

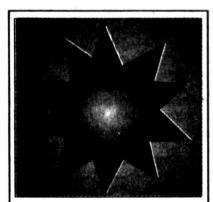
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Low tonight 25 degrees. High Wednesday 55. For weather details, see Page 2.

PAMPA - The filing deadline for the 1998 election is Friday, Jan. 2. Although the rest of the Gray County Courthouse will be closed, County Clerk Wanda Carter will be in her office until 6 p.m. Friday for the filing deadline.

ALANREED - Don C. Dorsey of Alanreed announced his candidacy for election of justice of the peace in Precinct 4.

AMARILLO — A High Plains Irrigation Conference is scheduled for Jan. 7 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The opening session is at 9:30 a.m. There is a seven dollar registration fee.

PAMPA - The Veterans of Foreign War Post #1657 in Pampa will be hosting its third annual "Black-eyed Pea and Cornbread Feed" free to the public on Thursday, Jan. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the post on 105 S. Cuyler. Donations will be accepted and used to cover food costs and for the repair of the VFW

"But I don't want people to think they have to donate, because they don't," said Veteran Don Emmons. He emphasized that this is a free event and the post does it as "good will" toward the community.

For more information contact Emmons at 669-3760 or call the VFW at 669-1264.

PAMPA Pampa Postmaster Richard A. Wilson is retiring.

There will be a come and go reception beginning at 9 a.m. Friday in the basement of the Pampa Post Office.

Wilson has been postmaster in Pampa since 1982.

 Ozie Maple Tollett Ferguson, 88, mother of a Pampa resident. • Glee A. Parsons, 81, died in

• The Rev. Charles Ray

Pampa.

Shugart, 56, former pastor of First Assembly of God Church of Pampa.

• William Clark Stanton, 80, of Pampa.

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Gray County Justice of the Peace announces re-election bid

Bob Muns, Justice of the Peace Washington, D.C. where he search, collection and preservafor Precincts 1 and '3 has announced his intent for re-elec-

Muns has been a justice of the peace for seven years. He has over 300 hours of specialized training to enable him to carry out his duties as a justice of the peace. Muns was employed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. for almost two years as a fingerprint technician. He later became an officer with the United States Park Police in

served for over ten years.

He was retired from the federal government on disability retirement for injuries he received in the line of duty. He was the recipient of the United States Department of Interior National Park Services Commendable Service Award upon his retirement.

Muns attended numerous schools while employed with the U.S. Park Police. Among those schools were advanced and latent fingerprints, crime scene

tion of evidence, sex crimes

investigation and arson. He attended schools conducted by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Bureau Drug Abuse

Control as well as narcotics training at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Muns trained police officers in drug investigation and narcotics identification. He also trained officers in basic and advanced fingerprints.

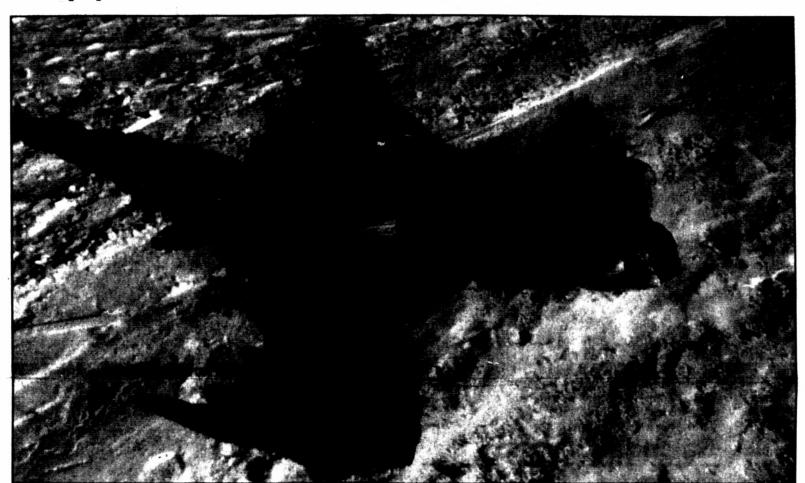
A member of the Texas Division of the International Association for Identification, Muns is also a member of the Texas Panhandle Child Death Review Team, the Crisis Coordinating Council in Pampa and the Community Awareness and Emergency Response Committee in Pampa.

He and his wife, Jean, have

four children, three of whom are living: Greg Muns of Georgetown, Texas; Cindy Wolken, Amarillo, and Michele Dyson, Pampa. They have ten grandchildren. Members of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, Muns and wife, Jean, are both active in Sunday school and he is a member of the adult choir.

Judge Muns expressed his desire to continue to serve the citizens of Gray County in a, "fair and equitable manner," in his position as a judge, "treating all citizens the same.

Slippin' and a slidin' in Central Park



Desirae Rochelle, 8, and Lauren Couts, 6, take advantage of the clear skies and sunshine to enjoy some last minute sledding down the hills of Central Park this week before warmer temperatures melt the packed powder on the slopes.

Snow brings good and bad to area agriculture

By Jeff West Staff Writer

The recent snow may not have been good for travel but it was good for the wheat, according to Gray County's Agriculture Agent Danny Nusser.

Nusser has no figures on the exact amount of moisture in the snow because, he said, the amount of snow varied so much from area to area. On a trip he took this week, he said snow was much less once he dropped down off the caprock.

"Most of the news is positive concerning the wheat crop," Nusser said. "Some are concerned about the cold, but snow is a good insulator. The moisture is good for all crops."

He said that wheat can tolerate cold weather at this stage of growth. As long as there is moisture, there is very little problem with freeze injury.

"We have more freeze in a drought situation," he said. "The

moisture acts as an insulator." Unfortunately, what is good for one sector of agriculture

can be bad for another.

"This has had a negative effect for the cattleman," Nusser said. "When you have the cold with this type of wind, it's very stressful for the cattle.'

He said cattle ranchers were having to take a lot of time feeding and taking care of cattle. When you have this kind of snow, according to Nusser, it covers up available forage so ranchers have to put out food and also to watch closely to keep

sickness rates down. He has had no reports so far

about cattle losses due to the storm, but expects there will be

He said that another problem for some cattle and cattlemen this time of year is that many of the cows are calving.

"There's lots of problems with calving with this type of weath-

Another area that Nusser said may be a problem because of the ice is with area trees. He said home owners will have to watch out for trees that were damaged by the ice.

PEDC studies compressing problems

By JEFF WEST Staff Writer

The Pampa **Economic** Development Corporation was meeting today to decide on a loan guarantee for a Pampa compressor manufacturer.

Bergen Dick Van International Compressor Systems got right to the point in Monday afternoon's PEDC meeting that was recessed so board members could study their information packets.

"We're here because we have an unforeseen cash flow problem," he said.

ICS makes, remanufactures and maintains custom compressors steam turbines and pumps. They operate across the U.S and Canada. Of the 14 employees, all but one lives in Pampa.

Van Bergen said each compressor is custom built. Last year, one job got them in trouble. One of three owners and employees of the company was in Canada and bid a job for Chevron Canada at just over \$174,000. The job ended up costing nearly \$314,000. Bergen said apparently the partner did not study the specifications carefully enough.

The company said due to that loss and a job which has been delayed, they do not have the money to meet daily operating expenses and pay their creditors until new jobs start in January.

Van Bergen and Langley came with Phil Gentry of the First Bank Southwest to ask the PEDC to guarantee a loan of \$150,000 from the bank. If they were not willing to guarantee it all, Gentry said he would take any guarantee to the banks board for consideration.

After questioning the two engineers, the board recessed until 11 a.m. today. If the board decides to proceed, the matter will be taken up at the city commission meeting at noon today.

Quite frankly... What is your New Year's Resolution or do you have one?



"I've broken too many, so I haven't come up with one this year."

- Frances Hefley

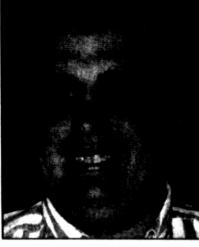


"I don't have one." - Judy Riggle



"Didn't make one since I break them anyway."

-Jerry Noel



"I'm still working on last year's New Year's resolution."

- Kevin Collingsworth



"I haven't made one yet, but I will." -John Cook Sr.

Daily Record

Services

Services today

PARSONS, Glee A. — Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel, Amarillo.

Services Wednesday FERGUSON, Ozie Maple Tollett — 2 p.m.,

Bible Baptist Church, Borger. **DEVENPORT**, Mona Annette — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery,

PARSONS, Glee A. — 2 p.m., St. Josephs

Catholic Church, Amarillo. SHUGART, Charles Ray -Havenbrook Funeral Home Chapel, Norman, Okla. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Paradise Valley

Baptist Church Cemetery, Elgin, Okla. **STANTON**, William Clark — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

OZIE MAPLE TOLLETT FERGUSON

BORGER - Ozie Maple Tollett Ferguson, 88, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Dec. 29, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Serenity at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ferguson was born in Howard County, Ark. She married Clyde Thomas Ferguson in 1932; he died in 1955. She had been a Borger resident since 1943, moving from Athens, Ark. She cooked at the Chat & Chew restaurant. She was a Ambulance member of the Church of Christ in Langford, Ark. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Terry

Helen Ferguson, in 1954. Survivors include three sons, Neil Ferguson and Stonie Ferguson, both of Borger, and John Ferguson of Pampa; five daughters, Sue Yohn, Margaret Graham, Tommie Parkhurst and Kathy Armstrong, all of Borger, and JoAnn Durham of Matador; a stepson, Clyde Jr. Ferguson of Pampa; a brother, Horace Tollett of Nashville, Ark.; 27 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; six greatgreat-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. **GLEE A. PARSONS**

AMARILLO - Glee A. Parsons, 81, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 1997, at Pampa. Rosary services will be at 7:30 p.m. this evening Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Josephs Catholic Church with Father Neal Dee officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo,

Mrs. Parsons was born in Minneola. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Josephs Catholic Church and Ladys Auxillary #1475.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emmett Parsons.

She is survived by an extended family. **REV. CHARLES RAY SHUGART**

NORMAN, Okla. - The Rev. Charles Ray Shugart, 56, former pastor of First Assembly of God Church of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Havenbrook Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Craig Dacus officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Paradise Valley Baptist Church Cemetery at Elgin, Okla. Burial will be under the direction of Havenbrook Funeral Home of

Mr. Shugart was born Nov. 16, 1941, at Ranger, Texas, to Buster and Sybill Shugart. He graduated from high school at Ranger and attended Central Bible College at Springfield, Mo. He married Carol Ann McClung in 1962 at Abilene. He owned Artistic Ornamental Iron Works in Lubbock, Texas, and Lawton, Okla.

He entered the ministry in 1974 and pastored churches in Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma. He had most recently pastored Family Worship Center at Norman beginning in 1995. He enjoyed iron working and making stained glass. He was preceded in death by his parents and

Survivors include his wife, Carol, of the home;

a daughter, Tammy Harrelson of Shawnee, Okla.; a son, Kevin Ray Shugart of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Martha of Texas; and three grandsons. WILLIAM CLARK STANTON

William Clark Stanton, 80, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 29, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Du Bose, retired director of Missions at First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Directors of Pampa. Mr. Stanton was born Feb. 24, 1917, at Jayton, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident for the past 75 years. He married Ruby Kyle on Feb. 10, 1950, at Clovis, N.M. He was a pumper employed with Continental Oil, retiring in 1982 after 41 years of service.

He was also a rancher. He was a veteran of the U.S.

Army, serving in the 153rd Combat Engineering Battalion in the Pacific theater of World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Lefors.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and Survivors include his wife, Ruby, of the home; two daughters, Karen Belt of Pampa and Kay

Graves of Muleshoe; a sister, Beatrice Peak of Amarillo; a brother, Troy Stanton of Lefors; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society or to Pampa Meals on

Sheriff's Office

arrested on two warrants.

