

Flight recorder reveals 'faint noise'

LOCKERBIE, Scotland (AP) — The cockpit recording of Pan Am Flight 103's final minutes ended abruptly after a faint noise was heard, the Department of Transport said today.

"There is nothing in the conversations (of the flight crew) to indicate anything was wrong," said spokesman Paul McKie.

"There is a faint noise at the end which needs a bit more analysis. There is no indication

what that noise is. It would be quite wrong to jump to any conclusions," he said.

The cockpit recording and flight data tapes from the Boeing 747 were being analyzed by the department's Air Accident Investigation Branch.

British and American investigators sifted through crash debris as relatives of some of the 258 victims aboard the jumbo jet gathered in a nearby town.

The noise is heard on the recorder that preserves the last 30 minutes of conversation in the cockpit. The other recorder monitors flight data.

McKie told The Associated Press there was nothing abnormal on the tapes up to the moment they cut off. "There were no abnormal noises on the tape until the signals ended abruptly with the aircraft cruising at 31,000 feet."

Although U.S. embassies in Europe had received warnings that a Pan Am plane would be bombed, the chief British investigator at Lockerbie, the Scottish village where the plane crashed, said no evidence of a bomb had been found yet.

Mick Charles of the Air Accident Investigation Branch told a news conference: "We have no evidence whatsoever yet of sabotage," but added this did not

mean sabotage was ruled out.

He said the spread of debris over many miles was "not unusual," since the plane was six miles high and winds were 115 knots. "In these circumstances a lot of the debris is going to be sent a very long distance."

In IsArens, interviewed in Hebrew on Israel radio, said that "based on our assumptions, and those of our experts, this is an

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Ask Us

Q. — Would you please tell me where I can get some up to date information on Texas laws concerning wills?

A. — The State Bar of Texas will provide two publications by writing to the Public Service Law-Related Education office. The address is P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Tx., 78711. The publications offered include "Do I Need a Will," and "Probate: To Will or Not to Will." The telephone number is (512) 463-1388.

In Brief

Trial averted

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former Tarrant County bank worker whose racial discrimination lawsuit against her employer won her Supreme Court support has reached an out-of-court settlement.

Both sides refused to discuss the settlement, approved in federal court Wednesday.

"The important thing in this litigation is not what the numbers are in the end but that this case will have such an enormous impact on minorities and women," said Clara Watson's attorney, Art Brender of Fort Worth.

In 1981, Ms. Watson, now 40, of Euless, sued Fort Worth Bank & Trust, now MBank East, claiming the bank had discriminated against her in refusing to promote her from teller to a management position.

Drug child

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A 22-year-old woman has pleaded innocent to charges that she exchanged her 2-year-old son for cocaine.

Rhonda Romero was indicted last week on charges that she sold Efrain Romero Jr., 2, to Tomas Casas of Skidmore, and either accepted or offered to accept cocaine in exchange for the child. She remained in the Nueces County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 bond.

"I am not guilty," Ms. Romero said Wednesday before Judge Walter Dunham Jr. of the 28th District Court.

AIDS mice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers have infected mice with the AIDS virus for the first time, moving the lowly rodent to the front lines of the battle against the fatal disease.

Mice have long been a staple of biomedical research, but until scientists in California were able to develop mice with human immune systems — and then get the AIDS virus to spread in them — the animals had been largely useless in AIDS research.

The main breakthrough — getting a human immune system to function in mice — has had scientists excited since the work was reported in Science magazine in September.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 64 degrees; low, 30 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 34 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1988 to date, 21.24 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, west to northwest wind diminishing to 10 to 15 miles an hour by late evening, otherwise fair. Low in the lower 30s. Saturday, mostly fair and a little cooler. High in the upper 50s. Wind north to northeast 5 to 10 miles an hour. Christmas day forecast, partly cloudy. Highs near 60 after morning lows around 30.

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15 acquired in all...

Colorado City S&L is included among latest thrift merger

From Local, Wire Reports

Three savings and loans in the Snyder area are part of federal regulators' most recent plan to merge insolvent thrifts, bringing to 175 the number to fail in 1988.

Included in the most recent package is First Western Savings and Loan Association in Colorado City which has been active in both Mitchell and Scurry counties.

Other area institutions affected by the merger are First Federal Savings and Loan of Big Spring and Lamesa Federal Savings and Loan in Lamesa. Until purchased by Olney Savings in May of 1986, Big Spring's First Federal operated a branch in Snyder.

The 15 Texas S&Ls will be acquired by CFSB Corp. Inc., a holding company in Phoenix headed by James M. Fail. The

new owner agreed to put up \$120 million to acquire the package.

The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. (FSLIC) will provide assistance amounting to \$1.85 billion.

"We now have consolidated more than half of the 109 Texas thrifts that were insolvent when we started the Southwest Plan and we are rapidly moving



CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP — Troy Ballinger of Martin Sign Co. in Sweetwater was preparing the new sign that was about to be erected Thursday morning at Travelodge at 1006 25th St., where the Jack Pointeau family has bought out the Travelodge half of the business

and renamed it the White Buffalo Motel, meeting a requirement of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to maintain their American visa. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pointeaus complete ownership

The Jack Pointeau family, threatened with expulsion from the U.S. this past September after their investor's visa to stay here was not renewed, has now purchased 100 percent of the local motel which serves as their U.S. "investment."

Family members note they hope this will aid them in their effort to remain in Snyder and America. One of the reasons cited for the non-renewal by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was the family's failure to have controlling interest in their local business.

The offer to buy the remaining 50 percent of the ownership was completed Dec. 1 and, Thursday, the name of the motel was officially changed to "White Buffalo Motel."

The new name is a reference to Scurry County's historic past and the shooting of a rare albino buffalo here in 1876.

The family now has a six-month extension on its request.

When word of their possible deportation spread in Snyder last September, petitions supporting the family obtained more than 1,400 signatures.

Assistance was offered also by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford), who is preparing to resubmit a private bill seeking to make the family U.S. citizens.

See THRIFT, page 9

Christmas weather outlook favorable

From Local, Wire Reports

The Texas outlook for travel this Christmas weekend contains mostly favorable forecasts.

In Snyder, Christmas Day is expected to be partly cloudy with high temperatures reaching 60 degrees. Overnight lows should be around freezing.

The long range forecast also contains no threat of moisture, although temperatures are expected to become colder by Tuesday, when daytime temperatures may not rise above the 40s.

Special services set...

Yule changes church times

Many Snyder and Scurry County churches have planned Christmas-related services this weekend.

In addition, since Christmas Day falls on Sunday, a number have altered their worship schedule.

The following lists changes reported to the SDN as of Friday

morning.

**SATURDAY
Christmas Eve**

—St. John's Episcopal Church will have a children's service and holy communion at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. There will be no Sunday service.

—Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold a candlelight commu-

nion service Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. A Sunday service will be held also at 10 a.m.

—Hermleigh United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight communion service on Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

—First Christian Church will

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27 entrants listed on Yule light tour

Snyder Jaycees have released the list of 27 entrants in the club's annual Christmas lighting contest for individuals interested in "touring" the Christmas lights this holiday.

The list included three entries from either Ira or Hermleigh. Hermleigh resident Tim Dacus of 411 Dunn was the overall winner in the lighting category.

Mrs. Mickey Sterling in Ira also tied for third place in lighting. Also entered from Ira was a display by Jay and Myra Martin.

In Snyder, the list of entries included winners.

—Leon Autry, 5501 Cedar Creek, second place in lighting.

—Gary Landes, 5504 Cedar

Creek, tied for third in lighting.

—Wedge Turner, 2608 28th St., first in the "theme" category.

—Irene Wagner, 2301 Ave. T, second in theme.

—Victor and Shelia Means, 3201 Irving, third in theme.

The Jaycees also awarded an "outstanding block" designation to the 2000 Block of 43rd St.

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you really want to make money this year, sell batteries door-to-door Christmas morning."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

George Dolan, who died last month after more than 30 years as a front-page columnist in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, had a way of putting situations into perspective. Folks will miss his wit such as saying Thanksgiving is a lot like firing the starting gun for Christmas shoppers.

That Thursday, he said, seems to coincide with what one husband wryly calls the gift-wrap equinox. On Wednesday, clerks were telling customers to have a nice day. On Friday it becomes 'Merry Christmas.'

One woman shopper, in one afternoon, seemed to have overdosed on the traditional song, "White Christmas." She claims to have heard it at least 17 times in one afternoon.

