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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — The First Baptist Church of Pampa is extending a free invitation to the public to attend Family Fun Night this evening beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Dale Moreland, minister of preschool and children, said the church felt the need to provide a place for families in Pampa to come and enjoy activities for all ages and not worry about abusive language or content. Tonight the movie *City Boy*, produced by Feature Films for Families, will be shown.

The film concerns a 17-year-old, Nick, in search of his father. After gaining employment with a logging company, Nick learns the value of personal honesty and integrity and discovers what defines true friendship.

First Baptist Church plans to make Family Fun Night a regular monthly activity, showing a family movie and providing refreshments free to the community. Staff members ask that children be accompanied by an adult.

PAMPA — Rick Stone, Pampa landfill superintendent, has announced holiday closings for the landfill, recycling center and sanitation routes.

The landfill will be closed Dec. 24 through Dec. 26 and will reopen for regular hours on Dec. 27.

The Pampa recycling center in Hobart Street Park will be closed Dec. 24 through Dec. 28. It will reopen for regular hours on Dec. 29.

Sanitation collection routes will not run Dec. 26 but will resume regular route service on Dec. 27.

For more information, contact Stone at 669-5840.

PAMPA — Someone must be doing their Christmas grocery shopping early if today's burglary of Dyer's Bar-B-Que is any indication.

Taken from the restaurant was about \$900 worth of ribeyes and pork, said Chief Deputy Buck Williams. Thieves entered through the double doors on the back of the building and took only the meat.

Williams said burglars must have known what they were looking for when they snatched the two cases of steaks and a case of pork.

NATIONAL

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — An explosion demolished a partially vacant building, injuring 19 people and shattering windows three blocks away.

The Monday evening blast turned the two-story building into a smashed pile of stucco and lumber with debris hurled against nearby buildings. One of the two people inside at the time suffered severe burns and was hospitalized in critical condition.

"We felt the ground move. ... We just thought it was a bomb," said 11-year-old Nely Quintanar, who lives a block away.

The cause may have been a gas leak, police spokeswoman Karen Kerr said.

Twelve other people were treated at hospitals, and six were treated on the scene.

The force of the blast tore holes into an adjacent two-story apartment building and flung debris through the windows of a passing car. The car, carrying a woman and her daughter, went off the road, and the daughter was treated for a severe cut on her head.

WORLD

BEIJING (AP) — China has banned new luxury development projects such as golf courses and five-star hotels in 1995.

Construction of villas, office buildings and race tracks will also be forbidden in the coming year as part of government efforts to steer investment funds into infrastructure projects, the *China Daily* reported today.

More than 40 golf courses have been built or are under construction nationwide, at a cost of \$1.2 billion, the report said.

China's economic boom, with double-digit growth in fixed asset investments, has prompted demands for real estate to surge above supply in recent years.

China's rate of inflation was pegged at 27.5 percent in November and is expected to average about 21 percent for 1994.

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Man shot outside White House

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A homeless man who charged across Pennsylvania Avenue brandishing a knife was shot twice by police as he stood outside the White House today, police and witnesses said. It was the third shooting at or near the president's home in two months.

The man, one of a cadre of people who stay in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House, was identified as Marcelino Corniel, 33.

President Clinton was in the Oval Office when the incident occurred at 8 a.m. CST. He was never threatened, police said.

A videotape of the shooting showed five police officers standing in a semi-circle about 10 feet in front of Corniel, pointing their guns. Corniel, standing relatively still, suddenly looked to his left as one of the officers advanced toward him and fired twice.

Maj. Robert Hines of the U.S. Park Police said the shooting appeared to be

justified. "If somebody is brandishing a knife its justified to shoot him," he said. "The officer feared for his safety so he shot the man."

Corniel was wounded once in the chest and once in the right leg and was in critical condition, said George Washington University Hospital spokesman Rich James.

Witnesses who stay in the park described Corniel as a Los Angeles native who first showed up in the park two or three months ago.

At least one witness said the man had threatened park police earlier.

Wade Varner, 37, said the man had been roused out of bed by Park Police this morning and had shouted, "I'm going to get you!"

Hines said an officer patrolling the public sidewalk in front of the White House saw a man running toward him and carrying a knife. The officer tried to detain him and "there was a struggle" before other officers arrived, Hines said.

A back-up Park Police officer quickly arrived, and warned the suspect two or three times to drop the knife, Hines said.

"The man did not drop his knife, so he shot him," Hines said. The back-up officer fired both shots, Hines said. The man collapsed in a heap, less than 10 feet from the White House gate.

Protesters and homeless who spend their days in the park said the man, a California native they knew only as Marcelino, stopped living in the park for while earlier this year "due to police harassment." Several of the park witnesses complained that police hit their signs and rouse them from their sleep, a practice that increased after police beefed up security around the White House in the aftermath of the two previous shootings.

In the aftermath of the shooting, investigators sifted through the man's belongings heaped in a pile in the middle of the park: A cup holder from Roy Rogers' fast-food restaurant; a dirty sleeping bag and blanket; a yellow raincoat, a backpack, a red magic marker.

Drawing the most attention was a dog-eared black book that appeared to be a diary. Across the street, officers washed blood from the sidewalk in front of the White

House — a man thoroughfare for tourists. "It's unfortunate this happened in front of the White House, but it's just a typical police action that took place — that takes place every day in Washington," Secret Service spokesman Dave Adams said.

Varner said he saw the man charge across the street, holding a nine-inch knife straight out from his body like a bayonette. He was met by a police officer, who pulled his gun and started backpedaling, said Varner, an Oregon native and regular protester.

Todd Ouellette, who demonstrates outside the White House on behalf of soldiers missing in action from the Vietnam War, said he saw a man in a brown jacket "pointing his arm towards the security man and the security guard was not looking to get any closer to the man." Ouellette said that after a small scuffle, the man "started chasing the security guard."

"They told him to put down whatever he had in his hands apparently and he didn't and two shots were fired," said Ouellette, who has been living in Lafayette Park.

Christmas package



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Stephanie Kogler, 5, an Austin Elementary School student, hands United Parcel Service customer counter clerk Lucy Arebalo a package to be mailed to a friend. Arebalo wears a Santa hat as UPS keeps busy with shipping packages for the Christmas holiday season.

Bush against legalizing casinos

DALLAS (AP) — Gov.-elect George W. Bush says he will campaign against a constitutional amendment to legalize casino gambling in Texas.

In an interview Monday with *The Dallas Morning News*, Bush also said he has serious reservations about a proposal that would legalize off-track wagering on horse and dog races.

Bush would have no legal authority to set such a constitutional amendment, but his active opposition could influence Texas voters who would have the final say.

Although Bush spoke out against casino gambling during the gubernatorial campaign, his remarks to the Dallas newspaper marked the first time he has vowed to personally campaign against their legalization.

"I will speak out against casino gambling," Bush said. Both Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney are also cool to the idea, meaning it may be difficult for casino proponents to get the needed votes in Legislature session that opens Jan. 10.

Casino backers did not express surprise at Bush's opposition and said they will continue

to press ahead for passage of a casino amendment.

"We're going to keep on moving," said former state Rep. Lloyd Criss of La Marque, chairman of the Texas Association for Casino Entertainment. "(Bush's opposition) certainly won't help it, but we plan to proceed."

Bush also said he believes that the prohibition of off-track betting parlors should continue.

"That was not the intent of the Legislature. That was not part of the vote," Bush said. "My inclination is not to be for it."

James D. Noteware, president and general manager of Sam Houston Race Park in Houston, which has lost millions since it opened, says off-track betting is crucial to the Texas racing industry.

"We're definitely going to make a push," Noteware said in a recent interview. "Live activity is declining and off-track betting is rising."

On-track betting on horse and dog races was approved by Texas voters in 1986, but so far the tracks have failed to produce the state revenues or economic development that had been promised by pro-racing advocates.

U.S. officials pressing North Korea to return pilot, colleague's body

By PAUL ALEXANDER
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.S. officials pressed North Korea to return a captive American pilot and the body of his colleague during a half-hour meeting today at the Korean War truce village of Panmunjom.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, was revising procedures for flights along the Korean border to avoid similar incidents.

The aviators' unarmed observation helicopter went down Saturday in North Korea after they became disoriented and strayed into North Korean air space while on a routine flight, U.S. military officials have said. It is still not clear whether they were shot down or made an emergency landing.

Today, U.S. officials met with North Koreans to try to win the release of Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall of Brooksville, Fla., and the body of Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon of Clarksville, Tenn.

American officials gave the North Koreans a statement requesting details about Hall's condition and asking for the immediate return of the pilot and his dead colleague, said U.S. military spokesman Jim Coles. The North Koreans provided no new information and the United States has asked for another meeting as soon as possible, he said.

"The positive thing is they accepted the message," Coles said.

The message was transmitted through the U.S.-led U.N. Command Military Armistice Commission, which oversees the 1953 truce between the two Koreas from the South Korean side.

By casting the issue as something to be resolved by the United Nations and North Korea, Washington hopes to avoid high-level contacts with the communist government in Pyongyang.

Several countries, including China, have been asked to intervene with North Korea on behalf of the United States, U.S. officials said.

The last U.S. radio contact with the helicopter indicated the pilot believed he was still in South Korea, when in fact he was about 3.5 miles inside North Korean territory, a senior Pentagon official said Monday.

Heavy snow had fallen the night before, U.S. officials have speculated the pilots may have become disoriented because the snow may have covered navigational landmarks on the ground and made landmarks difficult to identify.

A senior Pentagon official said Army Gen. Gary Luck, commander of the 36,000 U.S. forces in South Korea, has stopped all OH-58 pilots from the lost chopper's battalion from flying in the border area where the helicopter strayed.

Luck also ordered refresher training for the helicopter battalion's pilots and said a senior commander must approve flights for any aircraft near the heavily guarded demilitarized zone that separates the two Koreas.

Reviews have also been ordered for training procedures, standards for flights near the demilitarized zone and tactics ground troops might use to warn aircraft heading northward, the official said.

South Korean ground troops spotted the errant helicopter at two sites as it headed north but were unable to warn the pilot because they have no system for radioing aviators, the official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff will also consider upgrading helicopter navigation aids, the official said.

South Korean media, meanwhile, said the loss of the helicopter vividly showed the lack of cooperation between the U.S. and South Korean military, despite assurances that their combined defense system is foolproof.

"No matter what excuses they make, it clearly shows that serious defects exist in the South Korea-U.S. air-defense system," the influential *Chosun Ilbo* newspaper said in an editorial.

New Zealand has 'Fridgehenge'

HAMILTON, New Zealand (AP) — One of the great landmarks of ancient civilization has been recreated in a field northeast of this city — using refrigerators.

Forty-one junked refrigerators retrieved from the local trash dump have been hauled into place to recreate a latter-day Stonehenge — in the nick of time for summer solstice celebrations in the southern hemisphere.

Using a detailed map of the original prehistoric arrangement of stones on Salisbury Plain in south-

ern England, the replica has been built by Graeme Cairns, Sean Burke and Andrew McGovern.

A party will be thrown at "Fridgehenge" as the sun rises Thursday above the replica slaughter stone, a freezer. It will reach its zenith over an altar stone, constructed of two box fridges beside a twin-unit refrigerator.

Cairns is a clan chief of the McGillicuddy Serious Party, which parodies traditional New Zealand politics and society.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PORTER, Mildred Blanche — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.
SANFORD, Angela S. — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
SEARLE, Todd Matthew — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Vernal, Utah.
WEDDINGTON, Othel Brown — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Borger.

Obituaries

THELMA RUTH MORRIS
WICHITA FALLS — Thelma Ruth Morris, 87, of Wichita Falls, a former resident of Pampa and Skellytown, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994 in Wichita Falls. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Morris was born Aug. 19, 1907 in Pawnee County, Okla. She moved to Pampa from Skellytown in 1960 and had lived in Pampa until moving to Wichita Falls six years ago. She married Gilbert F. Morris on Oct. 17, 1924 in Valley, Okla. He died April 24, 1982. She was a homemaker and a member of Highland Baptist Church in Pampa.
 Survivors include a son, Gilbert F. Morris Jr. of Ralston, Okla.; a daughter, Mrs. Guy Erna Hester of Burkburnett; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

MILDRED BLANCHE PORTER
WHEELER — Mildred Blanche Porter, 84, of Wheeler, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 1994. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Wheeler, with the Rev. Robert Helsey, pastor, and the Rev. Robert Parrish of Gatesville, Texas, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Porter was born Jan. 12, 1910 in Ireland, Texas. She married George W. Porter in May 1930 in Ireland. He died in 1973. Mrs. Porter had lived in Wheeler since 1930. She graduated from Tarleton State University in 1972 and taught school in Mobeetie. She also gave private Spanish lessons. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Wheeler, a past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a former member of the Wheeler Study Club.
 Survivors include two daughters, Georgie Snyder of Bethesda, Md., and JoAnn Taylor of Wheeler, four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Wheeler or to a favorite charity.

ANGELA S. SANFORD
 Angela S. Sanford, 89, a retired Pampa school teacher, died Monday, Dec. 19, 1994 in Amarillo. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Kenneth Metzger, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Sanford was born Aug. 3, 1905 in Taylor, Texas. She graduated from Taylor High School in 1922 and received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1927. She married Robert H. Sanford in 1937 in Taylor. He died in January 1994. Mrs. Sanford taught home economics in Abernathy for three years and in Pampa for 16 years before retiring in 1946. She served eight years as the Pep Squad sponsor at Pampa High School.
 She was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Friendship Sunday School Class. She taught in the kindergarten department of the church for several years. She was a life member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and a member of the American Association of Retired Teachers. She was a past member of the Twentieth Century Club and had served on the Pampa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She had served as area chairman and block chairman for several Cancer Society drives.
 She is survived by several nieces and nephews.
 The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

TODD MATTHEW SEARLE
VERNAL, Utah — Todd Matthew Searle, 25, of Vernal, a Pampa, Texas native and grandson of Pampa residents, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 1994 of complications of cancer. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church of Vernal. Burial will be in Maeser Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomson's Vernal Mortuary.
 Mr. Searle was born Sept. 21, 1969 in Pampa. He worked as a model and sales manager for Stephen Yearick Fashions of New York. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Vernal and had served in the U.S. Air Force from 1988-91, stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He graduated from Uintah High School in 1987.
 Survivors include his parents, Todd and Johnnie Searle of Vernal; a brother and sister-in-law, Beau and Angie Searle of Vernal; a sister and brother-in-law, Brooke and Chris Gaurmer of Grand Junction, Colo.; grandparents, Milt and Elva Searle of Vernal and James W. and Mildred Clay of Pampa; his great-grandmother, Viola Caldwell of Vernal; nieces, Mandi, Megan and Maddison Searle of Vernal; and nephew, Caden Gaurmer of Grand Junction.

OTHEL BROWN WEDDINGTON
BORGER — Othel Brown Weddington of Borger, a former Shamrock resident and sister of a Shamrock woman, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Borger, with the Rev. Tom Harrison, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Weddington was born in Franklin, Texas and came to Borger in 1945 from Shamrock. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Borger.
 Her husband, Walter Weddington Jr., died in 1990.
 Survivors include a son, Leon DeWeese of Borger; a daughter, Helen West of Borger; two sisters, Alma DeWeese of Houston and Ella Mae Dabery of Shamrock; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Police report

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

MONDAY, Dec. 19
 City employee Michael Bruce Balay reported criminal mischief to the Pioneer Cottage, 600 block of Yeager, which occurred between 10:30 and 11 p.m. Saturday. A vehicle ran through the flower bed causing about \$100 damage.

