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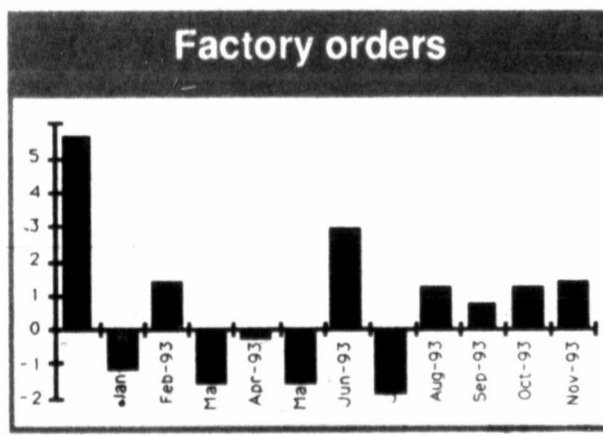
WASHINGTON (AP) — In six years as a fundraiser for the Leukemia Society of America, David Timko brought in millions of dollars to help find a cure for cancer of the blood. Now his message is personal. Timko found out last spring that he has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a closely related disease. "You can't know what this is like," said the 44-year-old executive director of the Leukemia Society's national capital area chapter. "You can empathize as much as possible, you can try. But it's just like anything else: Until you taste it and live through it, you can't really understand."

NEW YORK (AP) — The early bird may get the worm, but persistence paid off in a fight over royalties from "When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob-Bob-Bobbing Along." A federal judge said more than \$100,000 in royalties generated by the 1926 hit song since 1982 belong to the heirs of composer Harry Woods, who sold the melody and lyrics to a music publishing company. Music industry lawyers said the ruling could have wide implications.

KINGSVILLE (AP) — Inmates in the Kleberg County Jail cheered and applauded "like a team scored a touchdown" when they learned that a prosecutor with a reputation for toughness and getting long prison sentences had resigned, a jail official says. Kleberg County Jail administrator Les Ewing said the 31 inmates learned about the resignation of Assistant District Attorney Susan Snyder on a television newscast Tuesday. "They just applauded like a team scored a touchdown or something," Ewing said. "She is feared by the inmates." Ms. Snyder resigned Monday after she received a letter from District Attorney Carlos Valdez reassigning her to the Corpus Christi office. Valdez's letter, dated Dec. 30, criticized Ms. Snyder for her comments to a Corpus Christi Caller-Times Sound Off line last week, when she spoke out about a recent case in which a drug dealer received 54 years in prison for transporting 54 pounds of marijuana. She praised the sentence.

GRAPEVINE (AP) — While Indian rebels retreated into the jungles of Mexico following a bloody uprising, an East Texas man made his own retreat home. Tom Landers of White Oak, who was stranded in Comitan, Mexico during the uprising, says he is glad to be home. He arrived via Mexico City on a flight to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Tuesday night. Landers said he was stopped on New Year's Day by rebels from the Zapatista Army of National Liberation who forced him off the road. The 52-year-old insurance adjuster manager for the Key Service Group in Longview and his wife had been visiting friends in Honduras for Christmas. Mrs. Landers flew home early. Landers decided to drive the couple's car home. Mrs. Landers called her mother, Billie Padgett, Tuesday to tell her she was on her way to Dallas to pick up her husband.

AUSTIN (AP) — Government watchdog groups say it makes sense for the Public Utility Commission to study customer savings that might come from mothballing the idle South Texas Project nuclear power plant, rather than restarting it. "What we're asking is to have a definitive study done by a neutral third party, and that's the PUC," said Tom Smith, director of Public Citizen. Smith was joined Tuesday by representatives of Texas Citizen Action, Greenpeace and the Texas Nuclear Responsibility Network in calling for the study concerning the plant near Bay City. The facility hasn't produced electricity since February 1993 because of maintenance and equipment problems. "It just makes sense to quit throwing good money after bad," Smith said.



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Local representative to face Larry King live

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Warren Chisum, Pampa's state representative, will appear on Larry King Live to discuss hate-crime legislation which was passed in the last legislative session of the Texas House of Representatives.

Chisum, who is the president of the Texas Conservative Coalition, was invited to appear on the cable talk-show because of the coalition's opposition to the hate-crime legislation.

"I just think that it's poor law because it treats people differ-

ent," he said today. "A crime is a crime, and it should be punished as a crime instead of having crimes of the mind or having thought-crimes. To have an additional penalty to the crime violates the first amendment's right to speak their mind and have a mind of their own."

In generally terms, the hate-crime legislation mandates suffer penalties for crimes committed because of the perpetrator's bias or prejudice.

This is the first time Chisum has been on a show like Larry King Live but he said he is anticipating it.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I think my viewpoint is the viewpoint of the people in this area and the more conservative viewpoint. I cherish the opportunity to discuss my views in front of the public."

