1990, and the defendant went to the state penitentiary and was paroled on May 27. He was given credit for time served in the penitentiary and in county jail.

Marriage licenses

David Lee Rowlett and Evelyn Kathleen Horst Raymond Asencio and Karen Deane Frazier
Marcus Edward Gilbert and Julianna Enloe

DISTRICT COURT

Civil lawsuits filed

Larry Woodruff and Rhonda Woodruff vs. Mundy Service Corp., The Mundy Companies' Group Health Plan, Allstate Insurance Co. and Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas Inc. — deceptive trade practice.

Criminal

A charge of violation of conditions of probation was dismissed against Gary Arnold Doss after the defendant was committed to an alcoholic rehabilitation center in Elk City, Okla.

Marriage licenses

David Lee Rowlett and Evelyn Kathleen Horst Raymond Asencio and Karen Deane Frazier
Marcus Edward Gilbert and Julianna Enloe

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Theda C. Foster, Pampa

Mary Mae Harvill, White Deer

Heather J. Northcott, Pampa

Zelma L. Reid, Wheeler

Geneva M. Schroeder, Pampa

Lewis R. Stark, Pampa

Polly Ann West, Pampa

Robert P. Williams, Borger

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Cross II of

Pampa, a baby girl. To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Northcott of Pampa, a baby boy.

Dismissals

J.L. Furgason, Skellytown

Johnnie E. Hood, Lefors

Jo Carol Laramore, Pampa

Angela Newby and baby boy, Pampa

Granville G. Shepherd, Canadian

Oren Simpson, Pampa

Zenaida M. Trejo and baby girl, Pampa

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Cross II of

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Not available

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 20

Randy's Food Store, 401 N. Ballard, reported a theft by check.

Melanee Grange, 1025 S. Farley, reported criminal mischief to a vehicle at 2545 Perry Park-way.

The city of Pampa reported a conflagration in the 1000 block of South Wilcox.

Department of Human Services reported offenses against family and children.

SATURDAY, Dec. 21

Jack Stroup, 1825 Dogwood, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Bill Allison Auto, 623 W. Foster, reported criminal mischief to a vehicle.

Arrests

SATURDAY, Dec. 21

Kevin Todd Howe, 22, Lefors, was arrested at 19th and Hobart on a warrant. He was released upon payment of a fine.

Arturo Castro, 25, address listed as 713 Denver and 620 Dean Drive, was arrested at Kentucky and Hobart on charges of driving while intoxicated and illegal alien. He was transferred to Gray County Jail.

Milton Cooper, 35, 204 W. Tuke, was arrested in the 300 block of East Brown on a charge of theft of less than \$20.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 20

8:06 a.m. — A 1986 Ford, driven by Peggi Ann Combs, 38, 409 E. Foster, collided with a 1977 International Harvester school bus owned by Pampa Independent School District and driven by Lanie Allen Putman, 33, 124 N. Nelson, in the 200 block of West Randy Matson. No injuries were reported by the driver or the 48 students riding the school bus. Combs was cited for following too closely.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 20

8:08 a.m. — Five firefighters in two units stood by at a vehicle/school bus accident at Randy Matson and Russell. No injuries were reported.

5:36 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to 2303 N. Hobart, where a vehicle had backed over a gas meter and broke the meter off.

6:40 p.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a medical assist at 1805 N. Banks.

11:12 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire at 1018 Wilcox. No information was available on the fire, which is under investigation, according to a fire report.

Calendar of events

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester Ave.

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) meets Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 or 665-1994 for more information.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Emergas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	669-5830

Early voting for McLean-Alanreed ISD consolidation election opens Dec. 30, continues through Jan. 14

Early voting for the McLean and Alanreed independent school districts consolidation election will be Dec. 30 through Jan. 14 in the office of the county clerk on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse in Pampa.

The election will be held on Jan. 18 with voting in the Alanreed school gymnasium and in the Lovett Library at McLean.

Temporary branch offices for early voting will be established at

Lovett Library in McLean on Jan. 7 and at the Alanreed school gymnasium on Jan. 9. County Clerk Wanda Carter said. Voters from either precinct may vote at each place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the above dates.

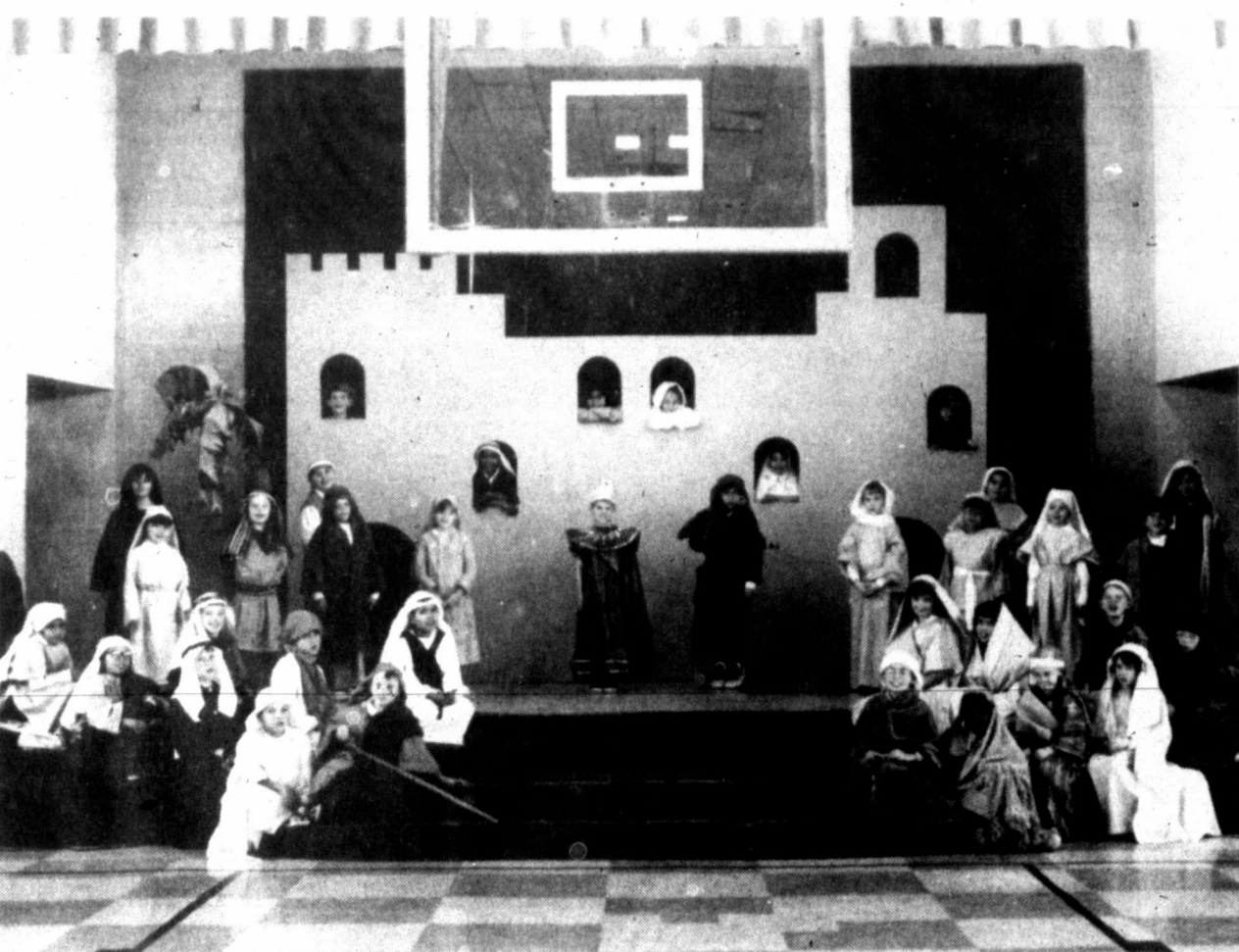
No reason is required for any qualified voter to vote early in person.

To vote early by mail, however, a person must be 65 years old or older, disabled, or absent from the

county. Applications for a ballot by mail must be received by the county clerk by 5 p.m. on Jan. 10. To request an absentee ballot by mail, write County Clerk Wanda Carter, Box 1902, Pampa, Texas 79066, or call (806) 669-8004 for information.

People who expect to be absent from the county on election day and during the period of early voting may apply for a ballot in person before Dec. 30.

The Great Late Potentate



(Special Photo)

Students of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School gather on the set of "The Great Late Potentate" which they presented for the public Thursday in the school gymnasium. The "Potentate", third grader Clay Banner, has embarked on a journey to find a baby King. However, he becomes sidetracked along the way. With the help of some special children, the "Potentate" learned a very valuable lesson about the true meaning of Christmas.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE Co. 1064 N. Hobart, 665-4410 Adv.

ADDINGTON'S CHRISTMAS Hat Specials: All Resistol 20% off. Black felt \$69.95, gray \$79.95. Special group \$10. Adv.

DIXIE PARTS, come in and register for NAPA Toy Truck. Russell Bockman from Miami, Tx. was winner last week. Drawing December 23, 411 S. Cuyler. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH: Fall and Winter Sale 50%, 60% and 75% off. Adv.

EVERYTHING 30, 50, 75% Off excluding Rocky's. The Clothes Line. Adv.

PEGGY'S PLACE, 301 W. Kingsmill is introducing a new soup, salad and deli bar! We will also be open Christmas Day, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with breakfast and traditional dinner buffets only. Closed New Year's Day. Adv.

NINNY'S BUCKET - All items 20%-50% off. Adv.

ADDINGTON'S CHRISTMAS Coat Specials: Special Timpeco Down coats \$29.95. All Walls coats 20% off. All Satin windbreakers \$26. All denim jackets \$29.95 and \$39.95. Adv.

STILL LOOKING for a Christmas gift for that hard to buy person? How about an electric or gasoline powered weed eater. Our 1992 models now in. Pampa Lawn Mower, 501 S. Cuyler, 665-8843. Adv.

LOWEST PRICES in Pampa on all supplies! Check the rest, then buy from the best. James Coins, Cards, Comics, Pampa Mall, open till 8 p.m. now thru Christmas. Soon to be expanding. Adv.

BASKET OF LOVE open Sunday 1-4 p.m. Adv.

CHILD CARE - School pick up ages 2 and up. Hot meals, references. 665-5419. Adv.

RADIO SHACK in Borger has the Tandy 1000 RL, \$399 and \$699 computer special in stock. Free Pampa delivery. Limited supply. 274-7077. Adv.

OPEN 2-6, Sunday afternoon. The Clothes Line. Adv.

A GIFT all year long!! Focus Magazine, 665-4728. Adv.

KING'S ROW Barber & Salon. Open December 23-24, closed December 25-30. Adv.

FROM ALL of Us at the Derrick Club, We wish you all a Merry Christmas! We will have free pizza on Tuesday, December 24 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. And we will be closed Christmas Day. 2401 Alcock. Adv.

PUMP JACK Liquor 2401 1/2 Alcock behind the Derrick Club, Serrana Coffee Liqueur 740 ml. 26.5% \$7.80, liters \$8.80. Miller 16 oz. cans \$2.95 6-pack, \$5.50 12 pack, \$10.75 case. Adv.

POCKET PARROTS. Pets Unique, 665-5102. Adv.

MEALS on WHEELS 669-1007, P.O. Box 939. Adv.

GIVE A Sharpei puppy for Christmas. Pets Unique, 665-5102. Adv.

MARY KAY Cosmetics, Deb Stapleton consultant, 665-2095. Adv.

MILLENNIUM COOKWARE by Farberware with never stick Excalibur surface. It's perfect for Christmas and thereafter, with 20 year warranty. Pampa Hardware, 120 N. Cuyler. Adv.

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

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, rain likely (60 percent chance) with a high in the mid 40s and southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Tonight, decreasing cloudiness with a low in the upper 20s. Monday, partly cloudy and milder with a high in the 50s.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — A chance of rain most sections today. Decreasing cloudiness from the west tonight. Partly cloudy Monday. Highs today mostly in the 50s. Lows tonight mainly in the 30s. Highs Monday around 50 Panhandle to mid 60s Big Bend lowlands.

North Texas — A flash flood watch is in effect today for all of North Texas, again and a chance of a thunderstorms today, rain heavy at times. Rain decreasing from the west tonight becoming partly cloudy Monday. Highs today 50s west and central and 60s east. Lows tonight from the mid 30s west to mid 40s east. Highs Monday mid 50s to low 60s.

South Texas — Numerous showers and thunderstorms most sections today. Heavy rain and flooding are possible west, central and east. Cloudy and colder tonight with rain ending over the east and south. Mostly cloudy and cool Monday. Highs today from 50s north to near 80 south. Lows tonight from 40s north to 50s south with 30s Hill Country. Highs Monday from 50s north to near 70 south.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Tuesday through Thursday West Texas — Texas Panhandle, partly cloudy with a slight chance

of showers Tuesday. Fair Wednesday and Thursday. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. South Plains, Low rolling plains, partly cloudy Tuesday. Mostly fair Wednesday and Thursday. Lows from the mid 20s to around 30. Highs mid 40s to near 50. Permian Basin, partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday with a slight chance of showers Wednesday. Mostly fair Thursday. Lows in the 30s. Highs from near 50 to the mid 50s. Concho Valley, Edwards plateau, partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday with a slight chance of showers Wednesday. Mostly fair Thursday. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s. Far West Texas, partly cloudy with slight chance of showers Tuesday. Mostly fair Wednesday and Thursday. Lows from upper 20s to the lower 30s. Highs in the 50s. Big Bend area, mostly fair Tuesday. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers Wednesday and Thursday. Lows in the 20s mountains to the 30s lowlands. Highs in the mid 40s to around 50 mountains and the mid 50s to mid 60s lowlands.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central Texas, partly cloudy Tuesday. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Wednesday and Thursday. Lows in the 30s to near 40. Highs Tuesday in the 60s. Highs Wednesday and Thursday in the 50s. Texas Coastal Bend, partly cloudy Tuesday. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Wednesday and Thursday. Lows Tuesday in the 40s, highs in the 60s. Lows Wednesday near 50, highs in the 60s. Lows Thursday in the 40s, highs near 60. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and plains, partly cloudy Tuesday. Mostly cloudy

with a chance of rain Wednesday and Thursday. Lows Tuesday in the 50s east to the 40s west, highs in the 70s. Lows Wednesday near 50, highs in the 60s. Lows Thursday in the 40s, highs in the 60s. Southeast Texas and upper Texas coast, partly cloudy Tuesday. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Wednesday and Thursday. Lows Tuesday near 40, highs in the 60s. Lows Wednesday in the 40s, highs in the 50s. Lows Thursday near 40, highs in the 50s.

North Texas — Cool with a chance of rain Tuesday and Wednesday. West, lows in the 30s. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Central, lows in the 40s Tuesday, and in the 30s Wednesday and Thursday. Highs in the 50s. East, lows in the 40s Tuesday and Wednesday, and in the 30s Thursday. Highs in the 50s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Today, lingering showers northern third otherwise decreasing clouds with partial sun by afternoon. Highs 35-45 mountains, mostly 40s elsewhere. Tonight and Monday, morning valley fog otherwise fair. Lows zero to 20 mountains, 20s elsewhere. Highs Monday 35-45 mountains and 45-55 lower elevations.

Oklahoma — Rain likely most sections today, with a few thunderstorms possible south southeastern half today. Another chance for light rain tonight and Monday. Partial clearing from the northwest Monday. Lows Sunday night from the 30s northwest to near 50 south. Highs Sunday and Monday from the mid 40s to mid 50s.



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Milton Brown of the Pampa Council of the Knights of Columbus wears, and displays, "Holiday Hero" t-shirts that are to be given away to donors to the Council and Coffee Memorial Blood Center's sixth annual Christmas blood drive Monday at the Pampa Mall from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus to sponsor Christmas blood drive Monday

Pampa Council of Knights of Columbus, along with the Coffee Memorial Blood Center, are sponsoring a Christmas blood drive Monday, Dec. 23, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pampa Mall.

Milton Brown of the local K of C said the Council is looking forward to seeing its sixth annual Christmas blood drive be as successful as last year's event. In 1990 the blood drive brought in 130 pints, the largest total in the drive's six-year history, Brown said.

Brown and Kim Killian, community relations director for the blood center, urge anyone of any blood type, who is physically able, to support the Christmas drive by giving a pint of blood.

The holiday season is a critical time of year, they said, particularly since more people are traveling on the nation's highways and weather conditions are more perilous, creating a greater need for blood.

Blood donated Monday will be sent to the Coffee Memorial Blood Bank in Amarillo for distribution to 20 Panhandle-area hospitals. More than 400 pints of blood are needed weekly in the hospitals the center serves.

Those who donate blood will be presented with a free "Holiday Hero" T-shirt.

Camels popular addition to Nativity scenes

HOUSTON (AP) — With live Nativity scenes appearing at more than a dozen Houston churches this year, rent-a-camels have proved a popular addition to the Christian recreation of the birth of Jesus in a Bethlehem stable.

"What can you do with a trained camel except use them at Christmas?" asks the Rev. David Lanagan of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

While the sheep, goats and donkeys typically used with the actors in the scenes are usually well-mannered, camels have a reputation for objecting. But church officials say they've had mostly good luck with the huge, lumbering animals.

The most famous of the biblical beasts of burden here may be First Baptist Church of Houston's Crete, a young adult camel who has appeared in many indoor pageants.

Crete, now 8 years old and 2,100 pounds, is owned by animal trainer Bill Swain of Trunks & Humps, a ranch in Cut and Shoot in Montgomery County. Swain is supplying camels to seven churches this year.

As is tradition, Crete walks down the center aisle of the First Baptist sanctuary carrying one of the costumed kings. He kneels and the biblical king dismounts.

"He's an exception to your typical camel," church staff member Joni Farmer, a horse trainer who works with Crete every year, told The Houston Post. "He's understanding. He performs on cue. He loves the attention."

Unseasonable rains pound Texas again; four dead

DALLAS (AP) — Heavy rains pounded Texas again Saturday, sending rivers over flood stage and sweeping cars off roads across the state. Four deaths were blamed on the flooding, and authorities searched for at least three others missing after their cars were washed off roadways, officials said.

Also, traffic accidents on wet roads were blamed for at least four more deaths and seven injuries. The death toll was expected to mount.

"We have had so many cars being swept off the road and we've had a lot of rescues. The sheriff's department and fire department have been working all night making rescues," said Clay Curtis, an officer with the Hays County sheriff's department.

She said the night dispatcher in Hays County in central Texas received at least 40 rescue calls.

The National Weather Service issued flood warnings across the state, and residents in many cities were being evacuated.

Saturday was the last day before winter's arrival, but the rains were reminiscent of spring. The NWS said a slow-moving cold front over Central and East Texas triggered the torrential rains, along with an approaching upper level storm system.

Record rains for a 24-hour period were posted in many cities. Central Texas appeared to get the brunt of a slow-moving downpour.

Forecasters said 24-hour rainfall amounts in the lush Hill Country in Central Texas "have been excessive, even by Hill Country standards," with 7.43 inches reported at Fredericksburg. Reports of five inches or more were common.

Near Meridian, about 75 miles southwest of Dallas, a woman and child drowned when their car was swept off State Highway 6 into a ravine at the Meridian Creek Bridge, said Bosque County Sheriff Dewell Harper. "We found them this morning."

Their bodies were found shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday by Texas Department of Public Safety officers who had been manning barricades in flooded areas, Harper said.

Authorities continued to search Saturday for an Austin woman whose car was swept off Farm Road 1826 about 6 p.m. Friday near a subdivision in Dripping Springs, about 20 miles west of Austin. Another person in the car clung to a tree and was rescued.

Early Friday, Albessa Roque, 31, and her 2-year-old nephew Eduardo Roque drowned when their car was

flipped by flood waters of the Little Hackberry Creek near Barksdale, authorities said.

A search continued for Ms. Roque's infant daughter, Vanessa, who was also riding in the car, said Benita Piper, a dispatcher with the Edwards County Sheriff's Department.

Rescue workers said they were waiting for levels in the Trinity River to drop before searching for a Fort Worth man who was swept into flood waters after he and his friends drove around a high-water barricade Friday night.

An Austin music store suffered a reported \$500,000 worth of damage when the store's front window gave way about 9:15 p.m. Friday and the store's piano section was flooded with more than four feet of water.

"It was probably the most awesome display of power I've ever seen," said owner David Strait, whose store suffered twice as much water and damage in severe flooding in 1981. "It was incredible the pop that glass made. I was just watching the pianos toss and turn like match sticks."

Strait watched the water rise for almost two hours before the pressure against the glass forced it to break.

Flood warnings were issued throughout Central Texas and portions of North Texas. In the South Plains and the Panhandle, residents were bracing for possible freezing rain.

At Dallas, where the flood stage is 30 feet for the Trinity River, the stage at 8 a.m. was 42.79, and officials said the river should continue rising to near 44 feet during the afternoon.

The Dallas Fire Department manned boats in the flood-prone Rochester Park area about five miles southeast of downtown Dallas, where for the third straight year residents were hurriedly loading their belongings into vehicles and heading for higher ground.

"We had issued notices to approximately 30 residents of Rochester Park that flooding was imminent," said Bobby Martinez with the Dallas Office of Emergency Preparedness. "But some are waiting until water presents an actual threat to the homes."

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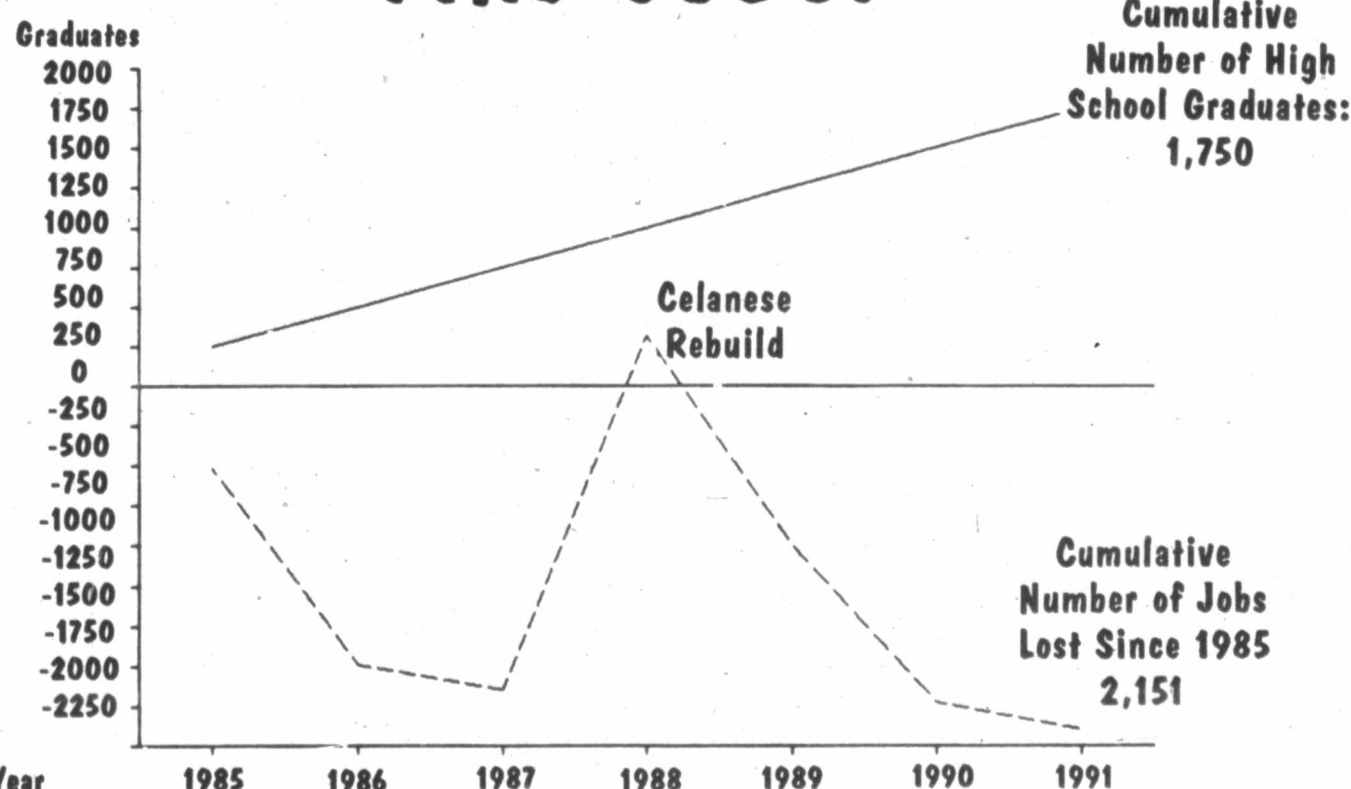
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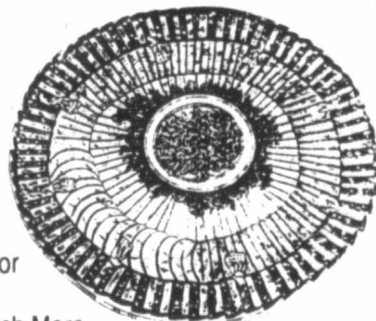
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Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

Aid to Soviets offers no cure

One of the few good things to be said about the economic aid package for the former Soviet republics is that it will not be as expensive as it could have been.

Compared to the \$100 billion in potential aid being discussed in some quarters, President Bush's plan to provide \$1.5 billion in grain credits sounds relatively cheap. His plan would provide \$1.20 billion in loan guarantees among the 12 Soviet republics and give another \$165 million in outright grants to buy food.

The chief shortcoming of this foreign aid package is that it does nothing to encourage a fundamental change in economic policy inside the former Soviet Union. In essence, it is simply more government-to-government welfare. It is a forced transfer of wealth from one group of people to another, not a program to actually create new wealth.

The impulse to provide food to Soviet consumers is noble, but this latest plan ignores the reality of the Soviet agricultural system. The biggest failure of the system has not been the amount of food grown, but its inability to get the food to market. Dumping more food into a non-functioning distribution system will not dramatically improve the lot of Soviet consumers. Foreign-grown grain can just as easily rot in a warehouse as home-grown grain.

Calling the aid a "loan" is just wishful thinking. The Soviet Union has already piled up a foreign debt of \$85 billion, with no prospect of repayment. Why throw good money after bad?

At the very least, a prudent lender should demand some sort of collateral in case the loan goes bad. The United States and other Western economic powers suggested that the Soviet Union put up 104 metric tons of its gold reserves as collateral for Western refinancing of its foreign debt. Even though that would amount to a relatively modest \$1 billion, and less than half the Soviet Union's gold stockpile, Soviet officials refused. They want our wealth without having to risk any of theirs.

The fate of the former Soviet republics ultimately depends on the economic initiative of their own citizens, not on foreign aid. The republics need to begin creating wealth, through private property and a rebirth of the entrepreneurial spirit. The communist system needs to be junked, immediately and totally, and the free-market system established in its place.

Government-to-government welfare would only delay the transition, by lessening the pressure on the republics' leaders to make meaningful changes in their economic systems. Western economic aid will only serve as artificial life support for a failed socialist system.

The only Western dollars that should properly flow into the now Commonwealth of Independent States and other nations in the former Soviet Union should come from charitable organizations and private business investment. Government-to-government aid will only serve to perpetuate the very system that has brought the people of the former Soviet Union to the brink of disaster.

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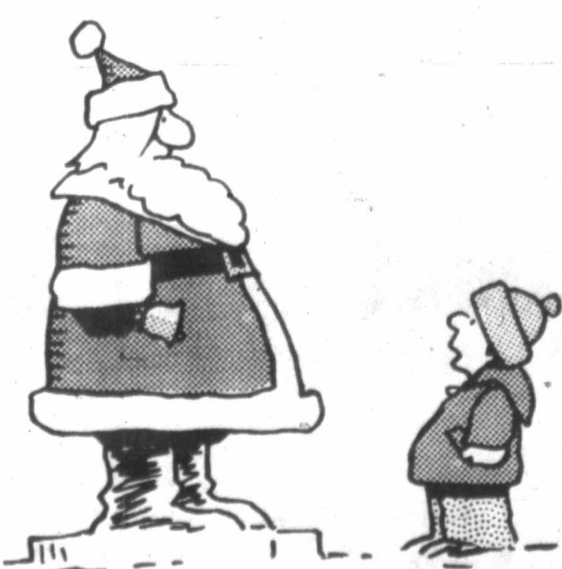
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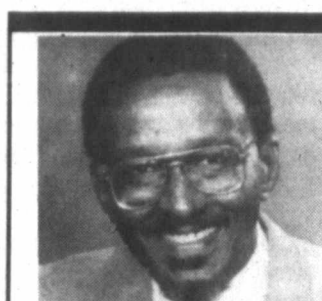
Holiday dinners and cancer

The optimal amount of anything harmful or bad is never zero. How about the reckless discard of used items — littering? Would you have had our Desert Storm troops pick up spent ammunition before moving to their next objective so as not to litter? What about zero air pollution and zero theft? To get that requires that we cease production and have guards everywhere. The optimal amount of anything harmful or bad is never zero simply because it is much too costly to achieve.