A number of vacant lots, barren before Turkey Day, were bristling mini-forests of Christmas trees on Friday.

A visitor from Denver mentioned to her father that many people who live in and around Denver go out into the woods and cut their Christmas trees.

"Are you going to do that," he asked.

"I'm thinking of it."

"Don't make the mistake those friends of Doc Blakely's made," he warned her.

"What was that?"

"These two guys," he said, "spent all day in the woods, carrying a chain saw, searching for the perfect tree."

"Finally, one said wearily to the other, 'Lights or no lights, I'm gonna cut the next tree.'"

James Roberts, in the Andrews County News, told about a first grader who came to school all depressed. The teacher inquired about her problem.

"That lady on TV lied. Her said, 'Christmas is just around the corner. I looked around all corners. It's not there.'"

Yep, but it really is.

Boy placed with relative in Texas

BARTOW, Fla. (AP) — A 2-year-old boy found wandering the streets of Lakeland, Fla., last March has been placed with his aunt in San Antonio.

A judge gave custody of Theodore Kenneth Shirley Jr., dubbed "Little Kenny" by state child care workers, to Patricia Pietenpol, a maternal aunt. Mrs. Pietenpol and her husband both are U.S. Air Force sergeants stationed at San Antonio.

Circuit Judge Carolyn Fulmer, who issued the custody ruling Tuesday, retained jurisdiction over the case for six months. That means Texas authorities must report to her every 60 days on how the custody arrangement is working.

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Dukakis won't judge Bush yet

BOSTON (AP) — Gov. Michael Dukakis gave President-elect George Bush some early praise in his first interview since losing the election, and said he was still "decompressing" from the campaign and wouldn't want to replay it.

"There's not much sense in rerunning the campaign," the defeated Democratic candidate told The Associated Press on Thursday.

"I mean, we did some things well, we did other things not so well. It wasn't successful. Obviously, I'm disappointed. Lots of people are disappointed. We worked very hard. But I don't think it's something to dwell on."

Dukakis declined an opportunity to criticize Bush, whom he had lambasted during a bitter campaign, saying he would give the president-elect "a good six months to a year" before speaking out.

However, the governor, who attacked President Reagan's policy in Central America during the campaign, said he was pleased by reports that Bush has decided not to ask Congress immediately for renewed U.S. support for the rightist Contra rebels

in Nicaragua and that Bush hopes to forge a bipartisan consensus and involve Latin leaders.

"I think it's the right policy," Dukakis said. "When I met with him I strongly urged him to do that. I said I think the present policy is a failure, it's getting worse not better."

"If that's the way the new administration begins, then I think

that's hopeful," the governor said.

Dukakis, who held one press conference immediately after his loss to assess the campaign, refused to review the campaign in detail, saying he preferred to focus on the future.

But he also declined to tip his hand about any plans he may have for his own career after his

current term as governor ends in 1990. Dukakis has refused previously to say whether he would run for president again.

"It's much too early. At this point, I'm decompressing, working hard on what's happening here, enjoying a certain amount of normalcy in my life," he said.

Seated in his Statehouse office after a week's vacation in

Florida, Dukakis appeared relaxed and reflective, more interested in his state's budget problems than in the national agenda he was pushing before losing to Bush 54 percent to 46 percent just six weeks ago.

"It's been quite a year. And I must say it's nice to reflect a little bit on the blessings of life, welcome my crew home and to play the role of father and husband, and enjoy and relax a little bit," Dukakis said.

Asked if he ever has days when he wishes he could have another shot at the campaign, or even another week to battle Bush, Dukakis said no.

Detective said partner was sick when he was in jail

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Disciplinary action might be taken against the partner of a homicide detective who was arrested last week and charged with drug trafficking, Juarez's state police commander says.

After detective Ernesto Fernandez Casillas was arrested Dec. 16, his partner covered for Fernandez by reporting him sick, said Jose Refugio Rubalcava, commander of the state judicial police detachment in Juarez.

Fernandez's partner, homicide

chief Alejandro Garcia Chacon, has dropped out of sight since the arrest, Rubalcava said.

"When we tried to find (Garcia) and ask him why his partner had been arrested, we couldn't locate him by radio or at his house," Rubalcava said Wednesday. "We have yet to make contact with him."

He said he met with a Drug Enforcement Administration official Wednesday in Juarez to discuss the incident, but neither he nor El Paso DEA chief Ray Sepulveda would comment on particulars.

Fernandez, 37, was arrested at a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint on Interstate 10 west of Las Cruces, N.M., officials said. He and Sergio Soltero Gutierrez, 32, were in a car accompanying a tractor-trailer rig driven by Jack Eugene Williams, 45, of Andrews, police said.

Border Patrol agents said they discovered 1,890 pounds of cocaine hidden in the trailer, and they arrested all three men on cocaine possession charges.

In an arraignment Monday before U.S. Magistrate John Darden in Las Cruces, the three men pleaded innocent to charges of cocaine possession with intent to distribute.

Williams was released later that day after posting \$250,000 bail. Fernandez and Soltero remained Thursday in Dona Ana County Jail.



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Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
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New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY

Candlelight Communion Service, First Christian Church, 2701 37th; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Myerson acquitted

NEW YORK (AP) — Cheers broke out and former Miss America Bess Myerson sobbed and kissed her co-defendant lover after their soap-opera-like divorce-fixing trial ended in acquittals.

"It's over," Miss Myerson said after her two-year ordeal ended with Thursday night's verdict. "I'm grateful for the American judicial system and I thank the jury for exonerating me."

The U.S. District Court jury also cleared Miss Myerson's lover, Carl "Andy" Capasso, 43, and retired state Supreme Court Justice Hortense Gabel, 76, who handled Capasso's divorce.

Miss Myerson, seated beside Capasso, kissed and hugged him after jury forewoman Linda Berardi announced "not guilty" for each charge in the six-count indictment.

Several people cheered, while key government witness Sukhreet Gabel — daughter of Miss Myerson's co-defendant — sat dazed several rows behind her.

After the jury's final announcement, Miss Myerson wiped away tears and crossed the courtroom to hug Ms. Gabel's frail mother. She then broke down and cried into her hands as Capasso massaged her back and neck.

Miss Myerson, 64, who was

Miss America in 1945, had stared intently at the jury as they entered the courtroom shortly after 8 p.m. and delivered their verdict, rejecting the prosecution's contention that the three were guilty of conspiracy, mail fraud and bribe-related charges.

Bridge

James Jacoby

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SOUTH
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Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: South

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Pass	6♣	Pass	5♠
Pass			Pass

*negative double
 Opening lead: ♥ K

Something more to go on

By James Jacoby

The problem in locating today's side-suit queen was certainly crucial when the deal was played 20 years ago in a national team-of-four match. North did well to bid six clubs, but then it was up to declarer Edgar Kaplan to make it.

After taking the king of hearts, West switched to the king of spades. Before attacking diamonds, declarer wanted as much information as possible. So he ruffed a spade with a high club, led a low club to dummy, ruffed another spade high, led his last low club to dummy and ruffed the last spade. That gave him the information that West had started with four spades and two clubs, so how many hearts would he have held when he overcalled with one heart? If he held six hearts originally, he would have only a singleton diamond. Anyway Kaplan led a diamond to the king and a small one back. Now what?

If West had started with Q-4 of diamonds, this would have been his hand: ♠ K Q 8 2, ♥ A K 10 8 5, ♦ Q 4, ♣ 7 2. Declarer finally decided that with this holding, West would not have overcalled one heart; instead he would have made a takeout double. Therefore, it was more likely that he began with a singleton diamond and six hearts. So South put in the jack of diamonds and made his slam.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1988, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

DR. GOTT

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor told me I have Paget's disease but did not mention any treatment. I respect him but he's a general practitioner. Should I see a specialist?

DEAR READER: Paget's disease usually refers to a chronic disease of bone that is characterized by spotty islands of soft, calcified non-bony material. These lesions typically begin as patches of overactive bone formation that degenerate with time. The cause is unknown.

Paget's disease can produce pain, stiffness, headaches, bowing of the legs, tender bones and a susceptibility to fractures. Sometimes the soft lesions cause enlargement of the skull.

X-rays often show increased bone density and areas of overgrowth. Bone scans, using small doses of radioactive isotopes, reveal a spotty pattern of bone breakdown and regrowth. Alkaline phosphatase, an enzyme released by increased bone metabolism, is usually present in the bloodstream in large quantities.