Officer Bryan Hedrick reported unlawful carrying of a weapon which occurred at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A pair of scissors taped together into a stabbing-type instrument was reported, said Lt. Steve Chance.

Officer Mike Shelton reported violation of drug narcotic laws which occurred at 929 Barnard. Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported.

James Scott Smith, 2222 Beech, reported burglary of Sandy's Place, 2218 Alcock, which occurred between 9 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday. Taken was \$565 worth of cigarettes and beer. Burglars entered through a north window.

Robert Dale Campbell, 2111 Charles, reported burglary of a motor vehicle. A .243-caliber Winchester rifle with scope was taken between Saturday night and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The rifle is valued at \$400.

Rachel Terranzo, 312 Warren, reported burglary of a 1994 Chevrolet pickup owned by Pablo Hernandez, Amarillo. Taken were a spare tire and rim.

TUESDAY, Dec. 20
 Cynthia Kay Alley, 921 S. Banks, reported assault. She reported a blow and choke to her face and throat. Lanita LeAnn Marcum, 1101 Perry, reported theft of a yellow-gold engagement ring with diamond.

Tamara Joy Charez, 720 N. Frost, reported assault at 1128 Varnon Dr. She suffered blunt force to the stomach and face.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Assault-domestic violence was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road which occurred at 12:45 a.m. today. The victim suffered redness and abrasion to the left arm.

Arrests

SUNDAY, Dec. 18
 Jessica Jill Garren, 19, 2220 Lea, was arrested at Kingsmill and Ballard on a Department of Public Safety warrant. She paid fines and was released.

TUESDAY, Dec. 20
 Stacy Earl Lamm, 27, 214 N. Sumner, was arrested in the 300 block of South Starkweather on two warrants.

Felipe Perez DJesus, 40, 913 Varnon Dr., was arrested on two DPS warrants.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 20
 Dyer's Barbecue, Texas 60, reported burglary about 6:15 a.m.

Arrest

Department of Public Safety
MONDAY, Dec. 19
 Shane Newton Murry, 20, Fritch, was arrested on DPS warrants. He paid fines and was released.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.68	NC
Milo	3.77	NC
Corn	4.17	NC

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

NOWSCO	11 3/8	NC
Occidental	19 3/8	dn1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	64.74	dn1/8
Puritan	14.80	dn1/8

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

Ameco	61 1/2	dn1/8
Arco	102 3/4	dn7/8
Cabot	26 3/4	up1/8
Cabot O&G	14 1/4	NC
Chevron	44 3/8	dn1/8
Coca-Cola	51 7/8	up1/2
Diamond Sham	25 5/8	up3/8
Enron	30 1/8	NC
Halliburton	34 5/8	NC
HealthTrust Inc	31	up1/4
Ingersoll Rand	30 7/8	up3/8
KNE	22 5/8	dn1/8
Kerr McGee	45 1/4	dn1/8
Limited	19 1/2	dn1/4
Magco	51 1/2	up1/4
Maxus	3 1/2	NC
McDonald's	28 3/4	dn1/4
Mobil	84 3/8	dn1/8
New Atmos	17 3/8	dn1/4
Parker & Parsley	21 3/8	dn1/8
Penney's	41 1/4	dn1/8
Phillips	34 1/4	NC
SLB	52 1/8	dn1/8
SPS	26 1/2	dn3/8
Tenneco	41 3/4	up1/4
Texasco	61 1/2	dn1/8
Wal-Mart	22 1/2	dn1/8
Wal-Mart	22 1/2	dn1/8
New York Gold	381.50	NC
Silver	4.78	NC
West Texas Crude	16.91	NC

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL	Johnny Harper
Admissions	John Stacy
Pampa	James Weatherford
Olive Denham	Canadian
Ashley Jones	Francis Pfannenstiel
Skellytown	
Donald Robinson	
White Deer	
Iva Marie White	
Dismissals	
Pampa	
Ruby Callis	
Mary Cauthorn	

There were no dismissals reported.

Calendar of events

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
 Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at Pampa Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill, for a stated meeting. Members are asked to bring their favorite dessert for the Christmas party following the Chapter meeting. For information, call 665-2665.

Emergency numbers

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

Carter helps to mediate cease-fire between warring factions in Bosnia

By ROBERT H. REID
 Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnia's president said today he would agree to an immediate, four-month nationwide cease-fire, which Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said could begin as early as Friday.

Former President Jimmy Carter helped mediate the cease-fire in two days of shuttling back and forth between the headquarters of the Muslim-led government in Sarajevo and the rebel Serbs' stronghold in Pale, nine miles down the road.

"We don't want another Cyprus or another Korea, so we've tried to get the parties to agree on a cease-fire for the cessation of hostilities and we've negotiated with the Bosnian Serbs to get four months," Carter told Associated Press Television today.

Carter mentioned a possible hitch, however, saying the Serbs wanted a signed agreement by Jan. 1 with the Bosnian government on a permanent end to fighting. Though he did not say so, it appeared the Serbs would resume fighting if no agreement

beyond a temporary cease-fire was reached by then.

The Bosnian government has opposed a permanent truce nationwide because it would freeze military gains by the Serbs, who have captured 70 percent of Bosnia since the war broke out in April 1992. An estimated 200,000 people are dead or missing in the conflict.

The temporary cease-fire appeared in limbo earlier today when Karadzic told the Cable News Network that the Serbs would not stop fighting until they had an agreement on a permanent cease-fire.

Carter said that besides the four-month cease-fire, the new agreement also committed the Serbs to a return to peace talks, deployment of U.N. peacekeepers between combatants, and exchange of prisoners. Copies of the agreement were not distributed to the press.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said he would rekindle aborted peace talks with Bosnian Serbs if they accepted "the Contact Group plan as a starting point."

That plan, devised by diplomats from Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States, would

give Bosnia's Muslims and Croats 51 percent of the republic and cut Serb lands by one-third from what they now hold to 49 percent.

"We told President Carter, 'Please don't destroy this plan,'" Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic told reporters today.

The Muslim-led government and Bosnian Croats have both agreed to the plan, but the Serbs have not, objecting to the plan's proposed maps and refusing to give up on their demands of confederation with their patron, Serbia.

In an attempt to lure Serbs back to the peace talks, the Contact Group this month abandoned its opposition to union with Serbia and said the territorial divisions could be "adjusted by mutual arrangement."

Karadzic said today it was this revised plan that the Bosnian Serbs had agreed to discuss further.

Karadzic said he was assured that the West was "not placing any conditions on the Bosnian Serbs."

"They only want the Bosnian Serbs to state that they will enter the peace process and ... everything is negotiable," Karadzic told CNN.

Intel to replace flawed Pentium computer chip

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Intel Corp. today surrendered to customer outrage over its flawed Pentium computer chip, apologizing for the way it handled the problem and promising free replacements, no questions asked.

Owners with computers using the Pentium chip can ask for a replacement at any time if they feel uneasy, the world's leading maker of chips said. The chip can botch some division calculations.

The replacement policy will cost an unspecified amount of money for Intel, the company said. But Intel's stock surged on the news as investors hoped the Pentium problem was now solved. On the Nasdaq stock market trading, Intel jumped nearly \$3 a share to the \$60.50 level in heavy trading. Analysts have estimated that 2

million computers carry the flawed microchip. One consultant estimated last week that replacing a flawed chip would cost an owner \$30 to \$200 per machine.

Since the uproar over the defects in its showcase product first surfaced a month ago, the company had required that owners show why they needed a replacement.

This infuriated many customers, made Intel the butt of jokes and raised basic questions about Intel's sensitivity to the market.

"To some people, this seemed arrogant and uncaring. We apologize for that," Andrew Grove, Intel's president and chief executive officer, said in a conference call with industry analysts.

Chips are dimesized pieces of silicon that are the brains of personal comput-

ers. Intel's Pentium is the most powerful chip and has been flaunted by the company for its calculation speed.

Intel has said the typical user would almost never come up with a wrong answer because of the flaw — perhaps once in 27,000 years. Critics have said the problem would occur far more frequently.

Grove said the flap over the flaw has been caused a difficult time for the company.

"What we view as an extremely minor technical problem has taken on a life of its own," Grove said.

"We were motivated by a belief that replacement is simply unnecessary for most people. We still feel that way, but we are changing our policy because we want there to be no doubt that we stand behind this product," Grove said.

Officials checking reports of prison guard brutality

HOUSTON (AP) — State prison officials are investigating reports of brutality by guards at three lockups, while federal authorities are looking into similar claims at a fourth, the *Houston Chronicle* reports in a copyright story.

At the McConnell Unit in Beeville, the probe focuses on a Nov. 24 inmate beating by guards who allegedly belong to the "Blue Bandanas," says a Dec. 1 memo obtained by the newspaper and published Tuesday.

"This latest case represents the fourth pending investigation involving allegations of organized criminal conduct on the part of correctional officers using excessive force or attacks on targeted inmates," John F. McAuliffe, director of internal affairs division, says in the memo to Texas Board of Criminal Justice members and top administrators.

The "Blue Bandanas" are a loosely organized group of guards who carry handkerchiefs to show unity, McAuliffe said.

Two McConnell guards were indicted this month in the beating on charges of aggravated assault, retaliation and tampering with a witness.

Indicted guard Rodolfo Rodriguez has denied using excessive force. Rodriguez also denied ever carrying a blue bandana and said no such gang exists.

Other incidents include a probe by the U.S. Department of Justice into six cases of alleged prisoner brutality by 10 Michael Unit employees.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Variable cloudiness through today. Clear tonight, with a low in the middle 20s. Sunny Wednesday, with a high in the middle 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. The high Monday was 64; the overnight low was 27.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 20s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs 55-60. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows in upper 20s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs in low 60s.

North Texas — Tonight, fair west, mostly cloudy central and east with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from 37 northwest to

near 50 southeast. Wednesday, partly cloudy west, mostly cloudy central and east with a chance of thunderstorms north central and east. Highs 57 to 64.

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Wednesday, cloudy with scattered showers. Highs from mid 70s inland to upper 60s coast.

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 New Mexico — Tonight, fair skies. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest, mid 20s to mid 30s eastern and southern lowlands. Wednesday, partly cloudy west. Fair skies east. Highs 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, 50s to mid 60s lower elevations of the east and south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows from upper 20s in northwest Oklahoma to upper 30s in the Red River valley to low 30s in central Oklahoma. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Mostly cloudy in northern Oklahoma. Highs from mid 40s to mid 50s.

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The Littlest Christmas Tree



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmees)

Fourth and fifth grade students at Baker Elementary School perform *The Littlest Christmas Tree* during an assembly Monday at the school. Kris Reed, center, portraying the Tree, sings a song while Chris Tice as Santa Claus looks on. Directing the play is teacher Sandra Toller. The band performed under the direction of Julie Collins. Fourth grade students provided the choir.

Teen's batting cage raises legal issue

By KATIE FAIRBANK
Associated Press Writer

UNIVERSITY PARK, Texas (AP) — When 16-year-old Chase Russell decided to sharpen his hitting eye, he did what a lot of good ballplayers do: He stepped into the batting cage and took a few swings.

The cage is in Russell's back yard, however, and the sound of bat striking ball has been anything but sweet to some neighbors in this quiet, well-to-do community.

After someone complained, city officials threatened to fine his family \$8,500 for violating zoning and building ordinances.

The issue is scheduled for a hearing Wednesday, and Russell's parents, who are both lawyers, say they are not about to back down.

"It's a wonderful legal issue — certainly wonderful enough to keep in litigation for the 22 months until he goes off to college," his father, Rick Russell, recently told *Sports Illustrated*.

Russell, a switch-hitting infielder at St. Mark's of Texas High School in North Dallas, paid for the cage himself, with about \$5,400 he had saved from eight years of birthday gifts and mowing lawns.

"I was saving up to buy a car, but my brother went to college and I got his car," he said. "We were going to put a carport up, but then I said 'Dad, what about a batting cage?' So I spent my money on that."

Russell saved his birthday money and lawnmowing earnings since he was around 8, working for the day when he could make a big purchase.

He and his father cleared the trees from the back yard, put up light poles and trimmed back the eaves. They installed netting and siding that loom near the rooftop to keep the balls inside the enclosure.

A few people who were helping with the work even donated their time.

Unfortunately, the city says no one bothered to get the necessary building permits to do the work.

They also didn't bother to check other city regulations, said University Park building official Jim Olk.

"It's too close to the side property line, too close to the rear property line, too tall and it takes up their required parking," he said.

"They had a permit to fix their garage, but that was the only permit they obtained," said Olk, who added that the city became aware of the

cage when a neighbor called to report it.

The Russells were issued five citations for height, parking, building permit and property line violations.

Conceivably the city could have issued tickets everyday. If that would have happened, fines could have totaled as much as \$85,000 by the time of Wednesday's hearing. Instead, the Russells have only been ticketed \$8,500.

Olk says the city's held back even though the Russells have not brought the batting cage into compliance with regulations or asked for a variance.

The Russells will have a chance during their hearing to make a plea. Depending on what they decide, the judge can access fines or it will go to court.

The Russells have been busy circulating a petition asking for support. Their petition followed a neighbor's that said the cage was a threat to the area and a drain on their property values.

Joseph Longino, who lives across the street, said he doesn't object to Russell's batting practice. "I don't like extraneous noise and it doesn't bother me, and I don't know why it would bother anyone else," Longino said.

Study: Schools, families doing OK

By CONNIE CASS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study out today takes a much rosier view than usual of American schools and families. Contrary to popular belief, it says, U.S. schools have gotten better over the past 20 years, and better-educated parents and smaller families are helping students learn.

The Rand Corp. study should dispel the notion that schools and parents are failing the nation's children, its authors said.

"Prevailing perceptions are too gloomy," said David W. Grissmer, who led the study at Rand, a Santa Monica, Calif.-based research institute.

The researchers found "no support for charges that our families, students, schools and public policies are failing," Grissmer said in a statement.

The study was based on students ages 13 and 17 who took the National Assessment of Educational

Progress tests between 1970 and 1990. The scores were analyzed alongside information from government surveys of families.

Education Secretary Richard Riley, in announcing the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress results in August, said that although American students were doing somewhat better than they did 20 years ago, the progress was inadequate.

The Rand study said standardized test scores for black and Hispanic teenagers improved significantly between the mid-1970s and 1990, narrowing the gap with white students, who made much smaller gains.

The average math and reading scores of students ages 13 and 17 increased about 3 percentile points for whites, 11 points for Hispanics, and 19 points for blacks.

That suggests that desegregation and increased spending on schools, especially programs targeted at minority students, have paid off, the

study says. Early education and nutrition programs for poor children also may have helped.

The researchers said their next goal is to figure out which programs work and why.

"The country should be cautious about dismantling programs until we know which deserve to go and which to continue," Grissmer said.

While minority students benefited from changes both at school and at home, the small improvement in white students' scores seems to be tied to family life, the study said.

The factor that helped students most was better-educated parents, the study found. For example, in 1970, 38 percent of the mothers had not completed high school; in 1990, all but 17 percent had completed high school.

Smaller families also benefited students, the study found. Average family incomes remained stable while average family size decreased, leaving more money to care for each child.

Gunman, angry over eviction, kills three

NEW YORK (AP) — An unemployed restaurant worker who killed three people and wounded four others before dying in a furious gun battle with police was angry over his eviction from a tiny basement cubicle he rented for \$119 a month.

Wen Ting Hsu was finally shot to death by police after he killed his landlord, landlady and the driver of a car he tried to hijack during the shootout Sunday night.