"OK, Williams," you say, "but I draw the line at cancer-causing substances — zero carcinogens for me!" If that's your position, we'd better outlaw our traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The American Council on Science and Health (1995 Broadway, New York, N.Y.) put out its "Holiday Dinner Menu" detailing the toxins and carcinogenic agents that garnish our Thanksgiving feast, as well as subsequent Christmas dinners.

If you're serving cream of mushroom soup as a starter, be aware that it contains hydrazine, which is a known carcinogen. A side dish of radishes, cherry tomatoes and celery contains glucosinolates (which cause anti-thyroid activity), nitrate (carcinogen) and psoralens (mutagen and carcinogen).

If you're having turkey as the entree, be careful. Turkey contains heterocyclic amines and malonaldehyde, two powerful mutagens. However, if you hold the stuffing, you can avoid carcinogens like: benzo(a)pyrene, ethyl carbamate and safrole. And if you hold the cranberry sauce, you won't add



Walter Williams

euquenol to your troubles. You might want to reconsider serving that old American standard — the baked potato. Potatoes contain oxalic acid, which causes kidney stones, and chaconine, which inhibits nerve function. If all that weren't bad enough, potatoes also contain arsenic.

Your dessert menu is just as hazardous. Pumpkin pie contains myristicin and red wine has methylglyoxal; myristicin and methylglyoxal are carcinogens. If you have few mixed nuts on the side, you're eating aflatoxins, one of the most potent cancer-causing agents known.

You say, "Heck, Williams, with that kind of news, I'm just going to have a glass of water." Watch out! Water contains nitrate, which is toxic to humans and can convert to nitrite and subsequently form cancer-causing nitrosamines.

Of course, you can enjoy your Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and not fear cancer, if you chow down in moderation. The toxic dose of pota-

atoes is 100 pounds, that of spinach 10 pounds, and if you hold your turkey consumption to less than 3.8 tons, you won't have to worry about malonaldehyde.

The conclusion we should draw from the American Council on Science and Health's menu is that almost everything we consume contains toxins or carcinogens; however, it's the dosage that counts. The human body does a wonderful job of metabolizing or excreting unchanged small doses of toxins and carcinogens.

Another conclusion is that we should eat a varied diet so that we don't saturate ourselves with a particular chemical. But an even more important conclusion, contrary to propaganda by health "experts," is that nature is not as friendly and man-made is not as evil as we're led to believe. The cancer risk of one mushroom is 167 times greater than the dietary intake of Environmental Protection Agency-banned PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and EDB (ethylene dibromide).

The human dietary intake of nature's toxins is at least 10,000 times higher than toxins consumed through the usage of man-made pesticides. We would starve to death trying to consume zero toxins and carcinogens. If we allow the food-Nazis to dictate our diets, we are going to have poorer health rather than better health, and to boot — slimmer pocketbooks.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and Christmas, eat drink and be merry, of course, all in moderation.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 1991. There are nine days left in the year. Winter arrives at 2:54 a.m. CST.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the Germans demanded the surrender of encircled American troops at Bastogne, Belgium. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied: "Nuts!" The Americans held out until additional U.S. forces ended the siege four days later.

On this date:

In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies under the command of Ezekiel Hopkins.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln from Georgia, saying, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was ultimately vindicated.)



At last — another little Lewis

Three of my closest friends have had children in the last couple of years. Tim and Roselle had a little girl. They named her Gabriella. They call her Gabby.

B.A. and Nancy also had a little girl. They named her Joanne.

I am godfather to both children. I'm not exactly certain what my duties are. But I'll see what I can do.

Still, there has been disappointment in all this.

As vain as it may seem, I had hoped either Gabby or Joanne would have been named for me.

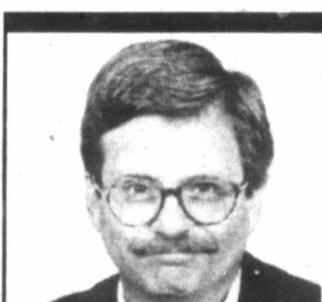
I realize we are talking about little girls here but what, I ask you, would be wrong with Lewoise? or Lewanda? or Lewcinda? I even thought Lewalcindia had a nice ring to it, and I always have been quite the basketball fan.

But, no.

Then there's Mike and his wife, Joanne (maybe B.A. and Nancy named their daughter after Mike's wife).

They had their first child the other day. A boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, with lots of black hair.

I haven't seen the new arrival yet, having been wasting most of last year's profits on a recent trip to Europe, but Joanne told me on the phone, "He's already got more hair than his daddy."



Lewis Grizzard

Mike and Joanne have a mixed marriage. Mike went to Georgia, Joanne to Auburn.

Georgia and Auburn have been keen sporting rivals since they blew up the Maine.

Already there's been a bit of a riff in the family concerning the new child. Mike wanted to buy him a red and black outfit to wear home from the hospital. Joanne wouldn't hear of it.

But hear this: Georgia head coach, Ray Goff, was speaking at a Bulldog function the night Mike and Joanne's baby was born.

Mike's mom, Dee, also a fierce Georgia supporter, was at the head table. She was called out to be told of the birth of her new grandson.

When she returned to the table, Goff, knowing of the impending birth, stopped his remarks and

asked Dee, "Well, what was it?"

"A little boy Bulldog," Dee answered.

Goff called Joanne at the hospital the next day to congratulate her.

"We haven't heard a thing from Pat Dye," sneered Mike. (Dye is the head coach at Joanne's beloved Auburn.)

So, where do I fit in here?

Meet Michael Lewis Matthews of Albany, Ga., age, just over three weeks.

Little Lewis's daddy and I have been through a couple of wars together. To honor a friend by naming a child after him is a gift that cannot be aptly described in this space because there is no way to type tears and pride.

I have no children of my own. I was always afraid I might have had a son and he would have come home wearing an earring and want to go to Georgia Tech. At least Auburn's in the Southeastern Conference.

But now I have two precious goddaughters and a little boy named for me. They were careful, incidentally, to spell it Lewis, not the sissy way, Louis.

Michael Lewis Matthews, UGA, Class of 2012, with apologies to his Auburn mother. But she's out-numbered.

Taking a fast lane to a dead end

And here's the latest traffic report: Cars are backed up for a mile at Bottleneck Bridge, as east-bound traffic narrows to one lane to avoid construction on the overpass...

Sound familiar? Most commuters know the frustration of gridlock, broken-down roads and highway "improvements" that never seem to end and don't improve much of anything. But what many don't know is that the solution to our nation's transportation woes is not a whopping increase in federal spending.

Try telling that to Washington: Congress recently approved a \$151 billion transportation package, one that gave the states billions in federal handouts and broad new authority to divert federal highway money to mass transit.

What's wrong with that? Plenty. For one thing, this massive giveaway plan would be financed by a 2.5 cent-per-gallon surcharge on top of the federal gasoline tax, which was raised only a year ago. In fact, we now pay about 18 cents per gallon in federal taxes on gasoline.

And tax increases are the wrong prescription for an ailing economy.

Worse, billions of dollars are being earmarked for "congressional projects of national significance." Translation: pork — more than \$5 billion in



Edwin Feulner

public works projects in the backyards of members of Congress. All vital national concerns.

Don't believe it. The transportation budget is one of the most fat-laden pieces of the entire federal pie. Last year, for example, Congress spent \$10.2 million for an off-ramp and access road to a private sports stadium in Milwaukee; \$1 million for a national bicycling and walking study; and \$17 million to relieve traffic in Corning, Iowa, where congestion has produced a "cows-only" lane.

The real problem with the federal transportation program as it has evolved is that it leads to prodigious amounts of waste, with precious little accountability at the local level.

If states need funding for their transportation projects, they should stop looking to Washington

and start looking closer to home: First, change the mix of federal and state/local funding. If a state or jurisdiction knows it can count on Washington to pick up 90 percent of the cost of its transportation project, its list of "needs" will be endless. But if the federal share of its tab is 50 percent or less, its demands will be far more realistic.

A second step involves privatization. Private firms often can supply services and facilities at lower costs than government-funded projects. That's why, for example, cities like New York, Dallas, Philadelphia and Boston are turning to private businesses to provide city services.

Key candidates for privatization include roads and bridges. Under one arrangement, private firms build roads at their own expense, maintain them and charge tolls to recover costs. Construction on the first modern private toll road in the United States is scheduled to begin next year, from Dulles Airport near Washington, D.C., to Leesburg, Va. Construction also could be financed without tolls, by allowing commercial vendors to rent or buy the rights to operate enterprises and concessions along the road.

The private sector has demonstrated it can meet public transportation needs at reasonable costs. But to make it happen we need to pull the plug on the transportation pork program.

Letters to the editor

Industry development essential to bettering Pampa's economy

To the editor:

Economic development funding is a must for this city to survive in the future. Just because we have got by in the past and are getting by now does not mean that in the future we will also get by.

What will we have to base our economy on? The Oil Boom? Wrong!! The "oil boom" has declined greatly since 1986 and will continue to do so. Pampa needs something new and different. Through Proposition One we would be able to bring new industry and resources to our city, thereby creating new jobs and increasing our city revenue.

Our population has gradually declined since three decades ago. The only possible explanation is that Pampa has nothing to offer our graduating students, so they move to other cities to live. We need to have jobs to offer our posterity so they will want to live and raise their families here.

The estimated annual revenue generated from this tax would be approximately \$650,000, which would be used to construct or improve industrial sites, purchase land or buildings, and provide utility connections to the business site. Only the city commissioners (who are elected and responsible to the voters) and a five-member board of directors (who won't get paid) would be allowed to spend this money.

Without new industry in Pampa, our economy will only worsen, so vote "Yes" to Propositions One, Two and Three!!

Gary D. Brawley (age 19)

Pampa

Gas prices here highest around

To the editor:

I have been watching the paper, hoping someone else would complain about the price of gasoline in Pampa. It is absolutely the highest in the country, whether you go north, south, east or west.

All the way to Las Vegas, the average is about \$1.10 for unleaded. In Oklahoma it's \$1.05, in Kansas it's as low as \$1.00. I have a friend who lives in Canada and pulled a travel trailer from the east coast of the U.S. to Pampa. He said we have the distinction of having the highest gas prices of the entire trip.

I know all this will do no good, but I first want them to know someone understands it's a ripoff.

Also, why has the paper quit publishing area gas prices? Right now unleaded in Amarillo is \$1.06.

J.D. Brown

Pampa

Editor's Note: We no longer run the area gasoline prices because most of those working at the convenience stores and gasoline stations that we called to obtain prices said they would no longer give the prices out over the phone to us. (They offered no reason why they wouldn't do so.) And, with the gasoline prices the way they are, we couldn't afford to pay for all the driving around it would take to obtain the prices.

Let's get rid of the real 'boobs'

To the editor:

We cannot continue to be so complacent about the silicone breast implant issue. Not when we have so many lawyers going after unfortunate and unsuspecting women through the media. Ambulance chasing is for the most despicable.

These unfortunate women who have some complaints are being led down a path by these guys. The lawyers are trying to find some connection with the implants and the problems these women are having, and it is just not there in most of them. What they are effectively going to accomplish, if we allow it, is the removal of the implants from the market. This is the only way they can win their cases against the companies they are suing.

We cannot permit them to get away with infringing on our rights as women. Even if you have no interest in the implants themselves, surely the fact that your right of choice is being threatened should upset you a little.

The only way to stop this is to voice your opinion as quickly as possible. We all have the right to make an informed decision on what we want to do with our own bodies. This is not like cigarettes (harmful to everybody) or alcohol (also harmful to all).

Let's be realistic and get rid of the real "boobs" — the overeager lawyers, not the silicone ones. Write to Dr. Kessler at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Kim Jackson
Spring, Texas

Great care despite understaffing

To the editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the nurses and staff in the OB ward at Coronado Hospital.

During our recent stay, we experienced very prompt, courteous care from all the nursing staff, who showed a genuine concern for our well-

Great, great, great news for great-grandmother

BELLWOOD, Neb. (AP) — Lola Engle got some great, great, great news. Three of her granddaughters gave birth Thursday.

"I was really shocked when I heard that," said the 72-year-old great-grandmother, who lives in this community of 400 people south of Columbus. "We're all just really happy about it."

Engle, a widow, now has 23 great-grandchildren. She has six children and 21 grandchildren.

The babies were the first for all three granddaughters. "They were all born real healthy and fine, which is a blessing," Engle said.

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being. We know that the hospital was working somewhat understaffed during our stay, but we still received everything that we needed to make our stay as pleasant and comfortable as possible. We would also like to thank Dr. M. Hampton and Dr. Julian for their friendly, yet professional care.

Again, our sincere thanks to nursing staff and doctors at Coronado Hospital. Pampa is fortunate to have a facility such as this.

Rick, Lauri and Rikki Nicole Mooring
Pampa

No nurses, no hospital

To the editor:

My father was recently in the hospital in Pampa. He had an emergency major abdominal surgery. His physician, Dr. Hampton, and surgeon, Dr. Mohan, provided excellent management in his care.

The hospital is a wonderful facility and the nurses are hardworking and dedicated to their jobs. That is the reason I am writing this letter to you people in Pampa.

Please realize that your nurses are working extremely hard, long shifts. There are too few nurses. We all recognize the shortage. But, please accept your part of this problem.

I ask each citizen to become concerned that his/her nurses are tired. Be concerned that they are working 12-16 hours every day. They come in on their days off because you need them. They do have families. They would like to spend some leisure time too, if they could remember how.

Does this city actively recruit and nurture their nurses as they do their physicians? When we get a nurse, do we use them until they are all used up?

Hospitals are run by nurses. They are the mechanism necessary to make a hospital work. No nurses, no hospital. Yes, doctors admit patients and manage their care. But who watched your heart monitor all the night through even on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas morning? Who added the medication to keep the rhythm smooth and steady? When you were weak, who helped you get to the bathroom? I will guarantee it wasn't the doctor.

Pampans, please ask what you can do to encourage hiring more nurses. Then show the ones you have how much you appreciate them. Did you know that there is a national nurses day?

Tell your hospital administrator, tell your doctor, tell your mayor and city council that you want more nurses. Ask them to do what is necessary to get those nurses. Then tell the nurses that you have just how much you appreciate them.

Elizabeth Ann Nutt, RN
Houston

Incident leaves letter writer wrestling with mixed emotions

To the editor:

I would like to share an experience I had recently. I had a booth earlier this month at the Festival of Trees held at M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. I entered and exited the exhibit through the back door near the loading dock and ramp. This was easier access where we could pull in and assemble or disassemble my three-wheeled motorized cart which I use to get around.

When we left on Saturday around 7 p.m., it was dark outside. My plastic, sealed money box was placed on the roof of our van and then the gate was raised on the back. I was put in the front seat, the three-wheeler in the back, the gate was closed and we came home. We then realized the terrible thing we had done ... my money box with my sales from Friday and Saturday was gone.

We drove back to the auditorium the same way we came home, looking along curbs and streets all the way. Announcements were made at the exhibit and ballet. Since there is nothing on the roof to hold it, the box probably slid off as we pulled away from the loading area. Anyone who came out that door after we drove off would have found it ... but we did not.

I hoped and prayed that the person who found my box would bring it to my booth on Sunday. Great hopes ... but no show! After doing inventory on Sunday evening, I figured I had lost \$238 in checks and about \$162 in cash. That evening I notified all checkwriters to cancel their checks, and Monday morning I reported the loss to the police.

When the mail came on Monday, someone had mailed me all of my lost checks ... but no cash. I then had to call all of the checkwriters and police again. I am filled with mixed emotions. To the person who mailed me my checks — I thank you and hope that you found them without the cash. To the person who kept my cash, my money box, my art pen and a few other things of mine — I pray that God, who knows you, will forgive you and that you can have a Merry Christmas.

Natalie Reeve
Pampa

Pull together for a better Pampa

To the editor:

On January 18, I believe the citizens of Pampa will have an opportunity

to vote on three issues which will determine whether Pampa will grow and prosper or whether the city will begin to wither on the vine. I would urge my fellow citizens to support the city, Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Foundation by voting for all three issues.

Recently a letter appeared in your paper from a visitor from California addressing economic growth which contain some inaccurate statements regarding our new prison. In a visit to an identical prison in Snyder, our citizens group found the following:

1. The inmates' relatives do not move to the community to be near a relative. Visits are allowed only once a month, and then only if the inmate has a clear record.

2. All inmates are transferred to Huntsville prior to release. No releases will be made from our prison, therefore no inmates will stay around our community after their release.

3. The incidence of crime decreased in Snyder after the prison was built. The fear of a crime wave from undesirable new citizens is a false fear.

4. There was no increase in welfare costs to the county from indigents associated with the prison and, in fact, the prison system paid their way.

5. New citizens moving to our community to work for the prison become contributors to our prosperity and help us by sharing our costs of government.

I would refer you to excellent articles about our visit to Snyder by Bear Mills of your paper and newscasts by Mike Ehrle of KGRO radio.

Let's all pull together for a better Pampa!

Roy C. Sparkman
Pampa

Appreciates basketball coverage

To the editor:

I really appreciate the basketball coverage you have been running. It was great to have Mr. Pollard at the McLean-Lefors games. I'm sure the boys game wasn't that interesting, but it was nice of him to stay and run the pictures he took. Our basketball season is going a lot like our football did, for the same reasons, but it is good to see the guys get credit for their efforts.

I also enjoy the rodeo reports. I hope it will be possible to have you run T.C.R.A. results when their season starts. Several area cowboys and cowgirls compete in T.C.R.A.

Mr. Mills' Christmas story was one of his best. I'm sure it truly touched everyone who read it.

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Serbs in Bosnia declare own republic; Croatia remains relatively calm

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbs in ethnically mixed Bosnia-Herzegovina proclaimed their own republic on Saturday, threatening to exacerbate tensions in the crumbling Yugoslav federation.

A day earlier, Bosnia became the fourth of six republics to declare that it will pursue independence. Analysts fear that war could spread to that area. In Croatia, Croats and a Serb minority backed by the army are fighting.

In response to Bosnia's declaration and that of Macedonia on Thursday, the U.S. State Department on Saturday warned Serbia not to use the issue of independence to threaten either republic. Both republics have sizeable Serb minorities.

The Serbian-dominated remnant of the federal Parliament, however, on Saturday denounced a European Community decision to recognize Croatia and other independence-

minded Yugoslav republics, saying the decision "fans continued armed clashes."

In other developments: —The Tanjug news agency reported a cease-fire, applying to all of Croatia's western Slavonia region north of Bosnia had been agreed on, effective at 8 a.m. (2 a.m. EST) Sunday.

Senior negotiators from the army and Croatia's military met in Osijek to discuss a truce for the region.

—Croatian battlefronts were mostly calm, although one person was reported killed at Slovenska Pozega, east of Zagreb, and two people were killed at Vrsar, near Pula, during air attacks on Adriatic towns. Osijek, a key eastern Croatian stronghold, was shelled early Saturday.

—At Bosanski Samac, a Bosnian town near the border with Croatia, the army released around 600 prisoners captured in Vukovar after its fall Nov. 18.

—Croatia prepared to issue its own currency, said Damir Mudrinjak, head of the Croatian treasury. He said exchange of the Yugoslav dinar for the Croatian dinar on a one-to-one basis would begin Monday.

More than a dozen general truces in the 6-month-old war pitting Croatian troops against Serb irregulars and the federal army have failed. The latest was negotiated by the United Nations.

In Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the republic's sizable ethnic Serb minority declared that

the Serb enclaves were uniting to become the Republic of Serbian Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Ethnic Serbs in Croatia proclaimed a similar Serb republic on Thursday.

The Serb community in Bosnia controls more than half of the state's territory, and its move was certain to be strongly opposed by local Moslems and Croats.

A day earlier, Bosnia announced it would seek recognition from foreign countries, as have Slovenia, Croatia and Macedonia. Bosnia's decision was angrily criticized by its ethnic Serbs.

The EC said Tuesday it would recognize on Jan. 15 any Yugoslav republic seeking independence that could guarantee minority rights. Serbia and its tiny ally Montenegro are the only republics trying to preserve the Yugoslav federation.

In its statement, the State Department reiterated U.S. opposition to changing Yugoslavia's borders by force.

It said, "We would strongly condemn any attempt on the part of the Serbian leadership and the Yugoslav military to use the prospect of international recognition as a pretext to use force and intimidation to threaten the territorial integrity" of Bosnia or Macedonia.

In its resolution, the Serb-dominated federal parliament on Saturday denounced the EC decision, saying it "violates the norms of international law and fans continued armed clashes." The parliament was boycotted by all republics except Serbia and Montenegro.

Thousands of people have died in Croatia since fighting broke out after the republic's declaration of independence on June 25. Leaders of Croatia's Serb minority refuse to live in an independent Croatia, fearing a repeat of atrocities committed by a pro-Nazi fascist regime in World War II.

Croatia says that is a pretext for grabbing territory as the country splits up.

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(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

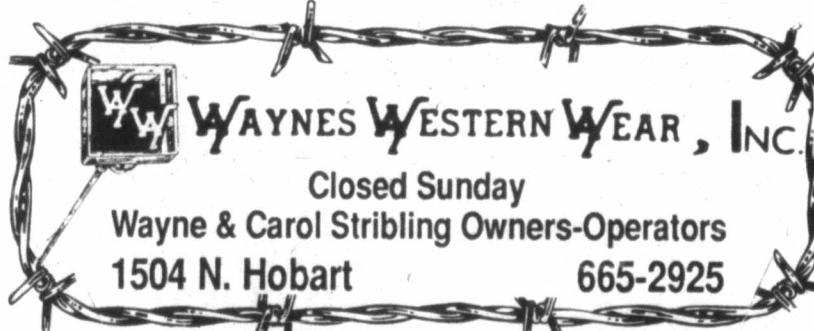
Jack Skelly, center, presents a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart from Ann Loter, director of Pampa Meals on Wheels, as Wal-Mart Assistant Manager Darrell Whiteside, far right, looks on. Skelly donated the gift certificate to the local Salvation Army, represented by Lt. Ernest Lozano, far left, and to Good Samaritan Christian Services, represented by Bill Ragsdale, second from left. The gift certificate was the result of a drawing by Meals on Wheels during a fund-raiser in which people purchased chances to win the certificate.

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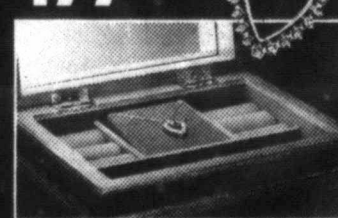
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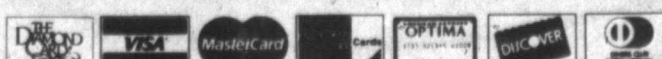
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Small Cap Rock Electric files lawsuit against state's largest utility company

MIDLAND — A small West Texas utility, Cap Rock Electric, has filed a lawsuit against Texas' biggest utility company, TU Electric, in a legal showdown over Cap Rock's right to purchase wholesale power from companies other than TU Electric.

At stake are monthly utility bills about 10 percent cheaper for Cap Rock customers, primarily hard-hit farmers, ranchers, oil companies and home owners in 17 West Texas counties, said Steve Collier, director of power supply and regulatory affairs.

In the District Court suit filed last week in Midland, Cap Rock Electric asked the court to rule either than an existing agreement between the two companies is invalid, or that if it is an enforceable contract, that it be enforced to allow Cap Rock to proceed with cheaper power supply arrangements.

Cap Rock Electric announced in October it had reached a power supply agreement with Southwestern Public Service Co. (SPS), based in Amarillo, to begin buying power in 1993. It also announced an interim power agreement with West Texas Utilities to provide power to Cap Rock until the SPS transfer can take effect.

For many years TU Electric has been Cap Rock's only wholesale supplier and principal retail competitor.

Cap Rock Electric, based in Stanton, is a customer-owned utility that serves about 20,000 meters.

TU Electric, based in Dallas, is the nation's fifth largest electric utility with more than 5 million customers.

At issue is an agreement that Cap Rock believed it had reached with TU in May of 1990 that would allow the company to purchase power from suppliers other than TU Electric.

The agreement, which came after extensive litigation and negotiations, provides for TU to deliver such power, or "wheel" it over its transmission system to Cap Rock, as well as to provide other services which Cap Rock might require.

Cap Rock currently has an agreement to begin purchasing power immediately from West Texas Utilities Co. (WTU) for 20 percent less than the cost from TU Electric, saving its customers about \$250,000 per month, Collier said.

"We have negotiated the power supply arrangements that we believe are allowed by our agreement with TU Electric, and now they are refusing to allow us to proceed," he said. "The new supplies mean about a 10 percent decrease in monthly bills, no small matter for our customers."

Cap Rock began seeking other suppliers as a result of TU's rapidly increasing power costs, caused mostly by the huge expense of the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant, Collier said.

"Not only is the nuclear plant

causing our costs to be much higher, but TU Electric needs lots more new generating capacity which will further increase costs," he added.

TU Electric has refused, however, to wheel the power purchased from WTU over its lines to Cap Rock.

"It's pretty obvious they want to keep our customers captive to their high rates for as long as possible, even though we represent much less than one percent of their total load," Collier said.

David Pruitt, Cap Rock's chief executive officer, said the company will fight for cheaper power.

"TU Electric is like the 600-pound gorilla. It does what it wants, when it wants, how it wants," Pruitt said. "But we have no choice but to take them on because our customers' livelihoods are at stake. We may be small, but we've got West Texas grit and we're going to fight for what's right."

George Hedrick, a spokesman for TU Electric, said Friday night that company officials had not seen the suit and could not comment.

Color-ific kids!



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Pictured are the winners of the Long John Silvers Coloring Contest, from left: Stephanie Moreno, Francisco Apodaca, assistant manager; Brent Coffee, Kathy Russell, and Destiny Engel. Not pictured is Katherine Zemanek. Moreno won a \$40 collection of educational toys as first place winner. The remaining winners each received Family Packs from Long John Silvers. The deadline for the contest was changed to an earlier date, Apodaca said, due to school being let out on Dec. 20.

Chamber Communique

Congratulations to Janet Bridwell, the Dec. 16 winner of \$200 Jolly Dollars given away by Pampa Merchants and the Retail Trade Committee. Bridwell registered at T-Shirts & More in the Pampa Mall.

The last drawing for the final \$500 in the Jolly Dollars giveaway will be Dec. 23. All those shoppers who have registered since Nov. 25 will have their names in the pot for the big drawing.

The Chamber Board of Directors would like to thank the merchants downtown, in Coronado Center and the Pampa Mall for the great Christmas decorating job done this year.

Jimmy Wilkerson did not let a few days' stay in the hospital keep him from working on the Sales Tax Speaker's Bureau. Members are available to speak to civic groups, business organizations or church groups regarding the sales tax propositions to be voted on Jan. 18. Anyone interested in a speaker may contact Wilkerson at Builder's Plumbing & Supply or call the Chamber office.

Duane Harp takes over as the new Chamber president effective

Dec. 31. The gavel will be ceremonially passed from Mike Keagy to Harp during an installation banquet set for Jan. 10.

Every Friday morning at 8 a.m. on KGRO's Newswatch program, Chamber activities are presented by various volunteers or board members. Next scheduled speaker is Duane Harp on Jan. 3.

Pampa Learning Center is putting out a request for community support to all businesses looking for part-time employees to call the school. Students must have jobs to be eligible for graduation. For more information, contact Jill Brown at 669-4750.

Chamber offices will close at noon on Dec. 24 for the Christmas holidays and open again on Dec. 26.

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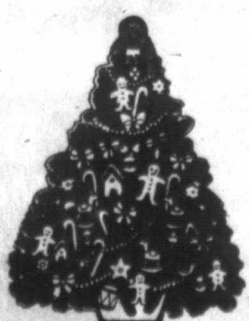
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Business



Teresa Henson, a board member of the recently formed Shepherds Helping Hands organization looks at one of the handmade Christmas angels being sold to raise funds.