In addition to Chisum, Rodney Ellis, a state senator from Houston, will also be a guest on the show. Ellis authored the hate-crime legislation that was passed into law during the 73rd legislative session last May.

Other states that have experimented with hate-crime legislation include Ohio, Washington and New York, Chisum said.

"This is a movement that is going across the United States, and it just so happens that this is the first time we've passed this kind of legislation in Texas," he said.

One of the specific concerns Chisum has with the hate-crime law is that it stipulates the person convicted of the crime will have to perform community service at a project that serves the person or group targeted by the crime, according to a statement from his office.

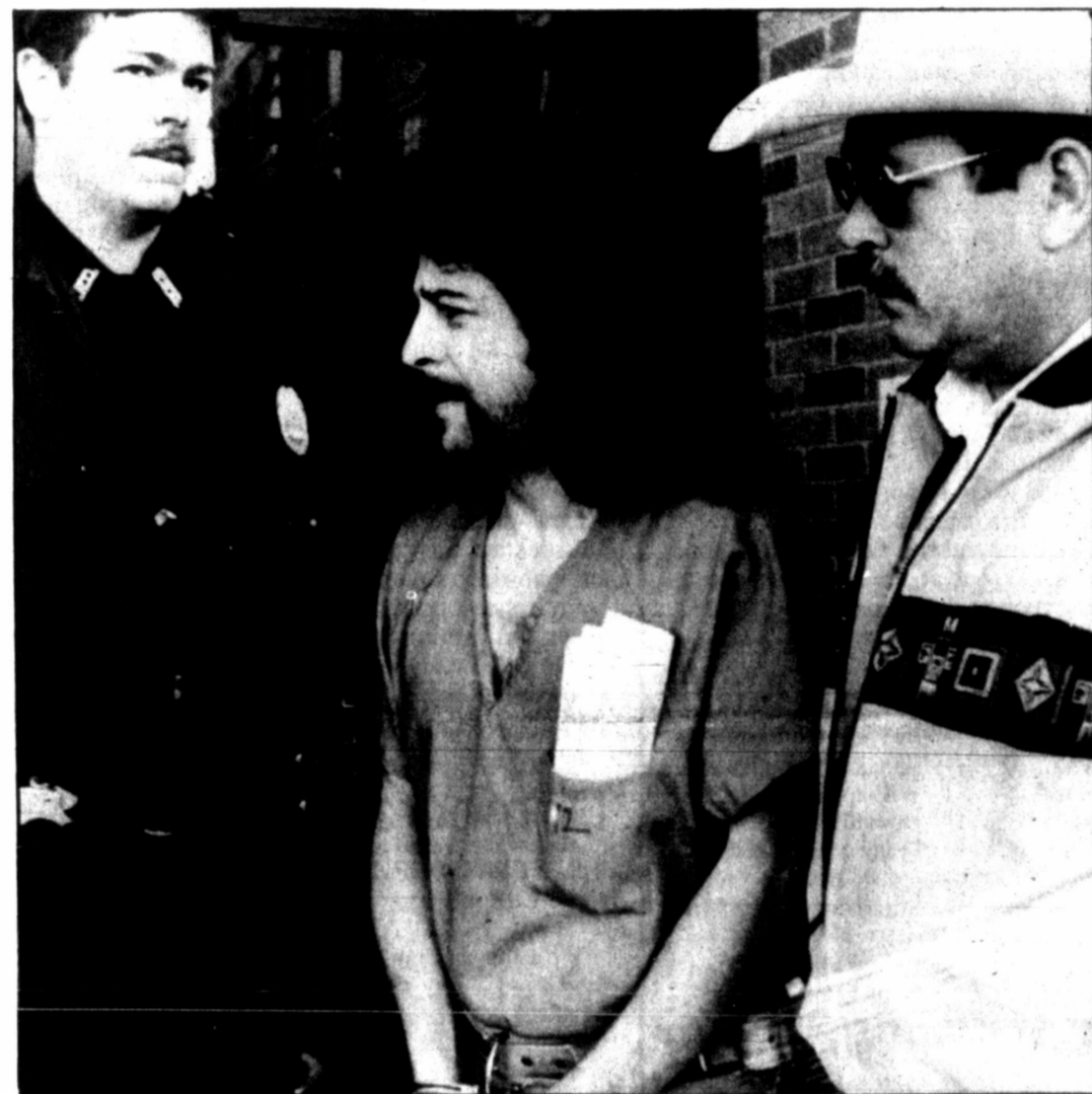
"This requirement is a clear attempt to re-program the belief system of the convicted individ-

ual," he said. "Americans should not violate the law, but they also should be allowed to maintain their own values, associations and beliefs."