Police weren't sure of a motive until a New York Post reporter discovered the bullet-ridden body of his landlord, 40-year-old Chung Ming Lee, inside

the three-story house on Monday.

Another tenant who had apparently spent the night hiding in his room told police that Lee had tried to evict Hsu on Sunday night from the 4-by-6-foot basement cubicle he rented for \$119. He heard an argument, then several gunshots, police said.

Lee and Hsu, a 46-year-old Taiwanese immigrant, "had been having trouble with each other for the past couple weeks," said Capt. Donald Kelly.

Police found medicine in Hsu's cubicle used to treat Parkinson's disease, a nervous-system disorder. Taken together,

the pills could cause erratic behavior.

About 40 minutes after Lee was killed, Hsu walked into the Tung Shing House restaurant armed with a 9 mm pistol. Without saying a word, he shot Lee's wife, 41-year-old cashier Shelley Shu Ping Yin, and fled, police said. U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., was eating dinner with his family and called 911.

Hsu then ran through the streets of New York City's Queens borough, shooting at police. Hundreds of bullets flew, injuring the restaurant's manager, two police officers, and the driver of a cab passing by.

Anti-drunken driving law in effect Jan. 1

AUSTIN (AP) — MADD officials say a new anti-drunken driving law will save at least 100 lives a year in Texas.

The law — administrative license revocation — takes effect Jan. 1.

Under ALR, a person arrested for driving while intoxicated faces the prospect of losing his license for at least 60 days, in addition to any criminal penalties.

Bill Lewis, legislative liaison for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said Monday that based on the experience of 37 states that already have ALR, the number of traffic deaths in Texas should fall by at least 100 next year.

Last year in Texas, 1,219 people were killed in traffic accidents caused by drunken drivers.

"People will have to ask themselves if having those extra drinks before they hit the road is really worth losing their driver's license," Lewis said.

"After Jan. 1, if you've had too

much to drink and you're driving, and those red and blue lights go off in your rearview mirror, you can just kiss your driver's license goodbye," he said.

Driver's licenses currently can be suspended as part of a criminal sentence, but only about one in three are, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Under ALR, a first-time offender who fails a blood-alcohol test will have his driver's license suspended for 60 days, while a second-time offender will face a 120-day suspension.

For refusing to take a blood-alcohol test, a first-time offender's license will be suspended for 90 days, while a repeat offender will face a 180-day suspension.

Motorists accused under the law have 15 days from the time of their arrest to request an administrative legal hearing. The administrative decision can be appealed in court.

The driver's license suspensions

would be in addition to any criminal charges filed against a person arrested for DWI.

DPS Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas said he hoped the new law would deter people from driving while intoxicated.

"It is an extreme hazard to drink and drive, but in addition to that they're putting one of their most prized documents on the line, and that is their driver's license," he said.

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Rabies vaccine project planned

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — State health officials plan to try an experimental canine rabies vaccine early next year in hopes of keeping the disease from spreading northward from the Texas-Mexico border.

The plan is for a rabies vaccine-laced bait to be spread across South Texas around mid-February. The first drop will cost \$1.95 million and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will contribute \$1.3 million.

The USDA approved the project after it made successful tests in coyotes.

Texas Department of Health officials plan to place about 700,000 baits in a 40-mile-wide arc from Maverick County up to southern Bexar, and down to Calhoun County north of Corpus Christi.

Canine rabies has been moving northward from the border since 1988.

It is considered the biggest threat to humans of all the rabies strains because of the contact between wild coyotes, which carry the disease, and domestic dogs.

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Opinion

North Korea uses nuclear blackmail

Just when you'd thought the Brooklyn Bridge had been bought and sold about as many times as it could have been, the Clinton administration decided to buy it once again for good measure: In October, amid fears that communist holdout North Korea would use its perceived nuclear potential to flatten the free world, the administration decided to buy off that country.

After North Korea had balked at international inspections of its nuclear reactors — the processed fuel of which, it is believed, would be used to make nuclear weapons — administration negotiators decided to bribe them with \$4 billion in new atomic reactors (furnished by U.S. allies) that use non-weapons-grade technology. In exchange, they "promise" to cease any nuclear weapons production. We also promised to supply North Korea with oil in the interim, pending the transition. (One can only wonder what kind of deal Saddam could have walked off with if the Clinton camp had been in power amid his invasion of Kuwait.)

While the White House may be feeling really good about the whole arrangement, the rest of America, and now Congress, understandably are still blinking. It's not clear if the incoming Congress will reconsider the whole matter or even pull the plug on the deal. But at a recent hearing, the administration had to explain itself anew.

Among others, Sens. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Charles Robb, D-Va., raised a red flag on the deal. Noted Robb, "We will be well down the road of providing economic incentives ... before we have the ability to confirm anything about North Korea's true nuclear weapons capability." Murkowski, in line to chair the Senate Subcommittee on East Asia, told administration negotiator Robert Gallucci that the deal should have required immediate inspections of the North Korean nuclear sites in question to ensure weapons processing isn't already under way. "Why didn't we insist that they come clean?" Murkowski asked.

To say the least, better yet — why go through with this agreement at all?

There's little doubt that nuclear weapons in the hands of North Korea's communist dictatorship pose a threat to our allies, if not to us directly. But such hostility is nothing new for that totalitarian regime, and the way to deal with it is the same way we have all along since the end of the Korean War: With a credible military deterrent.

It should be made clear that U.S. forces, poised just across the border in South Korea, stand ready to engage the North's renegade regime for any beach of world peace. Peace through strength has worked there for some 40 years — as it has the world round for generations.

Giving in to blackmail, by contrast, is just a sure way to invite more of the same.

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Free trade can help children

When old-line Senate protectionists like Donald Riegle and Barbara Mikulski manage to bring themselves to vote for the GATT agreement, it is safe to say that the economic debate is over and free trade has won.

Even opponents of the accord directed their fire mainly at such specters as world government, not at the fundamental idea of letting commerce flow unimpeded across national borders. Hardly anyone claims anymore what used to be common wisdom: that trade barriers lead to prosperity.

But this doesn't spell the end of political efforts to stifle competition from abroad. It just means those efforts will take new forms. The old protectionists told us that Americans would be richer and happier if we refused to trade. The new protectionists tell us foreigners will be richer and happier if we refuse to trade.

This idea made its first notable appearance in the fight over NAFTA, when laborites and environmentalists portrayed their opposition as a matter of solidarity with the workers and peasants of Mexico. How could we trade with a country that doesn't enforce workplace safety, pay living wages or protect its environment? Pass NAFTA, we were told, and we would be accomplices in Mexico's abuse of people and nature.

The argument didn't succeed, though it did win a place in the NAFTA side agreements, which made noises about stiffening Mexico's regulations to match our own. But it has now put in another appearance, in the form of Sen. Tom Harkin's campaign against imports made with child labor. He wants to shut these goods out if possible and, if not, to discourage stores and consumers from buying them. Last spring, he got the Senate to approve a resolution denouncing such imports.

Harkin, an Iowa Democrat, says up to 200 million children as young as six are toiling throughout Asia,



Stephen Chapman

Africa and Latin America to create products for affluent Americans. His measure, he says, would rescue children "whose dreams are being sold for a pittance to factory owners around the globe. It is about eliminating a major form of child abuse in our world and breaking the cycle of poverty."

Apparently, Harkin has the idea that Third World parents are packing their little ones off to factories and mills so the family can buy a second car or a state-of-the-art home entertainment system. In fact, child labor is today in poor countries exactly what it was not so long ago everywhere: a necessity for survival.

A couple barely subsisting in Cairo or Calcutta can't afford the luxury of sending the kids to school every day. Like most of the human race for nearly all of human history, these children must work or they will not eat. Like most people in that position, they prefer the former.

This cruel reality would not be alleviated by a U.S. ban on the products made by youngsters. Just the opposite: To the extent we might succeed in forcing companies abroad to stop hiring children, we would leave those children and their families even more desperate than they are now. Those thrown out of work are likely to end up in such wholesome pastimes as begging, stealing, scavenging and prostitution.

The transition from a backward to a modern economy doesn't make child labor more common or more inhumane — it only makes it more visible. Eventually, though, it also makes it unnecessary. Americans abandoned child labor only when we could manage without it. Does Tom Harkin think the pioneers who broke the virgin prairies of Iowa were operating under modern labor laws?

He argues that child labor occurs even when adult unemployment is high because greedy employers can get away with paying kids less than adults. The claim is hard to believe since grown-ups earn more only because they are better workers. And there can't be much of this alleged displacement going on, since even 200 million child workers is a small number in a Third World that has about 4.5 billion people.

The way to abolish child labor is to elevate living standards, a process that free trade hastens by giving developing nations two things: access to cheaper goods and broader opportunities to sell what they produce. This kind of measure would block the road to prosperity by insisting that poor countries live by rules that the West learned to live by only after it got rich.

The best thing consumers in America can do for kids trapped in dangerous sweatshops abroad is to buy more, not less, of what they make. Over time, that would make their labor more valuable to their employers, raise their wages, lift their families out of poverty and, with luck, make it unnecessary for the next generation of children to work.

The Harkin approach, by contrast, condemns these unfortunates to eternal want by taking away one of their few means of escape. Telling a poor Third World family its kids shouldn't have to work is like telling a family in a leaky boat that its kids shouldn't have to bail.



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Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1994. There are eleven days left in the year. Winter arrives at 8:23 p.m. CST.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans. The U.S. had paid the French about \$15 million for the land, which effectively doubled the size of the country.

On this date:

In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1820, Missouri imposed a bachelor tax on unmarried men between the ages of 21 and 50. The tax: \$1 a year.

Values don't always matter

Charley Reese

One of the safest bets you can make is that the U.S. State Department will be wrong on just about any issue and any position it takes.

A few weeks ago, the State Department issued a report on the main — in fact, virtually the only — organized opposition group to the Iranian government, the Mujahedeen. An unimportant group, State says.

The report had hardly landed on the desks of congressmen, several of whom vociferously criticized it as incomplete and inaccurate, before the Iranian government launched Scud missiles across the border into Iraq.

And why did they take this very serious step? To strike at the military camp of the Mujahedeen. Obviously, the State Department thinks the Mujahedeen is not significant and, equally obviously, the Iranian government is terrified of it. I would say the Iranian government's assessment of the significance of the Mujahedeen is far more accurate than State's.

In fact, the Mujahedeen say that it was the Iranian government which has insisted that a condition for any talks, which State Department officials say they want, is U.S. condemnation of the Mujahedeen. They say, and so do congressional critics, that the State Department never talked with anyone in the Mujahedeen organization prior to issuing its report. Thus State, not without precedent, seems to be sacrificing not only truth but the interests of democratic reform, in order to seek a profitable relationship with

a dictatorship. Not unlike Clinton's policy toward China, whose government is among the most blood-stained in the 20th century.

This situation is a classic example of how muddled foreign policy is under the Clinton administration. Officially, Clinton's policy is dual containment of Iran and Iraq. Officially, Clinton declares the Iranian government as a prime sponsor of terrorism.

But then who provides the main source of income to that very Iranian government? U.S. oil companies. Has the Clinton administration said anything about that? No. Nor has it considered that if it persists in its foolish dual containment policy it may push Iran and Iraq into an alliance. This would be bad for us and for the Mujahedeen.

Impossible? Of course not. Hitler and Stalin formed an alliance long enough to divide Eastern Europe. Later, the U.S. formed an alliance with Stalin. Alliances depend on a common enemy, not on shared values.

This also speaks to another of the State Department's specious criticisms of the Mujahedeen. They were anti-American in the 1970s. Yep, they were sure. They were trying to overthrow the Shah, whom the U.S. had forced on the Iranian people in a

CIA-engineered coup and whose dictatorship the U.S. government was supporting. It was impossible at that time to be anti-Shah and pro-American. But that was then and this is now. Who are our strongest allies today? Our worst enemies 50 years ago, Japan and Germany.

I say again, alliances are built on the existence of a common enemy, not on shared values. When the common enemy vanishes, the alliances vanish as they should. When a new common enemy arises, new alliances are formed.

That's why it is so contradictory for the Clinton administration to call Iran enemy, allow American oil companies to finance the regime, and to condemn the democratic opposition all in the same breath.

One of the things the new Congress would do well to consider is to conduct its own independent investigations into foreign policy matters. Over the years, I've heard many a State Department official testify or make a speech, and a straight, unambiguous answer to any question is about as rare as a winning lottery ticket. Only after retirement do Foreign Service officers generally begin to speak clearly and sensibly. Nothing strange about that. State belongs to the White House and so direction comes from there and rationalization comes from State.

For the next two years at least, Congress had better drive the foreign policy car as well as the domestic car. They guy in the White House is weaving all over the road and the shoulders.

Angry readers nominate their OPs

One of the most memorable put-downs I ever received came from a kindly woman who wrote in response to one of my tirades, the subject of which I cannot recall: "Remember your dignity, Mr. Spear. You must retain your dignity."

Her admonishment comes to mind at this moment because I have been reading your Outrageous Personage nominations, and frankly, some of you have lost your sense of dignity.

"I nominate the infamous 'Wild Bill' Clinton as Outrageous Personage of the Year for his steely eyed and lack-jawed (?) impersonation as the commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces," writes R.J. of Dickinson, Texas. "Too (expletive deleted) to go, but brave enough to send others."

"I would like to nominate Joseph Spear," writes J.R. of Attleboro, Mass. "I know you wrote 'media jerks' were not eligible, but I thought you should be the exception."

"For OP honors, I nominate (Slick and Hill) the Clintons!" writes S.M. of Cambridge Springs, Pa. "They are both crazy, crooked, no good liars! I am one of the millions of Clinton haters! Love your articles, S."

Really, people. I know anger is in vogue this year, but a little perfunctory politeness would make the world merrier.

One good thing about the Great Snit of '94, though, is that nominations for the Spear Foundation's sixth annual OP award have been pouring in at an unprecedented rate. Scores of you



Joseph Spear

have tired of Rush Limbaugh's egomaniacal schtick and proposed him for OP honors. Other nominees include Bill & Hill, Parson Pat Robertson, Alfonso D'Amato, Phil Gramm, Joycelyn Elders, Jerry Falwell, Garry Shandling.

Among the lesser known candidates are these:

— David May, a city official in Buffalo, N.Y., who resigned after admitting he had swiped some \$200,000 in public funds, then asked for \$8,500 in payment for 50 days of unused time off.

— Donna Bray of Bowie, Md., founder of an organization called the Defenders of the Defenders of Life, which offers moral and financial support to those who murder people who perform abortion services. Such force is "justifiable, and we will not condemn it," she told the *Baltimore Sun*.

The OP judges are admittedly biased in favor of prominent personalities, however, on the grounds that it is more fun to honor someone we know something about. It is with sublime pleasure, there-

fore, that we accept the nominations of such luminaries as old huff 'n' puff Limbaugh and Parson Pat and that utterly shameless solon from New York, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

We are delighted to see that people were offended by the antics of Madonna, who went from risqué to rank in a few short minutes on the David Letterman show, and Burt Reynolds, who ripped up an interviewer's notes, then ground the pieces into the carpet with his booted heels.

We are very pleased to accept the nominations of House Speaker de facto Newt Gingrich, who suggested the South Carolina mother who drowned her children was the victim of Democratic values; of Sen. Robert Byrd, the West Virginia Democrat who did not like being questioned by reporters and suggested a Constitutional "amendment guaranteeing citizens freedom from the press"; of Sen. Jesse Helms, the North Carolina Republican who said Bill Clinton "better have a bodyguard" if he visits any military bases in North Carolina. If there is a bigger jerk in public life than Jesse Helms, I have yet to meet him.

