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Santa Claus gets in the act

Even Santa Claus turned out for the big announcement Wednesday that Hereford and Deaf Smith County will be the site of Premium Standard Farm's huge new pork processing facility. Santa's message: "Forget the cookies and milk, leave me some pork chops!" At the head table for the conference were Judge Tom Simons (behind podium); Mayor Bob Josseland, and PSF officials John Stadler, Rick Anderson and Brian Paulsen.

TCFA sees good 1995 for beef

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - A cattle group's forecast for 1995 expresses guarded optimism for the beef industry after a year in which prices plunged and competition mounted from pork and poultry.

Consumers will eat a "mountain of meat" and retail prices will hold steady as beef production hits record levels, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association predicted Wednesday.

"When it's all said and done, 1995 will be a better year for the cattle feeder than 1994," said Jim Gill, TCFA market director.

The Amarillo-based group released its annual outlook on the same day that officials in Hereford announced plans for a plant that will process 1.76 million hogs annually. That facility represents a further expansion of pork in the heart of the nation's cattle country.

The 175 feedyards in TCFA's area - eastern New Mexico and the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma - employ about 2,750 people and feed 2.7 million cattle.

Gill said he foresees more competition for the consumer's meat dollar as pork and poultry supplies grow.

His group expects that 1995 beef production will hit near 24.4 billion pounds, an increase of 1 percent from this year.

The TCFA says 1994 brought some good news:

-Beef exports were up 29 percent thanks to significant demand in Mexico, Japan and Korea

-Beef supplies were up 5 percent, partly because cattle grew to a record average slaughter weight of 713 pounds

But cattlemen suffered a heavy blow last June when market prices fell to a low of \$60 from \$77.50 in mid-April.

Post Office sets record

WASHINGTON (AP) - The post office set a mail-handling record Monday, postmarking 280,489,000 letters and cards.

The Monday before Christmas is traditionally the busiest day of the year for the Postal Service. The tally topped last year's peak by nearly 20 million postmarks, said Nick Barranca, manager of operations performance for the post office.

Barranca said he expects postmarks to drop to between 140 million and 160 million when Wednesday's total is in, followed by heavy delivery days Thursday and Friday. Things should tail off on Saturday, "and we'll go into Christmas clean," he said.



"All I want for Christmas is..."

Mike Hatley got his Christmas wish Wednesday when Premium Standard Farms announced the selection of Hereford for its new pork processing plant. Hatley is executive director of the Hereford Economic Development Corporation, which led the campaign to get PSF in Deaf Smith County.

Glickman likely choice to be new ag secretary

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton, faced with a number of personnel decisions, is close to naming a new Agriculture Secretary, with Rep. Dan Glickman the likely choice, officials said Wednesday.

The White House hopes to quickly replace Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, who resigned effective Dec. 31 under an ethical cloud. Glickman, upset in the November midterm elections, is favored by Clinton, according to one White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"He's pretty much made up his mind," the official said of Clinton, "but he hasn't dotted the last 'i' yet."

Time is running out if Clinton plans to meet a staff-suggested Christmas deadline for the new Cabinet member. Aides said he could announce his choice as early as Thursday, although the appointment could just as easily slip into next year.

The president has other jobs to think about, too. Among them:

-- Press secretary: Dee Dee Myers' last day is Thursday. State Department spokesman Michael McCurry is expected to replace her.

-- National Economic Council chairman: Clinton's current top economic aide, Robert Rubin, is his

nominee for Treasury Secretary. Clinton had planned to move Deputy White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles into Rubin's job, but aides say he likes Bowles where he is now.

-- Political director: The incumbent, Joan Baggett, departs Dec. 31. Veteran party operative Doug Sosnick is the favorite to replace her. If Clinton decides instead to give Sosnick a post with the Democratic National Committee, Clinton-Gore campaign veteran Debbie Wilhite could get the White House job.

-- Party chairman: Outgoing Tennessee Gov. Ned McWherter was mentioned as a candidate, but he appeared to take himself out of the running after a visit with Clinton last week. The candidate mentioned most often is Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd, who narrowly lost a bid to become Senate minority leader.

-- Surgeon general: Clinton fired his old friend, Arkansas native Joycelyn Elders, effective Dec. 31 after she said children should be taught about masturbation in schools. Clinton is not close to replacing her.

In the Agriculture search, Glickman and Deputy Secretary Richard E. Rominger were Clinton's top candidates. Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, the 14-year chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, also was under serious consideration.

Hereford throws public welcome party for PSF

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

The Hereford community was "hog wild" Wednesday afternoon when about 425 interested citizens gathered at the HEDC administration building to hear the news.

With members of the Hereford High School Band playing, cheerleaders chanting out "victory yells" for PSF, and even Santa Claus getting in on the act, the anticipated announcement was made: Premium Standard Farms will locate its huge new pork processing plant near Hereford.

What many residents didn't know is that the negotiations on land options were not formalized until shortly before noon. The Brand did not report the location in Wednesday's paper because the article went to press before the site had been confirmed.

About four sections of land is under option for the project. The actual plant building is tentatively planned about four miles west on the Harrison highway and then almost two miles north.

The plant, expected to cost about \$65 million, will contain approximately 300,000 square feet of floor space. Engineering and design will take about six to eight months, with construction expected to start in the third quarter of 1995. The construction force will average 275 workers, with about 450 employed at the peak time.

County Judge Tom Simons served as emcee of the public and press conference Wednesday, and Mayor Bob Josseland joined him in welcoming the PSF officials to Hereford.

Making brief remarks on behalf of the company were John Stadler, president of Premium Standard Foods; Rick Anderson, vice president of construction; and Charlie Arnot, director of communications. Brian Paulsen, governmental liaison director, was also present.

Community acceptance does make a difference, Stadler and Arnot told the audience, adding that Hereford had given the company "a warm and fantastic welcome."

"We were evaluating five different sites," said Arnot, "and it narrowed to one quickly because of attitude, desire and willingness of the Hereford people to have us here."

The pep-rally type meeting included banners on the wall with

such signs as "Oinkers away, the start of a new adventure," "Beef and Pork, Moooving' in the Right Direction," and "Premium Standard Farms and Hereford, Porkfect Combination."

The HEDC has not presented a specific incentive package to the company, said Mike Hatley, executive director, but discussions are still in progress on infrastructure and a possible tax abatement plan.

Company officials and the HEDC board met with landowners around the site Wednesday morning at Hereford Community Center. Judge Simons said about 50 people attended the meeting, which he termed "a positive and informative session."

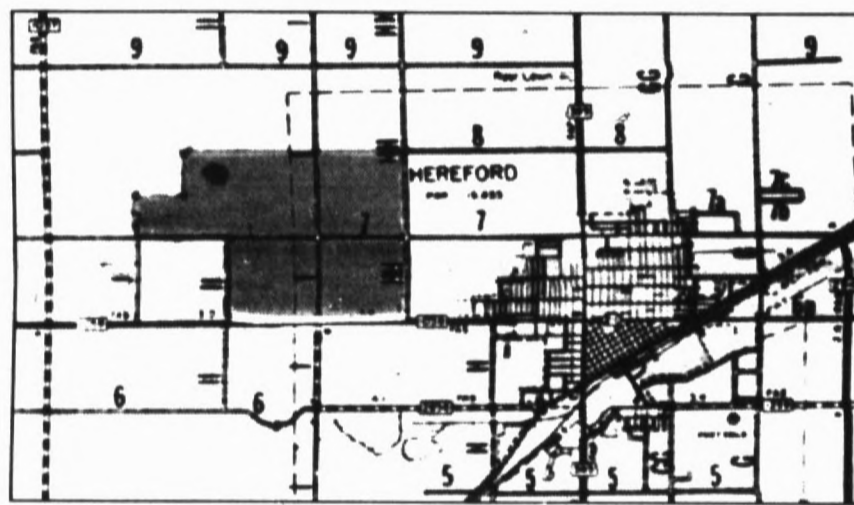
The HEDC had been actively pursuing the industrial development plan since August. PSF had earlier announced plans to build the plant to process hogs from its sow operations in the Dalhart area. Named as

prospects were Dalhart, Dumas, Amarillo, Hereford, and Clayton, N.M.

The new plant would be able to process about 7,000 hogs a day when in full operation. It is estimated that 500 to 800 persons would be employed at the facility, as well as providing approximately 100 jobs for truck drivers.

The new HEDC board, appointed following voter approval of a half-cent sales tax for economic development, is composed of Shirley Garrison, Don Graham, Cliff Skiles, Rosendo Gonzalez and Jerry Stevens.

PSF is a Missouri-based company which currently has approximately 1,100 employees and expects to have 1,500 by mid 1995 with a payroll exceeding \$35 million. It is currently in the process of expanding its sow operations in the Dalhart area, from 17,000 to an 80,000 capacity.



PSF plant location

The shaded area on this map shows the approximate four sections of land under option for the Premium Standard Farms pork processing project. The area starts two miles west of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The tentative site of the building is shown by a dark circle in the northwest portion of the tracts. It would be about four miles west and two miles north of the US-385 and Park Avenue intersection.