The Gray County Sheriffs Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, December 29 Victor Manuel Ayaly, 18, Oklahoma City, was arrested for criminal mischief. Michael T. Williams, 26, 1033 Neel Road, was

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, December 29 10:48 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1800 block of Dwight on a

dumpster fire. 11:37 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to a car rollover on Highway 152 west

of the city. 11:26 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded on a medical assist in the 1100 block of

11:44 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 100 block of Randy Matson on a welfare check.

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, December 29

2:07 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of W. Kingsmill and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded outside the city and transported one to Columbia Medical

9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 11:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

Highway 152 west of city no one was transport-2:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local

nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center. 4:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported one to Columbia Medical Center. 5:37 p.m.— A mobile ICU responded to

Columbia Medical Center and transported one to University Medical Center in Lubbock. 1123 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the

1100 block of Darby and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Are you or someone you know in an abusive

relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information call 669-1131.

TOTS-N-TRAINING

Each Wednesday at the following times and locations listed below you will receive a newsletter and free materials such as books, colors, chalk boards, stickers, and much more that will help you get your child ready for school! For more information call Sue Thorton at 669-4700.

Frank's Thriftway #1, 300 E. Brown, 10 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

Frank's Thriftway #2, 1420 N. Hobart, 10 to 11

a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, 10 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Community Day Care, 1100 Gwendolyn, 4:30

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria. PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meet Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.; non member and beginners are welcome to participate. For more information contact James A. Shook, 669-0227.

Stocks

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Arco77 1/16 up7/16	Silver	6.18
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Muslim clerics see new moon, so Ramadan begins

began today for most of the Wednesday. world's Muslims.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — moon. In some countries, includ- Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, Bahrain Ramadan — the holy month of ing Turkey, Oman, Iran and and Qatar. fasting from dawn to dusk - Indonesia, Ramadan begins

Clerics in much of the Islamic Nasr Farid, the government's world spotted a new moon ranking cleric, made the hard to even to get a dial tone. Monday, signaling the start of the announcement in Cairo. Similar observance. The starting date announcements also were made mined by the sighting of the new including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Mohammed.

Telephone lines in Egypt were jammed as family members Egypt's grand mufti, Sheik called each other to relay Ramadan greetings, making it

The holy month marks God's revelation of the Koran, Islam's changes each year and is deter- by clerics in the Middle East, holy book, to the Prophet

Montana rolls out the welcome mat for foreign investors

By BOB ANEZ **Associated Press Writer**

HELENA, Mont. (AP) -Forget the financial lure of the Swiss Alps and the palm trees of the Bahamas. Think of the Rockies and the ponderosa pines

State officials hope to make Montana a new destination for the money of wealthy foreigners by chartering financial institutions called foreign capital depositories.

Not banks in the conventional sense because they don't make loans or service checking accounts, the depositories would cater to people looking for a safe place to put their money. Depositors can direct how it should be invested or can merely have their money warehoused.

Fans of the idea believe Montana's strong constitutional right to privacy and strict banking secrecy laws make the state an ideal place for overseas money belonging to people who like their finances to be kept confidential.

But Montana? What about Switzerland, New York, Tokyo?

state licensing of depositories this munity theater actors to mas-year. "But what's wrong with a querade as rich Arabs and roam little optimism? All we can do is put it out there and see if there's

a market." Don Hutchinson, state banking commissioner, said his office has had some nibbles of interest. But since administrative regulations were not finished until Dec. 16, he doesn't expect any applica-

tions until at least March.

Hutchinson won't identify anyone asking about getting a license, but said those he has heard from are usually consultants or attorneys fronting for one or more parties.

"It's interesting to see how closely held information is on this," he said. "No one will talk about who their clients are."

depositories by collecting an annual tax equal to 1.5 percent of the deposits in the institutions. A *ago charter carries a \$50,000 price tag and a \$10,000 yearly renewal fee. The notion of Montana compet-

ing in the international banking field has faced skepticism, despite a legislative study that concluded it could work.

During the 1997 legislative ses-"It may not work," said Mike sion, the state budget director money-laundering. But I'm not Sprague, the state senator who and Commerce Department absolutely 100 percent convinced that sponsored the law authorizing director persuaded a pair of com- someone can't sneak one by on us."

the Capitol halls professing an interest in becoming depositors.

An article in the Nov. 3 edition

of Forbes magazine ridiculed the idea as a "Rocky Mountain high" that won't work.

Sprague isn't bothered by such criticism. "We're not a bunch of wackos. We've done our homework," he said.

Hutchinson said a depository in Montana would be especially attractive to foreigners looking for a place to put their money where they don't have to worry about political and economic upheaval.

Questions about whether a depository would attract crooks wanting to hide money from ille-The state would benefit from gal enterprises have persisted since Sprague first talked about his proposal nearly three years

Existing state and federal banking laws discourage money-laundering, he said. Though he's not completely at ease.

"Money launderers like to move money around, and the law minimizes that," Sprague said. "You can do a lot to discourage

Hoechst to pull popular Seldane off market

By LAURAN NEERGAARD AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying allergy sufferers now can buy a safer treatment, the maker of Seldane announced Monday that it will pull the controversial antihistamine off the market on Feb. 1.

Drug Food and Administration began proceedings to ban Seldane and Seldane D, a decongestant formula, a year ago because of potentially deadly side effects, but maker Hoechst Marion Roussel balked. The FDA had argued the company made another drug called Allegra that fights allergies as effectively as Seldane but without the risks.

Hoechst spokeswoman Julie Gladman said the company wanted permission to also sell a decongestant version of Allegra before it withdrew both Seldane order a ban. and Seldane-D. Monday, the FDA approved the decongestant-

added Allegra-D, and Hoechst choose Allegra instead. "We see announced Seldane's end in the USA. no reason that someone should overseas because Allegra has not

Gladman said. Hoechst's decision did not affect the generic version of to relieve the effects of seasonal Seldane, known chemically as allergies without also causing terfenadine. The FDA also plans to ban generic terfenadine. Maker

Ivax Corp. is fighting the attempt. FDA pulmonary drug chief Dr. John Jenkins said that unless Ivax changes its position, the government will proceed toward a formal ban of all terfenadine products.

Jenkins could not say how much longer it will take the FDA to finalize a ban. Unless a drug is declared an imminent danger which Seldane and its generic were not — the agency must go through court-like proceedings to

But in the meantime, Jenkins' dvice for terfenadine users is to

Seldane will continue to be sold be taking terfenadine," he said. "As a physician myself, I would been widely introduced abroad, not prescribe terfenadine."

When it was introduced in 1985, Seldane was the first drug drowsiness.

But in 1992, doctors discovered Seldane was dangerous for people with liver disease, and that those who took the antihistamine in addition to certain other medicines could suffer potentially fatal heart rhythm problems.

The FDA warned consumers and doctors never to prescribe the risky drugs together, but it didn't immediately move to ban Seldane because it did relieve allergies. Through 1996, Seldane remained the nation's second most popular allergy drug, with over 6 million prescriptions writ-

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Skies should be sunny today and remain clear tonight. The high today is expected to reach 52. The low tonight should be 25. Wednesday's high under party cloudy skies should be 55

New Year's Day should see 57 degrees with partly cloudy skies. The Monday was 40 degrees. The overnight low was 28.

REGIONAL FORECAST WEST TEXAS -- South Plains/Low Rolling Plains Tuesday, sunny. Highs upper 40s northwest to lower 60s low rolling plains. Tuesday night, fair. Lows lower 20s northwest to mid 30s low rolling plains. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs 50s to mid 60s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Extended fore-Thursday through Saturday, Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s.

Permian Basin/Upper Trans 60s Pecos — Tuesday, sunny. Highs 60 to 65. Tuesday night, fair. Lows near 30. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs 60 to 65. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows 35 to 40. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, Partly cloudy. Lows 35 to 45. Highs 60 to 65.

SOUTH TEXAS -- Hill

Country — Tuesday, sunny. Highs near 70. Tuesday night, clear and cold. Lows in the mid 30s, near 30 Hill Country. Wednesday, sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Extended forecast, New Years Day, partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Friday, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 60s. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the

NORTH TEXAS -- Tuesday through Wednesday, sunny days and fair nights. Highs upper 50s to middle 60s. Lows in the lower to middle 30s. Extended forecast, Wednesday night and Thursday, increasing cloudiness and mild. Lows in the mid and upper 40s. Highs in the mid 60s to low 70s. Friday, mostly cloudy. Lows upper 40s and low 50s. Highs mid and upper 60s. Saturday, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the mid and upper

BORDER STATES FORECAST **NEW MEXICO** — Tuesday, mostly sunny and a little warmer. Highs mid 40s to mid 50s southern lowlands with mid 30s to the 40s elsewhere. Tuesday night, fair skies. Lows Northwest with teens to near 30 elsewhere. Wednesday, high to mid 40s. 26.

cloudiness increasing from the southwest, sunny and a little warmer otherwise. Highs mostly 50s southern lowlands with upper 30s to low 50s elsewhere. Wednesday night, periods of high cloudiness. Lows near zero to mid 20s mountains and northwest with teens to low 30s elsewhere. Extended forecast, Thursday, periods of mostly high cloudiness. Highs 40s to mid 50s mountains and north with 50s to low 60s southern lowlands. Friday and Saturday, a chance of snow showers, mainly mountains, And lowland rain showers. Lows teens to upper 20s mountains and northwest with 20s to lower 30s elsewhere. Highs 40s to low 50s mountains and north with mostly 50s southern lowlands.

OKLAHOMA - Tuesday. mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s northwest and 50s elsewhere. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows mainly in the 20s Wednesday and Wednesday night, mostly clear. Highs 50 to 60. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast, New Years Day, mostly clear. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Friday, increasing cloudy. A slight chance of showers southeast. Lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s. Saturday, zero to mid 20s mountains, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

EMERGENCY JAIL Release SPEND NEW Year's Eve at The Coyote Club, 2302 Alcock. Adv. Wild Card Band 8 p.m., \$5 per person. Adv.

BROGAN'S BOOZERY, 1001 E. Frederic, now has a drive-up window for your convenience. Adv.

apartment available. 24 hr. assisted living. 665-5668. Adv.

Biarritz Club with live Rock N Band "Suspence". Complimentary Champagne. For reservations call 669-2737. Adv.

DANCE MOOSE Lodge -24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv. New Year's Eve. Members & Guests. Make reservations now!

NEW YEAR'S Eve Dance Mclean Country Club. Music by Plain Country, \$20 couple. Member's and Guest welcome.

AFTER CHRISTMAS Sale-MEREDITH HOUSE has an Selected items 25-50% Off at All Its Charm, Adv.

1/2 PRICE Clearance Sale on NEW YEAR'S Eve Party at all concrete birdbaths, statuary, fountains, christmas ornaments, trees & decorations ends Wednesday at Watson's Feed & Garden. Hwy. 60 East. 665-4189. Adv.

REMEMBER WHEN Your Pampa News Carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation

TAYLOR PETRO. Hwy. 60 West - New every day low prices-all 18 packs beer \$9.99, unleaded \$1.19.9. Adv.

CLEARANCE SALE continues thru Wednesday. All Christmas items 1/2 price other selected picture frames and collectables also 1/2 price at Celebrations. 1617 N. Hobart. Adv.

NOW OPEN Holly's Bar, your favorite beer & wine! 618 W. Foster. Adv.

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Some retiring lawmakers eligible for nearly \$100,000 pension

WASHINGTON (AP) - A healthy pension plan that members of private sector employee earning \$50,000 or more was eligible for pension benefits averaging \$17,062. lect roughly \$100,000 a year for life.

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Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, will be eligible for at least \$96,462 if taxable.

Although most members are enrolled in the same retirement plans as other federal employees, lawmakers accrue benefits at a faster rate. Plus, congressional pensions are adjusted each year for inflation, setting them apart from most retirement plans in the private sector.

