



Pleasant Thanksgiving expected

The rain and cold earlier this week will yield to warmer weather for the next couple of days, adding a reason for the thankfulness to be expressed by residents enjoying Thanksgiving Day at home or on the road.

Partly cloudy skies and sunshine are forecast through Thursday, though a low pressure system heading into the area tomorrow may return overcast skies and a chance of light rain by the night.

High is expected to reach into the upper 50s today and Thursday, with lows in the mid-30s.

Most employees will have Thursday off, joining the local school children who were dismissed from school at 2 p.m. today and the college students heading home for the holiday.

Students from the public schools, St. Vincent's, St. Matthew's and Pampa Christian Academy will have Thursday and Friday off, returning to classes Monday. College students at the Pampa Center of Clarendon College also will have no classes tomorrow or Friday.

Most city and county employees also will have an extended weekend, with most offices at City Hall and the County Court House being closed tomorrow and Friday.

Services from local policemen, firemen, sheriff's office and Department of Public Safety personnel will still be available, though with some reduced staff.

The U.S. Post Office will not have home delivery of mail tomorrow, but regular mail service will resume Friday. Box patrons will be able to check their mail at the post office tomorrow, but no window services will be available.

Most businesses will be closed tomorrow, with some - including most grocery stores - being open only for limited service and shorter times. Banks and other financial institutions will close for Thanksgiving, but they will have regular hours Friday.

DPS officials have asked travelers to be careful if driving to other places for the holiday. Though bad weather is not in the forecast for the surrounding areas, drivers are asked to use caution, allowing plenty of time to reach destinations, pulling over for a rest or changing drivers if one gets sleepy, and watching out for other motorists.

Stores are expecting big crowds Friday as most begin their Christmas holiday sales.



GIVING THANKS — Effie Crow was one of more than 120 of Pampa's elderly bowing their heads in thanks over the annual Golden Agers' Thanksgiving meal Tuesday afternoon at the Salvation Army. They enjoyed the traditional meal of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings,

followed by a slice of pumpkin bread topped with whipped cream. Tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, the rest of the city's residents will sit down at laden tables to eat, enjoy each other and be thankful for their many blessings. (Staff photo by Ed Copeland)

Inflation rate still moderate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices, driven by more expensive gasoline and food, rose a moderate 0.4 percent in October, the government said today. The 1.8 percent gasoline price hike was the steepest since May 1983.

With just two months left in 1984, however, inflation this year is running at 4.2 percent, slightly better than analysts' predictions of a 5 percent rise for the year.

As for last month, analysts laid fully half the blame for higher prices on the increases for gasoline and food. Food prices, which had fallen in September, rose 0.4 percent.

But those analysts said the news for consumers was not as bad as it might appear from the new figures. Virtually all the higher gasoline prices were recorded in the West, primarily in California, with the department's seasonal adjustment process accounting for much of the rest of the gain.

Gasoline prices had risen 1.1 percent in the previous month after declining throughout the summer.

Analysts still maintain that the surge in gasoline prices will be short-lived, as oil-rich nations struggle to cope with shrinking worldwide demand. For instance, those experts point out, the most recent wholesale price cuts forced on petroleum exporters have yet to work their way to the pump.

Nor should food prices continue to climb, said the analysts, who likewise said the seasonal adjustment mechanism produced higher prices than those consumers actually paid.

Because of that, said department analyst Patrick Jackman, "I don't think the food increase is the start of a trend. The real key is that prices in the marketplace did not go up as much as we are

reflecting" in today's report.

Indeed, while the department reported seasonally adjusted gains for all the major food components of the index, shelf prices were actually down across the board.

Seasonal adjustments are made every month to remove predictable, periodic factors from the price calculations. Last month, gasoline prices at the pump nationwide were up an average of just 0.7 percent. But, with seasonal adjustment, the increase became 1.8 percent because those prices normally fall 1.1 percent in October as demand tapers off from the peak summer driving season.

Thanksgiving issue published today

The Pampa News is delivering its annual Thanksgiving edition to homes throughout the Pampa area today, including free sample copies to many residences which do not receive the newspaper regularly.

The News will not be published Thursday and all departments will be closed to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal business hours and publication schedules will be resumed Friday.

In today's issue, we invite your attention to the many gift ideas and specials advertised by Pampa businesses as they announce the beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

A summary of upcoming holiday activities in Pampa is included in a special Christmas gift guide included in today's paper.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Mexican blast victims buried in mass grave

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Firemen working by the light of flashlights buried 275 unidentified victims of fiery gas explosions in a huge mass grave on a hillside northeast of the neighborhood where they died.

The victims buried late Tuesday night were among at least 324 people killed when explosions at a liquid petroleum gas storage and distribution center showered flames, debris and sections of tanks onto homes in the area at daybreak Monday. Red Cross officials said at least 500 other people were seriously injured.

The office of President Miguel de la Madrid, which issued the latest fatality figures late Tuesday, said the toll "is not expected to rise significantly because the injured are being attended efficiently by the health system."

Fire fighters on Tuesday night stacked the 275 unidentified victims' coffins, some metal and some wooden, in layers into a dusty grave dug by a bulldozer.

Guided by the headlights of a jeep and 10 flashlights held by policemen, the fire fighters quickly filled the grave.

Most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition. They had been removed from the neighborhood

and held in a makeshift morgue while survivors filed by them Tuesday in an attempt to identify missing relatives.

However, Col Eustongio Perez Becerril, deputy police director for the state of Mexico, said authorities decided to bury the unidentified victims after the stench in the morgue intensified.

The explosion and fire destroyed or seriously damaged homes in about 20 square blocks of the neighborhood of Tlalpanantla, a suburb on the northern edge of Mexico City. Hector Garcia Vasquez, a federal police spokesman, said more than 100,000 people were evacuated from the area.

Thousands of people began returning to their homes Tuesday near the area devastated by the gas tank explosions.

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Thanksgiving birds real turkeys

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The turkey you eat this Thanksgiving may be delicious, but Texas A&M University scientists say that when it was alive it was one of the dumbest creatures on Earth.

That's not all. Left to its own devices, the animal would almost certainly become extinct. Tame turkeys cannot breed without help.

Farm turkeys, unlike their wild relatives, are among the idiots of the animal kingdom. Young birds, or poults, are literally too dumb to come in out of the rain.

"Some poults have been so amazed during heavy rains that they stood still and gazed at the sky until they drowned," said William O. Cawley, a Texas A&M poultry expert.

And stupidity is only one failing. David B. Mellor of Texas A&M said that generations of breeding have given male turkeys such heavy breasts they "now are

simply too heavy to breed by themselves."

The breast meat is so thick it prevents the male from achieving a natural union with a female. So breeders must remove sperm from the male and artificially fertilize developing eggs inside the female bird.

As one might expect, a bird that neglects to breathe air when given an opportunity to inhale water is capable of extraordinary acts of foolishness.

For instance, Cawley said, poults "are so inquisitive that if you leave an empty bucket in their pen they'll all climb in until the bucket fills up. The ones at the bottom could smother."

Their gregarious nature does not stop there. A turkey placed by itself in a pen next to an area holding the rest of the flock will "run up and down the fence until it is exhausted."

"And if you upset a flock of turkeys, they may all pile up on one another, which has led

to fatalities," Cawley added.

Chances are your Thanksgiving bird will be a hen that ate 50 pounds of feed during its 17-week life span.

Male turkeys mature in about 20 weeks, eventually weighing as much as 60 pounds, which makes them more than a meal for practically any family. The female matures in 17 weeks and typically is 12 to 20 pounds in weight.

Mellor said most tom turkeys end up as processed meat. Male turkeys are now often turned into frankfurters and baloney. Or the meat may be stripped from the skeleton, compressed and sold as turkey roasts.

The breast, the most prized part of the bird, often is sold separately at a premium price.

Turkeys are native to America. Wild flocks still roam the south and southwest and are wily and swift enough to challenge hunters

Other changes may be required

Board gives okay to new school policies

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Trustees of the Pampa Independent School District approved on second reading policy changes derived from regulations and guidelines passed under House Bill 72 and Chapter 75 curriculum rules during their regular board meeting Tuesday evening.

But Supt. James Trusty told the school board members that some of the new policies may still be facing other changes in the next couple of years.

The board has approved local changes implementing regulations and interpretations of state laws for education passed this summer by the state Legislature, including matters of student absences and participation in extracurricular activities.

Supt. Trusty said a State Board of Education committee has planned public hearings on Saturday, Dec. 1, to gather input on programs limiting social promotions, student absences and student participation in extracurricular activities.

The three issues will be considered at a meeting of the committee Dec. 7 and 8, with possible changes occurring in the current state policies.

A local policy which might have to be changed concerns the penalty for unexcused absences and makeup work, Trusty said. Under the policy given final approval last night, students with unexcused absences may make up missed classwork under a 75 percent rule. That is, if a student makes a 100 on the work, he will receive only a

credit of 75 points.

But a state board subcommittee already is considering a "redemption" policy relating to unexcused absences, Trusty said, and may decide upon specific statewide rules.

For school related activities (generally extracurricular), the board has adopted a local option of permitting a student to miss up to seven days a semester or 10 days in a school year. But the subcommittee is considering a limit of six days a semester, Trusty said.

If the state board mandates statewide policies in such areas, the local policies will have to be changed to accord with the state rules, he explained.

"We'll be living with that kind of situation for two or three years" as

policies are implemented, modified and re-interpreted, Trusty said.

In other business, the board approved the appointment of the 1984-1985 local textbook committee, a yearly requirement.

Trusty said the committee will be reviewing textbooks for elementary school science, elementary and middle school mathematics, high school biology and computer programming and data processing this year.

Under state rules, the superintendent serves as chairman of the committee. Studying the biology textbooks are Ann McAnelly, Pampa High School science coordinator; Patrick Homer, computer coordinator at PHS, will be reviewing textbooks

for the computer instruction.

Named to review elementary science texts for grades 1-6 are Willie Mae Mangold, Pampa Middle School science coordinator, and elementary instructors Joy Hawkins, Holly Roberts, Brenda Kendall, Rudelle Rand, Kay Harvey and Pam Bagley.

Reviewing the math textbooks for grades 1-8 are Betty Tom Graham, PISD mathematics coordinator; Jo Prock, PMS, and elementary teachers Debbie Robertson, Angie Hoover and Cynthia West.

John English, assistant superintendent of instruction, school principals Paul Payne, Jack Alexander, Bill Jones, John Welborn, Dan Johnson, Tom Lindsey, Jack Bailey and Ray Thornton; and Ramona Hite, PHS

business coordinator, will serve as advisors to the committee.

In other business, PHS senior John Tarpley was presented a plaque of commendation by board president Mary Braswell as student of the month.

Currently ranking third in his class academically, Tarpley serves as class president. He also is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in athletics.

Tarpley was commended for his exemplary leadership, cooperation and contributions to the school.

In other action, the board heard a budget status report and approved due bills and invoices. The trustees also met in an executive session to discuss purchase of property and related matters, but no action was taken.

DAILY RECORD

services tomorrow

KILCREASE, Hazel — 10:30 a.m., Friday, Hobart St. Baptist Church.

obituaries

HAZEL KILCREASE

Services for Hazel Kilcrease, 75, will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hobart Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Haskell O. Wilson, pastor of Fairlane Baptist Church of Borger, and the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery.

Mrs. Kilcrease died Monday. Survivors include two daughters, a son, two brothers, 15 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 22 calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

J.D. Ellis, 312 N. Dwight, reported finding a bicycle at his residence.

Alco, Coronado Center, reported shoplifting.

Police today reported a suicide attempt in the city jail that occurred on Saturday. Robert Bruce Mayfield, 36, of Perryton, tried to hang himself in the jail about 3:40 p.m. Saturday, according to the police report. Mayfield reportedly tied his shirt around his neck and secured it to a metal grate in his cell. The Perryton man reportedly remarked, "I'm tired of this ... I'm going to kill myself."

Mayfield was arrested on a charge of public intoxication at 10:48 a.m. Saturday at the Long John Silver's restaurant, 1064 N. Hobart. He was released about two hours and 45 minutes after the reported suicide attempt, according to police records. The officer reporting the incident was Sgt. Richard Pack.

Arrests

TUESDAY, November 20
Frank Henry Peters, 30, 214 N. Gillespie, in connection with a traffic warrant. Peters paid a fine and was released.

Terrell Laurence Gross, 25, 425 Tignor, in connection with an unspecified military warrant.

William Kirkham Jr., 23, 524 Magnolia, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Kirkham paid a fine and was released.

Jefferson Teague, 22, 1601 W. Somerville, in connection with a traffic warrant. Teague posted a \$137.50 cash bond and was released.

Ruthie Cook Teague, 20, 1601 W. Somerville, in connection with two unspecified capias warrants. Teague posted a \$191 cash bond and was released.

Luna Marino, 32, 809 Malone, in connection with a charge of public intoxication, no driver's license and failure to show proof of liability insurance. Marino was released on a court summons.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions

Connie Ewoldt, Pampa
Leo Braswell, Pampa
Willie Crummie, Pampa

L. A. Methenia, Pampa
Lyda Gilchrist, Pampa
Chico Cruz, Pampa
Thomas Short, Celina, Texas

Zelda Milliron, Pampa
Fred Dunn, Pampa
Dismissals

Lisa Bowers and infant, Pampa
Dewey Cave, Groom
Christiani Chambers, Pampa

Paul Edwards, Pampa
Esther Gibson, Pampa
Carolyn Graves, Pampa

Joyce Hadley, Pampa
Dorothy Keelin, Pampa
Stella Kiser, Pampa

Jim Laughlin, Pampa
Carl Lawyer, Pampa
Pauline Lilley, Skellytown

Stephen Pennington, Pampa
D. T. Pfiel, Lefors
Guadalupe Polendo, Pampa

Priscilla Rowe, Pampa
Lulu Venegas, Pampa
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Not available.

minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no minor accidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

stock market

Due to early publication securities and New York Stock Market quotations furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa are not available today.

fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported one fire run for a 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Nov. 20
8:15 a.m. - A mattress was reported on fire at 600 1/2 N. Sumner, property owned by Ron Eccles. Only damage was to mattress.

Emergency numbers

Energas.....665-5770
SPS.....669-7432
Water.....665-3881

DUMP HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Half of arrested fugitives may return to the streets

NEW YORK (AP) — Half the 3,309 felony fugitives captured in a \$2.5 million manhunt billed as the nation's largest may return to the street, but Attorney General William French Smith declared "Americans are significantly safer" and predicted more arrests the next time.

Smith blamed "lenient judges" and "the weak court system" for the granting of bail to career criminals accused of murder, rape, robbery and other charges after they were apprehended during a two-month investigation by more than 50 law enforcement agencies along the Eastern Seaboard.

But the FIST manhunt — Fugitive Investigative Strike Teams — represents "the largest and most successful fugitive manhunt in law enforcement history," Smith said Tuesday at a news conference. "Today, Americans are significantly safer."

The FIST program was the seventh such joint federal-state-local effort sponsored by the U.S. Marshals Service since 1981. And while the number of fugitives captured is impressive, Smith said, "that's not to say they won't be even larger next time."

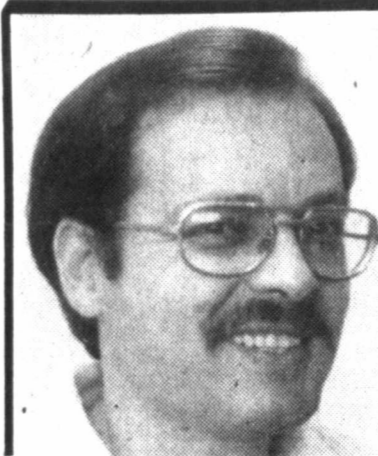
Smith said the FIST effort would continue and that problems in the judicial system "will not" interfere with or dampen our efforts.

The apprehended fugitives were the subjects of 5,080 felony warrants, ranging from first-degree murder and rape, to narcotics, weapons and robbery charges, said Marshals Service Director Stanley E. Morris.

Morris blamed "the revolving door of justice" for the granting of bail to many of the fugitives after

their capture. But he said the role of law enforcement is to apprehend fugitives, not critique the court system.

The investigation cost \$2.5 million, about \$778 per arrest. Smith said the figure was "much less" than it usually costs to apprehend a fugitive. "Let's call it a volume discount," he said.



Off beat

By
Larry
Hollis

News for Thanksgiving

One day while sitting in the office, I answered the phone. A woman talked to me about an incident in which she thought a thank-you was warranted.

The information was interesting, if not exciting. But according to standards generally followed by most newspapers, it really was not a news story, and I did nothing with it at the time.

The woman - Mrs. J. B. Briscoe - said she and her husband had been out of town on vacation for two weeks and had asked the police to watch their house, a service the department offers to vacationers.

A policeman went by to check the house and found an open window. He contacted the Briscoe's son, who had a key to the house, and the window was closed and locked.

She thought the police deserved a thank-you for a job well done. She said she really appreciated the service and felt "people should hear of the good things they (policemen) do."

Unfortunately, a number of good things are done but don't always make the news. Too much news seems to be negative - murders, crimes, bad weather, corruption, controversy - or just reporting the facts in some city council or school board meeting. Good news just ain't always news, it seems.

So today I'd like to report some good things in keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving.

My niece told me she was downtown one day and found she had locked her keys in the car. A policeman came up and helped unlock the car for her, alleviating a frustrating situation for her.

I had locked the keys in my sister's car at a hospital one time in Amarillo on a holiday. I called the Amarillo police department and they said they didn't bother with such things anymore. Instead, they told me to call a locksmith. Fortunately, one of the security men at the hospital noticed my situation, and he came over and got the car unlocked. I'm glad to know at least Pampa policemen are still willing to help citizens in such situations.

In a public hearing recently at a city Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, a woman departed from the subject to give a thank-you to Allyn Moore, acting city manager. She said the city crews two years ago had done some curb work, leaving a hole through which rain water drained and left mud in her driveway.

She had called city offices several times since then to get the curb hole repaired without success. But shortly after Moore took over as acting manager, she called him and he had someone out working on the problem shortly afterwards. She really appreciated it.

But since that didn't relate to the topic of the meeting, I didn't put her comments in my notes and now can't remember her name. It wasn't a part of the news.

Attending the city commission meeting last week, I walked in to find my table was not in the room. (The commission has provided a table for news media personnel ever since I can remember.) I learned the auditors currently checking the city records had borrowed the table. Not overly disturbed by the table's absence, I just sat down in another chair.

But that afternoon Commissioner E. L. "Smiley" Henderson called me to ask about the table and if it's absence had inconvenienced me. I didn't think the matter had been any really big deal, but I appreciated his concern. Again, it was not news, but it was good to hear.

Driven down Somerville Street lately? It's certainly nice to see most of the bumps have been smoothed out after all these years. I don't know who's responsible, but thanks.

And thanks to the firemen for putting out fires, washing down fuel spills and doing all the other things they do that I'm probably not aware of.

And to the city crews who had to go out in that frigid weather last winter to repair frozen water mains and clean the streets of snow. Some may think they could have done a better job, but they weren't out working in that extremely cold, windy weather.

And to all the fine people in this town who do good works for others, quietly contribute to charity drives, offer assistance to others in need, go out of their way to help others, do a good job at their work, whatever it might be - all without expecting to have their names and deeds reported in the newspaper.

All the good works may not be news, but they certainly are appreciated by those who benefit from them.

Hollis is a staff writer for The Pampa News. His column is being published today instead of Thursday, the usual publication day, because The Pampa News will not be published tomorrow.

city briefs

MEALS ON WHEELS
669-1007 P.O. Box 939

ATTENTION: HEDLEY students and teachers. Reunion will be November 24, 7 p.m. Hedley School Cafeteria.

MR. AND Mrs. Raymond Hood are the proud parents of a boy Michael Dewayne, born October 29. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Hood, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Turner.

TO MR. & Mrs. W.N. Bowen, Congratulations and Best Wishes on your 25th wedding anniversary! From all the people who love you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY mom, with love from: Sue, Patty, Becky, Janie, Tommie, Marie and Eddie.

SLENDERCISE will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday class as scheduled.

LOST SMALL tan Peekapoo in area of 1100 E. Harvester wearing tan collar with tags. If found call 669-7705.

For the collector - PRECIOUS MOMENTS and Hummel FIGURINES, Las Pampas Galleries, Coronado Center.

ROLANDA'S WISHES you a Happy Thanksgiving. Come see us for your holiday decorating needs. VISA, Mastercard welcomed. 316 S. Cuyler.

CHERYL'S CERAMICS and Gifts Opening Monday, Nov. 26. Ceramic paints, supplies, classes, silk flowers, brass, baskets. Hours Monday-Saturday 9-5:30 at 800 W. Kingsmill. 669-3148.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Fair and warmer through Thursday. High today in mid-50s, low in mid-30s. High Thursday in low 60s. Southwesterly winds 10-20 mph and gusty. High Tuesday, 47; overnight low, 29.

REGIONAL FORECAST

North Texas - Clear and cold areawide tonight. Sunny and warmer Thanksgiving. Lows tonight 30 to 36. Highs Thursday 59 to 62.

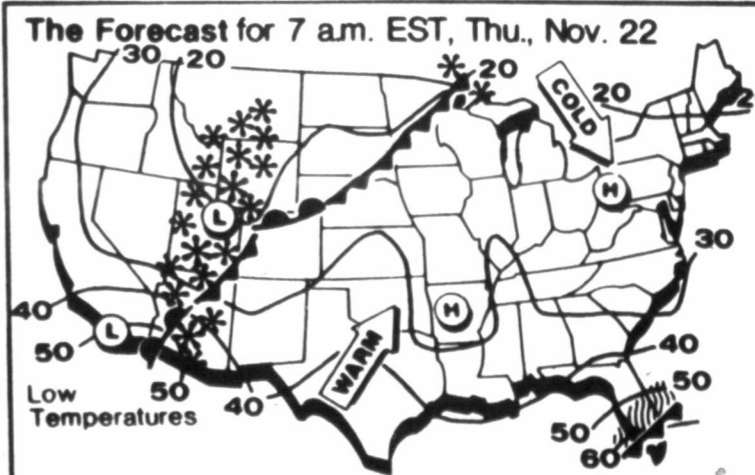
West Texas - Mostly fair most of area tonight and Thanksgiving Day. Warmer. Lows tonight 29 mountains to 35 Panhandle to 41 extreme south. Highs Thursday 60s except to 78 Big Bend.

South Texas - Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Lows tonight in the mid 30s southeast to near 50 lower coast. Highs Thursday in the 60s except in the 50 southeast.

EXTENDED FORECASTS

Friday through Sunday
NORTH TEXAS - Partly cloudy and warmer. Highest temperatures in the 60s and lower 70s. Lows in the 40s.

SOUTH TEXAS - Partly cloudy and mild Friday. Highs in the 60s and 70s. Lows in the 40s and 50s inland, rising to the 60s in the lower Rio Grande Valley and immediate coast. Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a



FRONTS:
Warm - Cold
Occluded - Stationary

chance of showers or thundershowers. Highs in the 50s and 60s, climbing to the 70s south.

WEST TEXAS - Considerable cloudiness with a chance for rain or snow Friday and Saturday. Clearing north Saturday night and Sunday. Cooler most sections Friday. Highs in the low to mid 60s. Lows in the low to mid 30s to near 40 in the valleys.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Clear to partly cloudy through Thursday with a

warming trend. Lows tonight in the 30s. Highs Thursday in the 60s.

New Mexico - Fair tonight. Increasing cloudiness Thanksgiving with chance of showers in the west by afternoon. A little warmer south and east today. Highs Thanksgiving Day 40s north central mountains to mostly the 50s lower elevations south and east. Lows tonight teens and 20s mountains and northwest to the 30s elsewhere.

Soviet statement may lead to resumption of arms talks

WASHINGTON (AP) - Expressions of Soviet interest in resuming arms control talks could lead to a meeting early next year between Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, according to informed sources here.

Based on a Soviet statement and a message late last week, the administration has notified Moscow it was prepared to arrange for a Shultz-Gromyko meeting if an agenda could be worked out, the sources said Tuesday.

The meeting is seen here as an icebreaker, designed to end the year-long suspension of negotiations to cut back U.S. and

Soviet intermediate and long-range nuclear weapons. Moscow is a potential site, although a senior Soviet diplomat said last week that a neutral setting would be acceptable to his government.

The sources, speaking only on condition they not be identified, said the Soviets have been showing a growing interest in holding talks with the United States.

Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko last Friday urged a renewal of the spirit of detente from the 1970s and said Moscow was ready for arms control talks if Washington was. He issued no demands and listed no conditions.

This reportedly was followed with a message over the weekend

proposing a Shultz-Gromyko meeting.

The negotiations broke down in Geneva, Switzerland, a year ago when the United States refused to postpone the deployment of Pershing II and cruise missiles in Western Europe targeted on Soviet territory.

The Soviets countered by expanding their own deployment and increasing the submarine force within striking distance of the United States.

It was considered significant that Chernenko did not repeat the Soviet demand that the U.S. missiles be withdrawn as a precondition for resuming negotiations.

Perot tells how he did it

WASHINGTON (AP) - When people ask him how to go about revamping their state's public education system like Texas did, the first thing H. Ross Perot asks them is how much heat their governor is willing to take.

The Dallas businessman was asked by Gov. Mark White last year to head the Select Committee on Public Education. The committee's major recommendations were approved in a special session of the Legislature this year. The program necessitated the first increase in

Texas taxes in 13 years.

Perot, who recently sold his computer company to General Motors for \$2.5 billion, addressed a luncheon of the National Press Club on Tuesday and gave advice to people in other states who might want to seek similar school reforms.

The first thing he asks when they call is, "Do you have a governor who's tough enough to take the heat?" He asks the same thing about their lieutenant governor, speaker of the house and controller, Perot said.

"If any of these people ever blink in the middle of the fight, you're going to lose, and lose hard," he said.

"In Texas we were fortunate enough to have four people (White, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, House Speaker Gib Lewis and Comptroller Bob Bullock) who were tough as nails. They never blinked, never faltered. And on those really, really bad days when all you could see was the Indians and you wondered if the cavalry even existed any more, they were right there, ramming this program through."

He praised Bullock for getting so involved in constructing the equalization program that Bullock "sacrificed his ability to run for governor and withdrew from the race, but he did it for a lot of little kids in Texas nobody represents."

Bullock had said he planned to run against White in 1986.

Above all, Perot advised, "Never compromise."

"If the child is not going to get the maximum benefit, who wants it?" he said. If all else fails, Perot recommended, threaten to seek "vouchers for the poor" to get good private education. He guaranteed legislators would shrink from the thought.

The most important aspect of school reform is equalization of school funding, Perot said.

Fund established

Friends of Frank Hunnicutt of Pampa have started a fund at the First National Bank to help defray his medical expenses.

Hunnicutt is critically ill with cancer. Persons interest in making donations to the fund may contact the First National.

Trooper's preaching prompts youth's suit

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) - A teen-ager who says a state trooper preached to him for two hours, forced him to make a list of his sins and then promise to dedicate his life to God has sued the officer for \$750,000.

Darryl Ray Craig, 17, of Orange contends in his suit he was forced to sign a statement asking God to take charge of his life. He said trooper Douglas Fetters co-signed the document with the name "Jesus."

Craig has been assigned to office duty. He declined to comment on the lawsuit or the incident.

The trooper made the youth list his sins on a sheet of paper, including "sassing back Mom," "stealing candy" and "cheating on tests," the suit said. On the other side of the paper was the

"New Life" statement Craig said he was forced to sign.

Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety in Austin, said Tuesday an administrative inquiry into the allegations has been completed and a report presented to agency Director Col. James Adams. No decision has been made yet, Todd said.

In the suit filed in federal court last week, Craig said he was driving home from a rock concert Sept. 13 when his truck slammed into a utility pole and overturned on Interstate 10, east of Beaumont.

Fetters arrived a short time later, the suit said. Craig, a high school senior, was forced to sit in the back seat of the patrol car while Fetters preached to him for two hours, the suit said.

TEXAS / REGIONAL

Panel suggests look at state property sales

AUSTIN (AP) — Money-hungry legislators might be able to ease a cash crunch by selling state land that has become too valuable to hold on to, according to a Senate committee report.

John Leedom, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agency Funds Management, offered a package of ideas he said could raise \$100 million a year for the state. The proposals include a look at selling some state property.

The 1985 Legislature faces a deficit that now looks to be about \$653 million.

"If we do save \$200 million over two years we are talking about covering one-third of the expected deficit we face," said committee member Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville.

The proposals include statute revisions to allow higher returns on state investments, updated accounting procedures, better asset management and a new cash flow system.

The sale of state property appears to offer the biggest potential windfall. "Within the next five years the fund could easily contain \$500 million in cash assets," the report said.

Leedom, R-Dallas, said the state must inventory its property and take a look at land that is unused or underused. He said some state facilities are on land that has grown tremendously in value.

For example, he said Camp Mabry — the Austin home of the Texas National Guard — could be sold for about \$50 million.

"Camp Mabry is no longer the best place for the guard to have its exercises," he said.

Camp Mabry is along an expressway that runs through West Austin. Property in the area has spiraled in value in recent years.

It is not unlike other state property he said is "in much more expensive areas than needed for the service."

The committee report calls for a new office, within the State Purchasing and General Services Commission, to handle the sale of land put on the market by lawmakers.

"There would be no presumption that any property should be sold. However, there should not be a presumption that just because a property had passed into the hands of the state that it should forever remain under sovereign control," the report said.

Several state properties are mentioned in the report as examples. A 75-acre tract purchased in 1887 for the now-disbanded Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths is now an annex to the Austin State School. State records now show a capital investment of \$505,000 in addition to the purchase price of \$83,000.

The committee said the state has no handle on the land's true value.

"If utilized for residential or commercial purposes, its value is conservatively estimated at \$10 million," according to the report.

"The point is not that any of these properties are not being put to their highest and best use, but that our state real property inventory does not provide a precise, current measure by which such a judgment could be made," it said.

Jury convicts man for part in pickax slayings

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors who convicted a Houston man of capital murder in the slaying of a woman hacked to death with a pickax may have considered a secretly made recording of the strongest piece of evidence, a prosecutor said.

Daniel R. Garrett, 38, was convicted Tuesday in the death of Deborah Ruth Davis Thornton, 32. The jury was to reconvene today to decide whether he should be executed or spend his life in prison.

Prosecutor Charley Davidson said the crucial evidence may have been a recording made by Garrett's 37-year-old brother, Douglas. Davidson said jurors asked to have the tape brought into their room during deliberations.

Douglas Garrett told police his brother was involved in the killings and agreed to be wired for sound.

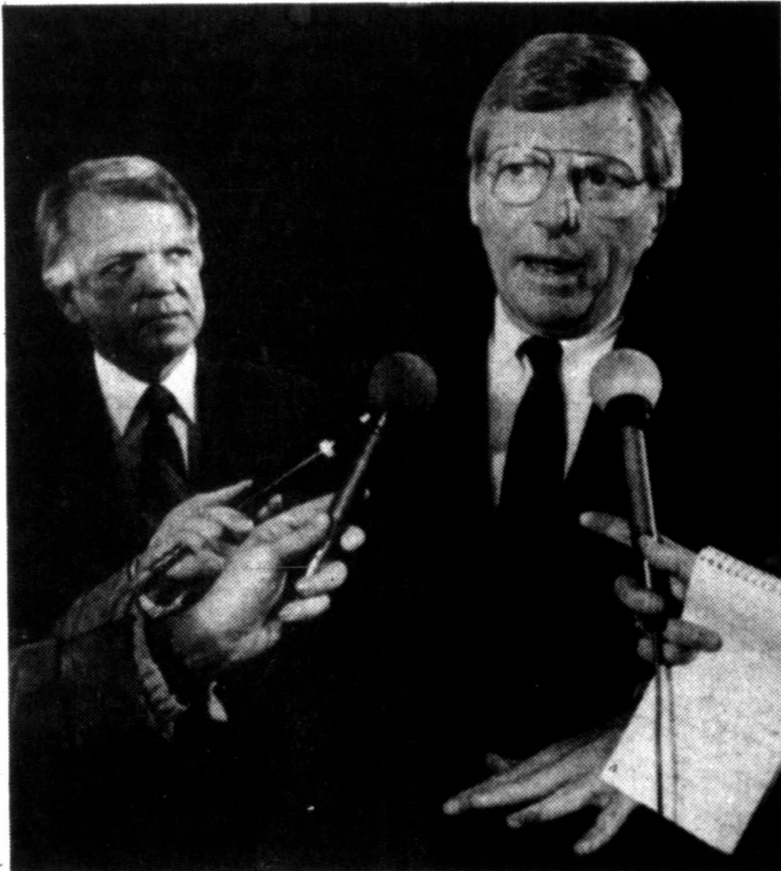
The result was a tape of a conversation between the two brothers and Karla Faye Tucker, who has already been sentenced to die for killing Ms. Thornton's overnight guest, 26-year-old Jerry Lynn Dean. The two were killed in June 1983.

During the recorded conversation, the Garretts and Ms. Tucker discussed details of the killings. At one point, Douglas Garrett asked his brother if the victims were asleep when they were killed. Daniel responded, "The guy woke up. The girl started waking up. I told her to stick her head under the covers."

Daniel Garrett's attorney, Ray Bass, said he was "shocked and disappointed" by the verdict.

"We thought we had a chance. Obviously the jury saw it differently," he said.

Assistant District Attorney Rusty Hardin said he would ask jurors to sentence Garrett to death.



GOOD EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM A MUST—Texas Governor Mark White tells members of the media that a good educational system has been like a magnet in attracting economic activity to Texas as Oklahoma Governor George Nigh, left, looks on Tuesday. White's remarks were made just prior to addressing a downtown Oklahoma City Rotary Club meeting. (AP Laserphoto)

A bad debt may have led to shooting spree

DALLAS (AP) — A bad debt may have triggered a barroom shooting spree that left one man dead and five people wounded, police say.

Officers said Tuesday the first intended victim of the shooting was a man who allegedly owed money to Charles W. "Doc" Morrison, who is accused of opening fire on patrons of the Webb Lounge Monday night with a high powered rifle.

Morrison was being held today in lieu of \$200,000 bond in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center here after being returned from Denton County where he was arrested on a rural road about five hours after the shooting spree.

Police investigator J.J. Coughlin said the customer believed to be the target of the shooting spree was not hurt.

"One of the customers in there and him had some problem about money and his intent was to go in the bar and confront that customer," Coughlin said. "That customer is one of the ones who did not end up getting injured."

The gunman apparently tried to fire first at the unidentified 55-year-old man as he sat with another patron at the front of the bar, but a round was not chambered in the gun and the assailant ducked behind a partition to load, witnesses told police.

Coughlin said other bar patrons apparently could not see the gunman behind the partition, but the two men closest to him ran out the back door while the assailant loaded his weapon.

"We can't say whether he was trying to get the first victim as he was running or whether he was just firing into the bar," Coughlin said. "Everyone just started running, falling and getting down."

Witnesses said the gunman had not argued with the intended victim earlier on the day of the shooting.

About 11 pistols and rifles, including a weapon believed used in the shooting, were recovered by police at the time of the arrest, authorities said. Police Lt. Ron Waldrop said investigators also found a large amount of ammunition in the vehicle.

Denton County authorities said they arrested the man outside his car on the back road. He offered no resistance, they said.

Morrison served two years in the Texas prison system between 1960 and 1962 following incidents in which he was charged with assault with intent to murder and unlawful possession of a machine gun, according to police records.

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Dee Dee Laramore

Telling kids about dangers

Few things strike my heart with cold terror more than the thought that one of my children might be kidnapped or sexually abused.

I haven't had too much trouble telling my children how to protect themselves from strangers who want them to get into their car or the like, but when it came to telling my children how to guard themselves from sexual abuse I was a total blank.

I didn't want them to think about sex, actually. Especially that kind of sex. I didn't want to destroy their innocence while they were still so young.

"I would gladly give up that loss of innocence in the hundreds and hundreds of children I've seen who have been harmed by their own lack of knowledge," says Kee McFarlane of the Children's Institute International.

McFarlane makes this statement in what I think is a wonderful film called "Strong Kids, Safe Kids." Viewing this film helped me put perspective on how I should tell my children about sexual abuse without frightening them too much and without being gross about it.

"Strong Kids, Safe Kids," is available on videocassette form at at least two of the videocassette outlets here in Pampa. The Video Stop offers the cassette free in VHS and Beta to groups and organizations. Curtis Mathis Home Entertainment Center rents the cassette for \$2.

I watched the video first alone, and then again with my children. The 42-minute tape held their attention well. The important messages it tries to get across are spiced with words of wisdom from "The Fonz," Henry Winkler as himself, and visits from various cartoon characters such as the Smurfs, Scooby and Scrappy Do, the Flintstones, Yogi Bear and Pac Man. Also making guest appearances are Mariette Hartley from "Goodnight, Bean Town," and John Ritter from "Three's a Crowd."