Non-profit organization formed to help needy

By LINDA HAYNES
Willow Communications

Mrs. Q. is an 86-year-old diabetic whose children live in another state. Medicaid pays for her insulin injections, but she doesn't have enough money left after paying her rent and buying her medicine to purchase the correct food for her diabetic diet.

Mrs. J., a 78-year-old widower, lives alone in a ramshackle house with a leaking roof.

B. is a young handicapped woman with children, whose family is struggling to make ends meet. She requires constant care, and the family's financial resources are drained. There's no extra money to repair the damage to the house caused by a recent explosion.

Hundreds of stories like this are what inspired Shepherds Helping Hands to form a non-profit corporation to help people in desperate circumstances. Named "Shepherds Helping Hands," the organization is run by volunteers who

donate time and money to respond to people in need.

"Helping Hands" has several ways of raising funds for the organization. "We have several people who make donations or memorials. We also take the profit from our vending machines in our offices here and in Wheeler. We recycle soft drink cans. Right now, we're selling handmade Christmas angels that were on a tree we displayed at the Festival of Trees. We received donations on a handmade quilt to give away that was made by Lila Chesser," Teresa Henson, a "Helping Hands" board member said. She noted that all donations to the organization are tax-deductible.

"We see heartbreaking situations every day when we go into some of our patients' homes," Suzie Wilkinson, administrator of Shepherds Helping Hands, said. "Our employees wanted to do something to help people. It's so frustrating to take care of patients who can't get well because their houses are so cold and drafty, or to teach a diabetic how to regu-

late his or her diet, and then find that the person can't afford to buy enough food to eat properly.

"We saw so many needs that we couldn't meet. The biggest needs we encounter are for medications and for food, but Helping Hands will also try to provide transportation to the doctor for patients, or pay utilities, or provide other social services. We have several ongoing repair projects at people's homes," she said.

Wilkinson explained that board of directors, made up of Henson, Linda Radcliff, Dauna Wilkinson, and Vardene Searl, review each case. The board checks with other agencies and local churches to coordinate efforts, she said.

"We get referrals from our nurses who see needs when they visit some patients, but we don't limit our help to our patients. We'll try to help anyone who needs it," she said.

Board members are exploring the possibility of applying for grants to help fund Helping Hands. "We try to find funds

where we can. The Red Cross has offered to pay half the cost of repairing the fire damage to the client's home if we can provide the other half," Wilkinson said. "Most of the time, on home repairs, we buy materials, and have volunteers who do the actual work."

Henson said that every fundraiser helps. "We used to make money from recycling the soft drink cans to pay for one month's transportation fees for a lady who has to go to the doctor frequently. We had one family that had just moved here, and we were able to help them get their child in school, buy some glasses, some food. Helping people in that way really gives you a good feeling," she said.

Henson said the next fund-raising project will be to accept donations on a family tree picture frame, donated by Curtis Rogers.

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible donation or volunteer to work on a project may call 665-0356, or write Shepherds Helping Hands, Box 2234, Pampa, TX 79065.

Drilling intentions

Intentions to Drill
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Caprock Engineering, Inc., #1 Ann (35 ac) 2314' from North & 33' from West line, Sec. 24.5, B-2, H&G, 6 mi SE from White Deer, PD 3350' (Box 341, Pampa, TX 79066)

HANSON (WILDCAT & NORTH MORSE Cleveland) Eagle Exploration Co., Inc., #1 Ft. Zulu (640 ac) 175' from North & 993' from East line, Sec. 314.2, GH&H, 9 mi south from Gruver, PD 6300' (Box 2526, Amarillo, TX 79105)

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Trosper (317 ac) 800' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 362.43, H&TC, 7 mi SE from Lipscomb, PD 7400' (Nine East 4th, Suite 800, Tulsa, OK 74103)

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & APACHE Lower Morrow) Corlema Oil Co., #1-992 Loesch (646.5 ac) 993' from South & 1980' from East line, Sec. 992.43, H&TC, 9 mi SE from Booker, PD 9500' (415 West 8th., Suite 300, Amarillo, TX 79101)

OCHILTREE (TURNER MORRO & WILDCAT) Hondo Oil & Gas Co., #1-481 Neste-Jines (692 ac) 1980' from North & West line, Sec. 481.43, H&TC, 17 mi south from Perryton, PD 9600' (101 Park Ave., Suite 410, Oklahoma City, OK 73102)

Application to Plug-Back
HUTCHINSON (PRICE Brown Dolomite) Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., #3 Harlan (560 ac) 467' from North & 1787' from East line, Sec. 13.3, BS&F, 12 mi easterly from Borger, PD 6240' (9400 N. Broadway, Suite 608, Oklahoma City, OK 73114)

Application to Re-Enter
LIPSCOMB (KELLN Tonkawa) Bracken Energy Co., #1-193 Popham (640 ac) 1990' from North & 1100' from West line, Sec. 193.43, H&TC, 10 mi SW from Lipscomb, PD 7500' (6106 No. Western, Oklahoma City, OK 73118)

Amended Intention to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SOUTH GLAZIER Upper Morrow) Maxus Exploration Co., #3-50 Urschel (640 ac) 660' from South & 1320' from East line, Sec. 50.1, G&M, 3 mi south from Galzler, PD 11800' (Amended to change well location)

Oil Well Completion
POTTER (ERT Pennsylvania) Horizon Oil & Gas Co., #1-3 Bivins Ranch, Sec. 3.4, ACH&B, elev. 3201 go, spud 9-3-91, drlg. comp 10-12-91, pumped 112 bbl. of 35.6 grav. oil + no water, GOR —, perforated 5260-5290, TD 7500', PBTD 6205' —

Gas Well Completions
HANFORD (WILDCAT) Bracken Energy Co., #1-59 O'Loughlin, Sec. 59.45, H&TC, elev. 3043 kb, spud 10-9-91, drlg. comp 10-18-91, tested 11-26-91, potential 9000 MCF, rock pressure 1236, pay 4999-5021, TD 5055', PBTD 5038' —

OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH Cleveland) Maxus Exploration Co., #2 H.T. Glasgow, Sec. 738.43, H&TC, elev. 2816 gr, spud 6-16-91, drlg. comp 7-12-91, tested 11-25-91, potential 3300 MCF, rock pressure 1255, pay 7194-7228, TD 7500', PBTD 7292' —

POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) APX Corp., #4-4 'B' State CR, Sec. 55.47, H&TC, elev. 3213 gr, spud 7-25-91, drlg. comp 9-10-91, tested 11-22-91, potential 21000 MCF, rock pressure 38.3, pay 2421-

5305, TD 5436', PBTD 5306' —
Plugged Wells

COLLINGSWORTH (EAST PANHANDLE) Meridian Oil, Inc., #1 J.A. Coleman, Sec. 87.16, H&G, spud 10-26-52, plugged 11-25-91, TD 1914' (gas) —

COLLINGSWORTH (EAST PANHANDLE) Meridian Oil, Inc., #2 Coleman, Sec. 54.16, H&G, spud 7-9-59, plugged 11-25-91, TD 1950' (gas) —

COLLINGSWORTH (EAST PANHANDLE) Meridian Oil, Inc., #8 Laycock, Sec. 17.13, H&G, spud 3-19-59, plugged 11-21-91, TD 1973' (gas) —

COLLINGSWORTH (EAST PANHANDLE) Meridian Oil, Inc., #A-8 Laycock, Sec. 98.12, H&G, spud 3-22-61, plugged 11-21-91, TD 1973' (gas) —

COLLINGSWORTH (EAST PANHANDLE) Meridian Oil, Inc., #C-1 Morgan, Sec. 4.17, H&G, spud 8-5-58, plugged 11-22-91, TD 2014' (gas) —

COLLINGSWORTH (EAST PANHANDLE) Meridian Oil, Inc., #2 Scruggs 'B', Sec. 5.17, H&G, spud 5-17-62, plugged 11-22-91, TD 1989' (gas) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Panhandle Energy Corp., Michael, Sec. 219, B-2, H&G, spud unknown (oil) — for the following wells:

#1, plugged 12-3-91, TD 3412' —
#2, plugged 12-3-91, TD 3386' —
#3, plugged 11-22-91, TD 3400' —
#4, plugged 12-27-91, TD 3363' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. CANADIAN Douglas) Maxus Exploration Co., #2 Mae E. Yokley 'D', Sec. 108.42, H&TC, spud 11-23-72, plugged 12-29-91, TD 6950' (gas) —

HUTCHINSON (HANFORD Lower Morrow) Maxus Exploration Co., #2 Virgil Mathews, Sec. 79, R, CB&CNG, spud 11-13-91, plugged 12-4-91, TD 8600' (dry) —

LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Maxus Exploration Co., #2-454 J.A. Little 'B', Sec. 454.43, H&TC, spud 4-12-81, plugged 12-4-91, TD 8250' (gas) —

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Direction Energy Corp., #1 Taylor 'A', Sec. 244.3-T, HT&B, spud unknown, plugged 8-26-91, TD 3654' (oil) —
MOORE (PANHANDLE) North Plains Energy Corp., #17 Harris-Ladd, Sec. 407.44, H&TC, spud 9-21-91, plugged 9-28-91, TD 3760' (dry) —

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Potter County) Constock Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-74M Bivins, Sec. 74.2, GT&M, spud 12-5-84, plugged 11-20-91, TD 4000' (oil) —
Form 1 filed in Celeron Oil & Gas

MOOR (PANHANDLE Potter County) Constock Oil & Gas, Inc., #4-74M Bivins, Sec. 74.2, G&M, spud 5-13-88, plugged 11-27-91, TD 3800' (oil) —
Form 1 filed in Baker & Taylor

OCHILTREE (DUTCHER Cleveland) Champlin Exploration, Inc., #2 Swink 'A', Sec. 402.43, H&TC, spud 5-25-77, plugged 11-16-91, TD 7450' (oil) —
Form 1 filed in Dyco Petroleum

PARMER (WILDCAT) Kilmer-Werner, #1 Wilson-Ferguson #1, Sec. 73.1, Thomas Kelley, spud 9-5-91, plugged 10-11-91, TD 9301' (dry) —

ROBERTS (PAYNE RANCH Lower Douglas) Lasmo Energy Corp., #1 Payne Ranch, D.D. Payne Survey, spud 8-27-91, plugged 2-21-91, TD 9300' (oil) —

Community service



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Romona Staus of Agape Health Services checks the blood pressure of Faye Poldson during a free blood pressure check and information services project the business conducted recently at Pampa's Wal-Mart store. In addition to checking blood pressures, Agape employees also made available general information on the Directive to Physicians/Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care as a public service to the community.

HealthTrust stock begins trading

HealthTrust's stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange this week under the symbol HTI, according to an announcement from HealthTrust, Inc. headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. HealthTrust is the parent company of Pampa's Coronado Hospital.

The company announced its registration statement with respect to the proposed initial public offering of its common stock was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Forty million shares of the common stock are being offered at a price of \$14 per share. A written prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained from Merrill Lynch & Co., North Tower, World Financial Center, New York, New York, 10281.

Coronado Hospital became part of HealthTrust Inc. in 1988 when the company was formed from 104 hos-

pitals that had belonged to Hospital Corporation of America. At the time the company was formed, it was one of the largest ESOP (employee stock ownership plan) companies in the country. Employees of the HealthTrust hospitals were given stock in the company each September. Allocation of stock to the employees averaged about 24% of their annual salary.

The employee's stock was considered their retirement plan.

According to an earlier announcement by the corporate officials, the employees' stock will stay in the ESOP, but a new retirement plan has been devised for employees.

HealthTrust is one of the largest hospital management companies in the United States, operating 84 acute care hospitals with a total of 11,440 licensed beds.

Larry Ingram receives honor at recent meeting

AURORA, IL — Larry Ingram of Ingram Insurance Agency in Pampa, Texas, was recently honored for his sales accomplishments at the tri-annual meeting of the McLife MidAmerica Territory Platinum Plus Club.

The Platinum Plus meeting was held Oct. 25 at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter.

Ingram, an account representative in McLife's Amarillo Branch, was recognized for his outstanding sales record for 1991 through August.

"Platinum Plus qualification is the benchmark for success in our territory," said Bill Goggans, CLU, MidAmerica Vice-President of Priority Markets. "This is an important step in attaining one of the company's highest honors — the 1991 President's Conference qualification."

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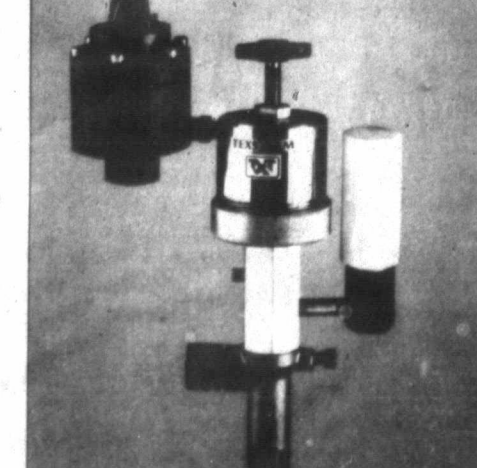
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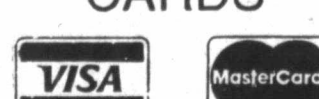
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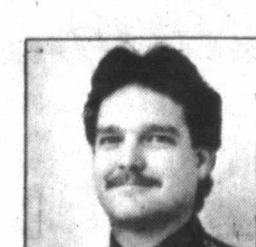
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Sports

PHS boys shot down at Dodge Lady Harvesters notch win

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

DODGE CITY, Kan. — After a dozen wins, including two tournament championships, the Pampa Harvesters finally lost their first game of the season.

Jeremy Busdeck hit a close-range shot with 23 seconds remaining to give Dodge City, Kan., a 62-61 win over the visiting Harvesters Friday night.

Cederick Wilbon, who had given Pampa its first lead (61-58) of the second half with a 3-point goal at the 1:32 mark of the fourth quarter, missed another 3-point try in the closing seconds as time ran out on the Harvesters.

Pampa is 12-1 on the season while Dodge City is 4-1.

Pampa led, 16-13, at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind, 30-27, at intermission and trailed for most of the second half.

Dodge City had built a 10-point bulge midway in the third quarter when Pampa started a comeback. The Harvesters cut the lead in half, at 47-42, after three quarters and closed the gap to 49-48 on Randy Nichols' layup early in the fourth stanza.

With just over three minutes remaining, Dodge City had widened the gap to 6 to 46-50, but Wilbon drilled a 3-pointer and Jeff Young scored inside to pull the Harvesters within one with 2:09 to go.

Dodge City's Joe Shart hit a layup and the red-hot Wilbon, who

led all scorers with 31 points, countered with a 3-point goal to knot the score at 58.

Pampa's press forced a turnover and Wilbon put in another 3-pointer for a 61-58 Harvester lead.

Mike McMillan moved Dodge City within one, at 61-60, on a short jumper and after Pampa's Dwight Nickelberry missed a foul shot with 45 seconds remaining, the Red Devils controlled the ball and Busdeck got off the winning shot.

"We didn't play as hard as we should have in the first half," said PHS head coach Robert Hale. "I tried to play a lot of kids and we let them get back in the game after we had a lead on them. We made a great comeback, but we had some mental lapses and didn't play good position defense near the end. Dodge City has a good team. They played well against us."

Jason Schaffer was Dodge City's top scorer with 18 points while McMillan chipped in 12.

Wilbon, whose 31 points is a season high for the 6-foot senior, knocked down five 3-point baskets. Nickelberry added 11 points for the Harvesters, followed by Young and Randy Nichols 8 each, David Johnson 2 and Ryan Erwin, 1.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters ended a two-game loss streak with a 63-39 win over Dodge City Friday night.

The Lady Harvesters (7-4) were led in scoring by Nikki Ryan

and Amber Seaton with 18 points each.

After leading by only 11-9 at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Harvesters started pulling away in the second quarter. Pampa scored eight unanswered points, five by Dalawana Meloy, near the end of the second quarter to give the Lady Harvesters a 13-point advantage, at 32-19, at intermission.

Pampa continued to overwhelm Dodge City in the second half and Kasey Bowers' outside jumper gave the Lady Harvesters a 21-point lead with less than four minutes to play in the third quarter.

"Anytime you can hold the opponent under 40 points, it's a good team effort," said Lady Harvesters' head coach Albert Nichols. "We also got balanced scoring from our inside people."

Dodge City (2-3) was led by Amy Selmons with 20 points.

Others scoring for Pampa were Meloy with 11 points, Bowers 6, Kristen Becker 6, Lisa Jeffery 2 and Alana Ryan 2.

Both Pampa teams will be involved in tournaments during the Christmas holiday.

The Harvesters are entered in the West Side Lions Club Holiday Tournament in Fort Worth. Their first-round opponent is Fort Worth Poly at 1 p.m. Friday at Billingsley Fieldhouse. The finals are set for 8 p.m. Dec. 30.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Duncanville Tournament and will play Austin Bowie at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the first round.

Groom cleans house in twin bill vs. Lefors

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Editor

LEFORS — Groom's balanced, ball-hawking basketball teams swept two from stubborn Lefors' squads Friday night in non-district competition.

Brian Baker poured in 14 points to pace the Groom Tigers to a 68-29 win against the Lefors Pirates and Karen Babcock tallied 17 to lead the Tigerettes past the Lady Pirates, 57-27.

Andy Swires accounted for 15 of the Pirates points and Susie Davis popped for a dozen for the Lady Pirates.

"It was a lot closer than the score indicates," said Groom Tigers coach Jay Lamb after the game. The Tigers record is 8-5 and Lefors falls to 0-10.

The Tigers jumped out to a 17-0 lead on the strength of Baker's hot hand. Baker hit for the first seven points of the game as the cold-shooting Pirates struggled to make it a contest.

At 1:12 in the first period, Lefors' Swires canned a short jumper and the charity shot awarded on the play. Lefors then was forced to play catch up for the remainder of the game.

Groom led at all stops, 23-3, 40-11 and 48-21.

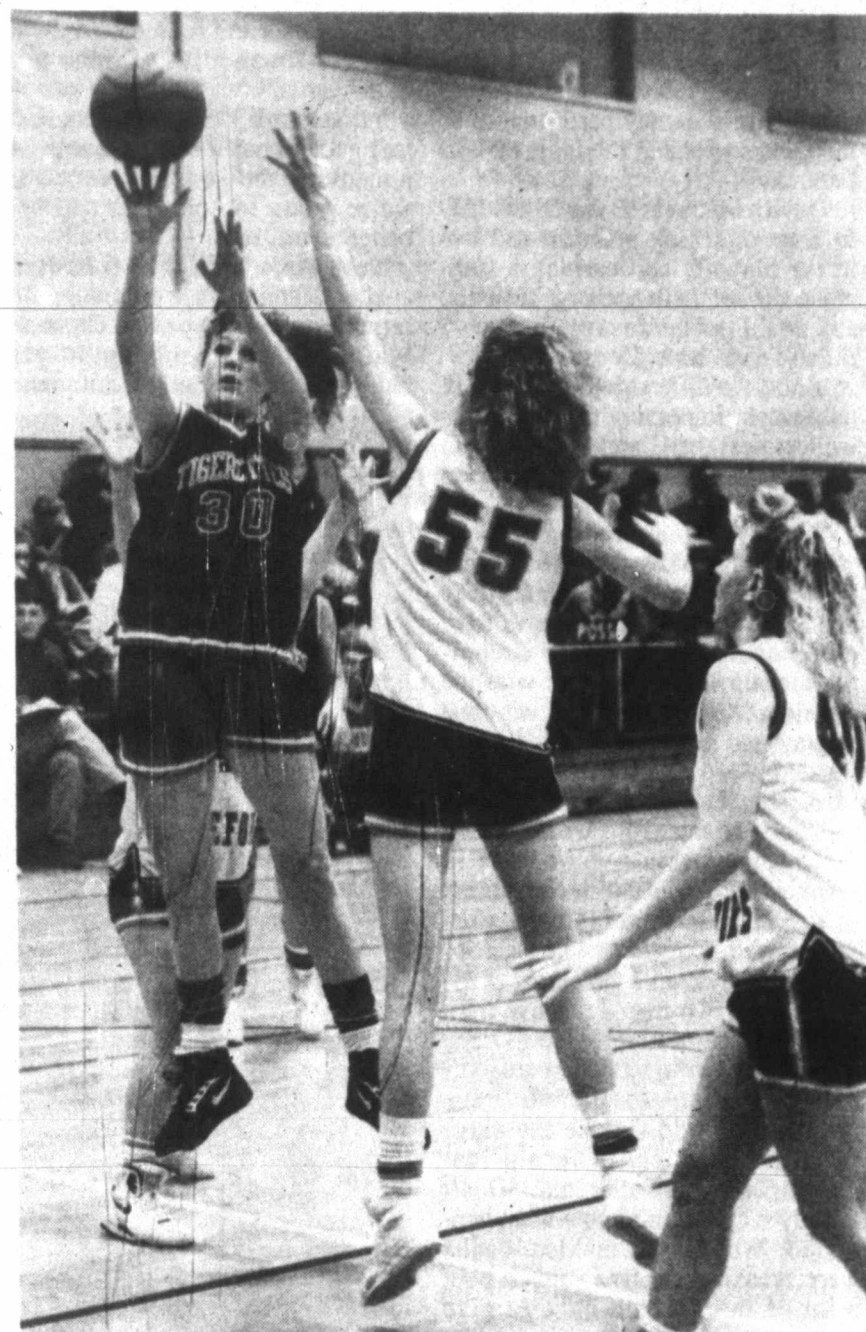
Paul McLaughlin's 3-pointer from the top of the key as the buzzer ended the first half was indicative of Groom's game.

The Pirates turned in a scrappy effort, but shots constantly rimming out and turnovers led to the young team's downfall.

Bryan Crowell tossed in 11 points for the Tigers, Daryl Homer added 10, Kirk Webb and Bo Burgin each contributed 9, Corkey Hickey had 6, Rhett Patterson had 4, McLaughlin added 3 and Wes Hall hit for 2.

Individual scorers for the Pirates were Swires with 15 points, Donnie Hall with 6, Shane Daniels with 4, and two each from Dennis Williams and Tommy Cox.

"We're rebuilding," said Lamb.



Groom's Kristi Case (30) fires a shot as Lefors' Susie Davis (55) and Misty Coleman (40) defend.

"We've got five seniors, but we've got only two back with starting experience and we've got two freshmen starting for us — Bo Burgin and Bryan Crowell.

"At times they're playing well," he said. "They're starting to fit together as a team."

Concerning district play, Lamb said, "District is going to be tough. McLean is good and I think Samnorwood is going to be tough, so it's going to be a battle."

The Tigers play tenacious defense and displayed it Friday night against Lefors.

"We like to stay pretty much full-court man and we like to get after people on defense," Lamb said.

In the girls' battle, the Tigerettes displayed a fine mix of inside and outside play. The battle of post players between Babcock and Davis kept the game exciting, but Babcock's supporting cast — including 14 points by Kristi Case — made the major difference in the contest's outcome.

The Tigerette's broke the scoring ice with a Babcock jumper, but Davis answered with a deuce.

Misty Coleman canned a 5-footer and Lefors led 4-2. Babcock again scored and Groom never looked back, leading at all stops, 20-6, 37-19 and 49-23.

Groom scorers included Misty Homen with 6 points; Lesa Swett, Jolee Burger, Melanie Friemel and Kenzi Burger, all with four each; and two each from Marie Conrad and Jill Howard.

Lefors scorers included Missy Warner with 5 points, Coleman with 4, and two each from Alta Joslyn, Starla Gilbreath and Brandi Steele.

"They (Lefors) showed they're going to be tough down the road," said Groom Tigerettes coach Terry O'Dell, after his team recorded its 14th victory in 15 games. The sole loss was to Sunray. Lefors drops to 3-8.

"If they can't stop her (Babcock), then we're all right. And if they do stop her, we'll go for the outside shot," said the Groom coach of the squad which has excellent perimeter shooters in its arsenal.

"Everything is coming into place," O'Dell said. "We're not pushing right now, but we're getting ready to start pushing."

Asked about upcoming district play, he said prospects look "real good."

"We're having fun," he added.

High School State Champions

A&M Consolidated earns Class 4A title

HOUSTON (AP) — Quarterback Jeff Watson passed for two touchdowns and ran for two more and A&M Consolidated's defense bottled up Carthage most of the game, leading the Tigers to a 35-8 victory and their first Class 4A state football championship Saturday.

A&M Consolidated (14-2) made good on its second trip to the finals in three years. The Tigers lost to Chapel Hill 14-0 in 1989.

The Tigers took a 14-0 halftime lead on a one-yard run by quarterback Watson and Watson's five-yard touchdown pass to Pat Baca. The Tiger defense had two goal-line stands in the second quarter to keep Carthage scoreless.

Jeff Watson threw a 46-yard pass to his brother Jason Watson to set up the first touchdown, Jeff Watson's run with 5:45 to go in the first quarter.

Tim Wood had runs of 15, 17 and

17 yards in the Tigers' drive leading to Baca's touchdown catch with 1:08 to go in the first period.

Carthage gained a first down at A&M's four-yard line in the second quarter. Bolton gained two yards to the two and then lost two when he was tackled by Bryan Schwab.

On third down Terry Kaiser batted down Joey Blissett's pass and on fourth down Blissett passed incompletely in the end zone to Anthony Pope.

Blissett completed an apparent touchdown pass to Charlie Westmoreland with 2:25 to go in the half but the Bulldogs were flagged for a motion penalty, nullifying the touchdown.

Two plays later on fourth down, Chauncey Lewis stopped Bolton short of a first down at the Tigers three-yard line.

Carthage also failed on a fourth and one play from the A&M 46 in

the first quarter when Donnie Graves was stopped by Lewis and Eric Coker.

A&M Consolidated padded its lead with Watson's 31-yard touchdown pass to Stacy Simmons with 9:09 to play in the third period and a one-yard dive with 2:42 remaining.

Tim Wood, who gained 134 yards on 10 carries, scored on a one-yard run for the Tigers with 4:05 left in the game.

Carthage (15-1) didn't get a first down in the third quarter until the final minute, but the Bulldogs rallied behind the passing of Blissett in the fourth period. Blissett completed an 8-yard touchdown pass with 10:47 to play and a five-yarder to Pope with 1:14 to go.

The Bulldogs got a safety with 8:45 to go when the ball was centered out of the end zone on a punt attempt.

Odessa Permian wins with 'Mojo' magic

IRVING (AP) — Malcolm Hamilton carried 20 times for 104 yards and sophomore John Williams scored two touchdowns Saturday, leading Odessa Permian to its sixth state championship, a 27-14 victory over San Antonio Marshall in the Class 5A Division II final.

For Permian (16-0), the victory capped a comeback season after a 1990 best-selling book criticized the team — widely known as "Mojo," — and rules violations kept the Panthers from defending their 1989 championship.

The game was Permian's 10th state title game appearance since 1959. Permian won outright titles in 1965, '72, '80 and '89 and shared the crown in 1984 with Beaumont French after a 21-21 tie.

The Rams, led by Anthony Holmes' 118 yards rushing, ended their most successful season ever at 13-3.

The Panthers trailed 14-7 at half-

time, but Williams evened the score early in the third quarter, ending a nine-play 62-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown run. Williams had rambled 22 yards two plays earlier to put the Panthers in scoring position.

Williams scored again on the Panthers' next possession, capping a 47-yard drive with a 10-yard touchdown that put Permian ahead 21-14 with 3:37 to go in the third period.

Marshall drove to the Permian 30 on its next drive, but a halfback pass on fourth-and-15 was batted away to end the Rams' threat.

The Panthers put the game away with a 17-play, 70-yard drive that culminated in Allen Strambler's 1-yard run with 2:14 remaining. The extra-point kick failed.

The Rams opened the game with an impressive 16-play drive that took them 76 yards in 8 1/2 minutes. The drive, on which Holmes carried seven times for 50 yards, ended with

Carlos Reza's 1-yard run that put Marshall ahead 7-0. Reza carried nine times for 24 yards in the opening march.

On the ensuing Permian drive, Hamilton broke into the Marshall backfield on the first play but fumbled and the Rams' Mike Gann recovered at the Ram's 32.