"Almost all my adult life has been spent in public service in the Marine Corps and the Senate," Glenn said. "I have made the required contributions to the system and will retire from the Senate at the end of next year with a pension based on those years of service."

Aides for Yates and Gonzalez said the lawmakers deserved benefits.

"It's one of the most outrageous perks congressmen have," said David Keating, vice president for National Taxpayers Union, a conservative group that advocates less government spending.

According to the taxpayers' group, which calculated congressional

pension estimates for retiring lawmakers at the request of The Associated Press, some lawmakers will be going home with pensions of about five times the national average

Reps. Joseph McDade, R-Pa., Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., and Sidney Yates, D-III., will be eligible for \$98,694 each, about three-fourths of their \$133,600 salary, when they leave office in 1999 after a combined_

Benefits for Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, will exceed \$90,000 after factoring in a separate Marine Corps pension for his past duties as a combat pilot and astronaut.

Members of Congress defended the retirement benefits, which are

ensions after more than three decades of public service. Yates spokeswoman Mary Bain added that the 88-year-old lawmaker could have opted to collect benefits over a longer period by retiring at 65.

Hamilton's office declined to comment, while McDade's did not

McDade, in his 18th two-year term, is the most senior House Republican. Hamilton and Yates have served 17 terms each. Gonzalez is in his 19th term, while Glenn is retiring after four six-year terms.

Lawmakers elected since January 1984 fall under a less generous pension system, but members who joined before then have continued arning pension credits using the old formulas.

In 1995, Congress approved language that would have brought future earnings more in line with those given to other federal workers, but it was part of a broader budget bill vetoed by President Clinton for other reasons. Congress has not passed similar legislation According to a 1994 Labor Department study, the latest available, a in the current session.

New Life Assembly project



Darlene Ascensio. Tony Marsh and members of New Life Assembly of God recently prepared coats and toys for community distribution. Many families of the community participated in the event which will be sponsored annually by New Life Assembly of God.

Two food companies sue San Angelo meat packing plant

meat packing plaint in connection allege was the sale of "spoiled and slimy" beef.

The lawsuit was filed by Jason Foods Inc. of Illinois and Triple B Foods Inc., of Dallas, against Lone Star Beef seeking at least \$10,000 in damages and another \$5,000 or more in attorney's fees and court

It alleges that the San Angelo company breached its contract to sell good products.

John Cross, president of Lone Star, said Monday that the lawsuit LLC.

SAN ANGELO (AP) - A lawsuit is a problem for former plant with what two food companies beginning a 30-month federal prison sentence.

> period," Cross said. "It's a meat Standard-Times. claim from back in July. We didn't buy the company until September

The packing plant, once known as Evans Meat Co., did business as Lone Star Beef Processors Inc. between March 31 and Sept. 1. It is now owned by Cross and vice president Burley Smith, since has changed its name to Lone Star Beef

has been filed against a San Angelo owner Mike Evans, who sold the the allegations in the lawsuit, company earlier this year before Cross referred questions to Jim Carter, one of Evans' attorneys. He could not be reached for comment, 'We're not involved in the suit, according to the San Angelo

> John Sims, an Lubbock attorney who represents the plaintiffs, said the lawsuit, filed last week, has nothing to do with Evans.

At the center of the lawsuit is a July 30 transaction in which the Illinois-based firm bought 42,000 pounds of beef "cheek meat" worth more than \$33,000 from

The lawsuit alleges that the

Saying he was not familiar with buyer had to pay for the meat before inspecting or rejecting the shipment.

Sims said the load had been presold to Triple B Foods, which in turn pre-sold it to Garcia Foods of San Antonio to be turned into "barbacoa," or barbecue.

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Texas politics:

Party chairman, Bill White, says Democrats are equal to challenge in New Year

AUSTIN (AP) - Despite deci- sound optimistic heading into a sions not to seek re-election by new year. Attorney General Dan Morales and several key Texas House committee chairmen, state Democratic conservative, Republican state and Party Chairman Bill White says he is optimistic about the coming new

The announcements by Morales, considered one of the party's strongest statewide candidates, and by five key House Democrats have Republicans thinking that they can take the majority in the 150-member House and sweep all the offices on the statewide ballot

"We won't lose all the statewide races," White said. "It just won't happen. The Republicans have been and will be stronger statewide than at the local level because television money drives those races more.

"But I think we will make gains in the Senate and keep the majority in the state House. The congressional majorities are the most important things we are focusing

The GOP has 17 of the 31 seats in the Texas Senate, its first majority in either chamber in 120

The Democrats' 82-68 advantage in the Texas House has become increasingly fragile as a number of powerful House committee chairmen, mostly Democrats, have announced their retirements.

Those saying they won't seek reelection include Reps. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, chairman of the House Corrections Committee; Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, chairman of the House Public Health Committee; Allen Place, D-Gatesville, chairman of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, chairman of the House Calendars Committee; and Keith Oakley, D-Terrell, chairman of the House Public Safety Committee.

"I don't think the danger of losing the majority in the House played a role in people leaving," White said. "I talked to each one Democratic primary. and they expressed personal rea-

"Most of it is a changing of the guard, I don't think Texans want people to go into public office and iust stay there until they die. I think it's a healthy thing."

Republican Party Texas spokesman Robert Black said he would expect White to try to

"But when the holiday egg nog wears off, he'll realize the state is a that liberals are out of step with what Texans feel and think," Black

In other developments:

- Texas Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, who is seeking the Republican nomination for land commissioner, on Monday formally filed to be on the primary ballot.

Patterson unveiled two plans that he said would result in \$76 million in cost savings to Texas tax-

He said the state has a large enough population of veterans to justify construction of 42 veterans homes, which are operated privately and are funded by the federal gov-ernment. By building the 42 homes, the state would save \$42 million in Medicaid spending, Patterson said.

He also proposed using natural gas owned by the state to generate electricity that could be sold to public schools across the state. Such a move would generate \$23 million annually for the Permanent School Fund, which is used to help fund public education in Texas, while saving school districts \$11 million off of their current electric bills.

— Tim Turner, a Houston landman, announced that he was withdrawing his bid for the Republican nomination in the land commissioner's race.

"This race has attracted a surprising number of well qualified and well financed candidates," Turner said. "I simply could not raise the money necessary to win this race.'

Other Republicans in the primary field for land commissioner include Patterson, former Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza, Houston businessman David Dewhurst and retired Air Force major Don Loucks.

Richard Raymond, a state representative from Benavides, is the only announced candidate in the

- Charles F. Baird formally announced that he will seek reelection to Place 1 on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

"What I will run on will be my qualifications and experience,' said Baird, a Democrat who has served on the state's highest appeals court for criminal cases since 1990.

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Inside the **Beltway** with

Sen. Hutchison

Texans weigh in on campaign finance reform

In large margins, Texans strongly support reforming federal campaign finance laws by imposing limits on a broad range of contributions. My annual questionnaire, which your newspaper published last August, asked Texans to tell me how they feel about the ongoing campaign finance reform debate.

Of those who responded, 87 percent favor stricter limits on contributions from non-citizen permanent U.S. residents; 86 percent favor stricter limits on labor unions' contributions and 71 percent said they support imposing stricter limits on contributions by individuals.

Asked if you think there should be limits on the amount of money individuals or organizations can spend to support or oppose candidates or specific issues, 74 percent of Texans answered yes. But only 22 percent of you favor government funding of campaigns.

Here are some of your comments on this perplexing issue: From Arcadia: "Individual contributions should be unlimited because restricting them would be a limit on free speech. I am against government funding of any cam-

From Lake Jackson: "No contributions should be allowed by any entity except a (singular) qualified voter. Contributions should only be acceptable from an individual's current personal earnings or savings. Corporations, foreign countries, labor unions, trade associations, etc. are not voters and should be prohibited from giving financial support to anyone or any party. The U.S. Constitution is clear about qualifications to vote, and the same should apply to contributors to political campaigns."

From Aledo: "We are not even enforcing our current laws. Deregulate individual contributions, but require full, immediate disclosure. Forbid business and political action committee (PAC) contributions, including unions.'

From Port Isabel: "There should be a clear-cut cap on campaign contributions to level the playing field. Special interests should not be allowed to influence government this way. Capping contributions would allow them to represent us, not whoever has the most money. Right now, when money talks, government listens.

From Vernon: "I think non-citizen permanent residents should not be allowed to contribute toward campaigns. If they are not willing to become legal citizens, they should not have a say in any area of government ... The buying of candidates needs to be stopped. Candidates need to focus on what is best for the United States instead of pleasing special interest groups.

From San Antonio: "The cost of campaigns should be borne by the candidate entirely, but with free TV and radio time. That way the candidates would not be influenced by corporate interests.

From Hurst: "There shouldn't be any limits on spending or donations, but we should require contributions and expenditures to be reported within three days on a web site, so everyone will know where support comes from."

From Blanco: "Public campaign finance is a misuse of tax dollars. If you're not a U.S. citizen, you have no right to participate. The whole system is out of control."

From Garland: "It's simple. Increase the limit on what an individual can donate (either individually or through a PAC or corporation) to \$5,000 for any legitimate candidate or party. All congressional candidates should be required to raise 75 percent of their funds within their home state. On the income tax returns, people could select \$10, \$25 or write in up to \$100 for support of presidential and senatorial races.

From El Paso: "I believe in total freedom for all people. Anyone from any country should be able to donate or vote.' Congress will take up campaign finance reform next spring. I have introduced a bill designed to remedy the most significant shortcomings in federal campaign finance laws.

These new rules would help return control of federal campaigns and elections to individual voters. My bill: -Limits to \$250,000 the amount a Senate campaign may

reimburse a candidate for loans the candidate makes to his or her own campaign.

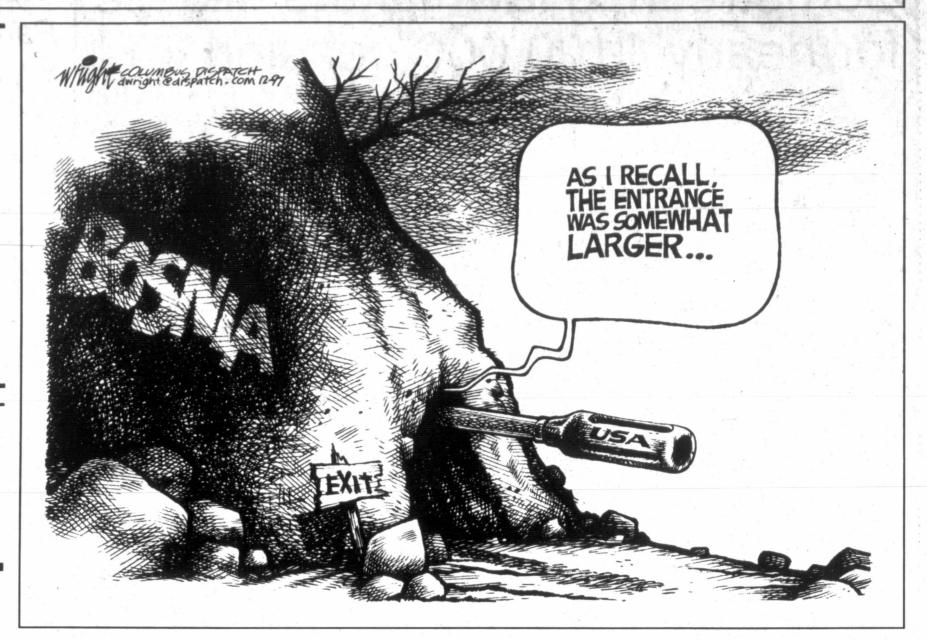
-Requires at least 60 percent of a Senate candidate's campaign funds to come from individual residents of his or her home state.

-Curtails the congressional franking privilege for mass mailings during election years.

-Limits PAC contributions to the same level as allowed for individuals; indexes this uniform limit to the rate of

—Prohibits contributions from non-U.S. citizens.