All but the most disabling forms of Paget's disease can be treated by a general practitioner. Pain medication is helpful; calcitonin, a hormone used to stabilize bone formation, is often useful.

I usually refer patients with moderate/severe Paget's disease to endocrinologists. Armed with their suggestions, I can usually take care of the day-to-day treatment of this common condition.

If you are uncomfortable — both physically and psychologically — without a second opinion, ask your doctor to refer you to a specialist.

For more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last night, in bed, I was hit with a sharp pain in my diaphragm. Immediately my pulse started to race and I began shaking uncontrollably. The attack lasted half an hour. After it wore off I had a heavy bowel movement and for the rest of the night I had to void every hour. I've been told that I have a hiatal hernia. Is this related?

DEAR READER: I do not know the cause of your "diaphragm" pain and other symptoms. You should see your own physician for a diagnosis.

Chest pain associated with rapid pulse is always a concern for doctors because of the possibility of a serious heart or lung disorder.

Hiatal hernia, a weakness of the muscular ring that separates the esophagus from the stomach, is often associated with severe heartburn that can mimic the pain of heart attack or peptic ulcer. However, the other symptoms you mention — notably the rapid pulse, shaking and excessive voiding — are not usually caused by hiatal hernia.

Your doctor is the logical person to sort out the causes of your "attack." © 1988 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Reagan says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is heading off for Christmas in his lush new California home after saying in a television interview that homeless people sleep on grates near the White House of "their own choice."

The president and first lady Nancy Reagan were flying West today to begin a two-week California vacation at the Bel Air home and at the palatial estate of multimillionaire publisher Walter Annenberg in Rancho Mirage, near Palm Springs.

Ted Bigham

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Judge's apology does little to dampen furor against him

DALLAS (AP) — A judge's admission that he used a "poor choice of words" in explaining why he lightened the sentence of a killer whose victims were gay has done little to ease the demands of gay rights activists and others who want him removed from the bench.

State District Judge Jack Hampton apologized Thursday at the Dallas County Courthouse before leaving town for the holidays.

"He has cast a reasonable doubt into the minds of people across this nation about Dallas justice," said William Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance. "He has raised the question of his judicial fitness and ability to be impartial. This question cannot be answered with a simple apology."

Hampton told the Dallas Times Herald last week that he sentenced Richard Lee Bednarski, 18, to 30 years in prison instead of a maximum life sentence on Nov.

28 in part because the two men Bednarski was convicted of killing were homosexuals.

"These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets picking up teen-age boys," Hampton told the Times Herald. "I don't much care for queers cruising the streets picking up teen-age boys. I've got a teen-age boy."

Hampton's statements outraged the gay community, which filed a complaint with the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct and called for the judge's removal from the bench.

On Wednesday, a coalition of church leaders, some with large gay congregations, publicly criticized Hampton and asked him to repudiate the statements.

The judge's apology was addressed to the ministers.

"His apology to eight citizens is not enough. His apology to every citizen is not enough," Waybourn said Thursday. "Bednarski, the executor-murderer, cannot get

off by apologizing, neither can Judge Hampton."

Hampton addressed the issue Thursday for the first time since the newspaper interview.

"I want to apologize for a poor choice of words describing the victims of the Bednarski case," Hampton said. "I did not mean to condemn the homosexual community generally and I used a poor choice of words and I'm sorry about that."

"What was said in this office a week ago to a Times Herald reporter has been distorted since I said it and I did not intend to state that any victim of crime was entitled to less fair treatment," Hampton said.

The judge said Thursday he considered a variety of factors when he sentenced Bednarski.

"I considered all the evidence in the Bednarski case before I set sentence," Hampton said. "I considered what the victims were doing out there but not their lifestyle. I considered the defendant and his youthful age."

"I considered his family, the fact that he had no prior criminal record. I considered the conduct of the defendant and the people he was with. I considered the conduct of the victims and what they were doing."

"I also made the statement that the voters would not remember this case in 1990. That was incorrect. I think they're probably going to remember the Bednarski case and I also hope two years from now they'll also remember my good record as a judge," Hampton said.

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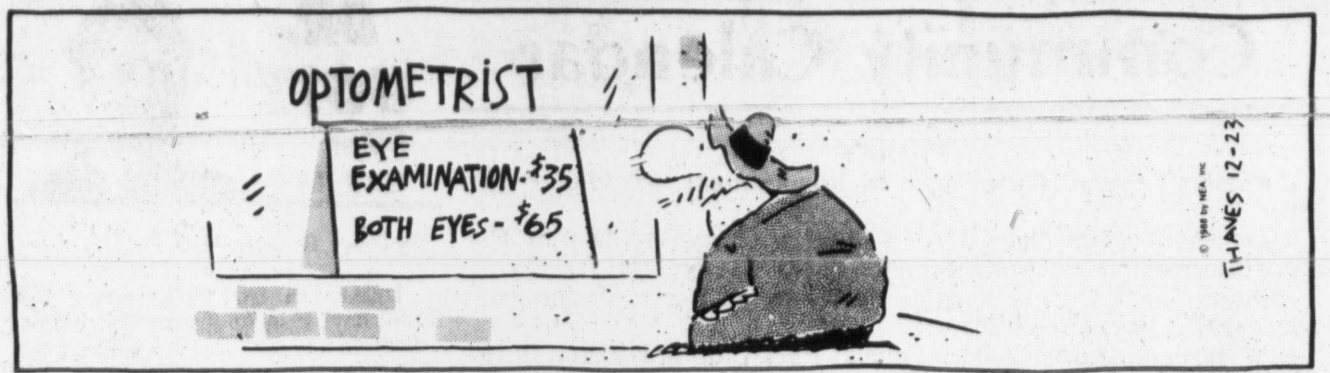
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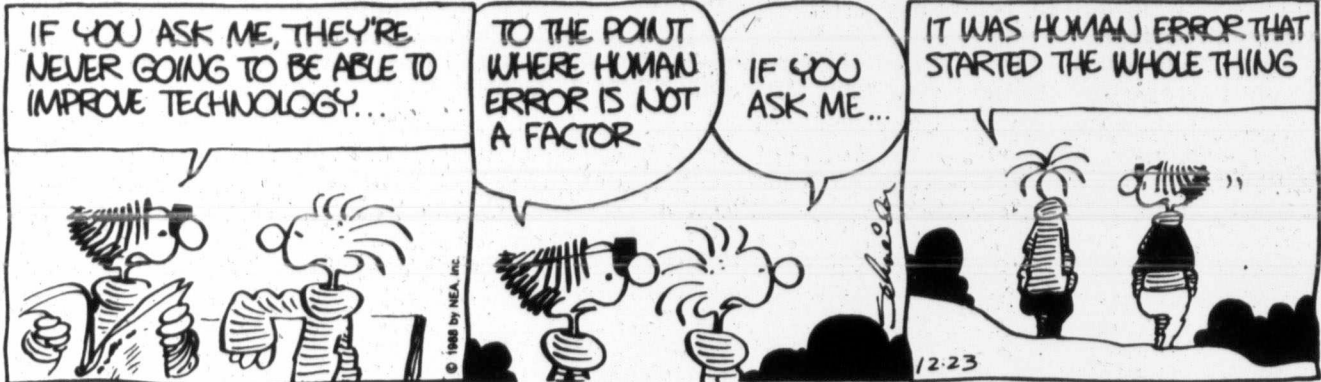
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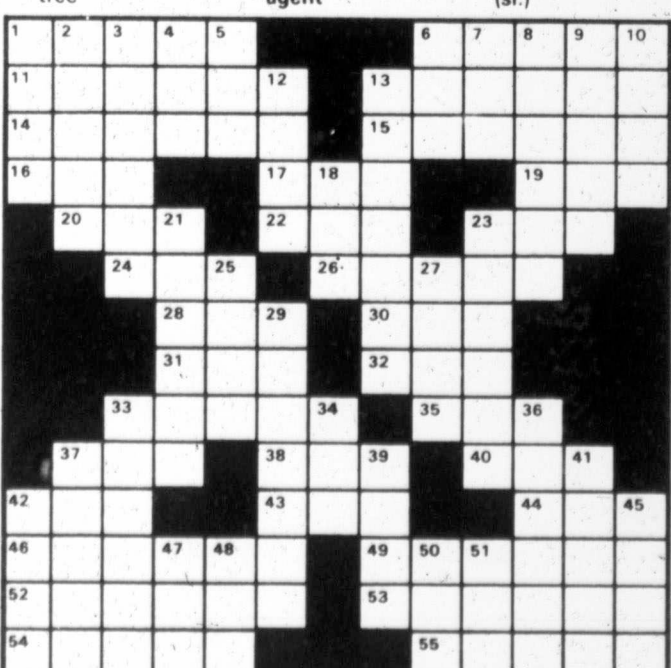
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- 34 New Haven tree

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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- 2 Sing Swiss-style

Aggies battle No. 13 UNLV

by The Associated Press
Texas A&M tries to upset No. 13 Nevada-Las Vegas tonight in the finals of the Runnin' Rebel Round-Up Classic.