Mail your OP nominations to me care of Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Park Ave., New York, NY 10166. The contest is open until the ball falls on New Year's Eve. Remember: No foreign nationals, no groups and no Joe Spear nominations (sorry, J.R.). I appreciate the bouquets, but I must consider my dignity. It would be impolite to accept a prize in my own contest.

Russian war planes launch more attacks

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — The Kremlin warned Chechnya today to prepare for further attacks, after Russian warplanes targeted residential neighborhoods and administrative buildings in the secessionist republic's capital.

Five people were killed and 12 wounded in the early morning attacks in Grozny, the Interfax news agency reported, quoting Chechen authorities.

After a lull in fighting overnight by the ground troops approaching the capital from two directions, heavy gunfire was heard near dawn from the northern and northeastern outskirts of the city.

Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev denounced the Russian attacks. The presidential press service quoted Dudayev as saying Chechens are irate over "the mass killing of peaceful citizens — children, women and old people," the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Dudayev and his supporters continued to ignore Moscow's demands that they disarm, even as the capital's misery increased.

Emergency crews rushed about Grozny, putting out fires and trying to restore electricity following the Russian attacks. Anxious Chechens inspected their ruined homes and huge craters left by bombs, as a light snow fell.

"You can see everything for yourself. What shall we do?" asked Gelani Bochayev, a 64-year-old pensioner whose nephew's family was killed by a bomb in their apartment near the city center.

There were few people on the streets. Some waited for the few buses still operating. Chechen fighters set up positions inside the city, filling bottles with gasoline to make "Chechen moonshine" firebombs. Packs of stray dogs roamed the

streets. As many as 100,000 of Grozny's 300,000 residents have fled as the crisis intensified.

Russian officials say their goal is to blockade Grozny rather than overtake it. But a Kremlin statement today said missile attacks on strategic targets, such as power plants, refineries and ammunition dumps, would continue.

Russian troops "will conduct decisive offensive actions," the statement said.

Dudayev earlier called Western leaders responsible for the "vandalism."

"How can a country like Russia get away with massacring people without facing international sanctions?" he said in an interview with Associated Press Television.

At a joint meeting in Moscow on Monday, President Boris Yeltsin's administration, the Security Council and the Cabinet agreed to intensify efforts to "liquidate and disarm illegal armed groups" in Chechnya, the statement from Chermomyrdin's office said.

Dudayev declared the mostly Muslim republic independent in 1991. Three years later, that declaration has become one of the greatest challenges to Yeltsin's presidency.

The president's supporters argue that secession by Chechnya, a republic of 1.2 million people, could start a domino effect leading to Russia's disintegration.

Few Russians find Dudayev, a flamboyant former Soviet Air Force officer, sympathetic. But they worry that Russia could find itself trapped in a guerrilla war in the Caucasus Mountains, home to a patchwork of ethnic groups incorporated into the Russian Empire in the nineteenth century after decades of bloody battles.

Indian rebels take over 38 towns in Mexico

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Indian rebels have broken through an army cordon and established loose control over dozens of southern Chiapas state towns sympathetic to their cause.

At least 11 of those towns declared loyalty Monday to a rebel-supported "parallel government" set up by Amado Avendano Figueroa, a lawyer and newspaper publisher who the rebels say was cheated out of the governor's post in August elections.

Hundreds of rebels of Maya Indian descent infiltrated a cordon of tens of thousands of army troops that had encircled so-called "rebel territory" since a cease-fire ending an Indian insurgency last January. The rebels

had been believed trapped in their hideouts deep inside the Lacandon Jungle, a mountainous area bordering Guatemala.

Rebels and their sympathizers Monday blocked highways and roads with tree trunks, rocks and trash. Many of the main roads were cleared by the end of the day.

The military high command, announced in a statement today that the thousands of troops in Chiapas will maintain their cease-fire as part of President Ernesto Zedillo's pursuit of a peaceful solution.

Armed rebels were reported to have infiltrated about 38 towns in Chiapas, Mexico's poorest state.

The rebel movement came almost a year after their uprising last New

Year's Day, which they launched to demand better living conditions and unbiased courts. At least 145 people were killed in battles with government troops before a cease-fire was called Jan. 12.

Avendano, the candidate of the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party, established a "transitional government" on Dec. 8, the same day the ruling party candidate, Eduardo Robledo Rincon, was sworn in as governor.

The rebels had insisted that Robledo's installation would mean the end of the cease-fire. They had demanded clean elections, democratic reforms and measures to give the state's impoverished Indian majority a better life.

"The majority of the country sympathizes with their just and valid demands," Avendano told a news conference Monday night.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party — or PRI — has ruled Mexico for 65 years. The party's critics say it has remained in power mostly through patronage, election fraud and strong-arm tactics.

Zedillo, who was sworn in as Mexico's president on Dec. 1, attended Robledo's inauguration, further angering the rebels and their sympathizers.

Peace talks between the government and the rebels, mediated by a Roman Catholic bishop, repeatedly derailed and broke off in mid-October.

Legislator wants to tighten Texas' open container law

DALLAS (AP) — State Rep. Fred Hill is trying to rally Texans' support for another attempt to strengthen the state's open container law.

Existing law does not prohibit open alcohol containers, just drinking from them. Even if a law enforcer sees someone driving with a drink in his hand, he can't issue a ticket unless he specifically sees the driver take a drink.

Hill, a Republican from Richardson, said Monday it's a loophole that must be closed. Texans are "sick and tired" of senseless accidents caused by people who drive under the influence of alcohol, he said.

"I really need the support of average people, of average parents who are concerned about this," Hill said.

"They should call their legislators and tell them, 'I'm sick and tired of this situation.'"

Two previous attempts by Hill to pass a law banning open alcohol containers in vehicles have failed in the Texas Senate. He'll try again in the upcoming legislative session.

If the bill passes, it would become a class C misdemeanor to drive a vehicle in Texas with an open container of alcohol.

According to figures provided by the Department of Public Safety, more than 40 percent of all 1993 traffic fatalities in Texas were reported as alcohol-related.

"The new law would be a much stronger deterrent," said Mike Cox, a Department of Public Safety

spokesman. "It would help if there was voluntary compliance and it would help to save lives."

Those violating the law would be issued a ticket, punishable by a fine of up to \$500, Hill said.

Bill Lewis, legislative liaison for the Texas office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said MADD considers the current law "blatantly unenforceable."

"It's been called the Adam's apple law because an officer has to see a

person's Adam's apple moving before he or she can do anything about it," Lewis said.

"We'll support (Hill's) bill and hope it passes," Lewis said. "It would be a very clear message. Right now it's ambiguous."

Both Hill and Lewis say the main opposition will be lobbyists for liquor distributors and manufacturers.

"It is the strength of the liquor lobby that ultimately stops us," Hill said.

Exhibit script for Enola Gay sent to Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas congressman is expressing displeasure at the Smithsonian Institution for allowing Japanese officials an early look at scripts for a controversial exhibit on the 1945 atomic bombing of Japan.

Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Dallas, on Monday questioned whether the Smithsonian is allowing Japan more input than U.S. veterans groups in next year's exhibit entitled "The Last Act: The Atomic Bomb And The End Of World War II."

"It's kind of ironic when we make an effort to talk to them we have to kind of force our way in and there they are bending over backwards it looks like to accommodate the Japanese," said Johnson, a former Air Force pilot who spent nearly seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

The lawmaker provided to The Associated Press minutes from a July 5 National Air and Space Museum senior staff meeting that said: "The Japanese version of 'The Last Act' script has been Federal Expressed to Japan, asking for a quick response."

Air and Space Museum spokesman Mike Fetters acknowledged that at least three of the five versions of the script were sent to city officials in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the two cities hit by atomic bombs. He denied that the Japanese were allowed to make content changes.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Postal Service scrapped plans for a stamp depicting a nuclear explosion after an outcry from Japanese officials and bomb survivors. The White House also complained about the stamp, one in a series marking the end of World War II.

The Smithsonian exhibit is scheduled to open in May to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bombings, which claimed some 210,000 lives. It will feature the first public display of the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima.

The 500-odd-page script has been revised five times in a tug-of-war between veterans groups and religious and peace organizations over what has developed as the Smithsonian's most contentious exhibit ever.

Fetters said the scripts were sent to officials in Nagasaki and Hiroshima as part of the Smithsonian's effort to obtain artifacts from both cities' museums.

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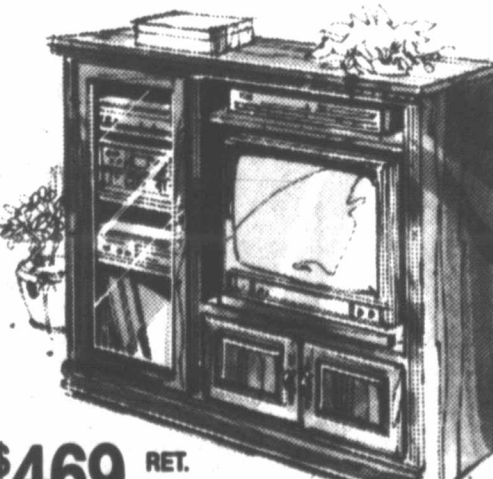
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Lifestyles

The artist in the cat is out of the bag



Fluff is shown painting "Untitled," a work in progress that began to develop, as his serious works often do, after a session of playing with paints in the bathtub. The illustration is from the book, "Why Cats Paint." (AP photo)

By JAMES SERVIN
For AP Special Features

NEW YORK (AP) — At first glance, it looks like the ideal artsy gift for cat lovers. Just the thing to prove once and for all that cats are indeed the special, quietly brilliant creatures many of us think they are. Capable of great things, great art. Hold off on that trip to the art supply store. Keep Fifi away from the oils and acrylics. And don't sit around waiting for the magical moment when your cat begins to produce a body of work. Because "Why Cats Paint: A Theory of Feline Aesthetics," written by Burton Silver and photographed by Heather Busch (Ten Speed Press, \$18.95 hardcover, \$14.95 softcover) is a parody, executed in a way that is uncannily feline: sly, dry and very self-possessed of the joke it plays on cat lovers and art critics.

"A national paper in America printed an entire article on cat markings, taking the whole thing at face value, which I found rather alarming," says "Why Cats Paint" author Silver, from his home in Wellington, New Zealand.

"It's a spoof. A cat is totally its own person, like an artist is totally his own person. You can't force a cat to paint."

Or to parody. Nonetheless, the fakery displayed in the pages of "Why Cats Paint" is impressive. The presentation is genre-familiar: the "artists" are given the full glossy treatment, a la museum catalog for a group show. Some of the latter-day Schnabels include "Misty: Formal Expansionist," "Smokey: Romantic Ruralist," "Ginger: Neo Synthesist."

Cat lovers may suspend disbelief and just enjoy the honey anecdotes.

Accompanying a photograph of Minnie, "Abstract Expressionist," the text reads: "Minnie spends a good deal of time contemplating amongst the vines before beginning a painting."

"Peripheral Realist" Charlie "does all his painting on the refrigerator where the smooth surface allows him to spread the paint quickly and achieve a lively spontaneity."

Tiger, "Spontaneous Realist," is wont to tear down his work following completion. In his painting titled "Breakfast," the author notes, "We immediately feel a strong sense of sadness, of something light and fluttering having suddenly disappeared, replaced by crude and indifferent smears that suggest greed and destruction."

The cats photographed all have an uncanny human quality to their gaze, as if given a chance

they would launch into lengthy expostulation.

"It took three years for us to take all the pictures," says Silver. "It's very hard to photograph cats."

Rexes, amazingly intelligent by the author's account, "are incredible with objects, so we used quite a few of those. Birmans, which we also used, don't mind getting their paws wet."

Opening with a historical section, the book imaginatively documents feline paw printmaking through the ages. There is a vaudeville poster proclaiming the sideshow talents of "Matisa, the amazing painting cat." There are the likenesses of mummified Egyptian cats buried with paw-painted scrolls, Tarot cards and other art forms, depicting cats engaged in hypothetically creative processes.

"We hope this book will inspire readers to carefully examine paw patterns in litter trays for aesthetic intent..." writes Silver in the introduction.

By the closing chapter, readers should be onto the game: there are several photographs of litter box sand sculptures — author urges reader to note the "more complex pattern of finely executed curves which effectively incorporates the bottom of the litter tray into the overall fluidity of design."

There are also photographs of ripped-upholstery constructions and a dead-mice installation. A bibliography includes such titles as "Pawography: Paw markings as a mode of sexual communication amongst domestic cats in Sweden."

The author says he receives letters from readers telling of the ability of their cats to sort jelly beans by color, create circular patterns on steamy windows, artfully arrange garbage-bag ties.

"A lot of people go along with the spoof," he says. "And there is increasing evidence that they should."

Silver, 49, says that his own cat, a 13-year-old, has yet to demonstrate artistic ability. "Minky is gray and white, very sweet tempered, very affectionate. She had a hard kittenhood," he adds. "But the traumas of the past have not been expressed in any art form, as in the case of Picasso. She tends to do a lot of kneading on walls."

The author's jacket-flap biography notes that he has written a book about contemporary erotic Japanese paper sculpture. "True," he says.

Asked about his role as founding father of the Australasian League of Feline Art Critics, the author hesitates and then admits, "That might be a dubious credential."

Newsmakers

Air Force Airman Gary B. Garner has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Garner is the son of Betty M. Garner of Weslaco and H. Douglas Garner of Pampa.

Marine Lance Cpl. James A. McLearn, the son of Priscilla F. McLearn of Pampa, has been serving off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked with the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

McLearn is one of nearly 2,000 Marines and 1,600 Sailors who were ordered off the coast of Bosnia as a prudent measure in light of recent developments. U.S. Naval forces have maintained a continuous presence in the Adriatic Sea in support of United Nations operations there since July 1992.

McLearn and the 22nd MEU left the U.S. in late October for a six-month overseas deployment with USS Nassau, USS Gunston Hall,

and USS Ponce. Departing from North Carolina, McLearn traveled to the Mediterranean Sea where the ARG was scheduled to take part in several multinational amphibious landing exercises.

The Marines of the 22nd MEU and the USS Nassau ARG present a formidable presence, capable of moving nearly 500 miles a day and sustaining themselves for months forward deployed. With helicopters, conventional landing craft and high speed air cushioned assault craft, the Nassau ARG can conduct a variety of missions from reconnaissance and amphibious assaults to evacuating civilians and providing humanitarian aid.

McLearn, a 1990 graduate of Boys Ranch Independent School District, joined the Marine Corps in January of 1992.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas M. McGarr, son of John P. and Diana J. McGarr of Canadian, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas and Persian Gulf with the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, the lead ship of the USS George Washington Joint Task Group.

McGarr was one of 5,000 Sailors and Marines who completed the 51,000 mile voyage, which included duty off Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Adriatic Sea, and enforcing the

"no-fly zone" over southern Iraq. McGarr traveled twice from the Mediterranean Sea through the Suez Canal and Red Sea, then across the Indian Ocean into the Persian Gulf. Based in Norfolk, Va., USS George Washington deployed with 14 other ships and submarines for the six-month assignment.

McGarr began the deployment by participating in the 50th anniversary of D-Day with visits to England and France. During the D-Day commemoration, McGarr and fellow shipmates hosted President Bill Clinton and numerous other government and military officials for an overnight visit as part of the program honoring thousands of World War II veterans.