Economic growth on pace not seen in past six years

By JAMES H. RUBIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The economy grew at a robust 4 percent annual rate in the third quarter and is on a pace for its best performance in at least six years.

Despite rising interest rates intended to slow growth, the Commerce Department reported today that consumer spending remains strong. Personal spending combined with business investment and government outlays to lead the surge in the July-September quarter.

The gross domestic product, which measures all goods and services produced in the United States, was revised upward from a month-old estimate of a 3.9 percent rate. The slight increase, attributed largely to more spending by foreign travelers here, was in line with analysts' expectations.

Still, many are worried that the good times soon may end as interest rates climb even higher.

With both the Christmas shopping season and the year drawing to a close, economists predict the fourth quarter expansion also will be around a 4 percent rate.

If they are correct, that means the economy is on pace to at least equal the 3.9 percent advance of 1988. Any additional growth could mean the best performance since a 6.2 percent surge in 1984.

Separately, the Labor Department reported today that the number of Americans filing first-time claims for jobless benefits rose by 3,000 last week to the highest level in a month. The department said new applications

for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 326,000 during the week ended Dec. 17, up from 323,000 a week earlier.

The third quarter preceded the Federal Reserve's sixth boost this year in short-term interest rates. On Nov. 15, the Fed raised two key rates three-fourths of a percentage point, the biggest jump in 13 years.

The central bank, hoping to stifle inflation, is seeking to slow economic growth to about 2.5 percent. The economy grew at 4.1 percent rate in the second quarter on top of 3.1 percent in the first three months of 1994.

The Fed passed up the opportunity Tuesday to raise interest rates for a seventh time this year. The central bank's policy-making Federal Open Market Committee ended its last meeting of the year by deciding to leave rates unchanged, but analysts said another round of higher rates is all but certain early in the new year.

Today's data also showed that inflation, while still under control, was a bit higher in the third quarter than previously estimated. An inflation gauge tied to GDP was revised upward to 3 percent from 2.8 percent. The same gauge showed inflation at 2.9 percent in the second quarter.

The Commerce Department also reported that after-tax profits of U.S. corporations rose 2.5 percent in the third quarter, revised downward from an earlier 2.8 percent estimate, and compared to 7.3 percent the previous three months.

The department said the economy's annual rate of growth was

\$52.9 billion in the third quarter, with consumer spending accounting for half the increase or \$26.9 billion. In the second quarter, consumer spending was up \$11.5 billion.

Outlays were higher across the board - with Americans buying more big-ticket goods such as cars and appliances as well as spending more for food, fuel and services.

Business investment increased \$22.1 billion in the July-September quarter, compared to \$14.3 billion the previous three months. Government outlays - most of it military spending - rose \$8.8 billion after declining \$7 billion in the second quarter.

Sales of all goods surged 4.3 percent in the third quarter, rising \$55.1 billion, compared to 1.5 percent the previous three months.

But the Commerce Department said the rapid increase in inventory buildup in the second quarter slowed in the third quarter and thus made a negative contribution to GDP.

Net exports continued to decline in the third quarter, but not as rapidly as the previous three months. Exports were revised upward by \$3.8 billion from the government's earlier estimate, with most of the increase from foreigners traveling in the United States.

Beginning in February, the Federal Reserve reversed its five-year course of lower or stable short-term interest rates. It has pushed the federal funds rate that banks charge each other from 3 percent to 5.5 percent and raised the discount rate it charges member banks to 4.75 percent.

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Local Roundup

No White Christmas

Continuing mild weather, Hereford's high temperature Wednesday was 62 degrees. Low Thursday morning dipped to 23 degrees. The forecast for Thursday night is mostly clear with a low in the 20-25-degree range while the high Friday will be in the mid-50s, under partly cloudy skies. Through the remainder of the weekend, including Christmas Day, skies will be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 30s and highs 50-55, cooling to the mid-40s to 50 Monday.

News Digest

World/Nation

PANMUNJOM, Korea - North Korea today hands over the body of an American pilot who died when his helicopter went down in the communist country last week, and U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson says the surviving pilot "will return shortly."

BOSTON - Convincing people to avoid overuse of Tylenol and other brands of acetaminophen could reduce the cases of kidney failure in the United States by 10 percent and cut medical bills by \$700 million a year, a study today concludes.

NEW YORK - Police investigating a firebomb that detonated on a crowded subway were waiting to question a critically injured passenger found wandering with his pants scorched off to the knee.

WASHINGTON - President Clinton has a list of appointments to make that's getting as long as his Christmas list - including an agriculture secretary and a surgeon general. He's likely to start filling some slots this week and let others slide through the holidays.

WASHINGTON - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is abandoning a plan to hike grazing fees on federal rangeland, marking a bitter defeat for the Clinton administration's effort to reform public land policies. The reversal is seen as evidence of the political clout of western lawmakers in the new Republican-led Congress.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - A deep snow aids efforts toward a Christmas truce, turning roads into quagmires and bogging down the Serbs' heavy equipment. A top U.N. official travels to Sarajevo and then the Bosnian Serb headquarters of Pale today to cement arrangements for a truce beginning Friday.

GROZNY, Russia - Relying on air power as its soldiers struggle against outgunned Chechen rebels, Russia bombed Chechnya's capital today in its heaviest attack yet, setting an oil refinery on fire.

State

McALLEN - Guillermo Gonzalez Calderoni, an ex-commander of Mexico's national narcotics unit, has been relieved of his greatest fear - returning to Mexico to face torture charges. A U.S. judge on Wednesday refused Mexico's extradition request, ruling that there wasn't probable cause to believe he participated in torture that occurred at a Mexico City police station in January 1990.

DALLAS - Two federal officers fired for not calling off last year's ill-fated raid on David Koresh and his well-armed followers are back on the payroll.

UNDATED - Gov.-elect George Bush says a new federally mandated vehicle emissions testing program scheduled to begin next month is "too onerous and inconvenient for Texans."

FORT WORTH - A Methodist minister who gave up the pulpit of the city's largest Methodist church amid allegations of sexual harassment will not give up his ministerial credentials, his lawyer says.

HUNTSVILLE - A Texas prison inmate was driving a van that struck a motorist's pickup and killed the truck's driver, officials say.

AUSTIN - The conviction and death sentence of a man found guilty in the sawed-off shotgun slaying of a Plano liquor store clerk has been overturned because of an error on his written confession.

AMARILLO - A cattle group's forecast for 1995 expresses guarded optimism for the beef industry after a year in which prices plunged and competition mounted from pork and poultry.

LAWTON, Okla. - A Texas-based traveling perfume peddler remains jailed without bond after being charged with first-degree murder in the death of a Lawton arts and civic activist.

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico - Hundreds of police and soldiers have moved into a mountain town that rebels briefly seized earlier this week, raising fears of renewed clashes.

ABILENE - Stephen Faulkner can't talk and can barely walk, but he's alive. That alone means Christmas will be a happy one this year at the Faulkner home. Stephen Faulkner is the good Samaritan who stopped to assist a stranded motorist June 7. When a jack slipped, he was pinned under a trailer-load of used tires for several critical minutes. "He didn't breathe for a while," said his mother.

Bush wants vehicle testing delayed

Calls emissions program 'onerous and inconvenient'

By The Associated Press
Gov.-elect George Bush says a new federally mandated vehicle emissions testing program scheduled to begin next month is "too onerous and inconvenient for Texans."

Bush made the comment Wednesday after meeting privately with two of the state's top environmental officials. He expressed reservations about the program, joining a growing number of state officials who want the testing program changed.

Bush urged the officials to consider the possibility of canceling the testing company's contract and delaying the program that is now scheduled to begin in January.

"The governor-elect hasn't ruled anything out," Bush's spokesman Reggie Bashur told reporters, describing the contract cancellation and program delay as part of the "universe of options" Bush wants considered.

"The governor-elect believes the

program in its current form is too onerous and inconvenient for Texans," Bashur said. "The governor wants to see alternatives that will provide more flexibility and convenience. He opposes the program in its current form."

Ironically the testing was established by amendments to the Clean Air Act signed by then-President George Bush. The states are required to establish programs to test vehicle emissions once every two years in polluted areas.

Texas has four such regions - Houston-Galveston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Beaumont-Port Arthur and El Paso. Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Longview have borderline air quality and could be added to the program if pollution levels rise.

Spokesman Ed Clark of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission said that although the

agency is pursuing options, the start-up date remains unchanged.

Just last week, the federal Environmental Protection Agency said that it is re-evaluating the requirement for centralized test centers and that it will allow states flexibility in meeting clean-air standards.

Clark emphasized that federal authorities have the final say.

"It may be a month or two before the EPA issues guidelines on what they mean by flexibility," he said.

The governor-elect asked John Hall, the commission's chairman, and executive director Dan Pearson to give him a list of options "as soon as possible."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock is also concerned about the program and wants the EPA to loosen restrictions, Bullock's spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, has called for the contract with Tejas

Testing Technology to be canceled and criticizing commission officials.