Professional input comes from McFarlane, mentioned earlier, and Dr. Sol Gordon of the Institute for Family Research and Education. Chris Wallace adds music by singing cute little songs that are easy for kids to understand while still getting the message across.

"Strong Kids, Safe Kids," encourages open communication between parents and their children.

At the very beginning, children and parents are urged to use the proper names from private parts. I was embarrassed, my kids were vitally interested. This sparked a lively discussion among us. My embarrassment went away and I was able to clear up some misconceptions my children had about their own bodies. My feeling were later described in the video as "creative discomfort."

"It's okay to feel uncomfortable when you're talking about sex," Dr. Gordon says. "Everybody gets embarrassed when they talk about sex." But, he stresses, children must know about sex so they can protect themselves, so they will know when someone is touching them in an improper way.

Three kinds of touches are discussed in Strong Kids, Safe Kids — heart, question mark and no. "Heart means yes!; No means No! and question mark means 'I don't know.'"

"Nobody is supposed to touch your private parts and you're not supposed to touch anybody else's," Dr. Gordon tells the children. But if this should happen, "always tell someone you trust." This is Baby Smurf's law. "Always tell someone you trust."

Parents, listen to your children and believe them. "Even if your kid is telling you something you know is a lie, pay attention. They're telling you something is wrong," Dr. Gordon explains.

But children almost never lie about sexual abuse, both Dr. Gordon and McFarlane say.

And when they do tell of an incident of sexual abuse, more than anything, they need to be believed. "Nothing is more important than to be believed when you're a kid and you've got something scary to tell," McFarlane says.

A companion guide for parents is included with the video cassette. I would strongly recommend that parents take the time to read this guide. It offers good advice on protecting your child that is not covered in the video such as safety tips, having your children learn a code word "the one secret it's okay to keep," and signs of sexual abuse.

Laramore is lifestyles editor of The Pampa News

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Thoughts for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a good day to remember that economics is not an exact science. Had it been, the Pilgrims might have felt they had little to be thankful for and returned home. Their physical assets seemed limited, their markets non-existent, their risks huge, their transportation problems insurmountable, their capital sketchy, and their forecasting prospects horrendous.

Fortunately, these hardy religious folk were convinced that faith, hope, and determination were powerful assets, and that gratitude itself was a primary economic stimulus. They took literally the promise of the Apostle James that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

For them, Thanksgiving was a natural way of opening their hearts and minds to God's bounty of ideas, inspiration, guidance and spiritual energy. They understood that to have something to be grateful FOR, they first had to BE grateful. So, they brought to this cruel and resource - scarce New England wilderness very special qualities of thought. And those qualities ultimately helped them uncover the rich economic potential of this New World, and develop levels of economic growth and common wealth undreamed of in the Old World.

It is easy, with hindsight, to attribute this development process to good fortune, and an abundant land, which lucky and greedy people quickly exploited. But that ignores the fact that succeeding generations of religious and political refugees have also found that in this New World they were quickly able to contribute more than they took and to have more than they left behind. This suggests that the hard statistics of economics are indeed a dismal inadequate way of describing true wealth.

In an atmosphere of freedom and opportunity, resource - poor refugees generated new income where none had existed, and proved to themselves that wealth was as much a quality of their own thinking and attitudes as a measure of physical assets.

Again and again, economists are confounded by similar experiences in which resource - rich nations struggle with poverty and famine, while resource - poor nations (such as Japan) are overflowing with abundance. This suggests that economics may be more a question of metaphysics than mathematics, more a function of mental and even moral values than physical surroundings.

This is why Thanksgiving is such an appropriate holiday for a nation of religious immigrants, refugees of all faiths, expressing as it does, the realization that causation, at its root, is spiritual, and that the spiritual quality of gratitude is a necessary precursor to substantial economic well-being.

Generations upon generations of immigrants have expressed their gratitude for this nation's freedom by making the most of its opportunities to generate jobs, wealth and growth not only for themselves but for others.

In this sense, they have demonstrated that not only is it folly to withhold gratitude until good falls into our laps, but that gratitude and good are inseparably and causally connected. A favorite hymn expresses it well: "Our gratitude is riches, complaint is poverty."

Despite the complaints of pundits deploring American selfishness, there are welcome signs that this naturally ebullient and unselfish sense of gratitude is returning to the national consciousness - a growing realization of how fortunate we are to live in this abundant state of

mind known as America, where individual mental and spiritual qualities, unhindered by caste or class, are more surely rewarded than anywhere else on earth.

Americans also seem more ready than ever to appreciate the achievements of others, and to express an almost insatiable appetite for the good news of human triumph over adversity.

This is why they have so consistently, and rightly, rejected the politics of envy, embraced the cause of equal opportunity, eschewed class warfare, and esteemed individual achievement. They have always understood what Abraham Lincoln meant when he said, "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."

Thanksgiving, then, is a reaffirmation of our nation's rich tradition of faith in the goodness of God, and the potential of the individual as God's image and likeness, a faith so essential both to our spiritual and our physical and economic well-being.

As the Apostle Paul told the struggling Hebrews, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

"By faith," Paul reminded them, "Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he would after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country...For he looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God."

Perhaps more than any other nation on earth, America was built by exactly the same substantial faith that guided Abraham, into "the land of promise." Thanksgiving Day uniquely celebrates that faith, as well as our forbears of all religious traditions who demonstrated and nourished it for all of us.

Opinion

Cheers for death leaves bad taste

Demonstrators at state-prison executions are nothing new, but usually they have been people protesting the death sentence. Now there are news reports that counter-demonstrators are gathering to cheer the fulfillment of the fatal sentence.

No doubt some anti-death-penalty people simply refuse to believe that certain criminals sentenced to death really are vicious and unregenerate, while death penalty advocates believe otherwise and think the political state has the right to extinguish their lives.

No matter how you look at it, the fact that some demonstrators gather to cheer for the forced death of another human being leaves a most unpleasant impression. Who among us could take satisfaction in the possibility that someday someone might want to let out a roar of approval at our own death.

No doubt some of the pro-execution demonstrators feel an understandable sense of resentment that some judges have previously impeded the legal process in order to impose their own highly ideological judgments on the processes of the law.

Quite possible some such demonstrators would say they are demonstrating in favor of an execution because this is the culmination of the rule of law and order. However, they should recall that law and order is the product of fallible men and women attempting to legislate in a very fallible way.

The rule of law is not an independent product of pure reason and justice, but of political hauling and shoving to satisfy various special interests. Would proponents of capital punishment say the death penalty is fairly applied in enough executions to make them confident of facing the appeals process if they, someday, were unjustly sentenced to death.

We would not suggest that people in favor of the death penalty should be restricted or forbidden from demonstrating their views. People must be free to express even unpleasant views. There is, however, more than a suggestion of a howl of atavism and the mob when people gather outside the execution chamber to express approval of such enforced deaths.

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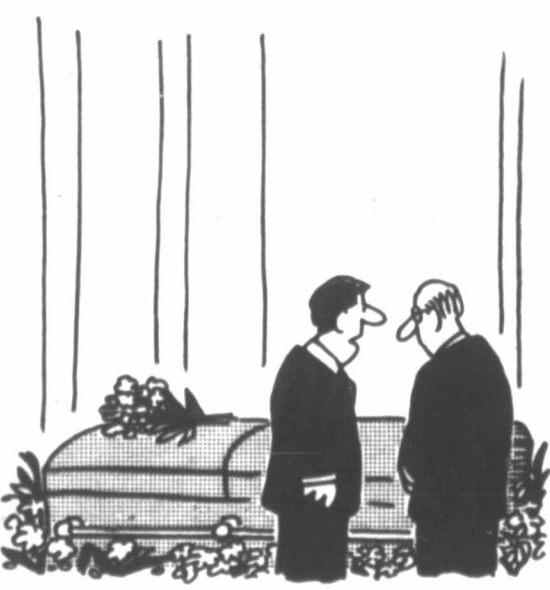
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Today's highlight in history:

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On this date:

Ten years ago: President Gerald R. Ford wound up the final day of his visit to Japan with a joint communique with Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka saying the United States and Japan would seek to strengthen economic cooperation.

Five years ago: A mob attacked the U.S. embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, setting the building on fire. Two Americans were killed in the assault.

One year ago: The Soviet Union disavowed a reported offer to reduce the number of Soviet medium-range missiles provided NATO halted its scheduled deployment of U.S. missiles.

Thought for today: "History is something that never happened, written by someone who wasn't there." - Anonymous.



Paul Harvey

U.S. is being left behind

I am embarrassed for us; in three seconds you will be.

Our nation is importing electricity!

The United States of America - historically the powerhouse of the planet - is so delinquent in the development of new energy sources that we are having to buy electricity from outside our country.

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Taiwan gets 40 percent of its electricity from nuclear.

Japan, West Germany and Britain get 16 to 20 percent.

The United States - 13 percent.

Among 10 nations developing nuclear power, we are the last!

And now the transcendent indignity - further retarding our own development of generating capacity and further unbalancing our nation's lopsided trade deficit - American power companies are having to string wires across the Canadian border to buy what kilowatts we are presently impotent to produce.

We bought a billion dollars worth in 1982.

The New England Power Pool is a group of 86 utilities in Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut. In the springtime of 1983 they signed a contract to purchase from Hydro - Quebec three billion kilowatt hours of electricity over a period of 11 years.

In June, 1983, the Pool agreed to purchase another seven billion kilowatt hours over a period

of nine subsequent years.

Thus another 7.5 billion American dollars will be leaving home.

Had we completed the two disputed Seabrook power plants we would have produced more than enough electricity for half that cost!

And we would have created thousands of American jobs.

And Energy Secretary Donald Hodel warns that buying electricity outside the United States will make us so dependent on that source that we will be forced in the future to pay any prices the Canadians demand.

New Brunswick is now contemplating building a whole new nuclear power plant, the total output of which they intend to sell to us.

Shame on us - and on the paranoid bureaucracy and the misguided fearmongers who are thwarting our nation's independence.

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Robert Walters

State lotteries more popular

JACKPOT, Nev. (NEA) - The operators of Cactus Pete's Casino in this remote Nevada community will be relieved to learn that they won't be facing competition from new gambling establishments in Arkansas and Colorado.

But people in other states with a yen for gambling won't have to travel here because state-sanctioned lotteries soon will be readily available to more than half of the nation's population.

On election day earlier this month, voters in two states rejected ballot proposals that would have legalized casino gambling. Voters in four other states approved ballot propositions authorizing the establishment of lotteries.

Casinos remain legal only in Atlantic City, N.J., which has fewer than a dozen gambling establishments, and throughout Nevada, where gambling and the tourism it attracts are the state's largest industries.

A proposal on Arkansas' ballot this year would have authorized casino gambling in Garland County, whose largest community is Hot Springs, one of the South's notorious "sin cities" where illegal gambling flourished in the 1950s.

In Colorado, a similar ballot proposition would have sanctioned casino gambling in Pueblo County as part of a planned 4,312-acre "family resort" offering golf courses and an amusement park in addition to roulette and blackjack.

Both measures failed by margins of more than 2-1.

But contrasting with that lack of casino growth is the continuing surge in state-operated lotteries.

They already are functioning in 17 states, and this year voters in California, Oregon, Missouri and West Virginia approved ballot propositions authorizing new lotteries.

That means lotteries soon will be operating in six of the country's eight most populous states - California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Religious leaders, elected officials and assorted "good government" advocates for many years have campaigned in vain against lotteries on the grounds that they are disproport-

tionately supported by poor people.

That argument is not only patronizing but also probably faulty. Numerous studies of lottery participants demonstrate that those who play most frequently are members of middle-income households.

A far more compelling case against the lottery: It is a shameless consumer fraud disguised as a legitimate fund-raising mechanism for state government.

Of every dollar bet, state lotteries typically return 50 cents to the players in the form of prizes, compared with 80 to 95 cents at casino games of chance.

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Americans confident about economy

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — A footnote to the recent elections comes from surveys of consumer and business attitudes that show Americans are in an unusually upbeat, expansive, confident mood about the economy.

It is a mood that seems to defy the economic land mines, such as the big budget deficit, the bedraggled condition of some financial institutions and the threat of a big decline in the value of the dollar.

Just two years after emerging from one of the worst recessions of the century, people are telling surveyors that they feel good about their wallets and pocketbooks, and that they expect the feeling to continue.

It doesn't require a leap of logic to believe that the good feelings might have been translated into votes for President Reagan.

By the start of 1984, according to a University of Michigan consumer survey, "the highest proportion of families in more than a decade reported that their financial situation has improved..."

Not only had their financial condition improved, families told the surveyors, but they indicated they were acutely aware of it, more aware, said the Michigan surveyors, than in any other recovery in three decades.

Moreover, the families said they felt government had a lot to do with the improvement, and the surveyors registered the greatest

confidence in government inflation and job policies in a decade.

Another survey, this one by the National Federation of Independent Business, shows that small businesses have regained their optimism, their health, and to a great extent their wealth.

During the third quarter of the year the small businesses expanded their workforce at a near-record pace, were forced to borrow less in the short-term markets and expanded their plans to improve physical plant and equipment.

According to Professor William Dunkelberg of Purdue University, the NFIB's chief economist, small-business attitudes and activities are a good indicator of the overall business mood of the nation.

He said the upbeat mood of small business suggests a settling-in of the recovery at a pace in keeping with the 3.5 percent rate historically associated with sustainable expansions.

There may be added significance. Small business is close to the country's grass roots. Many are run by their founders, who usually express their opinions and attitudes more directly than do big-business executives. And their company's fortunes accurately reflect local moods and economic conditions.


In addition, small business today often is where the action is, where the social and economic changes are taking place, in part because of entrepreneurs creating business out of what once were mere concepts.

There is little mystery why small-business people tended to support the economic policies of Reagan.

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Mattox: heavy trucks to be ticketed

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials say they will beef up enforcement of truck weight laws and seek civil penalties against violators because thousands of overloaded trucks are doing millions of dollars damage to Texas highways every year.

"Hit them where it hurts — in their pocketbooks," said Attorney General Jim Mattox.

"I worked my way through college loading trucks on a freight dock. I've seen trucks loaded two to three times as heavy as they should have been," Mattox added.

In announcing the crackdown Tuesday, Mattox and Highway Commission Chairman Robert C. Lanier said a recent study showed that overweight trucks will cost the state at least \$261 million in damage and administrative costs over the next 20 years.

Some 58,000 tickets were issued last year for truck weight violations, they said, but such

tickets do little good because the state criminal law dealing with the violation calls for fines which are too low to be a deterrent.

"With fines ranging from only \$100 to a maximum of \$150, many vehicle operators view these minor fines as a part of doing business. They pay them and go on," Mattox said.

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Miner says he can't understand colleagues who are quitting strike

CARLTON, England (AP) — Mick Schofield thinks the coal miners who have quit the eight-month-old strike are selling their souls for a Christmas bonus.

No matter that he eats at a soup kitchen and the family savings have run dry, he said, he won't join the swelling tide of miners returning to work.

The son of a miner who is married to the daughter of a miner, Schofield has been on the picket line in this Yorkshire mining village five days a week, pushing the union's demands that the state-run National Coal Board abandon its plan to close money-losing mines.

He hopes the strikers will win out and that someday his son, John, 17, who is out of school and jobless, will be a miner, too.

"Yes, we are fighting for jobs for my son," Schofield, a burly man with a broad grin, said in an interview this week.

The coal board said Tuesday that 3,278 miners had given up the strike this week. In all, more than 60,000 miners were not on strike, and 59 of the industry's 174 mines were producing coal, the board said. The union says those figures are false.

Management has offered miners who quit the strike a bonus of at least 650 pounds — \$812 — to be paid at Christmas if they return by the end of this week. "It doesn't bother me," Schofield said about his colleagues going back to work. "I'm disappointed they're going back. Why go back for just one Christmas? After Christmas it will just be the same. They've sold their souls."

His wife, Valerie, added: "I can understand them going back for Christmas, but it's not worth it."

Her husband looks down on the miners in neighboring Nottinghamshire who rejected the strike from its beginning and continued to work their rich seams of coal.

"It's inbred in them, they won't stand up and fight," Schofield said, describing miners in Nottinghamshire as being weak in

the 1926 strike against Britain's coal industry. His father and father-in-law had joined the 1926 walkout.

Such stories are recited repeatedly by proud miners on picket duty in drizzly Yorkshire, where a tradition of trade union solidarity means that strike-breakers can be barred from the miners' social and drinking clubs for life. The strike started in mining area including Carlton.

At 39, Schofield is a 12-year veteran of the mines. Decent pay for work in construction of underground roadways has given him a comfortable two-story brick home for his wife, son, and twin 5-year-old daughters, in the community of 3,600 people.

Sticking out the strike for the Schofields has meant doing without

meat, new clothes or much entertainment. The family is resigned to a meager Christmas.

The Schofields said they have returned their rented video recorder, taken their car off the road, used their savings and gone into debt during the strike — a familiar litany for mining families these days.

Averaging an income of \$187-\$200 a week before, Schofield now sees his family get by on a weekly government welfare payment of \$39.

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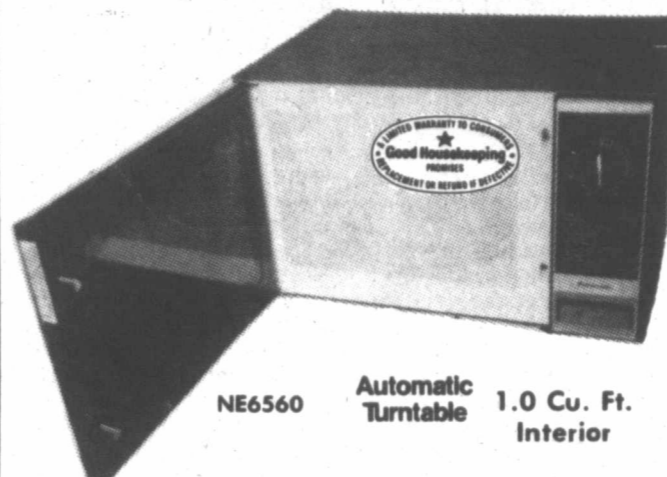
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Plain folk will fly in space in future

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In-depth questioning of two relatives, 14 acquaintances and a woman at a fast-food takeout counter indicates that three people in 17 want to travel aboard the space shuttle.

Extrapolated to the nation as a whole, that suggests millions of Americans are ready to sign up for a trip out of this world.

Officially, the government is committed to making space flight available to the most people.

For years, the space agency claimed it wants people who can "communicate" the experience of space flight. Twenty-three years as a spacefaring nation has taught us that astronauts are not among this species.

Through last week's landing of Discovery, 84 Americans have left Earth to circle the globe or fly to the moon. Their reaction can be summed up in four words: "Fantastic. Beautiful. Fantastically beautiful."

So, it was said, the best candidates for space flight were professional communicators — journalists, artists, novelists and poets. Before he retired, Walter Cronkite would have been a shoo-in. Singer John Denver is an applicant. A scholarly panel decided that plain folk can fly without undue damage to shuttle or mission; that with a little training, space flight isn't stressful and you don't have to be as fit as an astronaut to get past NASA's doctors.

That out of the way, NASA set about deciding who would go first and space-writing journalists got set to apply.

But President Reagan burst that bubble by announcing on Aug. 27 that he was directing NASA to choose a teacher.

That may have pleased the nation's two million school teachers as overdue recognition but got little applause from journalists. Inside NASA, not for publication, it was said journalists were passed up because choosing one would anger too many others.

While the agency publicly was formulating its selection system for a teacher, NASA privately was yielding to a persistent and powerful applicant for flight.

Sen. Jake Garn, a Republican from Utah who chairs a subcommittee that oversees NASA spending, had asked for a shuttle berth almost every time space agency officials came before him.

On the day after the election, he announced at a press conference that he had been picked for an upcoming flight.

NASA now was forced to explain the invitation to Garn, and how senator and teacher could both be the first citizen-astronaut.

For the first question, the agency could not very well come out and say "he has us by the purse strings." Instead, administrator James M. Beggs told Garn "given your NASA oversight responsibilities, we think it appropriate that you consider making an inspection tour and flight aboard the shuttle."

The second question also required some verbal dexterity. Patrick Templeton, charged with the agency's external affairs, said the teacher still would be first, but probably not ahead of Garn.

It's a matter of roles, according to Templeton: "observation versus management."



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Mediator called on coffee pot fuss

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal mediator has been called into the brewing feud at the Internal Revenue Service center in Austin, where employees are angry over an order to remove some 120 private coffeepots.

More than 1,000 members of the National Treasury Employees Union have signed a petition protesting the order.

IRS management officials cited government regulations against electrical appliances plugged into non-grounded wall sockets. The appliance crackdown stemmed from a nationwide review of fire and safety features at government buildings, they said.

But employees aren't buying the explanation, and a mediator from San Antonio is scheduled to meet with union and management officials on Wednesday in an attempt to resolve the issue.

On Monday, several employees picketed outside the service center to protest the no-coffeepot rule. Several marchers said they were either on unpaid leave, vacation or lunch breaks.

"It is unfair," said Betty Edge,

who joined the picket line during her lunch hour. "Nearly every place of business has coffeepots for employees."

She said coffee available from vending machines costs 40 cents per cup, while that brewed by employees is just 5 cents or 10 cents a cup.

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Drive on to save the Great Camps

TOR'S NOTE — Tucked in the Adirondacks are the Great Camps, where the vast wilderness is preserved to rough it — but only for the camps where the estates are much like the "cottage" at Topridge, R.I. Now there's a drive to reserve the camps as grand places of how to build in nature.

By **MARY ESCH**, Associated Press Writer (COMB, N.Y. (AP)) — The steps rising from Newcomb to Camp Santanoni are grown with balsam and rosebay, and the vast, ivy verandas that connect the lodges are known to few but the swallows nesting in the eaves.

During the Depression, in the heart of the great Adirondack Park, prize Jersey cows stood in rows in the shingled barn. Now the stone milkhouse are like the main lodge on the

Santanoni, accessible only by a mile trek by foot, bicycle or since it was added to the Forest Preserve a decade ago, a relic of an era when the Adirondack wilderness was a gracious address for the retreats of America's wealthiest families.

Baronial estates included built by the Vanderbilts, the Gies, the Loebbs, J.P. Morgan, the Merriweather Post, the A. Rockefeller and others. Many of these rustic

blages of native logs and staves have been little affected by blizzards and sultry summers. But some of the best of these so-called Great Camps face an uncertain future. Preservationists are working to

save them as examples of a unique architectural style and an important part of American history.

Santanoni, along with another owned estate, Topridge, has become a focal point in the fight to protect the Great Camps.

The fate of both is in question since their public ownership of the six-million-acre Adirondack Park, where the state has a

700-year-old tradition of preserving wilderness but not buildings. The deteriorating condition of Santanoni contrasts sharply with that of Topridge, the former estate of cereal heiress Marjorie

Merriweather Post on Upper St. Regis Lake.

The opulent main lodge of the 68-building estate is like a museum, stuffed with Indian basketry and beaded curtains; furniture upholstered in leopard, zebra, pony and grizzly bear; huge chandeliers of intertwined antlers; and a menagerie of stuffed beasts including eagles, heron, loon, flying squirrel, antelope and sailfish.

At one time, there were 85 employees at the camp. "There was quite a hierarchy of help — with us, the guides and groundskeepers, at the bottom," recalls Jim Riley, who now works at Topridge for the state.

The 207-acre camp has been used as a conference center and lodge for people in high places since it was given to the state by the Post Foundation in 1974.

But because of high maintenance costs — about \$285,000 a year — the state recently announced plans to sell the property.

The typical Great Camp is a collection of buildings clustered around a main lodge. There is an air of rustic simplicity in harmony with nature, with fireplaces of granite boulders and walls covered with pine panels, birch bark or split cedar saplings.

The Great Camp was a self-sufficient village, often with schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, farm, ice house, chapel, furniture shop, and staff cabins.

Unlike the conspicuous estates of Newport, R.I., the Adirondack camps were hidden from public view. When the first camps were built by William West Durant in the late 1800s, they could be reached from New York City only by an arduous 40-hour journey by rail, oxcart and steamer.

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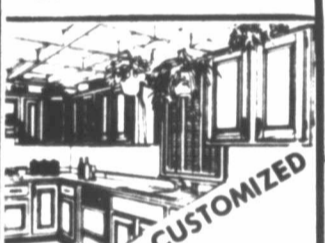


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Tiny investment blossoms into growing flower business

By CANDICE HUGHES
Associated Press Writer
DALLAS (AP) — What started as a \$25,000 side investment for a pair of Dallas oil entrepreneurs has blossomed into an \$18 million venture into a toll-free national hotline for flowers.

John F. Davis III and James Poage have created a new company, 800-Flowers Inc., which takes its name from the telephone number customers can use any time to have flowers delivered anywhere.

"It was one of those things that was a side investment," said Davis, the vice president of marketing. "We never dreamed it would get this big."

Davis and Poage looked at the estimated \$3.5 billion floral delivery industry and decided it was a fertile area.

"Today's flower business is disorganized and fragmented, with great variability in quality and service," Poage said.

Its founders say 800-Flowers, which began operation in October, differs from other wire delivery services because it guarantees quality.

"The person who sent you these flowers wanted them to be beautiful," says the message accompanying every order. "If for any reason, they are not, please call us within 24 hours. We will replace them."

Davis said 800-Flowers is establishing a hand-picked network of 6,000 florists that will be monitored by the company's 16 field representatives.

"When you call a florist, he picks out someone through a directory. There is no personal service," he said. "There are 44,000 florists in the U.S. We've picked the top."

The giant in the floral delivery business, FTD, welcomes the competition, said FTD spokeswoman Judy Yovanovich in Southfield, Mich.

"In general, we think competition is good for the flower business," Ms. Yovanovich said.

800-Flowers' service extends to the "forget me not" plan that provides automatic deliveries on special occasions, like anniversaries, Davis said.

"You can call us up one time, give us the dates and we put them in the computer," he explained. "You're covered. You can't ever mess up again."

Unlike the major wire services, 800-Flowers is not focusing on out-of-town orders.

Davis said the new company is also aiming at the even more lucrative intracity business, which he estimates at \$2.5 billion a year.

He said 800-Flowers hopes to make the telephone fill the same niche in American life as the streetcorner flower vendors do in European life.

"Europeans spent almost five times as much as Americans do on flowers. You walk down the street and you can pick up flowers and take them home," Davis said. "But Americans live in their cars. You can't do that here."

Davis and Poage, both 32, first heard of 800-Flowers in 1982, when it was a struggling new business, barely more than an idea.

"We were brought in as investors with a majority interest in the company," Davis said. "Our initial investment was \$25,000."

For almost two years, 800-Flowers was just a little "flyer" for the pair. Their main concern was Mid-South Drilling, an oil and gas exploration company.

The company also was bogged down in a trademark infringement lawsuit with a florist in Wisconsin who had claimed rights to 800-Flowers, but had not acquired

the phone number. In March, the two sides settled out of court. Davis declined to discuss terms of the settlement.

With a clear path, Davis and Poage raised \$10 million in a few weeks through a limited partnership with 23 investors and

themselves as general partners. Davis said the total investment in 800-Flowers is now \$18 million and includes a pair of IBM computers, telemarketing equipment and a lease on a new building in the Dallas suburb of Irving. Two-thirds of the money,

\$12 million, is being pumped into advertising.

The company began advertising in Chicago on Oct. 1, moved into the Atlanta market on Nov. 1 and starts up in Dallas on Dec. 1. "We're rolling out on a controlled basis to make sure we can handle

the business," Davis said. At present, the budding business has 125 "telemarketing representatives" capable of handling 30,000 calls a day. Eventually 800-Flowers hopes to advertise nationally and employ 600 people to take telephone orders.

Ms. Yovanovich of FTD said the flower business is blooming these days. FTD, which is actually cooperative with 21,000 member worldwide, had sales of nearly \$50 million in the fiscal year that ends June 30, up 13.5 percent over the previous year.

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Judge won't sign order on blue law

DALLAS (AP) — State District Judge Dee Brown Walker has taken his second swipe in two weeks at the Texas blue law by declining to order that Gibson Products Co. Inc. be barred permanently from violating the store-closing law.

Walker declined to state his reason for denying the state's request for a permanent injunction against the Dallas-area retail chain, but he has said repeatedly that he believes the blue law is vague and unenforceable.

Walker also signed an order finalizing his Nov. 2 decision in another blue law case. The order strikes down the 23-year-old law as unconstitutional and prohibits Gibson's from suing eight competitors for violating the law.

Assistant District Attorney Karen Beverly, who had requested that Walker uphold the law, said the prosecutor's office will decide whether it will appeal the rulings in both blue law cases after studying Walker's final orders.

In the meantime, the blue law, which prohibits sales of 42 kinds of items on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays, remains in effect and violators continue to be subject to criminal penalties, Ms. Beverly said.

Professor studies 'exotic' solution to feeding hungry

KINGSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A species of exotic antelope that is breeding like rabbits and causing headaches for South Texas ranchers could be an answer to feeding the poor, a professor at Texas A&M University says.

Dr. Ron Ward, professor and researcher at the Texas A&M's Kleberg Wildlife Research Center, said Nilgai antelope have become so abundant that they are beginning to compete with cattle and deer for food.

An estimated 20,000 of the beasts eat and multiply in an area 25 miles wide and 75 miles long, running east of U.S. Highway 77 from Baffin Bay to Port Mansfield. They are the progeny of a mere dozen antelope brought from India to the King Ranch in 1929.

"They're big and have no natural predators here. Like all wild animals they're basically immune to disease," Ward said.

"These animals are healthy, prevalent and breed year round. They're already eating ranchers out of house and home and eventually they could become a menace," he said.

What looked like a nuisance to South Texas ranchers looked like food to Ward. In 1983, he proposed a project to study ways to harvest and market Nilgai as a cheap source of red meat for the poor.

Ward had been concerned about world hunger since working in Kenya as an agricultural consultant in the 1970s.

"When you've seen little kids starving, it's hard to get excited about studying ways to make deer grow bigger antlers for some guy in Dallas to hang on his wall," Ward said.

"What's important today is food, how can we produce more and why aren't we producing more," he said.

The Nilgai is "a resource that's being wasted now. Coyotes eat them and they die of old age."

Ward's research was designed to explore efficient ways of harvesting the beasts, test the taste and food value of the meat, develop a marketing strategy, measure consumer acceptance of the product and evaluate whether landowners had an interest in cultivating Nilgai for sale.

About 27 antelope were shot by Ward or co-workers last year and the animals "sold faster than we could bring them in," he said. Landowners were paid 50 cents per pound — or about \$100 per animal.

The antelope, weighing an average of 206 pounds for males and 185 pounds for females, were sold to consumers for \$1.10 per pound, less than the average price of beef.

The meat, tested at Texas A&M, was found to be lean and nutritious, containing much less fat and cholesterol than beef, Ward said.



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Texas brothers complete the first lap of their 7,000 mile walk to Alaska

By SYDNEY RUBIN
Associated Press Writer

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP) — About 1,600 miles into a footloose odyssey from Texas to Alaska, a pair of brothers say they wouldn't trade a minute of their first five months on the road for the warm beds and good food they left behind.

Collin Phillips, 24, and his brother, Matthew, 21, walked across the causeway connecting South Padre Island with Port Isabel last June in the Rio Grande Valley and began a 7,000-mile trek on foot for Point Barrows, Alaska.

Last month they reached their winter destination of Granby, Colo., two days before the first major snowfall of the year.

They had walked nearly one-third of their final goal, and were right on schedule.

"We've had good times and bad, but I wouldn't trade a minute of it, because, despite everything, we did it," Collin said of his "personal test."

"Believe me, it would have been easy to stop. When your feet are bleeding and it's 100 degrees outside and you feel like hell from sunburn and you've run out of food and you're looking for water, you want to stop," Collin said in a telephone interview from the YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch resort in Granby.

"But if it was easy to do this, everybody would have done this," Matthew chimed in on an extension phone. "The hardest part, to tell you the truth, is the psychological. It took us three weeks to get in shape, but the psychological thing is every day."

"You have to take one day at a time or you go crazy," said Collin. "You have to focus on an attainable goal and trust it to take you where you want to go."

Since they hiked across the causeway, the Phillips have averaged 20 miles a day with 60-pound packs strapped to their backs. Each of the lanky, blonde brothers has lost 26 pounds. They'll stay in Colorado until the winter weather breaks.

Painful blisters posed the greatest physical obstacle and Matthew walked across Texas for weeks without skin between his toes before stopping at a New Mexico hospital where he was treated for an infection from the blisters.

"In Texas I'd wake up in the morning tired and hurting and know we had to go 20 miles that day," said Matthew, who dropped out of Angelo State University in San Angelo to accompany his brother.

"I'd be on the road thinking, What am I doing? This is ridiculous," he said. "I left a warm bed, good food, a girlfriend, school, everything to do this. Why? That's when I'd have to suck it up and remind myself of why I was there — to see America, for adventure, to meet people."

When he began the journey, Matthew said he was walking "because the only way to see America is on foot." He didn't just mean pretty scenery; he meant American people.

"The news is filled with murders and rapes so after while you get to feeling that bad people are everywhere in America. But the people in the United States are great," said Matthew, who worked at a sheep station in Tasmania, Australia, as a Rotary exchange student in high school.

"We met people on the road, all over, who let us in their homes, treated us like they'd known us for years and took care of us," he said.

Collin also had a kind word for his countrymen, especially a generous North Texas rancher who invited them in for supper at the end of a particularly long, hot day. The rancher got more than he bargained for.

"You wouldn't believe how much we ate," Collin said. "We each had a 2-pound steak, five baked potatoes, a huge bowl of salad, six ears of corn, four pitchers of tea, some soda wafers and homegrown tomatoes and onions."

"We ate almost as much again in the morning for breakfast."

In West Texas, a high school coach allowed them to shower in a football fieldhouse after the brothers had traveled eight days without a bath. In New Mexico, a woman traveling west in a covered wagon gave them supper and a good price on a couple of used sleeping bags.

Without the distractions of dates, school or steady jobs, both brothers said their search for America has given them time to discover themselves.

"You have to put your mind in a different gear when you live like we live, when instead of traveling 60 miles in an hour, you travel that far in three days," said Collin, who has been a fisherman, carpenter, merchant marine and roughneck in his 24 years.

"To pass the time on the road I think a lot. I think about reaching Point Barrows. Or I think about the next town or the next meal."

"I think about home sometimes or my old girlfriend or I remember things from when I was a kid. I've remembered things I never remembered before — all the sudden there they were as I was walking. Matt noticed this, too."

Matthew said he sings — songs he knows, songs he only knows pieces of and songs he makes up himself. By now, Collin knows all the words as well.

"We're getting along good, most people thought we'd be killing each other by this time. But on the road all we have is our backpack and each other," Collin said.

Norman Phillips, the walkers' father, said that with the boys

together, the rest of the family worries about them a little less.

"We're elated they've gotten this far," he said. "They're a little crazy, but we're sure proud of them."

"I think there's no doubt they'll make it to Point Barrows."

Phillips said the next major obstacle will be the last 500 miles of the trip — a desolate wilderness of unpredictable grizzly bears and moose between Fairbanks and Point Barrows.

"We're going to put bear bells on our pack so they'll hear us coming and hopefully they'll leave us

alone," Collin said. "We've thought about this a lot. I'd sure hate to go all that way just to get mangled by a bear."

With Collin taking care of practical matters, Matthew is left, as usual, to ponder the challenge of the trip.

"There's nothing wrong with being scared," he said. "Lewis and Clark, Columbus, you don't read about it, but they were all scared. That's what separates the men from the boys."

"Anything that's worthwhile," Matthew said, "will always be a little scary."