These are clear, workable reforms designed to encourage greater political participation while curbing the abuses that are undermining pubic confidence.



Forum bungled Taxman case

In rebuttal to my recent column on the settlement of the Piscataway Township vs. Taxman case, the Black Leadership Forum - a coalition of major civil rights organizations - has continued its fictive accounts of the history and nature of the case. The lawsuit began when a white high school teacher, Sharon Taxman, was fired and a black teacher, Debra Williams, was retained in the interest of diversity.

These black leaders underplay the ordeal of Debra Williams, who was indeed abandoned at the end by the Piscataway school board and the Black Leadership Forum. She was not named a litigant, but there would have been no action. She strongly believes she deserves the job based on her merits, not on the color of her

In a remarkable attempt to rewrite history, the Black Leadership Forum maintains this was never an affirmative action case. It was, they say, a "regrettable personal discrimination case." Yet from day one, the school board regarded it as an affirmative action case, and hauled out its affirmative action policy. The affirmative action case, and so did both the Bush and Clinton Justice Departments.

As for the Forum settling the case by arranging to pay Taxman \$433,500, civil suits are often settled, as the forum says, but it is rare for a high profile case – considered the most visible of the current Supreme Court term – to

oral arguments.

Nat Hentoff

Hentoff is an authority on

Executive Director Yvonne Scruggs Leftwich, writing for the Black Leadership Forum, misses my point on the possible prececase without her. When the Forum arranged to dent set by this way of buying off a Supreme pay Sharon Taxman to prevent the Supreme Court case. We all know the right wing has a Court from deciding whether she should have lot of money, but my concern is that right-wing been dismissed solely because of her race, foundations - as intensely committed to their Debra Williams wept. She did not want to be a principles as she is to hers - are quite capable 1964 Civil Rights Act would be held to prevent poster woman for that kind of affirmative of trying to rescue one of their losing cases by lead the other side to drop a case and try again

It should be noted, for history's sake, that the Piscataway case was originally taken by the Bush Justice Department, which opposed the firing of Sharon Taxman for reasons of race

It was the Clinton Justice Department – led Third Circuit Court of Appeals saw it as an by Deval Patrick, assistant attorney general for civil rights that turned the case around and supported the firing of Sharon Taxman because of the color of her skin.

> No prominent civil rights leader objected to that turnaround by the Clinton forces. Indeed, many agreed in print and on television with Deval Patrick. It was only when the case establishment hastened to make a deal so that speaks truth to power - without spinning.

Sharon Taxman would drop her lawsuit.

As for my allegedly quoting "Black Leadership Forum members out of context," Kweisi Mfume's remarks were taken down by me from a Nightline broadcast, and to make sure, I obtained a transcript of the program. Mfume did indeed say that "civil rights groups in this country have learned the tactics of the extreme right wing, have adjusted to them, and have found a way to beat them at their own game.'

Is this the way the rest of the Black Leadership Forum intends to go?

I have no trouble understanding the motivation of the Forum in preventing the Piscataway case from reaching the Supreme Court. If the full reasoning of the Third Circuit had been upheld by the Supreme Court, Title VII of the any race-conscious employment preferences paying off the other side. Taking care of not based on specific findings of racial dislawyers' fees and adding a big bonus might crimination. In addition to ruling out diversity as a cause of action, the Court could have ended many affirmative action agreements throughout the country.

But the desperate last-minute move to pay off Taxman would not have been necessary if the black leadership had been alert enough – at the beginning of the Clinton administration's turnaround on the case - to protest strongly and publicly to the Clinton-Patrick position that Taxman should have been fired because she is white.

Instead of rewriting facts, the Black Leadership Forum might look back on Martin Luther King Jr., A. Philip Randolph, Thurgood Marshall, Roy Wilkins, Walter White, Charles Houston and Whitney Young to learn somebe snatched away from the Court on the eve of appeared to be a sure loser that the civil" rights thing about the quality of leadership that

Today in history

By The Associated Press

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Three cheers for Mitch McConnell

After watching the national debate over campaign finance reform for lo these many months, have come to the conclusion that Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is exactly right. What's more, he occupies that exalted position in splendid but lonely isolation.

Ask the American people if we need "campaign finance reform" and about 97 percent of those polled will answer "Yes." That's because we think, as a general proposition, that money is the root of most of the evils in politics and we'd all be better off if the mess was cleaned up. If you get more specific and ask whether contributions of "soft money" should be sharply limited, you will still get a large affirmative response because the term "soft money" sounds obnoxious, and limiting it sounds agreeably bipartisan.

But what if you point out that businesses specific candidates) whereas labor unions favor the Democrats with millions of dollars worth of TV ads paid for by forced exactions from union members who may not even vote Democrat? You will discover that public enthusiasm for limiting soft money is sensibly linked to an equal enthusiasm for limiting union expenditures - above all expenditures financed by involuntary contributions. But that, it turns out, is something the Democrats in the Senate will filibuster to death.



William Rusher

Rusher is a Distinguished Fellow of the Claremont

So the frenzied drive for "campaign finance reform," and especially for limiting "soft money," turns out to be nothing but a sly unilateral attack on a means of financing essential to the Republican Party, and - since the Republicans control Congress - it isn't going anywhere soon.

But the liberals who are pushing campaign favor the Republicans with contributions of finance reform have bigger ideas than merely "soft money" (meaning money not spent on nailing "soft money." What they really can't stand is the Supreme Court's 1976 decision in Buckley vs. Valeo, which held that spending on political campaigns is a form of speech, and as such is protected by the First Amendment. The idea that a rich man ought to be able to spend unlimited amounts of his own money on his own candidacy or somebody else's (provided he doesn't "coordinate" his efforts with anybody else's) strikes liberals as bitterly unfair. the Democrats' national chairman, has gone so some liberal is trying to shut you up.'

far as to call for a constitutional amendment if necessary, to reverse the Court's decision.

Enter Sen. McConnell. As he pointed out recently, "A spending limit on speech would be like saying: You are free to travel but you can only spend \$100 to do so. Just how free to travel are you under that limitation?"

Then he asked – and answered a most interesting question: "Why do they want to shut us up? Many American institutions comment on politics, and most of them are on the left the press (80 percent on the left), academia (95 percent on the left), and Hollywood (100 percent on the left). To the extent that they shut us up, they will have more power. That would be a disaster for America, but more particularly a disaster for conservatives."

McConnell is right on the mark. Why should the Sulzberger family, which owns the New York Times, or the Graham family, which owns the Washington Post and Newsweek, be able to spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year spreading their liberal views around the country, while equally wealthy conservatives are limited to relative pennies? I can see why the Times and the Post are so eager for "campaign finance reform," but why does everybody else kneel at the same altar?

Everybody, that is, but Mitch McConnell. As he warns: "Make no mistake, when you hear That's why Colorado governor Roy Roemer, the three words 'campaign finance reform,'

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Chamber Gold Coats



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)



Formerly La Fiesta, Amber's Mexican Food was named recently by owner Anna Romero after her granddaughter, Amber Jenkins. The Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats honored the restaurant owners Monday morning for becoming a new Chamber member. Top photo, left-right: Kerrick Horton, Anna Romero, owner; granddaughter Amber Jenkins, Josie Vega, co-owner; and Gladys Vanderpool. Meanwhile Chamber Gold Coats Richard Stowers and Jerry Foote attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Billy Scribner Welding, Inc. The company moved into new facilities just three months ago. Bottom photo, I-r: Stowers, Billy Scribner, Carilyn Downs, Terry Peters, Ferrell Yearwood, Foote and in back Russ Kilcrease.

Budget storm could undermine Israeli-Palestinian peace process

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's 1998 budget has run into a political storm that could badly undermine his efforts to revive the troubled peace process.

If the budget fails to pass by Dec. 31, the government in effect goes on probation and becomes hostage to coalition hard-liners who oppose Netanyahu's plan to withdraw Israeli troops from the West Bank, a move long promised the Palestinians.

With his coalition already frayed, several preliminary budget-related bills were defeated Monday in the Knesset, sparking calls for new elections.

Among those calling for a new vote were coalition whip Meir Shetreet of Netanyahu's Likud Party and the leaders of two key one of the three West Bank troop allied parties, Police Minister Avigdor Kahalani Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan.

tion," Eitan said. "We need to go to the people."

Others, however, are predicting that when the dust settles, Netanyahu, who has overcome many crises since taking office in June 1996, will survive again.

the focus of fevered bargaining in Israel, with coalition members able to extract funds for their constituencies by threatening to topple the government.

particularly embarrassing to the government, the result of a weak economy and the fact that Netanyahu's coalition is made up of unusually vocal religious parties and sharply defined factions within Likud.

The problem is compounded by the fact that Netanyahu's coalition, which controls 66 of the 120 Knesset seats, is divided between supporters and opponents of the peace process.

Foreign Minister David Levy the 150,000 Jewish settlers in the have been threatening for months West Bank - have been demandto bolt the coalition because they ing, and reportedly receiving, feel Netanyahu, who once promises for additions of hunopposed the Israel-PLO accords dreds of thousands of shekels in altogether, is evading Israel's recent days. commitment to hand more West Bank land to the Palestinians.

like former Cabinet minister get...the blackmail being so Benny Begin openly admit they strong," Shetreet said.

will vote against the budget because they oppose even Netanyahu's halfhearted peace moves.

If the roughly one-third of the coalition who are hard-liners scuttle the budget Wednesday night, under Israel's revamped electoral system Netanyahu gets an extra three months to pass it before his government falls.

But failure to pass the budget by the regular deadline could erode the government's already tenuous credibility and paralyze it. And during the three-month grace period, his hands would be tied on the peace process.

Netanyahu is expected at the White House in January, when he has reportedly promised to present concrete plans to carry out pullbacks pledged by mid-1998.

The economy has slowed dramatically after a half-decade of This government cannot functremendous growth. With tax revenues dwindling, the fiscally conservative Netanyahu has insisted 🦿 on \$657 million in cuts in defense, education and social spending.

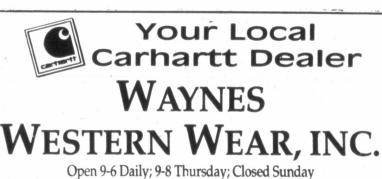
The dovish opposition - which would have voted against Netanyahu in any case - is out-State budgets have always been raged because the budget, while cutting back on many essential social services, diverts massive funding to religious programs demanded by Netanyahu's allies.

The Maariv daily said that in But this year's dealing has been recent negotiations Netanyahu offered to add up almost \$1 billion to the budget, almost half in response to demands by the three religious parties. Netanyahu said the figures were lower.

discontented Netanyahu's coalition allies representing Israel's neediest groups, including lower-income Sephardic Jews, Russian immigrants and ultra-Orthodox

These parties – as well as lead-Centrists like Kahalani and ers of another key constituency,

"I have been in this house for almost 20 years and I don't On the other hand, some hawks remember ever, with any bud-



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Unabomber: Kaczynski team left with few options

own lawyers are bargaining anyone. with the Unabomber defendant in a desperate bid to save him a difficult client," said Laurie from the death penalty.

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Holiday.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - dreds of pages of pretrial docu- killed two men and maimed The abrupt withdrawal of ments that it believes Theodore Kaczynski's psychi- Kaczynski is schizophrenic and atric defense suggests that his could not form the intent to kill

> "They have difficult facts and Levenson, associate dean of

The deal, if there is one, depict him as a madman, the would eschew expert testimony defense is left with few options about Kaczynski's mental state less than a week before opening during the guilt-or-innocence phase, then present psychiatric First, they sought to negotiate evidence during the life-or-

The government contends Kaczynski, a Harvard-educated But Monday, the defense mathematician-turned-hermit, responsible for all 16

two others.

He could be sentenced to die if convicted. He is charged separately in New Jersey with the third fatality blamed on the anti-technology Unabomber.