As for the fate of the hate-crime law now on the books, Chisum said he believes it will perish the first time it is taken before the state's supreme court. In other states, the law has already been struck down, according to Chisum.

The Larry King Live program on which Chisum will appear is scheduled to air at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, on the Cable News Network.

Pampa man charged with capital murder



Flanked by Pampa Police Officer Brad Love, left, and Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield, Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner was transferred to county jail Tuesday afternoon after being charged with capital murder in the New Year's killing of a Pampa woman and her two sons. (Pampa News photo)

Suspect charged in New Year's killings

By CHERYL BERZANSKI
News Editor

Henry Watkins Skinner is being held without bond in Gray County jail today on charges of capital murder and murder.

Justice of the Peace Bob Muns denied bond to the 31-year-old Skinner, who is accused of murdering Twila Busby, 40, and her sons Elwin Eugene Caier, 22, and Randolph Busby, 20, on New Year's Eve at 804 E. Campbell. The boys were stabbed, and Mrs. Busby was bludgeoned to death, officials said.

In a closed hearing, Muns also set bond for Skinner on two December indictments - \$5,000 on a charge of aggravated assault and \$10,000 on a charge of injury to a child.

The death penalty will be sought on the charge of capital murder, said District Attorney John Mann Tuesday.

Capital murder is an appropriate charge, he said, because it is alleged that more than one life was taken in the same criminal transaction.

In an unusual twist, Muns closed the arraignment proceedings and held them in secret. The only officials allowed into the proceedings, a public hearing, were Assistant District Attorney Tracey Blades, Officer Tom Pickering, Officer Brad Love, Det. Terry Young, Gray County Sheriff Rnady Stubblefield and Lt. Allan Smith.

Following the arraignment, Muns said, "I didn't want to make a big spectacle out of it - that's it."

He told representatives of *The Pampa News*, KVII and KFDA that he didn't aim for a secret proceeding.

"Like I said, I didn't want to make a spectacle out of it," Muns said.

He said that he had denied witnesses in other proceedings.

When asked if he anticipated legal problems because of the exclusion, he replied, "If so, I'll face the consequences."

Both Mann and District Judge Lee Waters

declined to comment on Muns' action.

Waters said he expects Skinner to face him for arraignment on the grand jury indictments within the month. Proceedings on those charges will proceed as usual, he said.

Mann said that Muns' action won't interfere with the prosecution of the case.

Skinner is being held in administrative segregation in jail, said Stubblefield, to keep him as well as other prisoners in the facility safe.

Stubblefield said he did not know the feeling of prisoners about Skinner and feels it is safest for all if he is held separately. Extra security has been assigned, and it is possible that Skinner could remain in administrative segregation until he is tried, he said.

Twila Busby's sister-in-law, Wendy Ward, stood on the sidewalk as Stubblefield and an armed escort transferred Skinner to Gray County jail. Across the street, Busby's brother, Rusty Ward, watched quietly.

"We'll let justice take its course," Wendy Ward said. "We'll let the system take care of it."

Her husband said earlier in the week that he was satisfied that the investigators had handled the case well.

"We can't question what God has in store for any of us," Ward said Monday afternoon. "We pray he gives us the strength to get through."

The Wards of Shreveport, La., admitted that the killings had been difficult but said the family was holding up well.

"Her mother is being very strong," Wendy Ward said.

She said that the deaths had just begun to hit Twila Busby's teenage daughter, Lisa, who had been staying with her grandparents the night of the slayings.

"She was very close to her brothers," Wendy Ward said.

Shortly after the arraignment, about 300 people attended a funeral service for the slain family at First Baptist Church.

1994's first Nor'easter buries the East in snow

By MARGARET LILLARD
Associated Press Writer

A powerful nor'easter that left snow — almost 3 feet deep in spots — from North Carolina to Maine may have kept youngsters out of school, but it didn't keep them home.

Plenty hit ski areas after Tuesday's storm canceled classes and closed businesses in 16 states.

"There are so many school cancellations and a lot of these kids were home for Christmas. Parents don't want them home another day," said David Crowley, manager of Wachusett Mountain Ski Area in Princeton, Mass.

Some schools closed again today or opened late because of icy roads. The storm knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of homes and left at least 13 people dead.

In West Virginia, residents bombarded by as much as 2 feet of snow started digging out.

"I just came back from Florida right after Christmas," said Dixie Kennedy of Buckhannon, W.Va. "I wish I'd stayed down there."

Had she waited a week, Kennedy might have gotten her wish. Hundreds of passengers

were stuck at Miami International Airport and other airports after the second storm in a week forced nearly all major airlines to cancel or delay flights to most Northeastern cities.

The heaviest snow was in the central Appalachians and upper Ohio Valley. Thirty-three inches fell in Waynesburg in southwestern Pennsylvania.