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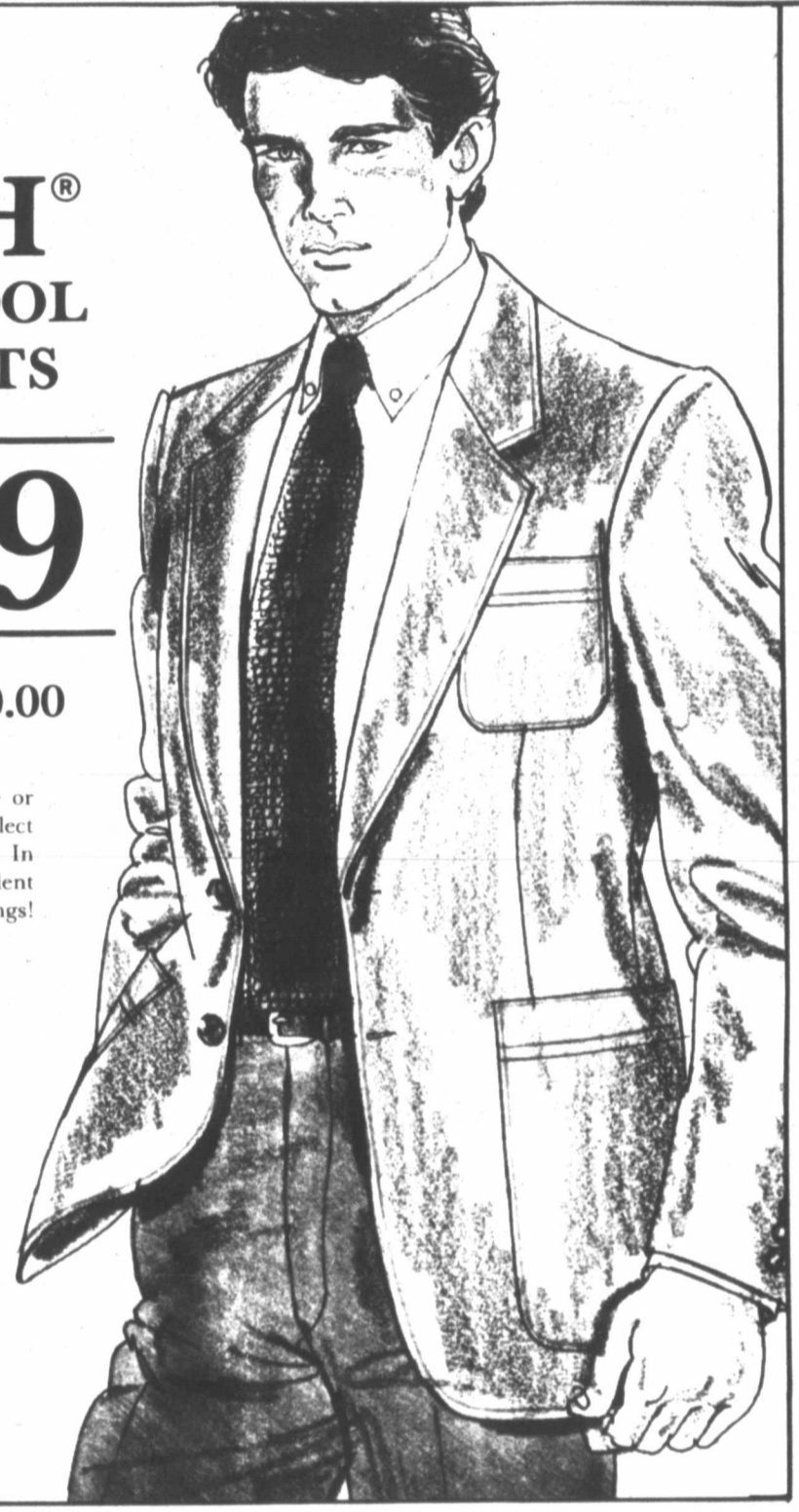


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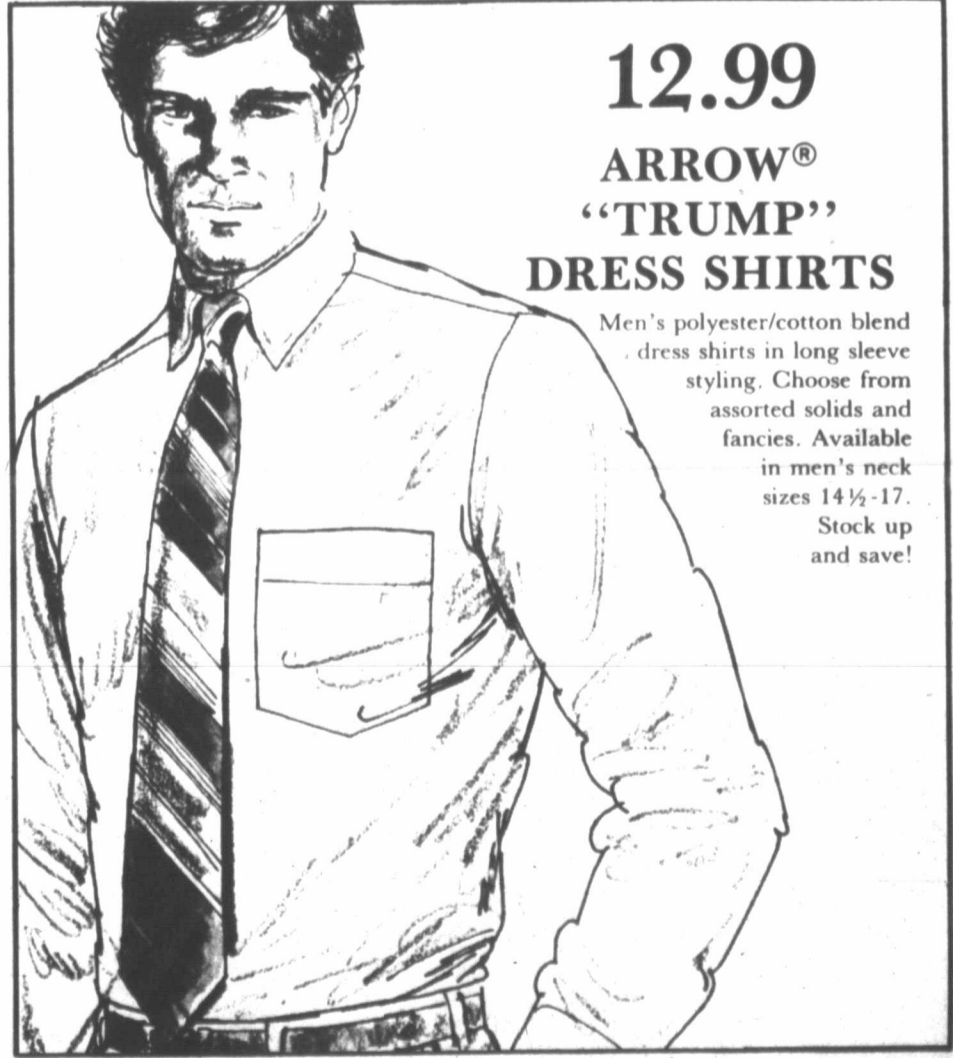


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SPORTS SCENE

White Deer, Wheeler prepare for Friday night playoffs

By L.D. STRATE
Pampa News Sports Editor

White Deer head coach Paul Wilson has got his Bucks thinking that Lockney fullback Dicky Hernandez this week.

Wilson feels the hard-running Hernandez will pose a problem, in ways than one, when White Deer meets Lockney at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Class 2A Area playoffs at Plainview.

Hernandez is a good runner, spots an opening real well. The is to stop him without ganging on him. If we do that, they'll pop the corners and throw on Wilson said.

Hernandez rushed for 121 yards scored Lockney's only touchdown in a 6-6 tie with Hale Center in bi-district play last week.

Longhorns (8-1-2) advanced because of their edge in strations, 3-1.

Lockney is also very goodensively, but their strong suit is ably their offensive line," son said. "They've got a bunch great blockers and they use a lot different blocking schemes."

He outing against Hale Center Lockney's first playoff game since 1974 and the first bi-district since 1957.

White Deer enters Friday night's with a 9-2 record, while going eaten in District 2-2A play. The rks' 28-9 win over Spearman last tk to claim the bi-district title their sixth win in a row. White r had beaten Spearman, 7-6, in season opener.

gainst Spearman, White Deer rterback Will Brown threw his touchdown pass of the season, -yarder to Brent Bridwell, and ran for another score. John ckleford and Kane Barrow also for touchdowns.

We're going to try and figure all of Spearman's blocking emes and have the boys pared for it," Wilson said. "We haven't seen that many king schemes during the year it could be a problem for us ensively."

playoff representative, has an old score to settle against unbeaten Nazareth (11-0) in the Class 1A playoffs Friday night at Dick Bivens Stadium in Amarillo.

Nazareth escaped with a narrow 21-14 win over Wheeler in the opening round of last season's playoffs. Mustangs' head coach

Smith said the Wheeler offense would be put to the test in trying to counter Nazareth's size advantage.

"Both their offensive and defensive lines are right at 200 pounds per man," Smith added. "That Steffens is just an excellent ballplayer."

The Mustangs' main offensive



Wheeler's Toby Collins and Robert Anders (on bottom) demonstrate the "Black Death" defense on Gruber ballcarrier Ron Been (22) during last week's District 1-1A championship game.

Preston Smith said this season's meeting isn't expected to be any easier.

"Nazareth has just about the same team they had last season," Smith said. "They've got great size for a Class A team."

Smith said the Swifts' line will outweigh the Mustangs by 10 to 15 pounds per man. Their defensive line is anchored by 6-3, 200-pound noseguard Billy Steffens, considered by many to be one of the best defensive players in the state.

The Swifts also have one of the better backs in the state in Chris Gerber, who has rushed for over 1,700 yards this season.

"We're going to have to find some way to slow Gerber down," Smith said. "We can't shut him out. He's going to get his yards."

weapons are backs Toby Collins and Dicky Salyer. Collins, a junior, has gained over 1,500 yards on the ground and has rushed for 19 touchdowns. Salyer, a sophomore, has rushed for 1,050 yards and 11 TDs. Both rushed for over 100 yards in Wheeler's 34-12 win over Gruber last week to wrap up the District 1-1A title.

Directing Wheeler's offense is senior quarterback Steven Snapp, who has thrown eight touchdown passes and rushed for three more this season.

Wheeler's "Black Death" defense has also been an immovable object this season. That defense, led by the frontline of Tom Cook, Darren Grimes, Jerry Horton and Ed Ellison, shut out seven opponents in a row this season.

White to the rescue again

DALLAS (AP) — Danny White once again is being called upon to rescue the floundering Dallas Cowboys.

The veteran White was the incumbent starting quarterback in training camp but Gary Hogeboom beat him. Three weeks ago White regained the starting job only to get hurt.

Now, Dallas Coach Tom Landry needs him again following a humiliating 14-3 loss to the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

Landry said Tuesday that the Cowboys need someone to "spark us up."

And benching Hogeboom wasn't the only change he made for the Cowboys' Thanksgiving Day National Football League game in Texas Stadium.

Landry also tabbed Timmy Newsome as the starting fullback over Ron Springs and said Doug Donley would replace Mike Renfro at flanker.

Landry wouldn't go so far as to say White was the starter for the remainder of the Cowboys' regular season play.

"I have no idea what's going to happen next week. We'll just have to wait and see," Landry said.

Landry said "Danny will do a good job directing the offense. He knows it so well."

Hogeboom has thrown twice as many interceptions (14) as he has touchdown passes.

"We're struggling trying to win right now with Gary in there," Landry said. "He played pretty

well against Buffalo but got erratic at the last."

Despite their problems, the Cowboys are still tied with Washington, and the New York Giants atop the National Conference Eastern Division with 7-5 records. They are rated a field goal favorite over the 8-4 Patriots, who have never beaten the Cowboys.

"I don't understand what is happening in the East," Landry said. "Everybody plays good then they play bad. Nobody is taking charge like they did in the past. Somebody will the next four weeks, though."

Landry said White has proved to be a catalyst in the past for the Cowboys during crucial stretch runs.

Cowboys' Howard on injured list

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys placed rookie backup cornerback Carl Howard on injured reserve Tuesday and re-signed punter John Warren, a spokesman for the National Football League club said.

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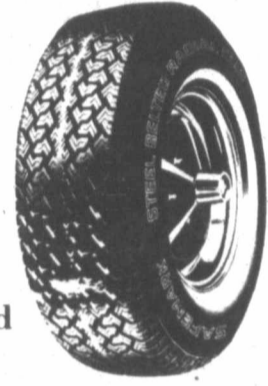
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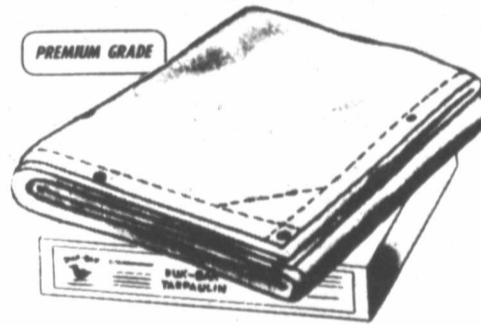
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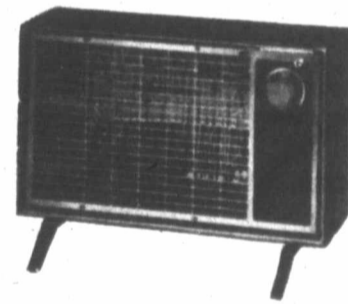
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Orr garners SWC honors

DUSTIN (AP) — Texas' Terry Orr shifted from fullback to back against Texas Christian I scored four touchdowns, and ch Fred Akers says Orr is so satiate he wouldn't hesitate to y him at tight end if the ighorns needed him.

Orr, who rushed for 195 yards had scoring runs of 3, 82 and 33 ds, showed off his receiving lls with a reception that he ned into a 63-yard touchdown in

the Longhorns' 44-23 victory.

For his performance, the fifth-year senior from Abilene Cooper, who has been hurt much of his career, was selected by The Associated Press as the offensive player of the week in the Southwest Conference.

"We trained him some at tight end. We could play him this week at tight end. We haven't chosen to do that, and we haven't had to do that but I would not hesitate in an emergency to put Terry at tight end if it meant winning a ball game for us, and I would feel confident he would know what to do," Akers

said.

Asked if Orr, 6-foot-3 and 227 pounds, was shifted to tailback in the rainy TCU game because he was "sure-handed," Akers said.

"That, plus he was doing some stomping. It was apparent not only that he wanted the ball, he was doing the right thing with it when you gave it to him."

Orr's effort was even more amazing considering he had hurt his knee the previous week in Texas' 29-15 loss to Houston, and doctors told Akers that Orr might have to have arthroscopic surgery.

Pampa girls win basketball opener

Pampa's Lady Harvesters ended the basketball season with a 20-56 win over Caprock Monday ht in Amarillo.

Cerri Richardson paced Pampa th 22 points, while Melissa chols chipped in 16.

uanita Colbert led the losers h 20 points.

The score was tied 28-all at lftime, but Pampa pulled away a 15-point lead, 50-35, after three arters, and held off the Lady nghorns the rest of the way.

Caprock won the junior varsity me, 55-33.

Sheila Roan and Angie Roberts d 15 and 14 points respectively.

Caprock

Corcoran led Pampa with 10 ints while C. Brown added 8

Miami sweeps Darrouzett

DARROUZETT — Miami opened the basketball season Monday night with double wins over Darrouzett.

In the boys' game, Francis paced Miami with 30 points as the Warriors won, 66-59.

Miller was high scorer for Darrouzett with 18 points.

Miami led by only one point at the end of the first quarter, but pulled away to a 35-29 halftime advantage.

The Warriors still held that 6-point advantage (49-43) going into the fourth quarter.

Andy Fountain contributed 19 points for Miami.

The Warriors have a new head

coach, Brent Fountain, a native of Lawton, Okla.

Miami is off to a good start after winning only two games last season.

Janet Adams, a 5-8 senior, scored 17 points to lead Miami to a 51-35 win in the girls' game. Teammate Mary Ann Gill added 12 points.

Smallwood also had 17 for Darrouzett. Robbins chipped in 16.

The score was tied, 22-all, at halftime, but the Warriorettes outscored the hosts, 11-3, in the third period and continued to pile up the lead.

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Few series in history have drawn more interest than the hotly contested Notre Dame-Southern California engagements. This year's meeting, the 56th consecutive contest since 1926, may well be Gerry Faust's finale as coach of the Irish. Unfortunately for Faust and the Irish,

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FOOTBALL FORECAST

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Carolina Gamecocks will meet in Clemson's Memorial Stadium for their unofficial state title. Clemson leads in the series 48-30-3 and has won seven of the last eight contests. The Gamecocks have had a great

year in 1984, but the loss of running back Kent Hagood, who averaged 6.7 yards per carry, has hurt their offense. In a do-or-die struggle, it's Clemson, 35-27.

Among the longer-running series in the collegiate ranks are the 80th renewal of the Kentucky-Tennessee rivalry; the 79th repeat for Oklahoma and Oklahoma State; the 85th for Army and Navy; and the 84th for Keystone State rivals Penn State and Pittsburgh.

The Kentucky-Tennessee game is a tossup. However, Dr. Lex Engton, our Blue Grass correspondent, detects a slight edge, 30-28, in favor of the visiting Wildcats over the host Tennessee Vols.

The Oklahoma State Cowboys trail badly in the series with Oklahoma, with only 12 wins against 60 defeats and six ties. But this week they will end a seven-game losing streak against the Sooners with a thrilling 39-35 triumph.

The storied Army-Navy confrontation in Philadelphia is another almost too close to call. But the Hoople System thrives on such challenges. We confidently predict an Army victory,

26-24. Um-kumph!

Pittsburgh, suffering through one of its worst seasons ever, will close on a dismal note as Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions record a 27-13 win.

In other games, Maryland and the surprising Virginia Cavaliers will get it on for the 49th time. The Cavs will sneak past the Terps, 17-14.

Southern Methodist, closing out its SWC schedule, will knock off the visiting Arkansas Razorbacks in a bruising battle, 22-18. And the Cincinnati Bearcats, going against the neighboring Miami of Ohio Redskins for the 89th time, will triumph, 28-21. Har-rumph!

Now go on with my forecast:

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Davis named AL rookie of the year

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners, losers on the field and at the gate since the inception of the American League franchise in 1977, have a couple of winners in rookies Alvin Davis and Mark Langston.

On Tuesday, first baseman Davis was named American League Rookie of the Year by the Baseball Writers Association of America. Langston, a left-handed pitcher, was runner-up in the voting.

Davis received 25 of the 28 first-place votes and 134 points to beat Langston, who had the other three first-place votes and 82 points. Davis and Langston were the only players named on all 28 ballots.

"It's a dream come true," Davis

said Tuesday in a telephone conference call to Seattle from his home in Riverside, Calif. "This is really an exclamation mark to a fantastic experience and a fantastic season."

Davis, who started the 1984 season with Salt Lake City of the Pacific Coast League, set a Mariners' record with 116 runs batted in while batting .284 and belting a club-high 27 home runs.

Davis pointed out that Langston, also 24, had an outstanding season. Langston set a club record with 17 victories and led the AL in strikeouts with 204. He had a 17-10 record and a 3.40 earned run average.

Mariners' General Manager Hal Keller said, "I think it's a tribute to

the scouting staff, and a tribute to our minor league instructors."

Both Davis and Langston were signed by Mariners' scout Bob Harrison.

They helped the Mariners to a 74-88 record for a tie for fifth place in the AL West, second-best record in the club's dismal history. Despite their presence, the Mariners failed to draw a million fans in the Kingdom for the sixth time in their eight AL seasons.

Outfielder Kirby Puckett of Minnesota finished third with 23 points and second baseman Tim Lincecum of the Twins was fourth with five.

Also receiving votes were Baltimore outfielder Mike Young, 3; Boston pitcher Roger Clemens,

2; Kansas City pitcher Mark Gubicza, 1; Boston pitcher Al Nipper, 1; and California pitcher Ron Romanick, 1.

The rookie honor completed the BBWAA's postseason awards.

Pitcher Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets was named NL Rookie of the Year on Monday. Earlier, Detroit pitcher Willie Hernandez swept the American League Most Valuable Player and

Cy Young awards. Chicago Cubs' teammates Rick Sutcliffe and Ryne Sandberg swept the National League Cy Young and MVP awards. Sparky Anderson of Detroit and Jim Frey of the Cubs were named AL and NL Managers of the Year.

Rockets still unbeaten on homecourt

HOUSTON (AP) — Three first-round draft choices are paying off for the Houston Rockets.

Ralph Sampson, Rodney McCray and Akeem Olajuwon poured in 74 points Tuesday night as the Houston Rockets beat the Detroit Pistons 123-117 in a National Basketball Association game.

The Rockets took Sampson, and McCray in the first round of last year's NBA draft and Olajuwon in the first round of this year's picks.

The 7-4 Sampson, who was switched from center to power

forward to make room for 7-foot rookie center Olajuwon, followed up a 43-point performance against San Antonio with a 28-point, 17-rebound showing against Detroit, providing Houston with its 10th win in 12 games. The Rockets are 8-0 at home.

Second-year forward McCray said Houston still has to establish itself in away games.

"We've proven we can win at home. Now we've got to prove it on

the road," he said. "Winning on this (three-game) road trip would really give us a boost."

Although the Rockets jumped out to an early 18-point bulge, the Pistons made them uncomfortable late in the game. The Rockets trailed by six points when former Atlanta Hawk forward Dan Roundfield scored 13 consecutive points in the third quarter.

Roundfield just returned from the injured list. He scored a game

total of 22.

"I got so tired in the third quarter, I had to ask to be carried out," Roundfield admitted.

All-star guard Isiah Thomas had the Pistons' game-high of 25 points and Bill Laimbeer hit 24.

"It was a competitive game and it didn't start out that way," said Detroit coach Chuck Daly. "Sampson battled for his position and he hit some big shots in the fourth quarter." Sampson dropped in 16 points in the final period.

Wheeler girls win cage opener

WHEELER — Wheeler girls opened the 1984-85 basketball season Monday night with a 79-37 thrashing of Wellington.

Melanie Williams led the Lady Mustangs with 19 points, while Marlo Hartman, the Amarillo Globe-News Freshman of the Year last season, chipped in 15.

Traci Hunnicutt led the losers with 17. Trena Archie added 9.

Wheeler held a 40-18 lead at halftime.

Wheeler girls won the district championship last season and compiled an overall 22-4 won-lost record.

"We're going to be pretty strong again," said Wheeler coach Jan Newland. "We're going to have pretty good height."

Pampa sophs down Canadian

Pampa sophomores defeated Palo Duro Sophomores, 60-56, in overtime Monday night.

Billy Butler put Pampa in front to stay in the final seconds on a 3-point play. Butler stole the ball and was fouled after making the basket.

Kelly Loter led Pampa with 10 points.

In a recent ninth-grade doubleheader, Pampa Blue downed Canadian Blue, 35-18, and Pampa Red won over Canadian, 47-42.

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Blind woman collects shells

By DAN BARBER
The Brazosport Facts
SURFSIDE, Texas (AP) — Bess Williamson, her eyes obscured from view behind thick sunglasses, gently touches some of her prized shells in search of familiar shapes and textures.

Her gaze drifts without focus out a window as she methodically and from memory names each shell passing her tactile inspection: wolk, olive, conch, nautilus. A touch serves where vision fails.

For more than 30 years, Ms. Williamson has collected shells in Texas, England, Mexico, Hawaii, the Fiji Islands and New Zealand. But only recently has her search been in darkness.

About three years ago Ms. Williamson lost all but a faint remnant of her sight to macula edema. Her retinas swelled and obscured the world from her view, but not from her touch.

"Before I lost my sight I could have filled this house with shells," Ms. Williamson, 58, says with defiant pride, her soft chin and slight body tightening with resolve. "Now I save only those that are special to me."

"I was a shell collector before I lost my sight, so I know shells," she says. "Blindness has not kept me from shell collecting."

In fact, the former Exxon Corp. accountant says shell collecting helps cheer her. Almost every day, especially from November through March, Ms. Williamson walks the four blocks from her house to the beach with a sounding cane clearing a path for her.

A pair of thin-soled tennis shoes warm her feet during the winter without restricting her quest for the perfect shell.

But during the summer, she says, she uses her bare feet to search the sand for shells or the tracks live mollusks leave. A lucky find inspires her to sit in the sand for hours, sifting relics from refuse.

"I miss most of them, but the ones I do pick up mean more to me," Ms. Williamson says. Blindness enhances a person's remaining senses, she says. A shell's shape, texture, smell and color become more apparent, though the only visual images she retains rest in her mind's eye.

"I can almost tell you the color of them by the feel. The color almost has a smell."

Just touching the shells she can no longer see gives her pleasure, she says. She stores her prizes for easy access inside a wooden liquor cabinet, with a photograph of her

father. "You'd be surprised how many times I come over and just feel my shells. That's one of my greatest pleasures, my shells. They all have history to me. They're like my babies."

Ms. Williamson says she hasn't always been so well adjusted to her loss of sight. She reacted badly to the darkness in the beginning. "I stayed drunk for the first six months. I couldn't face it. I went into fits of depression."

A message from God turned her around, she says. "I woke up one night and I was talking to the Lord in my sleep," she remembers. "He told me to straighten up and get back to work. So I decided that if I'm going to live like this, I'm not going to be an invalid."

Now a healthy, happy attitude laced with a heightened sense of humor carry her through the darkness. She has learned how to crochet again and has canned more than 1,000 jars of vegetables and fruit since January.

"I try to do everything I did before I lost my sight. And the hard things, well, I just try a little harder. I don't consider myself handicapped. I'm impaired, but not handicapped."

She adds, tongue in cheek, that she doesn't really think she's blind. "I don't consider myself blind, but everyone else does when I run over them," she quips.

Her sense of humor helps lighten her burden. She remembers with amusement relearning how to brush her teeth, repeatedly wiping toothpaste from her nose and cheeks before learning to locate her mouth.

Learning to walk on the beach, the terrain of which changes constantly, was also difficult. But she can now laugh at her trials. "People think you're either drunk or careless."

But Ms. Williamson maintains her pride by keeping life simple. Optimism guides her through the darkness. "There ain't nothing wrong with me, I just can't see."

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Quiet neighborhood legal battleground

By SCOTT McCARTNEY
Associated Press Writer

CLEBURNE, Texas (AP) — It's a nice small-town neighborhood with solid, working-class people. And it's a nice old house, with fresh beige paint and a broad, inviting front porch.

But no one lives there. Not until the U.S. Supreme Court decides.

The owners of the house at 201 Featherston want to provide a home for mildly retarded people, and are challenging a city zoning ordinance which excludes a "hospital for the feeble-minded" from the neighborhood.

The court will decide whether communities which exclude such group homes through zoning laws violate the civil rights of the retarded. The court's decision, expected by July, could have tremendous impact for the rights of the mentally retarded beyond housing opportunities.

Experts say hundreds of neighborhoods across the country have faced similar disputes since mental health institutions and state schools have come under pressure from courts to return mildly or moderately retarded people to communities.

"It would not have been worth it to fight this battle if we were the only ones who would benefit," said Jan Hannah, 42, the owner of the house.

"I didn't intend to be a crusader," she said, "but I've kind

of taken on that characteristic." Mrs. Hannah, who has worked with the retarded for 18 years, bought the house for \$59,000 in 1980 and asked the City Council for a special-use permit for a home for 13 mentally retarded men and women with 24-hour supervision.

Neighbors objected, fearing violence from the home's residents, a drop in property values or trouble between the home and students from Cleburne Junior High across the street.

Joe Marchbanks, who lives three doors away, said: "The older women are fearful of this thing. There are a lot of older women in this neighborhood and they don't want these people around."

"If these people get by with this, all cities might as well do away with their laws. We've lived here all our lives and I don't know why we should be subjected to this," said Marchbanks, 65.

"With retarded people, you don't ever know when they're going to do something," he added.

Residents would be mildly to moderately retarded, Mrs. Hannah said, and would have no violent tendencies. There would be no curfew or security system at the residence.

Frank Hyde, principal of the junior high school, said he accepted Mrs. Hannah's assurances. However, he worried about the reactions of some students: "Seventh- and

eighth-grade kids might not always be the kindest people."

The property is zoned for a hospital, a convalescent home, a nursing home, a boarding house, apartments, a fraternity or sorority house — "anything except a home for the feeble, for alcoholics, for drug addicts or for the insane," Mrs. Hannah said.

Cleburne, a city of about 19,000 people 25 miles south of Fort Worth, classified the house as a "hospital for the feeble-minded" because of the 24-hour care.

Mrs. Hannah and Cleburne Living Centers, her company which owns and operates three smaller homes for the mentally retarded in neighboring towns, sued in federal court after the city's planning and zoning commission rejected her application.

A federal trial court threw out the suit, saying the city's ordinance was "rational."

However, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled for Mrs. Hannah, saying laws which place the mentally retarded in a different category must be judged as are those treating the sexes differently.

The retarded "have been subjected to a history of unfair and often grotesque mistreatment," the court said.

The court also noted that the Cleburne ordinance required no special zoning permits for

supervised nursing homes for the elderly.

The case was accepted by the U.S. Supreme Court after Cleburne officials appealed the New Orleans court's ruling.

Cleburne Mayor George Martí said city officials would not comment on the case while it is before the Supreme Court.

Jim McKenna, director of administration for the Arlington-based Association of Retarded Citizens, said the case is crucial to efforts to move patients out of institutions and into communities.

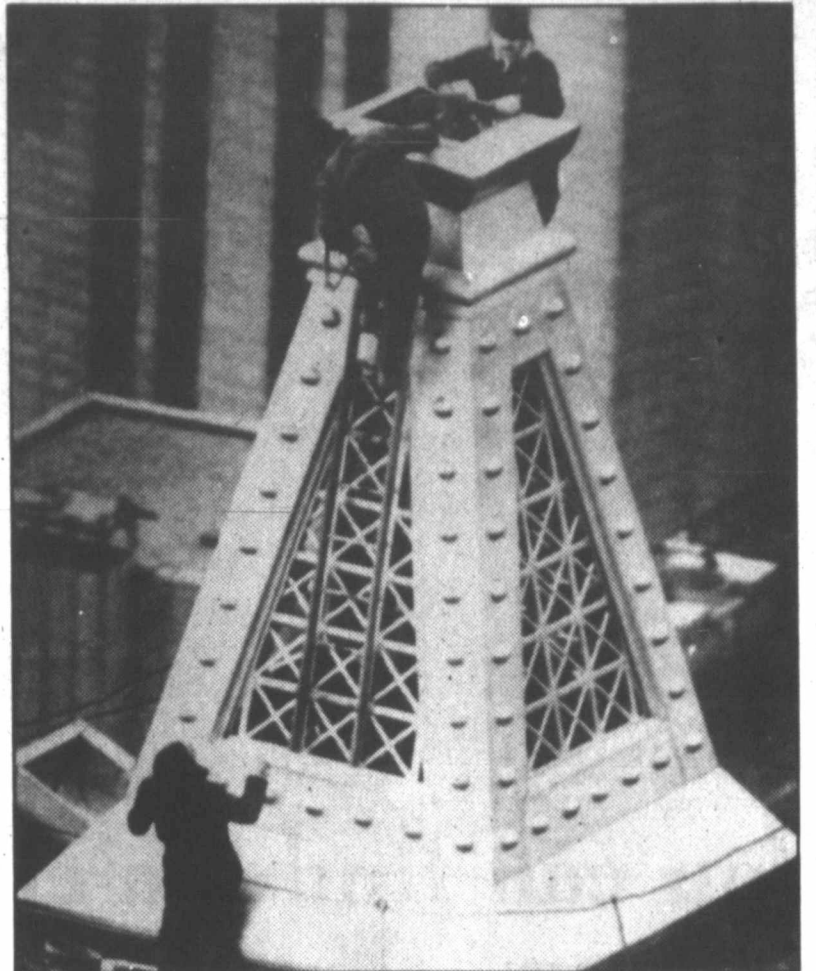
If the court rules against Mrs. Hannah, he said, "it could have a serious impact on our efforts."

Her opponents, some of them owners of rental property in the neighborhood, have misunderstood the issue, Mrs. Hannah said.

"Our case has never alleged that cities don't have the right to zone — it's when the mentally retarded are treated as a different group," she said.

Mrs. Hannah said she has a waiting list of 30 mentally retarded people either living with their families or in institutions who are capable of handling life in the home and holding down jobs at a nearby sheltered workshop.

Residents need both activities and shopping nearby, said Mrs. Hannah, whose house is about four blocks from the town square.



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GENERAL STORE—Girouard's General Store celebrates its 60th year in Freeport this year. The store, operated by brothers Sagness and Bobby Girouard, carries an eclectic assortment of items ranging from gigantic spools of Astroturf to a huge black rooster that would dwarf a turkey. (AP Laserphoto)

You can find sea charts, astroturf at general store

By DENISE RICHTER

The Brazosport Facts
FREEPORT, Texas (AP)—A year ago Sagness Girouard decided to rearrange his Freeport supermarket to make the aisles neat and orderly. A friend walked in and caught him in the act.

"You're ruining an institution," the friend told him. "People love it the way it is."

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The proverbial kitchen sink marks no great find here three are piled atop shelves filled with picture frames and macrame supplies. The real discoveries are gigantic spools of Astroturf, a bin of wooden toys handmade in Vermont or a huge black rooster that would dwarf a turkey.

"We have more items than any other store on the Gulf of Mexico," Sagness says. "There are more than 25,000 items in this store. We may only have one of an item, but if you need it, we'll probably have it."

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Sagness, 63, and his brother, Bobby, 61, own Girouard's General Store. The 60-year-old store, its pink stucco walls and metal roof weathered by the years, is a Freeport landmark.

"A lot of people come in just to look because they've never seen a country store," Sagness says. "That's what we are a country store, a general store. And we want

to be the best general store in Texas."

Sagness and Bobby's father, Sagness Girouard Sr., opened the store in 1924.

"My dad was working for the Freeport Sulphur Co. at the time, but he always wanted to work for himself," Sagness says. "Mr. McClendon, a banker at Freeport National Bank, begged my daddy not to go into business. My daddy only had an eighth-grade education, and Mr. McClendon said he just couldn't make it in the grocery business."

Sagness Sr. was determined to succeed. He bought a 20-foot-by-20-foot building the boundaries of which still can be seen in the store's worn wooden floor and set up shop.

But he made sure he had something to fall back on if the business flopped. Instead of quitting his job, he took a year-long leave of absence from the sulphur company. Then he took another and another.

"At the end of the third, he knew he could do it," Sagness says. "So he quit his job at the sulphur company to devote all his time to the store."

The store was just a few blocks from the Broad Street station where workers caught the train bound for Hoskins Mound, where sulphur was produced.

"The store opened at 6 a.m. so the men could get their tobacco and shoot the bull," he says. "Then they could just walk over and get on the 7:05 train."

Credit, not cash, was the order of business. The billing cycle once a month corresponded with the sulphur company's pay period. When the company started paying its employees twice a month, Girouard's started billing twice a month.

In the early 1930s, the sulphur company halted production at Bryan Mound.

"I remember people coming in and saying, 'You're going to have to close up. There's no way you'll ever make it,'" Sagness says.

Instead of closing, his father expanded the grocery several times and added a line of general merchandise.

"Whenever business got bad, he'd do something else," Sagness says.

During the Depression, Girouard's continued to sell on credit. But that changed when the Dow Chemical Co. arrived in the area in 1940.

"When Dow came, we were still strictly credit," he says. "But my dad... ran a full-page ad in The Freeport Facts saying that from then on, sales would be strictly cash. No credit would be offered."

"He thought business would suffer, but it didn't. And with the influx of people, he really didn't have any choice. He didn't know anything about them. Freeport wasn't a country town anymore. It wasn't a city, but people were coming and going."

That no-credit policy still holds today.

"When you give credit, you have to worry every time you hear a car start off in the middle of the night," Sagness says. "You never know if they're going to take off with your money."

While Dow brought Girouard's a steady stream of new customers, the higher wages it paid meant it was harder for the store to get and keep good employees.

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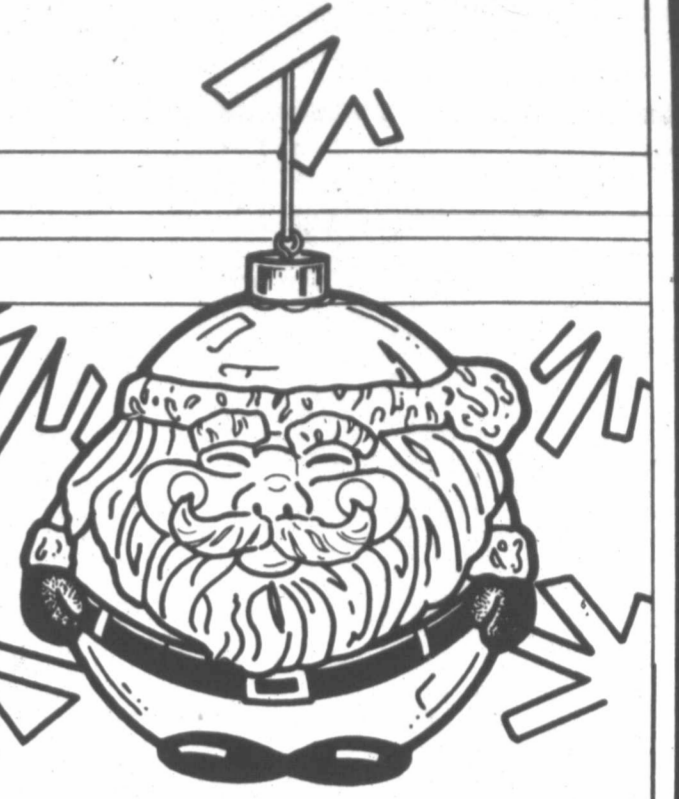
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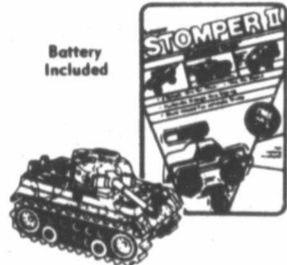
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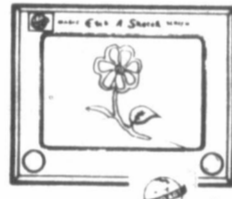
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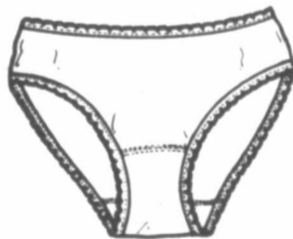
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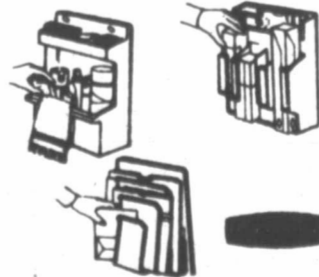
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Civic ballet to present Christmas Spectacular

The Pampa Civic Ballet, with Jeanne Willingham as artistic director, is to present their annual Christmas Spectacular Saturday, Dec. 1, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Curtain rises at 7 p.m.