"The government is likely to With Kaczynski stubbornly Loyola University Law School. say that he's not crazy, he's evil. And even if he had mental problems, he had enough brain power to know what was right and wrong," Levenson said.

"Maybe the reason he's not cooperating is because the government could get a psychiatrist to say definitively that he's not crazy.

Public defenders Quin Denvir and Judy Clarke have said they believe Kaczynski suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, an illness marked by delusions and a persecution complex. They first

Defense experts who examined Kaczynski before he began resisting all such inquiries said his insistence that he is not a mental case supports the theory that he is indeed schizophrenic.

One of his own lawyers has called Kaczynski "a high functioning schizophrenic" whose elevated intelligence masks a deeply troubled mind.

Newly released transcripts of private meetings between the defendant, his lawyers and U.S. defendant, his lawyers and U.S.
District Judge Garland Burrell
Jr. disclosed that Kaczynski had been writing to the judge complaining about disputes with his attorneys.

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Boy's Basketball sign-ups will be on Jan. 4th, 5th & 6th. 4th and 6th graders who played last season need to sign up on Sunday, Jan. 4th from noon till 6:00 p.m. 3rd & 4th graders who did not play last year will need to sign up and try-out Monday, Jan. 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

5th and 6th graders will need to sign up Tuesday. Jan. 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-ups will be limited. so be early. Coaching spaces available. For more information call Rusty Gallagher at 669-7179.

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Bad Manners Meet Worse At Dinner Party Gone Awry

American from Taiwan. I have a college education and have lived in San Francisco for 10 years.

My friends "Arthur" and "Larry" are a Japanese-American couple who have lived in a deluxe mansion for 22 years. One day, they invited "Ron" and me for a homemade dinner. At the last minute I brought along "Richard" without calling them for permission. Arthur was angry when he saw that I brought an extra guest and said to me in the kitchen, "It is very rude to bring a guest with no advance notice. Didn't your mother teach you any

All I could say was, "Sorry,

sorry!"

He refused to cook the meal and left the house in a huff. Larry entertained us and said to me, "I don't mind the extra guest."

In my family, my mother always welcomed extra guests by saying, "Don't worry - all we need is to provide one more pair of chopsticks

The next day, Larry informed me that Arthur had decided to punish me by not talking to me for three months. He bought me a book on etiquette by Emily and Elizabeth

Abby, was my innocent mistake really that terrible, or did Arthur overreact? What should I do after the three-month punishment? Beg him for forgiveness, or end the friendship?

Horoscope

Your

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997

In the year ahead, you could make an

important friend in your chosen field of

endeavor. This alliance will grow in

strength and each party will derive bene-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be

aware that your abilities supersede the

need the approval of others before doing

what you need to do. Capricorn, treat

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Abigail Van Buren

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IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR WONDERING: Although it's considered bad manners to bring an uninvited guest to a dinner party without first asking permission from the host, it is far worse manners for a host to refuse to cook the dinner and walk out!

Yes, indeed, Arthur overreacted. He owes all of you an apology. However, what you do following the three-month silence depends entirely upon how much you value the relationship with this couple.

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I felt compelled to do so after reading the letter from "Not Guilty by Association," the daughter of the racist

I want to applaud this young lady for her courage and strength in refusing to allow her father's misguided beliefs to infect her life. She

aspects indicate that spontaneous devel-

opments will offer you the greatest

promise today. Try to balance your agen-

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Shifting

conditions could develop in a manner that

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will not

inconvenience anyone if you drop in on

an old friend uninvited. Your pal might be

happier to see you than you are to see

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Good things

could come in pairs today. You might

have two opportunities, but one will be

spirits and courage of those who emulate

da against new events.

faith you have in yourself. You do not materially based, while the other will per-

1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something

10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. of special importance might undergo a

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The favorable transformation today. This shift-

tain to intangibles.

is probably not aware of the fact that she has broken a link in the chain of racist hate. Racism is taught, not inherited. The only way we will ever eliminate this deadly infection, which is a crime against all mankind, is through teaching our children that it is wrong to hate anyone based on skin color, race or religious beliefs.

I want this young lady to know that she, herself, is a victory in the battle against this infection. Because she chose not to follow her father and become a link in the racist chain, her children will be raised to see individuals for who they are, and not for any external

Although you face a very difficult situation, "Not Guilty," please know that many people stand behind you and wish you God's blessing. Your personal fight against racism is a fight for all who want to rid the world of this deadly infection.

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DEAR MICKEY: I'm pleased to pass along your message of support. Ultimately, we must all be judged by what we stand for, and not the thoughts and deeds of our parents.

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ing condition could result in benefits for everyone involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Project yourself into events or activities today that could provide you with opportunities to meet new people. Valuable associations could will enable you to tie up an important ensue

matter today. Make this your top priority VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Matters that have a direct affect upon your career should not be treated with indifference today. You are on a lucky roll, so make the most of it. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Enterprises

that are a tad daring and innovative are likely to be the most successful ones for you today. Use your imagination! SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you've

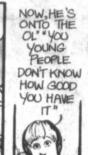
been anxious to get your mate's consent on a critical change you want to make, GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can set a this is a good day to put the issue on the yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your positive example today that will uplift the table

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro- you. Do not hide your light under a have some big pluses going for you today that will become evident once you are challenged. You are a fast thinker with profound judgment

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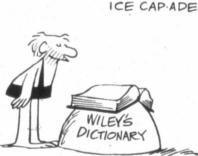
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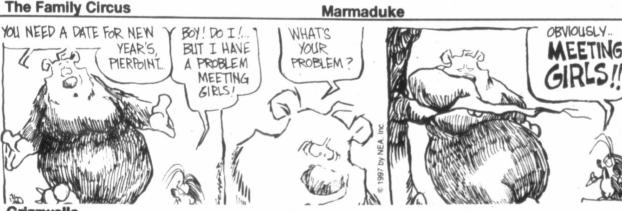


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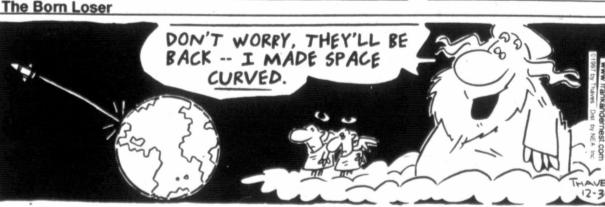
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SPORTS

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FOOTBALL MIAMI (AP) - Tennessee quarterback Manning, recovering from a right knee injury, participated in all of the team's drills for the first time since return-

ing to practice Saturday.

Manning ruptured a bursa sac in the knee in the Conference Southeastern championship against Auburn on Dec. 6. He was hospitalized for five days because of an infection in the knee and ankle. The No. 3 Vols will face Nov. 2 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl

on Friday night. HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — All-America running back Curtis Enis, suspended for Penn State's appearance in the Citrus Bowl after accepting a suit from a sports agent, is leaving the school to enter the NFL draft.

Enis, who rushed for 1,363 yards and 19 touchdowns as a junior, violated NCAA rules when he took the suit from agent Jeff Nalley. Enis also lied to Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno about it.

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) - San Francisco running back Garrison Hearst, sidelined since Nov. 30 by a broken left collarbone, will not play Saturday in the 49ers' playoff games against the Minnesota Vikings. **BASKETBALL**

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Misdemeanor criminal charges were filed against retired basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who is accused of attacking a man during a confrontation at a West Los Angeles mini-mall last spring.

Abdul-Jabbar, 50, who retired in 1989 as the NBA's career scoring leader, is charged with one count each of battery and false imprisonment. He is scheduled for arraignment Jan. 29 in West Los Angeles Municipal Court.

NEW YORK (AP) Corliss Williamson of the Sacramento Kings Derrick Coleman of the Philadelphia 76ers were suspended and fined by the NBA for fighting during a game Sunday night

Williamson was suspended without pay for three games and fined \$15,000, and Coleman was suspended without pay for two games and fined \$10,000. Both players were fined an additional \$1,000 for their ejections.

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PHOENIX (AP) — Phoenix forward Danny Manning will be sidelined at least two weeks by a right abdominal strain. Manning was injured Sunday night. **HOCKEY**

NEW YORK (AP) — Slava Fetisov, a longtime star in the Soviet Union before coming to the NHL in 1989, was one of six players voted into the starting lineup for the World All-Stars.

Fetisov, 39, a defenseman for the Detroit Red Wings, will be joined by two members of the Colorado Avalanche, center Peter Forsberg and defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh, wings Jaromir Jagr of Pittsburgh and Teemu Selanne of Anaheim, and

Dominik Hasek of Buffalo. The All-Star game, which pits the World stars against North American stars, will be Jan. 18 at Vancouver.

SWIMMING SYDNEY, Australia (AP) -The United States swimming team was subjected to blanket drug-testing at its training camp shortly after arriving for next month's World Championships in Perth.

At the request of Australian Swimming, the International Swimming Federation began pre-competition testing to cover most of the swimmers in the meet. **TENNIS**

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — German star Steffi Graf, four-time winner of the Australian Open, will miss next month's Grand Slam tournament because she has not recovered from a knee injury. Graf has not played a tournament since undergoarthroscopic knee surgery in May.

Hicks wishes UCLA was headed for a playoff instead of a bowl

By DENNE H. FREEMAN **AP Sports Writer**

DALLAS (AP) — Skip Hicks his native Texas, but he wishes he in a playoff for the national championship.

"I feel we are the best team in the nation," Hicks said Monday as UCLA prepared to meet No. 20 Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl body.' on New Year's Day. "We got a raw deal not being in an alliance

UCLA, after narrow opening losses to Washington State and Tennessee, has streaked to nine

McNown.

"We couldn't get an alliance bowl bid because we couldn't sell loves playing in a bowl game in a lot of tickets," Hicks said. "Teams like us need a shot at the were with the No. 5 UCLA Bruins national title at the end of the year. The national championship needs to be decided by the players. Every sport does except football. I just know on any given Saturday we could be any-

> All UCLA has to play for since." against A&M (9-3) is a 10th consecutive victory, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since 1946.

"It's disappointing not to be in the Rose Bowl or an alliance bowl consecutive victories behind a but when I was a kid I always high-powered offense featuring wanted to play in the Cotton

Hicks and quarterback Cade Bowl," said Hicks, who is from Texas schools as A&M and the Burkburnett, Texas. "It's a chance Longhorns, but decided to head for people in Texas to see me west.

> when the 'Horn defenders got to Hicks said. see too much of him.

"That game was the turning point in our season," Hicks said. We were 0-2 and we just had to win. We've been on a roll ever only had one tailback coming in

Hicks has a school-record 54 career touchdowns and has scored 25 times this season.

The senior said he left Texas for UCLA because the old Southwest Conference was breaking up. He got heavy pressure from such

Play."

Hicks scored three touchdowns

Conference was breaking up

and I decided not to take any of the Texas Longhorns in Austin, chances and go elsewhere,'

Hicks said it came down to UCLA or cross-town rival Southern California.

"I went to UCLA because they and USC had seven," Hicks said.

Hicks certainly has the attention of the Aggie defense which had trouble against the run this Linebacker Dat Nguyen, a two-

230-pound Hicks is a load.