McGarr's ship spent the last weeks of its deployment deterring Iraqi aggression on the Arabian peninsula. Capable of moving 700 miles a day, USS George Washington and its 70 tactical aircraft presented a formidable mobile platform that had joined forces with several USS Navy guided missile cruisers with Tomahawk cruise missiles on station in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

McGarr, a 1988 graduate of Canadian High School, joined the Navy in August of 1988.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven L. Daffern, son of Donnie and Nicky Evans of Groom,

recently graduated from the Navy's Basic Nuclear Power School.

During the course at Nuclear Power School at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Fla., officers and enlisted students learn the principles of science and engineering fundamentals to design, construct, operate and perform maintenance on Naval Nuclear Propulsion Plants.

Daffern, a 1993 graduate of Groom High School, joined the Navy in June of 1994.

Two area students are among 45 West Texas A & M nursing students elected to membership in the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

Karen Barnes, daughter of Evelyn White of Pampa, and Molly Krehbiel of Canadian, were inducted in the society which awards membership to nursing candidates with high scholastic averages and also to graduates of the nursing program who have made outstanding contributions to nursing. The undergraduate student must have a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be in the upper one-third of his/her class to qualify for membership.

Barnes and Krehbiel are both senior nursing students. Barnes is employed as a clinical assistant with Northwest Texas Hospital.

Court appointed special advocates recently sworn in



Judge Lee Waters shakes the hand of Sandy East, a court appointed special advocate (CASA) who was among eight sworn recently in Gray County.

Judge Lee Waters swore in eight court appointed special advocates (CASA) in the District Courtroom recently. These CASAs have completed 25 hours of intensive training which will allow them to advocate for children in the judicial system. These children will now have an advocate to be their voice in court. Those sworn in were: Misty Alvey, Lea Ann Cochran, Sandy East, Jim Lummus, Jeanne Townson Mitchell, Kelly Schaffer, Billie Steele and Mike Sublett.

Every year thousands of children land in court. They are the innocent victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment. Although the courts do what they can, many times it is not enough. Often these children become victims a second time — lost in an overburdened system that cannot pay close attention to each child whose life is in its hands. These children are at risk of growing into unproductive citizens unable to function in society, as is illustrated by the large numbers of children who leave the system only to re-enter as juvenile offenders, and eventually, inmates in the Texas prison system, according to Violent Crimes in the United States.

CASA programs can positively impact this situation. CASAs have three main responsibilities: to serve as a fact-finder for the judge by thoroughly researching the background of each assigned case; to speak for the child in the courtroom, representing the child's best interest; and to continue to act as an advocate for the child during the life of the case, assuring that it is brought to a swift and appropriate conclusion.

In Gray County, this group of eight volunteer advocates will be making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. They will help these children find a brighter future.

The CASA program has received support from many people in the community and is grateful for this support.

For those interested in knowing more about CASA, call 669-7638 or write to CASA of Gray County, P.O. Box 604, Pampa, Texas 79066.

Archaeology trail follows Florida's early history

By BILL KACZOR
Associated Press Writer

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Up to a few years ago, Andrew Jackson wouldn't have recognized the site where he accepted Florida from Spanish officials on behalf of the United States.

The only traces of a sprawling wooden fort where the transfer — the result of a treaty — occurred on July 17, 1821, were buried beneath the streets, buildings and parks of downtown Pensacola.

Now two excavations, replicas of parts of the fort and a museum display of the artifacts, are part of the Pensacola Archaeological Trail.

Over the past seven years, archaeologists have unearthed artifacts ranging from china bowls to an alligator skull left behind by British and Spanish soldiers and colonists. The archaeologists also uncovered foundations of structures inside the fort built by the British in the 1770s.

Jackson became Florida's first territorial gover-

nor and Pensacola was Florida's capital at the time of the U.S. takeover.

State officials say the trail is the only one of its kind in the Southeast and a pioneering effort at "archaeotourism." Visitors will see the nuts and bolts of archaeology here, says Judith Bense, an archaeologist at the University of West Florida who supervised digging.

A replica of a formal, European-style garden, which may have been the site of the flagpole where the Stars and Stripes were first officially raised over Florida, has been carved out of a parking lot behind the museum.

Adjacent to the garden is an excavation where visitors can see foundations for outdoor ovens and other foundations that may date to an earlier Spanish fort built in the 1750s, Bense said. A second excavation in Plaza Ferdinand exposes the foundation of a kitchen and officers' room. The only evidence of the fort's walls, which apparently had been removed, is a trench that anchored the wooden poles.

Not all the excavating was by archaeologists. A British cannon was uncovered by workers digging a street to install new utility lines in 1990. It's now among colonial artifacts displayed in the Wentworth Museum — the oldest item is a ceramic cooking vessel found in the wreckage of a 16th-century Spanish ship discovered in Pensacola Bay.

The alligator skull, found atop a British wine bottle in a trash pit, is one of the more unusual artifacts. "That didn't swim in there and die," Bense says. "We didn't find any other pieces. We think they ate everything else and threw the head away."

Other excavated items include buttons, belt buckles, smoking pipes and eating utensils.

One mystery that was solved is the meaning of small dots that appear along the fort's walls on a British engineering map. Discolored circles in the white sand that match the drawing almost exactly indicate that five rows of wooden pickets, or wolf traps, had been installed outside the walls, Bense says.

Man embarrassed by impotence discovers how widespread it is

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Hot in Hot Springs, Ark.," who got angry when her adult stepson asked her to turn off a television program dealing with sexual dysfunction. I suspect he may have that problem and she failed to realize what a sensitive issue this is with most men.

I'm only 35, and it happened to me. At first, I was too embarrassed to get professional help, but when I finally did, I left the urologist's office feeling much relieved, and now I'm functioning very well.

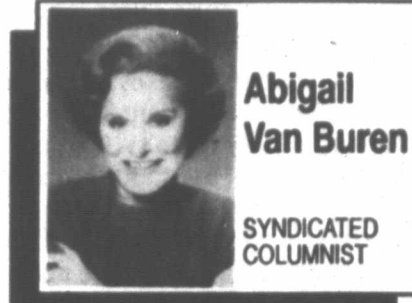
Abby, I learned that there are more than 10 million men in the United States who suffer from impotence or some other type of sexual dysfunction. I also learned that smoking can compound sexual problems. Men who want to continue to be sexually active in their later years should quit smoking, keep their weight down and exercise regularly.

Please urge "Hot in Hot Springs" to ask her husband to encourage his son to see a urologist immediately for evaluation and possibly treatment.

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DEAR BEEN THERE: Thanks for writing. Your letter will be appreciated by many men — and women, too.

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their partners, has provided newsletters, brochures and support groups. To contact them, send a long (business-size), self-addressed, stamped (32 cents) envelope, plus \$1 to cover printing costs, to: Impotence World Service, 119 S. Ruth St., Maryville, Tenn. 37803.

DEAR ABBY: The holidays are here, which poses a big problem.

What do you do when very close relatives invite you to a meal at their home, and your husband refuses to go? Here is the reason: My sister and brother-in-law let their dog eat off the same plates that the guests have been served on. The dog licks the plate clean!

They don't see anything wrong with this, but it just turns my stomach, and my husband refuses to eat another meal at their home.

What can I do? We can't have the holiday meals at my house all the time. We left town for Thanksgiving

ing, but we have to be here for Christmas.

I have even taken paper plates to use at their house when we are invited for birthday parties, but you can't use paper plates for Christmas dinner.

Please help. HOLIDAY DILEMMA

DEAR HOLIDAY: Who says you can't use paper plates for Christmas dinners? Shop around. There are beautifully decorated paper plates especially designed for Christmas parties — which spares the hosts the "chore" of kitchen duty after the festivities are over.

The alternative is leveling with your sister about why your husband is absent.

MARY J., RICHMOND BEACH, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the baby stroller issue: Why not design a stroller that allows the baby to ride sideways? The little ones can see where they are going, where they have been, and Mom and child can see each other!

MARY J., RICHMOND BEACH, WASH.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "NERVOUS IN PALM SPRINGS": "True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable."

Dave Tyson Gentry

Horoscope



Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994

Your financial position will become stronger in the year ahead, but don't spend what you gain too quickly or in unwise ways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When assessing developments today, rely on facts — not intuition. If you aren't properly analytical, your overall picture will be distorted. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper.

P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not allow a disagreement over a material object to drive a wedge between you and a friend today. Worldly goods can be replaced, pals can't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Companions who do not share your vision today will be more of a hindrance than a help. Try not to let them impede your progress.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make notes of critical information today instead of relying on your memory. Your attention span might not be up to par.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Self-discipline is essential today. Do not let pleasurable pursuits take precedence over your responsibilities. Remember: If you play, you'll pay.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions might be tenuous today between you and your mate. Try not to do anything that would irritate him/her.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't count on

your co-workers to do your work for you today. Pleading won't alter conditions, so do what needs to be done yourself.

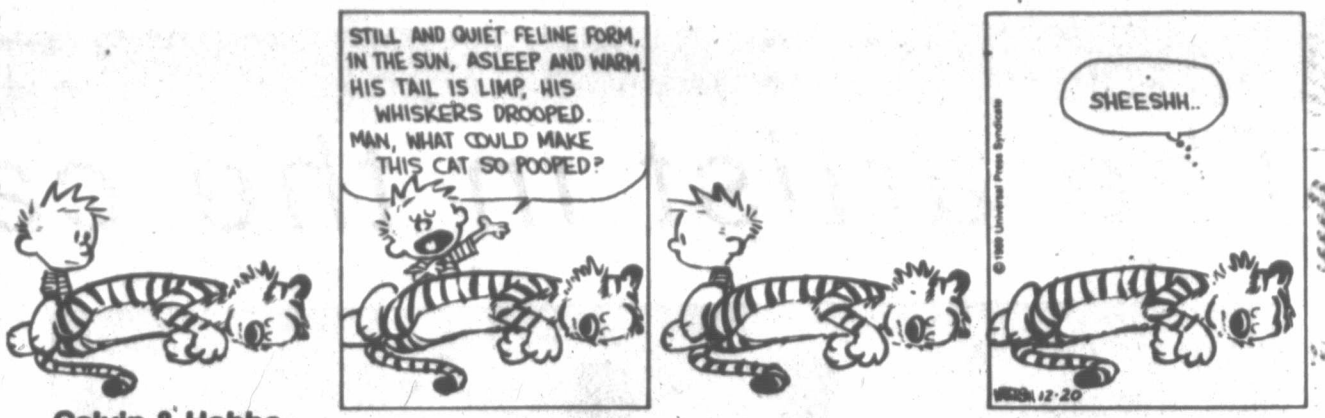
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Any financial problems you have to contend with today are apt to be of your own making. The root causes are probably carelessness and extravagance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you have authority over other workers, do not abuse it today. Abusing your power could offend persons who do not forgive readily.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Situations can develop the way you visualize them today. If you foresee positive results, you will do all the right things to bring them about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Companions can exert a substantial influence over your spending patterns today. If they are loose with their money, there is a good chance you'll follow suit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you hope to achieve anything today, get motivated. Your chart indicates you might rationalize and procrastinate instead of resolving problems at this time.



Calvin & Hobbes



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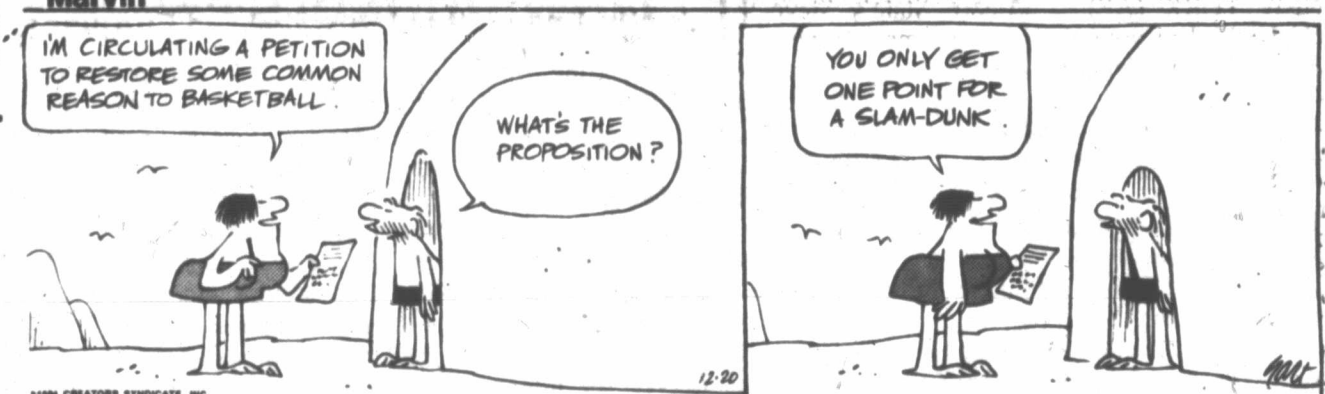
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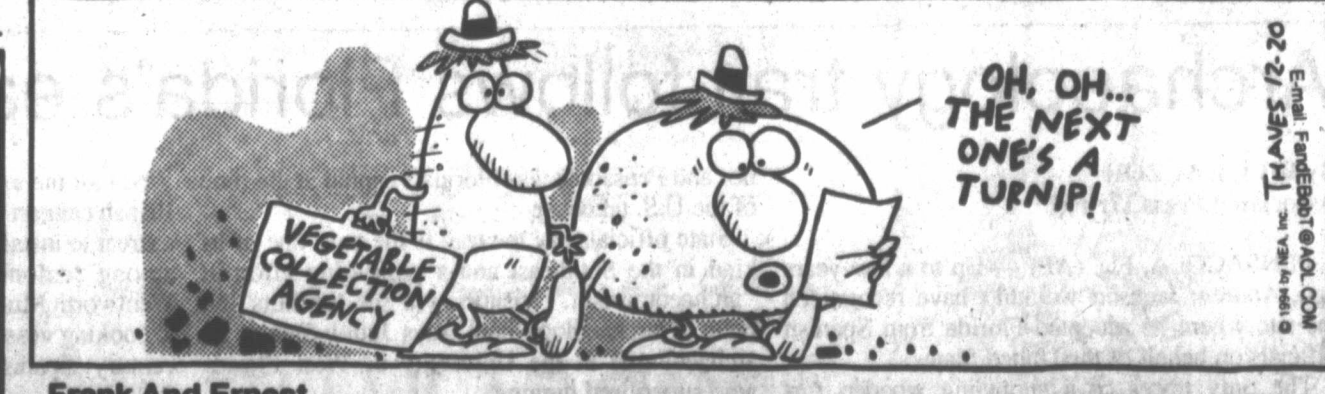
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank and Ernest



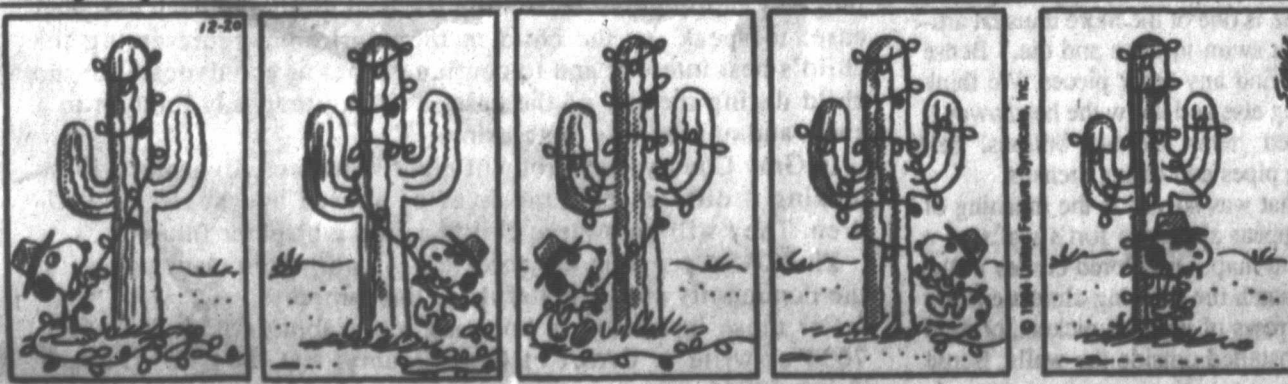
Mallard Filmore



"Can I sleep on the couch, Mommy? I can't smell the tree in my room."