The Aggies, 7-2, advanced to the championship game with a 73-57 win over Central Michigan Wednesday, with Freddie Ricks scoring 14 points. Nevada-Las Vegas, 4-2, had Stacey Augmon's 21-point showing to lead them to an 88-69 victory over Rhode Island to advance to tonight's game.

The A&M-UNLV game, scheduled for an 11:30 p.m. CST will follow the consolation game. Also on schedule for tonight, the TCU Horned Frogs, 7-2, will face Idaho State at 8:30 p.m. The Frogs, led by small forward John Lewis, 17.1 points a game, and Danny Hughes, 11.8 points - have won six consecutive games, including Monday night's 70-54 victory over Northern Arizona. Idaho State, 2-6, is led by Steve

Garrity, who is averaging 11.4 points a game. Sam Houston State, 2-3, will meet Arkansas, 4-1, at 7 p.m. Arkansas is coming off a 97-79 win over Texas Southern, while Sam Houston state routed Crumblin' on the... In Thursday night action, Santa Clara defeated Southern Methodist, 64-51; Baylor beat Southern Utah, 77-70; Lamar defeated Rice 73-64; and Houston beat Alcorn State 112-74.

Local bowling news

Team	W	L
Walton Const. Co.	39	21
Snyder Lumber Co.	39	21
Bar H Bar	36 1/2	23 1/2
B and L	35	25
Beauchamp Apts.	34	26
Grimmett Bros	29	31
Ezell Key Grain Co.	29	31
A 1 Testers	28	32
Rock N Rollers	26 1/2	33 1/2
Come Back Kids	26 1/2	33 1/2
Die Hards	20	40

Team	W	L
Hair Connection	37	23
Production Pump	36	24
Cornerstone Cafe	36	24
Energy Electric	34	26
Tri-State Const.	33	27
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A-1	41 1/2	28 1/2
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Suttons son's name included in text of NCAA allegations

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton has taken exception to his son, Sean, being named in one of the 18 NCAA allegations of wrongdoing levied against the university's basketball program.

The texts of three of the allegations were released by the university Thursday, and one charges that Eric Manuel, along with Kentucky assistant coach Dwane Casey and Sean Sutton, gave three NCAA investigators "false and misleading information" last July 11-12 when they were interviewed about transportation to a June 1987 college-entrance exam at Lexington's Lafayette High School.

Both Manuel and Sutton, a sophomore guard, took the American College Test at that time. Manuel and Sutton told investigators that they drove to the test - and later back to the university's Wildcat Lodge - together. But the allegation says Lafayette High School coach Donald W. Harville provided the transportation, which was arranged by Casey.

WTSU cage program is slam-dunked

CANYON, Texas (AP) - Gary Moss has long since left West Texas State, but the penalties levied against the school's basketball program will follow the former coach in what is believed to be the first such ruling of its kind. The NCAA announced Thursday it has placed the West Texas State men's basketball program on three years' probation for violations that occurred from April 1984 to October 1986. The NCAA said the program illegally recruited players and provided players with free airplane travel, free use of telephone credit cards and cash payments, all while Moss was head coach.

Moss has since accepted the head coaching position at Sam Houston State, but the NCAA has asked that the probation follow Moss to the Huntsville campus. Moss' probation also includes a ban on coaching in any 1989 post-season play, no off-campus recruiting and speaking engagements during the 1989-90 academic year and recertification from Moss that the Sam Houston State program is in compliance with NCAA rules. Any other NCAA member school that employs Moss during the sanctions years also would have to place Moss on probation during that time, the NCAA said.

David Berst, NCAA enforcement director, said a penalty following a coach to another school was the result of a rule passed at the 1985 special NCAA convention. Schools adopted a new penalty structure, including the so-called death penalty. Moss did not return repeated phone calls by The Associated Press to a Little Rock, Ark., hotel where he and the team were staying Thursday in advance of a Friday night game against Arkansas. Matt Rogers, Sam Houston State's sports information director, said Moss has been advised not to talk. Sam Houston State officials said they were evaluating the NCAA's report and had sent a copy to Moss. As part of the penalty, West Texas State was barred from providing any prospective men's basketball player with an expense-paid recruiting visit during the 1989-90 academic year, and its men's basketball scholarships for the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons were cut from 12 to 10. In its report, the NCAA said it recommended a two-year ban on post-season play but cut the sanction to one year because the school cooperated with the investigation. West Texas State officials said they would not appeal.

Weather may be key to Independence Bowl

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) - Texas El Paso may be without its leading rusher and Southern Mississippi may not have its starting center, but coaches of the two teams think kicking and the weather could most affect tonight's Independence Bowl. When UTEP, 10-2, and Southern Mississippi, 9-2, meet at 7 p.m. CST in Independence Stadium, the Miners will be without injured tailback John Harvey, UTEP's all-time leading rusher. Harvey rushed for 751 yards and 10 touchdowns this season. "He (Harvey) hasn't really played that much," said Bob

Stull, coaching his last game at UTEP before taking over at Missouri. "He has over 700 yards, but he went three games in a row at the beginning of the season where he had a ton of yards all at once." "John can make it happen when he's healthy, but he hasn't been healthy that much," Stull added. UTEP officials said Harvey did not make the trip from El Paso because of a nagging ankle injury. Tailbacks Willie Fuller and Scooter Menifee have filled in for Harvey this year, each gaining more than 500 yards. Stull instead expressed concern over what effect the weather could have on the game, which pits two pass-oriented offenses which have scored often this year. "We never see rain in El Paso, so we're not used to it," Stull said. "Both teams are going to have to play in the same conditions. If it does rain, however, it might hinder our offense." Forecasters said there was a chance of rain early today.

Lions sign Fontes to 3-year contract

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - Wayne Fontes, armed with a three-year contract to coach the Detroit Lions, didn't have much competition for the job, according to team owner William Clay Ford. "Nobody else was interviewed," Ford said Thursday in announcing that Fontes was losing his "interim" label. "There have been other applicants for the job, names you've all heard of. I evaluated them in my mind, but we never interviewed any of them. "I thought about others, but the more I thought the more I realized I was spinning my wheels. I realized I had what I wanted right here." "This is a very humbling experience," said Fontes, given a contract for an estimated \$250,000. "It's the second-happiest day of my life." Fontes was given the interim job after Ford fired Darryl Rogers and offensive coordinator Bob Baker. Fontes guided the team to a 2-3 record, beating the Green Bay Packers twice. The Lions finished the 1988 season 4-12 and out of the playoffs for the fifth straight year.

Army faces tough battle with Sun Bowl opponent

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Army coach Jim Young already has led the Cadets to the only three bowl appearances in the service academy's history, but his biggest challenge is in preparing for a team much tougher than any his recent squads have faced. Young is looking to solidify the tradition he has established at Army: three bowl games in five years, with victories over Michigan State in the 1984 Cherry Bowl and Illinois in the 1985 Peach Bowl. A victory Saturday over favored Alabama, 8-3, would give Army, 9-2, its first 10-win season ever, and the significance of a victory isn't lost on Young. "It would be a great victory for us because we know we are playing the finest football team we've played this year, maybe in several years," he said Thursday. "It's a great challenge and one we look forward to." Meanwhile, the favored Crimson Tide has played in more bowl games than any other school. The Sun Bowl will be Alabama's 41st post-season appearance.