"He's a combination of Ahman Green (Nebraska) and Ricky Williams (Texas)," Nguyen said.
"He's big and fast, but he waits
for his blocks before he uses his earlier in the year in a 66-3 defeat and I decided not to take any speed. He's a smart, tough run-

Hicks said the Aggie defense is

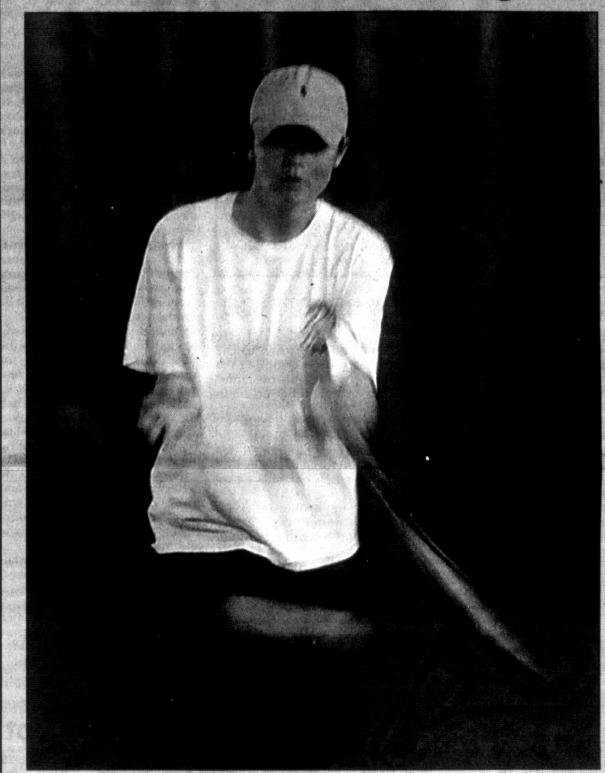
underrated. "They have a lot of team speed," Hicks said. "They fly to the ball well."

Hicks' biggest problem this week may not be the Aggie

He has friends and relatives hounding him for tickets.

"I don't know how many tick ets I'm going to have to get," he time all Big 12 performer, said the said. "But there are a lot of people

Inside and loving it



Kellen Waters takes advantage of a few days off from school to work on her tennis game. While the outdoor courts are still covered with snow and ice, the indoor courts of the Pampa Youth and Community Center provide a chance for a workout with her sister Emily.

Ace Custis hobbles into NBA on damaged knee

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — On the night of Oct. 17, he cried. Ace Custis voice." remembers because he remem-

On that night, Custis, an about everything. undrafted Mavericks rookie ciate ligament in his right knee. Then he went back to the training room, lay down on a table and sobbed for hours.

on the tears. Custis tore the ACL in his left knee his freshman year at Virginia Tech — Oct. 22, 1992, to be exact — and came back from it fine. It wasn't the impending surgery. What made Custis cry was the irony.

going to make an opening-day unless a rash of injuries force NBA.' He is very dedicated to NBA roster, but only by virtue of their hand. Either way, general the injured list.

"I'm in the NBA, but I'm not," Custis said. "That's what hurts. I next year. cried more because of the mental

out there for three or five or 12

Custis takes a philosophical bers all the dates and details of view of his injury, calling it his was 17 when he died, was his the most significant events of his "initiation." Then again, Custis hero. The two used to play onetakes a philosophical view of just

swingman, tore the anterior cru-7, another important date to file away. It's also the birthday of his grandfather, William, who earned his degree in marketing in bestowed the nickname "Ace" on five years. But his first career Adrian Llewellyn Custis because choice was the NBA. It wasn't the pain that brought he used to call him his "No. 1 Ace." Nobody calls him Adrian about options," said Virginia

anymore. If he recovers quickly, he may be back working out at the end of March, but he won't play this season. The Mavericks, impressed manager Don Nelson said he'd

thing. I was so close and then it such a great kid besides, that you that much more satisfying." was taken away from me. I want think he's going to have a chance

To play in the league is all of his NBA debut.

minutes a game, doing whatever Custis wants. It's been his all I can to help us win. I want to consuming goal since his brother, sweat, to be a part of everything. Tony, died in a car accident near Right now, I can only do it as a the family's Eastville, Va., home on March 28, 1988

Custis said his brother, who was 17 when he died, was his on-one, but Custis never won.

"He taught me the game," He underwent surgery on Nov. Custis said. "I wanted to beat him one-on-one, but I never got that opportunity at Virginia Tech. He

"During the summer, we talked Tech coach Bobby Hussey, an assistant when he recruited Custis. "After the draft, we talked about the CBA, about the money he could make in Europe, those by his work ethic, intend to keep kinds of things. He said, 'But After all his work, Custis was him on the roster all season, coach, my dream is to play in the

making that happen."
Said Custis: "I know when I like to bring Custis back to camp make it onto the court, having gone through this, having faced "He's a good young player, and that challenge, it will make things

Then maybe Custis can add to play basketball. I want to be to stick in the league," Nelson said. another date to his list. The date

Sherman may start, Collins out for Iowa in Sun Bowl

By GREG SMITH Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Iowa quarterback Matt Sherman may be back in the starting lineup for Wednesday's Sun Bowl game against No. 16 Arizona State, his first playing time since mid-October, coach Hayden Fry says.

Fry also told reporters on Monday that Tony Collins, a reserve sophomore receiver who also returns punts and kickoffs, He'd be the next choice," Fry won't play because of an ankle

Fry has said he won't make a decision about starting Sherman until just before kickoff, but he indicated that the fifth-year Fry said. senior from St. Ansgar, Iowa, may be ready.

"If it's real close, we're going to start Sherman because he did a great job for us for 3 1/2 years. To his ankle and strained both tenstart with the other seniors, that dons in his foot," the coach said, would be a tribute to Matt," Fry said.

Sherman had posted a 23-9 mark as the Hawkeyes' starter until he broke a bone in his right (throwing) hand late in the Oct.

Sherman, who ranks fourth in teams.

school history in passing yards (6,279) and second in touchdown passes (43), completed 74 of 136 throws for 1,079 yards, 11 TDs and six interceptions before his

"He's got to show us, not only today but also in pregame warmups, that he's capable of throwing the football so we don't go in at a disadvantage. If he's too rusty or his timing is off, we won't hesitate putting Randy in.

Receiver Collins, meanwhile, had been withheld from practice because of an ankle injury but took an unlucky step on Sunday,

"He wasn't permitted to work out and he was just walking around the practice field and stepped in a hole and sprained "He says he's going to play, but he's on crutches today and (Tuesday).

"He's the only one I know for sure who is not going to play." Collins caught seven passes for 18 game at Michigan. Randy 134 yards, or 19 yards a catch, Reiners started in Sherman's with one touchdown this season. place in four of Iowa's last five He played in all 11 games at wide receiver and on punt and kickoff

No. 17 Purdue meets No. 24 Oklahoma State in Alamo Bowl

By KELLEY SHANNON **AP Sports Writer**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Big 10's best passing offense, yards. Purdue coach Joe Tiller certainly

on the eve of the Alamo Bowl. "Our practices have been not quite what we had hoped," Tiller said Monday as his No. 17 Boilermakers prepared to take on No. 24 Oklahoma State.

"I'm a little concerned," he

Tiller, worried that time off in precision of Purdue's passing game, noted the Boilermakers' practices have improved as the

Alamo Bowl has approached. "It has picked up," Tiller added. "That's a good sign."

Not for Oklahoma State. The Cowboys will try to stop a

wide receiver Brian Alford, led the Big 10 in passing with an average of 281.5 yards and total Though his team possesses the offense with an average of 459.6 "Purdue can put a lot of points

quarterback Billy Dicken and

wasn't exuding overconfidence on the board," said Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons. "It's going to be a challenge for us to really try to slow them down."

The two teams, both 8-3, meet for the first time at 7 p.m. tonight in the Alamodome.

Both squads surpassed expectations this year.

Under first-year coach Tiller, the post-season may affect the Purdue finished the regular season in a three-way tie for second in the Big 10, achieving its first winning record and bowl appearance since 1984.

Simmons, in his third year with the Cowboys, led Oklahoma State to a second-place tie in the South Division of the Big 12 and Purdue team that, armed with to its first bowl game since 1988.

Small lowa radio station plans 'pirate broadcast' of bowl game

By GREG SMITH **Associated Press Writer**

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Steve Bridges may revive his pirate broadcast of Iowa football for one more game — Wednesday's Sun Bowl contest against 16th-ranked Arizona State.

Bridges, who owns KCJJ-AM radio station in Iowa City, Iowa, may lock horns with CBS-TV and CBS Radio by broadcasting the

game from an Iowa City bar. Just as it did for the Hawkeyes' first seven games this year, KCJJ plans to have a play-by-play crew set up on game day at Grizzly's

South Side Pub in Iowa City. The crew plans to watch the game, being televised nationally by CBS, on a big-screen television. The sound will be turned off and

the KCJJ announcers will base their play-by-play, commentary and color analysis on what they see. All this is planned without the blessing of CBS, which is investi-

gating exactly what to do. CBS is also the radio network of the Sun

"They're not allowed to do that," Leslie Anne Wade, CBS' direc-. tor of communications, said Monday. Said Julie Wolf, CBS vice president for business affairs, "You."

can't use our telecast for that purpose." Bridges says he can because once the game is shown on televi-

sion, it is part of the public domain.

"We've covered all the bases on this one," Bridges said Monday in a telephone interview from Iowa City. "The university doesn't own the game and Learfield doesn't own the game. They were invited to it, just like we were."

Martina Hingis named AP Female Athlete of the Year

of the Year award shouldn't come titles and earned \$3.4 million tured just about everything else made from endorsements.

for me," the 17-year-old Hingis showed both a free spirit and a said from her home in tenacious will to win. When she Switzerland. "I still sometimes wasn't riding horses, she was can't even believe it."

Slam. In the fourth one, the French Open in June, she suffered her first loss of the year when she could really say she's an athlete. was upset in the final by Iva Majoli of Croatia.

underwent knee surgery after she inability of former No. 1 Monica fell from a horse for the second Seles to regain her form and contime in the year. An earlier fall in fidence after a series of injuries. Australia didn't hamper her But whenever that fortuitous march to the year's first Grand Slam tournament crown.

On Monday, Hingis was voted Female Athlete of the Year with the rise and their time was pass-92 first-place votes and a total of ing anyway. 363 points.

"It is especially nice for me to receive this award from American writers because it is always important to be recognized as the best outside of your own country," Hingis said.

Golfer Annika Sorenstam finvotes and 178 points. Soccer player Mia Hamm was third with Chamique Holdsclaw received 8 Open final against Williams. first-place votes and 69 points. Basketball player Cynthia Cooper was fifth with 67 points.

figure skater Tara Lipinski (66 points), track and field star Marion Jones (35), boxer Christy Martin (34), tennis player Venus Michelle Kwan (22).

Athletes received five points for each first-place vote, three Arthur Ashe Stadium in New points for each second-place vote York, Hingis silenced the crowd and one point for each third-place and utterly dominated the 17-

and the U.S. Open, stumbling styles.

NEW YORK (AP) - That only in the fourth round at the Hingis won The French Open. Hingis finished this Associated Press Female Athlete year with a 75-5 record, won 12 as a surprise. After all, she cap- not to mention the millions she

Vivacious and nearly always "1997 was a dream come true smiling, on and off court, Hingis rollerblading through a park She won the Australian Open alongside her mother and coach, in January, then followed up with Melanie Molitor, both of them victories at Wimbledon and the unconcerned about potential U.S. Open, three of the four tour- injury. When Hingis hurt her naments that make up the Grand knee before the French Open, she proudly spoke of going through surgery, saying that now she

No doubt Hingis benefited from the absence of injured Steffi The Paris defeat came after she Graf most of the year, and the absence of top competition was pointed out to her, Hingis confidently responded that she was on

> Indeed, Hingis became the youngest winner of the Australian, the youngest at Wimbledon in 110 years and the second-youngest winner of the U.S. Open after Tracy Austin in

Hingis, who grew an inch and ished second with 20 first-place put on 15 pounds during the year to reach 5-foot-7, 130 pounds, said her two most significant nine first-place votes and 95 matches came in the French semipoints, and basketball star finals against Seles and the U.S.

In the match against Seles at Roland Garros, Hingis showed her gritty side, outlasting Seles, a Rounding out the top 10 were three-time French champion, in three tight sets. That was only five weeks after arthroscopic surgery to repair a partially torn posterior cruciate ligament in her Williams (25) and figure skater left knee following the fall from the horse.