"Don't worry. I hid his present where it will never be found."



Peanuts

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Sports

Notebook

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Groom Invitational Tournament will be held Dec. 29-30 with six schools entered in the two-day tournament.

Teams entered in the boys division include White Deer, Valley, Memphis, Groom junior varsity, Groom varsity and Happy.

Teams entered in the girls division include White Deer, Clarendon, Groom junior varsity, Valley, Groom and Memphis.

The White Deer teams are involved in the opening round games. The White Deer girls open the tournament against Clarendon at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. White Deer boys play Valley at 10 a.m.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Kansas City quarterback Joe Montana, linked by the Daily News to a tax fraud investigation of the sports autograph business, said he has always reported all income from such shows.

Peter Johnson of International Management Group, Montana's agent, denied any wrongdoing after the News reported Montana had received \$75,000 from Michael Bertolini to sign 1,000 footballs. Bertolini has pleaded guilty to tax fraud in a case involving some of baseball's most prominent players.

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Erik Williams was sentenced to two years' probation in connection with a one-car accident Oct. 24 in which he tore knee ligaments that ended his season.

Williams also will be required to perform community service, including talking to high school students about alcohol problems. Williams agreed Nov. 4 to plead no contest to a misdemeanor drunken driving charge.

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino might need a second operation to repair his right Achilles tendon, which hasn't completely healed since he first underwent surgery in October 1993.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — New York Jets quarterback Boomer Esiason, who sustained a concussion in the second quarter of Sunday's 21-6 loss to San Diego, is questionable for Saturday's season finale at Houston.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Former Green Bay Packers coach Phil Bengtson died Sunday at his home after a long illness. He was 81. Bengtson, a longtime defensive coordinator under Vince Lombardi, was 20-21-1 as head coach from 1968-70.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos and Tampa Bay Buccaneers officials are close to striking a deal to bring the NFL team to Baltimore, according to both sides.

NEW YORK (AP) — Alcorn State's Steve McNair, third in voting for the Heisman Trophy, won the Walter Payton Award as the top player in Division I-AA.

McNair, who threw for 4,863 yards and 44 touchdowns, received 78 of 89 first-place votes and 249 points from a panel of sports information directors, coaches, athletic directors and writers. Butler's Arnold Mickens, who broke the I-AA rushing mark with 2,255 yards, was second with 55 points.

Youngstown State's Jim Tressel received the Eddie Robinson Award as the top coach. The Penguins beat Boise State 28-14 on Saturday for their third title in four seasons.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier was taken off an anti-coagulant drug and cleared to scrimmage in Miami on Saturday.

After the scrimmage, Frazier will begin taking a different anti-coagulant until about 24 hours before the Orange Bowl.

Frazier has been taking anti-coagulant medication since shortly after a blood clot was discovered in his right leg Sept. 25. The blood clots recurred and he underwent surgery in early October.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Alabama A&M coach Reggie Oliver was legally drunk early Saturday when his van struck a pedestrian who also was hit by three other vehicles and died, police said.

Police investigator Ralph Hatcher said Oliver had not been charged with drunken driving because officials are considering more serious charges such as vehicular homicide or murder.

HOCKEY

The NHL Players Association will meet in Toronto on Wednesday, virtually assuring there will be no negotiations at least until Thursday.

A source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press that the players will probably take a vote to decide whether or not they want to accept the owners' latest offer.

OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An IOC report evaluating nine bids for the 2002 Winter Games found no major flaws with Salt Lake City's proposal.

KTVX-TV, quoting unidentified sources inside the Quebec 2002 group, said copies of the report obtained by the Canadian organization showed Salt Lake receiving generally "excellent" or "highly favorable" ratings.

Salt Lake is considered a certainty to be among the four finalists in a vote next month of an IOC electoral board. The final vote will be in June.

BASKETBALL

Tennessee, which beat Montana 66-61 to improve to 9-0, was a unanimous choice for the top spot in The Associated Press women's poll for the fifth straight week. Connecticut was second, followed by Louisiana Tech, North Carolina, Alabama, Penn State, Stanford, Colorado and Washington.

NEW YORK (AP) — Utah forward Karl Malone, who averaged 26.4 points and 9.9 rebounds in five victories last week, was selected the NBA player of the week.

Emmitt injured as Cowboys hold off Saints

By MARY FOSTER
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — At first glance, the Dallas Cowboys appeared to march merrily to the last two Super Bowls and a 12-3 record this season.

But it's not easy, not even for the Cowboys.

Monday night on national television, as the Cowboys beat the New Orleans Saints 24-16, they saw Emmitt Smith, the league's leading scorer and heart of their offense, limp off the field with a pulled hamstring. Then they held off a Saints rally when Darrin Smith grabbed his second interception, stopping a late drive.

"We haven't had a cakewalk this year," receiver Michael Irvin said. "We've got to work for them all. Every game we've played has been a tight game, so we'll be ready when the next tight one comes."

Smith went down in the third quarter after slipping on the Superdome turf and pulling his left hamstring.

"I really don't know what happened," Smith said. "I saw a big hole and just wanted to get through it. My leg just felt like a grab, a pull, and that's it."

Dallas had already clinched the NFC East title and the second spot in the conference playoffs behind San Francisco. The Cowboys' next do-or-die game will come in three weeks in the second round of the playoffs.

Dallas completes its regular season Saturday against the New York Giants. While the Cowboys are locked into the second seeding position in the NFC, they could knock the Giants out of playoff consideration, just as they did New Orleans on Monday night.

"Emmitt thinks he will be back (for the Giants), but obviously we're not even going to consider that," Switzer said.

"The doctors don't think it's severe. But time will tell us."

"I'm getting myself mentally prepared to play," Emmitt Smith said, not ruling out an appearance against the Giants. "I just want to get in."

While the Cowboys worried about Smith and what his injury might mean to their chances of winning a third straight Super Bowl, the Saints (6-9) ensured their first losing season since 1986 by allowing two interceptions for touchdowns. New Orleans also had a defensive breakdown to open the second half that allowed the Cowboys to keep the football for 8 1/2 minutes.

"We just made too many mistakes to beat those guys," coach Jim Mora said. "They're too good. You can't give them anything, and we gave them too much."

Darrin Smith intercepted Jim Everett twice in the fourth quarter — the first he returned 13 yards for a touchdown to make it 24-9. The second stopped the Saints' final drive and ended their threat of tying the game.

"I saw the ball coming to me each time and I just grabbed it," Smith said. "I didn't have time to think, I just grabbed it. It felt great."

Smith's interceptions followed a 54-yard interception return by Tony Tolbert to open the scoring for Dallas.

New Orleans had its chance. In the second quarter Wayne Martin tipped Aikman's pass at the Saints 32 and Darion Conner grabbed it. Conner, a linebacker, sped down the sideline only to find Larry Allen, a 330-pound rookie tackle racing along with him.

"I was blessed with speed," Allen joked later. "I just ran hard. I felt I did something real

good. I think that's the fastest I ever ran. I ran a 4.8 in the 40, but that was when I only weighed 305 and was a senior in college."

Instead of a touchdown, the Saints settled for a 21-yard field goal.

Troy Aikman was picked off by Jimmy Spencer three plays later, and the cornerback raced into the end zone. But he was ruled out of bounds at the 26.

"I don't think I stepped out of bounds," Spencer said. "I think the refs were picking on me all night. That and the first pass interference call. We're playing the Dallas Cowboys, back-to-back champions, America's Team, so I think I got screwed."

Spencer was flagged for pass interference in the second quarter when he knocked a ball away from Alvin Harper, drawing a 16-yard penalty. Replays showed no illegal contact on the play.



Pampa High wrestlers exhibit the championship trophy they won at Holly, Colo. Team members are (front row, l-r) Tanner Winkler, Corey Alfonsi, Clint Curtis and Justin Ensey; (back row, l-r) Cal Furguson, Richardo Cruz, Josh Cummings, Chad Hogan and Eric Zamudio. Not pictured is Aaron Wiseman and Luke Long. It was Pampa's first team championship in wrestling. (Pampa News photo)

PHS matmen win Christmas Tournament in Colorado

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — It will be a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year for the Pampa High School Wrestling team.

The Harvesters competed in the Holly, Colorado Christmas Tournament last weekend and brought home the first-place trophy.

Other teams entered in the tournament were Lamar, Cheyenne Wells, Walsh, Manzanola, Swink, Lajunta and Holly, Colo.; South Gray and Hugoton, both of Kansas.

"This is the first time we've ever taken first in a tournament," said Pampa head coach Steve Kuhn. "The kids just wrestled super. Over 80 percent of our matches were won by falls."

The Harvesters came away with 10 weight class medals. Eric Zamudio at 126 pounds and Corey Alfonsi at 185 pounds won the championship matches for Pampa.

"The other coaches there felt we wrestled very aggressive. When you have that kind of pin percentage, you have to be wrestling aggressively."

Kuhn said a good example of that aggressiveness was when Clint Curtis came back to win by a fall in the final seconds of one of his matches.

Zamudio, a junior, triumphed over Wes Ransley, a Swinks senior; Jerry Kalma, a Holly freshman and Kalin Farrow, a Hugoton senior. He decided Farrow, 9-8, in the finals.

Alfonsi, a senior, drew a bye in the first round. He then wrestled freshman Shayne Cooper, pinning him in 1:01. Alfonsi pinned Chris Uil, a Cheyenne Wells, junior, in one minute.

Chad Hogan, a senior, reached the finals where he lost to Hugoton senior Skylar Gerrond. Hogan beat Randy Magadaleño of Lajunta and Mike Lucius of Holly to advance to the finals.

Both Corey and Chad wrestled real well and Eric showed a lot of

improvement," Kuhn said.

Also taking second was Pampa sophomore Clint Curtis. He pinned Travis Wulf of South Gray and then pinned Dennis Batterton, a Lamar junior, in the final 25 seconds of the match to reach the finals.

Aaron Wiseman, a freshman, received a bye in the first round. He beat Swinks sophomore Dan Wilson by a pin in 34 seconds. Wiseman lost to Lamar's Marcelino Chavez.

"Aaron filed in real well at a weight he usually doesn't wrestle at," Kuhn said.

Bringing home third places for the Harvesters were Josh Cummings, Tanner Winkler and Luke Long. Richardo Cruz and Cal Furguson both placed fourth.

"Cal and Josh, our two light guys, wrestled super. Luke came back and beat a guy by eight points in the consolation finals. He had lost a major decision to the same guy earlier in the day.

It was just a good tournament by all our guys," Kuhn said.

Oilers have family plan

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers have learned how to deal with family emergencies. They just haven't figured a way to get a second victory.

The Oilers avoided another Babygate controversy by allowing Kris Dishman to fly home early Sunday for the birth of Kris Jr. and then return to Kansas City in time to play in the Oilers' 31-9 loss.

That made the Dishmans happy but Monday was another day of pulling strings for coach Jeff Fisher, trying to snap the 11-game losing streak the Oilers take into Saturday's final game.

Fisher announced that he will start Bucky Richardson at quarterback against the New York Jets, replacing Billy Joe Tolliver, who had started seven of the last eight games.

"I just wanted to give him an opportunity to start a game," said Fisher, 0-5 as the Oilers' head coach. "We played a lot of people the last couple of weeks and I think it's fair now to give him a chance."

Richardson hasn't played since an ineffective performance Dec. 4 against Arizona when he had trouble with audibles.

"I want to see him scramble around under pressure, make some plays down field, just give us a little spark," Fisher said.

"He's at the point now where he understands the audible system, so I want to see him when he's hurried and out of the pocket to throw the ball rather than run out of bounds for a 4-yard loss."

Tolliver has tried to implement the new Oiler offense with mixed success. He's been sacked 27 times, including three times by the Chiefs, and he's thrown seven interceptions and six touchdown passes.

Fisher hopes his plan for Richardson works as well as the Oilers' plan arranging for Dishman to be with his wife, Karen, for the birth of their child.

The Oilers secured a charter flight at 2:30 a.m. Sunday that got Dishman back to Houston for the birth at 7:12 a.m. He then made it back 90 minutes before the 3 p.m. CST kickoff.

"I was mentally drained coming back," Dishman said. "But once I walked into the locker room and I saw all my teammates congratulating me, I got through it."

"I didn't even have time to get cigars," Last year, tackle David Williams stayed in Houston for the birth of his first child. The Oilers fined him a game check, claiming he could have taken a later flight to Boston and been in uniform for the game.

This time, owner Bud Adams sent cigars to the locker room and general manager Floyd Reese made certain plans were in place to avoid a repeat of last year's controversy.

"Karen wasn't due until Dec. 24, but I talked to Kris to make sure we were prepared for all the possible scenarios," Reese said.

Patriots thriving on tough situations

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The fans will be against the New England Patriots. The Chicago weather may hurt their potent passing game. Just another tough situation that New England is thriving on.

The Patriots, who would clinch a playoff berth Saturday by beating the Bears, haven't flinched in the face of adversity during their current six-game winning streak. Not even when Buffalo scored on its first three possessions Sunday to take a 17-3 lead.

"On the sidelines, there was no sense of chaos," Patriots coach Bill Parcells said Monday. "There was no sense of panic. There was nothing but determination."

With quarterback Drew Bledsoe able to put up points in a hurry, a solid defense and plenty of experience at coming from behind, the Patriots scored 38 straight points for a 41-17 win that eliminated the Bills from playoff contention.

In the Patriots' previous game, they outscored Indianapolis 28-3 after trailing 10-0.

The winning streak started Nov. 13 when the Patriots scored 26 straight points after falling behind Minnesota 20-0 and won 26-20.

New England (9-6) has overcome deficits in seven of its wins.

Parcells reacted incredulously when asked if the Patriots had improved at handling adversity.

"This team? Oh, man. It's night and day," he said.

Nine teams still alive in playoff race

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

The road to the Super Bowl has four branches: the ins, the outs, the wannabes and the NFC Central Division.

The ins — the San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins and Pittsburgh Steelers — know the postseason road well, having won 14 Super Bowls between them. The San Diego Chargers and Cleveland Browns have also clinched postseason berths.

Sixteen of the 28 clubs won't make it into the playoffs, and the Buffalo Bills, for a change, will be on the outside looking in. The Bills have been in the loser's locker room the last four Super Bowls.

Monday night's Dallas victory over New Orleans ended the Saints' chances, slicing to nine the number of clubs in the running for the remaining six playoff spots. Those nine include four of the NFC Central.

Among the group of uncertain teams are one that lost seven straight (the New York Giants), one that has done almost all its winning behind a backup quarterback (the Chicago Bears) and one that seems to win despite itself (the Los Angeles Raiders).

"There's a lot of football left," said Patriots coach Bill Parcells, who worked his miracles in New England much quicker than anyone — including, most likely, himself — could have foreseen. "When you've been in the league as long as I have, you retain that thought. A lot of things can happen in a short time."

A lot of things must happen in a short time, one week to be exact. But Dallas made the list a little shorter, defeating New Orleans 24-16 Monday night to eliminate the Saints.