"Tejas Testing is a group of speculators that came to Texas to make millions of dollars from an ill-conceived, unreasonable and abusive testing program," Whitmire said in a statement Tuesday. "They should not be rewarded. It's not the job of TNRCC officials to see that they recoup their investment."

Whitmire said the Legislature, which will convene Jan. 10, can suspend or cancel the \$100 million contract without liability to the state. He pledged to pass legislation to do that, adding, "This program should be killed."

A representative of Tejas, based in Sunnyvale, Calif., declined to respond directly to Whitmire's comments.

"We're doing our best to do what we can to make any accommodations," Kelli Dickerson said.



Hereford residents hold pep rally

About 425 interested citizens turned out for a press conference and public meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. to hear Premium Standard Farms announce Hereford as the site for a giant pork processing

facility. The plant will bring about 500 jobs, as well as other related business. The construction is expected to start in the third quarter of 1995 and be completed in about a year.

Newly-released Kennedy tapes tell new story of Congressional '62 advice to invade Cuba

By JON MARCUS
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) - Congressional leaders privately urged President Kennedy to invade Cuba at the outset of the Cuban missile crisis, newly released White House tapes show.

"We've got to take a chance somewhere, sometime, if we're going to retain our position as a great world power," Sen. Richard Russell, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, advised Kennedy as the world came to the brink of nuclear war in 1962.

Kennedy deflected the Georgia Democrat by reassuring him that troops were being massed for an invasion but would not be ready for at least a week.

Minutes later, the president went on television to announce a different tactic: a blockade against ships bound for Cuba with offensive weapons.

The president had learned only hours earlier that a U.S. air strike would be less than 100 percent effective against the missiles and that

a ground invasion could take months.

Four days later, on Oct. 26 - after the United States had secretly pledged to remove NATO missiles in Turkey - the Soviets agreed to remove any offensive weapons in Cuba, and the crisis was defused.

The tapes, released Wednesday after being kept secret for more than 32 years, cover two meetings held Oct. 22, 1962, about a week after aerial reconnaissance photos first revealed a Soviet medium-range missile site under construction in Cuba.

More than 500 tactical fighter planes already were massed in Florida by Oct. 22, and tracking stations were being turned around to spy on Cuba.

Kennedy had learned in a separate meeting with his National Security Council earlier the same day that some Cuban missiles could survive a U.S. air strike and be used against American targets.

"It looked like we would have all the difficulties of Pearl Harbor and not finish the job," he said.

Kennedy shared this news with Russell and other congressional

committee chairmen hours later. They insisted it was time to fight.

"Seems to me, we're either a first-class power or we're not," said Russell, a Navy veteran and two-time candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. "You have warned these people ... they can't say they're not on notice. If we temporize in this situation, I don't see how we can ever hope to find a place where we are in complete justification."

Kennedy deferred to his secretary of defense, Robert McNamara, who said a quarantine might also satisfy the senator's demand for military confrontation.

"This operation obviously is going to lead to the application of military force," McNamara said. "It's entirely possible that the first Soviet ship hailed will attempt to penetrate the quarantine."

But Sen. J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called a quarantine the worst of all possible actions, because "an attack on a Russian ship is really an act of war against Russia. It is not an act of war

against Russia to attack Cuba." Fulbright advocated "an invasion, and an all-out one, as quickly as possible."

Kennedy argued that the Soviets would not stand by as an American invasion force was built up with designs on Cuba. Besides, McNamara said, there were at least 8,000 Soviet military advisers there.

"We can't invade Cuba," Kennedy said. "It takes us some while to assemble our force to invade Cuba. That's one of the problems we've got."

The briefings were recorded by microphones hidden behind wall sconces in the Cabinet room.

Three hours of Cuban missile crisis tapes were declassified in July. Of the two more hours released on Wednesday, 48 seconds were deleted by the NSC on grounds of national security. Much of the material released already has been chronicled in participants' notes and memoirs.

Ten more hours of secret tape recordings from the crisis still are under review.



TEC award

Don Nicholson, left, regional volunteer service coordinator for the Texas Employment Commission, presents a certificate of appreciation to Teresa Cisneros here on Tuesday while Suzanne Finch, right, manager of the Hereford TEC office, looks on. Cisneros was honored for attaining 250 volunteer hours at the TEC office through her participation in the Motivation Education Training program, which helps her upgrade her work and office skills in preparation for obtaining permanent employment. The program, Nicholson said, is a pilot project begun in April and has about 20 participants in the Amarillo region. Cisneros is the only one here, but others interested in participating may call Finch at 364-8600 or Nicholson at 358-7481.

Police, Sheriff, Fire, Emergency Calls

Thursday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE
-- Harassment was reported in the 200 block of Avenue I and in the 500 block of Westhaven.

-- Civil disturbance was reported at U.S. 60 and Park Avenue.

-- Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Irving and in the 500 block of Avenue G.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Irving, where a vehicle window was broken.

-- Theft was reported in the 1100 block of West Park, where a purse was stolen, and in the 300 block of Elm, where a bike was taken.

-- Officers issued seven traffic citations.

-- There were two accidents.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
-- A 28-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended.

-- A 25-year-old female was arrested on out-of-county warrants on for violation of probation in Deaf Smith County.

-- A 32-year-old male was arrested on DPS warrants.
-- Child abuse was reported.

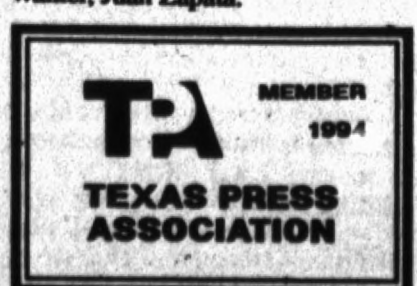
FIRE DEPARTMENT
-- Firefighters were called out at

5 p.m. to a traffic accident at Fifth and McKinley.

EMS
-- Ambulances on Wednesday responded on one transfer to Amarillo, one medical run, one trauma run and one no-transport.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
Bessie Bridges, Peggy Clark, Elisabeth Click, Teofilo Estrada, Chelsey Fox, Inf. Boy Gamez, Melissa Gamez, Howard Griffin, Jewell Hargrave, Jimmy Hodge.
Lula McCabe, Marjorie Mims, Margaret Moffett, Rita Perez, Sadie Shaw, Geraldine Skypala, Olli Mae Walker, Juan Zapata.



TEXAS LOTTERY

By The Associated Press
No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$3 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 8, 24, 44, 45, and 46.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$10 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

4-0-8 (four, zero, eight)

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Lifestyles

Having a holiday party for under \$20 Well, maybe a little more if you go overboard on wine



The family that bakes together—has fun together!

Junior Historians close year at Christmas party meeting

Junior Historians enjoyed a Christmas Party recently as their last group activity of the year. Members and sponsors, Carolyn Waters and Deidra Drake, met at the Community Center for an evening of games which included Wink-Um, Spin the Bottle, Jenga and Nerf-ball Football; refreshments and gift exchange.

Those members attending the party were Laurie Gilbert, Laura Ontiveros, Josh Rowe, Daniel Edwards, Mark Shakocius, Sarah Freethy, Jennie Artho, Krista Warren, Kristan Kimbell, Bryan Parrack, Lance Pennington, Matt Lusk, Justin Landrum, Heath Henderson, Kris Friel, Michael Hall, Jason Brumbalow, Connie Garcia, Valerie Galan, Ruby Barrett, Paul Garcia, Robin Bell, Carey Lyles, Matthew Irish, Gabriel Ramirez, Jerry Baird, Mark Williamson, Joseph Gonzales, Emily Parker, Emily Fry,

Emily Curtis, Lisa Riley, Natalia Garcia, Jessica Wuerflein.

A review of activities that Junior historians were involved in includes work on History Fair projects, the patriotic float for the Homecoming Parade, installation of officers and introduction of the Commemorative Community Committee for the anniversary of WW II activities and research on WW II.

Plans for the new year will involve members in more WW II activities with museum work, research, history fairs and a reception for veterans. A field trip to view old buildings in Hereford and how some have been restored and/or are still in use. They will also visit the POW Camp and set up interviews with veterans of all wars. There will be other activities planned as the need and interest arises.

Legion, Auxiliary hold Yule dinner

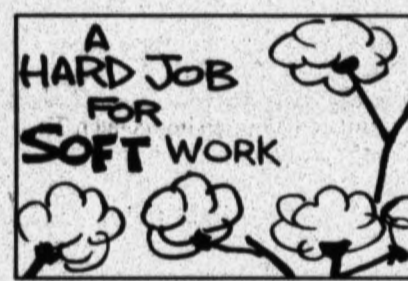
Post 192 of the American Legion and Auxiliary met recently for their annual Christmas dinner. Thirty-three members were in attendance.

The new members recognized were Robert and Nadine Lance and Clarence and Kay Behrends.

Everyone was asked to recall where they were on Pearl Harbor Day.

The next meeting will be Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. with a covered dish dinner.

The Brand welcomes news of friends, relatives, grandkids. Send to The Brand, Box 673, or call us. We're interested in local news!