The wind and cold were expected to ease today in the East as the storm moved into Canada.

Weather-related deaths included a boy who slid into traffic in New Hampshire, a man hit by a falling tree in West Virginia and a New York contractor who slipped and hit his head on a plow. Two women were killed in traffic accidents and eight men collapsed after shoveling snow.

Five people died of carbon-monoxide poisoning from a faulty heater in Louisiana and two children died in a Florida mobile home fire that officials blamed on a space heater.

National Guardsmen in eastern Kentucky used armored transports to move snowbound patients, carry power crews and deliver fuel after up to 9 inches of snow knocked out electricity.

Administration debates timing of welfare and health reform

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton may let his plan to overhaul the nation's welfare system slip this year as he pursues health care reform, administration officials and welfare experts say.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, says the president is "genuinely undecided" about how aggressively to push welfare reform while Congress is wrestling with health reform.

"There are ongoing decisions within the administration about the timing of welfare reform and no decision has been reached," the official said Tuesday. "One possibility is to pursue both concurrently. A second possibility is to delay introduction of a welfare reform bill until health care reform is at least through the major committees."

But a source familiar with

administration deliberations says Democratic leaders in Congress have advised the president to choose between health care and welfare reform, warning that it would be too tricky to move both at the same time.

The same congressional committees that have jurisdiction over welfare — Senate Finance and House Ways and Means — also have jurisdiction over health care reform.

The administration, the official said, decided it would avoid doing anything to jeopardize health reform, which tops its domestic agenda.

There have been other signs recently that welfare reform may be taking a back seat: When Clinton outlined his agenda for the new year, he spoke of his commitment to guaranteed health care, safer streets and a stronger economy. He mentioned the need to reward work over welfare, but without the same kind of commitment.

Running of the polar bares

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — At Princeton, they don't call it streaking.

The traditional run-in-the-buff across the Ivy League campus to celebrate the first snowfall is dubbed the Nude Olympics.

Administrators disapprove of the freezing frolic, which involved about 300 Princeton students on Tuesday. Men and women both disrobed and raced around the grounds in 22-degree weather, slipping and sliding on the ice-covered pathways.

The runners were cheered by hundreds of fully-clad colleagues while music from the movie "Chariots of Fire," blared from a dormitory window.

Their torsos were bare, but most wore shoes and socks, hats and gloves. Some donned wigs. One wore a football helmet.

"It was a mob scene," said student Danny Hoffman, who said many of his naked peers had been drinking.

Two students were taken to the campus clinic. One had scraped knees and the other was intoxicated, said nursing supervisor Connie Oldham.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FISH, Lettie May — 2 p.m., Edith Ford Cemetery, Canadian.
PHILLEY, Madelion — 11 a.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, Amarillo.

Obituaries

CHARLIE WALTER ARMSTRONG JR.
TRINITY, N.C. — Charlie Walter Armstrong Jr., 24, son and brother of of McLean residents, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1993. Services were held Dec. 31, 1993, at Archdale, N.C., by Cumby Funeral Home of Archdale.
 Mr. Armstrong was born in Amarillo. He attended schools in Amarillo before moving to North Carolina. He worked for North Fab Co. in Trinity.
 Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Karen and Richard Brown of McLean; his father and stepmother, Charlie and Helen Armstrong Sr. of High Point, N.C.; a sister, Shawleen Brown of McLean; two sisters, Pamela Yarbrough of Trinity and Darlene Porter of Sophia, N.C.; four stepbrothers, Steven Brown and Shane Brown, both of Amarillo, Ricky Yarbrough of Trinity and Eddie Yarbrough of Hutchinson, N.C.; grandparents Oscar and Viola Hutchinson of Jamestown, N.C.; and step-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owens of Trinity.

MARY A. CANSLER
CANADIAN — Mary A. Cansler, 87, died Monday, Jan. 3, 1994. Graveside services were to be at 3 p.m. today in Edith Ford Cemetery at Canadian. Arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Mrs. Cansler was born in Willow, Okla. She was a beauty operator in both Canadian and Amarillo for several years. She was a member of First Christian Church of Canadian. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Cansler, in 1938.

Survivors include a son, Artis Cansler of San Angelo; two daughters, Rosene Gibson of San Angelo and Edna Wood of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

MADLION PHILLEY
AMARILLO — Madelion "Mon" Philley, 77, sister of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Jan. 3, 1994. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, with the Rev. Tommy Ewing of Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Philley was born near Cleburne. She moved to Amarillo in 1956 from Clarendon. She married Stephan Oran Philley in 1931 at Clarendon; he died in 1977. She retired from Northwest Texas Hospital as a nurse technician. She also was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, John Philley of Phoenix and Bob Philley and Jim Philley, both of Amarillo; two daughters, Glenda Castillo of Birmingham, Ala., and Kay Holman of Del Rio; a sister, Vera Webb of Pampa; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.	
Wheat.....3.71	Up 1/8
Milo.....5.03	dn 1/4
Corn.....5.48	dn 1/4

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:	
Serfco.....4 1/8	up 1/8
Occidental.....17 3/8	NC

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:	
Magellan.....70.80	dn 1/4
Puritan.....15.80	dn 1/4

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.	
Amoco.....55 1/8	up 3/8
Arco.....107 1/8	up 5/8
Cabot O&G.....53 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G.....20 7/8	up 3/8

Accidents

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

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, Jan. 4
 Child Protective and Regulatory Services, 1511 N. Banks, reported an offense against family and children.