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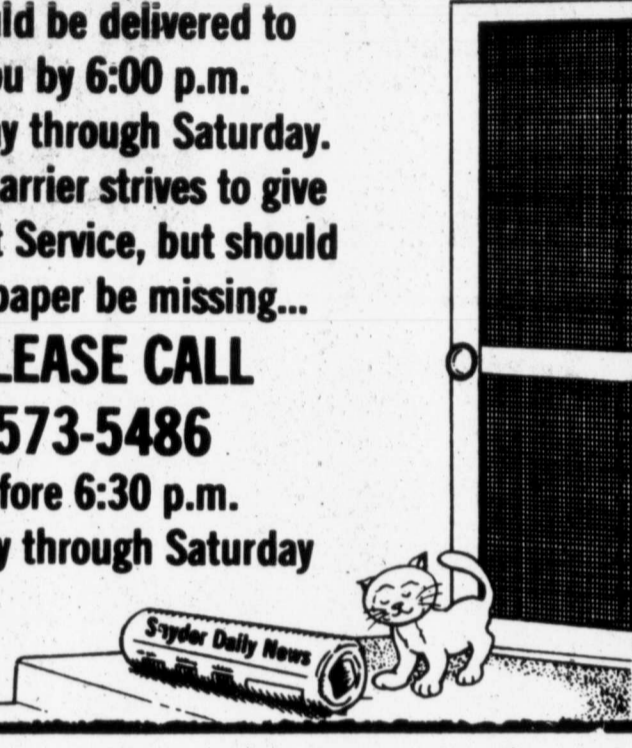
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At least 80 Santas watch over North Texas collector

COLLEYVILLE, Texas (AP) — Joyce Bernard had better be good. At Christmas time, 80 Santa Clauses watch her every move.

There are short ones, tall ones, some chubby and some thin. A few sturdy wooden Santas rock back and forth or hold out candy canes, while delicate ones of Styrofoam and papier-mache just look pretty.

All are part of Mrs. Bernard's colorful Santa Claus collection begun in 1981.

She pointed to her first wooden Santa, who was standing alongside Mrs. Claus.

"I bought that Mr. and Mrs. Santa at a Grapevine craft fair, and that sort of started me on it," Mrs. Bernard said. "Now, every one I see I want, and I don't know where I'm going to put any more."

An accomplished artist in oils and acrylics, Mrs. Bernard paints most of the Santas, but buys others. Many of her Santas wear red, white and blue wave American flags; most wear traditional red suits with white trim, but others wear green or blue suits from Early American and European traditions. A miniature necklace of tiny Santas hangs on a small, tabletop

Christmas tree, while Mrs. Bernard wears another Santa necklace.

Starting in December, Santas line her dining room table, mantle, library and end tables. Other collections such as teddy bears and antique wooden bobbins holding various sizes of red candles add to the warmth.

"You name it, and I collect it," she said.

But Santas are her first love. A tall wooden Santa stands on the hearth with his sack loaded with goodies.

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FASHION MODELS — The Scurry County branch of the N.A.A.C.P. sponsored a "Style Extravaganza Fashion Show" Dec. 17 in the Senior Center. Evelyn Malone, president of the local chapter, stated benefits from the show will be used in

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Mom to kids: no Christmas this year

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Gloria Rodriguez began preparing her children in September — they will have no traditional Christmas this year.

There will be no tree, no gifts. Born in poverty, Mrs. Rodriguez sees her family in a situation that even as a child was an unfamiliar sight to her.

When all around trees are twinkling and packages are ribboned during this Christmas season, the three Rodriguez children wonder why.

"I started talking early to the children about having no Christmas. That's when it's hard, and the kids at school will make fun of them. But I tell them to ignore it."

"The last couple of years have been bad, but it's going to get tougher," said the 40-year-old Big Spring native.

Mrs. Rodriguez and her husband, Rodrigo, have lived for nine years in the two-bedroom wood-frame house.

And through their 16-year marriage, the couple has worked to make ends meet — but they have never struggled as they do today. The family of five lives with no running water and few groceries.

Born in Mexico, Rodrigo Rodriguez recently spent precious dollars, selling his prized 1975 Ford pickup truck he had for nine years, to complete the reams of paper work for his legal status in the United States, where he dreamed of the land of milk and honey.

Today, in Odessa's weakened economy, where oil prices have crippled many, the strapped 44-year-old Rodriguez realizes that dream has curdled.

But he is a proud man. He continues to look for work, cleaning the landlord's yard when the \$100 monthly rent payment cannot be met.

Most of the time he tinkers with a 1970 Ford pickup truck he grabbed for \$300. He stays under the truck for hours; sometimes placing snow chains on the tires just to do something to kill the boredom.

His wife shakes her head, explaining, that her husband is "just trying to keep busy."

His three children, Rodrigo Jr., 14; Rigoberto, 12; and Dolores, 7; huddle around him. They smile, showing that love is not what they have, but who they applied.

Rodriguez Rodriguez applied for unemployment insurance, but he doesn't qualify. He was told to come back in January.

Mrs. Rodriguez says her family is not saddened anymore about their impoverished situation.

"We've gotten over being depressed, most everyone around here is in the same thing. It used to be embarrassing but not any more. My husband and me used to argue — he'd leave the house or I would. But I talked to one lady one day and she said don't let it bother you."

Mrs. Rodriguez says it's important to her that her family stays strong during these hard times. And they make the best with what they have.

Poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J., in 1892.



STYLE SHOW — Others modeling at the N.A.A.C.P. style show included B.J. Cobb, Shaundra Cobb, Misty Malone, Twilla Peppers, Gloria Peppers, and Rosa Lee Barnes. A large array of door prizes were contributed by local merchants, individuals, and financial institutions. (Photo by Howard Bigham)

Personal recordings make popular gifts

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Jill Prater's old boyfriend had been dying to hear her sing after he found out she was taking music lessons at Pan American University on the Mexican border, but how could he when she was so far away?

No problem. She just mailed herself to him for Christmas.

Not only that, she sent along a fully orchestrated guitar, drum, piano, brass, string and background vocal accompaniment.

Scores of would-be rock, country and jazz stars like Prater, 21, of Edinburg, have struck a high note in holiday giving this year by recording their voices on cassette tapes with professional background music at do-it-yourself commercial recording studios.

"For many it's the ultimate gift. 'Don't you think a song is more personal than a necktie?'" Prater said.

Prater chose five Elvis Presley tunes at the Instant Star Studio operated by professional country singer Jada Vaughan at Sunrise Mall in Corpus Christi.

In addition to Elvis, a variety of other musical backgrounds are available, from gospel, show tunes and rap, to oldies, Spanish songs and Christmas carols.

"I'll be Home for Christmas," "The Christmas Song" and "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" are among the most popular of more than 20 such tunes offered for the holiday season.

The studio even offers "recording contracts" to be given away like gift certificates.

"Most people do it for fun," said Vaughan, who records on the Evergreen label in Nashville and has had four songs on the top 100 charts in various radio markets throughout the nation.

"I don't guess that most people do it for demos for a record company. Most people do it for their own enjoyment, for their

families, their friends, lovers, boyfriends, girlfriends," she said.

Customers sing along with a professional voice and accompaniment, but when they are finished only their own voice can be heard with the music.

One song costs \$9.95, two \$16.95; three \$24.95; and four, \$29.95. Each song takes about five or 10 minutes to rehearse and record.

"I think a lot of people like to listen to themselves singing with a full accompaniment. It's just like something you'd hear on the radio. It's amazing to them," Vaughan said.

Though the concept of commercial recording studios for common people is thought to date to the '40s and '50s, Recording Studios of America in Nashville, Tenn., takes credit for opening the first contemporary, cassette-recording studio at affordable prices in May 1983.

The company now has 41 franchises throughout the United States and in England, Australia and Canada, and soon will open one in Turkey.

Competitors such as Center Stage, Star Tracks and Super Star Recording have followed suit with rival chains, as have numerous independents such as Vaughan, who owns her store with her husband and manager, Gary Beck, a bandleader.

Laron Pendergrass, operations manager for Recording Studios of America, said no one can reasonably estimate how many such studios are operating now, but the industry is so young it's likely there are fewer than 200 worldwide.

"This business as far as we know has been in existence for just over five years," he said.

Recording Studios of America, which has stores in Lubbock, Beaumont, Austin, Houston and at Six Flags over Texas in Arlington, charges \$10,000 for a franchise, he said.

Pan Am crash...

Grieving families ask why?

By The Associated Press

Syracuse, N.Y., turned off Christmas lights in memory of 35 students as Americans nationwide grieved for the Pan Am jet crash victims, including a cabin attendant who'd planned to retire after Flight 103 landed.