Marshall was forced to punt after losing 10 yards on three plays and Permian took over at the Rams' 46. The Panthers scored four plays later when, on fourth-and-seven, Stormy Case hit Will Wagner for a 32-yard touchdown pass that made it 7-7 with 11:50 remaining in the first half.

The Rams got a break on Permian's next drive when Case, who was 9 of 14 for 123 yards, fumbled at the Panther 21. Marshall's Todd Siebert recovered at the 29, setting up Holmes' 20-yard touchdown run that put the Rams ahead 14-7 with 6:20 remaining.

Memphis Cyclones capture Class A crown

BEDFORD (AP) — Quarterback Jay Rannels ran for two touchdowns, including one with 1:06 left in the game, to lead Memphis to 21-14 comeback victory over Oakwood in the Class A state football championship Saturday.

Memphis, which scored all of its points in the second half, finished the season with a 14-1 record. Oakwood is 12-3.

Rannels' final score capped a three-play, 13-yard drive that came after Oakwood, trailing 15-14, failed to convert a fourth-and-four play from its own 27 with 1:24 remaining on the clock.

An offensive pass interference call against the Panthers on the play gave Memphis the ball at the Oakwood 13.

Oakwood used a crushing ground attack to control the first half. Fullback Otis Harrison, who rushed for 111 yards on 22 carries, scored the Panthers touchdowns in the first quarter.

Harrison's first score came on a seven-yard burst through the left side. Quarterback Ajax Wells ran in the two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead with 5:20 left in the first quarter.

The touchdown was set up when the left knee of Rannels, who also punts, inadvertently touched the ground as he attempted to field a low snap from center. One play after the ensuing kickoff, disaster struck the Cyclones again when tailback Brian Brown lost a fumble that was recovered by Oakwood's Craig Campbell at the Memphis 22.

Five plays later, Harrison barreled into the end zone from the four as the Panthers rolled to a 14-0 lead.

After controlling the first half, Oakwood had four turnovers, and only three first downs and 38 total yards in the second half.

Rannels started the Memphis comeback when he scored from the one on a fourth-and-goal play midway through the third quarter. Jerry

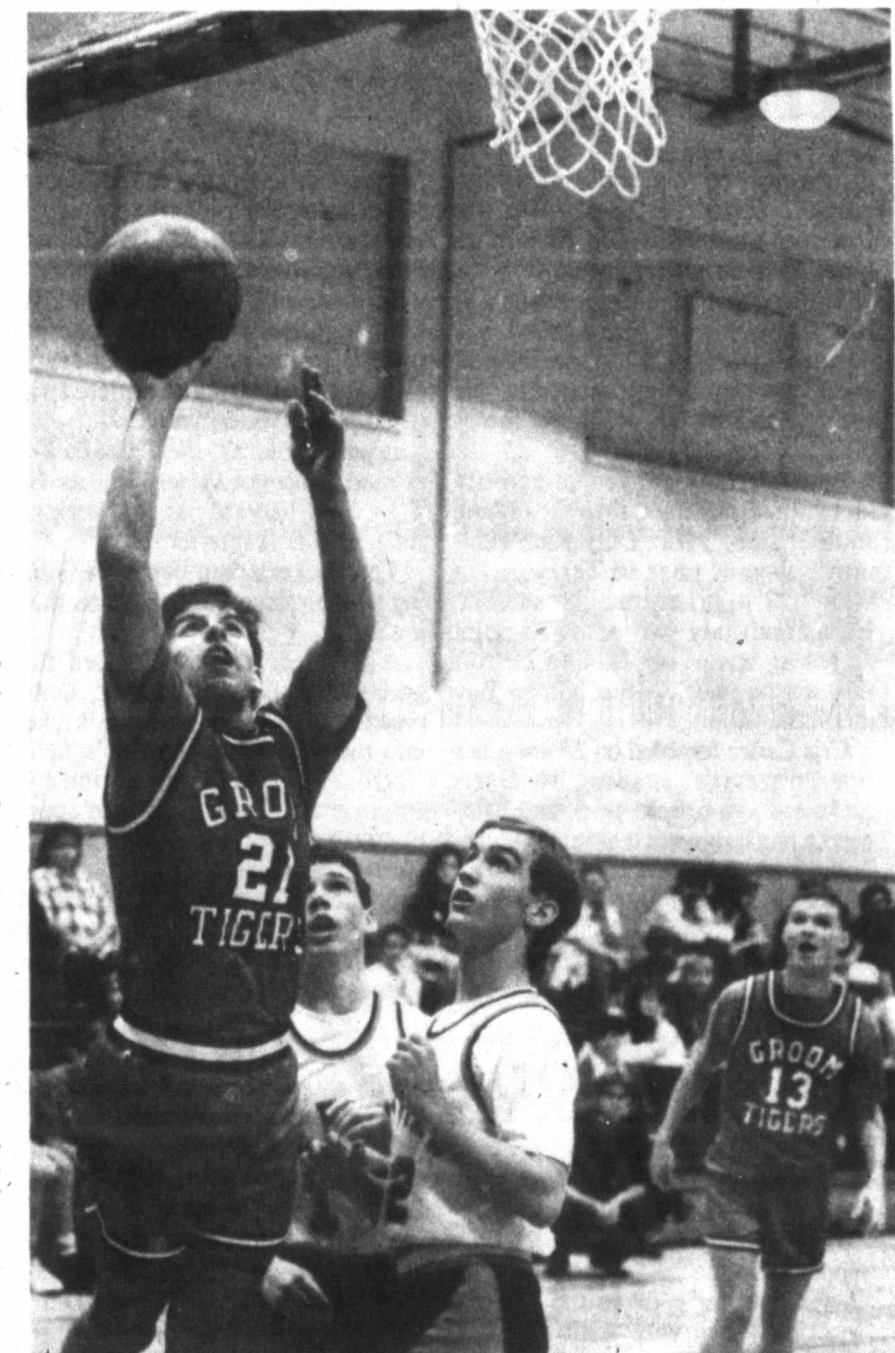
Jurado ran in the two-point conversion off a fake play, pulling the Cyclones within 14-8.

A one-yard burst by Brown on fourth-and-goal tied the game at 14-14. Lamonte Dickson's conversion kick gave Memphis a 15-14 lead with 7:53 left in the game.

Groesbeck takes 3A; Schulenburg wins 2A

HOUSTON (AP) — Groesbeck's Dwain Cooper scored on a 6-yard run in the second quarter and the Goats' defense made it stand for a 7-0 victory over the Burnet Bulldogs Saturday for their first Class 3A state football championship.

WACO (AP) — Kelvin Thompson had two interceptions, including one that was returned 42 yards for a touchdown, as undefeated and top-ranked Schulenburg beat Albany 21-0 to win the Class 2A state championship.



Groom's Kirk Webb (21) drives for a layup as Lefors' Dennis Williams (14), left, and Shane Daniels (22), defend. Groom's Brian Baker (13) moves in on the play.

Briscoe boys win in area hoops

HIGGINS — Dallas Fillingim led a balanced scoring attack with 24 points as Briscoe swept past Higgins, 79-45, in boys' basketball action Friday night.

Travis Goad and David Hale added 16 points each for the Broncos. Briscoe, leading 21-16 after one quarter, scored 32 points in the second quarter to go up 53-24 at halftime.

Alex Valenzuela and Chuy Valenzuela had 17 and 16 points respectively for Higgins.

Higgins, led by Janna Detrixhe's 22 points, won the girls' game, 61-47.

Top scorer for Briscoe was Mary Swigart with 18 points while Amanda May added 16.

WHITE DEER — Toby Winn scored 29 points in leading Booker to a 66-54 victory over White Deer in a boys' contest Friday night.

Brandon Carpenter also had 29 points for White Deer, followed by Tyson Back with 15. Booker led 42-25 at halftime and raised its record to 7-4 while White Deer falls to 2-11.

Booker, sparked by Jenni Hoyle's 20 points, won the girls' game, 54-34.

Leading scorers for White Deer were Amy Ulmer with 9 points and Kandi Cargal 8.

Booker has a 7-6 record while White Deer is 2-13 for the season.

CLAUDE — Claude posted a pair

of victories over visiting Miami Friday night.

In the boys' game, Claude rolled to a 97-66 victory.

Nathan Robason was high scorer for Claude with 16 points, followed by Chris Eaton with 14.

Matthew Neighbors topped Miami with 23 points. Andrew Neighbors added 17.

Starla Johnson tossed in 26 points for Claude in a 61-47 win in the girls' tilt.

Claude outscored Miami, 21-11, in the fourth period after leading by only four after three quarters.

Michelle South and Jamie Sursa led Miami with 14 points.

Giants humble Oilers

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The road to the Super Bowl for Warren Moon and the Houston Oilers may have gotten tougher because the New York Giants finally played like NFL champions on a day the Oilers didn't.

Rodney Hampton scored a touchdown and capped his first 1,000-yard rushing season with a career high 140-yard performance, and Phil Simms threw a touchdown pass in a record accuracy performance as the Giants upended the Oilers 24-20 Saturday.

The loss prevented the Oilers (11-5) from clinching a first-round bye in the playoffs and earning a franchise record 12th victory. Houston still could get the first-round bye if San Diego beats Denver today.

If not, the Oilers go back to work next week, something they didn't do well against the Giants (8-8), a team that has flourished in its first season under Ray Handley.

"This hurts, no doubt about it," Oilers guard Mike Munchak said. "We're in the playoffs, but we're not happy today. We'd like to have clinched the bye. We've accomplished a lot this year. We won the division (AFC Central). If we have to play one more game to get to the Super Bowl, we'll have to play an extra game."

For the Giants there won't be any more games this season. But in breaking a three-game losing streak in the regular-season finale, they played their best game of the season.

They shut down Moon most of the way with a two-man defensive front and a ball control offense (37:55) that was reminiscent of last season's Super Bowl win over Buffalo.

"We just didn't make the plays we'd been making," Oilers defensive end William Fuller said. "Don't ask me why. I don't know what happened. We missed tackles, backs were breaking for five yards a pop, a lot of things. You have to give those guys credit. They played like Super Bowl champions."

New York had scoring drives of 80, 65, 59 and 62 yards, while rolling up 383 yards in total offense. The Giants turned the ball over only once and had only four penalties for 30 yards. Turnovers and penalties hurt them all season.

"I don't think there was that much of a disparity in our play from last year," Giants center Bart Oates said. "It was just a play here and a play there. We make those plays and

we're in Houston's position (in the playoffs)."

Simms and Hampton were the leaders on offense. Simms hit a team-record 15 of 17 passes (88.3 percent) for 200 yards and a 12-yard touchdown to Howard Cross. The previous Giants record for accuracy in a regular-season game was Jeff Hostetler's 28-for-34 (82 percent) this season against Dallas.

Hampton, a second-year pro, carried 28 times and scored on a 2-yard run. He finished the season with 1,059 yards.

"It's tough," Hampton said. "I feel good about the 1,000 yards, but not about the season. Next year we're going to come out and be a better team."

New York built a 17-6 halftime lead on Hampton's score on the first series, Simms' TD pass to Cross and Matt Bahr's career-long 54-yard field goal late in the second quarter.

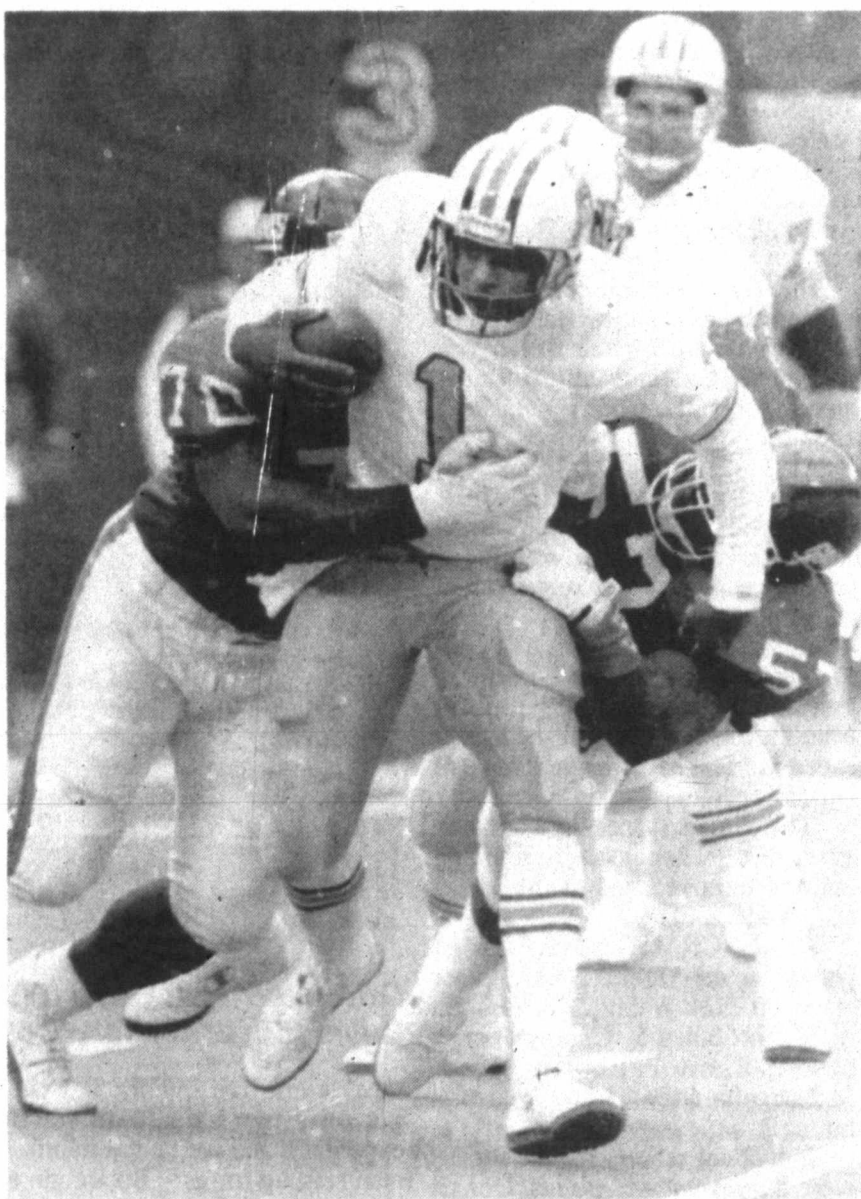
A 4-yard touchdown run by Lewis Tillman stretched the advantage to 24-6 before Houston made it close in the final period on a 6-yard run by Moon with 6:06 to play and a 5-yard TD pass from Moon to Ernest Givens with 1:28 left.

Oilers wide receiver Haywood Jeffries caught his fourth and final pass of the game on the last TD drive and became the fifth player in NFL history to catch 100 passes in a season. He finished with 100 receptions for 1,181 yards.

"I would have preferred that we won," Jeffries said. "But it's an honor to be in a great group of receivers. It's a great accomplishment."

"We did not play well enough," said Moon, who was 22 of 36 for 236 yards. "They seemed to have more incentive than we did."

Al DelGreco kicked field goals 34 and 37 yards for Houston.



Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon is sacked for a five-yard loss by N.Y. Giants Leonard Marshall, left, and Corey Miller Saturday.

Vikings sunk by the Bay

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Green Bay Packers coach Lindy Infante gave his Minnesota Vikings' counterpart a most unusual retirement present — the most lopsided home loss of Jerry Burns' career.

Vince Workman scored twice Saturday as the Packers finished what might also be Infante's last season with a 27-7 victory.

The Packers (4-12) reportedly are considering making a coaching change after their third losing campaign under Infante, who has a 24-40 mark in four seasons.

Burns announced his retirement two weeks ago and the Vikings (8-8) responded with successive victories over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Los Angeles Rams. But Minnesota sent Burns out of the NFL the same way it welcomed him into the league; the Vikings lost his debut in 1986.

In between, Burns won more

games than he lost, finishing with a career record of 52-43. But the Vikings never seemed to win as much as their talent dictated.

Minnesota players spent much of the week preceding Saturday's nationally televised game talking about how much they wanted to win for Burns, the only Viking introduced before the game.

Instead, they played miserably and almost sustained their first home shutout since 1962. Only Rich Gannon's 9-yard pass to Terry Allen with 1:22 to go averted the shutout. Burns had only two other 20-point losses at home — 34-14 to Detroit this season and 34-14 to Green Bay in 1988.

Chris Carter fumbled on Minnesota's opening drive, leading to Chris Jacke's 42-yard field goal, and Minnesota had turnovers that set up touchdown runs by Workman and Keith Woodside. The Vikings also committed nine penalties for 82 yards.

The game marked the return of Green Bay quarterback Don

Majkowski, who replaced injured Mike Tomczak midway through the second quarter. But Majkowski, who had missed six successive games with hamstring problems, displayed little of the "Majik" that helped Infante to his only winning season (1989). Majkowski completed five of 10 passes for 64 yards.

It was Tomczak, the Chicago Bear retreat, who got Green Bay its first TD with a 12-yard pass to Workman for a 10-0 first-quarter lead.

The Packers then began capitalizing on Minnesota mistakes to make it a rout.

After Jacke made a 39-yard field goal late in the third period, Darrin Nelson literally booted the kickoff into the arms of Green Bay's Jackie Harris. Two plays and an interference penalty later, Workman scored his 11th TD of the season on a 1-yard run to make it 20-0.

In the fourth period, Chuck Cecil intercepted Gannon's pass and returned it 32 yards, setting up Woodside's 10-yard run.

Dallas to limit weapons vs. Falcons

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Don't look for the Dallas Cowboys to unleash their full offensive arsenal against the Atlanta Falcons today. They may be playing them again in the playoffs.

If the Falcons defeat the Cowboys to earn the NFC West division title and the New Orleans Saints down Phoenix, Dallas will take its wild-card credentials to Atlanta for a first-round playoff game.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said the Cowboys will keep a tight cover on their offensive and defensive strategy.

"If there is a pullback it allows you to step up a notch the next week," Johnson said. "We'd like to have 11 wins for the regular season but we don't want 11 wins at a cost of injury to key players. We have to do what's best for us."

"I don't want it to sound like we don't want to win and we will prepare our team to win. But Atlanta has more at stake. I don't know if we will play with the same focus we have had. We've had some emotional games. It's been an emotionally draining season."

Johnson said he had no thoughts

about revenge for Atlanta knocking Dallas out of the playoffs in the last game of the season in 1990.

"It's history and something that happened in the past," Johnson said. "I didn't bring it up to the players. You don't motivate with negative things like revenge. Our only motivation is to get better."

Atlanta coach Jerry Glanville said the Cowboys' turnaround has been remarkable.

"I coached against him when I was at Houston and there was no doubt he (Johnson) was going to do things his way and have a good team," Glanville said. "I told him after one game, 'Don't change a thing. You've got it going.'"

Atlanta quarterback Chris Miller said he has tremendous respect for the Dallas defense even if it didn't get a player named to the Pro Bowl.

"Dallas doesn't have any big name players yet but they have some guys who will be All-Pro in the future," Miller said. "They play together and they are enthusiastic."

The only certainty about Sunday's game is that it will be the Cowboys' last at home in 1991. They will visit Atlanta, Chicago or Detroit in the first round of the playoffs.

Should the Cowboys defeat

Atlanta, they will play at Detroit if Chicago beats San Francisco or Detroit loses to Buffalo.

Dallas would be at Chicago if the Cowboys beat Atlanta and Chicago loses to San Francisco and Detroit beats Buffalo.

If Dallas loses to Atlanta, they would be at Detroit if New Orleans loses to Phoenix and Chicago beats San Francisco or Detroit loses to Buffalo.

If Dallas loses to Atlanta it would be at Chicago if New Orleans loses to Phoenix, Chicago loses to San Francisco, and Detroit beats Buffalo.

"We would much rather know who we are playing in the playoffs," Johnson said. "But we'll take it. We just don't want to show too much in the Atlanta game if we have to play them again the next week."

Should Atlanta lose to Dallas and New Orleans defeat Phoenix then the Falcons would be a wild-card on the road at Chicago, Detroit, or New Orleans.

The Falcons have won five consecutive games and seven of their last eight. Dallas has won four in a row and if the Cowboys win Sunday it would give them an 11-5 record, best since the 1983 team went 12-4.



Pampa High School head coach Dennis Cavalier (center) is pictured with Harvesters all-state football players, left to right, Todd McCavit, Sammy Laury, Zach Thomas and Phil Sexton, who were honored Friday by the Pampa Kiwanis Club.

All-State Harvesters feted

Four Harvester football players were honored Friday by the Pampa Kiwanis Club after they were named to the Class 4A All-State Team last week in *The Associated Press* sports editors and writers poll.

Pampa all-stars Zach Thomas, Phil Sexton, Sammy Laury and Todd McCavit were introduced to Kiwanians and guests at the club's noon luncheon held at the First United Methodist Church.

Ben Woodington of the Harvesters Booster Club introduced the four players.

"The Kiwanis Club likes to honor our youth and we have got

some 'youth' to honor today," Woodington said. "These players are well deserving of every honor that is bestowed upon them."

Thomas, a 221-pound senior, and Sexton, a 230-pound senior, were first-team defensive selections.

Thomas had 58 solo tackles, 138 assists and 10 sacks from his linebacker position. He also started at fullback for the Harvesters.

Sexton, a two-way starter at end, was credited with 146 tackles this season.

Laury, a 180-pound senior, tied for second-team offensive honors at running back. He broke the school's

single-season rushing record, running for 1,375 yards and 12 touchdowns during the regular season. Laury made the honorable mention list as a punter. He also started at safety for the Harvesters.

McCavit, a 166-pound senior, made the honorable mention team as a kicker. He also saw action in the defensive secondary and at split end.

Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier was also recognized at the luncheon. He coached the Harvesters to an 11-3 record, including three playoff victories, the most ever by a PHS football team.

Langer, Azinger tied in 'Championship'

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) — Bernhard Langer tied Paul Azinger for the lead Saturday as howling winds forced scores to soar above par for the second straight round in the World Championship of golf.

"I imagine everybody is feeling beat up," Azinger said after a late rally produced a third-round 2-over-par 73. "I know I do. This wind just wears you out."

"It's like a boxer who's been beat up for 11 rounds and he has one more round to go."

A second consecutive day of gale force winds, 40 mph or more, left the leaderboard without a single number in red, the color that signifies scores below par for the tournament.

Azinger and Langer shared the 54-hole lead at 214, 1-over-par. Langer, the first-round leader, regained a share of the top with a 70, the only subpar round of the day at the Tryall Resort course.

They were followed by Fred Couples at 72-215 and Australian Craig Parry, 71-216.

Nick Faldo of England and Greg Norman of Australia were next at 217. Each played the third round in 73 on the course that was reputed to be too short and too easy for golf's greatest players.

"All that talk about shooting 59," Norman said, "and now everybody here would be tickled to death to shoot 69."

He, too, likened the struggle with wind, narrow fairways and knee-deep rough to a boxing match.

"It's tough out there, like going 15 rounds with Mike Tyson," Norman said. "It wears you out mentally, and it wears you out physically."

The winds were expected to be about the same for Sunday's final round of the chase for \$2.5 million in total prize money with \$525,000 to the winner.

"If it is, 4-over-par could win the tournament," Norman said. "I haven't seen many tournaments in

my entire career where 4-over-par would win."

"In conditions like this, you just have to put the score out of your mind and go out and play. It's going to take us a month to get over this."

Seve Ballesteros of Spain and Tom Purtzer were at 218, 5-over-par and four behind the leaders. Ballesteros shot a 73 and Purtzer matched par 71.

Langer said the wind was very much the same as in the second round, but scores were marginally better "because the players were a little more used to it."

"It may have been a little easier, but still very, very difficult," he said.

Azinger held the lead at 1-under-par at the tournament's halfway point Friday, but that red number was swept away when he played the

front side in a scrambling, struggling 4-over-par.

He was three behind with three holes to play, but dropped an 8-foot birdie putt on the 16th and ran in a 40-footer for eagle-3 on the 17th to regain a tie.

"I've never played back-to-back rounds in conditions like that," he said.

Langer made his move to the top from off the green on the back nine. He chipped in from about 70 feet for a birdie on the 13th hole, gave the stroke back with a misjudged 5-iron shot that led to a bogey on the 15th, then chipped in again, this time from about 15 feet, on the final hole.

"It was a bit much," Couples said about the conditions.

"But I have a great chance to win, just one back. There's one more day to go ... and then get out of here."

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Razorbacks stun Arizona Wildcats

By HARRY KING
AP Sports Writer

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The Arkansas Razorbacks know more than one way to play defense.

The 19th-ranked Razorbacks, who built a reputation under Nolan Richardson as a pressing, forcing team, eschewed those tactics Saturday and upset second-ranked Arizona 65-59.

"I think that we played the best man-to-man that we have played all year in the last part of the game," said Lee Mayberry, who made four key free throws in the final 38 seconds. "They couldn't get a decent shot."

"I've been in this business a long time and that was a game plan that was executed well," Richardson said. "It was one of the best defensive games we've played in years and we rebounded well. We don't have the numbers to press like we did last year."

The Wildcats' big people — Chris Mills, Sean Rooks and Ed Stokes — made five of 24 shots. Mills and Rooks, each averaging more than 16 a game, scored a total of 10. Last year, Mills and Rooks combined for 60 in a 12-point victory over the Razorbacks.

"Our front line had its tail kicked pretty good by Arkansas'

front line," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "When we get only 13 points out of our front line, we're really in trouble."

Robert Shepherd converted both ends of a one-and-one for a 59-56 lead with 2:14 left. Mayberry, who led Arkansas (7-2) with 15 points, made two free throws with 38 seconds remaining and two more with 21 seconds left to make it 63-56.

The Razorbacks, known for an up-tempo offense, at times in the second half worked the shot clock under 10 seconds.

Arkansas took the advantage with a 17-4 surge in the final nine minutes of the first half for a 35-29 lead at the break. Arizona (5-1) pulled within a point three times in the second half.

With the Razorbacks leading 57-56, Mayberry slapped the ball away from Matt Othick, who fouled Shepherd in a scramble. Shepherd, who scored 11 points, made both free throws.

Then Rooks, who had eight points, missed from short range and Stokes blew a stuff. Arkansas' Oliver Miller missed the front end of a one-and-one but blocked Rooks' shot at the other end before Mayberry's free throws made it 61-56.

Othick made three of four 3-pointers as Arizona opened a 25-18 lead in the first 11 minutes.



Arkansas' Oliver Miller, left, and Arizona's Ed Stokes fight for the ball during their game Saturday.

Othick, a 60-percent shooter from 3-point range, wound up with 20 points. Khalid Reeves added 17 points for Arizona.

Michigan shells Rice

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Rice played Georgetown each of the past two seasons, so it wasn't like Owls coach Scott Thompson hadn't seen talented players before.

Yet all Thompson could do was shake his head after watching Michigan's freshmen roll to an 87-70 victory Saturday.

"Put it this way, 'I don't feel they played like freshmen,'" Thompson said. "They've got some talented kids. I just thought Jalen Rose was great. He really kept them focused. When they needed some key runs, he was there for them."

Rose scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half as 15th-ranked Michigan snapped Rice's five-game winning streak.

"Michigan is a talented team," Thompson said. "I thought they did a great job of preparing for us in a lot of ways. Usually we can get some cheap baskets inside. Today, we didn't until the very end of the game."

"This was like playing Georgetown. But I don't think even Georgetown had the depth these guys have."

Chris Webber and Juwan Howard each added 14 points for Michigan (6-1). Kenneth Rourke had 16 points off the bench for Rice (7-3) and Marvin Moore added 13 for the Owls.

Michigan built its winning margin from the free throw line. The Wolverines made 30 of 40 foul shots, while Rice hit 10 of 11.

Despite the defeat, Rice is off to its best start in 36 seasons. But two of the Owls' three losses have come at the hands of Big Ten teams from Michigan. They were defeated 75-67 by Michigan State at the Maui Classic.

Michigan shot 53 percent and

held Rice to 38 percent. Michigan's defense hasn't allowed any opponent to shoot 50 percent this season.

"Our goal was not to give them any layups or uncontested 3-point shots," Michigan coach Steve Fisher said. "We did an adequate job of that. We made it difficult for them, when they did dribble, to penetrate."

"We didn't give them inside shots. Our big guys clog the middle and the defense collapses around them."

Rice, which shot just 30 percent in the first half, had only one basket in the first 8:21 of the game and fell behind 15-5. And while that was happening, Rice's Brent Scott picked up three quick fouls.