TUESDAY, Jan. 5
 Allsup's, Price Road and Texas 152, reported terroristic threats.

Arrests
MONDAY, Jan. 3
 Terry Joe Miller, 32, Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation (forgery).
TUESDAY, Jan. 4
 Malcome Bryan Nichols, 405 N. Sumner, 32, was arrested on charges of speeding, failure to appear and Department of Public Safety warrants.

John Thomas Bowers, 45, HCR 35AA, was arrested on a charge of assault/domestic violence.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 4
 A wanted by outside agency report was issued by Danville, Ill., Police Department.

A child was found by JoAnn McKay, 1200 Mary Ellen. The child was found in the 400 block of Hughes.

Criminal mischief was reported by Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported by Coronado Inn, 1101 N. Hobart, in rooms 140 and 142.

Forgery was reported by Homeland, 2545 Perryton Parkway.

Arrests
TUESDAY, Jan. 4
 Ira J. Sheffield, 18, Houston, was arrested at 901 Scott on a charge of public intoxication.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 4
 9:34 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 1321 W. Kentucky.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5
 1:25 a.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to a structure fire at 710 N. Banks. A number of brooms and the floor of a hot-water heater closet were damaged in the minor fire, according to a representative of the fire department.

5:07 a.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to two bomb scares, one at 309 N. Hobart and the other at the intersection of Price Road and Texas 152.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Pampa
 Verlie May Johnson
 Pat Elaine Lee
 Idelle Marie Maddox
 Veronica Lou Vandenberg

Borger
 Ruby Epperley
White Deer
 Mildred R. George
Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Vanbuskirk of Pampa, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Winkleblack of Pampa, a girl.
Dismissals
 Pampa
 Billye J. Gordon
 James L. Hunnicutt
 William A. Rankin
 Dovie Lou Rasco
 Frank Slazenski
 Stacy Michelle Monfort
 Nena Louise Grilley
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 No admissions were reported.

Dismissals
 Pampa
 Dismissals
 Wheeler
 Brenda Mitchell

Calendar of events

VFW DOMINO DAY
 VFW Domino Day is set for 1-5 p.m. Thursday at the Post Home, Borger Highway. Free coffee, bring your own dominos. No alcohol permitted.

Government study supports milk hormone

By **ROBERT GREENE**
 AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A genetically engineered hormone that enhances milk production in cows is safe and will make milk cheaper for consumers, an administration report says.

"The net national economic impact of BST usage is expected to be positive," said a draft version of a report on the hormone — whose full name is recombinant bovine somatotropin — by the Office of Management and Budget.

Less than a month before a congressionally imposed moratorium ends, the administration also reaffirmed its position that BST is safe.

"There is no evidence that BST poses a health threat to humans or animals," said the report, a summary of which was obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The FDA approved St. Louis-based Monsanto's version of the drug Nov. 5, ending a nine-year application process.

But Congress blocked the sale of BST for 90 days, or until Feb. 3. Meanwhile, the budget office studied the impact of BST on consumer attitudes and federal spending on dairy programs.

"No significant reduction of demand for milk and dairy products is expected to result from BST use," the report said.

Although the government will have to spend more on price supports for dairy programs because of BST, those costs will be offset within 10 years because of the lower costs for nutrition programs such as food stamps and Women, Infants and Children, which provides aid to pregnant or lactating women and their young children.

The government spends more than \$10 billion a year on commodity-support programs. The dairy programs cost about \$280 million in 1993. The study estimated that BST would add \$300 million to the cost of federal dairy programs over six years.

The report also said U.S. leadership in biotechnology "would be enhanced by proceeding with BST and would be impeded if there were new government obstacles to such biotech products."

The administration has made previous statements emphasizing the importance of biotechnology. At the same time, the industry complains that a health care proposal to cap the price of drugs would discourage investment in bioengineered pharmaceuticals.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., led the fight for the moratorium on grounds the drug would cause economic hardship for dairy farmers in his state. He had urged a one-year moratorium.

Feingold argued that consumers would reject BST milk at the same time cows were producing more, causing higher government surpluses and driving smaller producers out of business.