The Boeing 747 crashed into a Scottish hamlet Wednesday night, killing all 258 on board. The dead included a top U.S. government Nazi hunter, a New York investment bank director, and students, military personnel and others coming home for the Christmas holidays.

Many expressed shock and anger at reports that terrorism may have been involved and that U.S. officials kept quiet about warnings it received two weeks ago that a terrorist attack on a Pan Am flight was planned.

"We had no knowledge of any terrorist threats and now we feel like this could have been prevented," said Bill Brunner, whose 20-year-old sister, Colleen, an Oswego (N.Y.) State College junior, was killed.

"It's unforgivable," Lucas Lowenstein, a 19-year-old Syracuse University sophomore who lost his 21-year-old brother and classmate, Alexander, said from his parents' Mendham Township, N.J., home.

Those who for one reason or another had not boarded Flight 103 from London to New York expressed relief. Among the lucky ones was The Four Tops singing group, which was delayed by a British Broadcasting Co. TV taping.

Lead singer Levi Stubbs, who landed in Detroit on Thursday with his three colleagues, said the group had just finished the TV show and arrived at their hotel when he called his wife to tell her he'd missed Flight 103.

Crash data investigated

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operation of international terror, apparently Arab international terror."

Meanwhile, the Israeli newspaper The Nation quoted unidentified Western intelligence sources as saying the Syrian-backed Ahmed Jibril group was responsible. It said investigators believed that at least one person aboard could be identified as belonging to Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command group.

In a report from London, a correspondent for Israel radio's English service said the passengers included two members of a secret U.S. State Department team returning from Lebanon where they had negotiated for the release of American hostages.

In Carlisle, 33 miles from Lockerbie, relatives of the 258 people who died on the Boeing 747 began gathering to identify the remains of loved ones. Another 22 people reportedly died on the ground at Lockerbie.

Townpeople stood in a heavy rain today solemnly reading the lists of the missing.

About 79 bodies found by search parties still lay outdoors and about 80 were placed in a makeshift morgue in the town hall while investigators from West Germany, Scotland Yard and the United States joined the search.

The sudden catastrophe that made the plane break up over a wide patch of Scottish countryside pointed either to major structural failure or a bomb, and aviation experts agreed the latter was most likely.

Speculation about a terrorist attack was fueled by a threat received Dec. 5 by the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki, Finland, which U.S. sources believed was linked to the Abu Nidal group of Palestinian radicals.

The State Department said an anonymous caller told the U.S. Embassy a Pan Am flight bound for New York from Frankfurt, West Germany, would be targeted.

Flight 103 originated in Frankfurt.

Auto-truck collide here

A Shallowater motorist escaped serious injury in a car-truck collision at 12:03 p.m. Thursday in the 700 Block of North U.S. 84.

Police said a 1979 Mercury driven by Marian Johnson of Shallowater was in collision with a 1984 Peterbilt tractor-trailer rig driven by Martin Linker of Diboll.

The car was towed, and Johnson appeared to have been injured but declined medical attention, officers said.

The trailer being pulled by Linker belonged to S.B. Campbell Trucking Co. of Lubbock.

At 11:26 p.m. Thursday in the Lawrence IGA supermarket parking lot off College Ave., a 1978 Chrysler driven by Wayne E. Ware of 806 33rd St. struck a parked 1978 Mercury owned by C.J. Jinkins of 2907 23rd St.

Grass fire, burrs occupy firemen

City firemen fought a cotton burr fire from 2:45 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. Thursday on property owned by Neil Rinehart three miles west of Union off the Lamesa Hwy.

The burning burrs were in a cotton field, a department spokesman said.

A 12:23 p.m. Thursday grass fire four miles east of Snyder on U.S. 84 on property owned by Don Schattel took 30 minutes to extinguish, and a grass fire on property owned by Lonnie Ralls six miles south of town on Round Top Rd. occupied them from 2:50 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A grass fire on the Diamond Ranch 15 miles southwest of Snyder took from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

"And she was crying and carrying on, and I asked, 'What's the matter?' And she told me what happened."

One of the places hardest hit by the tragedy was Syracuse University, where 35 of the dead were enrolled in an international studies program.

Mayor Tom Young ordered the city's Christmas lights turned off Thursday night and asked residents to do likewise. New York Gov. Mario Cuomo ordered flags flown at half-staff through Saturday.

Two memorial services were held Thursday at Hendricks Memorial Chapel.

"When one person dies we are all diminished. It is like when a finger is severed, the whole body hurts," the Rev. Pauli Kowalewski, the school's Protestant chaplain, told about 400 people attending one service.

Thrifths merge in bailout plan

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toward our goal of completing the work in Texas by the end of the 1989 fiscal year (next Sept. 30)", said Danny Wall, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

The institutions were to re-open Friday as Consolidated Federal Bank FSB. Consolidated will initially operate all 59 of the branches of the former institutions, the bank board said.

Fail is chairman of Liveshares Service Co. and several other insurance companies.

Other S&Ls involved in the merger include Commodore Savings of Dallas, Mesquite Savings of Mesquite, Mineral Wells Savings of Mineral Wells, Sentry Savings of Slaton, Interwest Savings of Fort Worth, Metroplex Federal Savings of Hurst, North Park Savings of Richardson and Southern Federal Banc of Lancaster.

Others are Hi-Plains Savings of Hereford, Reliance Savings of Houston, Vista Savings of Odessa, Home Savings of Lufkin. Regulators said more than 400 insolvent thrifths remain open and hundreds more are close to insolvency.

Church times are reported

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have a candlelight communion service beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday. Special music and a brief meditation will be offered and the public is invited.

—First Presbyterian Church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service Saturday beginning at 11 p.m. All are welcome at the church, located at the corner of 28th St. and Ave. R.

Church times are reported

—United Pentecostal Church will not hold services on Christmas Sunday.

—Dunn Baptist Church will not have services Christmas Day. —Union United Methodist Church will begin its Sunday services at 10 a.m. and will not hold either Sunday School or an evening service that day.

—Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold the worship service early on Christmas Day, beginning at 10 a.m.

Lighting list told for tour

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Other entries in this year's lighting contest were:

- Tammy Owen of 109 Milburn.
- Emmett and Helen Askins, 3009 35th St.
- Herman Martinez, 3614 44th St.
- Jacky and Donna Simpson, 2206 43rd St.
- Van Conard, 3609 41st St.
- Dale and Elaine Byrd, 3307 Ave. U.
- Larry White, 3717 Rose Circle.
- Ralph and Gingham Williamson, 2804 37th St.
- John and Yanira Paydo, 2607 47th St.
- Irene Wagner, 2301 Ave. T.
- Buddy and Glynda Powell, 3605 Kerrville Ave.
- Misty Murphy, 3103 Hill Ave.
- Rosa Villa, 605 30th St.
- Salvador Aguirre, 911 28th St.
- Gloria Lopez, 317 32nd St.
- Bob and Sue Travis, 5507 Cedar Creek.
- Alicia Segina, 400 29th St.
- Mary McGinty, 1302 Ave. J.
- John and Guale Velasquez, 2804 Ave. F.
- Peggy Sanchez, 1800 Scott Ave.

The university tried to take a business-as-usual approach and finish the final two days of examinations before recessing for a three-week holiday break. University Chancellor Melvin Eggers instructed faculty members to give final exams to distraught students only if they were prepared to take them.

Study program victims included 19-year-old twins Jason and Eric Coker of Mendham Township, N.J. Jason was majoring in liberal arts and communications at Syracuse; his brother was studying economics the University of Rochester, N.Y., officials said. Both played soccer and ran track.

Another student victim was Robert Schlageter, 20, of Warwick, R.I., whose postcard to his girlfriend arrived at her home the day he died.

"I haven't seen it yet," said Marion Menzies, 20, a University of Rhode Island junior. She said her mother told her about the postcard while she mourned Thursday with the Robert's parents.

At the Justice Department in Washington, flags were ordered flown at half-staff in memory of Michael Bernstein, an attorney with the agency's Office of Special Investigations.

Bernstein, a 36-year-old father of two, had been in Austria negotiating a treaty to allow some former Nazis in the United States to be deported there.

Also killed was Mark A. Rein, a 44-year-old treasurer and director of the Salomon Bros. investment bank and father of two. Today would have been his 15th wedding anniversary, his widow, Denise, said from their New York City home.

"Thank God I have my kids and family," she said.