Texas is the nation's top cotton-producing state.

By SHEILA TAYLOR WELLS
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas - How to have the best holiday party ever for under \$20. (Well, maybe a little more than that. Actually, it's probably closer to \$200, if you go overboard on the wine, but there's no call to be a showoff.)

Pick a date as close to the end of the holiday season as possible. You want people to be tired of all those parties, the open houses, too much rich food, too much alcohol, glitter, noise and crowds, so they will better savor this low-key, charming evening.

Invite, oh, somewhere between six and 10 people whom you really, really love and who really, really love you back. They may be any age and need not have anything in common but you. DO NOT include business or social obligations. If you have a grown child and/or a single friend who meets the above requirements, you may invite either's Heart's Delight, even if you do not yet really, really love the Heart's Delight and vice versa. This being the season of good will, let's assume that one day you will.

Fix one huge pot of something. It's all you need. Remember, it's the peak of the holidays. People will be so impressed you're doing anything at all, they won't be picky about not having a five-course banquet. Chili is fine, if that's your thing. So are beans-and-rice, pasta and stew - especially Frugal Gourmet's lamb and artichoke version. So is any good soup. I usually do either a green-chile stew or the Kimball Art Museum Buffet's green-chile-and-rice soup. Both are hits, except with my neighbor Claire, who says they're too hot, but then, she is very tender-palated.

Buy a loaf of French bread or a reasonable facsimile and set out a tub of - hold on, now - real butter. This is a party. Hang the cholesterol.

Get salad fixings. The spring mix from Roy Pope is especially tasty. Cut up some fruit, too, put it in a pretty bowl and squeeze a lemon over the whole thing. No dressing, please. No apples, either, because I don't like apples in my salad. No marshmallows, either. Just fruit. Got that?

couldn't be easier, couldn't be tastier. Invitee: "Oh, let me bring something!"

You: "Why, aren't you a sweetie to offer, and at such a busy time, too. Really, I can't think of a thing."

Invitee: "How about some of my Aunt Lizzie's cookies? I already have a couple of batches made up, anyway."

You: "Bring 'em on."

Let's see. What else? Beer and a hearty red to go with the hearty one-pot dish. White wine for the less-hearty. Soda, plain and pop. Oops. I forgot: Put out some fancy nuts, a hunk of good cheese or hummus and crackers for pre-dinner chatting, but don't do up a lot of intricate stuff. We're all tired of that kind of thing at this point, and besides, what you're having is a love-feast, not a feast-feast.

Set out cloth napkins, the good flatware and bowls big enough for your soup or stew. Pier 1 always has a fine selection of bowls, some of which are bound to go almost nicely with whatever plates you favor for the occasion.

Don't spend money on flowers right now. Remember, those seasonal bills will appear shortly, and besides, you may already have decorated your home, anyway. All you need to do is light candles and put them all over the place. All or any kinds: votive lights, fat beeswax candles, tapers... use 'em all.

Turn down the lights. Put on music, softly please. And have a lovely evening with these, the best friends you have in the world. Indeed, you'll probably want to do this again New Year's Eve. It's so much nicer than going out.

Here's a good recipe for soup from "Cotton Country Collection" (Bayeux Publications), the cookbook of the Junior League of Monroe, La.

OYSTER-ARTICHOKE SOUP

Serves 8
1 stick butter
2 bunches green onions
2 garlic cloves
3 cans (8-ounce) artichoke hearts
3 tablespoons flour
4 cans (14-1/2 ounce) chicken stock (homemade's better)
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 teaspoon anise seed
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
4 quart oysters, chopped
In a 4-quart heavy pot, melt butter and saute chopped green onions and garlic until soft. Wash and drain artichokes; cut each into four pieces and add to onions. Sprinkle with flour and stir to coat well. Do not brown.
Add chicken stock, red pepper, anise seed, salt and Worcestershire. Simmer for about 15 minutes. While mixture cooks, drain oysters, reserve the liquor and check oysters for shells.
To chop oysters, put in blender and without removing hand from switch, turn motor on and off twice. Add oysters and oyster liquor to pot; simmer for about 10 minutes. Do not boil. This soup improves with age. Make it at least 8 hours before serving. Refrigerate; reheat to serve. Keeps well for two to three days.
I also like to serve these two.

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Yields 6 cups
1 can diced Ro-Tel
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Chunk up cheese. Open can. Put in pot. Melt. If mixture's too thick, add Ro-Tel. If it's too thin, add cheese. Serve with Fritos for my grandmother's authenticity. Serve with tortilla chips otherwise. It's nice cold, too, if you spread it on crackers.

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If you don't have Mrs. Renfro's Green Salsa, I suppose you could use

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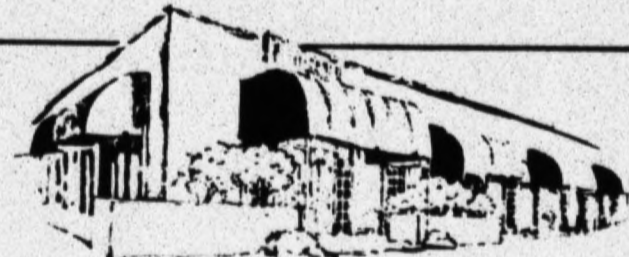
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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I appreciated your column about how people can protect themselves against scams. You gave some good advice about what to do before one takes the bait, but I can tell you that absolutely nothing gets accomplished by calling the local or state attorney general, the Better Business Bureau, a local consumer protection agency or even the FBI after you've been ripped off. All they do is "register" the complaint (write it down somewhere) so other people can find out about it.

These agencies do nothing once you've been had. I learned this the hard way. I was taken by a travel scam that promised rock-bottom cheap tickets to Florida. I wrote and called all these agencies and complained. Each agency referred me to another agency, which referred me to yet another agency. The final stop was the FBI, which said it was "investigating." It has been four years now, and all they say is that they are compiling information. Meanwhile, the company that cheated me is still in business, ripping off Lord only knows how many others.

It would be nice if there was an agency that helped you get your money back or at least went after these crooks and put them in jail where they belong. If any options exist for people like me, I would sure like to know about it, and I'll bet other readers would, too.--A trusting Fool on Long Island

DEAR TRUSTING: You are right. Most of the agencies only keep records. They do not have the authority to go after and nail the shifty operators. Also, the wording on most of those sleazy offers is carefully (and cleverly) crafted in a way that keeps the operators one step ahead of the sheriff. I find this indefensible and outrageous.

Again, I suggest that people who feel gypped write to Call for Action for help with consumer problems. Send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and Call for Action will send back instructions on how to get in touch

with the nearest affiliate. The address is: Call for Action, 3400 Idaho Ave., N.W., Suite 101, Dept. AL, Washington, D.C. 20016. (P.S. If this suggestion yields any positive results, I want to hear about it.)

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My father was very abusive to my mother and me when he was drunk, which was most of the time.

When I graduated from high school, I left home. My mother left soon after. My father said he wanted nothing more to do with me even though I'd never gotten into any kind of trouble. I sent him occasional birthday cards but was afraid to visit him. He never contacted me.

Recently, he died, and I went back to attend his funeral. My mother attended, also. The problem is that my

brother, "Len," is furious that we showed up after staying away for so many years. Granted, our father wasn't quite as cruel to Len. But Len saw enough to understand why we left.

Other relatives have tried talking with Len. He now says if we attended the funeral, we should not have sat with the family. Actually, Ann, we took our instructions from the funeral director. Did we do the wrong thing?--Tom Up

DEAR T.U.: Not in my opinion. I see no reason for you or your mother to be concerned about what Len thinks. Who gave him the right to tell you and your mother where you should sit? Write it off to frayed nerves and let it go at that.

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Owners deadline tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tonight is the deadline owners have set for either a deal or an imposed salary cap, and prospects of a settlement are so slim that the owners and players aren't even sure they'll meet.

With the owners set to impose a salary cap at 12:01 a.m. Friday, union leader Donald Fehr said late Wednesday night that he couldn't say whether there would be any negotiating sessions with the owners before then.

"We don't know what's going to happen," Fehr admitted.

The last meeting was Tuesday night, when Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris spent three fruitless hours trying to come up with ways around the major stumbling blocks: a payroll tax and revenue sharing.

"There was nothing that came out of that meeting that suggested a path to a breakthrough," Fehr said Wednesday after parties on both sides spent the day meeting amongst themselves, using mediator Bill Usery as a go-between.

"We're doing everything we can to keep it going," Usery said late Wednesday, "but it's tough."

"I don't think we've gone backward," Philadelphia Phillies co-general partner Dave Montgomery said. "We feel we haven't gone forward."

How bleak is the outlook as the clock ticks down?

Not only are no meetings slated, but both sides are even disagreeing on whose turn it is to come up with a proposal.

"Hopefully they are still working on something to give us on the issue that concerns us," Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten said. "We did not get that Monday. We did not get that Tuesday. We have not gotten that today."

Fehr said that wasn't true, claiming the owners just didn't like the proposals players were making.