Feingold will not comment on the report until it is officially released, an aide said.

The report said small- and large-scale dairy farmers who use BST probably would have higher income because they could produce more milk from fewer cows. "BST favors good herd management rather than small or large farms," the report said.

On the other hand, it said, overall income from dairy farming will drop 1 percent over six years as BST reinforces existing trends in the dairy industry toward fewer farmers and cows.

Farmers in Wisconsin and other upper Midwestern states have been plagued by a variety of economic problems, including lack of good forage since the 1988 drought. The wet spring and summer of 1993 aggravated the problem.

The report said BST would have little effect, if any, on U.S. dairy exports because nearly half the American export volume goes to countries that have approved the drug.

Factory orders show fourth increase in a row

By **DAVE SKIDMORE**
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of aircraft, autos, computers and metalworking machinery pushed factory orders up by 1.4 percent in November, the fourth increase in a row and the biggest since June, the government said today.

The strong advance, to a record seasonally adjusted annual \$262 billion, followed gains of 1.2 percent in October and 0.7 percent in September, the Commerce Department said.

Today's report fits with other evidence showing the economy surging as it finished 1993. Manufacturing, which languished early in the year, is rebounding strongly.

Low interest rates are helping businesses buy new equipment and consumers purchase autos and home-related goods such as appliances and furniture.

For the first 11 months of the year, orders were running 6.1 percent ahead of 1992.

In November, orders in the transportation sector jumped 5.3 percent, propelled by a 21.9 percent surge in aircraft and a 2.8 percent gain in autos.

But, even excluding the volatile transportation category, orders rose a healthy 0.9 percent.

Industrial machinery and equipment posted a 4.9 percent advance. That included a 21.4 percent jump in orders for metalworking machinery and a 10.4 percent surge in computers and office equipment.

Two areas linked to recent increases in housing construction also pushed higher. Orders for stone, clay and glass products increased 4 percent while primary metals, such as steel, rose 1.3 percent.

However, orders for electronic and other electrical equipment fell 7.7 percent, pulled down by a 20.3 percent drop in electronic components.

Orders for non-defense machinery and equipment, a measure of business investment, surged 5.5 percent in November after rising 5.9 percent a month earlier.

Democrats announce local primary candidates

By **CHERYL BERZANSKIS**
 News Editor

With the passing of the filing deadline on Monday, the Gray County Democratic Party announced the candidates for office subject to the March 8 primary. Those successful in the primary will face Republican opponents in the Nov. 8 general election.

COUNTY JUDGE: Jim Osborne, Wendell Palmer

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Tracey Blades

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2: Jim Greene

COUNTY CLERK: Wanda Carter

DISTRICT CLERK: Yvonne Moler

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2: Margie Prudge

JUDGE, 31ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT: M.Kent Sims

JUDGE, 223RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT: Lee Waters

STATE REPRESENTATIVE: Warren Chisum

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Rep. Bill Sarpalus

Those who have filed as precinct chairmen include: Precinct 2 — Helen Ann Cook; Precinct 3 — Linda Babcock; Precinct 5 — Bill Graham; Precinct 6 — Elmer McLaughlin; Precinct 7 — Peggy S. Rodriguez; Precinct 8 — Christy Hoganson; Precinct 9 — Helen Davenport; Precinct 10 — Zetha Dougherty; Precinct 11 — Teresa Johnson; Precinct 14 — Brenda Moody; and Precinct 15 — Doyve Massie.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

ST. ANNE'S Nursing Home in Panhandle Texas has 3 openings for Private pay residents. Excellent nursing care. Call 537-3194 for application. Adv.

FURTHER REDUCTIONS Storewide sale: Take additional 10% off already reduced merchandise. Bobee J's Boutique, 2143 N. Hobart. Adv.

GOOD FIREWOOD, \$50 cord. 669-6173. Adv.

50% OFF all Christmas. Jackie's Furniture and Gifts, 105 S. Cuyler. Adv.

CITY LIMITS under new management. Look forward to changes. Adv.

MEN OF Mantasia: Wednesday night, City Limits, 669-9171. Adv.

CAJUN FOOD, Wednesday 5th, 6-9 p.m., Hamburger Station. Adv.

GARY STEWART Band at City Limits Friday, January 7. 669-9171. Adv.

50% OFF Sale. Jackie's Furniture and Gifts, is closing out part of the gift department. Large selection at 50% Off. 105 S. Cuyler. Adv.

BODY BY Jeanna Step Aerobics. 30 minute body sculpting. Class starts January 17. 665-7500. Adv.

CUSTOM BUILT Ornamental iron handrails, columns, gates, fences, porch rails, etc. Sandblasting and painting. Archie's Aluminum 665-8766. Adv.

BY POPULAR Demand the J&J Flea Market will re-open Friday, January 6. We will be open Friday, Saturday 9-5. Adv.