Against Williams at the new year-old American by displaying Trained to be a champion from a polished repertoire of strokes birth, Hingis was named after and a champion's poise. That tennis star Martina Navratilova. two-set encounter, Williams' first And in 1997, Hingis had the kind appearance in a Grand Slam final, of year Navratilova had in 1983, could well have been the first big when she went 86-1 while win- match in a classic rivalry between ning the Australian, Wimbledon players with vastly different

Mays foul Rodman on purpose

now on, repeatedly fouling a game as the Bulls stretched their poor free-throw shooter away winning streak to eight games from the ball might be called and handed Dallas its 12th con-"The Bubba Wells Strategy."

Dallas' Don Nelson might be strategy as unique as Nelson's the only coach ever to try it again against Chicago. after Dennis Rodman made the strategy backfire.

Rodman," Rodman said after away from the ball. going 9-of-12 from the line as part of an 11-point, 27- anyway," Nelson said. "Hey, rebound, eight-assist perfor- it didn't work, but I'll do it mance that helped the again. It's probably better Chicago Bulls defeat the than Michael making every Mavericks 111-105 Monday shot. night. "The only way to get to me is to take my to see a guy shooting 39 percent money."

Michael Jordan, the pre-eminent money player, had 41 points sion. Do the math and it's not for his NBA record-tying 787th close.

CHICAGO (AP) - From consecutive double-digit scoring secutive loss.

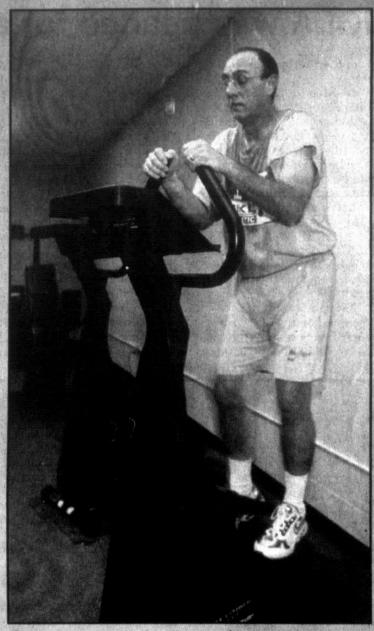
No game this season featured a

Wells, a rookie who has played only 45 minutes all season, "Nothing gets to Dennis fouled Rodman six times well

"We get beat every night

"You don't have to be too smart (from the line) ... and the Bulls scoring 1.2 points per posses-

Holiday exercises



Climbing the stairs at the Pampa Youth and Community Center, Mike Soukup works up a sweat. Soukup said he works out year around. It's not just a post holiday resolution that soon fades.

Dallas, Detroit even on ice

With goalies Chris Osgood and tonight." Ed Belfour at their best, the a 2-2 tie Monday night.

Belfour, who made 20 saves to at Detroit. help extend Dallas' unbeaten streak to six games. "I think with 6:28 remaining in the measure up. Tonight was a good home the rebound of a shot by

Osgood, who stopped 29 shots, is 6-0-19 in his last 25 overtime later when he slipped a shot games. His last overtime loss was from a very tough angle Dec. 8, 1995, against the New between Osgood's glove and York Rangers.

He had to momentarily leave the game when he was cut on the through most of the first peribefore returning with 4:29

"Guy Carbonneau kind of picked up my stick and rammed game early," Gilchrist said. it into Ozzie," Gilchrist said. There was nothing I could do

Vyacheslav Kozlov and Tomas the play. Holmstrom scored for Detroit. Bob Errey and Sergei Zubov scored for Dallas.

"We're not disappointed," Detroit coach Scotty Bowman Belfour.

DETROIT (AP) — Tied at the said. "It's not a bad tie top of the NHL standings, the because we were down in the Detroit Red Wings and Dallas game and we were coming off Stars proved to be just as even on an 8-1 win (at Toronto) and playing a much better team

Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock league's top two teams played to wasn't disappointed with the tie, either. He had questioned his "Both teams are doing well and team's attitude against the Red are really competitive," said Wings after two previous losses

Holmstrom broke a 1-1 tie we both want to see how we third period when he jammed Martin Dandenault. But Zubov tied it again just 1:06

the right goal post. The Stars carried the play face by teammate Brent od and outshot the Red Wings Gilchrist's stick late in the third 15-6. But they could only period. Osgood was replaced for score once when Errey fired a 37 seconds by Kevin Hodson low shot from the left circle that beat Osgood wide on his glove side at 10:20.

"Ozzie really kept us in the

The goal was Errey's first since Nov. 5 and his first point since Nov. 11. Pat Verbeek assisted on

Kozlov tied it at 1 at 2:37 of the second period when he got loose in front of the crease and redirected Darren McCarty's pass past

Tiger Woods voted AP Male Athlete of the Year

By RON SIRAK AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods has a smile that hole won the hearts of even non-golf Championships in January. fans and a game that matched outlandish hype. With that com- Classic the next month in bination, he pushed his sport to Thailand, his mother Tida's unprecedented popularity in homeland, where his arrival 1997 and became one of the most received live TV coverage usualtalked about personalities in the ly reserved for heads of state.

gle-season money record the Year by The Associated Press in 26 years.

The award came as a birthday tion in the sport. present for Woods, who turned 22 today.

but I never expected this," said Woods, whose record-shattering Masters when a video tape victory in the Masters last April showed PGA Tour player Fuzzy was also voted sports Story of the Zoeller making racially insensi-Year by the AP.

Woods was the first golfer to be final round at the Masters. honored as Male Athlete of the Year by the AP since Lee Trevino accepted, but was obviously hurt in 1971 and is only the fifth golfer and just as obviously remained to receive the award since it was instituted in 1931.

He joins Gene Sarazen (1932), ment after the Masters — the Byron Nelson (1944-45), Ben Byron Nelson Classic in May — Hogan (1953) and Trevino in and won again at the Western receiving the award. It is an Open in early July and finished honor never won by Jack the year as the first player to win Nicklaus or Arnold Palmer.

"It's really significant and I Tour. appreciate the fact that so few golfers have won it," Woods said. anniversary as a professional — "I'm surprised it turned out this Aug. 27 — investigative reportway, but I am very pleased with ing by The Associated Press the award."

Sanders, who had 100 points, and endorsement deals for himself. Evander Holyfield, third with 98

and O.J. Simpson this year as the professional were taking a toll on only NFL players to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a seafirst week of July, and while play-

but retained the WBA heavyweight title in June when Mike last 47 rounds. Tyson was disqualified for biting him twice.

getters were Michael Jordan and have been doing this forever. Brett Favre. Ken Griffey Jr. was And I have been playing golf for sixth, followed by Jeff Gordon, 20 years. But never this much. I Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire lost some of my focus just being and Mario Lemieux.

Woods likely won the award as one else.' much for his persona as for his performance. His enthusiasm, as if Woods was superhuman, flair for the dramatic, aggressive and though he tailed off in the style of play and ethnic mix in an second half of the year, it was overwhelmingly white game clear that he was the equal of the made him an almost unbeliev- enormous hype that accompaable marketing package. And he was the equal of the

Woods won the opening tour- Male Athlete of the Year.

nament of the year in dramatic fashion when he nearly made a hole-in-one on the first playoff at the Mercedes MAI care Stap BE/and mak

He then took the Asian Honda

His victory at the Masters in Woods, whose success on the April was by a record-shattering course - where he won five 12 strokes and took on added times and set the PGA Tour sin-social significance that put golf on the front pages because matched his social and economic Woods not only became the first impact off it, today became the non-white to win a major golf first golfer voted Male Athlete of championship but also did it at Augusta National Golf Club, a virtual symbol of racial separa-

Woods' ethnic background his father is black and his mother "I thought I had a good year, is from Thailand — took on added meaning a week after the tive remarks on the day of the

Zoeller apologized and Woods angered by the comments.

Woods won his next tournamore than \$2 million on the PGA

By the time he reached his first determined that Woods' financial Woods finished with 231 points impact on the game was valued in the voting to easily outdistance at more than \$650 million, includ-Detroit Lions running back Barry ing more than \$100 million in

Also by August it was clear that the mental and physical Sanders joined Eric Dickerson demands of his first full year as a Woods. He failed to win after the ing 20 of 34 rounds in the 60s to Holyfield lost a piece of his ear, start the year, finished by shooting in the 60s only 15 times in his

"It was more difficult than anyone ever imagines," Woods said Rounding out the top-five vote about the strain. "People think I tired. I'm human just like every-

For a while in 1997, it appeared nied his arrival on the PGA Tour.

It was a performance good enough to make Woods the AP

Hornets shoot down Rockets

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other team from what we've been the Hornets took advantage of a recently on the road," Cowens non-existent Rockets defense to said after the Hornets raced by shoot 60 percent for the game, the Rockets 120-101 Monday including 12-of-18 from 3-point night, ending a three-game road range.

HOUSTON (AP) — Coach losing streak. "I think this was Dave Cowens wishes his just a little look at the potential

With David Wesley hitting a franchise-record 21 of his season-"We were just like a whole high 32 points in the first quarter,

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Colorado State, Georgia Tech and Cincinnati winners in college bowl games

By BERNIE WILSON **AP Sports Writer**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Colorado State Rams didn't lose their third Holiday Bowl.

Darran Hall, who went to the same San Diego high school that produced Marcus Allen and Terrell Davis, had two big plays as No. 18 Colorado State beat No. 19 Missouri 35-24 Monday night. Hall gave the Rams the lead for good when he raced untouched or a touchdown on a Holiday Bowl-record 85-yard punt return In the third quarter, and he scored on a 14-yard reverse on the game's first drive.

Then there was quarterback Moses Moreno, from neighboring Chula Vista and playing his last college game. He threw touchdown passes of 22 yards to Corey McCoy and 47 yards to Dallas

Colorado State lost the 1994 Holiday Bowl to Michigan, and Moreno had a horrible game in 1995 as the Rams were routed by Kansas State.

Moreno and Hall were selected co-MVPs Monday night.

"This is what it's all about, having two local boys coming out and playing their

hearts out," Moreno said. "Anytime we can come back

here and just show our abilities in front of the home town, it's great. hometown guys made sure the It gets a lot of kids thinking that it could be them in a few years. There's no reason why it couldn't

In other bowl games Monday night, it was Georgia Tech 35, West Virginia 30 in the Carquest Bowl, and Cincinnati 35, Utah 19 in the Humanitarian Bowl. Oklahoma State plays Purdue tonight in the Alamo Bowl.

Colorado State got fired up after Missouri players made some disparaging remarks about the caliber of the Western Athletic Conference while the teams were touring the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk on Sunday.

'No respect on their part," Moreno said. "They were saying a lot of things that ticked off a few of our players. It was just a great feeling to come out here and outperform them. It was a grudge match all throughout the game.' But it was more than that to he said

"We're not a weak team by any

means," he said. pushing and shoving, but no out of it. punches were thrown, Missouri's

testosterone running around." WAC champion Colorado State

(11-2) won its ninth straight game. Missouri (7-5) was in its 21-17 to BYU in the 1983 Holiday Bowl when Steve Young caught the winning touchdown pass with 23 seconds to play.

"Bowl games are an extra, kind dae," said coach Larry Smith, who led Missouri to its first winning season since 1983. "We've still got the sundae, we just don't have the cherry."

Colorado State backup quarterback Ryan Eslinger provided the wackiest play of the night, scoring from 23 yards on a fake field goal to give the Rams a 35-24 lead with 10:44 left. The snap went straight to Eslinger, the holder, who needed to get to the 13 to get a first down. He got hit at the 20, but bounced off two tacklers and spun free for the TD.