"The notion that they did not get a counterproposal from us this week is wrong," Fehr said. "The owners seem to be reluctant to address any of the issues players have raised."

"There was ... an absence of drama. Just a lot of posturing," said Toronto Blue Jays designated hitter Paul Molitor, who left Wednesday evening. "It's kind of ironic. They extend the deadline a week and take three days to get here."

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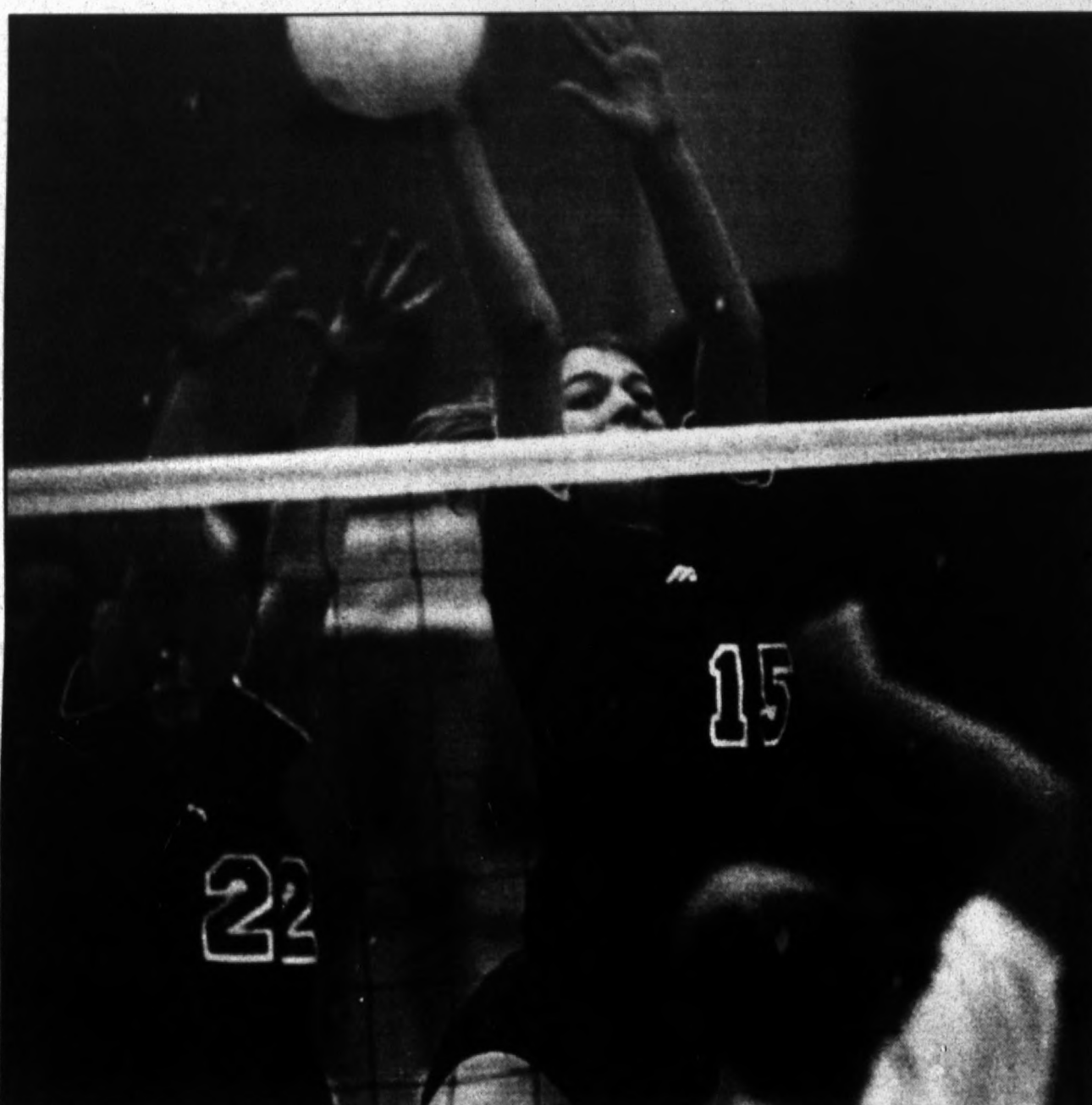
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All-state volleyball players

Hereford's Danielle Cornelius No. 15 at right, was honored on Wednesday with her selections to the Texas Sports Writers Association's 1994 all-state volleyball team. Cornelius, a 6-1 sophomore middle blocker, was a Class 4A first-team selection. Brittney Binder, No. 22, a junior setter, earned honorable mention on the Class 4A list. They are shown combining for a block attempt in a game Sept. 17 against Pampa.

Tigers, Minnesota going opposite directions

By The Associated Press
Texas Southern won its fourth consecutive game and Minnesota lost its third in a row.

Neither fact is much of a shock except that they played each other Wednesday night, and the Tigers' convincing 71-50 victory was at Williams Arena, the home of the 16th-ranked Golden Gophers.

"It was a big win for us," Texas Southern coach Robert Moreland said. "At the half, we knew that it was possible for us to win the game. This team has started to gather a little respect with their performance so far this season."

The Tigers (7-2) won at New Mexico earlier in the year to open some eyes, and they won the Southwestern Athletic Conference to advance to last season's NCAA tournament.

"If we play as well as we can play, it still would be a dogfight," Minnesota coach Clem Haskins said. "They've got a pretty good ballclub. They were in postseason play last year. I think my players tried - we missed a few shots and after that we got tense."

Saying Minnesota (6-3) missed a few shots got Haskins nominated for understatement of the month. The Gophers missed 30 in the first half as they trailed 29-14 at halftime, and 52 in the game, which was their third straight loss after falling to Cincinnati at home and at California last week.

"We just shot the ball horrible. You can't beat (anybody) shooting 20 percent in the first half," Minnesota forward Jayson Walton said. "But we can't feel sorry for ourselves. The sun's going to come up tomorrow." In other games involving ranked

teams Wednesday night it was No. 3 Arkansas 97, Florida A&M 57; Jacksonville 68, No. 8 Florida 67; and No. 24 California 89, No. 13 Cincinnati 76.

Minnesota's only lead of the night was 10-9, and the Tigers went on a 20-4 run from there. Minnesota's last points of the first half came with 6:30 to play.

The Gophers finished 7-for-37 (19 percent) from the field in the first half and 21-for-73 (29 percent) for the game.

"It was awful cold out there," Haskins said.

Kevin Granger had 29 points to lead the Tigers, while Townsend Orr topped the Gophers with 11.

Gary Player of South Africa won each of the Grand Slam golf tournaments at least once.

Binder gets honorable mention

Cornelius named to all-state team

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor
Hereford volleyball player Danielle Cornelius was honored Wednesday when she was named to the Class 4A first team all-state volleyball team.

Brittney Binder also was honored with an honorable mention on the 4A team.

Hereford was the only 4A team in the Panhandle to have any players named to any all-state team.

Miss Cornelius was the only sophomore named to the 1994 all-state volleyball team, which was selected by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Miss Binder, Cornelius' teammate on the Lady Whitefaces 28-7 varsity team, was named honorable mention by the TSWA.

Cornelius is the only area 4A player named to the all-state team,

while Binder was the only area player given honorable mention.

No area players were named to the all-state second team.

Having the only all-state volleyball players in the Panhandle, said head coach Brenda Reeh, puts the Lady Whitefaces in an enviable position next year.

"There's not many other teams who will have this opportunity to have such a good setter along with hitters the caliber of Danielle," Reeh said. "It builds confidence between the setter and the hitter" and expands the offensive possibilities of the team.

Reeh said the announcement Wednesday night caught her by surprise.

"It was great. I was really thrilled," Reeh said. "Thrilled for these kids and for the group of kids."

She said both girls have outstanding. (See CORNELIUS, Page 5)

If a kid doesn't have a place to go, he could end up going nowhere.