ROYSE ANIMAL Hospital easy access due to Hobart construction, thru alley of 21st or 19th. Royse Animal Hospital, 665-2223. Adv.

NEED EXTRA Income - International Food Giant expanding across Texas. Excellent part time or full time business opportunity. Call for details, 665-8766. Adv.

HELEN WILL have jewelry at Song's Salon, 1415 N. Banks, Thursday January 6. Everything 1/2 off. Adv.

LOST: BLACK and brown pure mutt. Tan collar, short haired, medium sized. 665-8554. Reward.

Area funds help in cancer research discovery

Researchers announced in early December they have identified the genetic flaw that causes as many as one in six cases of colon cancer, as well as a number of other fatal cancers of the uterus, ovaries and other organs. The American Cancer Society funds the research of Dr. Burt Vogelstein, leader of one of the two teams credited with this discovery.

Volunteers and donors from throughout the Panhandle of Texas including Gray and Roberts counties raise money to support this and other national American Cancer Society research programs.

"We are proud that the dollars we raise through neighborhood community crusades, galas such as the Hutchinson Oil Patch Extravaganza, bikeathons and other special events as well as through our Love Lights a Tree and memorial program come back home to the Panhandle in this way. Thousands of our friends and neighbors benefit from this and other ACS research findings," Pat Popham, District 29 Crusade Chairman from Canadian, Texas, said.

Last year the American Cancer Society also returned \$4,168 in patient services to patients in Gray and Roberts counties, \$200 in professional education and \$39,345 in public education.

These researchers state that they have found the gene responsible for inherited colon cancer and predicted that this would allow high-risk people to be aggressively screened in order to detect the disease, or its pre-cancerous form, at a highly curable stage. This gene may also be linked to other cancers including ovarian, uterine and stomach.

The American Cancer Society's guidelines for screening for the early detection of colon cancer include for both men and women at average risk:

1) Having a regular cancer-related checkup; and

2) Having a digital rectal examination every year after age 40.

For people with a family history of colon or rectal cancer or ulcerative colitis, these tests may need to be performed more frequently as prescribed by their doctor.

For more information on colon cancer, screenings and research, contact your local American Cancer Society office at 353-4306 or call toll-free 1-800-ACS-2345. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to controlling cancer through research, education, and service.

EEOC says DPS oral interview discriminates against minorities

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety's oral interview process discriminates against blacks and Hispanics considered for promotions, according to a federal probe.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's investigation was in response to about 35 complaints brought by the NAACP, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday.

The NAACP's complaints centered on DPS promotions between January 1987 and January 1989.

DPS now must meet with EEOC officials to discuss eliminating its discriminatory practices. If settlement discussions fail, the issue could end up in court.

The commission said minorities were discriminated against in the oral interviews used to select DPS investigators, sergeants and Texas Rangers.

The oral interview accounts for 48 percent of the total score for promotion.

Blacks and Hispanics consistently were given low scores on the oral tests, severely reducing the number of minority applicants considered for a promotion, the commission found.

"The statistical tests utilized indicated that the probability of this happening by chance was so low that an inference of discrimination arose as a consequence," the report said.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear, with a low of 32, northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, sunny and cooler, with a high near 50. The high on Tuesday was 51; the overnight low was 38.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, clear. Lows near 30. Thursday, sunny and much cooler. Highs in the 40s. Thursday night, partly cloudy and colder. Lows around 10.

South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows in mid 30s. Thursday, sunny and cooler. Highs in low 50s. Thursday night, partly cloudy and colder. Lows in the teens.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy, windy west and central. Lows 47 to 52. Thursday, mostly cloudy east, with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Partly cloudy central and west. Highs 58 west to 66 east. Thursday night,

partly cloudy and colder. Lows 32 to 38.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, increasing clouds and not as cold. Lows near 50. Thursday, mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs from 60s Hill Country to 70s south central. Thursday night, partly cloudy and breezy and cooler. Lows from 30s hill country to 40s south central. Coastal Bend: Tonight, partly cloudy and not as cold. Lows from 50s inland to 60s coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy and breezy and warm. Highs from 80s inland to 70s coast. Thursday night, mostly cloudy and breezy and cooler. Lows from 50s inland to near 60 coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from 50s inland to 60s coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs from 70s inland to 60s coast. Thursday night, mostly cloudy and breezy and cooler. Lows from 50s

inland to 60s coast.

BORDER STATES
 Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy in north central Oklahoma, clear to partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows from low 30s in northwest Oklahoma to the mid 40s in southeast Oklahoma. Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs mid 40s to mid 50s.