Scott, a 6-foot-10 junior from Lansing, was leading the Owls with 15.9 points and 9.9 rebounds per game.

"We got Scott in foul trouble, which hurt us mentally, because he usually doesn't get in foul trouble," Thompson said. "Then, Michigan did a really good job defending against us. That first five minutes was critical because we never really got out of that."

Howard, who scored nine of his points in the first 20 minutes, hit a jumper with 5:48 left in the half that put Michigan ahead 30-14. Rice's Dana Hardy scored seven of his nine points the rest of the way as the Owls cut the Wolverines lead to 36-24 at halftime.

But Rose scored seven points as the Wolverines opened the second half with a 21-9 spurt.

"Our defense is pretty good every game," Webber said. "That's one of the reasons we were able to get away with so many turnovers early in the season."

Youngstown comeback good for Division I-AA title

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) — Youngstown State coach Jim Tressel said Saturday's Division I-AA championship came down to fumbles and interceptions.

"A championship game is going to be determined by the turnover margin. End of story," said Tressel, whose Penguins got three interceptions and scored 19 fourth-quarter points to beat Marshall 25-17.

Youngstown began the fourth period down 17-6 after Marshall's Dewey Klein kicked a 42-yard field goal as time expired in the third.

Youngstown cut the lead to 17-12 on its first possession of the final period when Herb Williams made a diving 33-yard touchdown grab on a pass from Ray Isaac, whose 2-point conversion pass was incomplete.

After Klein missed a 30-yard attempt on the next possession, Youngstown took the lead on a 3-yard run by Ryan Wood to cap an 80-yard, eight-play drive with 7:09 remaining in the period.

Marshall quarterback Michael Payton fumbled after being sacked and Chris Vecchione recovered at the Marshall 14. Three plays later, Tamron Smith scored from 5 yards out and Jeff Wilkins' PAT made it 25-17.

"Our guys just believe each other," Tressel said. "They just believe that they're going to get it done, and they've proven that in 1991."

"Our game plan was to come in and throw. I just needed time to throw," Isaac said. "We've got the

best receivers and I was in a rhythm throwing."

On the final possession, Marshall drove from its own 17 to Youngstown's 19 before Payton was sacked for a 9-yard loss. Payton's desperation pass in the end zone as time expired fell incomplete to give Youngstown its first national title.

"We had a couple of mental breakdowns and they got some big sacks on us," Payton said. "Also, I threw the ball late down the middle a couple of times and that resulted in interceptions."

After trailing 3-0 at halftime, Marshall outscored Youngstown 17-3 in the third quarter.

Payton, who completed 30 of 43 attempts for 363 yards, hit Troy Brown on a 13-yard scoring pass

with 10:14 left in the period, then found Ricardo Clark for an 18-yard TD on Marshall's next possession.

Youngstown answered with a 37-yard field goal by Wilkins to make it 14-6 before Klein's field goal gave Marshall an 11-point lead going into the fourth.

The only scoring in the first half came on a 23-yard field goal by Wilkins with 5:20 left.

Klein missed on a 36-yard attempt with 28 seconds left.

Isaac completed 9 of 15 passes for 198 yards, and Smith led all rushers with 88 yards on 30 carries.

Clark had 154 yards in receptions for Marshall.

"We didn't play very well in the first half offensively," Marshall coach Jim Donnan said.

Indiana nips St. Johns; OSU rips Houston Baptist

By Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll fared Saturday:

1. Duke (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. William & Mary, Monday, Dec. 30.
2. Arizona (5-1) lost to No. 19 Arkansas 65-59. Next: vs. Maryland, Saturday.
3. UCLA (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cal St.-Fullerton, Monday.
4. Ohio State (6-0) at Southern California. Next: vs. American University, Sunday, Dec. 29.
5. Oklahoma State (10-0) beat Houston Baptist 100-57. Next: at Tulsa, Sunday, Dec. 29.
6. Kansas (6-0) beat Seattle Pacific 97-62. Next: vs. Southern

Mississippi at Kansas City, Friday.

Next: vs. Fairfield, Monday.

8. Kentucky (6-1) vs. No. 13 Georgia Tech at the Omni. Next: vs. Ohio University, Monday.

9. North Carolina (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday, Jan. 2.

10. St. John's (4-2) lost to No. 14 Indiana 82-77. Next: vs. Fordham at Madison Square Garden, Friday.

11. Seton Hall (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, Monday.

12. Michigan State (8-0) beat Cincinnati 90-89. Next: vs. Austin Peay, Friday.

13. Georgia Tech (6-2) vs. No. 8 Kentucky at the Omni. Next: vs. Mercer, Saturday.

14. Indiana (6-2) beat No. 10 St. John's 82-77. Next: vs. Texas Tech at Market Square Arena, Friday.

15. Michigan (6-1) beat Rice 87-70. Next: vs. Brigham Young at Orlando, Fla., Saturday.

16. Oklahoma (5-0) vs. Morgan State. Next: vs. Morehead State at Oklahoma City, Friday.

17. Missouri (7-0) beat Jackson State 99-76. Next: vs. Illinois at St. Louis Arena, Monday.

18. Utah (8-1) at Wichita State. Next: at Weber State, Saturday.

19. Arkansas (7-2) beat No. 2 Arizona 65-59. Next: at Tulsa, Monday.

20. Alabama (8-1) beat Southern Mississippi 87-64. Next: vs. Bradley at Honolulu, Saturday.

21. Wake Forest (6-1) beat Richmond 74-60. Next: at Clemson, Saturday, Jan. 4.

22. Iowa (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Butler at Tampa, Fla., Friday.

23. Georgetown (5-1) vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore. Next: vs. Bethune-Cookman at St. Petersburg, Fla., Saturday.

24. N.C. Charlotte (5-1) vs. William & Mary at Kapaa, Hawaii. Next: vs. Chaminade or Portland at Kapaa, Hawaii, Sunday.

25. Louisville (5-0) at LSU. Next: at No. 8 Kentucky, Saturday.

NFL Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	13	2	0	.867	444	301
Miami	8	7	0	.533	323	326
N.Y. Jets	7	8	0	.467	291	273
New England	6	9	0	.400	204	276
Indianapolis	1	14	0	.067	140	364
Central						
x-Houston	11	5	0	.688	386	251
Cleveland	6	9	0	.400	283	281
Pittsburgh	6	9	0	.400	275	334
Cincinnati	2	13	0	.133	234	428
West						
x-Denver	11	4	0	.733	287	221
y-Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	295	231
y-LA Raiders	9	6	0	.600	277	270
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	253	252
San Diego	4	11	0	.267	260	325
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washington	14	1	0	.933	463	260
y-Dallas	10	5	0	.667	311	283
Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	261	222
N.Y. Giants	8	8	0	.500	281	297
Phoenix	4	11	0	.267	193	317
Central						
y-Chicago	11	4	0	.733	285	217
y-Detroit	11	4	0	.733	322	281
Minnesota	8	8	0	.500	301	306
Green Bay	4	12	0	.250	273	313
Tampa Bay	2	13	0	.133	182	362
West						
y-Atlanta	10	5	0	.667	334	307
y-New Orleans	10	5	0	.667	314	208
San Francisco	9	6	0	.600	341	225
LA Rams	3	12	0	.200	225	367

Saturday's Games
New York Giants 24, Houston 20
Green Bay 27, Minnesota 7

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Seattle, 6 p.m.

Monday's Game
Chicago at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

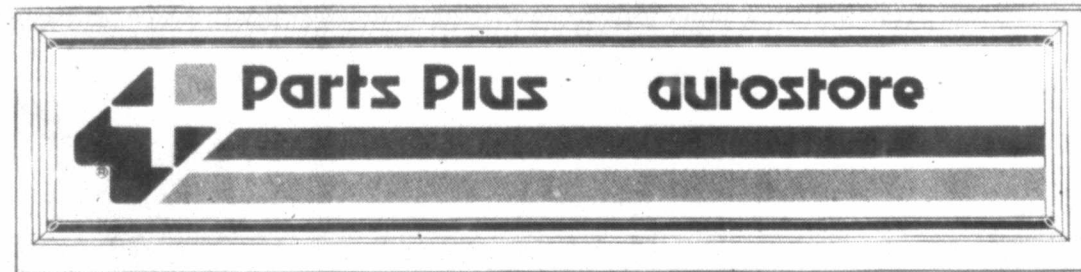
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Federal Reserve may be trying to cool legislators' tax cut fever

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve hopes to fire up the torpid economy by dramatically slashing interest rates, but analysts say it also may be trying to cool politicians' enthusiasm for big tax cuts.

"It make take some of the steam out of the move toward some fiscal stimulus," said economist Allen Sinai of the Boston Co. "It would be tempting to wait to see how this dosage of Fed easing works."

But economist Paul Getman of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa., says it may be too late to derail the political momentum for enacting a tax cut in an election year.

"Right now tax legislation is written into the minds of Congress and the president. It's just a question of what," he said. "That train has already left the station."

The central bank Friday dropped its discount rate — the interest rate it charges to loan money to banks — by a full percentage point, to 3.5 percent. Hours later, it cut the federal funds rate — the rate banks charge one another on overnight loans — by a half percentage point, to 4 percent.

From the start of the recession in

July 1990, the Fed fought the downturn with small, conservative interest rate reductions, sometimes as little as a quarter point. But economists say the Fed, by abandoning its go-slow monetary policy, apparently decided bolder steps were needed to restore business and consumer optimism.

But another motive, they said, may be to steer Congress and President Bush away from huge, stimulative tax cuts that opponents say could hurt the economy in the long run by ballooning the budget deficit.

The Bush administration is predicting a record deficit of \$348 billion in 1992. In a congressional appearance Wednesday, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan sought to nip proposals for giving every American a one-time \$300 tax rebate, which would add an estimated \$30 billion to the deficit.

Central bank policy-makers fear the rebate, while serving as a short-term economic tonic, could act as a long-term drag on the economy, fanning inflation fears among investors who would bid up long-term interest rates such as those charged on fixed-rate mortgages.

With Friday's big discount rate cut, the first time in a decade the Fed has reduced the rate by a full

point, Greenspan is telling politicians he'll do whatever is necessary to revive economic growth, said economist Robert G. Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

"The message that has come out of this is: 'If rates have to go lower, they will go lower. We're not playing games,'" he said.

Dederick said it's better to fight a downturn with monetary policy than with fiscal policy. If the economy revives and inflation heats up, interest rates can quickly be raised, but a tax cut can't easily be rescinded, he said.

"Mr. Greenspan has sent a strong message to the president and the Congress," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M. "He is saying do not act unwisely, maintain fiscal discipline, inflation is low and growth will resume. Fiscal policy should focus on sustaining that growth into the future."

Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher welcomed Friday's interest rate cut, but said Bush would continue working on a "growth package" for inclusion in his State of the Union address next month.

"I don't think the two are related," Mosbacher told reporters. But "if the economy just takes off in a tremendous jump we might review it."

Santa's little workers



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Shonda Nelson's class at Travis Elementary School presented "Santa's Workshop" for their parents Friday. They are pictured here wearing the costumes they wore in the play.

Health department asks state to sue San Antonio nursing home

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas Department of Health has asked the state attorney general to sue a nursing home in San Antonio for repeated violations of health and safety rules, adding another home to the state's investigation of substandard conditions.

Health Department spokeswoman L. Jeanoyce Wilson said the Retama Manor Nursing Center-South in San Antonio could lose its Medicaid certification by Feb. 6.

Officials had proposed canceling

the home's Medicaid contract in October, but problems were corrected by Nov. 15. However, last week Wilson said a Nov. 19 inspection turned up problems about the home's quality of care and use of restraints.

Authorities discover link between killings of six in two residences

NORTH PORT, Fla. (AP) — Investigators have linked the execution-style slayings of six people, including three children, in two homes just miles apart in rural southwest Florida, a police spokesman said Friday.

In North Port, a man and three children were killed and a fourth child was critically wounded. Their bodies were found in bedrooms. All had been shot in the head, some multiple times, authorities said.

The mother of the youngsters, ages 8 through 13, fled the house and frantically called 911 on a cordless phone. She told police she saw two gunmen.

Four miles away just over the county line in Port Charlotte, an elderly couple and their dog were found slain in their home a few hours later. All had been shot.

"There are similarities and a reason to believe the crimes are related," Bob Lovett, a North Port police spokesman, said at a news conference. He refused to discuss the evidence.

"Here we are in the middle of nowhere. We're sitting ducks," Diana Attardi said Friday at her Sarasota County plant nursery a few

miles from the grisly discovery. "It gives me the heebie-jeebies."

Both families lived in remote areas. Telephone lines had been cut at the two houses. However, a second line at the North Port home remained intact, police said.

The children's mother, identified by school officials as Donna Peay, 30, fled through a back door with the phone but contact with emergency officials was abruptly cut off at 2:49 a.m. as she apparently moved out of range.

Police said they were able to trace the call and found the woman outside screaming when they arrived at the house.

Ms. Peay described the gunmen as two masked men of medium build, about 5-foot-8 or 5-foot-9. Police questioned and later released her.

Authorities identified the children killed as Richard Leonard Peay, 9; Billy Ray Hall Jr., 11; and Revonda Denise Peay, 13. Also killed was their stepfather, Luis Angel Villegas Jr., 37.

Jawantis Shabray Peay, 8, was in guarded condition Friday, authorities said.

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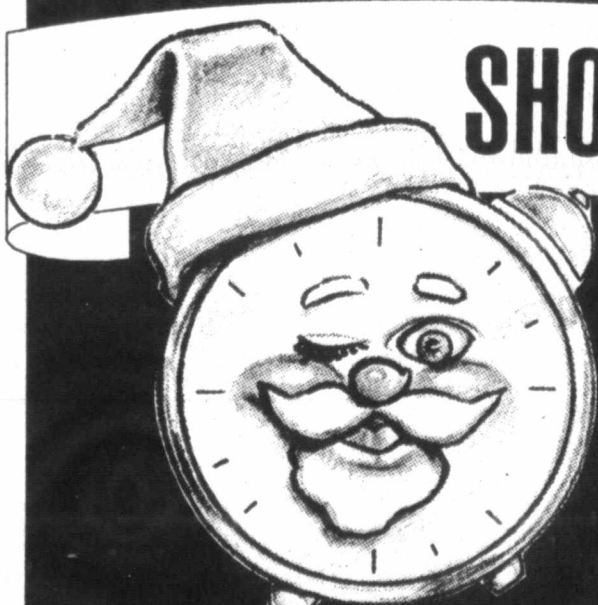
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Christmas Memories...

Irene Sanders

a look at times gone by

When Irene Sanders was contacted and asked about her Christmas memories, she said that she would think about them. She wrote down this recollection about a special time 30 years ago.

"Until December 25, 1961, Christmas was a holiday to celebrate, a time to receive gifts, attend parties or Christmas programs and visit with relatives. Going home to Sherman, to be with my mother and dad was a routine Christmas activity and one we three children took for granted, I think.

I married Alvis Sanders in 1959. In 1960, my oldest brother died at Christmas time. I was in the hospital at the time and could not attend my brother's funeral in Saginaw, Mich., but my husband attended.

The following year, 1961, we were back into the routine of "home to Sherman" to spend Christmas with my parents. I had never stopped to think about the fact that my husband was an only child and had never spent Christmas with a loud, noisy, active houseful of visiting

relatives and family. That year, Mother and Dad had relatives from California and Michigan. The grandchildren were also there. Food and Christmas decorations were almost everywhere.

On Christmas Eve, we attended a Christmas program in which many of the family children took part. Later some of us young adults attended a Christmas party. On Christmas Day, we opened presents, had an early-evening, big, festive Christmas dinner and gave thanks to God for our blessings.

My husband was so elated with the Christmas joy and spirit that he saw and felt that Christmas of 1961, that it made me realize how lucky I was to have parents, relatives and friends who loved us and welcomed us home. This also made me stop seeing the holidays, especially Christmas, as a chore and an obligation.

The good time we had caused my husband and me to decide to have a big family and hope to have our children and others to come and



Irene Sanders stands by the dining room table that belonged to her mother. It has two more leaves which can accommodate other diners in the Sanders' home.

visit us as often as they could at Christmas seasons. Unfortunately, my husband and I have no children. To compensate for this at holiday time, we fix a big dinner and invite anyone whom we think might be alone at holiday time.

My mother and dad have passed away, but we still remember the festivities of Christmas 1961.

Christmas to us now means a time of loving,

sharing, caring and giving."

The Sanders' definition of loving, sharing, caring and giving is an on going action. On Thanksgiving, the couple entertained eight in their home. They plan on eight or 10 for Christmas dinner. One dream of theirs is to have all 10 nieces and nephews in their home for the holidays.

Sanders feeds her guests around her mother's table. "I always think of Mother cook-

ing a big meal and using her dining room table," she said.

She plans to decorate her home with a tree and ornaments, many of which came to her from former students. Sanders, a retired teacher, said she cannot always remember the giver though the decorations bring her pleasure. "Decorations remind me of people I've met through the years," she said.

Elsie Hall

Elsie Hall is 85 years old and has lived in Pampa all her life. She has a multitude of Christmas memories in her head about friends and family from days gone by.

One of her recollections involves a Christmas Eve when First Christian Church hosted an evening of carols, programs and gift giving for the city's children. Back then, the church was then located across from the former Tom Rose Motors and Pampa Community Building, she said. The whole town attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Lovett, who became benefactors of Lovett Memorial Library. Sometime during the evening's program, the Lovett's home which stood on the site of the present library, burned to the ground, Hall said.

A Brother Merrill was Santa Claus and every child who attended received a gift. Girls got a doll, Hall said, but she didn't know what boys got. "If there ever was a play, I was always in it," Hall said.

Hall was one of ten children, and the only one still living. "I remember we would all get together and would hang up our stockings. Our tree would be decorated with cranberries and popcorn. In our stockings would be an apple, orange and nuts and candy. We never did open our presents until Christmas morning. When I was a kid growing up, we always had a white Christmas. We had the most beautiful buggy horses and a sled. We'd go sleighing and caroling. We went down that hill in front of Randy's on a



Elsie Hall is holding the doll which once belonged to her late sister, Amy Brooks. The doll was one of those given to Pampa children at a Christmas Eve service hosted by First Christian Church many years ago.

horse drawn sled. You know, that little horse lived to be 33."

She described her family

as "jolly". At Christmas they enjoyed singing and popping corn.

"I enjoyed my family

being together. You get nine in one house and it's hilarious," she said with twinkling eyes.

Felix and Heraclia Gomez

Felix and Heraclia Gomez were married Dec. 16, 1944, but it was not until Christmas 1956 that they put up their first Christmas tree.

They came to the United States from Mexico in 1947. In December, 1955, they moved to Pampa with their three sons.

When asked about Christmas traditions in their growing up years, both Felix and Heraclia replied that other than church attendance, there

were no Christmas traditions in their homes.

Gomez said, "When I was young, we were very poor. Living conditions were terrible. There was no money for presents."

Heraclia agreed that in her home there were no gifts nor special meals for Christmas celebrations, but the family attended Christmas mass.

Now the Gomezes look forward to visits from their five grandchildren on Christ-

mas. Heraclia's sister, Manuela Soto and her family sometimes join in the festivities. Heraclia prepares hot tamales on Christmas Eve and a ham or turkey on Christmas Day.

Midnight mass and Christmas Day mass are part of the Christmas observance by the Gomezes.

"If the kids come over here, we make a little party. We fix presents for the kids," Gomez said.



Felix Gomez relaxes in his home.

Lifestyles

stories and photographs by
Cheryl Berzanskis





Sharla Gayle Shackelford and Bruce Lamar Davidson

Shackelford-Davidson

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shackelford announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharla Gayle Shackelford of Dallas, to Bruce Lamar Davidson, Irving. The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davidson, Irving.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Byron and Goldie Hash, and the great niece of Garnet and Jackie Poole.

The wedding is planned for March 14, 1992, at Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas.

The bride-elect is a 1982 graduate of Walters High School, Walters, Okla. She received a bachelor of music degree in 1987 from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, and a master of music degree in 1989 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. She is employed by Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District as a music teacher at McCoy Elementary.

The groom-to-be graduated in 1979 from Irving High School. He received a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing in 1984 from the University of North Texas. He is employed as senior claims adjuster with Allstate Insurance Co., and is attending Dallas-Fort Worth School of Law.



Bob and Aileen Childers

Childers anniversary

Bob and Aileen Childers will be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception, 2:30 - 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29, in the parlor of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The celebration will be hosted by their daughters, Bobby Thompson, St. Maries, Idaho, and Sandra Adcox, Littleton, Colo.

Childers married the former Aileen Lancaster on Dec. 20, 1941. They have lived in Pampa since that time. He was a builder and she was employed as a nurse by Dr. M.C. Overton and Dr. Foster Elder, as well as Highland Hospital and Coronado Hospital. They are the grandparents of six.

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Schaub anniversary

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The couple has lived in Pampa for 46 years.

Children of the couple are David Schaub, Houston, and Brenda Ward, Amarillo. They have three grandchildren.

Fellers-Philips

Valisa Ann Fellers and Robert J. Philips were united in marriage Dec. 12, in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fellers, Pampa. The groom's parents are Mrs. Reba Philips and the late Alves Philips, Spearman.

After honeymooning in Nevada and Arizona, the couple will make their home in Pampa.

Dad's walking in on couple has girlfriend ready to run

DEAR ABBY: Something terribly embarrassing happened to me yesterday — it's every young woman's nightmare.

My boyfriend's father walked in on us during a very, very private moment. We are both in our early 20s and have been dating for three years and plan to marry next year when we graduate from college.

I don't know if this was a surprise for his father since his son and I have been dating for a long time, but I am very embarrassed about the situation. How can I ever face this man again? He told his son to let me know that he was very sorry, and he didn't mean to invade our privacy. I felt a little better about the situation, but I'm still too embarrassed to look the man in the face.

Do you think he feels differently about me now? And how can I deal with this?

EMBARRASSED

DEAR EMBARRASSED: There is nothing you can do about the past, so there's no point in agonizing over it. If your boyfriend's father is somewhat sophisticated and worldly, chances are he is not nearly as shocked as you are embarrassed. The best way to deal with it is to say nothing.

DEAR ABBY: My son was married six months ago, and I just learned that a number of wedding gifts from our side of the family have not as yet been acknowledged.

As the mother of the groom, would it be improper for me to telephone or write a note to those whose wedding gifts have not been acknowledged?

NO CITY, PLEASE

DEAR NO CITY: Although you are understandably embarrassed, it would be inappropriate for you to take it upon yourself to acknowledge your adult children's wedding gifts.

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Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

pression that your son and his bride are either lazy, negligent, disorganized, insensitive, thoughtless, procrastinating or ignorant — or possibly all of the above. It would also make you appear to be a meddlesome and overprotective parent.

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(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanekis)
Pampa High School cheerleaders, Tanya Elms and Joy Cambern, pose with honeybutter offered by the squad as a fund raiser for their trip to National Cheerleading Association championships in Dallas on Dec. 26. For more information about the honeybutter call 669-2106 or 665-7842.

Consumer decision making project opens in January

DATES
24 - Extension Office Closed
25 - Extension Office Closed

4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING PROJECT

Soon after the first of the year we will be organizing the 4-H Consumer Decisionmaking Project. This project is open to 4-Hers of all ages. 4-Hers participating in this project will learn how the decision making process works, how to apply the process to consumer decisions, and how to justify their decisions.

4-Hers interested in being a part of this project should call the Extension Office. In addition, leaders are needed. If you would be willing to share your time, please call the Extension Office. Training will be provided.

SEE 'N SHOW CONTEST

The McCall Pattern Company, Singer Sewing Company, and Sew News are joining forces to sponsor the Sew'n Show competition for 1992. The contest is open to young people 18 years of age and under. To enter, a person sews for herself/himself a garment using any McCall pattern from a current McCall catalog. The entrant's garment cannot have been entered in any other contest or competition.

Entries are to include: one clear, close-up photograph of the person modeling his/her garment; fabric swatches, a brief description of the sewn garment, and an official entry form.

Entries will be divided into two age categories: 14 and under and 15-18 years old. Two grand prize winners will be selected. One from each category will win an all expense paid trip to New York City. Two second prize winners - one from each age category will win a Singer Overlock/Serger machine. Two third prize winners - one from



each age category will win 10 free McCalls pattern of their choice and a selection of Singer Sewing books.

Judging will be based on Quality of Construction, Fabric Use, and Creative Effort. Deadline for entries is no later than May 11, 1992.

4-H LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Hopefully, all Gray County 4-Hers got your animals entered in the Stock Shows last week. If not, you are late and need to call the Extension Office, 669-8033, immediately.

The Top O' Texas and Gray County Shows will be held January 16-18.

The Pampa FFA will have the Bob Skaggs Futurity Show on January 11 and 12. This will be a jackpot show and you can contact members of the FFA Boosters about entering that show. It will allow exhibitors to get some practice on showing their animals, etc.

4-H members that have entered the Top O' Show will be getting a letter with additional details after Jan. 1 - be sure and read it and have your parents read it.

Resort in outer space might become a reality

By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine

"Hi, folks. Having a great time in outer space. Hope to take the next shuttle home."

Believe it or not, you might be sending that postcard home to Earth one day. With the help of robots, a Japanese firm is hoping to have a

space-based resort by the year 2020.

Star-struck tourists would rocket to the resort in an 80-seat space airplane. Once there, vacationers could play sports in zero gravity or choose to sleep in "weightless" rooms. Just think what a great health spa it would make - there would be no problem losing weight!

Enjoy holidays, but think safety when celebrating

We all look forward to the holiday season. Unfortunately, accidents never take a holiday and can quickly turn joy into sorrow.

Make safety part and parcel of all holiday activities.

These safety tips are offered:
*Clean walks and steps of ice, snow or objects to make coming and going safer for guests (and your family). Shoveling snow is hard work and over-exertion by older, out-of-condition or health impaired people could lead to colleges.

*Turn on outdoor lights at night when you expect company or a car drives up.

*Always drive with special caution when traffic is heavy or road conditions are abnormal. Since many holiday drives are impaired by alcohol, be alert for their driving errors.

*Before company comes, put away things that could injure small children - matches, pesticides, medicines, sharp knives, cleaning products, firearms and power tools. Help older folks, too, by removing tripping hazards and providing ample light.

*If you partake of "holiday cheer," let another drive.

*Select a fresh Christmas tree or flame-resistant artificial one. Set it away from heat sources and curtains. Check lightstrings for broken sockets and frayed wires. Pull the plug before retiring.

*Since the kitchen is usually a busy place during holidays, make sure there are no dangling small appliance cords or protruding pot handles for children to grab. Handle sharp knives with care and put them away after use.

USE WOOD HEATERS SAFELY

Many people burn wood to heat to help heat their home or enjoy the cheery comfort of a fireplace.

Wood is very economical if it can be cut on the homestead or is there for the taking from a friend. Still, applicable safety rules must be honored to prevent fire and woodlot injuries.

These safety tips are offered:
-Install wood-burning stoves



For Horticulture
Joe Van Zandt

according to directions supplied by the manufacturer and fire department.

-Keep chimneys and flues clean to avoid a dangerous creosote buildup.

-Don't burn coal in your stove unless it was designed to handle it.

-Don't burn trash in a stove or fireplace.

-Don't let your stove overheat. Keep the fire properly damped for even heat output and good fuel efficiency.

-Use a fireplace screen or glass door to contain any sparks and hot ashes.

-If you cut your own firewood, use your chainsaw according to manufacturer's directions and other woodlot tools with appropriate care. Wear a hard hat, safety shoes, goggles, gloves and hearing protectors.

-When handling wood, avoid strain and watch your step.

-Install fire extinguishers; discuss your needs with your fire protection dealer.

-Install smoke detectors, but not in the same room with a stove or fireplace.

-Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

Another thing to remember is that if you bring a lot of wood into the warm part of the house to store for a couple of days, then you may be bringing insects in also. The insects may be hibernating in the wood for cold protection. When the wood warms up, the insects may start moving around and leave their winter wood home.

Christmas comes to PMS



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)
Left, Amy Bradley, Aimee Martinez and Shannon Ervin admire the door at Pampa Middle School celebrating the Christmas spirit.

Social Security representative to visit area

A representative of the Pampa Social Security office will be in the following towns during January.

Canadian courthouse, 9:45 a.m. - noon, Jan. 2; Spearman courthouse, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., Jan. 9.