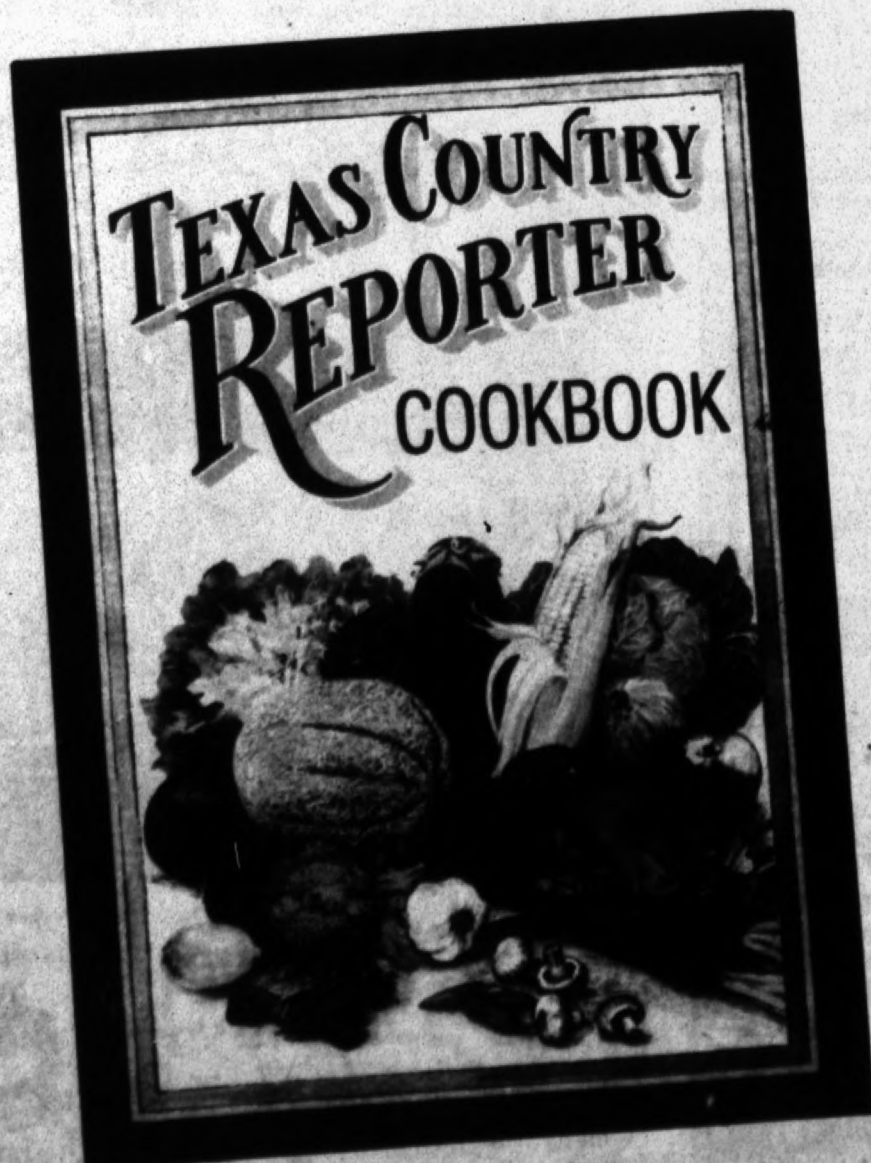
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Shaq, Robinson differ at free throw line

By WENDY E. LANE
AP Sports Writer

Shaquille O'Neal and David Robinson, early season favorites for league MVP, have been tearing up opposing defenses all season.

While O'Neal has led the Orlando Magic to the best record in the NBA, the return of Dennis Rodman to the Spurs has helped Robinson spur San Antonio to a five-game winning streak.

The big difference between the two? Free-throw shooting.

Robinson can hit his, O'Neal can't. "I'm trying my hardest, but I can't have everything," O'Neal said. "I can't have the looks, the rapping ability and the scoring ability - AND shoot the free throws. But I'm going

to hit 'em one day."

O'Neal, the NBA's leading scorer, had 32 points and 10 rebounds Wednesday night in the Magic's 102-91 win over the Los Angeles Clippers. But he missed 11 of 15 free throws and is 34-for-88 in his last seven games.

Robinson, who had 34 points and seven rebounds as the Spurs beat Denver 111-97, was 16-for-18 from the line. He's shooting 79 percent for the season.

Against the Nuggets, San Antonio hit 33 of 36 free throws. The Magic, meanwhile, is the worst free-throw shooting team in the league at 65 percent, dragged down by O'Neal's 54 percent.

In other games, it was New Jersey

117, Detroit 99; Miami 122, Milwaukee 112 in double overtime; and Indiana 107, Chicago 99.

Thanks to Armon Gilliam, New Jersey is surviving without Derrick Coleman.

Gilliam, who took his place in the starting lineup after the Nets forward injured his hand, scored a season-high 27 points as the Nets beat Detroit.

Chris Morris also added a season-high 22 points, Benoit Benjamin had 18 and Kenny Anderson added a season-high 17 assists and 11 points as the host Nets won three in a row for the first time this season. The last two victories have been with Coleman sidelined with a lacerated hand.

Terry Mills had 25 points and rookie Grant Hill 23 as the injury-ravaged Pistons lost for the eighth time in 11 games. Detroit, which already had Mark West, Oliver Miller and Lindsey Hunter sidelined, was without guard Joe Dumars because of a sore Achilles.

Heat 122, Bucks 112, 2 OT
Bimbo Coles missed two potential game-winning shot, but made up for it in the second overtime as Miami defeated Milwaukee.

Coles, who missed shots at the buzzer at the end of regulation and again in the first overtime, scored 10 of his 22 points in the second overtime. He scored five straight points for a 107-105 lead, but a 3-pointer by Glenn Robinson gave the

Bucks a 108-107 advantage with 2:52 remaining.

Miami put the game out of reach by scoring the next eight points.

Glen Rice scored 30 points, while Kevin Willis had 29 and a season-high 24 rebounds.

Vin Baker had 26 points, Todd Day 25 and Robinson 21 for Milwaukee, which has lost 13 of its last 15 games and nine in a row on the road.

Pacers 107, Bulls 99
Rik Smits scored 25 points as Indiana held Chicago under 100 points for the fifth straight game.

Chicago, which had won eight straight in Market Square Arena, was led by B.J. Armstrong with a season-high 27 points. Scottie Pippen was sidelined with stomach flu.

Reggie Miller had 18 points, but missed part of the third quarter after colliding with a camera under Chicago's basket. A cut above his right eye required two stitches.

Spurs 111, Nuggets 97
With a win at Denver, San Antonio won its fifth straight, all by double-figure margins.

Denver scored only 12 points in the final period, getting one basket in the final 6:16.

Vinny Del Negro added 20 points and Avery Johnson 19 for the Spurs, who also got 14 rebounds from Dennis Rodman.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf came off the bench to pace Denver with 21 points.

Magic 102, Clippers 91
O'Neal scored 12 points in the fourth quarter as Orlando finished a 3-1 road trip by beating the Clippers.

O'Neal scored Orlando's only seven points in the first 3:47 of the fourth quarter.

Nick Anderson added 19 points for the Magic, including five 3-pointers, while Horace Grant had 17 points and 13 rebounds. Lamond Murray led the Clippers with 18 points.

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Giants don't see 'Pokes struggling

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - All this talk about the struggling Dallas Cowboys has George Henshaw and everyone else connected with the New York Giants offense a bit confused.

They have to go up against the Cowboys' defense in a must-win game Saturday and so far they haven't found anything wrong with it. Absolutely nothing.

"Their defense is playing extremely well right now," Henshaw, the Giants' offensive coordinator, said Wednesday. "They scored two touchdowns the other night, and New Orleans did some nice things."

Henshaw has nothing but bad memories of the Giants' 38-10 loss to the Cowboys on Nov. 7, New York's worst regular-season setback in terms of point margin since 1980. A late touchdown pass by backup quarterback Kent Graham prevented an even bigger blowout.

The Giants, whose offense is

ranked worst in the league, gained a season-low 188 yards, with just 55 coming on the ground. Quarterback Dave Brown also had his worst game of the season, hitting 4 of 17 passes for 56 yards before being benched in the second half.

"As far as being a total defense, they might be the best we'll see all season," Brown said.

The statistics support that. The Cowboys, who have given up one touchdown or less in 17 of their last 31 regular-season games, are ranked second in defense in terms of yards allowed (270.9 yards per game) and third in scoring defense (233 points).

"It's a group that has stayed healthy all year," Giants center Brian Williams said. "They play well as far as techniques and the main thing is there are no individuals playing over their head. It's a unit."

While the Giants offense still hasn't found a way to move the ball consistently this year, it has found a way to make the big plays in its current five-game winning streak.

Four of the games have been won in the final minute. A big part of the improvement has been Brown, who has cut down on his mistakes. He threw 10 of his 16 interceptions during a seven-game losing streak but only four in the current winning streak.

"I'm not sure how much improvement he's made," Henshaw said. "He has certainly made some improvement. He is much better with his eyes than he was in the first game. There is also a lot of experience that has taken place since the first game."

Brown, who was benched for a game after the loss to Dallas, has been particularly effective in the two-minute drills, with New York scoring on its last five over the past three games.

"I think when Dave plays better everybody plays better," Williams said. "He's not making as many mistakes and the offensive line may be giving him a little longer as far as pass protection, and I think that's helped him a lot. I think his confi-

dence has risen because of that and that just makes him play better."

The Giants can't afford a letdown in the final game of the regular season. They have to beat Dallas and Tampa Bay to make the playoffs.

Henshaw said with a team as talented as Dallas, one mistake can spell the difference.

"When you play a team like Dallas, there is a fine line of not wanting to turn the ball over and yet you have to be aggressive enough to make plays," he said. "If you're not aggressive enough, you can't make anything positive happen and you can't win the game."

The Giants have to find a way to walk that line and hope they get some help from Tampa Bay if they want their season to continue.

"Of course, we're all going to turn it up a notch, not just because it's Dallas, but we have a chance to go to the playoffs," Williams said. "This right here is our season. If we win, we have hope."