Members of the company are Kim Bowers, Anita Dalton, Joanna Hagerman, Susanna Holt, Dori Kidwell, Deanna Parsley, Renee Sprinkle and Janet Waters. Junior

members are Teena Jacobs, Andi Duncan and Tammy Lane.

Guest artist is to be Bill Combs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Combs of Pampa. Combs is to sing three songs. He is a vocal performance major at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The Beaux Arts Children's Chorus, directed by Jerry Lane, will also sing.

This year's "spectacular" opens

with Santa's Elves, The Christmas Rush, the Toy Shop and the Christmas Party. These are followed by Once in Royal David's City, Winter Dreams and the Christmas Gift Ballet. The climax of the show is the appearance of the "dancing Santa Claus."

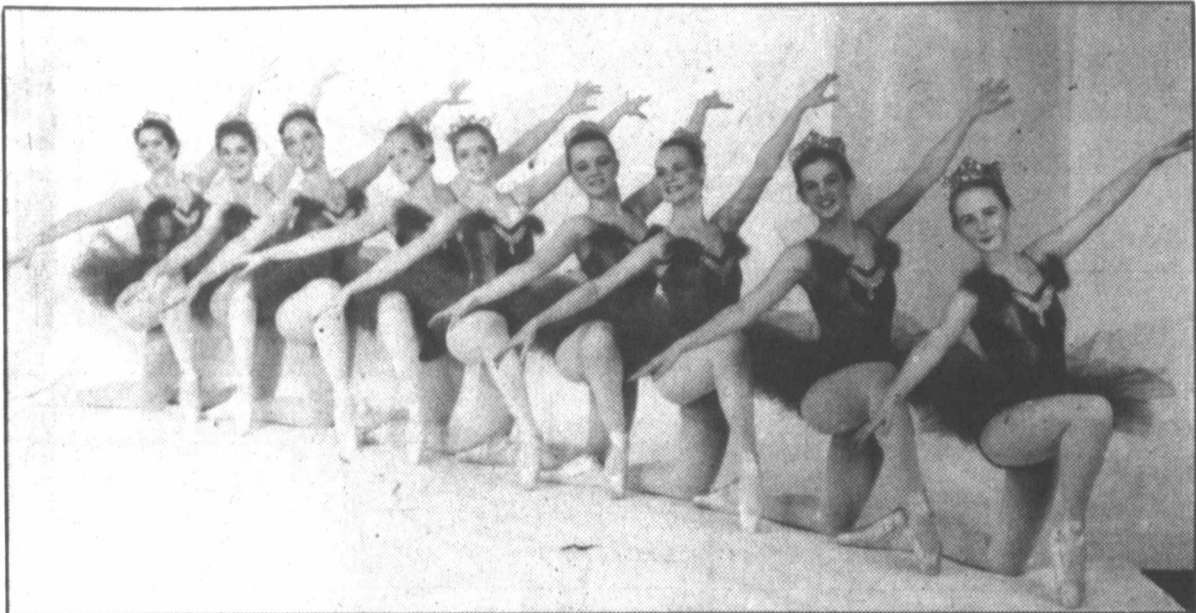
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PAMPA CIVIC BALLET COMPANY — Pictured are the members of the Pampa Civic Ballet Company who will present "Christmas Spectacular," Saturday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in M.K. Brown Auditorium. The dancers are, from left: Cindy Kohler, Susanna Holt, Anita Dalton,

Joanna Hagerman, Kim Bowers, Deanna Parsley, Rita Stephens, Dori Kidwell and Teena Jacobs. Not pictured is Janet Waters and junior members, Andi Duncan and Tamara Lane. (Special photo)



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC — These young ladies are ready for their Teddy Bear Picnic, a dance they will perform at the Pampa Civic Ballet's Christmas Spectacular. They are, from left: Julie Ann Noles, Kimberly Sparkman, Amy Bradley, Cara East, Jane Brown and Connie Pettiet. (Special photo)



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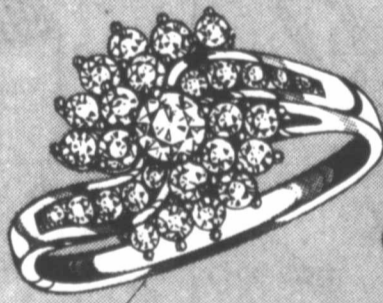
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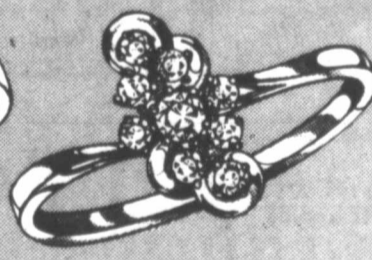


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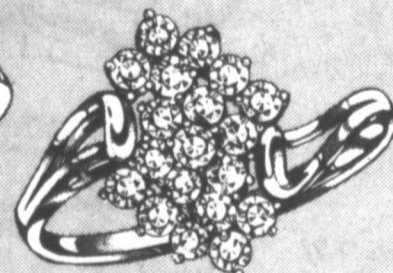
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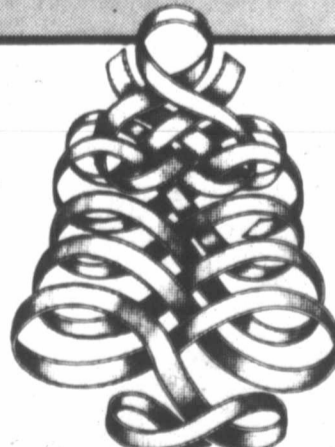


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By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR READERS: By popular demand, here is my traditional Thanksgiving column: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day, so take a few minutes to think about what you have to be thankful for.

How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't. You're hurting? Thousands—maybe millions—are hurting more. (Have you ever visited a veterans' hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for crippled children?)

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table on two good legs and read the newspaper with two good eyes, praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No wel-

fare. No food stamps. No Social Security. In fact, one-third of the people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, call someone. Go out of your way to do something nice for somebody. It's a sure cure for the blues.

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. Concern for fair play under the law. Your country may not be a rose garden, but it also is not a patch of weeds.

Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock on the door at midnight. And if you want to live under a different system, you are free to go. There are no walls or fences—nothing

to keep you here.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving Prayer; perhaps you will want to use it at your table tomorrow:

O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,

That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiv-

ing and may God bless you and yours.

Love, ABBY

P.S. Want an instant high? The surest cure for the post-holiday blues is to do something nice for someone. Why not call someone who lives alone and invite him (or her) over for dinner or leftovers?

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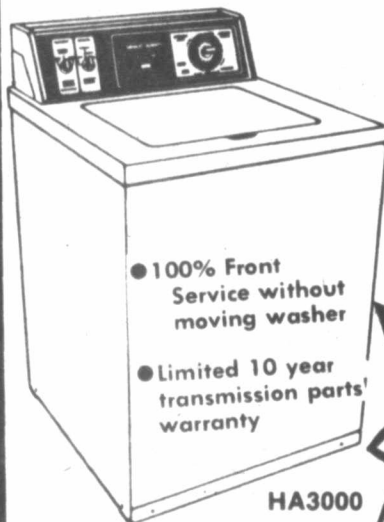
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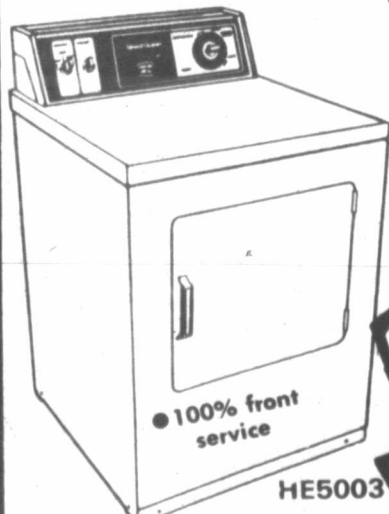
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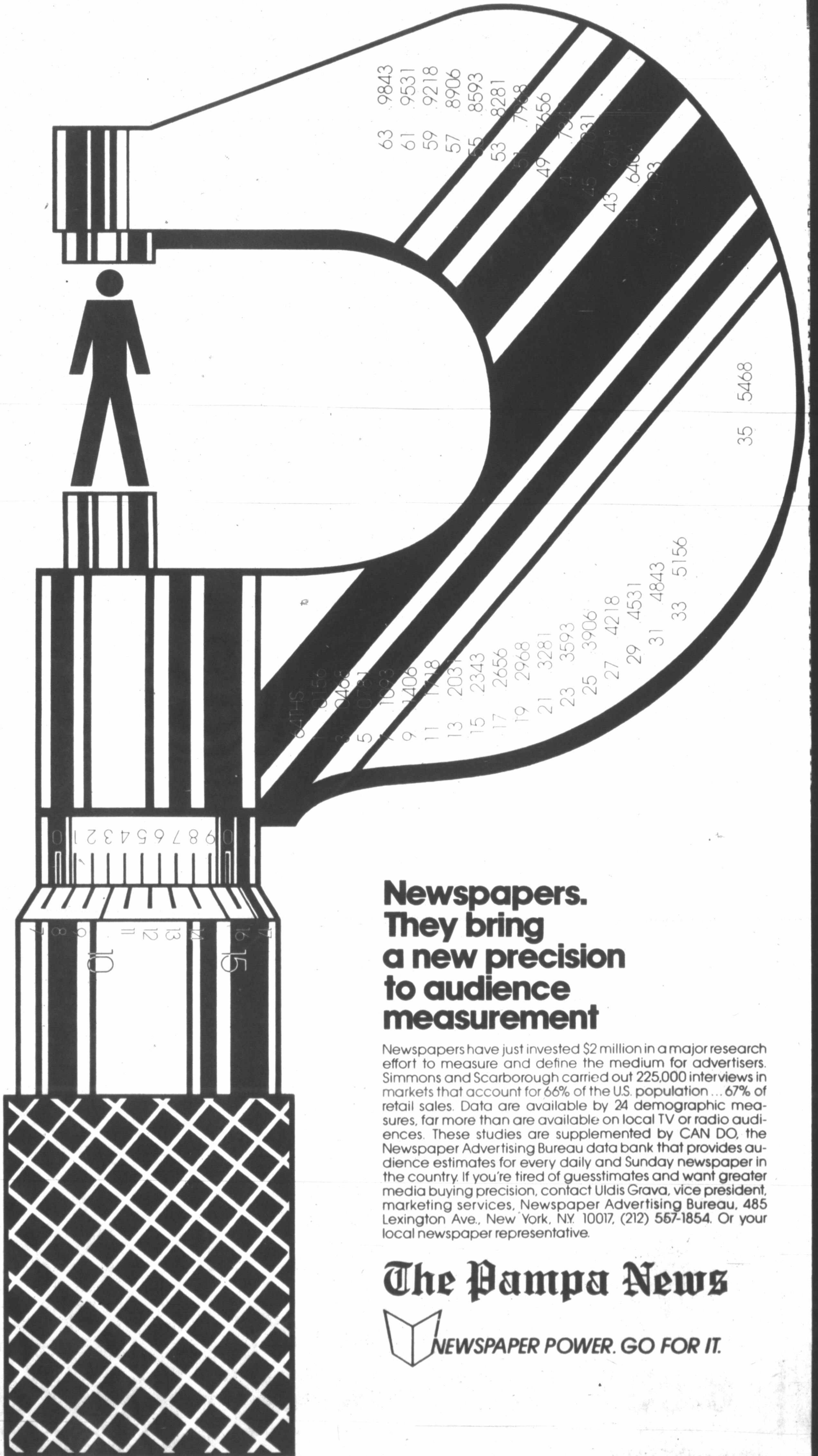
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Red Cross seeks famine relief

The Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is to join in a national drive for African famine relief to begin Jan. 6, 1985.

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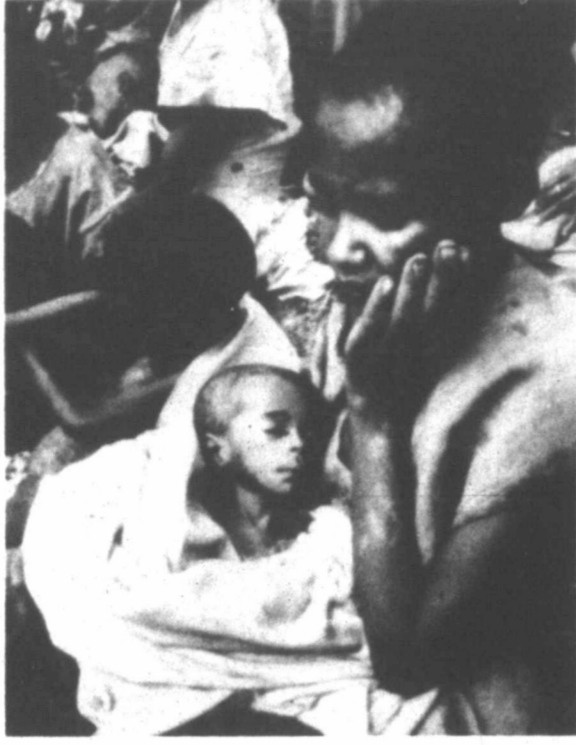
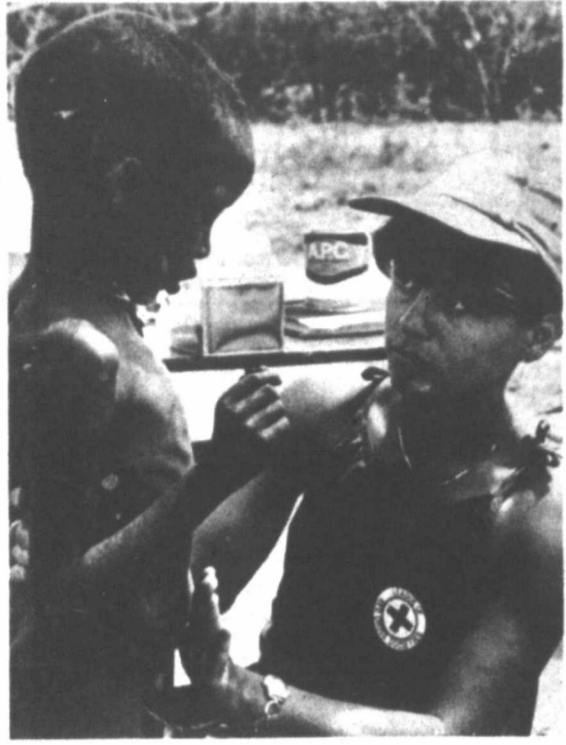
Ethiopia, our local committee working on this drive would like the public to know of this pending drive," said Joyce Roberts, local Red Cross director. The American Red Cross has pledged to help bring in the \$37 million dollar

special appeal, Roberts said.

Red Cross has been working with teams of doctors and nurses providing medicine and food in the famine stricken areas. However, all relief agencies cannot begin to keep up with the devastating conditions, she said.

Some other countries to receive the aid, in addition to Ethiopia, include Mauritania, Chad, Djibouti, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Mali, Senegal and Sao Tome E. Princi.

Anyone who wishes to contribute at this time may send their contributions to the Gray County chapter of American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1036, Pampa, or bring the contributions by the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell.



FAMINE RELIEF PROGRAM — The American Red Cross is launching an African Famine Relief campaign to help alleviate the suffering caused by the African famine disaster. These are photographs of Red Cross workers and starving Ethiopians.

Children's arthritis group to meet

AMARILLO — A Children's Arthritis Support Group meeting is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m. in the physical therapy department of St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Jim Keister, head of the physical therapy department at St. Anthony's Hospital, is to conduct a

session on physical therapy for arthritic children.

Afterwards the group will go through the serving line in the cafeteria and meet in the Galaxy Room for a short meeting.

All family members of arthritic children are welcome.

Please call Phyllis Vaughn, support group coordinator, at (806) 274-3106 after 5 p.m. or Mary Ellen Dietrich at St. Anthony's Hospital, (806) 378-6078, for reservations.

The meeting is sponsored by the Panhandle Arthritis Information Center, St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo.

Computer explorer post to form at church

The First Christian Church is to charter and organize an Explorer Post dedicated to exploring the many careers and fields in computers and data processing. The organizational meeting is to be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the First Christian Church, 18th and N. Nelson.

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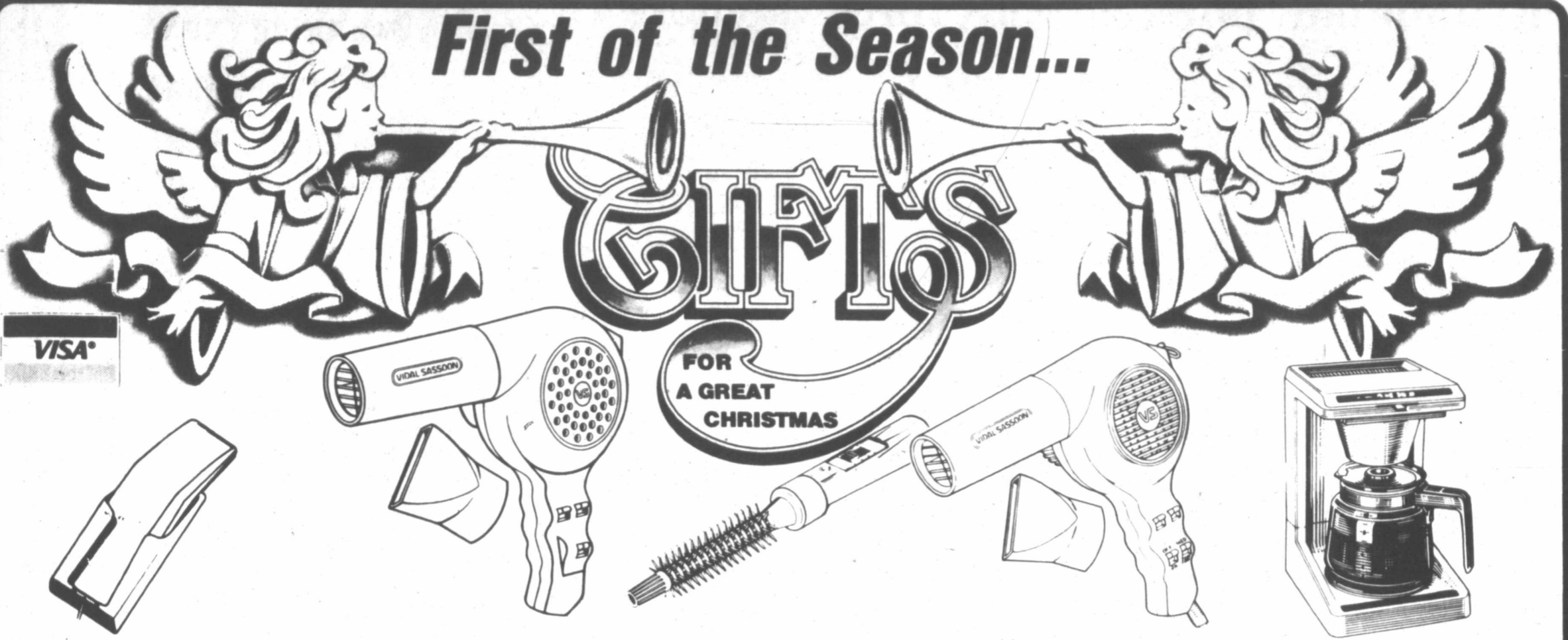
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Hawk Mountain popular with bird watchers

EDITOR'S NOTE — Half a century ago, when Pennsylvania offered a bounty for hawks, a Philadelphia naturalist and a New York woman known as the "Joan of Arc of conservation" led the fight to end the carnage atop Hawk Mountain. Today it's a popular gathering place for bird watchers.

By **BOB DVORCHAK**
Associated Press Writer
KEMPTON, Pa. (AP) — Once it was a live shooting gallery for migrating hawks, eagles and falcons, but now it is celebrating its 50th anniversary as the world's first sanctuary for birds of prey. Years ago, gunners looking for target practice perched atop Hawk Mountain's stony outcrops and red valleys of lethal shotgun pellets at majestic raptors loathed by varmints.

Nowadays, people watch as the migratory birds, protected by federal law, soar on air currents to their winter feeding grounds.

"This is the place where the whole idea started of conservation for birds of prey," says James Brett, 44, curator of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association. "It's a place where a stand was taken and won."

Birds of prey have coaxed humans past Hawk Mountain, a rocky promontory on the Kittatinny Ridge of the eastern Appalachian Mountains, located between Reading and Pottsville in eastern Pennsylvania.

Hawks snatched an occasional chicken, so Pennsylvania paid bounties — ranging from 50 cents to \$5 between 1913 and 1951 — on dead goshawks, one of several

hawk species. "Hawks were a persecuted species," says Richard Pough, 80, the leader in the battle to halt the killing. "In those days, some animals were considered good and some were considered bad, which was all nonsense. But the only good hawk was a dead hawk."

In 1932, the amateur naturalist from Philadelphia witnessed what he described as a sickening massacre. "I was outraged at the terrible slaughter going on. It sounded like a battle. It was a pretty appalling sight."

His findings reached Rosalie Edge, a New Yorker described by her friends as "the Joan of Arc of conservation" and by her enemies as "a common scold" and less flattering names.

Mrs. Edge's Emergency

Conservation Committee acquired 1,398 acres of Hawk Mountain for \$2.50 an acre in August 1934. Warden Maurice Brown shooed away 166 gunners from Sept. 10 to Nov. 1 that first year.

Pennsylvania discontinued bounties 17 years later, and hawks were given blanket federal protection in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1972.

Last year, the 2,110-acre Hawk Mountain Sanctuary drew 50,000 visitors from 48 states and 25 foreign countries.

Mark Blauer, 29, of Nanticoke, a volunteer spotter and counter, says, "When there's a good flight, like seeing 300 sharp-shinned hawks in an hour, there's a flow of adrenalin like in whitewater rafting. Each sighting is like hitting a new wave."

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By JOAN BRUNSKILL
AP Newsfeatures Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — A very special selection of paintings and drawings has been assembled for the exhibition, "Van Gogh in Arles," at the Metropolitan Museum of Art here through Dec. 30.

It's the first exhibition to be devoted to the 15 months of intense creativity that the painter lived through in Arles, in the south of France, from February 1888 to May 1889, and the 146 items in it have been assembled from public and private collections in the United States and Europe.

Many related works are shown here together for the first time since they were dispersed from the artist's studio; there are many very familiar works included, as well as others rarely if ever shown before in this country.

"It's unbelievable — one has to pinch oneself occasionally to believe they're all here. People have been so generous," said Ronald Pickvance, guest curator of the exhibition, at a preview.

Energy and color, especially the blues and golds of the south, radiate from the paintings van Gogh did in Arles: spring orchards and harvest fields, glowing landscapes and gardens, portraits and scenes of his house. The vibrant paintings are often complemented by pencil, pen and ink drawings the artist did of the same subjects — not as preliminary studies but as fully worked-out versions, alternative translations of the point of interest he'd first been inspired to work on.

In both paintings and drawings, the passionate rhythms of his brush and pen convey a controlled urgency with their variety of strokes, dots and dashes. One of the richest revelations of this exhibition comes from its wide selection of van Gogh's drawings, their expressiveness showing his mastery of line, as well as of color in the more often seen paintings.

The work done during this period in Arles is magnificent in itself. But in the context of van Gogh's life and in its influence on the history of

art, it has further resonance. Van Gogh's artistic career only lasted 10 years and of these few years, the relatively brief period in Arles represents a dramatic peak of development, a turning point in his short life.

He'd gone south to Arles from Paris, at the age of 34, for various reasons, among them to find the strong sun, light and color he wanted to learn to work with, to express qualities he admired in Japanese prints and Delacroix's paintings. His work through these 15 months shows his reaction to his new environment, his bold experiments, the working out of ideas and problems.

At the Metropolitan, the works are grouped in roughly chronological order, galleries of paintings often alternating with those of drawings, tracing van Gogh's exploration of the countryside, the records he made of his surroundings, his house and its interiors, his friends and neighbors.

In the orchard paintings, the pinks and whites of spring predominate; there's the "Still Life with Coffeepot," a carefully finished exercise in strong color, orange, yellow and blue; a visit to the coast prompted the "Little Seaside," with its incomparable blue-green sea and sky, and several versions of the village street with cottages and flowering bushes. As the seasons progress, the painter's fields grow richer with harvest golds, and there are various depictions of "The Sower," exploring further color ranges.

Portraits include those of Joseph Roulin, the post-office worker, and, side-by-side for the first time since they left van Gogh's studio, the two portraits of "L'Arlesienne," the townswoman in her dark dress, seated at a table in front of a sharp citron yellow background. There are also paintings of the yellow house where van Gogh lived, of his bedroom, and of his chair with his pipe lying on it.

A selection of the paintings done during Gauguin's visit illuminates this important phase in van Gogh's 15 months in Arles. Works by both

men are hung together, and show how these two very individual artists dealt with similar subjects and situations. Van Gogh had looked forward enormously to his friend's visit, but their temperamental and artistic differences brought the visit to a disastrous end with a quarrel, after which van Gogh cut off part of his own ear.

The last self portrait in the exhibition is the famous "Self Portrait With Bandaged Ear and Pipe" — a painting of such strength, lucidity and artistic control that it asserts, as van Gogh himself did in a letter, this is in no sense the work of a madman. It's a

composed and unselfish look at himself, in a painting using color as dramatically and masterfully as he ever used it — the complementary red, green, blue and orange.

Pickvance has prepared the informative catalog that accompanies the exhibition — it has a helpful abundance of quotations from the detailed letters van Gogh wrote to his brother, Theo, from Arles.

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Energy, color mark Van Gogh's Arles work

By JOAN BRUNSKILL
AP Newsfeatures Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — A very special selection of paintings and drawings has been assembled for the exhibition, "Van Gogh in Arles," at the Metropolitan Museum of Art here through Dec. 30.

It's the first exhibition to be devoted to the 15 months of intense creativity that the painter lived through in Arles, in the south of France, from February 1888 to May 1889, and the 146 items in it have been assembled from public and private collections in the United States and Europe.

Many related works are shown here together for the first time since they were dispersed from the artist's studio; there are many very familiar works included, as well as others rarely if ever shown before in this country.

"It's unbelievable — one has to pinch oneself occasionally to believe they're all here. People have been so generous," said Ronald Pickvance, guest curator of the exhibition, at a preview.

Energy and color, especially the blues and golds of the south, radiate from the paintings van Gogh did in Arles: spring orchards and harvest fields, glowing landscapes and gardens, portraits and scenes of his house. The vibrant paintings are often complemented by pencil, pen and ink drawings the artist did of the same subjects — not as preliminary studies but as fully worked-out versions, alternative translations of the point of interest he'd first been inspired to work on.

In both paintings and drawings, the passionate rhythms of his brush and pen convey a controlled urgency with their variety of strokes, dots and dashes. One of the richest revelations of this exhibition comes from its wide selection of van Gogh's drawings, their expressiveness showing his mastery of line, as well as of color in the more often seen paintings.

The work done during this period in Arles is magnificent in itself. But in the context of van Gogh's life and in its influence on the history of

art, it has further resonance. Van Gogh's artistic career only lasted 10 years and of these few years, the relatively brief period in Arles represents a dramatic peak of development, a turning point in his short life.

He'd gone south to Arles from Paris, at the age of 34, for various reasons, among them to find the strong sun, light and color he wanted to learn to work with, to express qualities he admired in Japanese prints and Delacroix's paintings. His work through these 15 months shows his reaction to his new environment, his bold experiments, the working out of ideas and problems.

At the Metropolitan, the works are grouped in roughly chronological order, galleries of paintings often alternating with those of drawings, tracing van Gogh's exploration of the countryside, the records he made of his surroundings, his house and its interiors, his friends and neighbors.

In the orchard paintings, the pinks and whites of spring predominate; there's the "Still Life with Coffeepot," a carefully finished exercise in strong color, orange, yellow and blue; a visit to the coast prompted the "Little Seascape," with its incomparable blue-green sea and sky, and several versions of the village street with cottages and flowering bushes. As the seasons progress, the painter's fields grow richer with harvest golds, and there are various depictions of "The Sower," exploring further color ranges.

Portraits include those of Joseph Roulin, the post-office worker, and, side-by-side for the first time since they left van Gogh's studio, the two portraits of "L'Arlesienne," the townswoman in her dark dress, seated at a table in front of a sharp citron yellow background. There are also paintings of the yellow house where van Gogh lived, of his bedroom, and of his chair with his pipe lying on it.

A selection of the paintings done during Gauguin's visit illuminates this important phase in van Gogh's 15 months in Arles. Works by both

men are hung together, and show how these two very individual artists dealt with similar subjects and situations. Van Gogh had looked forward enormously to his friend's visit, but their temperamental and artistic differences brought the visit to a disastrous end with a quarrel, after which van Gogh cut off part of his own ear.

The last self portrait in the exhibition is the famous "Self Portrait With Bandaged Ear and Pipe" — a painting of such strength, lucidity and artistic control that it asserts, as van Gogh himself did in a letter, this is in no sense the work of a madman. It's a

composed and unsentimental look at himself, in a painting using color as dramatically and masterfully as he ever used it — the complementary red, green, blue and orange.

Pickvance has prepared the informative catalog that accompanies the exhibition — it has a helpful abundance of quotations from the detailed letters van Gogh wrote to his brother, Theo, from Arles.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're in a favorable cycle for launching ventures that you originate. Get moving if you have something good on the drawing board.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might be invited to participate in a new enterprise today. If you're in accord, try to make your contribution from behind the scenes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An old friendship that has lain dormant for quite a spell is about to be rekindled. It's with one who no longer resides in your locale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be on the lookout at this time for solid investment proposals. If you poke around a bit, you might ferret out something worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something that has been difficult to negotiate may be close to an agreement today. Although it's been a tedious procedure, you should get your terms.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Beginning today people in authority or a position to help will start taking a greater interest in your career. Do your best at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Assume the initiative today if there is a relationship you've been eager to establish. The other party has been waiting for cues from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Set the wheels in motion today regarding changes you've been contemplating that you think will be of general benefit to your family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Plans with specific targets have good chances for success at this time. Concentrate primarily on what you want to accomplish this week.

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I'M SURE GLAD YOU FOUND YOUR ANCESTOR, ACE!
SO AM I, ALLEY! HE'S QUITE A GUY!
OF COURSE, I COULDN'T TELL HIM WE WERE RELATED!
AS FAR AS HE'S CONCERNED, I'M JUST A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY!
YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE!
YOU'D PROBABLY SHAKE 'IM UP PRETTY GOOD IF Y' TOLD 'IM YOU CAME FROM TWO GENERATIONS DOWN 'H LINE!

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MISS GRABEL'S GOING TO GET MARRIED.
SHE SAYS HER FUTURE HUSBAND IS WONDERFUL.
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BUT GUYS WHO DON'T WATCH FOOTBALL DO NEED WATCHIN'!
HE MUST BE AN ASTRONOMER

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"I'm tired, Granddad! Carry me?"

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YER LIPS IZ LIKE RUBIES, YER TEETH IZ LIKE PEARLS!
'CEPT PEARL HAZ A GAP BETWEEN HER TWO FRONT WUNS.

By T.K. Ryan

THE BORN LOSER

HIYA, WARREN!
HIDYDO, WILBERFORCE.
HEEL, BOY!
I DON'T GET IT?
THAT'S WARREN KARP AND HIS BROTHER...
THEY CAN'T AFFORD A PET.

By Art Sansom

FRANK AND ERNEST

POETRY READING TONIGHT
"POETRY" IS WHAT EDGAR ALLAN WROTE.

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

YES, MA'AM, IT'S MY REPORT ON EMILY DICKINSON...
I MADE IT INTO A HAT THIS MORNING SO I WOULDN'T FORGET IT
IT'D LOOK GREAT WITH THAT GREEN BLOUSE YOU'RE WEARING...
YOU'RE WEIRD, SIR

By Charles M. Schultz

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THERE'S MY BROTHER NOW
WELCOME TO THE BIG CITY, DOC BOY! LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!
ANOTHER SODA POP? NO, I THINK I'LL HAVE SOME MORE OF THAT FUN-FILLED POPCORN
I'M GOING TO LIKE DOC BOY

By Jim Davis



A FROSTY NOTE—Brenton Martin, 5, of Warren, Mich., reacts after making a mistake while playing the piano, to the horror of both Brenton and Frosty the Snowman. The two were at a Christmas party at Children's Hospital in Detroit at which the children wrote letters to Santa Claus, sang songs and heard stories, including one about Frosty.

Puppeteer easily keeps Big Bird, Oscar apart

NEW YORK (AP)— Call it great character acting. Carol Spinney, the alter-ego of both the chirpy Big Bird and the cantankerous Oscar the Grouch, says he has no trouble keeping their voices and personalities distinct.

"It's easy because they're so different," said Spinney, a puppeteer for 40 years who began playing Big Bird and Oscar when "Sesame Street" began 16 years ago. "It doesn't mess up my head at all."

Spinney goes underground from behind a trash can when he plays the immobile Oscar, but he dons orange leggings and a bulky, canary-yellow body costume to play the lumbering 8-foot character, Big Bird.

One hand held aloft maneuvers the beak and the other hand moves one of the bird's feathery claws. It's hard physical work. When he hasn't performed for awhile, Spinney lifts small weights to stay

in shape. Maneuvering his awkward character, who sometimes rollerskates, requires real coordination. The costume has no eye holes, so Spinney has a miniature TV monitor strapped to his chest to see where he's going and who he's talking to. But he only can see what the camera is covering.

"It can get a little stuffy in there," said Spinney.

Sixteen years ago, Big Bird was much scrawnier, "the equivalent of Mickey Mouse's pal Goofy," said Spinney. "He started out looking very ratty, sort of an ugly duckling who turned into a good-looking bird."

In the decade and a half, Big Bird has grown in stature and aged from 4½ to 6 years old. Meanwhile, his appeal, as the loving, naive child in all of us, has always been universal.

He prefers Big Bird to the surly Oscar, who's a favorite of many

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HOUSTON (AP)— Officials of the M. W. Kellogg Co. say the company will build what it calls a "true hometown" for foreigners who are working in the People's Republic of China.

Construction of the hometown is one of two joint venture agreements reached between Kellogg and the PRC's China National Technical Import Corp. The announcement was made Monday by officials.

The other joint venture calls for the establishment of a consulting organization to aid foreign companies that are seeking joint ventures with the PRC.

Robert W. Page, chairman and chief executive officer of Kellogg Rust Inc., the parent company of M. W. Kellogg, said the agreements could open a huge market for the Houston-based company.

The two agreements, said Page, "could signal the opening of a single market as big as our total

worldwide markets of the mid-1970s. And those were the boom years for the engineering and construction industry."

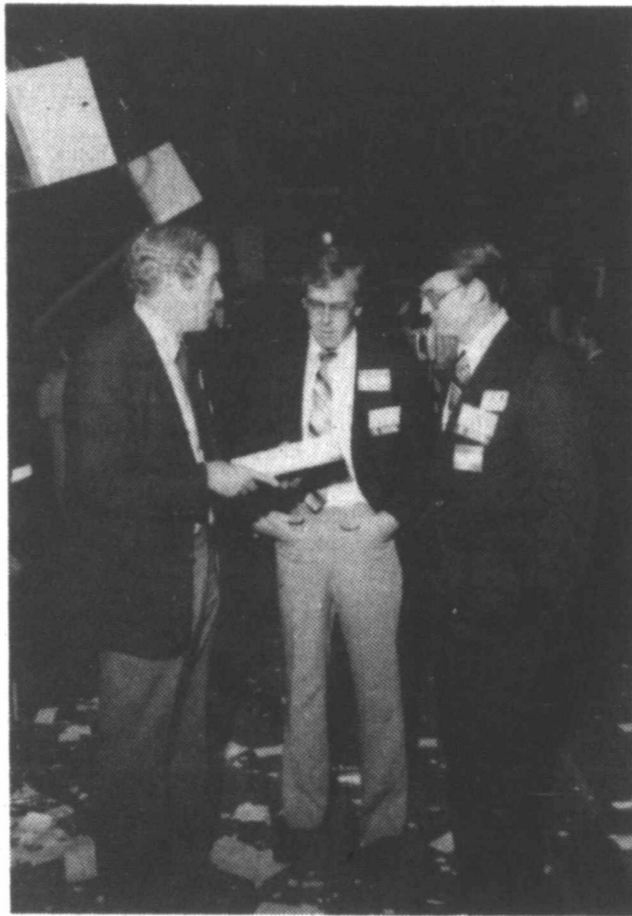
Kellogg Rust Inc. is a subsidiary of the Signal Co.