Social Security has a toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 for those

wishing to make inquiries or appointments. For information on Medicare claims in Texas, call 1-800-442-2620.

Pampa Social Security office is located at 125 S. Gillespie. Office hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on national holidays.

'All-American Horse' exhibited at Smithsonian

WASHINGTON (AP) — Horses were already extinct in the Americas when Columbus reintroduced them during his second voyage. An exhibition of paintings illuminates the historic role the horse played in America's next 500 years.

"The All-American Horse: Paintings of G. Harvey" at the Smithsonian

an's National Museum of Natural History is being shown in conjunction with the "Seeds of Change" exhibition. The horse is one of the five cultural exchanges or "seeds" on which that major show focuses. The paintings show the role the horse played in the conquest, exploration and settlement of the New World.

Club News

Beta Delta and Theta Delta Chapters of the Delta Kappa Gamma met for their annual fellowship luncheon on Dec. 14 at the Assembly of God Church family life center with Sandra Morgan, Shamrock, president of Beta Delta, presiding.

Helen Hamilton, Amarillo, area coordinator of District XI was guest speaker, reporting on the state meeting and the planning of area workshops to be held in October.

Leslie Marshall of Shamrock, scholarship recipient, was special guest from Plainview where she is a freshman at Wayland Baptist University.

Elizabeth Smith, Panhandle, vice-president of Theta Delta, introduced

Marion Hogan and Melanie Britten who sang Christmas carols.

Hostesses were Betty Beyer, chairman; Kenda Faulkner; Kay Harvey; Karon Bonnell; and Geraldine Rampey.

Tri-County Democrat Club met Dec. 10, in the Lovett Memorial Library for a covered dish dinner and meeting. Robert Dixon, city commissioner, spoke in favor of the one cent sales tax increase.

John Warner introduced candidates Randy Stubblefield, Ken Kieth, Margie Gray and Jerry Williams.

Warner swore in officers for 1992. They are Zetha Dougherty, president; Alicia Heil, vice-president; Nancy Allen, treasurer; and Helen Seitz, secretary.

Elaine Cooper was appointed reporter.

The next meeting will be Jan. 14, in the auditorium of the Lovett Library.

The Heritage Art Club met at the Pampa Country Club for the December meeting. Fifteen members attended, plus four visitors. Polly Benton and Diann Sanders hosted the party. Lunch was served and gifts exchanged.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 6, 324 Naida.

Sixteen members of Preceptor Theta Iota chapter of Beta Sigma

Phi met Dec. 9 in the home of Sheri Carlson for a potluck Christmas party. A short business meeting followed dinner, with plans finalized to prepare food for the council wide New Year's Eve dance. Members exchanged secret sister gifts, and addressed Christmas cards for Meals on Wheels. Gifts for an "angel" from the local Angel Tree were prepared. Hostess Carlson presented "Christmas Treasures", a selection of favorite Christmas poems and sayings.

The next meeting will be Jan. 13, in the home of Phyllis Jeffers.

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Countdown to Christmas is underway with families making plans for celebrations

The countdown to Christmas is here with only two more shopping days left before the great day arrives. While remembering the season as a religious holiday, Pampans have made it a time of togetherness, generosity, full of community spirit and love.

Word of the willingness of members of the Clown Club of the Women of the Moose to share joy and cheer wherever possible spread so quickly that their January calendar is fast filling up. When Peggy Ward, still in costume, dropped by the hospital to see a family member, a nurse asked her to visit around. And she did, to the delight of people of all ages.

The clowns entertained all the children of McLean at the United Methodist Church and gave the donation to the Community Fund for travelers in need. Other stops include both nursing homes with gifts of fruit, Salvation Army children with 60 gifts.

Clowns who sacrificed their plans to entertain others are Nancy Davis, Virgie Twigg, Joann Franklin, Patsy Nichols, Peggy Ward, Jean Bennett, Gerry Ingram, Betty World, Joyce Cornell. Judy Medley is a new recruit.

Here's an interesting note on Nancy and Charles Davis. Their children are "D"arlene, married to "D"ale, "D"ee Anne, married to "D"oug, "D"anny, married to "D"iane and "D"anny, who is single. Over the Christmas holidays their grandchildren Tiffany Ann and Stephen Woods will fly in from Austin and Sean Uselton from Canyon, plus Aunt Ellie Wilkinson from Clarendon. Three-month-old Joshua Ray Davis and his parents Danny and Diane of Amarillo will complete the family picture.

Four years ago, a Fluor Daniel employee gave Jean Ritchie \$10 for singing "House of the Rising Sun" twice with the suggestion of giving it to Toys for Tots, non-existent at the time. Well, \$385 was raised that evening and with the help of Pampa firemen became a project. Members of the 4-H Club with the help of Nell and Gil Phetteplace work in several directions.

Early on, Janice Strait of the Texas Dept. of Human Resources became a tireless worker. Special thanks go to those mentioned, the Clown Club, Martha Hadley, mer-



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

chants who contributed wrapping paper, Wanda Talley, for store room at the Pampa Mall and individuals. About 500 children of Gray County have received new toys, a used toy, a stuffed toy and book, all wrapped.

Raffle items, a mop doll by Jean and a wooden crane by Frank Hallett, brought \$539 and \$470.

The group desperately needs a building, rent free, to begin work on cleaning and repairing all year for the season ahead.

The community response to fulfill a great need has been overwhelming.

All members of Xi Beta Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi attended a Christmas dinner party and gift exchange at the Biarritz Club Monday night. Attending were president Sue Garner, Sandy Clark, Maxine Cox, Joe Puckett, Edna Hickman, Debbie Hogan, Shirley Bullard, Tina Conner and Helen McGill.

There was a going-away party last week at Coronado Hospital in honor of Monette Blando, who is moving to the Metroplex area after 10 years in Pampa as director of services. Kathy Bailey of McLean will replace her. Good wishes, Monette!

Belated birthday wishes to Barry Delange. His wife, Jose, invited a small group in to celebrate and share native Dutch party treats. Yummy!

Rue and Hesta Hestand, former Pampans, saw tons of friends when they came from Dallas for the weekend. First there was the annual Christmas party in the home of Jack, Katherine and Natalie Reeve. Bill and Grace Monroe had a few close friends in for coffee on Sunday morning. Sunday evening they attended the Coronado Dance Club party at the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Jimmy and Virginia Wilkerson, Al and Pauline Wagner, Harry and Betty Fry were in charge of arrangements. Friends were happy to see Jerry Ward back in circulation after a recent illness.

Bill and Ramona Hite recently hosted a get-acquainted shower for newlyweds Mona (Oneal) and Jim Bishop. Jim, a Texas highway patrolman, transferred here from Farwell.

Mona and Jim will have a family reunion for Christmas. Attending will be her mom Rachel Hunter and son Richard and family from Hereford; brother, Richard Hunter and family of Dimmitt; sons Monty Oneal of Gonzales and Kyle Oneal of Liberal.

Top O' Texas Rodeo directors and friends attended the National Rodeo finals in Las Vegas recently. Attending were Floyd Sackett, Barbara and Ferrell Baird, Billy and Robert Klapner, Royce and Freda Henderson, James and Sue Baggett, Patricia and Dewayne Hill, Robert and Judy Morris, Kathy and Allen Tidwell, J.R. and Princess Baggett, Jimmy and Patty Baggett, Mark and Kathy Topper, Sue and Don Campbell, Diana and Larry Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dixon of Tyrone, Okla.

Recovery wishes to Diana Jackson and her dad of Lefors. The same

warm wishes to Darlene Sokolosky.

A warm Pampa "Welcome" to Nell Rose Prather, an occupational therapist at Coronado Hospital. She will be a Pampan for about six weeks.

Fran and Al Nichols attended the graduation ceremony of daughter Anita Reeves from Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind. Anita, the mother of three, graduated magna cum laude and a distinguished student. Her husband, Cary Reeves, son of Ken and Pat, will soon enter law school. He is a patent agent for Bristol Myers.

Jerry Pope attended the graduation ceremony of daughter-in-law Trish Pope, wife of Scott, from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. Trish received a degree in political science, magna cum laude. Trish and Scott moved to Lubbock, where Scott will do post graduate work in English.

Jim and Kay Crouch have family visitors: Kirt Crouch of St. Louis, Candy and Kevin Thompson of Denver; Marsha and Gary Matthews, Cody and Ben of Seminole.

Emma Lee and LaDon Bradford spent a couple of months basking in the Arizona sun before returning to Pampa for a family Christmas.

Tommy and Nita Hill returned a few days ago from a luxurious Caribbean Cruise on the newest ship afloat.

Recent guests of Marvin and Leola Moxon have been his sister Esther Wheeler of Colorado Springs and Leola's sister, Bessie Bearden.

Ona and Ralph Carruth returned from a trip to Ruidoso, N.M.

Charlie and Daphne Sullivan visited daughter Tojuana and family in Midland.

Lavada Gaffney recently returned from a visit with her daughter in Princeton, N.J.

David Barnett of Stillwater, Okla., spent a recent weekend with his mother Carolyn and brothers Kenny and Paul and wife Evonne. Grandchildren of Eli Hesse of Lubbock visited Eli in Lefors. Good wishes to May Wyatt as she moves to McLean from Lefors soon.

Mary and Ben White spent the last holiday in Kingfisher, Okla. with 25 relatives.

Couch's Cafe, held a birthday party for twin brothers, Roy and Troy McKissick, who celebrated their 77th birthday Tuesday, Dec. 17. Roy is from Skellytown, Troy lives in Los Angeles, Calif. Cake and ice cream were served to 11 more World War II vets including W. J. Houghton, Irvin

Brown, Walt Barnett, Les Kriss, Robert Rhodes, Ben Hand, R.B. Fox, Jr. and Wayne Couch. Others who served in the service later were B.J. Stephenson and Guy W. McKissick, son of Roy, and another son, Ted L. McKissick, now serving at Ft. Hood.

Jean and Derrel Hogsett are so proud of granddaughter Kathy Price's recent marriage to Cam Moore. Her dad couldn't be with her so grandpa walked her down the aisle. Grandson Steve Price II pushed Jean down the

aisle without one "wheelie".

After Cam took off Kathy's blue garter, Noel Southern sang a funny little ditty about a garter and marriage. The Hogsett's granddaughter, Christy Price, has come to live with them. They say she is a real blessing!

Nancy Hammer has made her way from Bowie to help Kathy and Mother Mary weather the shopping season. May you have peace and joy during this Christmas season.

See you next week, Katie.

ANNIVERSARY SALE

DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 5



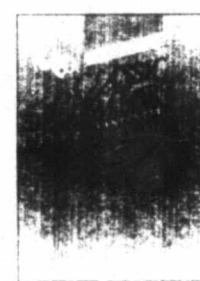
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From left are Susan Tripplehorn, treasurer of Twentieth Century Cotillion Club, Cathryn Wright, president of Opportunity Plan, Inc., Anne Campbell, project chairman, and Fran Morrison, project co-chairman.

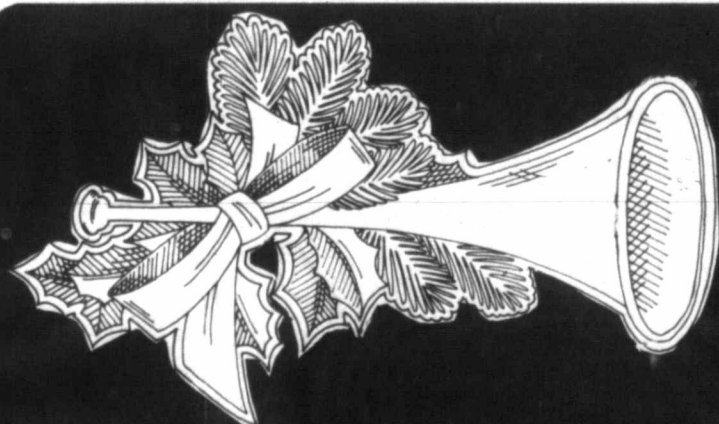
Twentieth Century Cotillion contributes to loan fund

The Twentieth Century Cotillion Club presented the Opportunity Plan, Inc., Canyon, with a check for \$4130, which will be added to the Twentieth Century Cotillion Division.

Since the establishment of the division in 1962, a total of \$75,620

has been contributed, enabling 113 students to borrow \$365,000, through a revolving loan program administered by the Opportunity Plan, Inc.

The funds were raised at a buffet reception at the Hayhook Ranch in September.



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Pat Stubbs, left, is congratulated by Virginia DeWitt, manager of the local Social Security office as she marked 30 years of service with the federal government on Dec. 19. Stubbs began her career in 1961 at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock. In 1974, she relocated to Alanreed and began work in the Social Security office. She has received 15 awards for superior performance. Stubbs is a 1987 graduate of Wayland Baptist University, and serves on the Gray County Home Economics Advisory Committee.

Underwriters Lab issues warning

NORTHBROOK, Ill.—Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) warns consumers that some model KB-100 electronic potpourri pots manufactured by King Brand Electrical Ceramics Company, Ltd. of Taiwan bear an unauthorized UL listing Mark and may present a risk of fire.

After conducting tests on samples of the product, UL found that during normal use, the temperature of the potpourri pot exceeds the established limits for this type of equipment. Because of the risk of fire, consumers who have these potpourri pots are urged to immediately discontinue using them. These potpourri pots were not evaluated by UL with a 30 watt rating, nor are they covered by UL's Listing service and Follow-Up Service program. Therefore these pots should not have carried an reference to UL on the units or the associated packaging.

Model KB-100 electronic potpourri pots produced prior to April 25, 1991, and rated at 21 watts were UL Listed and are not specifically involved in this public notice.

The model KB-100 potpourri pot is a small ceramic container without a lid and is distributed through various retail outlets. The heating element is built into the bottom of the pot, and the unauthorized UL Mark is molded in to the plastic surrounding the heating element. The 30 watt electrical rating can be found molded into the plastic base of the pot. The unauthorized UL Listing Mark consists of the UL in a circle registered Mark and the alphanumeric codes, "82E5" and "E121478."

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Q.—Can I file down the wide tip on a polarized plug without bad effects?

A.—No! Inserting a polarized plug the wrong way around, which becomes physically possible when you file down the wide prong, could cause a shock hazard by making the appliance cabinet live even when the switch is turned off. The slots in a polarized receptacle are different sizes to prevent this very thing. The wide slot is connected to the neutral wire and the narrow one to the hot wire. The polarized plug ensures that the inlet side of the appliance switch is connected to the hot lead. This keeps components beyond the switch inside the appliance from being electrically hot when the switch is turned off.

If you have nonpolarized outlets and need to plug in a polarized appliance such as a TV set, don't ever file down the wide plug prong. Instead, you should replace the receptacle with a polarized outlet and make sure it has been wired correctly with the neutral wire going to the terminal for the wide prong and the black hot lead going to the one for the narrow prong.

If you decide to do the job yourself, you can get the polarized outlet at any hardware store or home center. The copper-colored screw is the one to which you attach the black wire and the silver-colored one is for the white wire.

Teach children to give through involvement in process

Involving children in gift giving and selecting gifts for children can both be quite a challenge during the holiday season. Let's look at some ideas to help consumers with both situations.

HELPING CHILDREN CHOOSE HOLIDAY GIFTS

Children may not realize the financial strain gift giving places on family budgets. Therefore, it is important to involve each child in planning gift giving. Setting dollar limits and planning gift giving will help families keep a reasonable cost on holiday giving and help children learn that money is limited.

Explain that the family has a certain amount of money available to spend on gifts and that an amount has been allotted to each family member for gift giving. Write down the amount of overall money available to the child to calculate and decide amounts to be spent on gifts so that the total does not exceed his or her total budget.

Children often believe that the cost of a gift is given to a particular person should be based on the cost of the gift they receive from that person. Setting and following a budget shows a child that the amount spent on gifts depends on his or her own

Homemaker's News Donna Brauchi

situation, not the amount someone else spends.

Even very young children can take part in gift giving by wrapping gifts themselves using a gift bag and precut length of ribbon. Getting involved in the planning, choosing, making, wrapping, and presentation of the gift increases the meaning of the gift for both the child and the recipient.

HOLIDAY GIFTS TO KIDS

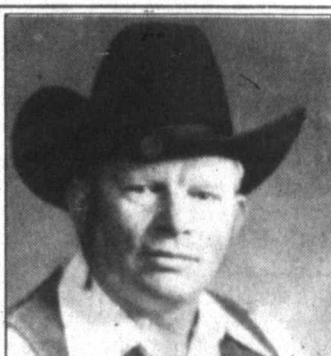
Choosing an appropriate holiday gift for a child can be baffling. Giving a welcome gift without breaking the budget is a challenge.

Thoughtful, inexpensive gifts to children can receive an enthusiastic reception. Try giving a certificate for a joint adventure along with an appropriate toy or gadget. Some examples are:

- For a young child, give a certificate for a trip to the fire station with a toy fire truck.

- For an older child, try a certificate to go to a popular movie with the giver, enclosed in a character toy from the movie.

Kids of any age appreciate gifts



Jerry Dean Williams, Constable for Precinct 1, announced that he has filed for re-election for a fifth term to the Democratic Primary.

Precinct 1 comprises Lefors, Laketon and the Northwest part of Pampa. Williams has served as constable for 15 years, he is a member of the First Baptist Church in Lefors.

Williams and his wife Bennie Wayne have two children, Johnny Williams and Susie Thomas. They have six grandchildren.

"I have enjoyed the opportunity of serving my precinct over the years," Williams said. "I treat people like I would like to be treated. I will continue to do so if I am re-elected."

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of time. Consider the following options:

- A book of coupons for several hours of playtime, given with a game.

- Certificate for a set amount of time to work on assembling a model car together, enclosed with the model kit.

- Coupons intended to be exchanged later for hugs or special meal, held by a stuffed bear.

A slightly more expensive gift to a child is a formal gift certificate. Gift certificates can be purchased for many different services or producers such as long distance phone calls, restaurant meals, clothing, electronics, tapes or CD's, or from a mall which allows purchases to be made in any mall store.

For more expensive presents, consider financial gifts. A gift of money, while usually appreciated, can seem cold and uncaring. To warm up a gift of money, accompany it with a tangible present. For example:

- Enclose cash in a purse or wallet.
- Enclose a saving bond with a small remembrance gift.

- Tuck a contribution toward a

stereo system inside a compact disc's cover.

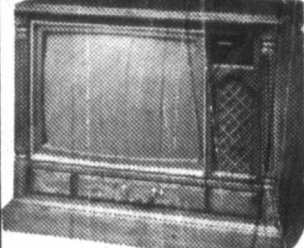
Stocks and bonds given as gifts to children serve as an investment for them. Consult with a financial planner regarding the best way to register the investment. Financial gifts intended for investment are appropriate for any age child. Though young children will not realize the value of investments, parents will. Even teens, who may recognize the worth of a financial gift, will appreciate the gift more if it is accompanied by something touchable. Include information about the investment with the gift. Some suggestions are:

- Mutual fund shares with a board game that uses money.
- Mutual funds or specific stocks reflecting specific concerns for which a teen is interested.

- Stock in a grocery store with a real apple or a food look-alike.

- A gift of telephone stock enclosed with a real telephone.

For more information on consumer decision-making or money management, contact your Gray County Extension Service.



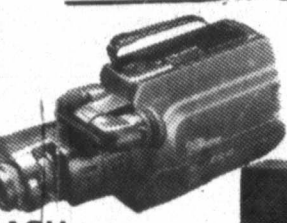
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By The Associated Press

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HOT SINGLES

1. "Everything I Do" I Do It for You" Bryan Adams (A&M)
2. "I Wanna Sex' You Up" Color Me Badd (Giant)
3. "Gonna Make You Sweat" C&C Music Factory (Columbia)
4. "Rush Rush" Paula Abdul (Capitive)
5. "One More Try" Timmy T. (Quality)
6. "Unbelievable" EMF (EMI)
7. "More Than Words" Extreme (A&M)
8. "I Like the Way" Hi-Five (Jive)
9. "The First Time" Surface (Columbia)
10. "Baby Baby" Amy Grant (A&M)
11. "Motownphilly" Boyz II Men (Motown)
12. "Because I Love You" Stevie B (LMR)
13. "Someday" Mariah Carey (Columbia)
14. "High Enough" Damn Yankees (Warner Bros.)
15. "From a Distance" Bette Midler (Atlantic)
16. "All the Man That I Need" Whitney Houston (Arista)
17. "Right Here, Right Now" Jesus Jones (SBK)
18. "I Adore Mi Amor" Color Me Badd (Giant)
19. "Love Will Never Do" Janet Jackson (A&M)
20. "Good Vibrations" Marky Mark & The Funky Bunch, Loleatta Holloway (Interscope)

TOP LP'S

1. *Mariah Carey* Mariah Carey (Columbia)
2. *No Fences* Garth Brooks (Capitol)
3. *Shake Your Money Maker* The Black Crowes (Def American)
4. *Gonna Make You Sweat* C&C Music Factory (Columbia)
5. *Wilson Phillips* Wilson Phillips (SBK)
6. *To the Extreme* Vanilla Ice (SBK)
7. *Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em* M.C. Hammer (Capitol)
8. *The Immaculate Collection* Madonna (Sire)
9. *Empire* Queensryche (EMI)
10. *I'm Your Baby Tonight* Whitney Houston (Arista)
11. *Out of Time* R.E.M. (Warner Bros.)
12. *The Razors Edge* AC/DC (Atco)
13. *Mama Said Knock You Out* LL Cool J (Def Jam)
14. *Time, Love and Tenderness* Michael Bolton (Columbia)
15. *Heart in Motion* Amy Grant (A&M)
16. *Some People's Lives* Bette Midler (Atlantic)
17. *Crazy World* Scorpions (Mercury)
18. *Spellbound* Paula Abdul (Capitive)
19. *Put Yourself in My Shoes* Clint Black (RCA)
20. *Coolin' at the Playground Ya' Know* Another Bad Creation (Motown)

COUNTRY SINGLES

1. "I Don't Rock the Jukebox" Alan Jackson (Arista)

2. "I've Come to Expect It From You" George Strait (MCA)
3. "Forever's as Far as I'll Go" Alabama (RCA)
4. "The Thunder Rolls" Garth Brooks (Capitol)
5. "In a Different Light" Doug Stone (Epic)
6. "Brother Jukebox" Mark Chesnutt (MCA)
7. "You Know Me Better Than That" George Strait (MCA)
8. "Down Home" Alabama (RCA)
9. "Unanswered Prayers" Garth Brooks (Capitol)
10. "If I Know Me" George Strait (MCA)
11. "I'd Love You All Over Again" Alan Jackson (Arista)
12. "Daddy's Come Around" Paul Overstreet (RCA)
13. "Walk on Faith" Mike Reid (Columbia)
14. "Loving Blind" Clint Black (RCA)
15. "Two of a Kind, Workin' on a Full House" Garth Brooks (Capitol)
16. "Meet in the Middle" Diamond Rio (Arista)
17. "Rumor Has It" Reba McEntire (MCA)
18. "She's in Love With the Boy" Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
19. "I Am a Simple Man" Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia)
20. "Here We Are" Alabama (RCA)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

1. "Everything I Do" I Do It for You" Bryan Adams (A&M)
2. "Baby Baby" Amy Grant (A&M)
3. "All the Man That I Need" Whitney Houston (Arista)
4. "Cry for Help" Rick Astley (RCA)
5. "Love Is a Wonderful Thing" Michael Bolton (Columbia)
6. "You're in Love" Wilson Phillips (SBK)
7. "Where Does My Heart Beat Now" Celine Dion (Epic)
8. "Coming Out of the Dark" Gloria Estefan (Epic)
9. "Rush Rush" Paula Abdul (Capitive)
10. "I Don't Wanna Cry" Mariah Carey (Columbia)
11. "Every Heartbeat" Amy Grant (A&M)
12. "Rhythm of My Heart" Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.)
13. "The First Time" Surface (Columbia)
14. "The Motown Song" Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.)
15. "Can't Forget You" Gloria Estefan (Epic)
16. "Get Here" Oleta Adams (Fontana)

17. "Everybody Plays the Fool" Aaron Neville (A&M)
18. "More Than Words" Extreme (A&M)
19. "You Gotta Love Someone" Elton John (MCA)
20. "Power of Love-Love Power" Luther Vandross (Epic)

R&B SINGLES

1. "Written All Over You" Face" Rude Boys (Atlantic)
2. "Love Makes Things Happen" Pebbles (MCA)
3. "Gonna Make You Sweat" C&C Music Factory (Columbia)
4. "I Like the Way" Hi-Five (Jive)
5. "Can You Stop the Rain" Peabo Bryson (Columbia)
6. "How Can I Ease the Pain" Lisa Fischer (Elektra)
7. "Let the Beat Hit 'Em" Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam (Columbia)
8. "The First Time" Surface (Columbia)
9. "I Can't Wait Another Minute" Hi-Five (Jive)
10. "Something in My Heart" Michel'le (Ruthless)
11. "It Never Rains in Southern California" Tony! Toni! Tone! (Wing)
12. "Addictive Love" BeBe & CeCe Winans (Capitol)
13. "Love Me Down" Freddie Jackson (Capitol)

14. "Baby I'm Ready" LeVert (Atlantic)
15. "Do Me Again" Freddie Jackson (Capitol)
16. "You Don't Have to Worry" En Vogue (Atlantic)
17. "Only Human" Jeffrey Osborne (Arista)
18. "All the Man That I Need" Whitney Houston (Arista)
19. "I'll Give All My Love to You" Keith Sweat (Vintertainment)
20. "Wrap My Body Tight" Johnny Gill (Motown)

TOP JAZZ ALBUMS

1. *We Are in Love* Harry Connick Jr. (Columbia)
2. *You Won't Forget Me* Shirley Horn (Verve)
3. *Unforgettable* Natalie Cole (Elektra)
4. *Roots Revisited* Macao Parker (Verve)
5. *I Remember* Dianne Reeves (Blue Note)
6. *Alone With Three Giants* Marcus Roberts (Novus)
7. *Standard Time Vol. 2 Intimacy* Calling Wynton Marsalis (Columbia)
8. *Artistry* The Harper Brothers (Verve)
9. *Droppin' Things* Betty Carter (Verve)
10. *Another Hand* David Sanborn (Elektra Musician)



(Dayspring Photo)

Petra, contemporary Christian rock group

Petra offers personal look with 'Unseen Power' album

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

With nearly 20 years of hit-making to their credit, Christian rock group Petra would be hard-pressed to out-do themselves.

But their just-released *Unseen Power* is, without a doubt, their most magnificent and deeply personal project to date.

Combining the intensity of Guns N' Roses, the rock anthems of Kansas and white soul of Simply Red, John Schlitt, Bob Hartman and company keep the listener on the edge of his chair from start to finish.

If "Hand on My Heart" is a mainstream hit, Petra would follow Bebe and Cece Winans, Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith by being yet another superstar Christian act that's taken their message into the musical masses.

Another candidate for mainstream play is "I Need to Hear From You," which highlights the plaintive cries of a heartbroken backslider during a late-night conversation with the Almighty.

"I've been away for a little while/And I don't like where it takes me/Out of touch/I'm going out of my mind/It's times like these that really break me."

On the rock side, Petra out-guns Guns N' Roses on "Dance," a heavy metal number that's destined to be a classic. The song has more hooks than a tackle box as Lawry, Hartman and bassist Ronny Cates blast from one chord to the next.

Again, because of the universal appeal of the message, which is to remain faithful to those things which have proven themselves true over time, the song has strong secular rock radio possibilities.

That fact is not lost to the band or their record label, Word/Dayspring, which has teamed up with Epic to release the project to secular radio stations and record stores in January.

While several of the songs fail to mention God or Jesus by name, which may raise the ire of some evangelicals already cynical about Christian pop music, each cut features Scripture references in the liner notes that prove Petra's inspiration is still the Good Book and Christian convictions.

And the song "Secret Weapon" describes prayer as a power source like no other available to mankind.

In wrapping up the project Schlitt sings, "I want to be in the likeness of You/In all I say/In all I do." It is a message that will be listened to widely because of the excellence in execution.

Review

Keyboardist John Lawry, whose recent solo project, *Media Alert*, emphasizes he's more than just another boy in the band, unleashes some riffs on a par with Rick Wakeman or Vangelis.

The 10-song project kicks off with "Destiny," an anti-suicide rocker that heralds life while never relying on oversimplified clichés.

From there the band departs into some eclectic territories in which they've never previously staked a claim.