Aikman to Emmitt: Don't play Saturday

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

- Troy Aikman doesn't want Emmitt Smith to play against the New York Giants in the Dallas Cowboys' regular-season finale if the running back is putting personal goals ahead of the team.

Smith, who pulled his left hamstring Monday night against New Orleans, wants to at least make a token appearance in Saturday's game at Giants Stadium just to keep alive his 82-game streak of not missing a

game because of injury.

Smith also comes into Saturday's game two touchdowns shy of John Riggins' NFL single-season record of 24, and that might be a tempting target.

But Aikman, in a telephone conference call with the New York-area media, was emphatic that the Cowboys' goal is to win a third straight Super Bowl and a healthy Smith is vital.

"I really don't know what his

status is," Aikman said, when asked if he expected Smith to play this weekend. "I would hate to see him try to come back for any individual reasons, and put the team's future at risk going into the playoffs."

"Having said that I don't know how his hamstring is going to feel come game time," Aikman added.

Cowboys coach Barry Switzer again seemed to change his position on Smith's playing status. The first-year coach said Monday night that Smith probably would not play Saturday, but he indicated Tuesday Smith would have a say in whether he played.

Switzer said Wednesday that Smith was somewhat better but that the coaching staff will determine whether he plays.

"We're going to make that decision, not him," Switzer said. "Right today, he can't play. He is in the training room getting treated. We went out and did a walk through at 11 o'clock and he was not out there. We only have two days to prepare and two days to practice, and he's not going to be out there."

Switzer acknowledged that Smith has had miraculous recoveries, and has been able to play with tremendous pain. Last year, he played with a separated shoulder in the final game and led the Cowboys to a 16-13 overtime win that gave them the NFC East title

"This type of injury is different than the one he played the Giants with a year ago," Switzer said. "It affects the wheels and I don't see how he can be a factor in this game. I think he is very questionable and I don't see how he can play."

If Smith doesn't play, former Jet Blair Thomas will replace him and Lincoln Coleman will be his backup. Some Giants still expect Smith to play.

"I know Emmitt," Giants linebacker Corey Miller said. "He's close to breaking John Riggins' record. My anticipation is he'll play, even if it's on the 1-yard line, he's going to come in there. The guy definitely makes that team click."

The durable Jim Marshall, a defensive end, played a record 19 seasons with one club, the Vikings.

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ing work ethics and "are great team players."

Combine the two qualities, Reeh said, and "they really provide a great deal as far as our success is concerned."

Miss Cornelius, a 6-1 middle blocker helped the Lady Whitefaces advance to the 1-4A finals this year with 350 kills -- an average of eight per game -- and a .508 hitting percentage.

Miss Binder, a 5-6 junior setter, ended the season with 567 assists and a .934 serving percentage.

This was the first year Miss Binder played on varsity, Reeh said. Last year she was setter for the junior varsity team.

Miss Cornelius is a two-year veteran of the varsity, having played as a freshman as well.

The experience, Reeh said, will serve the team well next year.

"With her (Miss Cornelius') experience she's gained as a freshman and sophomore, I look for her to become phenomenal," Reeh said, adding that there are few players Miss Cornelius goes up against that she comes out the loser.

"She's on the road to becoming an absolute force against teams we'll be playing."

Reeh said her volleyball team is made up of a group of young ladies who are first and foremost concerned with team goals, and secondly with individual accomplishments.

Next year, she said, they would like to bring a state championship to Hereford and then attain individual honors.

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Accident victim alive makes holiday happy

By CAROL LACKEY
Abilene Reporter-News
ABILENE, Texas - Stephen Faulkner can't talk and can barely walk, but he's alive.

That alone means Christmas will be a happy one this year at the Faulkner home.

Stephen Faulkner is the good Samaritan who stopped to assist a stranded motorist June 7. When a jack slipped, he was pinned under a trailer-load of used tires for several critical minutes.

"He didn't breathe for a while," said his mother, Lynda Faulkner. He was in a coma for about two weeks, she said.

The only physical injury Stephen had was a cracked scapula. Because he was without oxygen for a while, however, Stephen's brain hasn't healed enough to let him function normally, Lynda said.

"He is improving daily, but it's just been very slow," she said. "I don't know if he'll ever be able to do everything he once could."

Stephen was a mechanic before the accident, which caused him to be hospitalized for 130 days.

"I don't know if he really realizes

a lot of what happened," his mother continued, telling about his short-term memory loss. "He remembers where he worked the day of the accident, but he still thinks he's 18 years old. He's 23."

Because of the damage to Stephen's brain, he must have round-the-clock care.

When his mother and grandmother aren't caring for him, he is at the Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation and Abilene Adult Day Care Center.

He can't swallow, but it's not because of the physical injuries. His mother explained that it's because his brain doesn't tell him to swallow. So for now he is fed through a tube.

Stephen is slowly learning to walk again, with assistance. His progress even surprised his therapist recently, she said.

One item that will make everyone's life easier at the Faulkner household is a "talking" lap computer Stephen will soon learn to operate, which will make communication much easier.

"All he'll have to do is touch it, and he can ask for a drink, or whatever he needs," Lynda said.

Local residents welcome PSF

Local residents visited with Premium Standard Farms officials Wednesday following the announcement that the company will build a new processing plant northwest of town. Charlie Amot,

left, PSF director of communications, is shown visiting with a well-wisher. In the background, other PSF officials are visiting with some of the 425 persons who attended the conference.

Collection began with 1913 Santa given to woman by parents in 1913

By BRUCE TOMASO
The Dallas Morning News
COLUMBUS, Texas - 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 Santas 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 Clauses 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. On one sunny weekday not long ago, the stream of visitors was steady, as was the chorus of cheery commentary: "Oh, isn't that darling?" "Oh, that's cute." "Oh, Gladys, look at this one."

Merle and Audrey Rother drove down from McDade, 70 miles away, after reading an account of the museum in Texas Highways magazine.

"It was well worth the trip," said Ms. Rother. "It was impressive. She's got everything in there."

Richard and Eva Schulze came even farther, from Leander, north of Austin. "I have a small collection myself,"

said Ms. Schulze. "I had gotten so many Santas that I thought I should stop collecting them. But then I saw this. THIS is really a Santa collection."

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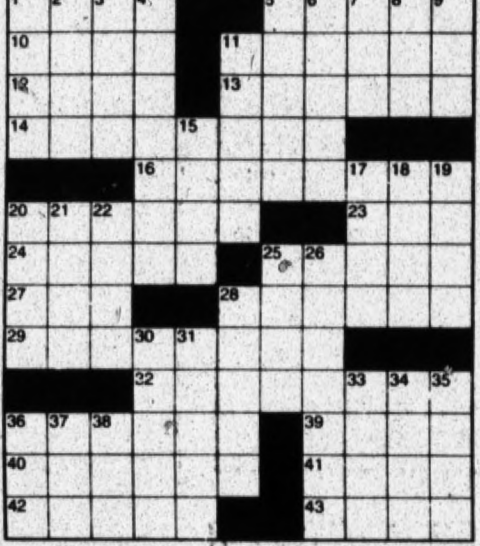
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Teacher penned famous story for children

First reading drew rave reviews for 'A Visit from St. Nicholas'

EDITOR'S NOTE - Long before there was a Rockefeller Center Christmas tree or a Macy's Santa Claus parade or a Radio City Christmas show, a quieter, smaller Christmas visited little old New York. Here is a story of that Christmas and the legacy it has left children forever.

By **JOHN BARBOUR**
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - It was Christmas Eve, 1822, and snow lay heavily over old New York, the downtown streets and the farmland that occupied most of the island of Manhattan. Sleigh bells jingled through town, but would not inspire "Jingle Bells" for another 35 years.

Clement Clarke Moore, a 43-year-old teacher at an Episcopal seminary, had been at work for weeks with his quill, crafting a secret present for his six children. Now it was done.

Earlier that day Moore rode out in his carriage on Christmas errands with his servant, Patrick, and returned home to his four-story brick farmhouse with the largest turkey he could find in the Washington Market's crowded pens at the tip of the island.

After Christmas Eve dinner, the family retired to the parlor in front of the hearth, with its warming fire. And now Moore unveiled his Christmas gift. His children - Margaret, Charity, Benjamin, Mary, and Clement Jr. - sat at his feet. Infant Emily was in her mother's arms.

He began to read:
"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..."

When he finished, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight," there was silence, and then exultation. The children prevailed on him to read it again and

joined in with lines they remembered. Bedtime interrupted their pleas for a third reading.

But "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was born, and with it a vision of Santa Claus, the sainted gift-giver to children that would decorate the American Christmas, its street corners and department stores, its trees and cards for decades to come. In the 170 years since, children all over the world have held that image and its song in their hearts.

"His eyes - how they twinkled!
His dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
His nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn
up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as
white as the snow..."

"He had a broad face and a little
round belly
That shook, when he laughed,
like a bowl full of jelly."
"He was chubby and plump,
a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him
in spite of myself..."