Donald C. Vaughn, president of M.W. Kellogg, said executives will move to the PRC in time to get the joint ventures underway "by yearend."

The planned hometown, said Vaughn, would be "a total residential city" that will include housing, schools, recreation facilities, and utility services.

"We'll be involved right up to the moving in of the residents," said Vaughn.

Page said Kellogg has other joint ventures "in the offing" with the PRC. These include an engineering company; installation of coal gasification technology; expansion and upgrading of China's fertilizer industry, and expansion of petrochemical plants.



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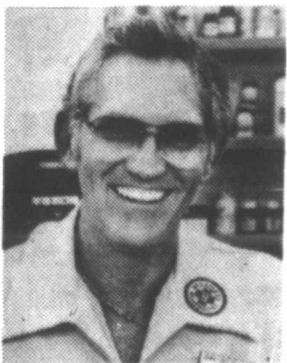
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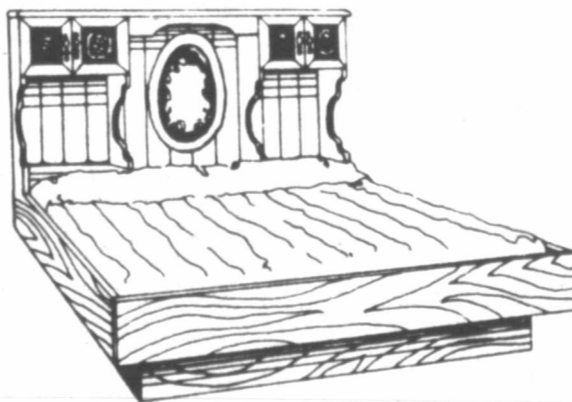
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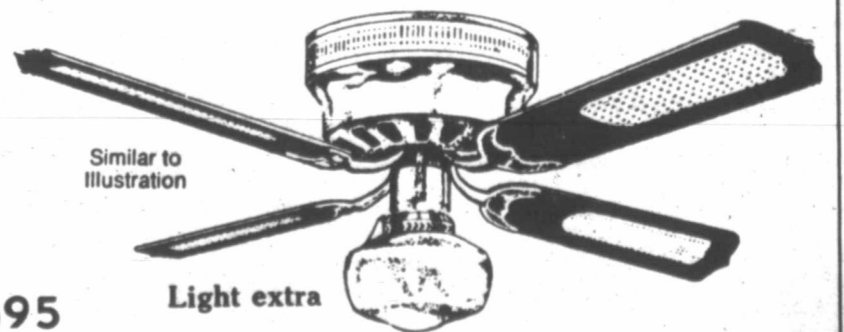
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New magistrate takes job at vacation home

By RICK BROWN
Odessa American

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, Texas (AP) — Jack Pope III has been living among "a lot of fond memories" since he recently returned to his family's vacation ranch to start a new job.

The 43-year-old Pope, a Corpus Christi attorney, is sworn in recently to the federal magistrate's job at the Big Bend National Park district.

U.S. District Court Judge Lucius Bunton ministered the oath of office during a ceremony in Midland earlier this month.

Pope's court will be located in the park's headquarters in Panther Junction, about 230 miles south of Odessa. "It's a lonesome life," he said.

Pope has moved to his family's Big Bend vacation home near the park. The home was built by his father, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Jack Pope Jr.

"I liked (the Big Bend area) then and I still love it. I're about what happens to it," the younger Pope said.

"In the early stages of my youth we had no house at on the land," he said. "When I was younger, my 3r and I would go hunting. We would take our 3rps and our cats and we'd sleep under the stars."

He said he remembered hearing "the coyotes and the regular animals" and gathering sotol plants, which he said can be set on fire "for light and warmth."

Jack Pope III, who is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and St. Mary's Law School, said he likes to take some of the cases that currently go to federal court in Pecos, about 140 miles north of the park. His duties include setting bond in felony cases and trying misdemeanors.

The younger jurist said his first visit to Big Bend National Park was in 1944, when it "became a national park."

The family vacation ranch, which he said is larger an 10,000 acres, is located 35 miles south of arathon.

"My family is extremely important to me," said the w magistrate, who grew up in Corpus Christi and n Antonio.

He said a 1963 campaign trip with his father gave m several insights into the older man and his mily's place in Texas public affairs. He was 22 ars old when he accompanied his father on the trip, said.

"My job was to make lists of every public official in ch area," the younger Pope said. "And he would ke a point to meet each one of them. He's amazing hen it comes to people."

"We also found out we were related to just about yeryone in the state," said Jack Pope III, whose mily has been in Texas public life "since the Indians ve been here."

"There are a great deal of roots," he said. While maintaining an attitude of respect for his ther, the younger Pope also has kept his own dependence.

"He went after (the magistrate's position) and did hat was necessary without one telephone call or tter from his father," said the 72-year-old chief igh court, who will retire Dec. 31 after 20 years on the gh court.

"I'm independent, I'll say that," said the younger ope. "He's been really respectful of that. But when ve overreached my independence, he is around to elp me pick up that slack."

"It was really important for me to (get the agistrate's appointment) on my own," he said. "I dn't know how fiercely I wanted it until I got more volved in it."

Rio Grande gateway to opportunity for illegal aliens

By BRIAN KAREM
The Laredo News

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — It winds like a silent snake rough the heart of the Aztlan frontier. On one side of e great serpent lies pestilence, poverty, corruption nd El Jefe.

On the other side lies the hope of employment, oney and security.

Each month, thousands of Mexicans give up the ope of living on their native soil. They pack a small ag of clothes, lace up their weather-beaten tennis oes and head for the great snake: the Rio Grande.

They hop freights, they hitch rides. Some walk and thers drive. They come from Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey, Mexico City and other smaller, ss-recognized towns.

But they come, and they seemingly come in arms. Of the major cities along the frontier border, ardeo is a favorite crossing place.

According to Mike Vallina of the Laredo sector of e U.S. Border Patrol, 8,282 illegal aliens were aptured in September this year. Last year during the ame month, the patrol captured 6,550 illegals. In the rst week of October, the patrol had already captured 13 undocumented aliens.

As one patrolman describes the situation, "It's a ead. Laredo is flooded with illegals because it's so ay to get into the interior from here."

That fact is not lost on the poverty-stricken Mexican ho hoards his last few pesos and heads for the order.

Located adjacent to the Laredo Water Works ystem water treatment plant on the river is a vast en field littered with bottles, illegal garbage dumps nd families of prowling rodents, grass lizards and nakes.

Closer to the river there are thousands of bambo oalks. The full deep green of the stalks and the gentle wishing sound they make paint a deceptively passive ene.

For a closer look through the tall reeds shows a aze of twisted paths that criss-cross from the river anks. Tennis shoes, blue jeans and scattered plastic ags litter the paths.

A stray, soiled pillow and perhaps a decaying tress indicate temporary campsites.

This is the point of arrival. There are no customs gents, no tickets to be taken. Just the sound of water ushing through a downed tree limb, the rhythmic linking of crickets, and now and then a stray shout.

During a two-day late-afternoon survey on the bank, 54 people waded ashore just south of the water plant. oost were under the age of 25, though several were in heir late 40s or early 50s.

One young married couple, both 18 years old, mpleted the trip across the river at 5:30 p.m. after aving their native Monterrey just seven hours arlier.

A long trip is ahead of them. The husband says he ants to travel to San Antonio or Dallas. "Though I ink I really want to go far north," he adds.

Public Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to the County Judge, P.O. Box 496, Pampa, Texas, commissioners' Court of Gray County, Texas will be received at the office to the County Judge, County Courthouse, Pampa, Texas until 10:00 a.m. on the fourteenth (14) day of December, 1984 for: One (1) used Hyster, Model D. Grid Roller, 1980 Model or later, segmented grids and ballast required. Any questions concerning bid specifications should be directed to Commissioner Ronnie Rice, Route 2, Box 89, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Precinct telephone number 665-5411. The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to waive objections based on failure to comply with formalities, and to allow correction of obvious or patent errors.

Carl Kennedy
County Judge
Gray County, Texas
Nov. 21, 28, 1984
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2 Area Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa. Tuesday through Sunday 1:30-4 p.m., special tours by appointment.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 2-4 p.m. Sundays at Lake Meredith Aquarium & Wildlife Museum: Fritch. Hours 2-5 p.m. Tuesday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Closed Monday.

SQUARE House Museum: Panhandle. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekdays and 2-4 p.m. Sundays.

HUTCHINSON County Museum: Borger. Regular hours 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

PIONEER West Museum: Shamrock. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.

ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean. Regular museum hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

ROBERTS County Museum: Miami. Hours 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Wednesday.

MUSEUM Of The Plains: Perryton. Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during Summer months: 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

3 Personal

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5 Special Notices

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AMARILLO Daily News new local phone number, 665-6868. Wayne Hughes, agent.

PAMPA Masonic Lodge No. 966 Stated Communications Meeting, Thursday, November 22nd, 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Refreshments. J.B. Fife, W.M., Walter J. Fletcher, Secretary, 420 W. Kingsmill.

13 Business Opportunity

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Artist says he finds order is chaos

Editor's note: "What is my part in the chaos? — as always my image — der out of chaos. John Barke sets design for living, a pride in the order of things, the exploitation of given talents, an abhorrence of made laws and precedents, a seeker after truth." — From Georg Hampton's novel, "The Wake."

By REGINA SEGOVIA
Port Arthur News

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — The man who gained recent attention for his correspondence with the late Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is an artist, author, and friend through the mail of one of the most famous leaders of our time.

In his novel, "The Wake," he has painted his own portrait. At 80, Georg Hampton is irascible, brilliant, egotistical and likeable. He says his novel shocked the hypocritical little old ladies in Port Arthur.

His disdain for convention is evident.

Talk to him about people living in poverty. "Everyone has problems," he will shoot back.

And although he lives with the gentlemanly props — art, tasteful furniture and a maid to answer calls — his roots are in jack rabbit and rural poverty.

Hampton the painter, writer, and part-time political activist was reared by Ora and Napoleon Bonapart Hampton. His father was a self-made man who literally dragged his family up from the backwoods of East Texas to a showplace home in the best section of Port Arthur. N.B. Hampton's aim to fame was the family furniture store in downtown Port Arthur.

When Hampton was 60, he wrote and illustrated his novel. Before then, he had limited his artistic expression to painting faces. He says it is not enough to get an exact likeness of a subject. "In that case, a photographer would be a perfect portrait artist. I must do more. I must try and capture a person's essence, on canvas."

He has done about 300 portraits, slowing down a bit lately because he is legally blind.

He is as much a delight to look at as to listen to. He collects hats, and Italian-made walking canes. He is a man who dresses like Maurice Chevalier.

"I wear a derby about one month out of the year," he said.

There is an insight to Hampton in the book that is impossible to drag out of him in an interview. He cuts through the bull, shocks the reader, a listener, and then delivers a message — a look at the truth, the cuff of observations made at midnight during conversations among intimates.

In the the book, he describes himself through his characters who delight in the charm of the day, amusements, escapes, temptation, temperance; the crutch of sex.

His novel is one that is a window to a certain kind of male who may be nearly extinct today — the man who spends time at his club. In Hampton's case it is the Port Arthur Club, in the gentlemen's pursuits of cards and chatter. Just as in the novel, this male wonders does a man have women friends?

To sketch him, one has to look to his art. Hampton will not (or would not, because Emily Post might disapprove) discuss what makes Georg tick really.

Ask him a question about himself and he will answer by telling about a letter he received from Sir Winston Churchill. "You see, I have always been interested in politics," he said.

There are the letters from Churchill; President Ronald Reagan, with whom he has corresponded for some 20 years; George Bush and Happy Rockefeller.

Somewhere along the way Hampton figured out that great men and women are just people, really. He has a note from the recently assassinated Indira Gandhi in which she jokes about her "sagging chin line." There is a hand-signed photograph on his wall from Ronald Reagan. A note from Barry Goldwater quips: "You don't seem to be getting any older. Your beard is a little out of shape, out of control, but that's the way it goes. I am just envious of you because I want one too."

It isn't all quips and fun, however. He has a letter from James A. Baker III, assistant to the president, telling him that his ideas for fund-raising have been passed on to Ed Rollins, assistant to the president for political affairs.

Mother Teresa, the nun who won the Nobel Peace Prize for her fight against poverty, turned down one of his ideas.

"I found out that it costs about \$250 to build a house in India. So, I sent her a check for that amount and suggested she set up a house-building program. Americans could buy a house and have their name put on it. I thought it was a good idea, but Mother Teresa didn't care for it. She kept the check, though," he said with a grin.

George Bush, in a hand-written note, tells him that he will be a pallbearer for Lowell Thomas.

Hampton's mind pulls the names and details from history and art in his lifetime into a conversation that is taxing to a less-scholarly mind.

His ideas, a national lottery to replace the federal income tax, a super-bus system and a subsidized art colony, are detailed in his novel.

Although Hampton is an artist (a prolific one, at that) whose background in art education included attending the Art Institute in Chicago, he made his living at the family furniture store. There is a photograph of Georg standing in the middle of Fifth Street with some props from Hampton's. A younger, dashing Georg. "I hated the furniture business," he said. "But you are supposed to like what you do to earn a living. It's simply what you do. It was tedious."

Georg was shaped by N.B. and his mother, Ora, who is now 107. N.B., the old man, once said he was glad he was a third-grade dropout. With an education he might be

"starving somewhere as a bookkeeper."

Ora has said that Georg never liked to get his hands dirty. Georg says his mother is a great storyteller. It is an art that he says he wanted to capture in his book. "I tell ribald stories that have not been written down, but have been orally passed down for centuries," he said.

It is not unusual to detect a kind of loving downing of Hampton by his Baptist church-entrenched family and from his home-town associates in Port Arthur in general. "That is to be expected," Hampton said. He had a conversation with Janis Joplin's mother, another artist the community will not even recognize.

"Her mother told me she painted, but that she wasn't a genius at painting as she was in

music. And to Port Arthur, Janis is nothing to be proud of. We, the people like Janis and myself and others, should not expect acceptance from our home town. It is like that with all artists everywhere..."

On a recent Saturday night his comrades came together at the Port Arthur Club to honor him. In his own words, in a letter he has written to a friend, he sums it up. "This year I will be 80 ... and old (and new) friends are more important than ever."



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There could be an unusual gift for toddlers this year

By The Associated Press
Santa's sack may have an unusual gift for the toddler of the house this Christmas — a microcomputer.

And what can a 3-year-old learn from a computer?

According to some experts, a preschooler probably can make as much use of a special home software program as a high school senior or college student.

Industry sources say the number of software programs available for children of all ages has nearly quadrupled since last Christmas, and the problem for parents is deciding where to begin and what to look for. There are pitfalls to be avoided.

Don't rush your preschooler, is one bit of advice heard frequently.

Although the concept of early-learning software programs for preschoolers can be of definite value, it should be kept in perspective, according to Diana Green, editor-in-chief of Parents' Choice magazine.

"This is another avenue of approach to our culture, to the overall learning process," Ms. Green says. "Books come first, and the imagination of the child must continue to be stimulated."

With this in mind, she suggests parents should follow a plan which includes:

- Recognizing their child's need to identify. "Children 3 to 6 like to feel familiar with what they see on the home microcomputer screen. A cozy and sympathetic character helps."

- Paying attention to what is familiar to a young child. A big ice cream cone or a juicy apple, for instance, enhances a tyke's sense of identification.

- Looking for animated graphics that may help a preschooler to associate letters, words and pictures.

- Searching out simplified programming that does not require a special sequence. Ideally, a preschooler should be able to press any key on a home computer and get instant action on the screen. Therefore, select software that children can use by themselves with little assistance.

"The entire spectrum of home computers must be seen through the eyes of parents who know their child," says Ms. Green.

Dickens worked hard to create 'A Christmas Carol'

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

On Christmas morning, 1843, in a rundown factory district of London, a window suddenly flew up in the second-floor flat of a drab brick building otherwise occupied only by a few scraggy offices and a wine merchant's cellar.

"What's today?" cried the lone tenant to a small boy in the street below.

"Today? Why, Christmas Day," "Christmas Day," exulted the wan-cheeked, needle-nosed old man at the window. "I haven't missed it after all."

Ebenezer Scrooge, fiction's most famous regenerate villain, had come to terms with Christmas and had not missed it after all.

At almost the same hour on that very same morning in a more respectable section of London known as Regent's Park, an upstairs window flew open in the neat red-brick dwelling that stood at No. 1 Devonshire Terrace. A fair, smiling young man, his eyes agleam with "a moist and oystery twinkle," leaned out to greet the postman.

His name was Charles Dickens and he had not missed Christmas either.

The morning mail brought the jubilant news that "A Christmas Carol," the ever-delightful chronicle of Scrooge's ghostly conversion, had sold out all 6,000 copies on its first day of publication and a second and third edition already were on the presses.

The bearer of these glad tidings was rewarded with "a glass of whisky and a cheery blessing." The recipient rewarded himself by celebrating the remainder of the Christmas season in a bubbling, boisterous fashion that would have once again set to "winking" the amazingly agile toes of old Mr. Fezziwig.

Like Scrooge reborn, Dickens felt "light as a feather, happy to be an angel, merry as a schoolboy, giddy as a drunken man." At 31, with little formal schooling, but with "Pickwick Papers," "Oliver Twist," "Nicholas Nickleby," "Old Curiosity Shop" and "Barnaby Rudge" already behind him, he was at the height of his creative powers.

And although he didn't realize it then, this versatile writer, who yearned all his life to be a great actor, had just penned a masterpiece in miniature.

"The Carol," as Dickens always referred to it, was written in less than a month, to satisfy his creditors. He was deeply in debt.

To get back on his feet, Dickens published "The Carol" as a private venture on a commission basis, risking all the losses in hopes of pocketing most of the profits.

The idea for a ghost story about Christmas first occurred to him in a railway carriage en route to Manchester for a speech in mid-October. The plot fascinated him, but the writing did not come easily.

The numerous strikeouts, crossovers and margin jottings in the original manuscript, which is put on display every Christmas season in New York's Pierpont Morgan Library, indicate that he worked harder on this slender volume than any other previous work.

Christmas season a busy one for mail order houses

By GENE SCHROEDER
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lillian Katz has 9,229 gourmet measuring sets on her hands, and she doesn't know what to do with them.

"I'm always out of teaspoons, and I thought this was going to be a sensational item," says Mrs. Katz, 57, president and chief executive of a privately held mail-order house named Lillian Vernon Corp. "We bought 10,000, but we've got 9,229 left. It's a dog."

The five-piece plastic set was, according to Mrs. Katz, the all-time worst seller ever listed in the company's catalogs, some 75 million of which were mailed out this year, including the Christmas season.

Despite the failure of the measuring sets to sell, Lillian Vernon is doing quite well.

"I predict business will be about 10 percent ahead of last year — probably \$110 million," says Mrs. Katz. "We anticipate a lot of very late Christmas business this year because of the election, which takes people's minds off shopping."

Mrs. Katz was born in Leipzig, Germany, but her family fled to the

Netherlands in 1933 to escape the rising anti-Jewish sentiment. Four years later, they moved to America. In 1951, with an initial investment of \$2,000, she tried her hand at the mail-order business. Corporate headquarters is in Mount Vernon, N.Y., thus the company name.

Christmas is the busiest season of the year for the nation's estimated 7,000 mail order houses. About 60 percent of the year's sales is chalked up during the holiday season.

In 1983, the industry sent out nearly 7 billion catalogs throughout the year, and annual purchases totaled some \$44.4 billion.

More and more orders are being placed by toll-free telephone. Some 60 percent were received that way in 1983, according to the Direct Marketing Association of New York, which predicts the number may reach 80 percent within a year.

"The most significant change in contemporary life is the continuing rise in the number of working women and the lifestyle changes dictated by their employment," says an association representative.

"The woman who used to shop in

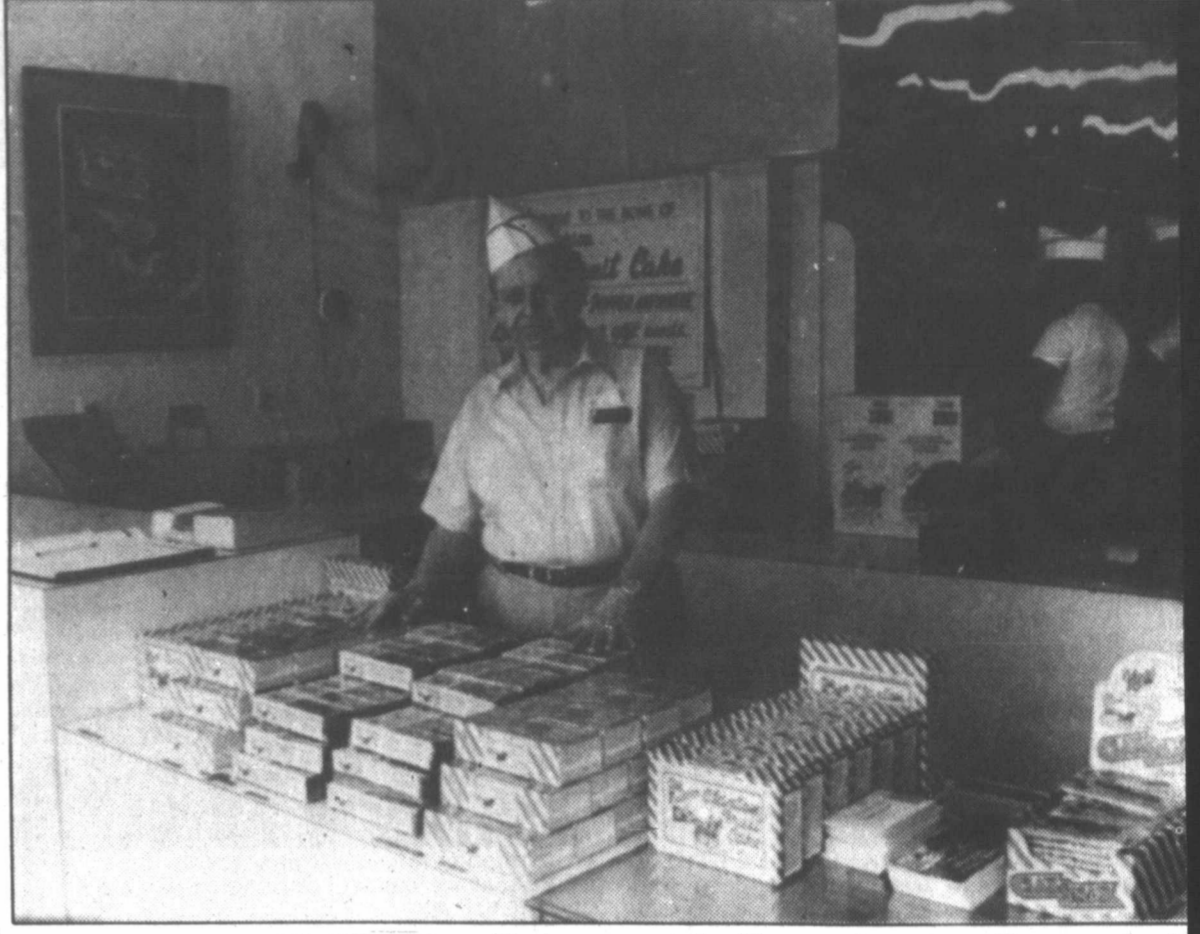
department stores and fashionable boutiques now has little time to shop. She has more money. She may be part of a two-income family and perhaps greater personal needs, but no time to satisfy them. Enter the new breed of upscale, name-brand catalog."

agrees that sociological changes, such as the gas crisis in 1970 when fewer people drove to shopping malls, have had a significant influence on the mail order business. Another factor cited frequently is the decline in service in some retail stores.

"We were in on the baby boom early in the game, and we have even more baby items in our catalogs this year than last," she says. "Now the babies are going to get older, and we have to grow up with them. When they're 2, parents will r things. When 3, even different items. That's our next challenge."

Mrs. Katz buys products from 33 countries, but none of her catalogs are mailed out of the country. She has no plans to expand into the overseas retail market.

"I don't know of anyone else in the industry who does as much traveling as I do already," she says.



CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKE—Albert Parker, president of Claxton Bakery Inc. of Claxton, Ga., mans the sales counter at the bakery recently. They produce six million pounds of Christmas fruitcake each year. (AP Laserphoto)

Christmas fruitcake part of celebration, perfect gift

By ELLIOTT MINOR
Associated Press Writer

CLAXTON, Ga. (AP) — With its green pineapple and red cherries, the fruitcake has become a part of America's Christmas celebration, symbolizing fellowship and high spirits.

"There's a holiday connotation," says Albert Parker, president of Claxton Bakery Inc., which produces six million pounds of the holiday treat each year. "People give gifts and fruitcake is a perfect gift item."

Each September, the company increases its workforce from about 25 to 100 to meet the holiday demand, says Parker's son, Dale, a company vice president.

The elder Parker began baking in 1910 when he was 11 years old, working for an Italian immigrant who had settled in Claxton. Parker bought him out in 1945, and began concentrating on fruitcake production.

"He took the basic recipe and developed it," Dale Parker recalls. "The product became good and

people began to ask for it."

Claxton's sales skyrocketed after 1952 when 1,000 Civitan clubs around the country started selling the company's fruitcakes in their fund-raising campaigns.

"The main secret was making a good quality product at a price that would let the clubs make money," Albert Parker says. "Club after club started selling it."

Today, 80 percent of the company's sales are through groups such as the Civitan Club, which helps mentally retarded children, Dale Parker says.

"That's the real backbone of our organization. That's how it became so popular," he adds, noting that direct and mail order sales account for only 20 percent of Claxton's business.

Albert Parker's two other sons, Mid and Paul, and daughter, Betty, also work at the bakery, which is located on a downtown street in this eastern Georgia town of 2,700 that bills itself as the "Fruitcake

Capital of the World."

"We have a family operation," Dale Parker explains. "We all can pitch in and do anything in the business."

The company prides itself on the quality of the ingredients that go into its cakes, the "world's best fruit and nuts," according to Albert Parker, 68.

Claxton buys cherries from France, pineapples from Mexico, raisins, walnuts and almonds from California and pecans from the Southern states, he notes.

Claxton Bakery tries to avoid getting so big that it can't give its customers personal attention, Dale Parker says. But that hasn't prevented the company's reputation from spreading far and wide.

"Most of our sales are in North America, but we ship throughout the world," he says. "We've had mail addressed, 'Fruitcake City, Georgia,' and for some reason, it makes it here."

Different holiday tune in California

By LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Carolers in snowy climes may be trilling "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," but in Southern California, where temperatures are usually balmy this time of year, the holiday spirit sings a slightly different tune.

No bundled shoppers braving the winds of winter here. Beverly Hills' fabled Rodeo Drive bustles with buyers, but they don't need coats and hats. And that ever popular East Coast gift, the woolen muffler, is a purchase only for those mailing gifts out of state. Lightweight cashmere sweaters are more popular in these parts.

In downtown Los Angeles, the jingle of cash registers and Christmas bells is often drowned out by automobile horns honking as shoppers vie for parking spaces. Like everything else in Southern California, Christmas comes in a car, and Santa Claus probably uses a freeway to make deliveries.

As in other parts of the country, gift giving seems more lavish each

year. "There's one thing Southern Californians can't buy — an authentic white Christmas."

"It just doesn't seem like Christmas without snow," is the refrain heard throughout the holiday season from transplanted Easterners who have never adapted.

They snicker at the sight of palm trees strung with colored lights. Some sink into a funk which lasts until the last candy cane is gone. Others pack their bags and head for ski resorts or fly back to the frozen places they once called home.

But true Southern Californians — the ones who were born here — have an easier time.

"I can't imagine a Christmas with snow," says one Beverly Hills resident. "Christmas to me means sunshine — that's how it's always been."

Such sunworshippers often spend Christmas in Palm Springs, basking in the higher temperatures of that desert resort.

"They've brainwashed us into thinking Christmas comes with snow," complains one Los Angeles native. "I really don't miss the snow until everyone starts talking about it."

But wait. There is snow! Look up beyond the palm trees in the sunny sky over the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and you'll see it fluttering down. It may even take several minutes before you realize the truth. It's plastic.

After all, this is the land of Hollywood special effects.

"The big attraction of our Christmas luncheon is the artificial snow," says Vivian Rugoff, who organizes the annual event at the Beverly Wilshire.

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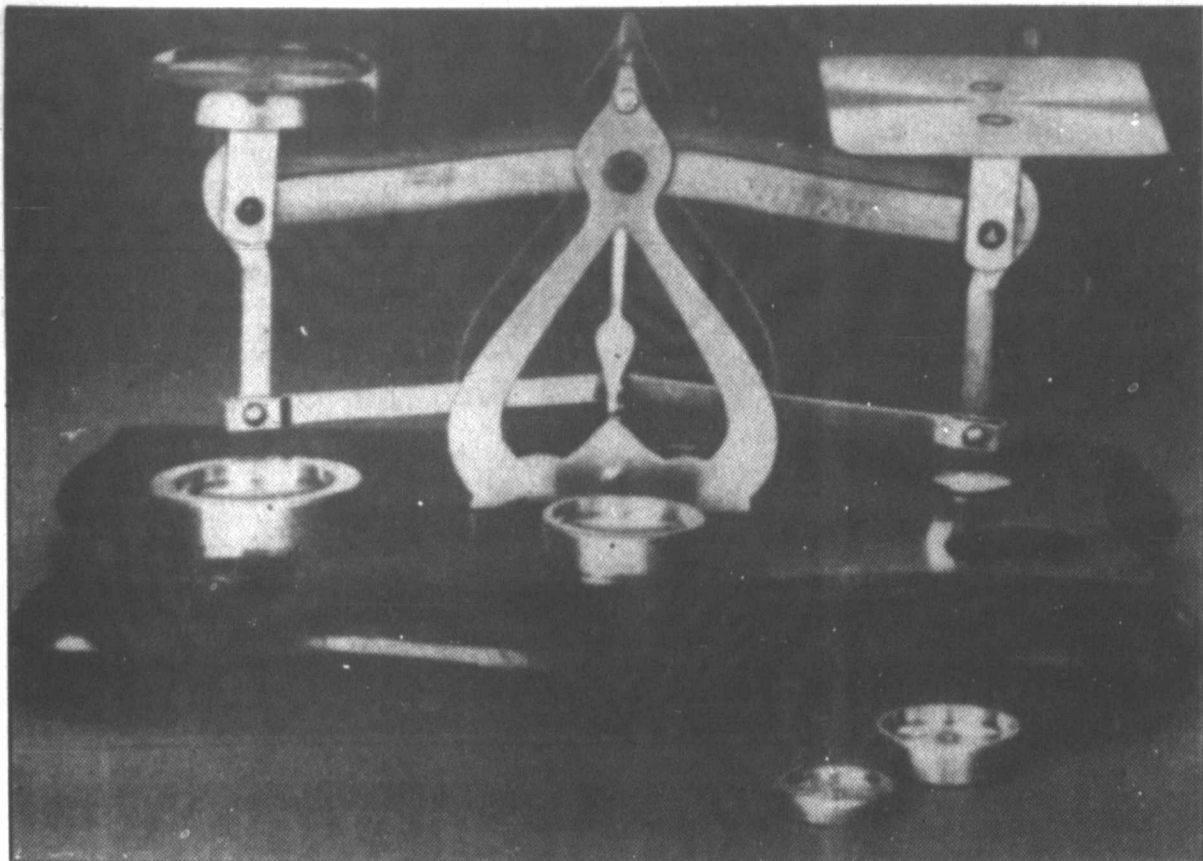
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Riding the rails in Mexico is like a trip into the past

By CARL MANNING
Associated Press Writer
BOARD EL FRONTIZERO, Mexico (AP) — The passenger train slowly makes its way through the heartland of Mexico where Pancho Villa once roamed, its elegance tarnished by age and the hundreds of people who use it daily.

It recalls the bygone days of the City of New Orleans, American Flyer and Chicago Limited since most of the cars were bought years ago by the Mexican National Railway from U.S. railroads.

Each day the trip aboard El Frontizero begins in Ciudad Juarez, the Mexican border city across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas. It is a scheduled 36-hour run of 1,200 miles to Mexico City. Sometimes it arrives on schedule, most times it is an hour or two late.

The train, with two engines and a dozen cars, winds its way through the burning, brown desert, through cool mountains to the green plains of the south, passing countless towns and villages of adobe hovels — some only existing because the tracks are there instead of somewhere else.

For those with enough money, it can be travel in somewhat rugged splendor with service by porters wearing white coats with silver buttons in 100-year-old Pullman sleeper cars that once traveled the United States.

In the dining car, dubbed Copacabana, it is art deco with cut glass and rounded corners and a waiter balancing a tray filled with food and hot coffee on one hand as the train gently rounds a curve on the smooth-riding track.

But for most travelers, it is endless hours in cramped cars and crying babies, buying food from vendors through windows at station stops and trying to sleep sitting up.

From the shabby train station in Juarez, people line up with their bundles and packages in sweltering heat hours before departure. Often there are more passengers than space, accounting for the crowded conditions in the cheaper cars.

The cars are divided by costs — second class, first class, first class special and Pullman service. The train carries up to 2,000 passengers a day, as many as a quarter of them in second-class — the cheapest ticket available.

Asked to explain the difference in the cars, conductor Enrique Aranda Bernal, 62, who has been a railroader for 50 years, thought for a moment before answering.

"In second class, there is no toilet paper in the bathroom. In first class, there is toilet paper, but it gets stolen. In first class special, the toilet paper gets stolen, but there is porter to put it back," he said.

Last year, 27 million people rode trains in Mexico and officials expect there will be more this year because train travel is cheaper than airlines and buses and in some cases goes to places where no other public transportation arrives.

For example, a second-class ticket from Ciudad Juarez to Mexico City costs about \$9, while a bus ticket for the same route costs \$33 and air passage about \$90.

The government last year began a four-year, \$157 million project to upgrade the railroad system, including purchasing new locomotives from the United States, making repairs along the 21,000 miles of tracks and buying new cars mostly for carrying freight.

The route used by El Frontizero dates back to the early 1900s, when Mexico was still embroiled in its long revolution. In fact, Bernal said, he knew a porter who was taken prisoner by Villa during a raid on a train and was missing for so long that people assumed he was dead.

"But finally he came back alive and Villa's men liked his service so much that they all gave him gold — enough for him to buy a house," Bernal recalled with a chuckle.

Some of the cars are 50-75 years old, especially the sleeping cars with such romantic names as Monte Blanc with instruction signs in English still fastened to the walls. Each roomette is a designer's dream with every

square inch of space put to some functional use such as a cubbyhole for shoes or a place where the sink folds back into the wall.

There is no hot water for shaving and sometimes the lights flicker on and off, but the beds are comfortable and in the day the couches in the compartments are cushioned for long-term sitting.

Part of the problem confronting the railroad, Bernal said, is finding replacement cars as the ones being used are beyond the point of patch-and-fix repair. Such cars no longer are made and that means looking to other countries, but those that have them want to keep them.

Pay is food, place to stay

By BILL JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Howard Nichols watches as mothers and their children, hoping to find something that will ward off the coming cold weather, search through racks of used clothing in a dingy storefront.

Several miles away, in what used to be an elementary school, Roger Basham oversees the distribution of food baskets, grocery store sacks of minimal food supplies for a family.

Basham and Nichols have more in common than just working with the down and out. At dinnertime they will join between 300 and 400 others for a free meal of ground beef lo-mein, canned green beans, canned corn, grapefruit juice, cake and coffee.

Then at bedtime they will move to the second floor of the converted schoolhouse. Basham to a dormitory where mission members sleep and Nichols and his wife Kim to one of the cubicles reserved for married couples.

Both are members of what is becoming known as "the new poor."

Nichols, a 33-year-old former Seattle, Wash., college student who grew up in upstate New York, and Basham, who drifted to Oklahoma City from his native West Virginia by way of Texas, work for and live at the Jesus House, one of the city's largest shelters for the indigent. Their pay — a place to stay and food.