"Who's On the Lord's Side" was written by Rev. Timothy Wright and gives a rare peak into what it sounds like when you merge driving rock and roll with a black spiritual.

Not only is it unusual for Petra to do music not written by founder Hartman or producers John and Dino Elefante of Kansas fame, but it's also unusual for them to perform anything but in-your-face rock.

Perhaps the brightest moment on the tape is the surprising "Hand on My Heart," with Schlitt's sky-high voice going one step further into a falsetto for some slow-dance white soul.

The song has strong possibilities not only on contemporary Christian radio, but also secular adult contemporary and pop stations.

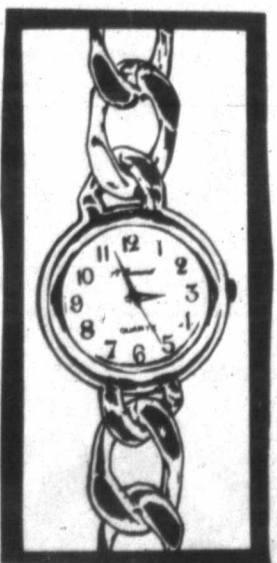
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Exercise can be expiation for sin of those who indulge in holiday gluttony

By IRA DREYFUSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sin creates its own punishment, and this is the busy season for the sin of gluttony — for which the punishment is fat.

Expiation for this sin is exercise. "What I really hate is to have a person go into the holidays and it's a disaster," said aerobics guru Dr. Kenneth Cooper of Dallas. "They gain and they stop exercising and they don't start back."

People can expect to gain some weight — a couple of pounds is reasonable, said Cooper, founder and president of The Aerobics Center in Dallas. However, many of us are

unreasonable. Experts estimate the average holiday weight gain at five to 10 pounds. "They have a devil of a time taking it off," he said.

Exercise alone can't control your weight if you insist on eating and drinking everything in sight. However, regular exercise "will help you prevent a real splurge, and may help you lose it afterward," Cooper said.

If you walk a mile in 15 minutes or jog it in eight, you can expect to burn about 100 calories per mile, Cooper said. So let's say you cover three miles: "That piece of pie has 250-300 calories — you've at least compensated for dessert," Cooper said.

A good time to get vigorous exercise is before you eat, he said. "Exercise

before a meal suppresses appetite. It makes you thirsty but not hungry."

A bad time for vigorous exercise is up to 90 minutes afterward, he said. A big meal makes your body shunt blood to the stomach, Cooper said, while powerful exercise shunts blood to the muscles. Doing both can reduce blood flow feeding the heart and brain, and can trigger angina in some people.

However, if you're capable of moderate exercise 45 minutes after you eat, you can do your body a lot of good, said David A. Levitsky, professor of nutrition and psychology at Cornell University.

A brisk walk of about 20 minutes can burn off maybe 10 percent of the

meal's extra calories, Levitsky said. You'll still have a gain, but the walk can help you to recover faster, he said.

You also can put your pounds into perspective. If you can increase your exercise and bring your eating habits back to normal after a holiday meal, you create enough of a caloric deficit to slowly shed the weight.

Besides, the damage may be less than you fear.

"Most of us don't really pig out as much as we think," said Charles T. Kuntzleman, an adjunct associate professor of physical education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "We allow one meal of bingeing to sort of skew us into a guilt trip." Most people will "eat 2,500 calo-

ries or whatever and feel grossed out," he said. There is reason for that — 2,500 calories is a whole day's total or more for most adults.

It can be less hard than you think to burn off the extra calories, if you work exercise into your ordinary patterns of living, Kuntzleman said.

Let's say you have Christmas cards to send — "Anyone within a half-mile, hand deliver them," he said. Maybe you can establish a

family tradition of a walk on a big holiday meal day, he said.

Scott Roberts' family has. When the instructor at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque gets together with his folks in California, about 20 of them go for a run of three to five miles.

There are limits, of course. "I don't even suggest running for people getting started," Roberts said. "But go for a walk."

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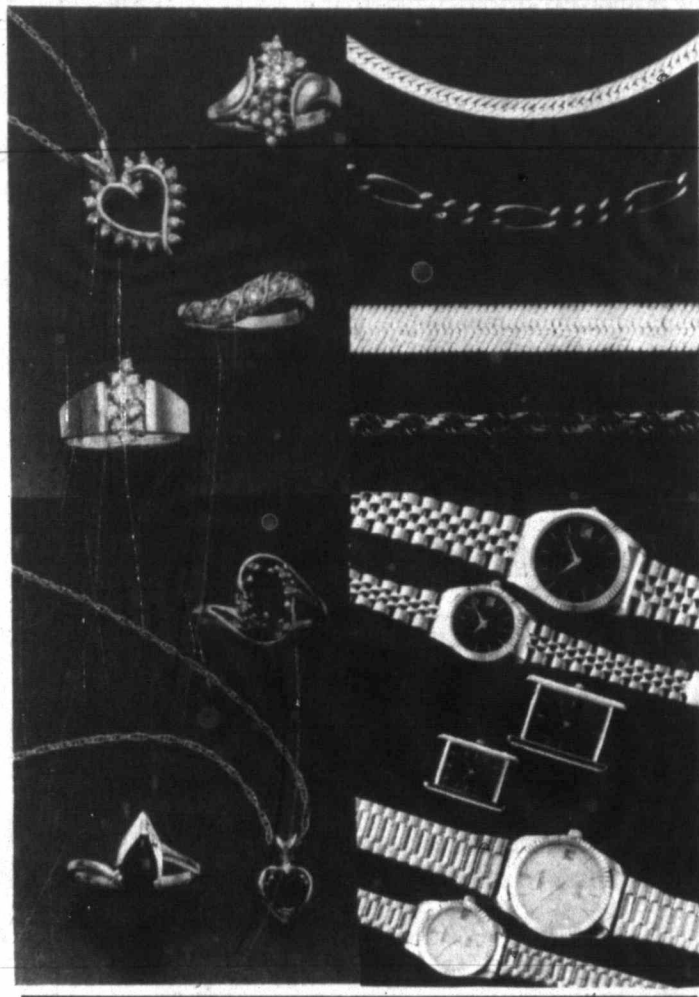
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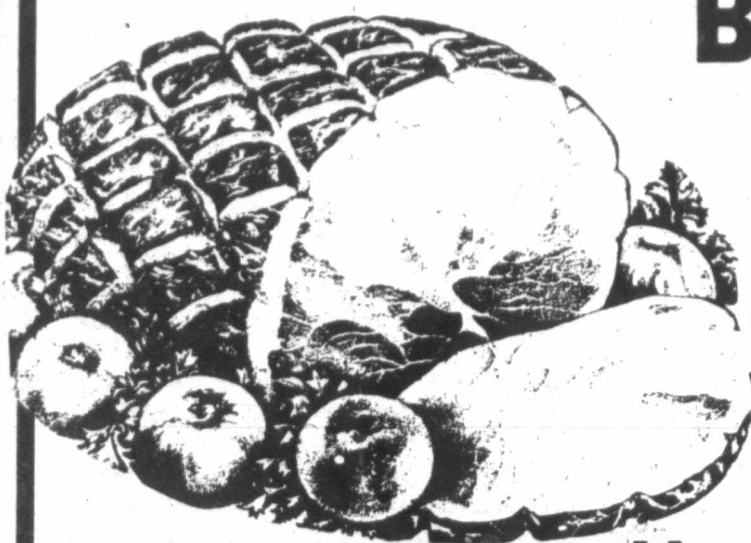
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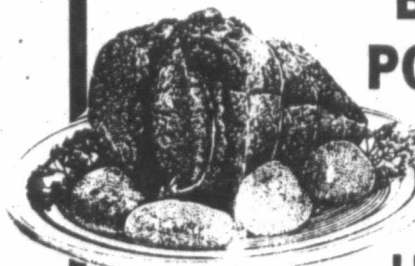


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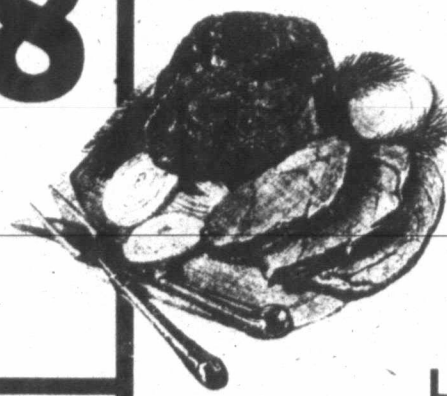
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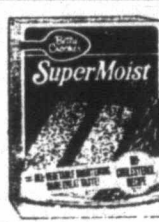


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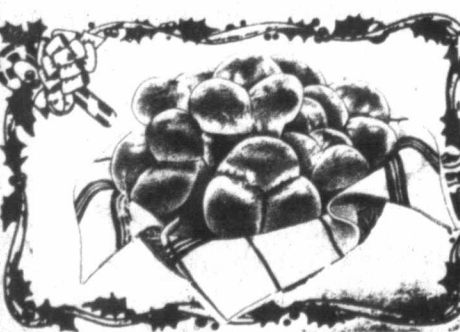
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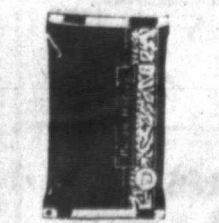
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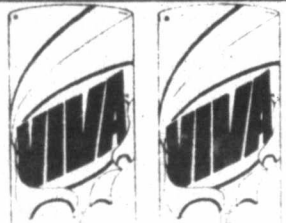
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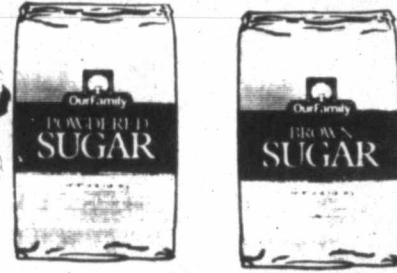
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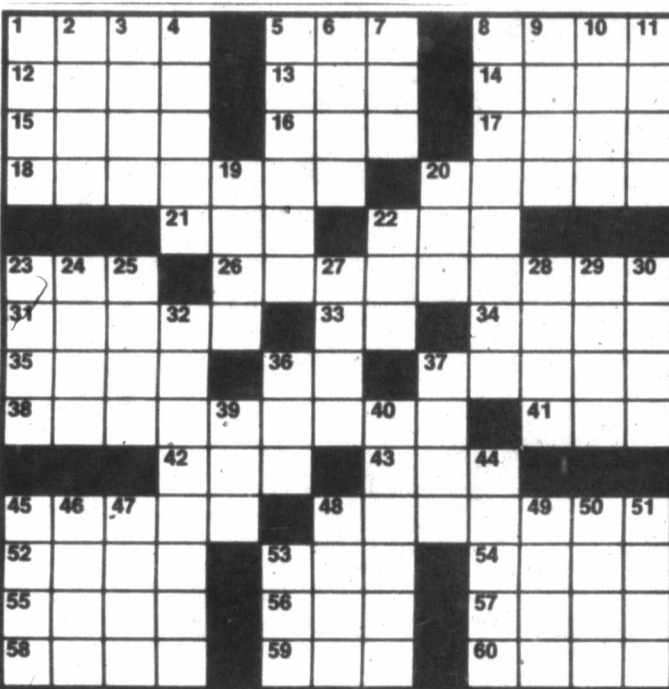
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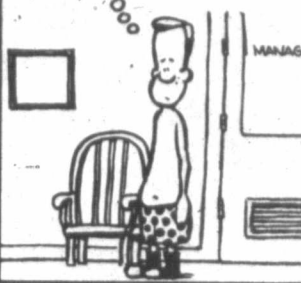


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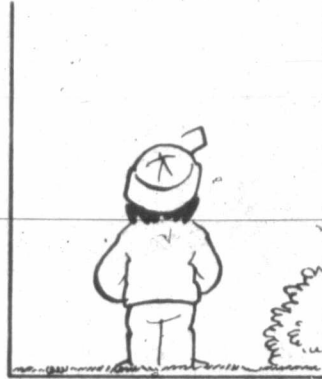
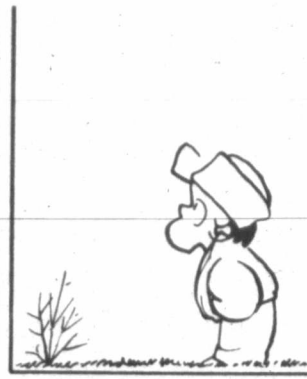


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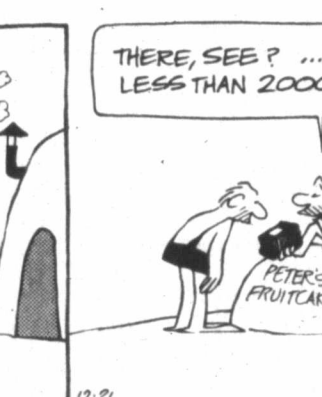
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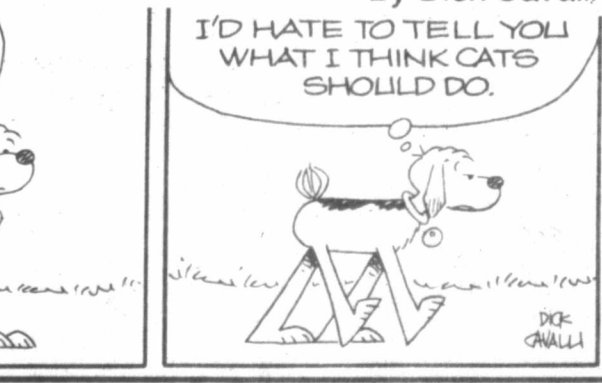
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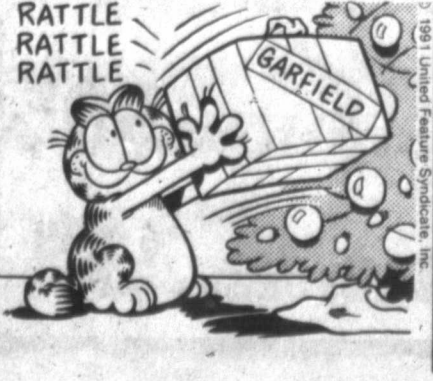
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YES! THAT IS DEFINITELY A WONDERFUL SOUND!!



Three Texas lawmakers take leading role in debate over tax cuts

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress, spooked by a protracted recession and an increasingly angry electorate, is scrambling for ways to improve the moribund economy — or at least give the appearance of decisively dealing with the problem.

The malaise — which grows as the election nears — has spawned a torrent of competing tax cut bills and economic growth packages.

Squarely in the middle of the debate are three Texas lawmakers who have introduced tax cut packages of their own. A fourth is the ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, which will play a large role in the outcome.

The danger, some say, is that an improperly crafted plan could throw the nation deeper into the throes of recession.

"A recession is like the flu," said Sen. Phil Gramm. "If you do nothing, eventually you're going to get over it. If you do the wrong things, it turns into pneumonia. If you do the right things, you can ease the pain and shorten the duration of the flu."

"I am absolutely confident that the economy in the long run is strong enough that it will overcome not only the disease but the absurd prescription that the doctor is likely to prescribe in the form of congressional legislation," Gramm, R-Texas, said in a recent interview.

TAX PLANS AT A GLANCE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are highlights of the tax-cut proposals individually sponsored by Sens. Lloyd Bentsen and Phil Gramm, and Rep. Tom DeLay that are being considered in Congress:

BENTSEN PLAN
The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee would pay for his plan with defense cuts. It includes:

— A \$300 tax credit for every dependent child age 18 and under. People who owe no taxes are not eligible.

— Restoration of deductible, \$2,000 individual retirement accounts for people not now eligible. Currently, only people who have no pension plans at work and earn less than \$25,000 individually or \$40,000 as a couple qualify for full IRA deductions. Penalty-free withdrawals could be made for first-time home purchases, college or medical expenses. Bentsen's plan allows IRA investors to choose whether they want to pay taxes up front on the contribution, or at the back end when they withdraw the money upon retirement.

GRAMM-GINGRICH PLAN
Crafted in conjunction with House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, the plan would be funded through use of the first 5 percent of the "peace dividend" from defense cuts, and claimed income from capital gains cuts.

The plan includes:
— A \$415 personal exemption, which Gramm says would translate into a \$450 tax cut for a family of four.

— A reduction in the capital gains tax rate on sales of assets held more than one year, with the top capital gains rate dropping to 19.6 percent.

— Restoration of deductible, \$2,000 IRA accounts, with penalty-free withdrawals for first-time home purchases, college or health costs. Investors would pay taxes up front on the original contribution and then withdraw money upon retirement without further taxation.

— An increase in the amount working elderly can earn without losing Social Security benefits from \$9,720 to about \$17,600 in 1996.

— Establishment of a first-time homebuyer tax credit for lower-income singles, working young couples and moderate-income families. The largest credit would amount to \$1,000 for families with incomes of \$31,000 or less and would phase out by \$41,000.

Gramm is also considering a proposal eliminating the capital gains tax rate for low- and moderate-income taxpayers in the 15-percent tax bracket.

DeLAY-WALLOP
Introduced last February by DeLay, who is chairman of the Republican Study Committee, and Wyoming Republican Sen. Malcolm Wallop, they contend the plan would pay for itself from increased revenues.

It would:
— Cut the Social Security payroll tax from 12.4 percent to 10.6 percent.

— Lower capital gains taxes from the current 28 percent maximum to 15 percent.

— Restore deductible, \$2,000 IRAs for people not now eligible, in a plan similar to Gramm's.

— Establish neutral cost revenue, which would alter asset depreciation schedules to reflect current inflation rates. For example, for a \$10,000 van depreciated over a 5-year period, if currently the last year depreciation is \$1,000, under neutral cost revenue, once inflation is factored in, the last year deduction may in fact come to \$1,400.

Rep. Bill Archer, ranking Republican on Ways and Means, says talk of tax cuts has taken on such momentum it is virtually certain some plan will be enacted in the next few months.

"There's an awful lot of political pressure right now that the Congress needs to act and do something just to show that it can act," said Archer, R-Houston. "I just hope that we don't make a mistake."

"I want to look carefully at all of these proposals and if in fact on balance they can be helpful — not just in the short term, but in the long term — then certainly I will look with favor on them. But I for one believe it would be extremely dangerous to scrap the budget disciplines and go on to higher deficits."

Gramm, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Rep. Tom DeLay all contend their economic blueprints can be enacted without breaking the budget agreement and driving up the deficit.

Bentsen, chairman of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, has been a leading advocate of middle-income tax cuts to help trigger a recovery.

Gramm, a one-time economics professor, has lined up with his own economic stimulus package, which is chock-full of tax cuts and credits that he predicts will stimulate growth.

And DeLay, a Sugar Land Republican who weighed in with a plan of his own months before the concept of tax cuts took on such urgency, is pushing his vision with renewed vigor.

The only common thread in all three plans is a proposal to expand the \$2,000 individual retirement account and allow penalty-free IRA withdrawals for the purchase of first homes, and college and medical costs.

President Bush's anti-recession package, due to be unveiled during his State of the Union speech on Jan. 28, also is expected to include an IRA provision.

The Texans part company on what type of taxes to cut, who the cuts will benefit and how to fund the plans.

Bentsen's plan has two key components — the IRA provision and a \$300 per child tax credit for taxpayers with dependents age 18 and under. He proposes to fund his plan with cuts in the defense budget, which puts him at odds with the administration.

Bentsen, who has accused Bush of moving too slowly to battle the recession, says his plan is squarely aimed at Middle America.

"Middle-income families with children took a double hit in the '80s — they saw their taxes go up and then saw their income go down," he said during a recent hearing on tax cuts. "The 1980s, in fact, were the most anti-family decade since the Great Depression."

"Unfortunately, the '90s threaten to be worse."

America has lost more than two million manufacturing jobs to Asia, health care costs have almost tripled, and housing starts are at the lowest level since World War II, Bentsen said in a recent interview.

Bentsen says his plan is a rough draft, a starting point in discussions about how to better the economy.

"I don't mean for that to be the entire package," he said. "I want us to see what else we can do to stimulate the economy."

Gramm's plan, coauthored with House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, includes a capital gains tax cut, increases the amount the working elderly can earn without losing Social Security benefits, and establishes a first-time homebuyer tax credit for low-income singles, young working couples and moderate-income families.

He also is considering a \$415 personal exemption, which he says would translate into a \$450 tax rebate

for a family of four. And, Gramm says he may introduce a proposal eliminating the capital gains tax rate for moderate-income taxpayers in the 15-percent tax bracket, which he terms "bootstrap capitalism."

The Gramm-Gingrich package would be funded by the first 5 percent of any defense cuts, coupled with the added money Gramm says would result from capital gains cuts.

The remaining 95 percent of monies accrued from defense cuts should be spent equally to reduce the deficit and raise the personal tax exemption, under Gramm's plan.

Both Gramm and DeLay reject Democrats' claims that their capital gains tax cut proposals would only benefit the wealthy. They say the cuts would stimulate the economy, thereby creating jobs that would go to the low- and middle-income.

"The only reason that we've not done it already ... is that the Democrats are determined to create a political issue by pitting people against each other based on their income," Gramm said. "We have never cut the capital gains tax rate in this century that the economy did not respond very quickly and very positively to it."

"What the capital gains tax rate reduction will do is to induce rich people to put their capital to work to create jobs for the rest of us," he said.

Bentsen does not reject consideration of a capital gains tax cut out of hand.

"I certainly will listen to any proposals," he said. "There are many varieties of capital gains."

DeLay's plan, introduced last January, would lower the current 28 percent maximum capital gains tax rate to

15 percent. The plan, which Wyoming Republican Sen. Malcolm Wallop helped craft, would pay for itself through the increased revenues it would generate, DeLay says. The package also would cut the Social Security payroll tax from 12.4 percent to 10.6 percent.

And DeLay touts a neutral cost revenue plan that would alter asset depreciation schedules to reflect current inflation rates. It would allow businesses to claim larger depreciations, especially for assets depreciated over the long term.

"There's no plan that has been introduced to date that creates as many jobs as ours," DeLay said, estimating the DeLay-Wallop plan would create 3 million new jobs.

Congress needs to reverse its current trend, he says.

"We're over-regulating this country, we're spending it to bankruptcy and we're taxing it to death."

But Archer urges caution. "We just have got to do a very delicate balancing act right now," he said.

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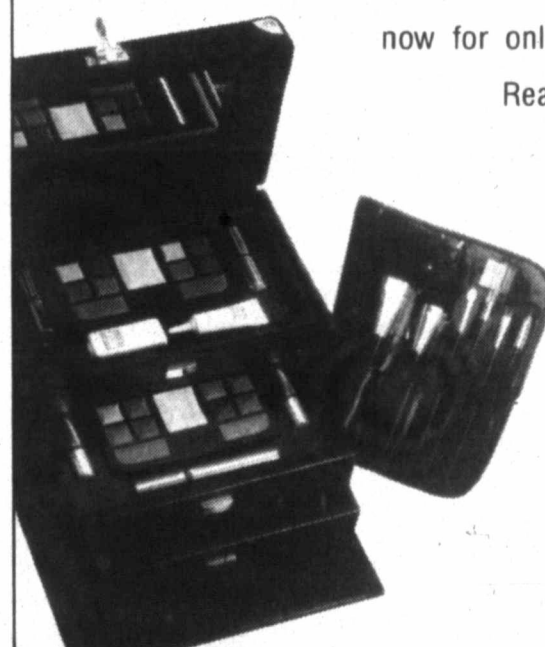
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Agriculture

CRP programs allow for fire danger projects In agriculture

Joe VanZandt

COLLEGE STATION — Current range and weather conditions have ranchers and firefighters concerned about fire danger on heavily grassed West Texas ranges, some of which involve Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage that has special mowing restrictions.

Bobby Young, head of the Fire Control Department of the Texas Forest Service (TFS), said that he learned of West Texas firefighters' fears of a severe fall/winter fire season during a recent national fire services meeting at Midland.

Rainfall in Texas varies widely, from 50 plus inches a year on the Louisiana border, to only 8 inches annually in the Big Bend. This has been an unusually wet year all across our state, with most areas receiving at least half again their normal rainfall, Young said.

"What this means," he said, "is that grass and other vegetation has grown higher and thicker than normal. After the killing and drying effect of the first frost, this dead vegetation translates into potentially dangerous fuel for forest and range fires.

"This danger is most critical when it happens in rural areas that are adjacent to urban areas, like the recent catastrophe in Oakland (California)," Young said. "Wherever it happens, it hurts people, livestock and wildlife and destroys property."

West Texans will remember the 300,000 acre range fire in 1988 near Abilene that threatened the towns of Albany, Baird and Moran. Another large range fire occurred in March of this year at Sun-

nett, northeast of Amarillo. This fire destroyed 19 homes, a business, and 10 out-buildings, and involved 150 firefighters from 20 fire departments in a struggle against fire driven by 50-60 mph wind gusts.

"Another current worry of some West Texas ranchers and firefighters," Young said, "is that they may be breaking their contract if they mow fire lanes on land that is now in the CRP."

Landowners involved in this program understand that the purpose of CRP is to conserve certain tracts of highly erodible or marginally productive land by planting it to grass or trees. Landowners receive payments in return for keeping this land out of production.

The provision forbidding grazing or cutting of hay from the CRP tracts apparently has caused some confusion about mowing fire breaks.

Assistant State Conservationist Pat Henson of Temple was asked if it was permissible for ranchers to mow or disc fire breaks.

He replied: "Owners of land in CRP have authorized plans which they must follow to qualify for CRP payments. If a CRP plan calls for a fire guard (what Texas Forest Service terms a 'fire break'), ranchers are then allowed to shred up to a 200-foot wide buffer or disc a 12- to 20-foot strip around homes, barns and other improvements.

"If a plan does not call for fire guards," Henson continued, "and the landowner is worried about fire danger, then he should contact the Soil

Conservation Service (SCS) district office. The landowner can ask that the plan be modified to include provisions for a fire guard."

Darrel Davis, chief of the Conservation Division at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) headquarters in College Station, confirmed Henson's explanation.

"It is perfectly all right to shred or plow fire breaks or lanes as long as the producer has this reference in his plan, or has had his plan modified to include it," Davis said.

He also pointed out that landowners should "understand these fire breaks are not eligible for cost share."

Henson noted that while some fire breaks are permissible, there could be some highly erodible sites where fire breaks would not be allowed. He added that SCS professionals from all the districts throughout the Panhandle and South Plains counties will also assist ranchers in planning a prescribed fire for their property. This burning will help remove potential range fire fuel.

Ranchers considering a prescribed or controlled fire should plan well, get expert advice and remember to notify their local police or sheriff's office, fire department and neighbors, and comply with Texas Air Control Board laws.

Safety measures must be provided, not only for obvious reasons, but because landowners could be held liable for smoke or fire injury to neighbors or other sensitive areas if their fires escape, Young said.

YEAR-END INVENTORY CALLED VITAL TO SOUND MANAGEMENT

After Santa Claus comes but before the bowls kick off, it's inventory time. Producers need a Dec. 31 inventory of all assets and liabilities.

"You can create an accrual basis balance sheet and income statement using inventories taken at the beginning and end of the year plus a record of cash transactions," said Ken Stokes of Dallas, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

To measure financial performance accurately, the records must reflect inventory changes, accrual expenses and accounts payable.

Not only do well-prepared financial statements allow you to monitor net worth and net income for management purposes, they also are useful in obtaining loans.

Stokes suggested using a standard financial statement format with supplemental schedules as a guide to inventory taking. These forms are available from any agricultural lender.

Converting cash-basis records or an income tax return into meaningful management information may require some outside help from a CPA or other financial adviser, Stokes said. However, if you want to do it yourself, the Extension Service has publications that explain the process fully.

WATER FROM THE SUN

The topic of using solar power to replace windmills for pumping livestock water was discussed at a recent seminar in Amarillo.

There was some very interesting information presented. Generally solar power does offer possibilities when the pumping depths are less than 250 feet — they work even better when pumping depths are less than 150 feet.

New technology along this area is being developed all the time. The current economics are similar to conventional windmills — but could be in favor of the solar depending on your yearly windmill maintenance costs.

I have copies of the handout materials from the seminar and would be glad to share what I learned at the seminar if anyone is interested.

STENHOLM LOOKS FOR GATT AGREEMENT BY CHRISTMAS

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm wants a signed world trade agreement for Christmas. But a couple of controversial issues are stalling his gift wish.