That leaves six teams going for four NFC berths — the Central title and three wild cards. None of those combatants plays each other, but the Bears play the Patriots, who must win at

Chicago or have Kansas City lose to the Raiders to get an AFC wild card. The Patriots also could win the AFC East by beating the Bears and having Miami lose to Detroit on Christmas night.

Detroit also resides in that silly Central, where everybody but, naturally, Tampa Bay, has a shot at the division crown and a wild card. In fact, the pecking order is clear in the NFC Central: Minnesota, Detroit, Chicago and Green Bay, in that order.

If all four win, all are in, with Minnesota taking the division. If any of them lose, they're in danger of having the Giants or Cardinals steal away the wild-card berth.

"I would rather be in our situation and have the pressure," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said of Saturday's game at Tampa. "To be able to go into the last game of the season with a chance to go to the playoffs if we win is good. Not every team can say that."

Scoreboard

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES—PAMPA LADIES TRIO LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Schiffman Machine Co.	30	14
Wheeler Evans	29	15
R.L. Gonyea Trucking	27	17
Quality Cleaners	26	18
Watson's Food & Seed	24	19
Ronie's Raiden	21	22
Ward's True One	20	24
Ward's True Two	17	26
Windy 20	14	29
Sadie Hawkins	10	34

Week's High Scores
High game: Lucy Arebalo, 202; High series: Geneva Schuffman, 531; High handicap game: Lucy Arebalo, 237; High handicap series: Lucy Arebalo, 636.

HARVESTER WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
DBR H20 Vending	31 1/2	12 1/2
Schiffman Machine	26	18
H & H Sporting	23	21
Graham Machine	20	24
Keyes Pharmacy	17 1/2	26 1/2
The Pampa News	14	30

Week's High Scores
High game: Neil Henderson, 181; High series: Geneva Schuffman, 492; High handicap game: Neil Henderson, 221; High handicap series: Linda Craig, 615.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired John DeStiva, pitcher, from the Los Angeles Dodgers for John O'Donoghue, pitcher. Named Steve Pastorino general manager of High Desert of the California League.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Named Lamar Johnson batting coach.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Signed Luis Sojo, infielder, to a one-year contract. Named Terry Kennedy manager. Juan Eichalberger pitching coach; Tom LeVasseur coach and Rob Nodine trainer of Riverside of the California League.

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Signed Wilfredo Martinez and Jose Mesa, pitchers, and Carlos Rosario, outfielder, to their team in the Dominican Summer League.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Sent Richie Lewis, pitcher, outright to Charlotte of the International League.
NEW YORK METS—Signed Mike Birkbeck, pitcher.
MIDWEST LEAGUE
SULTANS OF SPRINGFIELD—Named Kevin Leuzinger assistant general manager. Manny Peller assistant executive for merchandising and Amy Wolfe director of administration.

Northern League
NORTHERN LEAGUE—Named Dan Moushon executive director.

BASKETBALL

Continental Basketball Association
HARTFORD HELLCATS—Traded Kelsey Weems, guard, to the Rockford Lightning for Charles Smith, guard, and a 1995 fifth-round draft pick.
HOCKEY
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
HERSHEY BEARS—Recalled Rob Lesak, defenseman, and Bruce Coles, right wing, from Johnstown of the East Coast Hockey League.
EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE
DAYTON BOMBERS—Loaned Brandon Smith, defenseman, to the Adirondack Red Wings of the American Hockey League.

SOCCER
U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION—Named Timo Liski director of coaching and player development.

COLLEGE

AKRON—Named Paul Winters offensive coordinator and assistant head football coach, and John Peterson defensive line coach.
FLORIDA—Named Kim Haddow women's golf coach.
GEORGIA SOUTHERN—Named Tony Andrews men's assistant basketball coach.
IOWA—Named Karen Jackson assistant softball coach.
MANSFIELD—Named Joe Viadella football coach.
WOOSTER—Fired Bob Tucker, football coach.

FOOTBALL

Eds: Tied teams order based on playoff tiebreakers.
National Football League
By The Associated Press

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Y-Miami	9	0	0	.900	362	307
New England	9	0	0	.900	338	309
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	331	346
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	297	311
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	254	295

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Dallas	12	3	0	.800	404	233
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	284	295
Arizona	8	7	0	.533	229	257
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	278	275
Washington	2	13	0	.133	296	391

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	335	301
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	337	315
Chicago	9	6	0	.600	268	294
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533	348	268
Tampa Bay	8	7	0	.533	232	317

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-San Fran.	13	2	0	.867	491	275
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	318	379
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	307	379
LA Rams	4	11	0	.267	285	341

x-cinched division
y-cinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Detroit 41, Minnesota 19
San Francisco 42, Denver 19

Sunday's Games
Green Bay 21, Atlanta 17
Chicago 27, Los Angeles Rams 13
New England 41, Buffalo 17
San Diego 21, New York Jets 6
Tampa Bay 17, Washington 14
Indianapolis 10, Miami 6
Arizona 28, Cincinnati 7
Kansas City 31, Houston 9
New York Giants 16, Philadelphia 13
Pittsburgh 17, Cleveland 7
Los Angeles Raiders 17, Seattle 16

Monday's Game
Dallas 24, New Orleans 16

Saturday, Dec. 24
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25
Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 26
San Francisco at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Playoffs
Saturday, Dec. 31
AFC and NFC Wild Card
Sunday, Jan. 1
AFC and NFC Wild Card
Saturday, Jan. 7
AFC and NFC Divisional
Sunday, Jan. 8
AFC and NFC Divisional
Sunday, Jan. 15
AFC and NFC Championship
Sunday, Jan. 22
Super Bowl at Miami
Sunday, Feb. 5
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	17	5	.773	—
New York	12	9	.571	4 1/2
Boston	10	14	.417	8
New Jersey	10	15	.400	8 1/2
Portland	8	14	.364	9
Washington	6	14	.300	10
Miami	6	15	.286	10 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	14	6	.700	—
Cleveland	15	8	.652	1/2
Charlotte	12	10	.545	3
Chicago	11	11	.500	4
Detroit	9	12	.429	5 1/2
Atlanta	9	14	.391	6
Milwaukee	7	14	.333	7 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	16	8	.667	—
Houston	13	8	.619	1 1/2
Dallas	11	8	.579	2 1/2
Denver	12	9	.571	2 1/2
San Antonio	11	9	.550	3
Minnesota	5	17	.227	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	18	5	.783	—
Seattle	14	7	.667	3
L.A. Lakers	13	8	.619	4
Portland	11	9	.550	5 1/2
Sacramento	11	10	.524	6
Golden State	8	14	.364	9 1/2
L.A. Clippers	3	19	.136	14 1/2

Saturday's Games
Detroit 97, Philadelphia 92
Minnesota 96, Washington 87
Miami 96, Atlanta 85
Charlotte 111, Denver 92
Utah 97, Chicago 89
Boston 112, Houston 109
San Antonio 114, L.A. Lakers 102
Phoenix 109, Sacramento 98
Seattle 124, Orlando 84
Dallas 106, L.A. Clippers 87

Sunday's Games
New Jersey 103, Miami 102
Portland 111, New York 87
Monday's Games
Cleveland 77, Chicago 63
Denver 104, Boston 85
Phoenix 113, Washington 102

College basketball matchups lopsided

By The Associated Press

Final exams are either going on or have just ended at most campuses. Christmas is less than a week away. There aren't supposed to be many good college basketball matchups at this time of December.

There weren't any good ones Monday night as the six ranked teams that played won by an average of 33.8 points. The squeaker of the night was No. 18 Georgia Tech's 94-73 win over Furman, while the most lopsided victory was No. 13 Cincinnati's 116-54 dismantling of Cal State Northridge.

"It was good for me," Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins said. "I don't know if it was good for them, but I had fun."

In the other games involving ranked teams Monday night it was No. 9 Duke 99, North Carolina A&T 56; No. 14 Syracuse 103, Robert Morris 67; No. 22 Virginia 100, VMI 73; and No. 23 Illinois 90, Mercer 66. Cincinnati made quick work of the Matadors, setting a school record with 65 points in the first half as the Bearcats took a 36-point halftime lead. Unlike two weeks ago when Cincinnati (7-2) blew a 20-point lead to Canisius and lost, the Bearcats opened it up even more against Northridge.

"Blame it all on Canisius," Matadors coach Pete Cassidy said. "I think Canisius ticked them off. It gave them a wake-up call."

Freshman Danny Fortson and LaZelle Durden each had 24 points for Cincinnati, which scored the most points in Huggins' six years there.

"We had two rough games last week. Some of us were a bit tired," said Durden, who has scored 94 points in his last three games. "We haven't run a Bearcat press in a while, so we got to work on that today. I broke a sweat, but it's just one of those games. We were kind of tired. It's good to have a game where you can rest."

Unrelenting full-court pressure intimidated the Matadors, who turned it over 17 times in the first half and 30 times overall. In a one-minute span, they failed to make it past midcourt

on four consecutive possessions.

"They came after us like a boxer in the ring," Cassidy said. "They hit us with a 1-2 punch right off the bat, and we were like a boxer holding on. You can't get knocked down that early."

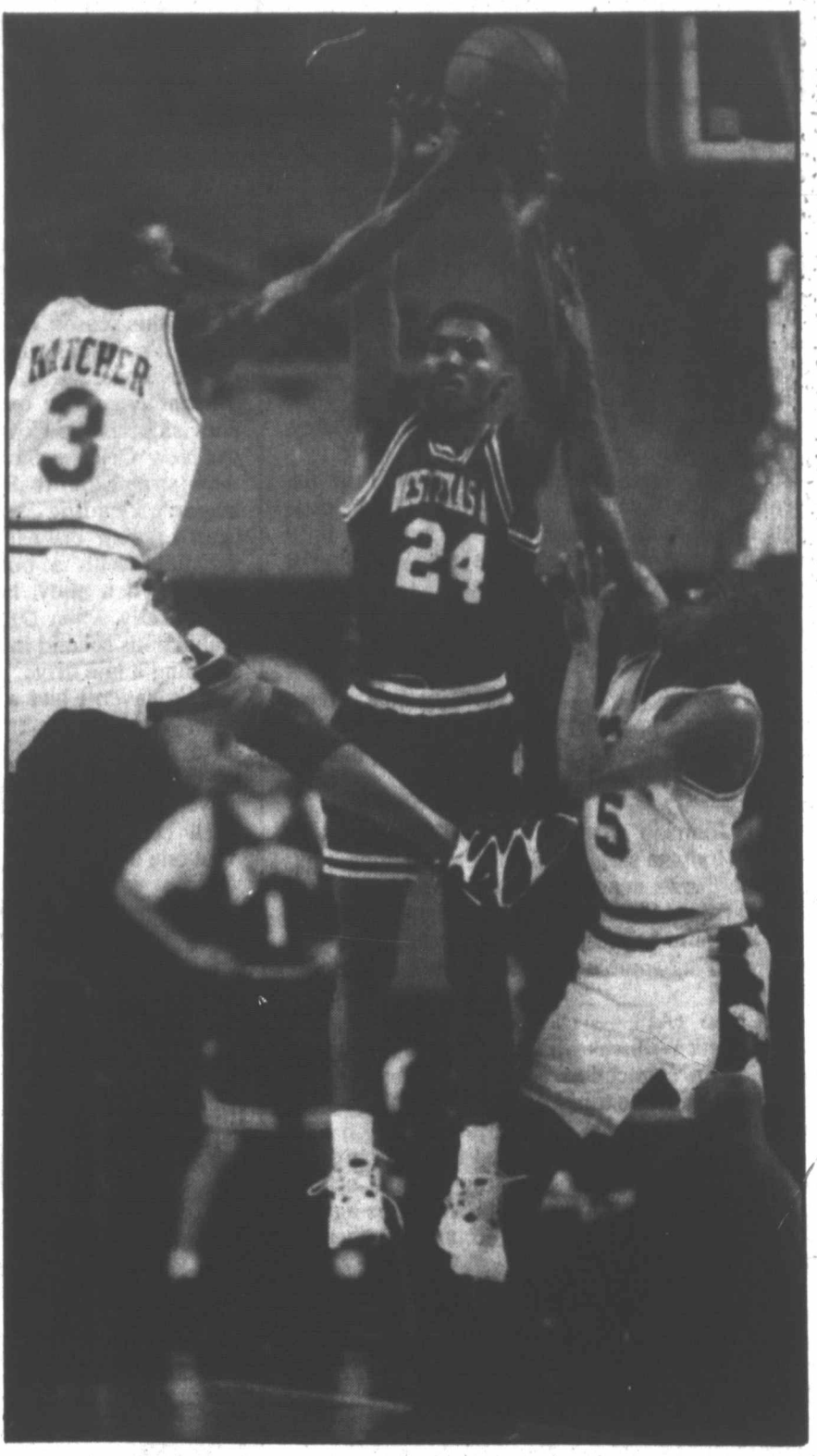
Michael Dorsey had 15 points to lead the Matadors (2-4).
No. 9 Duke 99, North Carolina A&T 56

The Blue Devils (6-1) won their 93rd consecutive home game against a non-conference opponent as Cherokee Parks had 19 points to lead five double-figure scorers. Duke led 47-18 at halftime, holding the Aggies (1-4) to 4-for-26 shooting (15.4 percent). John Floyd led North Carolina A&T with 19 points, all but two in the second half. Duke was without freshman forward Ricky Price, who sprained an ankle in practice Saturday. Price, averaging 11.8 points, is expected to miss the Blue Devils' three games next week in the Rainbow Classic.
No. 14 Syracuse 103, Robert Morris 67

The Orangemen (6-1) forced 16 turnovers and held visiting Robert Morris to 7-for-22 shooting (31 percent) in the first half as they rebounded from being taken to overtime by Princeton. John Wallace's 16 points led six Syracuse players in double figures as the Orangemen topped the 100-point mark for the first time this season. Gabe Jackson had 20 points to lead the Colonials (2-3).
No. 18 Georgia Tech 94, Furman 73

Drew Barry scored 25 points, James Forrest 23 and Travis Best 22 as the Yellow Jackets (7-1) broke it open at home in the second half. Furman (2-5) scored the first three points of the second half to close to 43-42, but Georgia Tech scored the next 10 points, with Barry and Best each hitting a 3-pointer. Jeff Sexton scored 18 points to lead the Paladins.
No. 22 Virginia 100, VMI 73

Virginia used a 20-3 run late in the first half to take a 51-28 halftime lead and then cruised to the easy home victory. Harold Deane had 21 points to lead five Cavaliers in double figures. Lawrence Gullette scored 32 points for the Keydets (2-5), who lost their fifth straight.



West Texas A&M's Kevin Rutherford (24) makes an outlet pass while covered by Kansas State defenders Elliot Hatcher (3) and Mark Young (5) in the first half Monday. Kansas State won, 77-44.

Baseball strike reaches milestone of sorts

By RICHARD KEIL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Today marks a milestone of sorts for the baseball strike: It's the 131st day, matching the length of the 1994 season that ended when players walked out Aug. 12.

Talks resumed Monday, but there were no positive or negative signs to indicate whether this round of bargaining can end the longest work stoppage in the history of U.S. professional sports. The session was mostly a review and formal presentation of the ideas the union discussed with owners last Wednesday before talks stopped.

"We put numbers and words around it," union head Donald Fehr said after the 7 1/2-hour session ended before 6 p.m. EST.

And there was decidedly little drama, even though the owners have approved a 12:01 a.m. deadline Friday for declaring an impasse and implementing a salary cap if an agreement isn't reached by then.