But in the years to follow the history of the poem took a curious turn. Though it was cherished immediately, Moore would not acknowledge authorship publicly for another 15 years, say Gerard and Patricia Del Re in their book, "Twas The Night Before Christmas."

Although it was passed from hand to hand and copied, it was two days before the next Christmas in 1823 that the Troy, N.Y. Sentinel published it for the first time. It was unsigned and preceded with this, from the newspaper's editor:

"We do not know to whom we are indebted for the following description of that unwearied patron of children - that homely and delightful personage of parental kindness - Santa Claus... as he goes about visiting the firesides

of this happy land, laden with Christmas bounties; but from whomsoever it may have come, we give thanks for it."

Perhaps Moore thought it too frivolous an enterprise to his standing as a scholar and teacher of Oriental languages and Hebrew, author of "A Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language" and pious patron of the Episcopal Church. Or perhaps he thought it a private communion with his children, his family.

But he finally consented to sign his name to it on a reprinting in the New York Book of Poetry in 1837.

The poem is based in part on an



old Dutch myth which Moore's friend, writer Washington Irving, related in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York."

And in fact there are some similarities between the two texts. Irving saw the smoke from St. Nick's pipe "like a cloud overhead." Moore said "it encircled his head like a wreath." Irving: "And laying a finger beside his nose." Moore: "his finger aside of his nose." Irving: "remounting his wagon he returned over the treetops and disappeared." Moore: "And giving a nod up the chimney he rose."

Irving's aim was satire; Moore's was a simple, innocent tale of goodness and giving.

Moore had other things on his mind that Christmas season, as well. He stopped regularly to view the construction of the General Theological Seminary, which he helped build. He gave almost the entire Chelsea section of the city to the Episcopal Diocese and helped build nearby St. Peter's Church, which still stands.

The city-ordained grid of streets had not yet reached Chelsea where the few graceful farmhouses were linked by dirt lanes, but to the south the shanties of Greenwich Village were about to give way to the rising city. Moore railed against the dissection of the countryside with the streets and avenues laid out in unforgiving rectangles. It was a fight he would lose.

But it was part of the romantic spirit of this scholar with a long face and prominent nose, the son of another scholar who became president of Columbia University, to want the homes and churches of Chelsea connected by curving streets and winding lanes.

For Moore was a romantic, say the Del Re's and The Rev. Wray MacKay, today's rector of St. Peter's, evidenced by the letters of his courtship to his wife, Eliza, and his dedication to the church which at one time provided the only education for the poor children of the shantytown to the south. But only on Sunday.

"The church is a highly romantic building," says parishoner and architectural scholar Chris Jenks. "Almost a stage set." Not quite Gothic, but trying to capture the feeling of the Middle Ages.

And the poem itself. "It has the qualities of imagination and fantasy and energy and that's why it endures," MacKay says. "You read it and you just get caught up in it."

MacKay sees something more than good fortune in the fact that when stones from the tower began to fall into the street a few years ago, the archdiocese provided \$500,000 to

repair it. It only cost \$65,000 to build the church itself in the 1830s, and Moore provided much of the money. He also bought the pine pew on the right hand front of the nave for \$200 in perpetuity. The deed exists still.

As does the seminary, which schooled fewer than two dozen seminarians a year when it began, and more than 150 now.

The Moores are not buried at St. Peter's. For public health reasons, Moore attached a covenant to the deed that there there would be no burial grounds in Chelsea. He and his family were interred at St. Luke's in Greenwich Village, but were moved up to the Church of the Intercession in the Bronx, when St. Luke's future was in doubt about the turn of the century.

That neighborhood now is mostly poor Hispanic and black, but the church and its parish house are elegant, reflecting its past. It is built on the old James Audubon farm and he is buried on the grounds. As is Alfred Dickens, a son of Charles Dickens, author of "A Christmas Carol," who died in New York on a trip to America with his father. His grave was long honored yearly at this time of year by New York's Dickens Society in period dress.

Now every Christmas season, after a reading of the poem at the Church of the Intercession, the parishoners and their children troop down the long steep hill toward the Hudson River to the west graveyard.

Later, led by a St. Nicholas in gold miter and white gown, they will stream past the prestigious mausoleums where lie important New York families like the Astors and Cushmans, and they will pay homage to the poet's grave and that of the Moore family who heard the poem first.

'Autobiography' offers details of life of Santa Claus

EDITOR'S NOTE - Barbara Bush has done an autobiography, and Nelson Mandela, Yitzhak Shamir, William Kuntzler, name 'em. Why not Santa Claus? Well, he has! A few surprises here, a reviewer might say. S.C. tells all - TELLS ALL! Big names: King Arthur, B. Franklin, A. Earhart, whew, ageless! And Attila the Hun is into video games?

By **JOHN BARBOUR**
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Santa Claus, a.k.a. St. Nicholas, Pere Noel, Father Christmas, Bafana as he is known in Italy, has written his autobiography at long last, aided and abetted by a Texas journalist.

Jeff Guinn of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, editor of "The Autobiography of Santa Claus: It's Better to Give," set up an interview with the jolly old man for The Associated Press.

Santa speaks:
"I was born in the year 280 in a country called Lycia, which has become part of Turkey. So I imagine that makes me 1,714 years old this Christmas. But I still feel fine, very spry. I stopped aging apparently when I was 63 years old.

"One of the most important things for people to realize is the difference between magic and illusion. Illusion is something that can finally be explained. And in the book I try to explain some of the illusion of my legend, going down chimneys, etc. Magic is something that simply is. I've never understood why I stopped aging. Maybe if I live another few hundred years, I might."

Santa's book says he was born to affluent but aging parents in the town of Patara. They died within months of each other when he was 9. He learned several languages and he was something of a scholar in the polyglot Middle East. Named Nicholas (which means "Victorious"), he was put in the care of priests, and stayed at the local inn, financed with the considerable purse left by his parents.

Still he had a gnawing guilt because he had so much while all around him had so little. An old priest named Philip told him that the richest men in heaven would be those who gave the most on Earth.

The first Christmas present he gave was money enough for dowry for three unmarried daughters of an impoverished man in Patara. At first mistaken for a thief, he left 12 silver coins in their stockings, which enabled them to marry and live happy lives.

As time went on, he realized that his philanthropy would require help. His first recruit was a man named Felix.

"Felix guesses that his ancestors might have been Jewish and might have been brought to Rome after the sacking of the temple in Jerusalem in the year 87."

Not long after, Santa met and married Layla, who has been instrumental in his life and his philanthropy. It was she, for instance, who recommended that they stop doling out food and clothing and begin delivering toys.

Santa remembers, "After giving gifts and food to needy children for several hundred years, we began to feel very frustrated because no matter how many children we were able to help, there were always far more in need and even after we fed children the equivalent of a meal, they would be hungry again the next day.

"Layla suggested that the children needed to be reminded that there was joy and goodness in the world, in life. And if we could give them toys instead, they would have something lasting, a memento that there is someone who cares for them, who loves them."

Along the way, he picked other helpers, St. Francis of Assisi, a war chief from England named Arthur who fable knows as King Arthur, Ben Franklin, Attila the Hun. Attila, who had tired of war, was and is a great help as Santa skirts battlefields with his small but growing band.

There are now 185 in his ageless crew.

"One of the benefits for my helpers is that they, too, stop aging," Santa says. "Felix, who is my oldest companion, is almost 1,600 years old, as is Layla. Layla still looks as young as she did when I met her. She asks often and I reassure her."

Why did he wait so long to tell his story?

"Layla has been after me to do it ever since Clement Moore (now one of Santa's group at the North Pole) wrote, 'Twas The Night Before Christmas,' because in it he referred to me as an elf, and I'm a full-sized man."

"When you read about when the first Christmas carol was written or the first Christmas tree decorated, this is the real history. Whether you're 6 years old or you're reading it to your grandchildren you'll get a better sense of how we came to the modern-day Christmas, how it's been an evolution

of so many things."
Santa now operates a global enterprise.

The erstwhile King Arthur runs the toy enterprises in Europe, but with operations expanding into eastern Europe he has his hands full.

"Attila has become quite interested in video games. One of the ways we pay for operations is to design video games software for some of the big manufacturers."

Also on the staff are Santa's personal navigator, Amelia Earhart, and Western toy designer, Bill Pickett, the first great

black rodeo cowboy, and Willie Skokan, the great Czechoslovakian artisan.

"We hope that children will learn from this book that gender and ethnicity don't have a thing to do with what people can accomplish," Santa says.

When Clement Moore wrote his poem, "it caused an awful stir for all of us. It was necessary for Leonardo to invent a sled that could fly." Ben Franklin and Willie Skokan had to train eight reindeer to run fast enough to become airborne. Then Santa had to overcome his fear of heights.

For the few skeptics left in the world,

Santa would refer them to the letter newsman Francis Church wrote to 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon in the New York Sun.

"Mr. Church's reply was so perfect I found myself wondering if Felix and Ben Franklin might have written it for him."

Church assured Virginia there is a Santa Claus. "Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now Virginia, may 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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