Stenholm, D-Texas, told participants at the recent Plant Protection Conference in College Station that both the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement could benefit Texas farmers.

"My hope is to have a GATT agreement by Christmas. It's extremely important for Texas agriculture," Stenholm said. "But no agreement is better than a bad agreement."

The Texas congressman said the deadlock with GATT pertains to phytosanitary rules (compliance with unified methods to prevent insects or plant and animal diseases from spreading among countries), and export subsidies practices by some nations.

As for the North American accord, Stenholm said, an agreement would be difficult before the U.S. presidential elections in 1992 or the Canadian elections in 1993, although "Mexico wants it now."

"(Mexican President Carlos) Salinas has done a lot in a relatively short period of time, but they still have a long way to come on phytosanitary and labor issues before an agreement could be reached," Stenholm said.

GATT is the legal framework by which some 100 nations can participate in global trade. Agriculture, which had not been included in previous GATT agreements, has been blamed for much of the failure by the member countries to concur during this round which has been on the table since 1986.

The North American Free Trade Agreement would loosen restrictions between the United States, Canada and Mexico. Talks began last June.

ASCS receives conservation project funds

The Gray County Office of the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, located in Pampa, has received its 1992 allocation of funds for cost share assistance in performing conservation practices on farms and ranches, according to the Gray County ASCS executive director, Matt Street.

"Under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), any farmer or rancher wishing to perform a conservation practice on their farm or ranch may apply to receive cost share assistance from the USDA to help carry out this practice," Street said.

A few of the conservation practices administered through the ASCS office are grass establishment, terrace construction, livestock water wells, water impoundment reser-

voirs, irrigation systems and others. This is a one-year conservation program with a maintenance agreement.

Any farmer or rancher wishing to carry out a series of conservation practices over a three to five year period, may submit an application for a Long Term Agreement under the ACP Program.

Anyone interested in these programs should contact the Gray County ASCS office at (806) 665-6561 or the ASCS office, located in the Gray County Courthouse Annex, 1 1/2 miles east on Highway 60.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established by law, without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, handicap, national origin or marital status.

Farmer's diary gives look at changes in past 50 years

After spending most of March 28, 1914, plowing the fields and driving ten dozen eggs to market over a bumpy road, South Plains farmer William G. DeLoach sat down with an old ledger and began a diary of his daily activities.

On March 28, 1964, he made his final entry in that diary, now thought to be one of the longest continuous records of farm life in existence.

Selected passages from this important and sometimes poignant diary have just been published by Texas A&M University Press in a new book, *Plains Farmer: The Diary of William G. DeLoach, 1914-1964*, edited by Janet M. Neugebauer.

Researchers consider DeLoach's diary an important primary document, as important as Mary Chestnut's Civil War diary, edited by Yale

historian C. Vann Woodward. Like Chestnut's account of the Civil War, DeLoach's diary records the step-by-step process that radically altered the lives of a majority of Americans.

Time and circumstance transformed American from a rural to an urban society, and in his diary DeLoach unwittingly prophesies that change when he laments that his children care about nothing but going to town on Saturdays.

From Philadelphia to Sacramento and from Cleveland to Denver, daily newspapers picked up a wire story about DeLoach and his diary in 1984. "In its 3,900 pages," the newspaper story reported, "mules give way to tractors, covered wagons to cars, pencils to ball point pens and family farms to commercial agriculture."

DeLoach's descriptions of his struggle to farm the plains of Oklahoma and Texas during years of drought, disease, depression and the world wars are sometimes as cold as the clink of coins that fall short of paying the bill.

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U.S. bakery exports rising fast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exports of U.S. bakery products "are rising like a cake of yeast in warm water," says an Agriculture Department report.

Bakery exports in 1991 are expected to reach as high as \$230 million, up from less than \$50 million in 1987, "making bakery products one of the better U.S. export prospects," according to an article in the January issue of USDA's *AgExporter* magazine.

Reasons for the fast rise include income and population growth, tourist industry expansion and easing of trade barriers.

The U.S. share of world trade in bakery products was about 5 percent in 1990, after hovering at 2 or 3 percent for about 15 years.

"Trade in bakery products would not seem to be a promising avenue for growth because of stringent freshness and demanding transportation requirements over sometimes long distances," the article noted.

"But over the past decade, products have been developed that are less susceptible to such constraints. Exports of cookies, mixes and doughs are produced and packaged with increasingly longer shelf lives."

The European Community is the United States' major competitor in

the bakery products trade.

European bakery products tend to be less sweet with less filling than those favored by U.S. consumers, the article noted.

"Europeans have cultivated longstanding business relationships with customers in countries that were former colonies or where their political influence was strong, such as in the Middle East," it said.

Canada is a leading market for U.S. exports of bakery products, with sales likely to reach \$119 million in 1991.

"Overall, the prospects for growth in U.S. bakery products exports are promising, especially since U.S. sales are still in their infancy in the important (and largely untapped) Mexican and Pacific Rim markets," the article said.

Disaster aid approved for freeze, drought

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has announced that farmers in three Texas counties are eligible to apply for low-interest emergency loans to help recover from damages and losses to crops due to drought and freeze which plagued much of Texas during 1991.

Due to freeze between April 29-30 of this year, farmers in Culberson County are eligible for the loan assistance.

Due to the drought between Jan. 1 and June 6 of this year, farmers in Gray and Roberts counties are eligible for the loan assistance.

For those who cannot obtain credit through normal channels, the U.S. Farmers Home Administration will make loans available at below-

market interest rates to family farmers.

In addition to the above counties, 13 other Texas counties have been named as contiguous counties and therefore eligible for assistance.

The counties affected by freeze are Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Reeves.

The counties affected by drought are Armstrong, Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Wheeler.

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Corn Growers Assn. to meet in Dimmitt

DIMMITT — The 19th Annual Texas Corn Growers Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1992, in Dimmitt.

The meeting will be held at the Dimmitt Exposition Building, located three blocks southeast of the Castro County Courthouse. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided to those arriving early for the meeting, which will begin shortly after 9 a.m.

This meeting promises to be very informative and interesting to all who attend, a TCGA spokesman said, with guest speakers of U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalus, Texas Sen. Bill Sims and Texas Rep. Pete Laney.

Also scheduled to speak is John Ford on legislative affairs in Washington D.C., Carl King on the Texas Corn Growers Association year's activities, and Chairman Weldon Davis on Texas Corn Producers Board activities and accomplishments.

Lunch will be prepared and served by the Dimmitt chapter of WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics). As in past years, the lunch is free to everyone attending the meeting.

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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — Nick Nolte says the movies he stars in aren't career moves — except for the sequel to the box-office hit *48 HRS.*

"My interest was in the stories, the literature, not in being in New York or L.A.," he said in the January issue of *Us* magazine.

Nolte, whose recent films include *Cape Fear* and *Prince of Tides*, said he rejected advice to "do commercial films with big budgets so that afterwards I would be free to do what I want to do."

One exception was *Another 48 HRS.* with Eddie Murphy. "I'm a hypocrite. No question about it," he said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Reagan drew Christmas cards with youngsters during a hospital visit in which he learned — for the first time — about a popular video game.

"What's Nintendo?" Reagan asked when a teenage patient inquired whether he liked to play the electronic game. After hearing a description of the pastime, Reagan said, "No."

Reagan and his wife, Nancy, went from bed to bed on the visit last week giving children with cancer T-shirts reading, "Happy Holidays, With Love, President and Mrs. Reagan."

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Mayor Ed Koch, sporting a new pacemaker in his chest, was released from the hospital Friday.

Koch had the pacemaker implanted on Thursday, a day after he blacked out at a Manhattan health club.

Koch, 67, was released from Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, where the pacemaker was inserted in a two-hour operation, hospital spokeswoman Cathy

Thompson said.

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum said tests showed that Koch's heart was strong but that he needed the device to regulate his heartbeat.

Koch was mayor from 1978 to 1990. He suffered a minor stroke in 1987.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Soul singer James Brown will join the ranks of such musical greats as Bing Crosby, Irving Berlin and Ella Fitzgerald when he receives a special American Music Award next month.

Brown's selection for the Award of Merit was announced Thursday. The award will be presented Jan. 27 at the 19th annual American Music Awards.

The Godfather of Soul has sold more than 50 million records. His hits include "I Got You (I Feel Good)" and "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag."

Threats to public safety may be used to lessen some criminal justice rights

By VINCENT CARROLL

As Americans observe the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, our love of liberty is tested almost daily by alarming levels of violent crime and drug use. Police, prosecutors and politicians argue that extraordinary threats to public safety demand uncommon responses.

Increasingly, courts seem inclined to agree. Yet before endorsing a rush toward such understandable militancy, we ought to consider carefully what is at stake.

The Fourth and Sixth Amendments to the Constitution, which deal with criminal justice matters such as search and seizure, were not mere afterthoughts by the Founding Fathers — or, as some frustrated prosecutors would have it, an unwitting gift to today's criminal defense lobby. Rather the amendments were central to the underlying purpose of the Bill of Rights, which was to shield individual freedom and autonomy from arbitrary or encroaching governmental power.

The founders assumed, as some recent court decisions seem not to, that people have a right to come and go as they please — a right to be left alone, in short — so long as they don't violate the freedom of others. Hence the explicit ban in the Fourth Amendment against "unreasonable searches and seizures" and warrants without "probable cause." The state needn't be totally sure of its case before authorizing a search, seizure or arrest, of course, but mere whim will not suffice.

The Sixth Amendment extends this logic to limiting government's ability to curtail individual liberty. The amendment decrees that if the state wants to imprison someone (even for the excellent reason that it suspects he's a murderer), it must quickly prove its case. It can't hold him untried for years on end; nor can it deprive him of counsel, an impartial jury, witnesses for his defense or the right to confront his accusers.

Such provisions may be relatively uncontroversial during eras of modest, stable crime rates. But as the crime rate took off during the 1960s, at the very time the Supreme Court was reinterpreting some constitutional protections for the accused, public resentment of the rights of suspected felons mushroomed.

Add to that resentment, during the past decade, a growing concern over drug and alcohol consumption (despite the fact that per capita intake of alcohol and most drugs has actually fallen in most recent years), and you have a prescription for public tolerance — and court sanction — of constitutionally suspect law-enforcement strategies.

Take, for example, the now popular police practice of randomly stopping autos — stopping them, that is, with no probable cause whatsoever — to catch drunken drivers. A large majority of the Supreme Court endorsed this practice last year, notwithstanding the Fourth Amendment's promise that people have the right "to be secure in their persons, houses, paper, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures..."

Admittedly, the Fourth Amendment only bars "unreasonable" searches, not all of them, and hence leaves the court some wiggle room. But if a wholly random police inspection of average citizens' property is not unreasonable, what is? Why would it be less reasonable to search every home in a high-crime neighborhood for unregistered guns or contraband?

Many Americans are also now subject to random drug tests, whether or not there is a trace of suspicion directed at them personally. Such tests, surely, are the equivalent of a traditional physical frisk without reasonable suspicion or probable cause, yet the courts regularly refuse to stop them (although not without a few contradictory opinions).

In fact, thanks to court decisions of the past few years, it is now possible for police to obtain evidence from improperly authorized searches so long as officers conducted them in good faith; indeed, the Supreme Court has even held that when police chase a person and order him to "stop in the name of the law," that action (and the implicit force behind it) is not a "seizure" under the Fourth Amendment — meaning, presumably, that police can do this without probable cause or reasonable suspicion.

Guest column

Even the most unambiguous constitutional language has been subject to judicial revision. The Sixth Amendment says, for example, that "in all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to ... be confronted with the witnesses against him." Very straightforward, one would think. Not just in some criminal prosecutions, the amendment says. In all of them.

So what did the Supreme Court do last year? It ruled that confrontation between the accused and witnesses can be waived if a witness might be traumatized. Then the testimony can occur via closed-circuit TV and the witness never once appear in the presence of the accused.

There's little doubt why the court ignored the Constitution: Many states seek to spare abused youngsters from the pain of appearing before their alleged tormentors. But the highest court in the land is obliged to uphold the Constitution.

True, the decision isn't likely to have much effect on actual trials. The Founding Fathers couldn't anticipate videotape; if they had, perhaps they'd have carved out careful exemptions to witness-accuser confrontations. But the fact is they didn't, and yet the court saw fit to ignore explicit constitutional language.

By itself, clearly, constitutional language protects no one. It certainly didn't keep Robert Dickey from spending eight years in jail awaiting trial after his arrest in 1960 on suspicion of robbing a motel cashier. And it didn't provide Clarence Earl Gideon with counsel before his conviction for breaking into a pool hall in 1961.

In each case, it took Supreme Court justices imbued with the Founders' appreciation of the fearsome power of the unchecked state to issue landmark opinions ordering the government, in effect, to back off and play by the rules laid down in 1791.

Put yourself in Dickey's or Gideon's shoes, and suddenly the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights takes on new meaning.

Vincent Carroll is editor of the editorial pages of the Rocky Mountain News (Denver, Colo.). This article was written for the Bill of Rights Bicentennial Project of the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy.

Gene manipulation may fix cholesterol levels

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — By manipulating genes in the liver cells of laboratory rabbits, researchers report they are able to correct an inherited disorder that causes the build up of deadly levels of cholesterol.

Dr. James Wilson of University of Michigan Medical School said the study is a pathfinder experiment for human trials of the gene therapy expected to start next year.

A report on the rabbit experiment appears in the current issue of the journal *Science*.

In an interview, Wilson said the experiment, using a breed of rabbits that lack a gene that limits cholesterol, shows that genetic manipulation can cause serum cholesterol levels to drop 30 percent to 50 percent, a result not possible with other therapy.

The Food and Drug Administration currently is considering an application for human trials of the gene therapy technique and is expected to give approval by the end of February. The application already has been approved by the National Institutes of Health.

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In the animal experiment, Wilson said his team used the Watanabe rabbit, a breed that inherits a defective gene that causes extremely high blood cholesterol levels.

A similar inherited flaw, called familial hypercholesterolemia or FH, occurs in humans. Patients with FH can have serum cholesterol readings higher than 700 milligrams per deciliter. Healthy cholesterol levels are below 200.

Most FH patients develop serious heart disease by the age of 13. The most serious form of FH strikes about one in every 500,000 to 1 million people in the United States and often results in fatal heart disease at a young age.

Wilson said the genetic defect, in both rabbits and humans, is centered on the low density lipoprotein receptor, or LDL, which is produced by liver cells.

The flawed gene cannot express the LDL receptor and this prevents the body from ridding itself of excess cholesterol.

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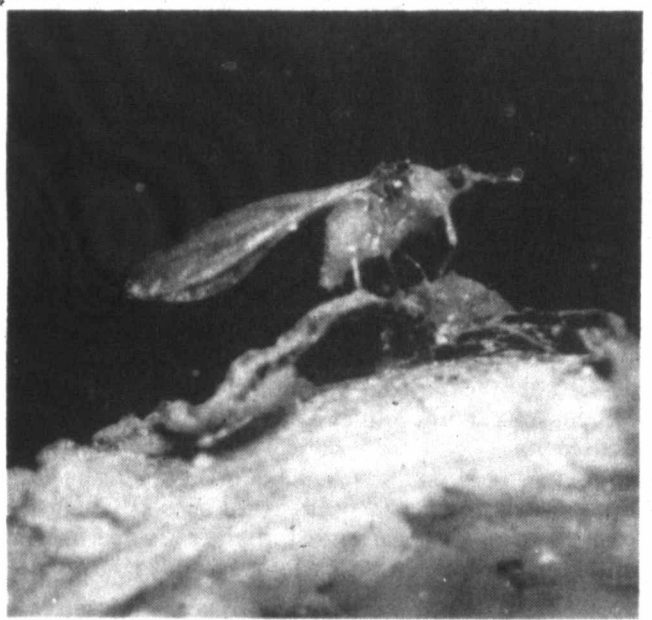
Deadly insects return to California, attack grapevines in wine regions

By DONALD J. FREDERICK
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For AP Special Features

NAPA, Calif. — Brown, withered leaves hang forlornly from grapevines in stretches of the Napa Valley that show severe signs of insect infestation. Some vines are almost completely stripped of vegetation.

A new strain of phylloxera, a deadly aphidlike pest that devastated the world's vineyards more than 100 years ago, has come back to haunt the hilly region north of San Francisco, home of the grapes that make some of America's premium wines.

"It looks as if a fire swept through here," says Napa County farm adviser Ed Weber, showing a visitor a particularly hard-hit section of vines. In a neighboring vineyard, he displays a root from a seemingly healthy vine. Viewed under a magnifying glass, the yellowish phylloxera infesting the root look like tiny footballs.



(National Geographic photo)

Winged adult phylloxera and eggs infest a grapevine root as a new strain of the pest is attacking California wine regions, killing the vines and seeming immune to pesticides.

Like its deadly predecessor, the new strain of phylloxera saps vines by attacking their roots and seems impervious to insecticides. Fortunately, it doesn't pose any health risk to wine drinkers.

"Last year 500 acres of grapevines were pulled out after the harvest," says Weber. "This year there will certainly be hundreds more. Beyond that we probably have 2,000 to 3,000 infested acres with vines in varying degrees of decline."

Ultimately 75 percent of the 30,000 to 35,000 acres of vineyards in the Napa Valley will have to be replaced with plants that resist the new form of phylloxera, Weber estimates. A similar number of acres are at risk in the nearby Sonoma Valley.

"In the next 10 years, the financial impact from replanting costs and lost production could amount to \$500 million in Napa and Sonoma," Mike Fisher, a

California wine industry consultant, tells *National Geographic*.

Growers thought they had vanquished the expensive pest by planting phylloxera-resistant rootstocks from the eastern United States and grafting onto them various European vines known as "vitis vinifera," which produce desirable wines such as white chardonnay and red pinot noir.

For some still-undetermined reason, America's indigenous grapevines seem immune to phylloxera, which is also native to this continent. The initial strain of phylloxera spread through the world's vineyards after hitching a ride on some U.S. vines that were taken to Europe in the 1860s.

Ironically, the bug might have returned from Europe to California about a century ago, cutting a swath through the state's vineyards, which had been planted with European vines introduced by Spanish missionaries.

The French eventually came up with the idea of grafting resistant rootstocks to defeat phylloxera. The same process is still followed in the Napa and Sonoma valleys nowadays.

All was going well until a new strain of the insect, identified as phylloxera B, developed a taste for AXR1, the most important disease-resistant rootstock planted throughout Napa and Sonoma.

Only a small section of the Napa Valley seemed to be affected until 1988, when scientists and growers began noticing a rapid spread of phylloxera in other areas of the valley.

"Growers reacted as if a social disease had hit them," recalls Andrew Walker, a geneticist and viticulturist at the University of California-Davis. "First there was the denial that 'my fields couldn't have this disease.' Then there was anger, and now we have the response of massive replanting programs."

Walker is confident that there are enough new phylloxera-resistant rootstocks available for the replanting effort. "We have the responses at this point," he says, "but we need to know how and why some rootstocks are resistant to phylloxera and others aren't."

The cost of replanting — estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000 per acre — could wipe out some small, marginal vineyard and grapegrowers who must suffer three to five years of lost productivity while their new vines reach maturity.

"It's a tight economy, wine consumption is down and a lot of little guys are in trouble," says Paul Garvey, who operates a small vineyard management company. "For instance, one of my clients, a retiree who has put all his money into 12 acres of vines, recently came to me and said, 'I just don't have the money to replant.' He's trying to lease his property now."

In contrast, many large growers envision positives from the pests. "As we replace our diseased plants, we'll include the latest advances in viticulture such as new trellising techniques, which should improve production and enhance the quality of our wines," says Phil Freese, vice president for wine growing at the Robert Mondavi vineyards in the Napa Valley.

"Instead of trailing downward, the vines will be wired to grow vertically upward, enhancing the sunlight and air circulation on them."

Wanted killer Michael St. Clair captured; authorities still searching for his partner

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — A convicted killer convinced to surrender after three months on the run remained in federal custody this weekend while the search continued for the man who escaped with him.

Authorities want to question Michael St. Clair and Dennis Reese about four slayings that occurred in three states in late September and early October.

St. Clair, who escaped with Reese from the Bryan County Jail in Durant on Sept. 19, was cornered in his brother's residence in Hugo on Thursday by dozens of FBI agents and state lawmen.

St. Clair, described by investigators as the most dangerous of the pair, was armed with a loaded AR-15 semi-automatic rifle when authorities surrounded his brother's house.

Reese remains at large. St. Clair, 34, was hiding on the second floor of his brother's house when dozens of FBI agents, Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agents served a search warrant at the residence shortly after midnight, the FBI said.

FBI special agent Bob Ricks said officers negotiated with St. Clair for at least 30 minutes before he surrendered. He said it took some diversionary tactics he wouldn't discuss to get St. Clair into custody and his weapon away from him.

Ricks said St. Clair tried to get agents to come up and negotiate with him individually. "We believe he was willing to commit suicide and was going to" try to kill an FBI agent first, Ricks said.

He said St. Clair initially broke out a back window of the house and went onto the roof to try to escape. But highway patrol troopers guarding the back of the house forced St. Clair back inside, Ricks said.

St. Clair, who had grown a beard and dyed his hair and beard red, was taken to the Muskogee City-County-Federal Jail, where Magistrate James Payne ordered him held for a detention hearing Monday.

St. Clair is in the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service and is being held in the Muskogee jail.

"It's over for this part of it. I believe he's the most dangerous of the two and we're extremely relieved that he's in custody," said Kentucky State Police detective John Carr.

"We had no idea where he was at. We've had several sightings all over the country. We're just glad he's in custody and people can breathe a little easier now."

St. Clair was arrested on a federal warrant accusing him of unlawful flight to avoid confinement.

His brother, Hansel St. Clair, appeared in Choctaw County District Court on a charge of harboring a fugitive. Bond was set at \$25,000. Hansel St. Clair told reporters as he left the courtroom that he did not know his brother was in the house.

St. Clair has telephoned reporters at the *Durant Daily Democrat* in Oklahoma since the jailbreak, boasting about his prowess handling firearms and promising not to be taken alive.

He claims to be related to Wild West outlaw Jesse James and once played for the newspaper a recording of the theme song from *The Dukes of Hazzard*, a 1980s TV series about rural Southerners who dodged corrupt, dim-witted lawmen in a souped-up Dodge.

The newspaper reported in a copyright story that a source told it St. Clair apparently had returned to the area to make good on threats that he would kill witnesses who testified against him in his trial. Ricks said he knew of no prepara-

tion by St. Clair to carry out such threats.

St. Clair and Reese are charged in Kentucky with the death of Francis Chandler Brady, 55, of Bardstown, Ky. His body was found near Elizabethtown. He had been handcuffed and shot in the head on Oct. 8.

Authorities want to question them about the death of a Denver paramedic and the deaths of two video store clerks in Tennessee.

St. Clair was awaiting transfer to the state prison when he escaped. He had been convicted of the death of his uncle and a human he hired to kill his uncle. Reese was awaiting trial in a strangulation and beating death.

No one is sure how long St. Clair has been back in southeastern Oklahoma. But Bryan County District Attorney Theresa McGehee said she believed he could have been there for perhaps six weeks. She said it made sense that St. Clair was holed up somewhere and being supplied with necessities.

Hugo is 50 miles east of Durant and 160 miles southeast of Oklahoma City.

Carr said Kentucky officials were working to try to extradite St. Clair.

Authorities want to question St. Clair and Reese about the deaths of paramedic Timothy Keeling, 22, of Denver and of video rental store clerks Kathy Stoots and Tammy Tidwell in Tennessee.

Keeling's body was found in New Mexico Sept. 27. His burned pickup truck was found in Kentucky.

Ms. Stoots was killed Oct. 12 in Milan, Tenn., during a robbery of the video store where she worked. Ms. Tidwell was shot during a similar robbery at a video store in Atwood, Tenn., eight miles from Milan. She died two days later.

rior for four years now, really in the trenches with some success and I need to step back for a little while."

Roemer said, however, he would work some each week at the White House in President Bush's re-election campaign.

"I have no plans now to be a fulltime aide, assistant or Cabinet secretary," he said.

Roemer said he made his decision after talking to two former governors, Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and William Winter of Mississippi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Pampa Independent School District, Pampa, Texas will receive sealed bids in the School Business Office, Pampa, Texas until 2:00 p.m., January 13, 1992, for Computer Equipment. Bids shall be addressed to Business Office, Pampa ISD, 321 West Albert, Pampa, Texas - 79065, and marked "Computer Equipment". Proposals and specifications may be secured from Anita Patterson in the Business Office at 321 West Albert, Pampa, Texas - 79065. The Pampa Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities. D-23 December 20, 22, 1991

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Political chaos, technical problems reducing Soviet oil production

By DEBORAH SEWARD
Associated Press Writer

NIZHNEVARTOVSK, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Political chaos, equipment shortages and lack of technology threaten to turn the richest Soviet oil fields back into the swamps they were when drilling began three decades ago.

Production is plunging in Tyumen, the Siberian province that produces more than 60 percent of the nation's oil, creating a crisis that has caused some cities to cut back on electricity.

Trucks loaded with food and raw materials have to wait so long in gas lines that their deliveries often are late. Angry passengers have blocked runways at airports to protest flight delays due to fuel shortages.

Lack of fuel is likely to make the precipitous industrial decline and ossified food distribution system even worse in the cold winter months.

"In the current conditions, we cannot stop the drop in production," said Vladimir Repin, chief geologist in Nizhnevartovsk. "Only giving oilmen full freedom can stabilize and reduce tension in our region."

Total Soviet production fell from 4.1 billion barrels in 1989 to 3.9 billion in 1990 and is projected at no more than 3.7 billion this year, according to the Ministry of Oil and Gas Construction. One barrel equals 42 gallons.

Not a single new field has been developed this year in all of Tyumen province, said Viktor Chikishev, chief construction engineer for oil and gas facilities.

Turmoil in Tyumen increased in November when Boris N. Yeltsin, president of the Russian republic, declared that the fields belonged to the republic, not the central Soviet government of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Nizhnevartovsk, a city of about 270,000, was built to exploit the Samotlor oil field, the richest in Tyumen province and one of the world's largest.

Hundreds of thousands of workers came to Tyumen in the 1960s to develop the oil fields, lured to the hostile land by high pay and housing. They laid logs across swamps so heavy trucks could pass, sank wells in summer in a plague of mosquitoes, pumped oil in the frigid winters and drained other swamps to build cities like Nizhnevartovsk.

"These people are pioneers," said Dr. Frank Keith, a University of South Carolina geologist working in Tyumen as a consultant. "They accomplished a lot under harsh conditions. There is a great similarity with the colonists of the American West."

Geologists estimate 60 percent to 70 percent of the oil has been extracted from Tyumen's developed fields. What remains is at lower levels, beyond the reach of Soviet technology. The desire to retrieve the rest is great because oil exports are the main earner of desperately needed foreign exchange.

"Production is falling because we've pumped the richest areas," said Vladimir Kushnikov, a development official. "We need new technology to maintain production levels."

Political disarray is a major factor in the reduced output.

Ethnic unrest in Armenia and Azerbaijan has closed off the main source of pipe and drilling equipment, and Armenia cannot ship the pump motors it makes because of a rail blockade imposed by Azerbaijan.

Kushnikov said there is not enough foreign currency to repair wells or buy new compressors from abroad.

Officials of Tyumen province hope the West can help, principally through joint ventures, but foreign companies may be worried by a Yeltsin decree in November suspending issuance of new oil licenses until the new year.

"There are negotiations with a number of Western companies," said Nikolai Pavlov, vice president of the Tyumen Oil and Gas Production Association. "They have the

technology we need. With them we can produce more effectively."

The failed coup against Gorbachev in August did not deter Western companies from coming to Tyumen province.

Specialists from Mobil Oil Corp. are in Nizhnevartovsk exploring

how to recover more oil from Samotlor field and two other fields in the province. At the Tyumen airport, the tiny Intourist waiting room for foreigners has been crowded with Western lawyers, engineers and executives.

Repin, the chief geologist, said

gloomily that Western help might be too late because the government's economic reforms move so slowly.

Soviet oil has risen in price from 23 rubles a metric ton — about the price of two pounds of tomatoes in the Nizhnevartovsk free market — to 60 rubles, still far below the world

price of about \$157 a ton. A metric ton is equal to seven barrels.

Production elsewhere in the Soviet Union is unlikely to make up for the shortage of supplies from Tyumen. Fields in east Siberia and the Urals have been in decline for more than a decade.



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