"I dread to see the cold weather coming on," says Ruth Wynn, the "Sister Ruth" who with Betty Adams, "Sister Betty," runs the Jesus House. "More and more are coming all the time, and we're straining."

"When it gets colder, we'll be getting the families whose heat and lights have been turned off because they can't pay their bills."

The previous Sunday, she said, they fed a hot brunch to more than 500 people. The number, she said, climbs to 700 or so as it gets cooler and will soar as temperatures plummet.

Added to this are the food baskets handed out — to families only — from noon to 4:30 p.m. each weekday, 3,025 of them in July through September, the latest figures available. In general, no one may get a food basket more often than every two weeks.

"We only distributed 866 during August," Sister Ruth says. "That's because we ran out of food."

On one recent day, the food baskets contained a dozen eggs, two boxes of macaroni and cheese, two cans of chili, two cans of soup, canned milk, pork and beans and a small bag of rice doled out from 100-pound sacks.

Some of the food comes from federal programs, but most is donated by individuals or companies. Several bakeries give bread and pastries.

"We keep several racks of bread in the hall," Basham says. "Anyone is welcome to come in and take what they need."

There isn't any free food line at lunch any more, but big jars of peanut butter are set out to go with the bread for those who are hungry during the day.

Basham says records are kept of those who get the food baskets and how often they ask for them — "We only have a limited amount of food" — and the workers try to make sure everyone gets about the same. "If we know of an unusual situation, such as a large number of children, we try to give them a little more," he said.

"We have very few repeaters for the food baskets," Sister Ruth said. She said a recent survey of the records showed that most recipients came only once every four months or so.

"We also discovered that none of the people who got a holiday basket last year has been back for another food basket," she said.

Sister Ruth is planning now for this year's holiday food baskets, those given out for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The baskets for Thanksgiving are to be distributed Monday through Wednesday.

"We're planning on 1,000 each time, hopefully with a turkey in

each," she said. "It starts off slow, but it snowballs as the holidays get closer."

The converted school, a surplus building bought by an anonymous couple and donated to the Jesus House, is home for an average of 100 to 125 people a night. Some sleep in the mens' and womens' dormitories or the family cubicles. Others spend the nights or their free hours on mattresses spread virtually end to end down the hallways of both floors.

Late one afternoon, a young couple slept deeply on a hallway mattress, tired from an unsuccessful search for work.

"About a quarter of the people here are married couples," Sister Ruth says. Among the current residents are a half-dozen children, ranging in age from a few months to about 5, some the children of single parents.

"The men usually can find two or three days of work a week, day labor," she says. "They don't have the training to do anything else."

"We're getting a lot of younger people now, too. They're finding that they can't do anything without training so they live here, work part time and go to school part time."

Nichols' wife, Kim, 24, is taking 12 hours of commercial art courses at Oklahoma City Community College. Nichols, who runs the home's free store, is an artist and works on his multi-media pieces at the dreary outlet.

Some of the younger people come for help and stay to work.

"I feel this is my mission," says Basham, a former cable television installer, painter and maintenance worker who freely admits he misses the hills of home. And Nichols, who met and married Kim at the Jesus House, adds, "The Lord led me to Oklahoma City."

Although the direction of the house is Christian, it is non-sectarian and colorblind. Groups from various denominations hold services in the "day room," and on summer evenings, activities called "Out Back With Jesus" are conducted.

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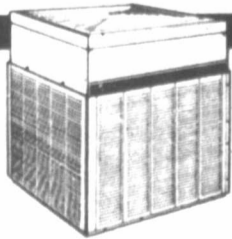
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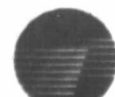
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Texas legend adapts to 1980s, survives

EDITOR'S NOTE — Half as large as some states and almost as diverse, the Waggoner Ranch in Northwest Texas looms today as an historical blend of then and now and maybe tomorrow. But the year 1984 finds this legendary ranch coping with miserable farm, cattle, horse, and oil markets and a long dry spell.

By **MIKE COCHRAN**
Associated Press Writer

VERNON, Texas (AP) — Ominous dark clouds, riding a cold north wind, blanket the countryside as the pickup truck splashes through the puddled remnants of an early autumn rainfall.

The midday illusion of dusk has cast a giant shadow over the Waggoner Ranch and caused many of the animals to take cover for the evening.

"This old country is really resilient," says division manager Jimmy Lee Smith as he guides the truck around a magnificent old house and past a cluster of lesser ranch buildings.

"It really bounces back. This country can look like a graveyard one day and be beautiful the next. All it takes is a good rain."

The wet spell in progress does not yet qualify as "good" but the low slung clouds appear promising, and judging by his soaring spirits, Smith obviously is betting on rain.

Moisture means money and maybe even survival for many Texas ranches, and the Waggoner is really no exception.

It does survive better than most because, more than a ranch, it is a conglomerate with horse, cow and farm operations and the one thing in Texas perhaps more precious than water.

Oil. Debating the extent of her wealth once with Fortune magazine, ranch co-owner Electra Waggoner Biggs conceded that the author had correctly reported the size of the Waggoner and yet had missed the point.

"It's all dust and rattlesnakes and the oil's giving out," she insisted. "Why, I know people in Houston and Dallas who could buy me three times over."

That's not to suggest the wolf is at the door, but 1984 will hardly be remembered as the best of times on one of the state's largest and most famous ranches.

Cattle prices are down, the quarter-horse business is off, a drought crippled farming operations and the oil industry is in a slump.

The timing surely could not be worse for a visit to a ranch with vast oil, cattle, horse and farm holdings spread over 535,000 contiguous acres.

So welcome then to the Waggoner, which, along with the King, remains a living legend among the mighty ranches of Texas and the Southwest.

Quasi-historians trace the beginning of the Waggoner Ranch to the purchase by Dan Waggoner of a 15,000-acre tract near Decatur in Wise County in 1854.

Indian raids did little to enhance the growth of his cattle empire but Waggoner minimized the economic turbulence of the Civil War by peddling his beef to the Confederate armies for \$10 a head.

The war's end created the need for a new market, and in 1870 he and his young son W.T. drove a herd of Longhorn cattle to the Kansas stockyards, returning with a princely sum of \$55,000.

This was, historians say, a grand stake in the future of Dan Waggoner and Son.

The Waggoner holdings increased in size and value and their steady westward expansion brought them in 1879 to what is now Wilbarger County, of which Vernon is the county seat.

They purchased 40,000 acres that year for \$1 an acre, not exactly the Texas equivalent of the Manhattan Island boondoggle but still not bad.

At the time there was a trading post and community known as Eagle Flat because of the abundance of nesting eagles in the area. The post office later changed the name to Mount Vernon.

However, there being not a hint of a mountain across this northern Texas prairie, the "Mount" soon was dropped.

Although details are a bit hazy, Dan and W.T. at some point surrendered 600,000 acres of leased rangeland in "Indian Territory" while acquiring a substantial tract of land south of the Red River.

The Waggoner's single "D" brand was widely recognized by cattlemen and easily altered by rustlers, so in 1881 the "D" was reversed and applied three times to an animal's hide.

That made it decidedly more difficult for cattle thieves, and the triple Ds, still reversed, compose the Waggoner brand today.

With the end of open ranges, ranchers began upgrading their native Longhorn herds with white-faced Herefords and experimenting with horse-breeding operations.

The Waggoner horses became almost a breed apart. One of W.T.'s sons, E. Paul,

loved horses almost as much as people and when it came to a splendid cutting horse named Poco Bueno, people finished a distant second.

Former ranch employee Hershel McCarty tells of the time a famous World War II general visited the ranch and offered Paul \$30,000 for his beloved horse. The gesture so offended Waggoner that McCarty thought his boss was about to slug the general and interceded.

"The general could have hit Paul in the face with a wet towel and it wouldn't have made him any madder," laughed McCarty. "Paul thought more of that horse than anything or anybody."

"The general had no way of knowing that Paul had already turned down \$500,000 for the horse."

Poco Bueno lies now beneath the red clay surface of the Waggoner Ranch, and a gravestone fit for a minor monarch adorns his burial site.

"Fifty percent of all good horses today have some Poco Bueno in their bloodlines way back there," Smith, the ranch division manager, contends.

According to local legend, the Waggoners acquired great wealth accidentally and maybe even reluctantly, but it could also be said that once they embraced money it would not be a casual or serene romance.

So the story goes, oil first appeared on the ranch when W.T. was drilling a well for stock water in 1903. Old W.T. would have preferred the water.

At any rate, it was not until 1908 that the oil pool was developed around the Waggoner's northeast quadrant of land near Electra, once known as Beaver but renamed for W.T.'s only daughter.

By 1928, 19 companies were producing wells on ranch property and some are producing still, but to an extent known only to a select few.

At his death in 1934, W.T.'s vast holdings in Texas and New Mexico filtered down to his three children, the daughter Electra and sons E. Paul and Guy.

In time, Guy's heirs would settle for the New Mexico property while the heirs of E. Paul and Electra would take over the Texas ranch.

Electra married A.B. Wharton and had a son, A.B. Wharton Jr., who in turn named his offspring A.B. Wharton III. E. Paul and his wife had a daughter, whom they named Electra.

By 1984, after years of internal strife and one extended court battle, the Waggoner estate would be co-owned and harmoniously operated by Electra, now Electra Waggoner Biggs, and A.B. Wharton III, now called Bucky.

Together they rule an empire more than half the size of Rhode Island and at least twice as diverse as the average Fortune 500 firm.

And despite the dust and rattlesnakes and declining oil production, the ranch remains a prosperous and historic blend of the Old West and the new technology.

It stands amid the mesquite and buffalo grass as a living monument to red beef, black gold and sleek horses and to the enterprising cattle barons Dan and W.T. Waggoner who assembled the spread with guts, grit and guns.

"You've got to love it to do it," says Jimmy Lee Smith as the Sierra Classic rolls through the cold and mist and out across a soggy pasture.

He is touching on the good and bad of modern day ranching and modern day cowboys and he is speaking from 25 years experience at the Waggoner.

Mid-fortyish, he is speaking also as one who attended Southern Methodist and West Texas State universities and is now coping with business math and Spanish at Vernon Regional Junior College.

"We liked to froze to death this morning," Smith grins while discussing the eternal elements of ranching life: wind, rain, cold, heat, dust, hail, drought.

"We're at the mercy of Old Mother Nature, for sure, and you just learn to take the good with the bad."

But if weather extremes remain a constant, other things have changed, most notably the tools of the trade.

Old Dan and W.T. took a herd of Longhorns and the labors of men and horses and built an early fortune.

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One of the biggest changes in recent years, says Smith, is in the attitude of the men who work the ranch.

"They take better care of the livestock and equipment and listen a little better now. The cowboys know we're running a business, and that business is to make money."

The compensation likewise is a little different from the old days of \$50 a month and all the beefsteak a cowhand could force down his throat.

"These are super people to work for," insists Smith. "They have one

of the best retirement plans around ... and they're always trying to upgrade benefits, housing and wages."

There are also insurance plans, holidays, vacations and medical programs.

Married cowboys live in a string of neat, white houses called "Silk Stocking Row" and the single hands live in a bunkhouse.

There also are oilfield workers and farm hands and more than a dozen "campers" who live in widely scattered ranch homes and oversee activities within their individual 25,000- or 30,000-acre domains.

Of the 200 employees, less than half live on the ranch. Most live in Vernon, 14 miles north of ranch headquarters.

The two most imposing buildings on the Waggoner are the hilltop home of Bucky Wharton and his family and the whitewashed Spanish villa known as the Santa Rosa, which is occupied by the widow Electra, a renowned sculptor and international socialite.

"Bucky and Electra are interested in everything that goes on and it's good that they live here," says one ranch official.

"It helps to have the boss around ... it's important because absentee ownership creates problems in any business."

Mrs. Biggs does travel extensively, often eastward to Fort Worth where an aunt once ruled as a social lioness and where she herself serves as a bank director.

Another stylish dwelling at the Santa Rosa houses the family of Gene and Helen Willingham, Helen being Electra's much-admired daughter and perhaps the most civically active member of a family long involved in social and cultural affairs.

"That's the Santa Rosa Lake," says Smith as the truck rumbles by a murky pool of water and flushes a small flock of game birds.

Three game wardens patrol the ranch, a haven for deer, geese, quail, duck, dove, turkey, javelina and other wildlife, including imported antelope.

"Bucky is an avid sportsman," says Smith, "but we all like to see our wildlife taken care of."

Deer, oats and oil aside, the Waggoner was, is and may always be a cattle ranch, and the accent is on Herefords.

"Everybody jumped on cross-breeding, and we crossbreed some," explains Smith, "but we're strong on Herefords. I'm prejudiced, but I think we can put our cows up against any commercial Herefords in the United States."

The Waggoner calves are weaned in the fall, grazed through the winter on small grain fields, rounded up in the spring and delivered mostly to feedlots at about 800 pounds.

"If we get a good spring, we'll hold them over until May to get as much weight as we can," says Smith.

Waggoner cowboys brand from April 1 to mid-June and every day but Sunday. They work Monday through Friday from about 6 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and half a day on Saturday unless something comes up, like a grass fire.

With more than half a million acres, that's no small concern. "We got so many acres," quips Smith, "that lightning's going to strike us somewhere."

A ranch helicopter is used on occasion to spot and isolate brush fires but it serves other purposes as well.

"We use it to help the cowboys in the heavy brush down around Lake Kemp and back west, along the Wichita River, where there's some harsh country," Smith says.

The Waggoner currently is carving up its large pastures into roughly 5,000-acre tracts because the smaller size makes it easier to feed and care for the cattle.

Smith says the ranch runs an average of one cow per 25 acres although it has superior pastures that will support a cow on 12-15 acres.

Dick Yeager, who runs the agricultural division of the ranch, once said the Waggoner in effect is simply "converting grass into a wholesome edible product," namely beef, and the goal is equally simple if not easy: "Get the most beef at the least expense."

At 52, Charles Prather looks, acts and talks more like a banker than a rancher, probably because he spent many years managing the trust department of a Houston bank before joining the Waggoner Estate as trustee and manager in 1981.

"In a lot of ways, it's not that different," he says. "I'm still handling other people's money."

"In a lot of ways I now have more control, but I can't control cattle or wheat or oil prices. And basically, we're a conglomerate with horses, oil, cattle, farming and backup investments such as duplex apartments and government bonds."

His job, he said, is four-fold: —Increase profits for the owners. —Increase dividends for the owners. —Provide good working conditions for the employees. —Take part in community activities.

"Profits have not increased like I wanted," he said, but indicated the shortfall should be only temporary.

"We've had just enough rain to keep us going, and we're hurting. ... We've got to have moisture in the ground to plant wheat."

"We're also at a point where cattle prices have got to start going up."

And the horse business? No

better. The ranch has always raised cutting horses for its own purposes but in recent years it began breeding them both for sale and for the lucrative cutting horse competitions.

"Like any new endeavor, it takes time," said Prather.

"It's an expensive hobby and we're paying our dues. We're

building our reputation. We feel we're doing a good job, but the whole horse business is off right now. We're not getting half the price we got three years ago."

Were it not for oil and gas revenues, however soft, things could really be bleak, Prather indicated.

Still, none of the Waggoner land is mortgaged.



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Museum reflects history of small southern town

By ELLIOTT MINOR
Associated Press Writer

FITZGERALD, Ga. (AP) — Beth Davis is looking for a few fast-talking Yankees to help relive history in this south Georgia town.

Founded after the Civil War as a refuge for Union veterans fleeing a depression and drought, Fitzgerald united former enemies in fulfilling the dream of a visionary newspaper man.

"It has been called the magic city," said Mrs. Davis, director of the Blue & Gray Museum, which houses artifacts from the town's past. "It sprang up like magic."

The town's original Northern families have been assimilated into the Southern culture — so much so that in recent years the Blue & Gray Memorial Association, which sponsors Civil War dramas, found itself in the midst of a crisis. There weren't enough non-drawing actors for Yankee roles in the plays.

"People ask me, 'What did you do with all the Yankees?'" chuckled Mrs. Davis, 75. "And I tell them, 'We made Southerners out of them.'"

But a recent influx of industries from the North, and the people who accompanied them to Fitzgerald, should help to restore authentic accents, she said.

"The first thing I tell them when they visit the museum is, 'Oh, we're going to recruit you for our next drama,' cause we need those Northern voices."

The town, which celebrates separate Confederate and Union memorial days, got its name from Philander H. Fitzgerald, who was an Indianapolis pension attorney for veterans and was publisher of

the widely read "American Tribune" newspaper, according to Mrs. Davis.

During the early 1890s, a drought turned the Midwest into a dust bowl, and a depression soon afterward added to the hardship.

"The veterans had to do something. They were running out of food," Mrs. Davis said. "So they wrote Mr. Fitzgerald and he came up with the idea of a colony in the South."

Georgia had se. trainloads of food and cattle to help the drought-stricken region, so Fitzgerald wrote William J. Northern, the state's governor at the time, about establishing a colony, she said.

With Northern's support, Fitzgerald organized the American Tribune Soldiers' Colony Co., selling shares for \$10 each to raise funds to buy land.

The company eventually bought 100,000 acres of virgin pineland around a small turpentine settlement, and the land was parceled out to the shareholders.

"The colony started with just a handful of people in the fall of 1895, but by December they had 2,500 and by the spring of 1896, 8,000," she said.

As a concession to their Southern neighbors and to some Confederate veterans who had bought shares in the company, the settlers named some of the town's streets for Northern generals, such as Grant and Sherman, and some for Southern generals, like Lee and Jackson, she said.

But the Union vets refused to compromise on a name for the new town. Fitzgerald was the only name that would suit them. They

liked him."

Many of the newcomers were given jobs between 1896 and 1898 building what at the time was the state's largest wooden structure — the four-story, 150-room Lee-Grant Hotel, which was declared a fire hazard and torn down in 1966.

The townspeople also built 11 churches, schools and a 1,200-seat opera house. Residents organized a Blue & Gray Association, composed of veterans of both armies, but Fitzgerald also had three Grand Army of the Republic posts exclusively for Union veterans, Mrs. Davis said.

Organizers planned to have Union and Confederate veterans march separately during the town's first harvest celebration "because there were still hotheads on both sides," Mrs. Davis said. "But then the veterans surprised everyone ... by marching together, those who had worn the blue and those who had worn the gray."

The town honors all veterans May 30, the traditional Memorial Day, but also holds a special ceremony April 26, the Confederate Memorial Day, to honor those who fought under the Stars and Bars.

"To me, it's a symbol of a nation reunited," Mrs. Davis said of the town of 10,000 people. "The veterans came together here in great numbers. I call it the greatest example of forgiving and forgetting."

"People find it hard to believe that this could have happened here (Gen. William Tecumseh) Sherman and his men almost wiped Georgia off the map. A lot of Georgians still find it hard to forgive and forget."



JERUSALEM—This is a recent view of the old city of Jerusalem as seen from the Mount of Olives. The church of the Holy Sepulcher, center with two domes, and other ancient structures blend in with modern skyscrapers. In

Jerusalem, the geographic focus of three main religions, Christmas passes almost unnoticed in a city where Christians number only 12,000 of 400,000 residents. (AP Laserphoto)

Society doesn't cope well with deafness

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Americans are getting deafer as the population ages, and although 18 million have impaired hearing, experts say neither society nor the victims are coping well with the problem.

Just ask 63-year-old Harriet Thayer Adams, who began losing her hearing at age 12. She is accustomed to people mistaking her partial deafness for rudeness or stupidity. She half expected the same reaction six years ago when she broke her foot and had to walk on crutches.

Instead, she says, "I was amazed at the concern and the empathy."

Across the country, partial deafness is likely to gain more attention as old people increase from about 12 percent of the population to more than 21 percent by 2030, according to U.S. Census Bureau predictions.

While about 8 percent of the general population has impaired hearing, the disability affects about two out of five of those over age 65, estimates David T. Goldstein, an audiology professor at Purdue University.

"By the year 2030, we're liable to have a society that can't communicate with itself," says Howard E. Stone, executive director of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People in Washington,

D.C. Stone estimates that about 10 million people who could benefit from hearing aids do not wear them, mainly because of embarrassment. But President Reagan's revelation that he wears one has boosted U.S. sales about 10 percent in the first half of 1984 to more than 500,000.

"The individual himself or herself is going to have to recognize that taking on a hearing aid is no different than taking on glasses," Goldstein says. "Fifty

years ago people held off on getting glasses to the bitter end. Hearing aids are just emerging from where glasses were 50 years ago."

People who lose their hearing as adults face anxiety and isolation different from that experienced by totally deaf people, who often form close relationships with each other, communicating in sign language, Stone says.

Partially deaf people have trouble understanding each other, yet are reluctant or unable to learn sign language, Goldstein says.

Events at Lafayette College honor the French hero

By MARGARET REGAN
Easton Express

EASTON (AP) — In 1824, a delegation of 200 Eastonians rowed down the Delaware River to Philadelphia to get a glimpse of the Marquis de Lafayette.

The old soldier was making a triumphal tour through the United States, and he was greeted everywhere with parades and pageantry as the hero of the American Revolution. Amateur songwriters penned lyrics in his praise and artists vied for the privilege of painting his portrait.

One of the Eastonians, James Madison Porter, managed to meet him.

"Porter, Porter, I remember that name," Lafayette mused. "I fought with a Captain Porter at the Battle of Brandywine."

Delighted, Porter said the captain was his father, and his uncle, a Mr. Parker, had also fought with them.

"Ah, they were good soldiers," Lafayette recalled. "They were very kind to me when I was wounded."

Dazzled, the younger Porter returned home. Shortly afterward, he and some friends conceived the idea of creating a college in their hometown, and Porter could think of no better name for the new school than that of the defender of liberty. So Lafayette College was born in 1826.

It is now 150 years since Lafayette's death in 1834 and the college has honored him by staging a month-long commemoration for the Frenchman who came to America in its time of need.

An art show called "Images of a Hero: Lafayette in Paintings, Prints and Sculpture" was the first exhibition of the school year. A collection of memorabilia, including swords, letters from Lafayette to American Revolutionary leaders and hundreds of prints were also on display.

The high point of the celebration was a symposium in which scholars from France and America met to debate Lafayette's legacy.

Who was this unusual man who decided on his own to aid a revolution in a foreign country?

Gilbert du Motier Lafayette was a wealthy aristocrat, born into a noble family and allied through marriage with another family of wealth and title. But Lafayette, evidently influenced by the philosophers of the Enlightenment, opposed the position of privilege held by the nobility in pre-Revolutionary France.

He favored a constitutional monarchy for his country, opposed slavery, and all his life supported national revolutions in the United States, France, Poland, and Latin America.

Though scholars today debate his importance in the American Revolution, there is no question that his presence was an electrifying uplift for the embattled colonists.

He was only 19 years old, a 6-foot redhead, when he arrived in the United States in 1777 to offer his services to Gen. George Washington. By all accounts, the two men struck up a close friendship that lasted all their lives. Lafayette, whose father had died when the boy was 2, considered the older man his adoptive father and he later named his own son George Washington Lafayette.

Lafayette was given a command with the American troops, was wounded at the battle of Brandywine and passed the long winter of hardship at Valley Forge. But he rendered possibly his most valuable service by returning to France in 1779 and persuading the king, Louis XVI, to help the Americans do battle with England. France's traditional enemy Louis dispatched men, ships, supplies and food.

Lafayette returned in 1780 and took command of an army in Virginia, where he had a major part in the Battle of Yorktown, the site of the British surrender.

When he returned home, Lafayette played a major role in the Revolution of 1789 in his own country. He wrote the first drafts of

the "Declaration of the Rights of Man," which was heavily influenced by the American Bill of Rights. Lafayette later fell into disfavor during the Terror, and he ended up spending five years in a prison in Austria.

After the defeat of Napoleon and the restoration of the monarchy, Lafayette remained a symbol of the opposition to unbridled royal power. Though his reputation was somewhat sullied in France after the revolution, in the United States, he remained an untarnished hero.

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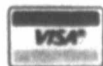
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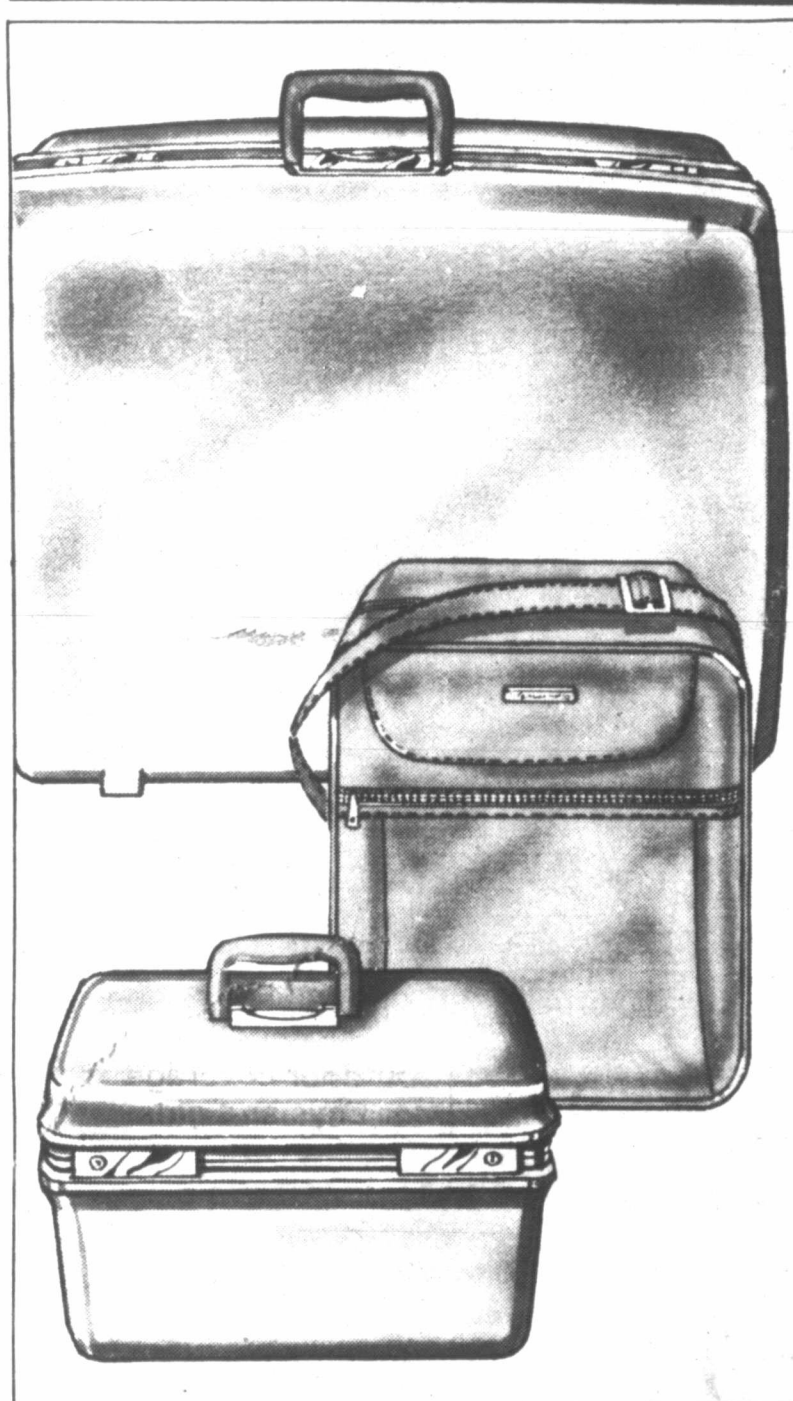


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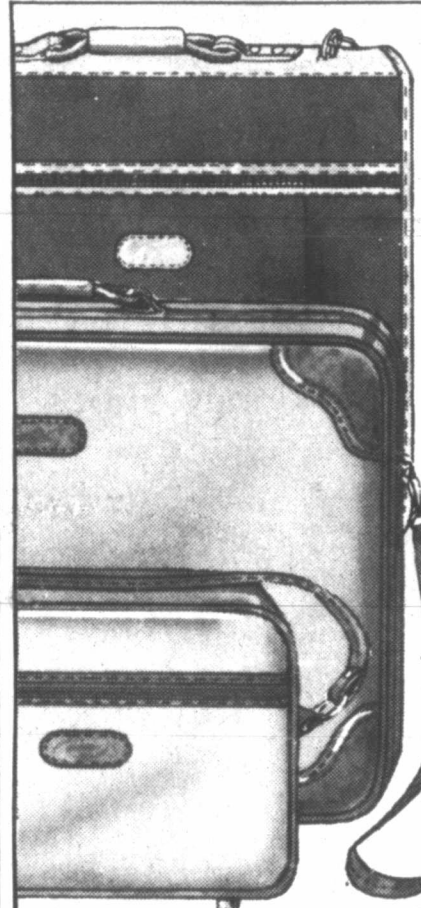
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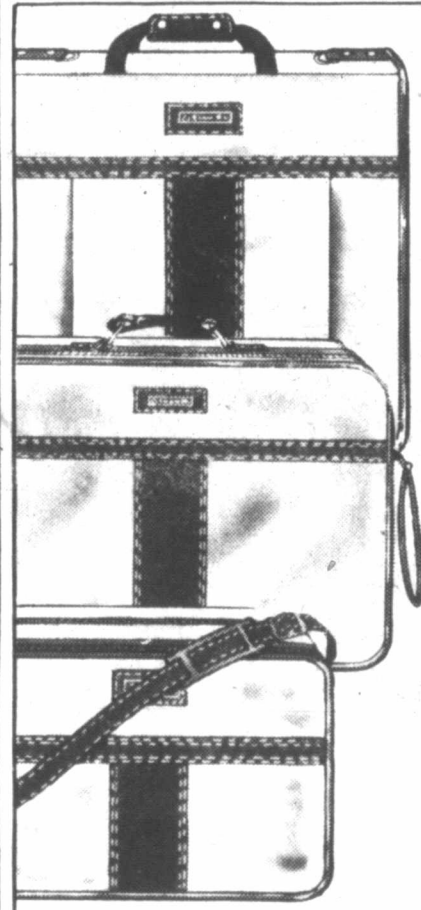
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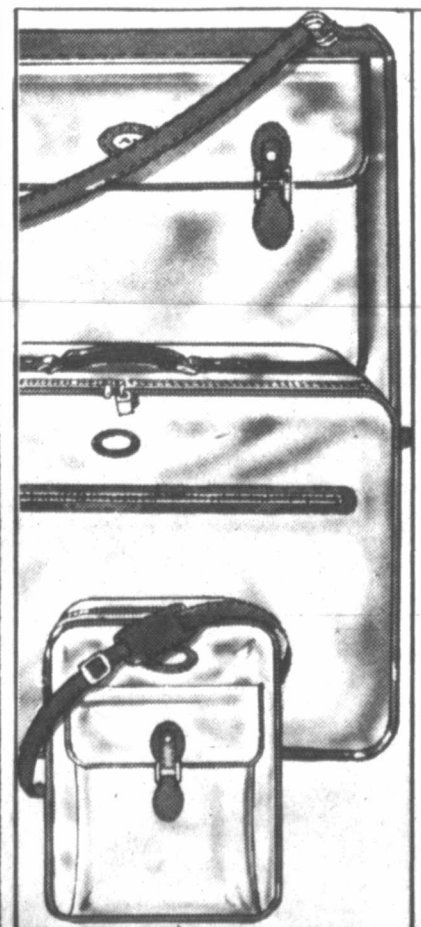
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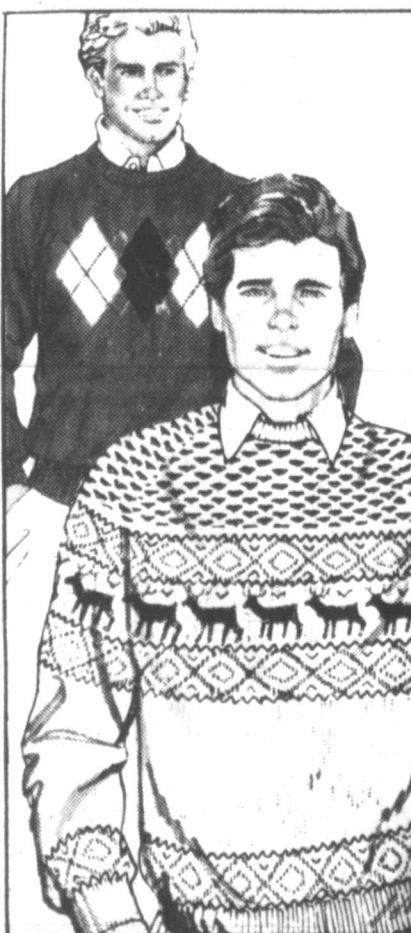
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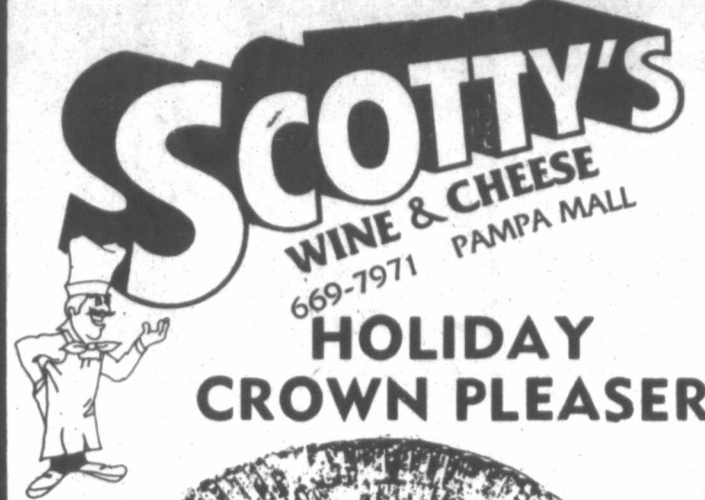
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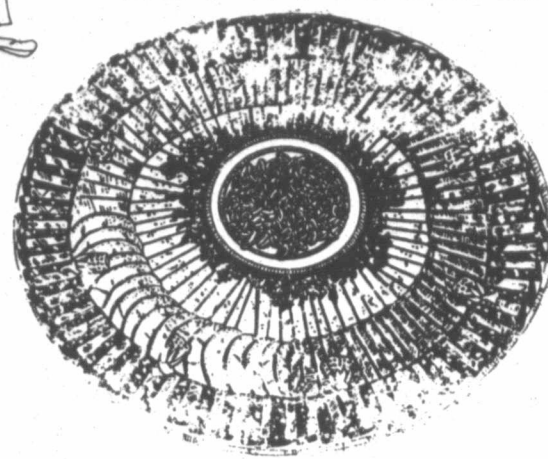
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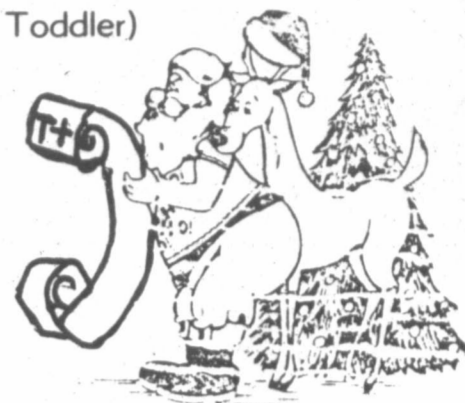


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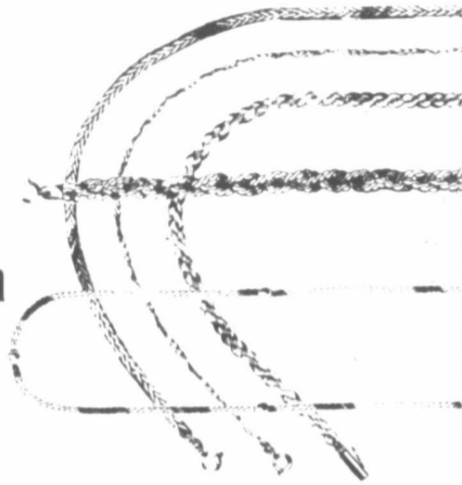
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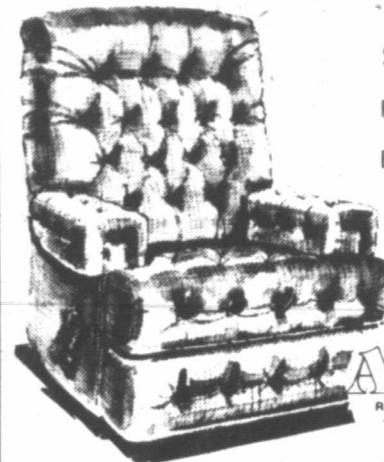