In Millbrae, Calif., friends gathered at the home of the parents of flight attendant Paul Garrett, 41.

Rotan resident receives degree

LONGVIEW--Russell Lloyd Smith of Rotan was among 45 graduates who received diplomas during winter commencement ceremonies Dec. 10 at LeTourneau College.

He is the son of Alton and Ladoska Smith of Rotan.

An American Christmas

The Midwest celebrates a Nordic yule

By Christopher Hull

Christmas in the Midwest, especially the upper Midwest, quite often has a Scandinavian accent.

With the possible exception of Hispanics in the Southwest, probably no ethnic group has left as great an imprint on the essentially English character of any American region as the Scandinavians have on the nation's breadbasket. From the weeks of preparations for the holiday to the somewhat shorter aftermath, the season is filled with traditional foods and customs.

In preparation for a month of visiting family and friends, a meticulous house cleaning is undertaken before the holiday baking begins.

Once the baking starts, almonds are found in abundance. In the old country the nuts have been a winter staple, and they have remained a favorite of the American descendants of Scandinavians who began arriving in the Midwest more than 130 years ago. During the Christmas season, almonds will be eaten plain, and used in many of the cookies and pastries that are prepared for the holidays. Two favorites are "marzipan," cookies made with almond paste, sugar and egg whites and often topped with ground almonds, and "krumkaker," a thin, crisp cookie resembling a waffle that has been rolled into a cone.

"Lutefisk" is another favorite traditional food enjoyed during the time leading up to and following Christmas. "Lutefisk" is most usually North Atlantic cod that has been soaked in



LUCKY WINNERS—Mr. and Mrs. George Gann were the winners of this TV set given away in a drawing held by Snyder Cablevision. Shown at right is Snyder Cablevision representative Kyle Shankles. (SDN Staff Photo)

Arrest breaches smuggling ring

MIAMI (AP) — A high-tech smuggling ring involving dozens of companies and 10 countries was left in disarray by the arrest of a man charged with trying to sneak a computer to the Soviet bloc, the U.S. Customs Service said.

Eddy Gorandus Haak's arrest and the seizure of the \$1.1 million VAX computer last week culminated an eight-month investigation, said Patrick O'Brien, special agent in charge of Customs in Miami.

The Digital Equipment Corp. VAX 8800 mainframe computer seized at Miami International Airport is capable of upgrading and controlling systems that launch and guide ballistic missiles, operate radar or run a mass transit system.

It is on a federal list that regulates the exportation of technologically advanced products and likely would have been used by the Soviet defense system, O'Brien said.

"By getting one of these computers, they have saved themselves 10 years and hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development," said Michael Sheehan, another Customs spokesman.

"These countries are walking from the Stone Age into the 21st century in one step at the expense of the United States, and they're using this technology for interests contrary to United States interests." O'Brien said the Soviet defense

system began converting to VAX computers earlier in the '80s.

"But they cannot build their own. The only way they can get it is through the United States," O'Brien said. "If we can deny them from taking ours, they have to build the factories. It comes out of their defense budget and really slows them down."

Customs officials said the investigation includes companies, brokers and shippers in Boston, Chicago, New York, Newark, N.J., Houston, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Romania, Hungary, Belgium, Austria, Libya, Iran and Iraq.

At least one arrest was expected in Chicago and Boston, and others were possible, Sheehan said.

"We need to determine whether these companies that transported and modified the goods were involving knowingly," Sheehan said.

"The brokers are the people that we're after," O'Brien added. "They are the people who are going to take it from legitimate industry and give it to illegitimate industry."

There are other smuggling networks of similar scope, Sheehan said. Haak's network this year has purchased and diverted numerous VAX computers, the system mostly highly sought by the Soviets, O'Brien said.

lye water as a preservative, and then boiled in salted water to remove the lye and cook the fish before it is eaten. Scandinavians have been observing Christmas by decorating a tree since shortly after the custom was begun in Germany in the 1500s. So, much proud attention is given to tree trimming. A

mas Eve. It begins with an early-evening church service, after which the family gathers for the traditional Christmas Eve meal. The feast is most usually "ribbe" (roast side of pork) accompanied with boiled parsley-sprinkled potatoes and "surkal" (sweet and sour cabbage). Another fa-

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tree decorated in the Nordic style will include strings of flags, both Scandinavian and American; candles, which are likely to be electric nowadays; and small candies, which will be eaten by the children of all ages after Christmas. The house is also likely to be abundantly adorned with "julenissen," gnome-like creatures of folklore that have through the years evolved into Santa's helpers of sorts.

The actual holiday season begins in mid December with the feast of Santa Lucia, a holdover from the days before most Scandinavians converted from Roman Catholicism to Lutheranism. The day coincides with the ancient winter solstice (the shortest day of the year) and is observed in many households with an early-morning visit by the youngest woman in the house, dressed in white with a crown of light on her head, bearing food and drink for the rest of the household.

Many Scandinavian-Americans hold their main celebration on Christ-

mas Eve. It begins with an early-evening church service, after which the family gathers for the traditional Christmas Eve meal. The feast is most usually "ribbe" (roast side of pork) accompanied with boiled parsley-sprinkled potatoes and "surkal" (sweet and sour cabbage). Another fa-

Following the meal, gifts are presented. Frequently this is done by someone dressed as a julenisse, who springs into the house and asks if there are any good children there before handing out gifts to one and all. But gifts may also be placed under the tree or exchanged personally.

Christmas Day is generally more quiet and contemplative than the night before. Families attend church services and reflect on the meaning of the season. And to share the abundant good will of the yuletide, stalks of wheat or other grain are tied to the front door of the house or to a stick stuck in the ground so that the birds won't go hungry.

The holiday winds down with the observance of the Twelve Days of Christmas, the culmination of which sees the dismantling of decorations, the taking down of the tree, and the consumption of the candies that had been hanging on it.

Only mass communication, shopping malls and pop culture have done much to homogenize the diverse regional and ethnic traditions that have surrounded Christmas, but the spirit of the holiday endures. It is that spirit of brotherhood and community that makes Christmas in the Midwest, or anywhere else for that matter, such a joyous and hopeful time.

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Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	52 1/4	52	52
Ameritech	95 3/4	95 1/4	95 3/4
AMI Inc	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Amer T&T	29 1/4	29	29 1/4
Amoco	75 3/4	75 1/2	75 3/4
Arka	20 1/4	20	20 1/4
ArmcoInc	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 3/4
AtlRichfd	80 3/4	80 1/4	80 3/4
BakerHugh	14 1/4	13 3/4	14 1/4
BancTexas	13-16	13-16	13-16
BellAtlan	71 1/4	70 3/4	71 1/4
BellSouth	40 1/4	40	40 1/4
Beth Steel	22 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
Borden	58 1/4	58	58 1/4
CamronIrwk	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
Caterpillar	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4
Centel	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/2
CentSo West	31 1/4	31	31 1/4
Chevron	47 1/4	46 3/4	47 1/4
Chrysler	26	25 1/2	25 1/2
Coastal	35	34 1/4	34 1/4
CocaCola	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4
Coleman	39	38 1/4	38 1/4
Colg Palm	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4
ComlMetl	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
ComlMetl wi	19	18 1/4	18 1/4
DeltaAirl	51	50 1/4	50 1/4
DigitalEq	97 1/4	96	97 1/4
DowChem	85 1/4	84 3/4	84 3/4
DressInd	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4
dulPont	86 1/4	86	86 1/4
EstKodak	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4
Enserch	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4
Exxon	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4
FtCityBcp n	26 1/4	26	26 1/4
FlowerInd	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4
FordMotor	51 1/4	50 3/4	50 3/4
GAF Cp	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4
GTE Corp	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4
Gndynam	51 1/4	50 3/4	50 3/4
GenElec	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4
GenMills	53	52 1/4	52 1/4
Gen Motors	85 1/4	84 3/4	84 3/4
GnMotr E	43 1/4	43	43 1/4
vjGlobMar	5-16	9-32	9-32
Goodrich	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4
Goodyear	50 1/4	50 1/4	50 1/4
GlaxoPac	45 1/4	45	45 1/4
Gulf StaUt	8	7 3/4	7 3/4
Halliburton	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
HolidayCp	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
HollyFarm s	54 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4
HoustInd	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
IBM	123 1/4	122 3/4	123 1/4
IntlPaper	45 1/4	44 3/4	44 3/4
JohnsJn	85 1/4	85	85 1/4
K Mart	35	34 1/4	34 1/4
Kroger n	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4
vjTV Cp	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
Litton Ind	71 1/4	71	71 1/4
LoneSta Ind	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
Lows	21	20 1/4	21
Lubys	23 1/4	23 1/4	23 1/4
MCorp	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4
Maxus	35 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4
MayDSt	36	35 1/4	35 1/4
Medtronic	76 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4
Mobil	46 1/4	45 3/4	45 3/4
Monsanto	81 1/4	80 3/4	80 3/4
Motorola	40 1/4	40	40 1/4
NCNB Cp	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
Navistar	5	4 3/4	4 3/4
Nynex	66 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4
PacTelesis	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4
PenneyJC	52 1/4	52 1/4	52 1/4
Phelps Dod	52 1/4	52 1/4	52 1/4
PhillipPet	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4
Polaroid s	36 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4
Primerica n	22 1/4	21 3/4	21 3/4
Primerica wi	21 1/4	21 1/4	21 1/4
ProctGamb	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4
PubS NwMx	12 1/4	11 3/4	11 3/4
SFEsouP s	17	16 1/4	16 1/4
SearsRoeb	41 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/4
SherwinWm	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
Southern Co	22 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
SwstAirl	20	19 1/4	19 1/4
SwstBell	41 1/4	40 3/4	40 3/4
SterlingChm n	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4
SunCo n	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4
TNP Ent	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4
Tandy	41 1/4	40 3/4	40 3/4
TempInld	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4
Tenneco	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4
Texaco	51 1/4	51	51 1/4
TexAmBnc	9-32	1/4	1/4
TexEastn	29 1/4	28 3/4	28 3/4
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Dear Abby