Despite the possibility of this threat, only one member of management's negotiating team attended

the session: Philadelphia Phillies co-general partner Dave Montgomery. Lawyers Chuck O'Connor and Rob Manfred, whose role has steadily increased throughout the 23-month negotiation, also were on management's side of the table.

"The talks we had today were productive in the sense we had a healthy exchange on several issues," O'Connor said, answering only a pair of questions before leaving.

If players do make a new proposal on the central payroll tax issue, it probably won't be until Wednesday or Thursday. While Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris is scheduled to arrive Tuesday night or Wednesday.

If the sides move closer on their tax ideas, acting commissioner Bud Selig says it's possible to move the twice-delayed deadline for imposing the cap. If there isn't progress, the ruling executive council will declare an impasse in bargaining and impose the cap, leading to a court

fight and the possible use of replacement players next spring.

The central disagreement is over the payroll tax. Owners want a rate that continues to rise until the players' share of revenue drops from 58 percent to 50. Players want a tax only high enough to fund increased revenue-sharing for small-market clubs.

Union lawyers said the sides went over the differences on many areas Monday.

"It's always useful after a hiatus to review where you are," said Lauren Rich, the union's No. 3 official.

Included in the talks was a brief discussion of salary arbitration, which owners want to eliminate. "They have to tell us what they want, and they know what the price is," Fehr said. "If you want to get rid of salary arbitration, you have to make everybody unrestricted free agents all the way down."

Currently, players with about 2 3/4 years in the majors are eligible for arbitration until they reach six years, when they can become free agents. The Volcker Commission Report recommended that arbitration be replaced by free agency, but

clubs say that won't solve the economic problems they claim to have.

The revenue sharing discussions are complex and detailed. Essentially, players disagree in four areas of the owners' Fort Lauderdale, Fla., agreement of last Jan. 18:

— The union wants the visiting teams to get 25 percent of the gate, up from 20 percent in the AL and about 5 percent in the NL.

— Players want the teams receiving revenue sharing money to be designated at the time of an agreement rather than be determined year-to-year by a formula.

— Owners have added many items to their definition of payroll: clubs medical costs; insurance; workman's compensation; payroll, unemployment and Social Security taxes; spring training allowances; meal and tip money; All-Star game expenses; travel and moving expenses; postseason pay; and college scholarships.

— Players want taxes to effect all teams; owners want taxes to effect only teams over a certain threshold, preferably 112 percent of the average payroll.

Bills building for another Super Bowl trip

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — There are no five-year plans that chart the Buffalo Bills' future. They want to get back to the Super Bowl — and they don't want to wait.

"We will not be building for the future. We will be building for next year," coach Marv Levy said Monday, a day after the Bills were knocked out of the playoff race with a 41-17 loss to New England. "We want to get well fast."

"If that was the end of an era, fine. Let's start a new era — and quickly. The king is dead. Long live the king."

The Bills went to an unprecedented four consecutive Super Bowls by drafting well and taking care of their own, with an emphasis on cultivating a core of stars and keeping them.

During the last offseason, they struggled to cut \$7 million from the payroll to fit under the salary cap. The first priority was to reward the players who helped the team win four straight AFC titles; signing free agents was never really considered.

"We used all our money two years ago to get back into the Super Bowl. We kept those people here, our people, who gave us thrills some towns will never ever see in their lifetimes," general manager John Butler said.

"We knew this year could be a tough one if there were injuries, and there were."

So how do the Bills get back to the top? Turns out, that same free agency that so cruelly robbed them of stars like Howard Ballard, Nate Odomes and Will Wolford will be their biggest ally.

"It is also a way to get better a little faster," Levy said.

It will also be easier for the Bills to recover because any player who leaves will create room under the cap for a replacement. Losing linebacker Cornelius Bennett, for example, would be tough. But at least this year, unlike last, Buffalo would have \$2.2 million worth of cap money to replace him.

"Then we become a legitimate player," Butler said.

And despite the disaster that befell the Bills, not making the playoffs this year will make it easier to make moves.

The chemistry of a .500 (at best) team is less fragile, if not irrelevant. Plus, the Bills are more likely to take their problems seriously than if they had lost just a week earlier than usual, in the AFC title game, or been edged out of a playoff spot at 10-6.

And all that complaining the Bills have done about having to draft 27th for four straight years? Their problems are over: This year, they could be drafting in the top 10.

"I still believe there are some

very talented players on this team. We need some help, though, too," Butler said. "We need a pass rusher desperately. We've got to find some help for Bruce Smith. It's come that time, too. We've got to find a quarterback."

Jim Kelly will be 35 next year, when he attempts to recover from a knee injury that ended his season two games early. The injury isn't expected to be a problem, but the age is. Backup Frank Reich, a free agent, is considered a prize of the free agent crop.

In all, 21 Bills will become free agents, led by Bennett, Reich, center Kent Hull and safety Henry Jones.

Butler said the emphasis is still on re-signing his own players and developing new ones through the draft. In any case, he is ready to look forward.

"This is not a eulogy. That's when you're dead and gone," he told the Monday Quarterback Club, breaking into a smile when a fan in the crowd shouted "Hallelujah!"

"We're going right back to where we've been," Butler said. "We're not going to sit here and say, 'Boy, it was a great run.' That's not how I work. That's not how we work."

"It's OK to feel that way," Butler told a woman who said she cried when the Bills were eliminated. "But, boy, that sun came up today. And I said 'Let's get it at it.'"

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(AP photo/Dallas Morning News)

Bruce and Judy Connor of Temple look at the exhibits in the Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum in Columbus, Texas, which consists of more than 2,000 Santa figures.

Museum has ho-ho-ho lots of Santas

By BRUCE TOMASO
The Dallas Morning News

COLUMBUS, Texas (AP) — Once you've got three of something, Mary Elizabeth Hopkins used to say, you've got a collection.

This, Virginia, is a collection. At the Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum here, there are Santas big and small, Santas on the wall, Santas of clay and Santas crocheted. There are Santas from Wal-Mart and Santas from Neiman's, Santas from Hallmark and Santas from Sweden. Santas by Nast, and ... you get the idea.

In all, the museum is home to more than 2,000 Saints Nick collected by Mrs. Hopkins before her death in 1990.

"There's even one or two in there, if you want to step in and see," said her husband, James Hopkins, motioning to the museum's bathroom, which is adorned — year-round — with Santa towels, seat cover, toilet paper holder and soap dispenser.

The nonprofit museum was started by Hopkins in memory of his wife. Since it opened in December 1990, tens of thousands of visitors have flocked to Columbus, on Interstate 10 between Houston and San Antonio, to admire the collection.

"In our first year, we had visitors from 161 Texas towns, 19 states and seven foreign countries," Hopkins said. "Now, people come from everywhere."

Mrs. Hopkins' collection had its beginnings with a papier-mache Santa that her parents gave her for

her first Christmas, in 1913. That doll, carefully displayed under glass at the museum, was joined over the years by a dizzying array of Kringles.

"I'm still finding some in the house," joked Hopkins, 83, a retired rice broker. "Many she got when we traveled. And many she'd have friends and family bring her. If she knew someone was going on a trip, especially if they were going overseas, she'd give them money and tell them, 'Bring me a Santa Claus.'"

The Hopkinses' holiday ritual was to pull the Santas out of storage on Dec. 1 and display them in their home until Feb. 1. But in the last two years of Mrs. Hopkins' life, when she was ill, the merry Clausess stayed up year-round.

"We had Santas on the piano, on the mantles, on tables, everywhere," Hopkins said. "We'd put all our other things away." (Mrs. Hopkins didn't just collect Santas. She collected thimbles, antique bottles, pressed glass, cut glass, cranberry glass, flatirons, iron toys, mechanical banks, English china, rare books and Victorian furniture. Among other things.)

After his wife died, Hopkins figured he'd have to do something with the Santas, if only to see his other possessions again. That's when the idea for the museum was born.

The collection was donated to the Magnolia Homes Tour Inc., a local preservationist group. Admission proceeds — it's \$2 to get in, \$1 for children — go to support the group, which annually sponsors a tour of

historical homes in Columbus, the oldest continuously occupied Anglo settlement in Texas.

The museum's largest Santa is a life-size model from the now-defunct Priesmeyer's Department Store in nearby Garwood. The smallest adorn two pierced earrings barely bigger than BBs.

There's an African Santa, a Santa made from the splayed, dyed pages of a *Reader's Digest* and two in porcelain from Japan clad, inexplicably, in baby blue.

Then there's Black Peter, sort of the Antisanta. In Dutch lore, Peter was said to punish bad children with a switch, while the infinitely more engaging "Sinterklaas" doled out treats to the good.

The collection's most valuable piece — not that any are for sale — is probably a ceramic figure made by Duncan Royale. "She paid 90-something dollars for it in 1983," said Hopkins. "It's worth \$5,000 now."

The figure is based on a drawing by Thomas Nast, the 19th-century cartoonist who popularized the Democratic donkey and Republican elephant symbols. Nast, an illustrator for *Harper's Weekly*, also came up with the present-day image of Santa as a jolly, white-bearded gent in red. Earlier artists had depicted the gift-bearing character, based on St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop in Asia Minor, as tall, thin and stately, or as a woodsman in buckskins or a mitered clergyman astride a white steed.

Although it's open all year, this is naturally the museum's peak season.

Letters to Santa

Der Santu,
Mi nam is Haley Acker. I wont a camru a dol a wolkman and a joowire boc. Thak u!
Haley

dr sntu
i wnt a toi lik a truk and a tralr with 2 ramps with a bakho
Cody Cochran 5

Dear Santa Claus,
for Christmas I would like first of all for everyones Chistmas to be peacfull and for me I would like a stero and some nerf arows plus some candy but not to much.
your friend,
Paul Baxter

Dear Santa,
How are Frosty and Roudolph? How does Roudolph's nose glow? Where does Frosty sleep? How is Mrs. Claus? Is she sick? I sure hope not. I want to help you this year and the elves. How's grandma? Has she recovered from her accident with reindeer? I've got to go.
Your helper,
Lori Stephens

Dear Santa,
How's the weather? How's Frosty? How's Roudolph's nose? How's he? Oh, I want to help you deliver toys this year. It'll be so fun. How many Elves do you have? What are their names? Do they sleep with you? How's Grandma? Has she recovered from her accident with the raindeer?

I want you to stuff my stocking full!!!! For christmas I want a discman & CD's, CD's, CD's!!!!
Your friend & helper,
Marc Babcock
P.S. Say hi to my family please!

Dear Santa,
I am getting a little old and starting to give up in Santa. So if you do come the 25 I want 2 things. I want a horse she is a redish color with no white socks and a little bit o white on her forehead. She has her own personality. For my mom I really want to try to get her dog back. Because she is very sad. Barney is 5 years old & is a chihuahua. He likes to play & is a tan & white color. I will be happy & believe in Santa & will never let that die.
Ashlie Lee

Dear Santa
How are the elfs and Mrs Claus. By the way say high to every body for me.
This is what I want for Christmas Gym bag black. & White gym bag. Ar. 15 cap gun, Game boy bag
Good luck
Your friend Calvin Schaffer

To: Santa OK
Dear Santa I would like a Ricockay. I would also like a bombbox to go with the bombbox I would like I swere and Dont Take The Girl And a knew be be gun.
This is The person who wants this stuff Christopher Lee

Dear Santa
this is what I want for Christmas. I want a stereo, Game boy, Box car children book TPX bat, baseball glove, baseball, hockey set, jazz Tricksters bike, roller blades 4 wheels just buckl.
The End
Love
Chance Bowers

Dear Santa,
I want a Talk Boy, Roller Blades, Jatoddal, Twist and twil baby, Basakball, Gwelry, and a camra.
From,
Lauren

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle. Some more C.Ds. My own radio with a c.d. player. I want a chalk board.
Love,
Sara Blankenship

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a phone for Christmas And I Would like a New Christmas C.Ds.-about 2, and a calender for 95 & 96, and I would like some lipstick.
from
Erin

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a ricochet and some cd's.
From Cody

Dear Santa,
I want it all!
Chris Bruton

'Dumb and Dumber' opens atop box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Dumb and Dumber* opened with a solid \$16.4 million for first place at the weekend box office while the new political comedy *Speechless* debuted weakly, according to industry figures released Monday.

The *Santa Clause* passed the \$100 million mark, with grosses boosted by sneak previews for *Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book*, which was paired with it.

Here are the Top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters during the weekend, followed by studio, gross, number of screens, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. from actual returns and studio estimates:

1. *Dumb and Dumber*, New Line, \$16.4 million, 2,447 locations, \$6,687 per location, \$16.4 million, one week.
2. *The Santa Clause*, Disney, \$8.9 million, 2,388 locations, \$3,731 per location, \$107.1 million, six weeks.
3. *Disclosure*, Warner Bros., \$7.3 million, 1,810 locations, \$4,044 per location, \$20.9 million, two weeks.
4. *Drop Zone*, Paramount, \$4 million, 2,055 locations, \$1,960 per location, \$12.3 million, two weeks.
5. *Speechless*, MGM, \$4 million, 1,404 locations, \$2,827 per location, \$4 million, one week.
6. *The Lion King*, Disney, \$1.85 million, 1,539 locations, \$1,204 per location, \$291.6 million, five weeks in reissue.
7. *Star Trek: Generations*, Paramount, \$1.84 million, 1,739 locations, \$1,062 per location, \$65.3 million, five weeks.
8. *Junior*, Universal, \$1.8 million, 1,896 locations,

\$940 per location, \$26.5 million, four weeks.

9. *A Low Down Dirty Shame*, Disney, \$1.5 million, 1,001 locations, \$1,530 per location, \$23.7 million, four weeks.

10. *Interview With the Vampire*, Warner Bros., \$1.27 million, 1,589 locations, \$799 per location, \$96.6 million, six weeks.

11. *Miracle on 34th Street*, Fox, \$1.26 million, 1,212 locations, \$1,044 per location, \$14.4 million, five weeks.

12. *Pulp Fiction*, Miramax, \$961,000, 625 locations, \$1,537 per location, \$58.9 million, 10 weeks.

13. *Stargate*, MGM, \$695,000, 936 locations, \$743 per location, \$66.2 million, eight weeks.

14. *The Pagemaster*, Fox, \$623,000, 969 locations, \$643 per location, \$9.8 million, four weeks.

15. *The Professional*, Columbia, \$456,000, 640 locations, \$713 per location, \$17.5 million, five weeks.

16. *The River Wild*, Universal, \$436,000, 785 locations, \$555 per location, \$44.2 million, 12 weeks.

17. *Trapped in Paradise*, Fox, \$398,000, 869 locations, \$458 per location, \$5.4 million, three weeks.

18. *Forrest Gump*, Paramount, \$341,000, 406 locations, \$840 location, \$296.5 million, 24 weeks.

19. *Little Giants*, Warner Bros., \$291,000, 735 locations, \$396 per location, \$18.8 million, 10 weeks.

20. *The Mask*, New Line, \$267,000, 432 locations, \$618 per location, \$117.8 million, 21 weeks.

Anti-crime order

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Trying to stop motorcycle-riding bandits, the Phnom Penh mayor's office ordered Monday that motorcycle passengers must ride sidesaddle.

The aim of the order, which takes effect in the new year, is to make it harder to keep one's balance while wielding a gun.

Bandits on the backs of motorcycles have been driving up alongside other motorcyclists and firing on them with automatic rifles to steal their bikes.

Motorcycles are the most common form of transportation in Phnom Penh. It has become increasingly dangerous, however, to drive them alone or in deserted areas because of the widespread shootings by armed robbers with weapons.

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