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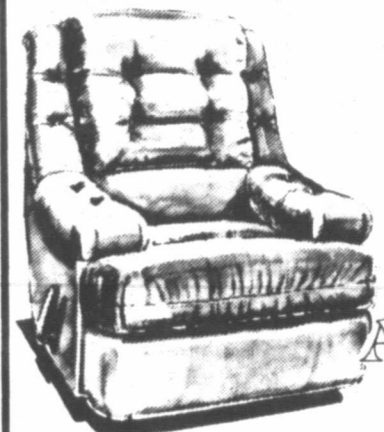
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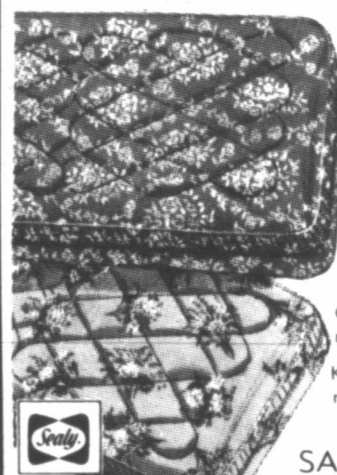


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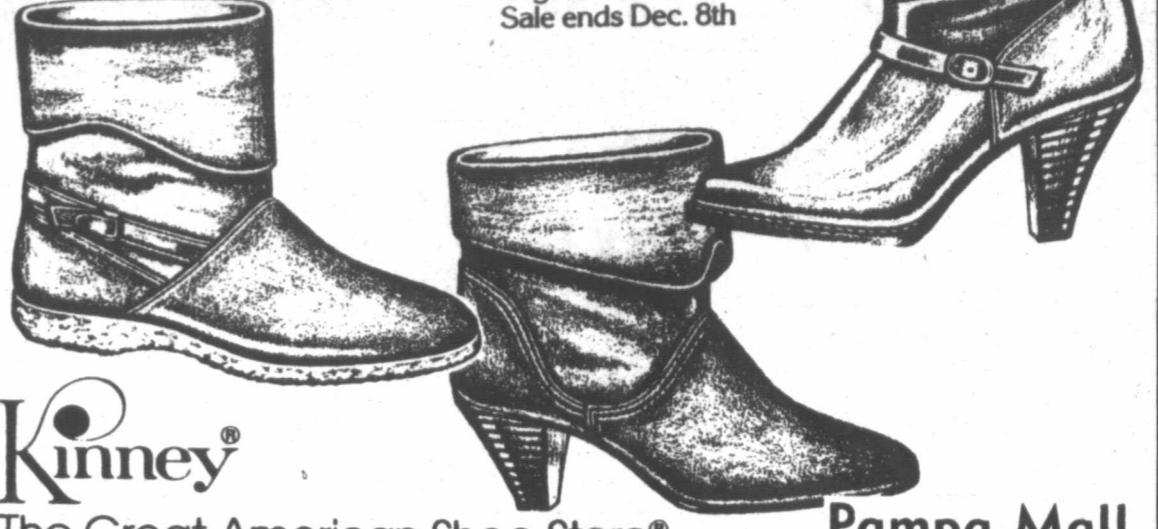
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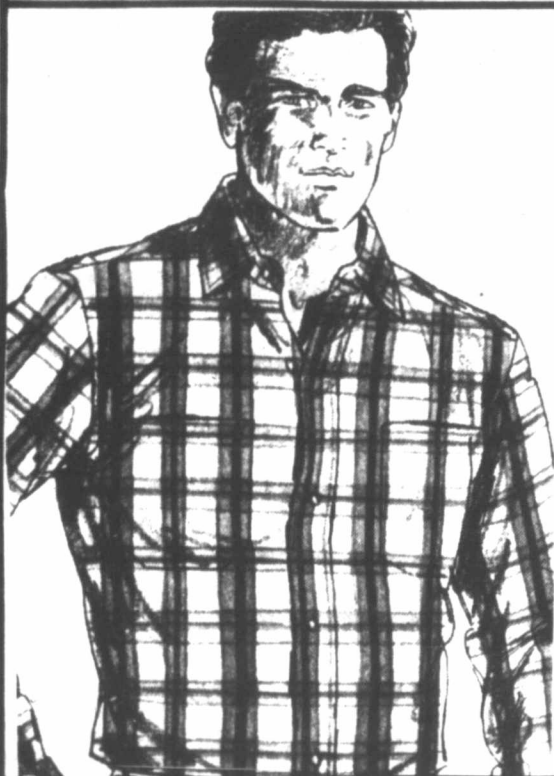
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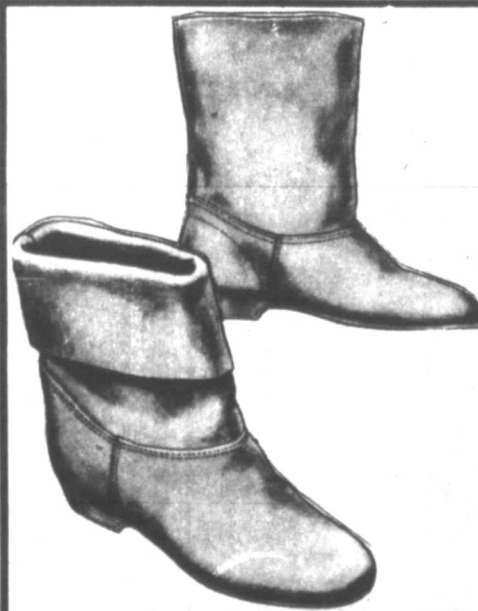
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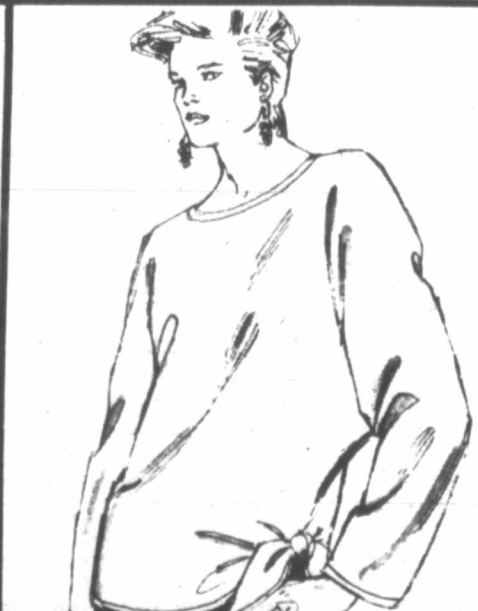
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The Pampa News

Wednesday, November 21, 1984

Pampa plans varied holiday activities

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce, working through its Civic Improvement Committee, has planned a varied range of activities to highlight the upcoming Christmas holiday season.

Activities include a parade, the lighting of the community Christmas tree and Nativity scene, a Festival of Christmas Trees, a production of Handel's "Messiah" and the promotion of Double Christmas Cash for shoppers.

The annual Christmas parade will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, forming at Cuyler and Craven streets and proceeding to the M. K. Brown Auditorium parking lot.

Theme for the torchlight procession will be "A Panhandle Christmas - Past and Present," with all entries requested to be lighted in some manner for the best effect.

Entries will be judged on creative use and effectiveness of lighting, expression of theme, originality of design, creative use of materials and audience appeal. A special award will be given to the entry with the most outstanding appeal for children.

Awards will be given in six categories, including a new division. Prizes of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third will be presented to winners of the Non-Commercial Division, which includes clubs and other organizations, and to the Church and Religious Group Division, the new category.

A \$50 prize will be given to the winner of the Individual or Family Group Division, which includes any entry that does not qualify in the other divisions.

Winners in the Decorated Bicycle Division (no motorcycles or motorbikes allowed) will be

awarded \$15 for first place, \$10 for second and \$5 for third. First, second and third place plaques will be given in the Commercial Division and Classic Car Division.

The official Santa Claus will be the only one allowed in the parade. Any float or entry with a Santa Claus will not be allowed to participate, Chamber officials stressed.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the parade, the lighting of the tree and the Nativity will be held south of the auditorium, with parade participants and the public encouraged to attend.

Pampa is going to have a live Christmas tree this season and for many seasons to come, located in the park just west of Hobart St. near the Coronado Inn and the auditorium.

Bruce Nursery of Alanreed has donated a live tree that has been growing at its business for several years. Santa Fe Railway Co. has contributed more than 100 crossties to be used in constructing a large planter box for the tree and a viewing platform that enables the public to view the tree up close.

Employees of the city Parks and Recreation Department are assisting with construction of the facility and will take care of the tree during the year. Some proceeds from the Christmas Activities Fund will be used to purchase garlands and lights for the tree.

Chamber officials are looking for assistance to help repair or rebuild parts of the Nativity scene in preparation for the annual lighting. The scene is going to need extensive repair work, parts replaced and repainting before it

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Annual torchlight parade Nov. 30



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This feeling can be compared to a fresh snow fall that covers the ground — beauty renewed which, even if it is only temporary, is meant to be enjoyed by all.

Christmas seems to best symbolize this fresh beginning. It represents and brings forth the strongest feelings of family unity and an almost universal appeal for brotherhood.

There is a beauty to the spirit of Christmas that goes far beyond the bright, blinking lights and wonderful and different ornaments which adorn the trees. The beauty lies in the inner peace and sense of unity that we all feel towards each other this special time of year.

Christmas is much more than parties, or a few days off from the office. It is a time when people of diverse opinions and beliefs can get together and share ideas and friendships, not bound to any particular ideal.

Beauty of the season

The Christmas season is beautiful because of the lights and the decorations, not

to mention the brightly wrapped packages underneath the tree. Christmas really does represent the time when we all realize again that it is truly better to give than it is to receive.

With the stockings hung from the fireplace, and the candy canes dripping like icicles from the trees, Christmas is a time of wonderment, not just for the young, but for anyone who finds their youth at Christmas.

Home is where the heart is

No matter where you live, enjoying a white Christmas in the east or midwest, or at least a spell of cooler weather in the south and in the west, Christmas brings a

special longing for home and family that is virtually unmatched at any other time of the year.

While it is easy to get caught in the sentiment of Christmas past, it is with enthusiasm that we look forward to this Christmas of 1984.

It seems now that all of the commercial hoopla for Christmas begins the day after Thanksgiving and doesn't really subside until the last of those Christmas returns are made, at the start of 1985.

In most households, especially those with young children, the excitement of Christmas builds to a great crescendo, peaking Christmas morning at the crack of dawn, when everyone races down the stairs to awaiting packages and overflowing stockings.

It is exactly that excitement and joy that is truly the signature of Christmas and all that it brings to everyone.

Christmas is the time of the year that is meant most to be enjoyed.

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can be used again after this holiday season.

The Pampa Art Club has volunteered to repaint the scene if it can be repaired. Persons wanting to assist with the Nativity scene repairs are asked to contact the Chamber office.

While the parade is winding its way to the auditorium parking lot, a bigger Festival of Christmas Trees and Gift Boutique will be opening in the lobby and Heritage Room of the auditorium.

Approximately 40 entries have already been received for the event, featuring decorated Christmas trees, wall trees and miniature trees, banners, ornaments, handmade Christmas cards, Christmas (monograms or symbols of Christ), Nativity or creche scenes, live entertainment for children and various booths offering Christmas gifts and crafts for sale.

The festival will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

Participants will include individuals, businesses, church groups, youth groups and various clubs. Puppet shows and stories will be offered for children at various times. Background Christmas music will be played to add to the holiday atmosphere.

Entries will be accepted until the day before the festival opens, with more participants being sought from youth groups, businesses and surrounding area residents. Information can be obtained from the Chamber office or through Thelma Bray, chairman.

An admission of \$1 will be charged to the festival to help defray expenses.

In addition, the Pampa Civic Ballet will present its annual Christmas Spectacular that

Saturday night in the auditorium.

The activities will continue the next weekend with the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the M. K. Brown Auditorium. The concert will be presented by residents forming a local choir for the production. Rehearsals have been underway for several weeks.

Many local merchants will be participating in the Double Christmas Cash promotion for shoppers, sponsored by the Retail Trade Cabinet of the Chamber.

Beginning Nov. 19, the promotion will run through Saturday, Dec. 22, with customers being able to "redeem" their sales slips for the "cash" at a rate of two for one. Various redemption centers will be located throughout the main shopping areas of the city.

Customers can save their Christmas cash to use in purchasing gifts at an auction on Dec. 22 at the Brown Auditorium, conducted by auctioneer Denzel Tevis. The specific time will be announced later.

The Double Christmas Cash is not transferable; only the customer or immediate family can use the cash. Sales slips may be exchanged at the 2-to-1 ratio in \$100 amounts only, with any partial amount over \$50 receiving the \$100 in Christmas cash.

The customer must be present for the auction and can purchase only one item.

Merchants will be providing the gifts for the auction, all with a minimum value of \$25. Some merchants also may be offering discounts at their stores for the Christmas cash.

The Chamber also plans to add some new decorations and replace some of the older ones to improve the holiday appearance of the city.

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Christmas most beloved of all religious festivals

By Rev. Lee Truman
Copley News Service

Shepherds near Bethlehem hear the Angels sing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace toward men of good will." So began the events that we observe as Christmas.

All over the world this holiday will be celebrated. It is called Kerst-Masse in Holland, Noel in France, Il Natale in Italy, Weihnachten in Germany and El Natal in Spain. It is the most beloved of religious festivals.

However, a holiday at this time of year is not original with Christians. For many years before Christ's birth, many groups held festivals at this time of the winter solstice connected with the Earth's fertility and the lengthening of the short, cold winter days.

The Romans, for example, observed the lavish Saturnalia, honoring Saturn, their god of agriculture, from the middle of December to the beginning of the new year. They exchanged gifts, indulged in overeating, drinking and visiting. The Persians did the same in honor of their god Mithra, the diety of light.

The date of Christmas has a difficult history but has been established by computation.

Part of the confusion over the exact year of birth we owe to a monk named Dionysis the Less

who lived in the sixth century. Pope John I ordered Dionysis to calculate the date of Jesus' birth. The pope wanted to establish a new calendar beginning at Christ's birth.

Dionysis did his work in great detail, so we can follow his reasoning. He began with John the Baptist, who began to preach in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius (Luke 3:1).

Jesus began his preaching about one year after the Baptist, the 16th year of Tiberius or Roman year 784. Luke 3:23 tells us that Jesus was about 30 years old when he began his ministry. Thirty from 784 gives you 754. Thus Pope John I pronounced that the Roman year 754 was the year zero on the new calendar.

But Matthew 2:11 and Luke 1:5 say that Christ was born in the days of Herod. Herod died in the spring of the Roman year 750. That means that Dionysis erred by at least four years. So, according to the current calendar, Christ had to be born at least 4 B.C. and most likely 7 or 8 B.C.

If the year is hard to establish, the exact day is much more difficult. Clement of Alexandria, who died in A.D. 215, held it was April 19. Other churchmen and scholars have advanced the dates of April 18, March 28 or 29 and Sept. 19. Shepherds spending the nights in

the fields does suggest spring or fall rather than winter.

Dec. 25 actually was arrived at by computation from the date of Easter. The Greek church put the date of the crucifixion on April 6, and Rome put the date as March 25 — this was confirmed by Dionysis, of course.

The theologians of the time felt that there could be no fractions in the life of Jesus, or any chronological imperfections, so he had to die on the anniversary of his conception. Add nine months to April 6, and you arrive at Jan. 6, the commonly held birth date of Jesus in eastern tradition. Adding nine months to March 25 produces Dec. 25, the date we observe the birth of Christ.



What is Christmas?

(EDITORS: The following story was written by the late AP columnist Hal Boyle in 1961.) What is Christmas?

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — What is Christmas?

It is the time when people's hearts ring like bells. And legend says that oxen kneel in their stalls at midnight in memory.

Christmas is the anniversary of one kind of faith and selflessness. It is the natal date of a lonely Jewish carpenter who in 33 short years of breath stamped an undying conscience on this world and promised all men life everlasting through belief.

He died a radical upon a cross for what He taught, bleeding slowly to death from the agony of nail and spear wounds. Few listened to His message in His day. He died a minor gadfly to a Roman world.

One of many martyrs to many faiths, time has raised Jesus Christ to a gigantic stature, so that today more than 600 million people, one-fourth of all mankind, celebrate His memory.

What is Christmas?
It is His spirit and His philosophy — that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Today the celebration of His birth, as is His death, is crossed with old pagan ceremonies. But His spirit and His example inflame the day.

Sometimes religious leaders get cross with Santa Claus and say he takes the honors that belong to Jesus. But no one who has read the life of Christ could ever think of Him as being jealous. Santa is just

Him with a beard on.

What is Christmas?

It is the time of letting go of hidebound prejudices and having the courage to be sentimental and good. It is the time when men take down a cold unfeeling star from the sky and make it a warm and stirring beacon on a tree.

Mainly, the grownups say, "Christmas is for the kids." But they themselves enjoy it most, although often they are oddly ashamed to acknowledge it. In December their crust of foolish sophistication — the crust they grow to protect themselves from disappointment — wears thin. They light a silent candle to an old belief, that most men really do wish each other well but don't know quite what to do about it.

What is Christmas? Is it a season when they can cast away their mutual doubts and really do something for one another.

The Jews, who regard Jesus as only a prophet, have their own festival this time of year. It is called Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. It lasts eight days. On each day they light another candle, give another gift.

The other day a Jewish friend of mine, whose children go to a public school and love the festival of Christmas, told me the plight of his young daughter.

She came to her father and said: "Daddy, I was chosen to be an angel in our Christmas play, but do I have the right to play it?"

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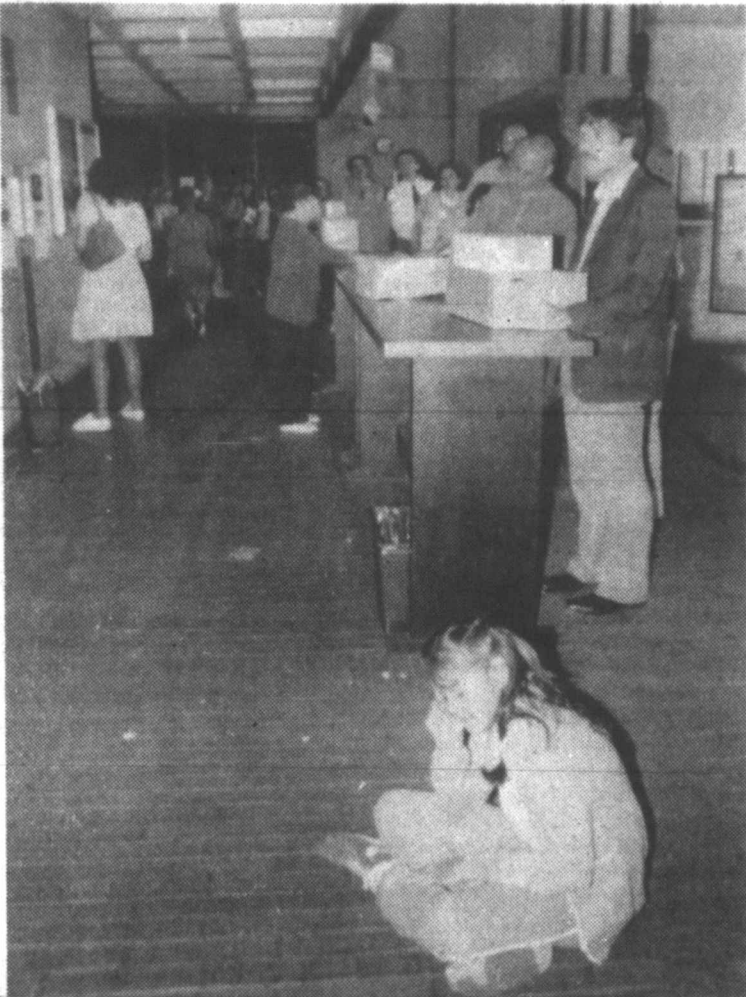
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Post Office tips for mailing gifts

By Jimmy Thornton
Copley News Service

Like it or not, last-minute Christmas shopping is part of the holiday tradition — even for people who must mail gifts out of state.

You can thank the Wright Brothers and the U.S. Postal Service as well as a growing host of competitive express mailers for that twelfth-hour overnight boost you may need to ensure that Santa's arrival is on time.

You can speed mail practically anything from a coloring book to a railroad boxcar if you ask the right service and have enough money to do it.

Moreover, if it is an emergency, you even can find a service that operates 24 hours a day. But be forewarned, you will pay top dollar for that kind of shipping. Following are some tips from the U.S. Postal Service to ensure that your shipped gift arrives on time and in good shape.

Containers. Fiberboard boxes, like the ones you can get from liquor stores and other retailers, are ideal. Also, popular-size boxes and mailing envelopes or bags are available at stationers and post office branches.

Packing. Cushion box contents with crumpled newspaper. Place the crumpled paper around all sides, corners, top and bottom so contents don't move when the box is shaken. Also, foam shells or air-pocket padding sold by stores are good. Padded mailing envelopes (or bags) are ideal for small items, including books.

Use only the box — brown paper and cording are not necessary. Put a slip of paper with name and address of the recipient inside the box as well as addressing it on the outside.

Sealing. Close the carton with one of the three recommended types of tape: pressure-sensitive, nylon-reinforced paper or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive.

Addressing. Use smudge-proof ink. Put the recipient's address in the lower right portion of the package. Put your return address in the upper left corner of only one side of the package. Remove all other labels from the box. Use ZIP codes. A wrong ZIP can delay delivery.

Christmas Cards. Holiday cards should be a standard size. Envelopes must be at least 3½ inches high and 5 inches long. If the card is extra large, you may have to pay added postage. If in doubt, have it measured by a postal clerk.

And time it right. You are advised to mail "early in the month and early in the day" by Jerry Vega, a postal information officer.

If you are mailing across the continent, the U.S. Postal Service advises to allow eight to 10 days for packages and cards.

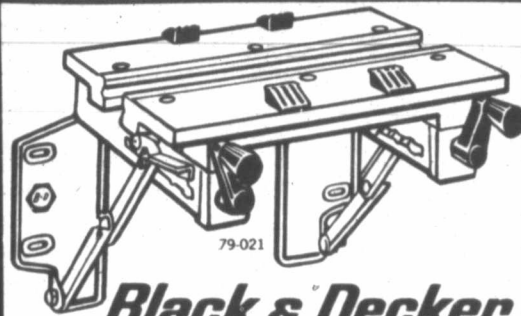
Christmas Frowned On
Some religious groups in America, such as the early Puritans, frowned on the celebration of Christmas because they contended the holiday had a pagan origin. — CNS

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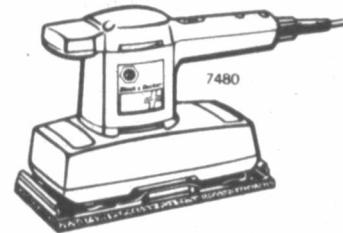
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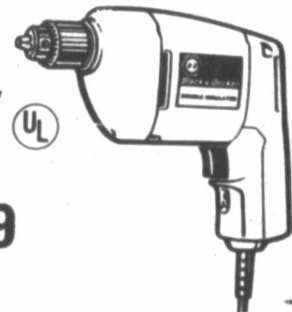
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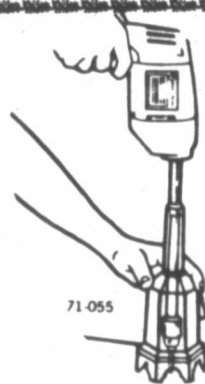
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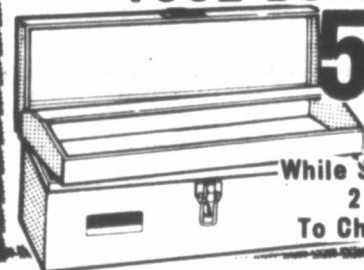


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Tips for holiday parties

By The Associated Press

Unexpected guests who show up during the holiday season may be warmly welcomed, but they can pose a problem for the unprepared host or hostess.

If you are seeking the title of holiday entertainer of the year, you'll need the answers to some questions about liquid refreshments:

How much to buy? Big bottles or little bottles? Where to store the ice? What kind of cocktail snacks?

To help in such planning, one beverage company has come up with several survival tips for holiday entertaining.

"An important first step would be to ask your liquor store if any unopened bottles of liquor can be

returned for credit," says Paul Connor, bartending consultant for Schweppes. "Thus the holiday host can buy extra bottles to cover any size party and return what isn't needed."

"For guests who ask for exotic drinks, the host could buy a full assortment of miniature bottles of cordials to make Black Russians, Harvey Wallbangers, Brandy Alexanders and the like."

When it comes to mixers, he says, party-throwers should consider buying the smaller, 10-ounce size bottles, which may cost a few pennies more but save money in the long run because the contents are used quicker, before going flat. Mixers can be used for wine coolers and non-alcohol

drinks mixed with fruit juice and topped with a wedge of lemon or lime.

Spirits also could be purchased in smaller sizes — such as fifths, which contain 25.6 ounces — rather than quarts or 34-ounce liters.

Having both red and white wines on hand for unexpected parties is another suggestion.

For garnishes, he suggests keeping on hand an abundant supply of lemons, limes, oranges and even frozen seedless grapes, along with olives, cherries, small white onions, Tabasco and Worcestershire sauce.

Small six-pack cans of tomato or vegetable juice are recommended, but orange juice and grapefruit juice concentrate are easier to store than containers and won't spoil.

Where does the ice go when the refrigerator and freezer are packed full? One simple solution is to put it in the bathtub, the shower or the sink, where the porcelain will keep the ice cold and the melt will run down the drain.

Unsalted cocktail snacks are recommended, because salt tends to make guests thirsty and they may over-indulge, Connor says.

"Try unsalted peanuts, or better yet, dried fruit," he adds. "Dried fruit is tasty, requires no preparation and won't go stale during the party."

"Have plenty of cocktail napkins on hand, and use plastic glasses for everyone except your favorite aunt or grandparent."

Never Mind Reindeer

Kiddies, when you leave a snack for Santa Claus, don't bother to put out any cookies for his reindeer, even if the snow is deep.

Reindeer and caribou are the only animals that can survive with lichen (funguslike plants) as their main food supply. And they can smell it through several feet of loose snow. — CNS

Let the youngsters help decorate cake

CHICAGO (AP) — You might wind up with a Santa Claus with one blue eye and one green, but letting the kids decorate a cake as the Christmas centerpiece could become one of the highlights of the holiday season.

The cake is easy, according to cooking experts.

A cake mix is baked in two heart-shaped pans by Ruthanne Field, baking consultant for Chicago Metallic Products Inc., manufacturer of bakeware under Village Baker and Bakalon labels.

Once the layers are baked, Miss Field cuts one heart in half to make Santa's hat, and places the pieces together. After preparing the decorations — icing and trimmings — she lets the kids do their part.

It never quite comes out the same way twice, she says, but the Santa cake is bright, charming and different — and no one quite knows how the kids did it.

"It's the perfect project on which

children can work together," says Miss Field, a former teacher. "It's not like decorating Easter eggs. It's a big project, the kind that requires teamwork. That's what makes it particularly appropriate for the days leading up to Christmas."

Some decorating suggestions from Miss Field:

— If you're making your own frosting, make sure it spreads easily; if you're using canned frosting, thin with two tablespoons of milk.

— Mixing red food coloring with white frosting makes pink, not red. You'll need to buy ready-made frosting for the red cap.

— Jelly beans, candy and raisins can be used for eyes, noses, hat rims and tassels.

— Outline features with chocolate frosting.

— Apply frosting with tips or from frosting tubes.

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Finding a computer for everyone

By Dean Carroll
Copley News Service

During last year's holiday season, many baffled shoppers blazed a trail from store to store in search of the perfect computer. A computer the entire family could use — something that would balance the books for Dad's home-based business, keep track of household expenses, help the kids with their homework and not cost thousands of dollars.

Many of these consumers ended up confused and frustrated, finding few compromises between low-cost home computers sufficient for the children and more elaborate, expensive personal computers beneficial for adults in the family.

But another option is becoming popular — portable computers with the capabilities of larger desktop systems, but at costs less than \$1,000. A new generation of portable computers has emerged, priced in the same range as the

first portables on the market a few years ago, but with more power and larger screens.

Since many of these machines come standard with word-processing, spread-sheet and telecommunications programs, adults can use the computers to transfer information back to their offices when they are on business trips. At other times, students can do library research at home by using the computer and a telephone to hook into an information utility.

"As computer technology gets more and more advanced, we're going to see smaller computers that can do a lot more," said Cliff Bream, director of marketing for Epson America Inc., manufacturer of the Geneva portable computer. "This is a real advantage for people who need a small, powerful, versatile machine," he said.

Part of the versatility to look for when purchasing a computer is its ability to increase memory capacity and expand its capabilities as your computer needs expand.

Such computers offer consider-

able economic advantages to consumers who are unsure of their future computer needs, Bream said. These people will not be forced to guess at the functions they'll want to use several years from now — and possibly have to bear the expense of replacing the system when they find they guessed incorrectly. Instead, these consumers can have a machine to which they can add a variety of attachments as they determine their needs. And they can wait to

add the attachments until they can afford them.

A plus for portable computers, according to Bream, is that even if a family that purchased a portable unit later decides that it requires all the capabilities of a personal computer with a full-size screen, the portable can be used along with the desktop unit.

Adults can use the portable on the road and transfer the information to the base computer. Students can take the portable com-

puter to school to take notes and then load the information into the computer at home during the evening.

In shopping for any computer, consumers first should make a list of what the computer will be used for and determine their price range. Some shoppers still may opt to purchase a low-cost home system or a very powerful personal computer, but at least the selection of portable machines has created a third choice.

Perfume business continues to offer many new scents

By Carol Roberts
Copley News Service

What do actress Brigitte Bardot, Cartier jewelers, artist Salvador Dali and dancer Isadora Duncan have in common? A perfume or cologne in their names.

Sports figures, actors, artists and singers aside, the most logical name to be linked with a fragrance, in addition to that of the perfumer, is that of a clothes designer. Designer perfumes date back to 1911 when Almeras made a perfume under the name of Paris designer Paul Poiret.

And the perfume business continues to lure the enterprising — women throughout the world get to choose from as many as 200 new scents each year. Each of the companies producing these fragrances gladly would settle for a fraction of the sales of Yves Saint Laurent's "Opium," Cacharel's "Anais" or Jean Patou's "Joy." But with so many choices available, few women are "faithful" enough to a single scent to make it a big winner. Few wear one fragrance for a lifetime — most women use an average of three or four scents regularly depending on their moods, the occasion, the time of day and the season.

When a manufacturer spends, say, \$10 million to \$30 million dollars to launch a fragrance in the United States, he can't afford to get lost in the shuffle. So, realizing that customers and manufacturers are tired of mass marketing, many manufacturers have decided to seduce fickle customers by

offering upscale, deluxe products. This essentially is a return to the roots of the perfume business — expensive-looking and -smelling scents.

Manufacturers are offering floral scents and expensive looks reminiscent of traditional perfumes in an attempt to build classic, long-lived scents — or the look of them. Those who don't have a tradition fake it.

According to one study, 80 percent of customers buy a new scent because of the bottle. As a result, many perfume bottles coming out include better materials and elegant design in an effort to build a classic, non-trend-oriented business. Some manufacturers are combining the antique look of cut crystal or a faceted glass bottle with updated names to appeal to today's female image.

Pierre Dinand, a perfume bottle designer with offices in Tokyo, Paris, New York and Milan, Italy, has designed 200 bottles that appeared on the market in the past 20 years. "The style of perfume bottles was futuristic and modern in the '60s because it was a prosperous time. Now that people have to worry about the future and spending money, perfumers are going back to the designs of the good times," Dinand observed.

But not all entries to the market are new scents. Dinand recently has updated the look of a 1920s-style bottle for The House of Patou for the reintroduction of 12 old Patou fragrances.

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Planning can make holiday shopping trips successful

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The holiday season is known as a time of good will, happy family reunions and joy to the world, but it also can kindle angry outbursts, sweaty palms, queasy stomach and tension headaches.

Described as "shopping anxiety" the symptoms stem from the chaos of last-minute Christmas gift shopping, according to a California psychiatrist.

"Even though many of us today lead very busy lives, we often feel compelled to find the perfect present for everyone on our list," says Dr. John Balog, director of the Lifestyle Dynamics counseling center in Pasadena.

Fortunately, he adds, a little advance planning can alleviate most of the anxiety, like scheduling shopping trips for early in the morning or during the dinner hour, when department stores are likely to be less crowded.

"Plan in advance which departments you'll need to visit," Balog advises. "And don't deviate from your intended route."

"Take an hour or so well before making any Christmas purchases to list all the friends and family members for whom you'd like to buy gifts. Think carefully about their lifestyles, work habits and leisure activities."

"Next, jot down appropriate gifts (always include several back-up possibilities) and the amount you'd like to spend. If your memory isn't great, it helps to keep a running list of the gifts you gave during the

past years."

Another good practice is to shop throughout the year, says Balog, who suggests carrying a copy of your list with you whenever you travel.

"There's no rule that says you must shop for Christmas gifts when everyone else does," he says, adding that by shopping during vacation trips, especially abroad, "chances are you'll be saving money, not to mention loads of time, and be feeling a lot more relaxed."

Mail-order shopping offers another easy, relaxed method of buying gifts. Last year, Americans bought more than \$44 billion in merchandise that way.

"Shopping by mail-order catalog is probably the most stress-free method of getting your holiday gifts assembled," says Douglas D. Anderson, president of the Brookstone Co., a major mail-order firm.

"Some companies add special services to make shopping even easier, like gift-wrapping and guaranteed Christmas delivery. And, as long as you allow time, you can make necessary exchanges or returns by mail."

Other alternatives to the hustle and bustle of stressful department store shopping are available.

Museum and zoo gift shops offer a relaxed environment for scouting out reproductions of native jewelry, sculptures, books,

puzzles, slides and stationery.

Flea markets, thrift shops and factory outlet shops can provide discount prices on everything from candy to collectibles to designer clothing. One suggestion is to buy some of the inexpensive gifts often found in out-of-the-way places in quantity, to avoid the embarrassment of coming up empty-handed when people unexpectedly drop by for holiday visits.

But if circumstances force a delay in Christmas shopping until the 11th hour, there are steps that can be taken to make the situation more bearable.

Some department stores offer personal shopping services, which can do everything from selecting gifts to seeing that they are wrapped and sent to the people on your list.

Some Tips For Hosts

To be a good Christmas-season party host, here are some guidelines:

— Don't wait until the day of the party to clean house — you'll be too tired to enjoy your guests.

— Don't become so wrapped up in one conversation that you neglect your other guests.

— When guests arrive, turn off the TV and leave it off.

— Don't force games, cards, records or movies on your guests.

— CNS

Holiday binges okay for dieters

By The Associated Press

Family members can help dieters by not making them feel guilty during traditional holiday feasting, according to a medical specialist.

"Concerned relatives should stop expecting overweight persons to be perfect. It's normal for people to overeat during the holidays," says Dr. Neill Cohen, a clinical psychologist of the Institute for Health Maintenance in New York.

"The average American will gain 7 to 12 pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Why is the overweight person the only one made to feel guilty?"

Cohen suggests that families can help by changing the eating habits for everyone at the holiday dinner.

"Turkey is OK," he says. "But get rid of acalorie stuffing. Serve lots of raw vegetables and small portions of dessert. Don't put so much food on the table."

"But most of all, the dieter should expect to binge one day without guilt."

The institute, which has 35 clinics nationwide, treats about 10,000 patients, some whose weight classifies them as "medically at risk."

Dr. Sharon Strauss of the Chicago clinic says "for those trying to watch their weight, the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day can be a time of desperation."

Miss Strauss, a clinical psychologist and specialist in behavioral medicine, says pressures to "fall off the wagon" are enormous during the five-week holiday period.

"Food and drink are the focus of holiday activity," she explains.

"The sole purpose of Thanksgiving is thanking God for plenty of food. This doesn't help the person who is dieting to save his life."

The institute offers several suggestions to help the dieter get through the holidays:

— Create activities for the dieter

that don't center around food. For instance, the dieter can set the table, arrange the flowers, walk the dog, entertain the children and guests.

— Revamp recipes by substituting low calorie ingredients for high calorie ingredients. For instance, yogurt for sour cream or natural fruit juices for sweetener.

— Stay out of the kitchen by cooking ahead of time and freezing your food.

— Eat your big meal in the middle of the day so you have the afternoon and evening to digest and burn off calories.

— Don't have high calorie snack food and hors d'oeuvres around the house. Substitute cut up raw vegetables.

— Serve smaller portions.

— Don't measure appreciation of the food you've cooked by the quantity consumed. Rather take note of the pleasure created by the flavor of your favorite dish you have prepared.

— Cook smaller amounts of food — this limits the possibility of future snacking on leftovers.

— Don't eat unless you are hungry.

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Two widely separated islands bear the name Christmas.