Balding Man Plans to Have Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband — I'll call him Joe — began losing his hair at age 17. Immediately following his high school graduation, he left town for a good job opportunity. Meanwhile, he kept losing his hair rapidly, so he purchased a hairpiece.

When he came back home, everyone thought he had just "matured" and changed his hairstyle. Nobody suspected he was wearing a hairpiece.

Well, Joe and I started dating, and when our relationship became serious, he shared his "secret" with me. It didn't matter to me because I was more interested in what was in his head than what was on it. When he took off his hairpiece in front of me, I thought he was just as handsome without it.

We've been married for three years now, and Joe is ready to discard the hairpiece — but how does one go from a head full of hair to practically no hair at all? He was young and insecure when he began wearing a hairpiece, but now that he's shed many of his insecurities, he's ready to shed the hairpiece, too. But the question is how?

SPLITTING HAIRS

DEAR SPLITTING: How? With one bold stroke. Tell Joe to take it off and leave it off! And before anyone has a chance to say a word, he should announce: "It's probably not news to you that I've worn a hairpiece for a long time. Well, I'm not going to wear one anymore."

He should be prepared to hear all kinds of comments, from, "You look better without it," to, "Gee, you look like your own grandfather."

a man invited me to a wedding, should I pay half the cost of the gift?

J.W. IN MICHIGAN

DEAR J.W.: If you ask a gentleman to escort you, the gift is on you, but if he offers to share the cost, let him. Turnabout is fair play: If a man invites a woman to a wedding, the gift is on him. And if she offers to go 50-50 on the gift, what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

DEAR ABBY: Through Operation Dear Abby III, 1987, I became pen pals with a young man aboard the USS Coral Sea. Through our letters we learned that we were meant for each other. We are both 25, Christians and from Texas. We are so much alike that we wondered how come it took 25 years for us to meet. But God has his reasons.

Kent came home on leave in April 1988, and on July 1, 1988, in a small country church with a pastor and families present, we became husband and wife. The years ahead look even more promising with a baby due on June 24, 1989. Kent is reenlisting in the Navy with orders to Texas.

Thank you, Abby, for making a dream come true.

KENT AND KATHY DAVIS,
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced woman. I've been invited to a wedding. If I ask a man to escort me, and he does not know the bride or groom, should I pay for the gift myself? Or should I ask him to pay for half of it?

If the situation were reversed, and

Hance says petroleum background necessary

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance says the petroleum industry could take a back seat to nuclear power under the Bush administration, but the energy industry still may be better off.

Hance told the Texas Indepen-

dent Producers and Royalty Owners at a Dallas luncheon Thursday that he was upset to learn President-elect George Bush is committed to appointing an energy secretary with a nuclear power background.

Astro-Graph

Bernice Bede Osol



Dec. 24, 1988

Your chart indicates that the year ahead could be crammed with an abundance of activities geared to satisfying your restless urges. New and exciting friends will accompany these new conditions. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Advantageous things could develop for you today through people with whom you'll be dealing on a one-to-one basis, either socially or for business reasons. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Services you perform for loved ones today will bring them happiness and contribute to your feelings of fulfillment. Doing your duty offers big rewards.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Many friends will be thinking about you today and they'll want to share your company. If you find yourself on the run, be sure to leave numbers where you can be reached.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The weekend begins on a good note, which should give you the feeling of security you need. Nice things could happen to you throughout the entire day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your ideas and presence will be readily accepted by others today. The welcome mat will be out regardless of where you go. Keep in touch with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your material prospects look extremely encouraging today, and you are likely to be treated rather lavishly by others, even by someone you'd least expect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are positive indications that something you've been hoping for will come to pass just as you have anticipated. Continue to be optimistic regarding today's events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Good things could happen for you today through the least-expected channels, especially where your career is concerned. A bonus of some sort is a possibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your optimistic, expansive outlook will be noted today by people who can do you good. This could be a very lucky day if you play your cards right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Major changes initiated by others could work out more to your advantage today than it will for them. This is because Lady Luck will be in your corner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Partnership arrangements could be extremely beneficial today for you and your counterpart. There is harmony and strength in unity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have won the esteem of your co-workers, perhaps even more than you may realize. Today they might show this in a special way by doing something that will be rather impressive.

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CARLYLE'S CHRISTMAS by Larry Wright



INS: asylum applicants less since new procedure began

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — The number of Central Americans seeking political asylum here has dropped since new, strict procedures went into effect last week, officials say.

Immigration and Naturalization Service offices in Harlingen had been seeing 2,000 asylum seekers per week. But since new procedures took effect last Friday, the INS Harlingen District had taken applications for only 544 people at the close of business Wednesday, said Al De Leon, assistant district director for examinations.

"It could mean hopefully we don't have the number of people taking advantage of the situation

like they were before," De Leon said Thursday. "We would like to believe that, but it's too early to say if it is a trend."

Since the end of May, about 30,000 people primarily from Central America, have crossed the Rio Grande illegally in the Brownsville area and announced in Harlingen their intention to apply for political asylum in the United States, according to the INS. The agency started keeping count May 30 after noting a sharp increase in Central American immigrants last spring.

Asylum applicants since last Friday in the district covering the southern tip of the state have been required to submit their ap-

plications here. They also must keep appointments here set for answers on approval or denial.

Previously, those not apprehended by the Border Patrol were allowed to travel on to their destinations in the United States to seek asylum. Fewer than 40 a month would actually apply in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, opting to travel on to cities such as Miami and Los Angeles where their numbers are greater and jobs more plentiful.

They created huge backlogs of thousands of asylum cases in those cities; it sometimes took a year or more to obtain a decision on approval or denial from the INS.

Five youngsters find some \$6,000 in stolen money

AUSTIN (AP) — Five youngsters sent exploring in some woods behind an Austin antique store found more than a way to spend some time — about \$6,000 more.

Mary Dailey, owner of Austin House Antiques, told the Austin American Statesman she sent her two children and their three friends out of the store about 2 p.m. Thursday because they were restless.

But about 15 minutes later, the group returned, carrying fists full of cash and checks.

Austin police believe the money came from a Dec. 15 armed robbery of a Safeway store about a block from the wooded lot. Officials theorize the gunman may have dropped the money

while fleeing from police or stashed it to pick it up later.

"He probably intended to come back for it when it was safe," said Sgt. James Beck. "The kids just found it first."

Zach Henwood, 12, said the youngsters left the store and went to explore the lot, which is thick with bamboo and high grass.

"As we were walking, all of a sudden I noticed fives (\$5 bills) everywhere and I said 'Look, there's money all over the place,'" Zach told the American Statesman.

"I looked to my side and saw more money, mostly twenties. Then I saw a fifty," said Zach's 10-year-old brother, Adam.

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