"You never think a fake field goal is going to work that well,"

'That broke our backs," Missouri's Ricky Ross said of the There might have been some our grasp and somehow he got

Missouri quarterback Corby Shad Criss said. "Just a little Jones didn't have a good night.

carries, but couldn't get the pass- the Tigers to 28-24. ing game going. He was 8-of-17 first postseason game since losing by Erik Olson deep in Colorado State territory with 1:16 to go. Moreno was 18-of-24 for 206

115 yards, and fullback Kevin McDougal had 110 yards on 18 of like a cherry on top of a sun- carries. Missouri's Devin West had 104 yards on 11 carries. Hall's punt return gave the Moreno to Corey McCoy.

Rams a 21-17 lead with 10:36 left in the third quarter. He fielded Vince Sebo's punt at the 15, immediately picked up a block by Terrence Gibson and sped through the coverage. "As soon as I saw the seam, I knew

I could make it happen," he said. The old Holiday Bowl record

punt return was 83 yards by BYU's Vai Sikahema in 1980, the game in which the Cougars rallied from 45-31 down with 2:33 left to beat SMU 46-45 on Jim McMahon's 41-yard desperation pass as time expired.

Less than five minutes after Hall's punt return, Davis made an over-the-shoulder catch of fake field goal. "We had him in Moreno's 47-yard pass for a 28-17

with senior Brock Olivo, the school's leading career rusher,

for 68 yards and was intercepted on a Holiday Bowl pace by straight possessions late in the Miami. second quarter, with Missouri yards. Davis caught six passes for leading 17-14 at halftime. Missouri got scoring runs of 4 yards by Jones and 7 yards by Ernest Blackwell, sandwiched Humanitarian Bowl around an 18-yard pass from Cincinnati 35, Utah St. 19

Holiday Bowl. **Carquest Bowl**

Georgia Tech 35, West Virginia

They couldn't count the times they were hurt by Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton, so all West Virginia's Mountaineers could do was add to their bowl losing Utah State coach John L. Smith

Hamilton, a shifty sophomore, passed and ran for 356 yards and three touchdowns as the Yellow Jackets handed the Mountaineers their seventh straight postseason loss.

"Anytime you play a scram- college football. bling quarterback like that, it's almost impossible," West Virginia linebacker Gary Still Missouri tried to keep pace, said. "Guys were missing tackles on him all game long."

The game between teams that early in the fourth.

He rushed for 132 yards on 20 scoring on a 3-yard run to pull finished 7-5 drew only 28,262 fans — the smallest crowd in the After a slow start, the teams got bowl's eight-year history. Officials had hoped for 50,000 in exchanging scores on three 75,192-seat Pro Player Stadium at

> Hamilton, the game's MVP, completed 19 of 36 passes for 274 yards and added 82 yards rushing in 14 carries.

Chad Plummer was the best Colorado State's victory gave three players on the field at the the WAC a 6-11-1 record in the inaugural Humanitarian Bowl at Boise, Idaho.

Plummer had 62 yards passing and 53 yards rushing in Cincinnati's victory over Utah State. He also caught his first four passes of the season for a teamhigh 64 yards.

He was too much for us,"

It was the first postseason victory for the Bearcats (8-4) since the 1949 Glass Bowl. They hadn't been to a bowl game since 1950 - the longest absence in major

Cincinnati had a 28-0 lead midway through the third quarter before the Aggies (6-6) scored three touchdowns in less than 10 minutes to pull within 16 points ttering

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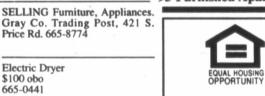
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Foot fracas has Austin couple up in arms

AUSTIN (AP) - An Austin man who dangles a fake foot the gag foot, Rankin said. from the back door of his van as against a gun-wielding police said. officer who put him in handcuffs, believing the foot was real.

Austin construction engineer Jim Rankin, 44, filed the com- catessen. plaint against University of Texas police Sgt. Chris Myers.

UT police have declined comment while they look into the

contact with Sgt. Myers on Dec. 16, 1997, and the allegations described in your letter to (UT Police) Chief (Donald) Cannon," said in a letter to Rankin.

hour traffic early in the morning in a vehicle. He (Rankin) said it of Dec. 16 on Interstate 35 in a red '97 Dodge Caravan when he must love Halloween.' said a man carrying a UT police badge approached him with his gun drawn and told him to get

out of the vehicle. "He jumped out of a ... comsaid. "Then suddenly there's a guy with a pistol right at my face yelling, 'Get out! Get out!'"

Rankin said the man told him to get up against his van, then said it then dawned on him that the plastic foot might be the problem.

know that yet," Rankin said.

After that, the officer touched

'He says, 'That's a sick, sick a joke has filed a complaint joke. That's disgusting," Rankin

Rankin said he then was led, still handcuffed, across a parking lot into a nearby deli-

"All the officer said to us was, Would you dial 911?" said Ran Shabat, the deli's manager. "We did that. Then he proceeded to lead the gentleman back outside. "An internal investigation will It was morning rush hour. He be conducted regarding your had him stand by his car in handcuffs. It was very embarrassing. Cars were driving by."

In defending his actions, Myers told the Austin UT Police Lt. Robert L. Ewan American-Statesman, "I'm very cautious about that because it's Rankin was sitting in rush- not unusual to find body parts was a Halloween prank. He

Rankin said he and his wife, Susan, have owned the foot since before Halloween of last year and frequently drive around town with it hanging out pletely unmarked car," Rankin of the back of their car as a joke.

"Some people put wreaths on grilles, others put fake feet out the back," Rankin said.

The Rankins said they were surprised anyone would think put handcuffs on him. Rankin the fake foot might lead to a real

"I'm normally the one driving the van and the foot around, "I said, 'That foot's fake. It's Mrs. Rankin said. "And the only plastic,' and he said, 'We don't one fooled before was a 3-yearold at preschool."

Protesters warn Walt Disney Co. of future 'presence' at theme park

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) establish a "presence" at Disney tion." World.

led to traffic jams as protesters ence at a church in Palm Bay, listpassed out leaflets and carried signs that read "Choose Jesus over Mickey."

the Rev. Flip Rescue, with streets.

In May, leaders of the 15 mil-Criticizing the gay-friendly poli- lion-member Southern Baptists cies of the Walt Disney Co., about voted to boycott Disney's "anti-75 protesters said they may try to Christian and anti-family direc-

Monday's protesters, mostly The protests Monday morning people attending a youth confered many of the same reasons as the Baptists for their boycott: Disney's granting of health bene-Three people were arrested, fits to same-sex partners of including a leader of the anti- employees, allowing "Gay Days" abortion group Operation at its theme parks and having Ellen DeGeneres, the star of the Benham. They were charged ABC show Ellen, to come out as a obstructing public homosexual. ABC is owned by

Ex-nurse charged with murder after wave of hospital deaths

NEWPORT, Ind. (AP) - Even among those trusted to care for the neediest and most vulnerable patients, Orville Lynn Majors stood out.

His bosses at Vermillion County Hospital, where he was a licensed practical nurse in the intensive care unit, once praised his people skills. Paula Holdaway remembers him leaning over her mother's hospital bed, kissing the 80-year-old woman's forehead and brushing her hair back.

"It's all right, punkin," Ms. Holdaway remembers Majors saying to Dorothea Hixon, who was then given an injection. "Everything's going to be all right now, punkin."

A minute later, Hixon was dead.

Majors was charged Monday with murdering her and five others by injection at a hospital where deaths in the intensive care unit reached what prosecutors described as an "epidemic." They say patients were 43 times more likely to die on days when he was on duty.

Majors, 36, is jailed without bond. He was scheduled to appear today in Vermillion Circuit Court in Newport, about 15 miles north of Clinton, where the hospital is located.

He has maintained his innocence. His lawyer, I. Marshall Pinkus, said there is no evidence Majors did anything

Relatives of the dead were horrified.

"My husband wasn't sick enough to die," said Mildred Smith, who lost 74-year-old Cecil a day after he was admitted for pneumonia. "This was the last thing that I expected. I would like to put him rest but I can't, not until he (Majors) is convicted."

Increasing suspicions about Majors prompted hospital officials to study the number of deaths. The conclusion that Majors had been present for many of them prompted them to call state police.

Investigators spent nearly three years and \$1.5 million investigating 130 intensive care deaths that happened while Majors was on duty from 1993 to 1995. Police have said he was a suspect in as many as 100 deaths. A search of his former home turned up a variety of drugs, syringes and needles.

Authorities declined to elaborate on the charges. But a state police commander, Lt. Charles Ellis, said a computer analysis of the case finished in November was a turning point.

During the period Majors worked at Vermillion, now known as West Central Community Hospital, a death occurred every 23.1 hours he was on duty, the study found. When he was off duty, a death occurred every 551.6 hours.

The investigation included the exhumations of 15 patients, including the six people named in the affidavit - all of whom died from injections. Ranging in age from 56 to 89, all were said to be in stable condition before they died suddenly.

An autopsy revealed some of the deaths were consistent with the injection of potassium chloride, which can cause the heart to stop. It is the same drug used to kill some condemned prison-

In two cases, police said, a witness saw Majors give a patient an injection just before the patients died. A nurse once saw Majors standing over a victim with syringe in hand, investigators said, and in another case Majors was the last person seen with the patient.

The hospital suspended Majors in March 1995, after it began an investigation into the death rate. The State Nursing Board revoked his license for five years in 1995 for practicing beyond his authority by giving emergency drugs and working in an ICU without a nurse pre-

The study found that deaths at the hospital reached "epidemic" proportions from July to December of 1994, and that Majors was "uniquely and very strongly associated with that mortality," according to the affi-

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Mexico massacre:

More Mexican Indian refugees flee villages in Chiapas highlands ...

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) -They trickled in from surrounding mountain hamlets, carrying whatever belongings they could on their backs, fleeing months of terror by armed gun-

Clothed in threadbare ponchos and crude san-dals, the latest group of Indians seeking refuge in the violence-torn highlands of the southern Mexican state of Chiapas trudged for hours in the bone-chilling dampness.

At the government's National Indigenous Institute grounds, the mostly Tzotzil Indians sat, shivering and waiting for food. Many said they had nothing to eat in the last two days but a few tortillas with salt.

A few dozen armed federal police and soldiers had escorted the 300 Indians to safety on Monday, but the protection came too late for some.

After months of ignoring warnings from the Roman Catholic Church, human rights groups and others, federal authorities have moved to help – but only after dozens of gunmen killed 45 people in the town of Acteal last week.

All in all, about 5,000 people have fled their villages since Saturday, following months of terror by armed gangs affiliated with Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

Mireille Roccatti, president of the National Human Rights Commission, said 3,500 refugees had come to the town of Polho alone, 37 miles north of San Cristobal, the state's second biggest city. Hundreds more sought refuge in nearby villages.

blamed PRI-affiliated gunmen.

The gunmen, dressed in black uniforms, gunned down people in a five-hour killing spree - mostly women and children - in the village that sympathized with the Zapatista National Liberation Army

It was the state's biggest number of deaths since the Zapatistas took up arms Jan. 1, 1994, to demand better treatment and living conditions for the dirtpoor Chiapas Indians, who are a majority in the

More than 145 people were killed in fighting between the Zapatistas and the army until a truce was called 12 days later. An uneasy truce has since been in effect, punctuated by a few sessions of uneventful peace talks.

Last week's massacre sparked widespread outrage in Mexico. Church, civic and opposition political leaders are demanding the government take over the Chiapas state government and call new elections.

Leaders of National Action and Democratic Revolution - the two biggest opposition parties are also demanding the resignation of Interior Secretary Emilio Chuayffet, who is in charge of domestic security.

In Mexico City, in the Chiapas capital of Tuxtla Gutierrez and half a dozen other state capitals, sporadic demonstrations have been held to protest the

Meanwhile, PRI leaders tried to distance the party from the scandal. They have been insisting the PRI does not approve of the killings, even Survivors of the Dec. 22 attack in Acteal have though some gunmen said they belonged to the

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