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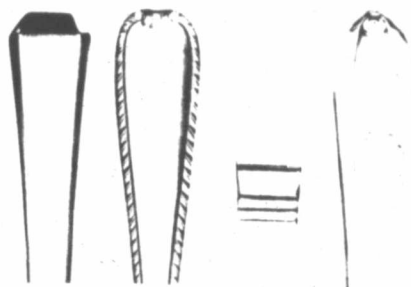
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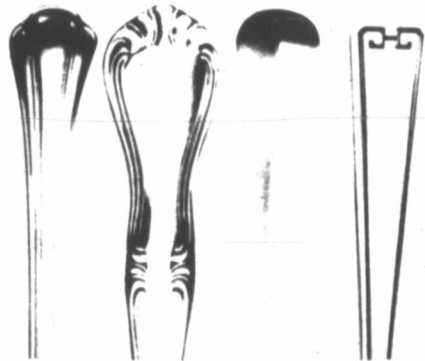
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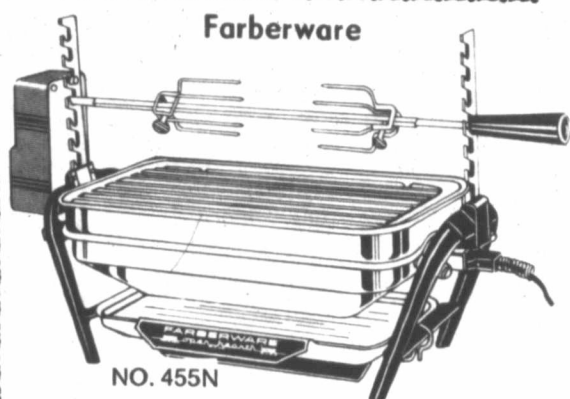


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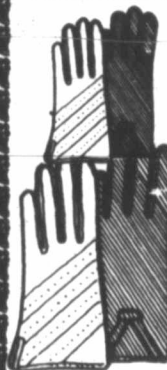


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New eye colors add drama

By Carol Roberts
Copley News Service

The holidays are approaching quickly — that time of year when we greet the darkness of winter with sparkling lights, effervescent champagne and conversation, warm firelight and candlelit dreams. It's also a time of fantasy — a season when you can dare to project a new side of yourself.

According to spokesmen for Orlane Paris, this season's newest cosmetics offer exciting and tempting opportunities to experiment with a new look, express your feelings and reflect the excitement of the holidays. Created especially for a dramatic evening look, these palettes are perfect for mixing and matching and creating a collage of color to balance the tones and moods around you.

The creation of a new look begins with an objective appraisal of your everyday makeup. Most

women fall into one of two categories: neutrals and brights.

If you are inclined to wear neutrals, try breaking away into the winter brights — warm peach, raspberry, deep turquoise and jewel-rich amethyst — that add new sparkle to your look. You can wear these colors in their brightest applications or blend them down into a watercolor effect. It all depends on how courageous you are.

If you wear bright colors every day, explore the dramatic sophistication of neutrals for night — gold, silver, copper and pearl — eye-makeup tones that sculpt, define and highlight — and look fabulous by candlelight or firelight.

The key to wearing new colors is proper application, and the operative word is "blend." Always start with a camouflage cream, dotting it on under the eye and inward from the outer corner. And

be sure to apply eye-makeup base to the lids to keep your look fresh.

Select your shadows, covering the lid with the lightest tone and then smudging the darker color closest to the lashes. Using a cotton swab or clean applicator, gently brush the darker color up from the lashes until it merges into the lighter shadow.

Next, take a liquid liner that will blend like a shadow and apply a bold line next to the lashes. Using your fingers, immediately begin smudging upward and outward, then apply a fine line of black liner, letting it merge into the upper lashes. For holiday evenings, anyone can wear black to create a bold accent and enhance the shape of the eye.

Under the eye, bring the bolds into play, even if you're working with a neutral palette. You can create a fabulous effect by brushing a purple from the center of the lower lashes and extending it just beyond the outer corner. Blend it outward and remove any excess from below the lashes, then apply a black liner in a thin line just under the lashes. This will give you a fresh, yet expressive, look.

It's essential to balance bold eye makeup with less impact on cheeks and lips. When designing your holiday face, try rich-hued, sheer lipstick for a perfect complement. The cheeks should be conservative — just a hint of blush applied from the top of the ear along the cheekbone to its inside edge — to create a glow and draw attention to the eye.

Scarves can give pizzazz to clothes

By Carol Roberts
Copley News Service

You've been invited to a big holiday party and haven't anything dressy to wear. There's no need to panic or burden your budget with a new outfit. Your basic skirt, last summer's camisole or tube top and a few oblong scarves can turn you into the belle of the ball without the help of Cinderella's fairy godmother and her magic wand.

Francesca Saldarini, designer of Saldarini & Saldarini scarves, offers these holiday tips to turn "plain" into "party."

Take a solid-color, oblong silk scarf and wrap your waist cummerbund style. You can tuck the ends under or fasten them with a glitzy rhinestone or gem-colored pin. A matching or harmonizing oblong scarf becomes a floppy bow at your neck — and who could guess that your skirt worked in the office and that your top did double duty at the beach last summer?

You could choose a small, silk bow tie instead of a floppy bow for a more dressy tuxedo look. The neat man-tailored tie will be a dramatic contrast to your bare shoulders. After all, what can make a woman appear more feminine than something that's borrowed from the boys?

For an equally glamorous but more covered-up look, Saldarini suggests a sheer black shawl with jewel-toned blocks of hand-painted velvet or a shadow-striped silk shawl. Think how much pizzazz these shawls could lend to a basic black dress. Wear the point in front, dipping down to the waist or drape it over one shoulder.

And modern-day Cinderellas using scarves to dress up their working wardrobes for holiday parties can use those same

scarves right through the season. A bow tie will work well with a suit and silk shirt. The oblong scarves will drape at the neckline of a sweater or knit dress and sash your favorite jeans. A large, dramatic shawl will go to a disco or party anytime of the year. Like the famous glass slipper, holiday scarves are just the right thing.



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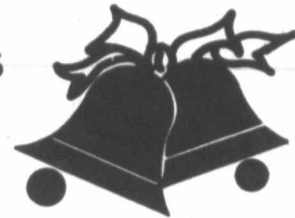
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Christmas in the Holy Land not big celebration

By **ARTHUR MAX**
Associated Press Writer
JERUSALEM (AP) — It hardly ever snows on Christmas in the Holy Land. Twinkling lights and strings of popcorn adorning fir trees are unusual.
For many Christian faithful here, Christ's birthday is marked by fasting, not feasting.
Only in Bethlehem and Nazareth can you see an occasional red-suited Santa Claus, an artificially frosted window or other Western trimmings of Christmas.
Today the land of the Bible is dominated by Jews and Moslems. Israel has controlled all of the Holy

Land since the 1967 Arab-Israel war. Christians, even though their ranks swell with pilgrims at yuletide, are a tiny minority.
The Christian community itself is split into more than 35 denominations, many of them in long-standing conflict with each other over privileges in Christendom's holy shrines, which is their measure of power and prestige.
In Jerusalem, the geographic focus of the three religions, Christmas passes almost unnoticed in a city where Christians number only 12,000 of 400,000 residents.
Bethlehem today is a town of

50,000 Palestinians, half of them Greek Orthodox Christians and half Moslems. Towering over the town is the massive Church of the Nativity, built by the Crusaders 800 years ago on the ruins of a church founded hundreds of years earlier.
On Christmas Eve, Bethlehem takes on the festive air befitting the homage paid to the little town in prayers in carols.
Inside the church, the ancient lanterns, icons and ornaments are polished to a brilliant sheen in preparation for the midnight Mass. The municipal parking lot outside, aptly named Manger Square, is cleared of cars and buses and

trimmed with a 30-foot Christmas tree.
From 5,000 to 15,000 people crowd into the square on Christmas Eve to hear international choirs sing carols and to spend the evening at the site of the first Christmas.
Most of the celebrants are local Palestinian Christians, but the town usually draws several thousand pilgrims from around the world.
The various churches each celebrate Christmas in their own way.

Attention focuses on the Roman Catholic pontifical Mass in the Church of the Nativity, which many Christians believe encompasses the sites of Jesus' crucifixion and entombment, conducted by the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem and broadcast worldwide on television.
Protestants hold an open-air service about one mile from Bethlehem in an olive grove revered as the field where the shepherds of the Bible story first witnessed the star shining on Jesus' manger.

Have modern toys lost magic?

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Much of the fun has gone out of today's toys because they have lost their fairy tale aspect and leave little room for imagination, according to a longtime toy designer.
"My grandchildren may be a lot smarter than my children were, but with all the pressures to be advanced, toys have become almost too realistic and complicated, and somehow they've lost a lot of the fun along the way," says Ralph Crawford, 71, a consultant for antique toy exhibits.
Crawford, now retired, was a

designer for more than 30 years with Fisher-Price Toys in a suburb of Buffalo. He still does toy restoration work on his own.
One of the reasons Americans are so preoccupied with nostalgia, Crawford says, is that many aspects of their lives have become sterile and artificial.
"Take the basic qualities of an old oak piece of furniture — the details, line and style," he says. "Like an old toy that's worn, it has an ageless appeal that can only be valued and appreciated more with time...."

"Years ago, toys had a whimsical quality and a fantasy and fairy tale approach that left room to generate imagination without spelling everything out for the child."
Crawford's passion for the imaginative may have developed when as an only child, he occupied many hours by himself by building model planes and boats from wood scraps.
"But at least when I got up on Christmas morning," he recalls, "there was no rush to get to the tree. I knew all the toys were for me."



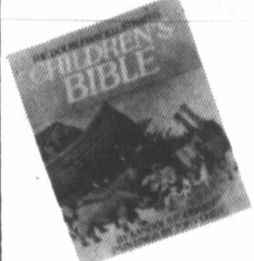
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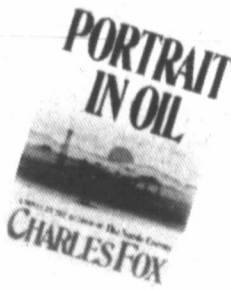


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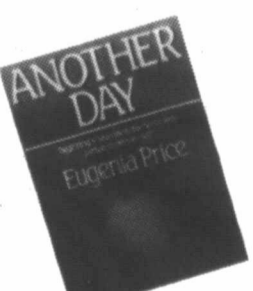


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Capturing Christmas on film often difficult

By The Associated Press
 Christmas is one of the best times of the year to capture snapshots of family and friends, but special lighting problems sometimes go with yuletide picture-taking.

The problem with shooting color photos of a lighted Christmas tree, the exterior of a home or a community nativity scene, for example, is often too little light. Snow scenes, on the other hand, can provide too much.

High-speed film offers a better solution than a flashbulb to the low illumination problem, according to many photography experts.

"In these holiday scenes, the light is an important part of what you see," explains Robert Harris, professional photographer and instructor for Eastman Kodak Co.

"Flash often overwhelms or replaces the existing light and

changes the picture. To avoid that change, try a high-speed film such as Kodacolor VR 1000, which will allow you to take hand-held pictures without using flash."

However, brightly-lighted scenes in snow can sometimes fool automatic cameras because the exposure meters often "read" the light from the snow rather than the light actually on the main subject, he says.

"If you can set the exposure settings on your camera, overexpose slightly to compensate for the snow glare," Harris advises. Or set your camera by taking a close-up light reading.

Since Christmas Eve is no time to discover a malfunctioning camera, the batteries that power the flash, automatic exposure and-or film advance should be checked beforehand, Harris cautions.

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For someone with a large kitchen, with lots of things hanging all over, a braid of garlic heads is sure to please.

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If you have access to heads of Elephant Garlic from California, a gift of them might be a treat for a garlic gourmet.

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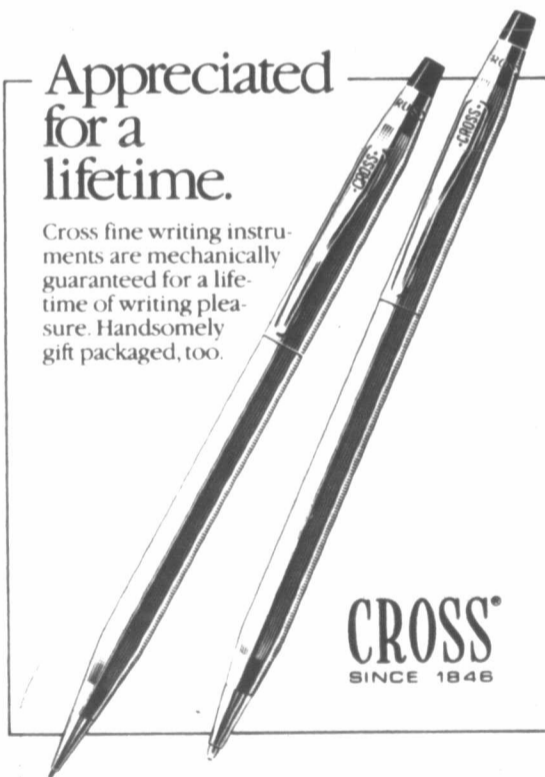
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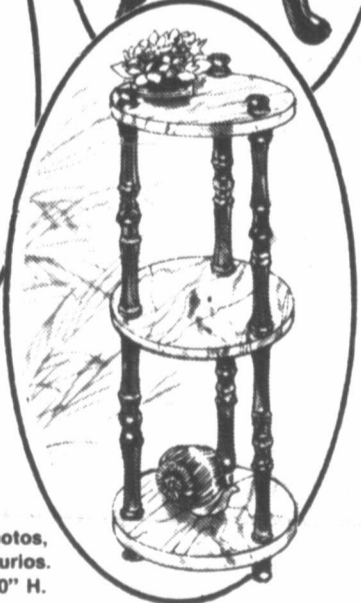


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How to cook that Christmas turkey

By Monica Perez
Copley News Service

Holiday cooks facing a feast will find that preparing traditional meals is easier than ever. Gone are the days of laborious planning, frequent trips to the oven and long hours of waiting, thanks to today's self-basting turkeys and alternative cooking techniques.

Swift & Co., the producers of Butterball turkeys, offer several suggestions to ensure a memorable, traditional holiday dinner.

Begin by buying a premium turkey, planning on approximately 1½ pounds per person.

Thaw the turkey in its wrapper on a tray in the refrigerator. Thawing in the refrigerator, instead of at room temperature, lowers the risk of bacterial growth and preserves the flavor quality.

Just before putting the turkey in the oven, lightly stuff it — plan on one-half cup stuffing per pound for turkeys less than 10 pounds, three-fourths cup per pound for turkeys more than 10 pounds. Then, lightly brush the skin with shortening or vegetable oil to prevent cracking and promote even browning.

Roast turkey on a rack in a shallow pan in a conventional oven set at 325 F. Consult the wrapper's roasting chart for approximate time. Test for doneness



by placing a meat thermometer in the thickest part of the thigh, but not touching the bone. Turkey is done when the thermometer reads 180 to 185 F. You also can test for doneness by piercing the skin — the turkey is completely cooked if the juices run clear.

As part of its ongoing research

program, Swift has found that today's cooks are interested in freeing up their oven to allow carefree preparation of casseroles, sweet and mashed potatoes, vegetable dishes, breads, desserts, etc. Following are several turkey-cooking methods that leave the oven available.

Clay Pot. Turkey should be placed breast up in cold water in a presoaked covered clay pot and cooked at 450 F. This reduces cooking time, but a meat thermometer is essential to ensure doneness.

Charcoal-Water-Smoke Cooker. Turkeys should be unstuffed and placed on a rack over the water pan. Hot coals with wet wood generate the smoke. The smoker should be covered and briquettes added as needed. Smoked turkey will be dark brown with a distinctive flavor. It is critical that the turkey pass through the 40 to 140 F stage in less than four hours.

Barbecue. More and more people are enjoying the flavor of barbecued turkey. And more and more men are enjoying preparing the traditional bird by this method. Simply place the turkey on a rack over a drip pan with 25 hot coals on each of two sides. Add coals every hour. Barbecuing stuffed turkey is not recommended.

Microwave. Microwave cooking is the quickest method of cooking the holiday bird. The stuffed or unstuffed turkey should be cooked breast down at a high temperature for four minutes per pound

and then cooked breast side up at medium temperature, eight minutes per pound. Use a browning sauce to ensure even color.

Holiday cooks baffled by the bird and various cooking techniques can receive instant answers to their meal-planning questions. Food professionals from Butterball will staff a Turkey Talk-Line to provide tips on every step, from buying to basting, cooking to carving, serving to stuffing. Cooks needing information can call the Talk-Line Nov. 5 through Dec. 24, Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST at 800-323-4848.

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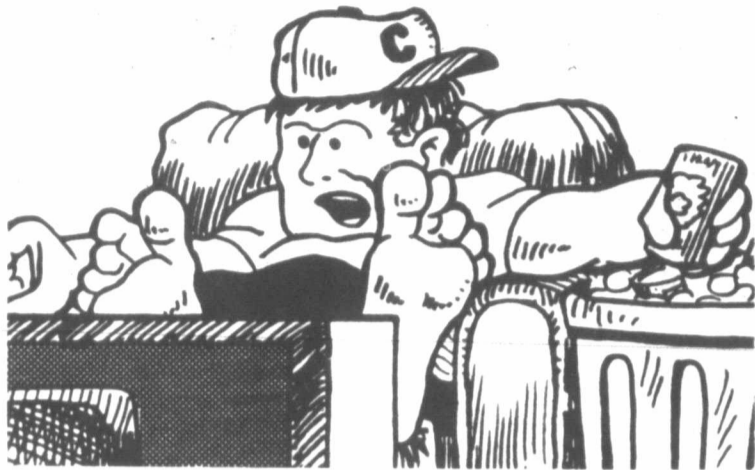
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By Patricia M. Londre
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Holiday shopping often becomes a desperate search for the perfect gift at an affordable price. Too often, this hard work is for naught when the gift is accepted with less-than-heartfelt thanks.

How can you avoid this dilemma and find a special gift for a special friend? Delight that friend with a customized gift, put together with special needs in mind. By filling an unusual container with specially chosen gift items, you'll not only keep expenses to a minimum, but your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

First Apartment. This gift will be welcomed by those who may be maintaining a household for the first time. Arrange a variety of the following articles in a brightly colored plastic laundry basket: laundry soap and measuring cup, miscellaneous sponges, light bulbs, paper towels, toilet paper, scissors and tape, hammer and screwdriver, dish soap, bath soap and toilet brush.

Senior Citizen. When an elderly relative or friend is residing in a nursing home, probably the last

thing they need is bric-a-brac and candy.

Make a usable gift by visiting your local card shop and purchasing a variety of greeting cards including birthday, anniversary, holiday and sympathy cards.

Place the cards, a good supply of postage stamps and an address book in a flat tote or envelope, so it can be stored in a drawer or between mattresses.

Armchair Sportsman. In a heavy-duty rubber trash can, arrange one each of 10 different imported beers, plus a couple of bags of pretzels or chips. Tie a bottle opener to the trash can with yarn.

As the beer and snacks are consumed, all litter can be disposed of without leaving the "viewing stands." Just keep that trash can handy.

The Homebody. Add a luxurious note to cold winter weekends by putting together some bath essentials in a wicker basket. Weave red and green ribbons through the basket for a festive touch.

Include a variety of the following articles: bubble bath, loofah, pumice stone, back brush, bath pillow and a pretty, soft washcloth.

Christmas cakes for children

By Janet Gordon
Copley News Service

We love our Christmas traditions, such as singing carols, decorating trees, making presents, baking goodies and eating as many of them as possible — unless the "goody" happens to be fruitcake.

Confronted with a deep-colored, rum-enriched cake, fully endowed with candied oranges, lemons and cherries, most children, and many adults, are likely to react like 12-year-old Mark Field did — they'll say "yuk."

But Mark's mother, Ruthanne Field, was undaunted by his distaste for this traditional holiday treat and developed two fruitcakes children should like.

Field, a baking consultant for Chicago Metallic Products Inc., a bake ware manufacturer, preserved the cake base but made it lighter and more palatable. She kept the festive coloring by using candy instead of candied fruit.

Her creations, the Gumdrop Cake and the Banem 'n' em Cake, are baked in 3x10-inch pans. With this traditional fruitcake shape and the candy, the cakes look like fruitcake but "taste like a kid's dream," said Field.

"Christmas really is for kids," Field continued. It's nice to keep tradition, but traditions sometimes don't satisfy current tastes. These do."

According to Field, baking with children is a tradition worth keeping. "Baking is the perfect activity for holidays, just when kids have a

lot of time off and a lot of energy to expend."

Accordingly, both of Field's recipes are designed to be baked by kids. The steps are simple, the turnover time short and the results rewarding.

GUMDROP CAKE

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
3½ tsps. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 egg, beaten
1½ cups buttermilk
2 tbsps. cooking oil
1 cup snipped gumdrops, red, purple, yellow (no green)
½ cup toffee chips

Stir together thoroughly flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.

Combine egg, buttermilk, oil, gumdrops and toffee chips; add dry mixture. Stir just until moistened.

Pour into two greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 F for 1 hour. Remove from pan; cool on rack.

Makes 2 loaves.

BANEM 'N' EM CAKE

½ cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
2 large eggs
2 cups flour
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. soda
1½ cups mashed bananas
2 tbsps. sour cream
½ cup chopped walnuts
1 cup M & M's

Cream butter and brown sugar. Add eggs and beat well.

Combine dry ingredients and stir into creamed mixture alternately with mashed bananas and sour cream. Fold in nuts and M & M's last.

Pour into two buttered loaf pans, let stand at room temperature for 20 minutes. Then bake in 350 F oven 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Makes 2 loaves.

If you and your children are in the mood for a more time-consuming project, Field suggested creating a Santa Claus cake.

"It's the perfect project on which children can work together," she said. "It's not like decorating Easter eggs — it's a big project, the kind that requires teamwork. I think that's what makes it particularly appropriate for the days leading up to Christmas."

Start by baking two heart-shaped cakes. Keep one to use as Santa's face and cut the other in half to use as Santa's hat.

Trim the pieces so that the upside-down heart-shaped cake and the half cake fit together to form the shape of Santa's head. Then prepare the decorations — icing and trimmings — and let the children go to it.

Frost the cake so that Santa has a white beard and red hat. Outline features with chocolate frosting. Jelly beans, candy and raisins make great eyes, noses, hat trims and tassels. Use candy freely to spruce up Santa.



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Fashion gifts for men from jewelry to ties

By Karen Caldwell
Copley News Service

"I wish we could banish from our vocabulary that we 'have' to buy a gift for so-and-so," said D. Gordon Williams, president of Countess Mara. "The connotation, really, should be that we want to select something very special for someone very special."

Even a mundane article is endowed with meaning and significance when it has been selected for a specific person with careful consideration.

Williams, who has been identified with men's clothing for more than 40 years, also stated that "many men, and gratifyingly, young men, are showing marked interest in the clothes and accessories they wear, thereby indicating a concern for fashion."

Christmas gifts for such men easily can reflect their fashion images.

Jewelry for men has, in the past, been an iffy question. Today, jewelry is an accepted part of a man's wardrobe. Apart from the prevailing trend to wear gold chains with open-necked shirts, the dress codes of many corporations require employees to conform to the traditional suit, shirt and tie. This underscores the truism that a well-dressed person projects confidence and well-being, according to Williams. It also promotes several options for gifts of jewelry.

Cuff links are enjoying an upsurge of interest among men who like to make a fashion statement — especially among jacketless executives in the privacy of their offices.

The selection of cuff links offers intriguing options. For flamboyant individuals who, nevertheless, like their sleeves neatly anchored at

the wrists, there are dramatic links with precious or semiprecious gems or equally striking links in large geometric shapes.

For reserved individuals, there are less ostentatious offerings in subdued designs in various metals. Current popular versions are silver or gold electroplate.

Men who are precise in their habits, and therefore their attire, like tie tacks and collar bars to maintain a neat appearance.

This leads to the classic gift for a man — a tie. Again, a person should not merely buy a tie, but select one most suitable for the person's lifestyle, coloring and hobbies.

Stripes always have been best-sellers since their varied colors can be worn by men of any skin tone or hair coloring. Tall men can wear a variety of colors, but short, stout men should wear subdued hues.

Hobby ties featuring sports motifs — golf, tennis, horses, fishing — get favorable reactions. Recipients appreciate the personal touch, and such ties always invite interesting conversation openers.

Pocket handkerchiefs are another popular gift. Whether in solid colors or patterned, these colorful puffs add quiet flair in a suit chest pocket. They can be tucked into the breast pocket with studied carelessness, either puff style or with angular points showing.

You also might consider accessories such as a pocket umbrella that fits snugly into the pocket of a coat or in the glove compartment of a car.

Williams concluded that there is no hassle in selecting the right gift for a man. Just keep in mind his personality, lifestyle, profession and hobbies, and you're sure to select a winner.

Script needed for Christmas shooting

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Preparing a "shooting script" in advance — and sticking to it — is the best way to preserve Christmas memories on film or videotape, says an industry specialist.

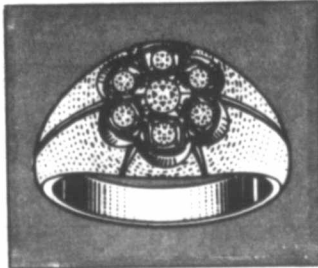
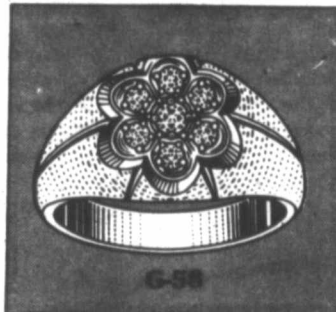
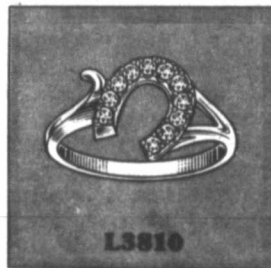
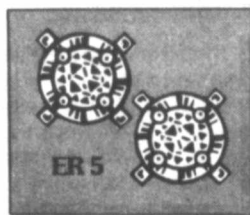
A shooting script outlines the kinds of shots you want to record and produces a visually interesting tape you will want to keep,

according to Bob Burnett of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.

"Professional filmmakers know there are just three kinds of composition — the long shot, the medium shot and the close-up," Burnett says. "Mix these shots up, and your tapes will be crisp and exciting."

Burnett advises that all three shots should be used, with the long shot coming first to establish the action to take place.

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High tech Christmas cards arrive

By Gregg Howard
Copley News Service

Snow may be falling, and stores may be bustling with shoppers, but it really isn't Christmastime until the letter carrier delivers the first Christmas card of the season.

This season, approximately 3.5 billion Christmas cards will be sent in the United States. The staggering figure is even more impressive when one realizes how far the greeting card has evolved since its beginnings.

The history of greeting cards

goes back more than 500 years, yet today's cards continue to create history, according to a spokesman for American Greetings, a personal expression company. For example, such companies are offering new lines of greeting cards this Christmas that use the technological capabilities of the microchip. Some cards actually can reproduce the human voice, and others have noises such as engines and thunder. In other cards, small lights blink when the cards are opened. All of these cards are powered by a thin battery that

drives a small silicon microchip and speaker inside the card.

The technology may be new, but the idea was used long ago. In 1878, an English publisher introduced sound cards that were two thin pasteboard layers sandwiching a flat suction whistle. When pressed, the card emitted a friendly chirp.

The custom of exchanging cards dates back to the 1400s when Europeans left special greetings while visiting friends on New Year's Day. These greetings were often small woodcuts wishing good will for the coming year. Sometimes they featured an engraving of the Christ Child.

This practice ended in 1652 when England's Puritan Parliament abolished public observance of Christmas. Later, during the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, Christmas celebrations came back into fashion and shopkeepers began to add seasonal greetings to their trade cards.

The year 1843 is notable in the history of the Christmas card. Charles Dickens popularized the message of this holiday in his novel, "A Christmas Carol," and to celebrate this event, an exclusive shop on London's Old Bond Street offered its customers the first Christmas card.

One day during that season, a gentleman named Henry Cole passed by the shop. He was known in England as a passionate supporter of the Penny Post, a mail-pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Each year about 3 million people visit Lourdes, France, and its shrine to the Virgin Mary. Many of them hope for a miracle. Lourdes is the world's most-visited pilgrimage site. By comparison, Mecca draws about 1.5 million pilgrims annually. — CNS



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ing system started three years earlier that allowed the sender of mail to bear the cost instead of the receiver.

Cole conceived an idea to send a Christmas message via the Penny Post and asked his friend John Calcott Horsley to design a suitable Christmas card. Horsley produced 1,000 copies — all hand-lettered — of which only a dozen or so still exist. The card was inscribed with the soon-to-become-familiar message, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You," with room for the sender's and recipient's names.

The English public exchanged homemade cards for years, but small businesses soon began commercial production of cards to meet the growing demand for cards to mail.

The *London Times* and other English newspapers took Christmas cards so seriously that each year current designs were reviewed, similar to theater reviews. Queen Victoria even sent

thousands of cards to relatives and neighbors.

Enter Louis Prang in 1874, a Bostonian credited with being the father of American Christmas cards. Prang perfected a multicolor printing process that made his cards superior to those printed in Europe. More American publishers entered the greeting-card field in the early 1900s, and many of the greeting-card companies we know today were born in that era.

Through World War I and the Great Depression, the demand for greeting cards kept increasing and only temporarily was slowed by World War II and the worldwide paper shortage. After the war and in ensuing years, demand again increased. Today billions of cards are sent around the world every year.

But even with all the high technology and gimmicks of today's cards, the most popular message still is Horsley's, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You!"

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Children sometimes enjoy the simple toys most

By Carol Roberts
Copley News Service

Child psychologists say children enjoy simple things, such as blocks, and learn by building or creating with them. This isn't because children are simple — it's because they have so much imagination.

"Simple materials are very important, basic learning tools," according to Dr. Melvin Lewis, professor of pediatrics and psychology at Yale University Child Study Center. "These are literally building blocks for children's mental development and thinking."

Yale studies show children use blocks, with a variety of textures, colors and shapes, for more than improving physical dexterity. While handling such simple items, children begin to conceptualize space, weight, volume, mass and time.

"This is a way young children begin to form concrete thoughts," said Lewis. "Creating and building are very important in a child's development and help him or her learn to think."

Perhaps surprising to parents is research showing that children enjoy this kind of creative activity not because it's easy, but because it's difficult. Standardized tests used in the developmental assessment of children show a child likes such activities because there is a sense of achievement involved in completing them.

"The exercise of imagination involved in creating a finished product or completing a task is itself pleasurable," said Lewis. "Improving with different materials also is a wonderful experience for children. But what I have found to be the most pleasurable for children is the process of mastering involved in their efforts and the pride children take in the results of their efforts."

An Evansville, Ind.-based manufacturer of wooden gift and collectible products has found this to be true. And Arbor Hill House President Angie Sinclair said using handmade wooden letters and accessory figures also allows children to create keepsakes or gifts and develop their imaginations.

"I once watched a small boy making a desk plaque for his teacher," explains Sinclair. "As he carefully glued the wooden letters to the base of the plaque and decided whether to attach the rainbow or the kite as an accessory, he and his imagination were hard at work learning about the world."

Designing an item in a free-form way using imagination, a

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According to legend, Mary laid the Baby Jesus under a holly bush to hide him from Herod's soldiers, who were pursuing the holy family in its flight to Egypt.

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child can make it be whatever he wants it to be. It is very important that the child be allowed to create and build at his own level. Studies show if forced to go in any one direction, the pleasure of the activity is decreased. The element of pleasure increases when the item created is given to someone as a gift.

"Children love giving gifts to others," said Lewis. "The pleasure evoked by someone who appreciates and vocally praises a child's gift gives the little craftsman an immense sense of pride, accomplishment and love."

This kind of positive growing experience encourages the child to want to do it again. If a child's creative effort is not appreciated, the child feels disappointed and his self-esteem plummets. Studies show that, in a child's mind, creating anything, whether to keep or give away, is far from child's play. It is serious business.

"This is like building skills in your business work," says Lewis. "What a Ph.D. is to us, building with blocks is to a child. It may sound simplistic but it is really creative work in the business of learning."



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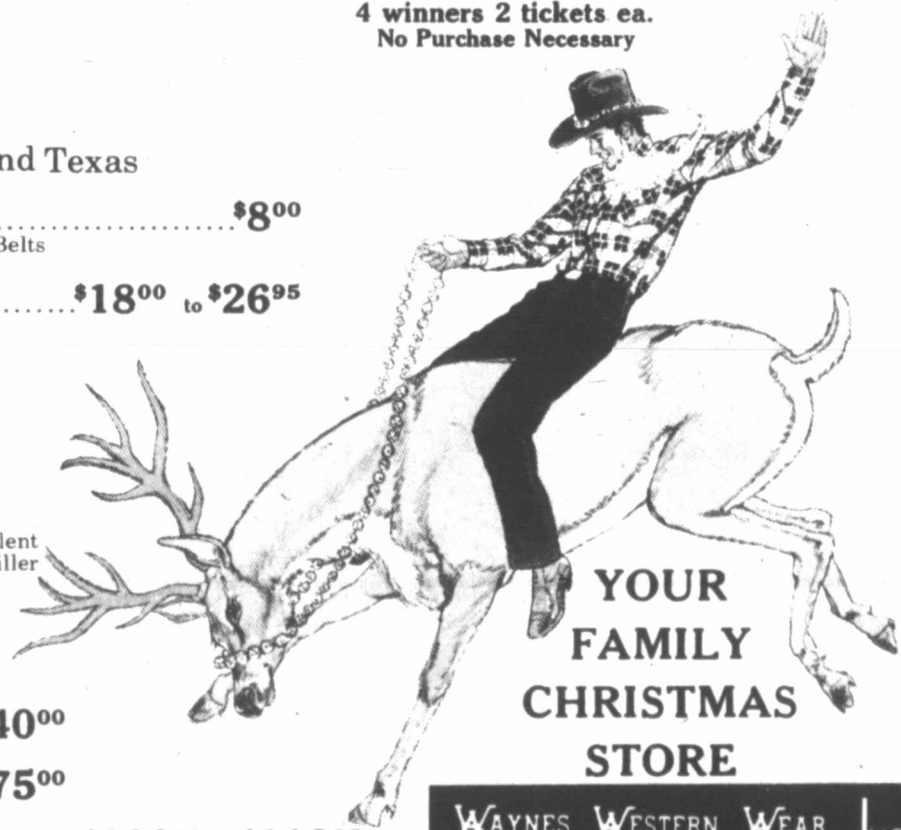
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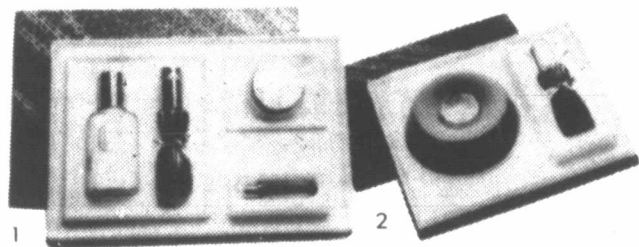


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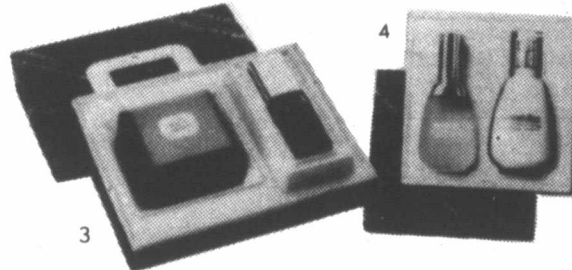
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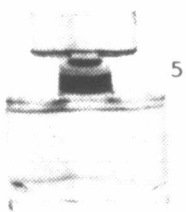
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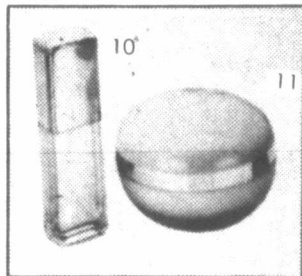
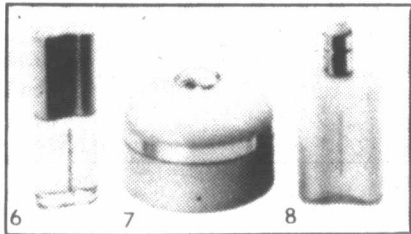
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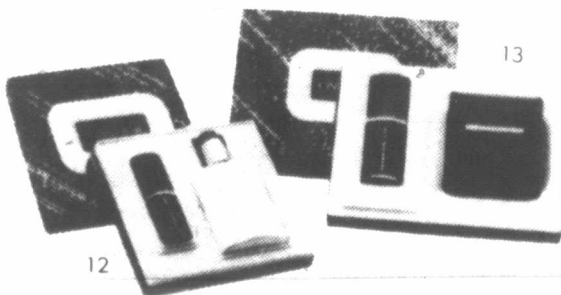
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