New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy north with a slight chance of rain or snow showers. Fair elsewhere. Turning colder. Lows teens and 20s mountains and north with 30s to low 40s elsewhere. Thursday, partly cloudy north with a slight chance of rain or snow showers. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Much colder. Highs 20s and 30s mountains and north with 40s and 50s elsewhere. Thursday night, much colder with mostly clear skies. Lows near 5 below to low 20s mountains and north with 30s to mid 40s elsewhere.

Concern over Russian rightists key to caution on expansion of NATO

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is conceding that its cautious approach to expanding NATO eastward is driven by concern over inflaming "ultranationalistic feelings in Russia." A senior official said today NATO wasn't ready to accept new members.

"The issue on the table right now is not immediate consideration of new members for the NATO alliance," Strobe Talbott, President Clinton's adviser on Russian affairs, said in an interview with European reporters.

Lithuania became the first former Soviet republic to apply for membership in NATO when President Algirdas Brazauskas wrote a letter to NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner. The letter was made public Tuesday night.

The Russian reaction was swift and negative.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin's press secretary, Vyacheslav Kostikov, issued a statement saying that "the haste with which a number of countries including the republic of Lithuania are seeking to become members of the (NATO) military-political alliance cannot but cause anxiety."

The statement warned that expanding NATO could evoke "a negative reaction in Russian public opinion" and play into the hands of the country's extreme nationalists.

That view also was voiced in a number of briefings Tuesday in Washington, where administration officials repeatedly spoke of the need to avoid "drawing new lines between East and West and in Europe now."

As Clinton prepared for a European trip next week to a NATO summit and then to Eastern Europe and Russia, he said he thought Europeans were misunderstanding his Partnership for Peace initiative.

"We're trying to promote security and stability in Europe," he said. "We don't want to do anything that increases tensions."

Defense Secretary Les Aspin, in a phone conversation today with his Russian counterpart, Pavel Grachev, sought to ease Russian concerns by urging Russia to become a full player in the Partnership for Peace initiative.

Aspin said Grachev was positive about the idea, saying Russia "supports the concept and is interested in participating in Partnership for Peace."

Talbott expressed sympathy for the aspirations of Lithuania and other countries to join NATO, but said the only option "on the table right now" is the Partnership for Peace.

Former Warsaw Pact nations, led by Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, are pressing for swift admittance to NATO as full members.

The Clinton proposal offers them military cooperation and the potential for membership in the 16-nation alliance at some unspecified point in the future.

"There's not a consensus to expand NATO at this time," said the president.

At a White House briefing, Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff, related the administration position more directly to the surprising strength of nationalists in recent elections in Russia.

"I think we need to be extraordinarily careful that we do not by intent or, worse yet, inadvertently fuel those ultranationalistic feelings in Russia or other parts of the former Soviet Union," said the former NATO commander.

"The Partnership for Peace tries to deal with exactly that issue by not making the situation worse, but giving the chance to the democrats in Russia, who are working so very hard to build market economies and to strengthen the democratic institutions there," he said.

U.S. officials were shaken by the strong showing in parliamentary elections by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy's Liberal Democratic Party, which supports restoration of the Soviet empire, including its domination of Eastern Europe.

Moving too quickly to bring East European countries into NATO could destabilize the region and "become a self-fulfilling prophecy of pessimism about Russia," said Anthony Lake, Clinton's national security adviser.

Lake said the "evolutionary" process backed by the president "avoids drawing new lines between East and West and in Europe now."

His remarks suggested that such dividing lines could strengthen the hand of the nationalists in Russia and "destabilize states to the East."

Former Bush administration officials criticized the Clinton proposal as failing to offer the East Europeans security guarantees.

"I don't think it guarantees anything. I think it's a punt to avoid grappling" with East European and Russian concerns, said former National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Former CIA Director Robert Gates, said that rather than offering the security requested by Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, the Partnership for Peace merely gives them "a kind of ephemeral life raft."

Former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger said Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic should be granted full NATO membership "as quickly as possible."

In advance of the NATO summit, Clinton is sending Shalikashvili and U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright to Eastern Europe to calm fears about limited association with NATO.

"We have worked for so many years to try to break down the division between East and West that existed, and what a shame it would be now at this extraordinarily historic moment if the first step that we took towards bringing stability and security to all of Europe was started with the re-establishment of a new line," said Shalikashvili.

"It is important that everyone understand, and I hope that our new-found friends in the East will understand, that the reason that partnership is defined as it is to avoid at all costs the establishment of a new line, a new division that in turn, then, would create new tensions and fuel new conflicts."

New county attorney



Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy, right, swears in newly appointed Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey. Alvey replaced retiring Bob McPherson Monday. Alvey must seek re-election on November to complete McPherson's four-year term set to end in 1996. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Commissioners study bids on removal of jail

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners were studying bids today to remove the old county jail from atop the courthouse.

Items ranging from the fate of the old jail to budgetary matters were discussed by the commissioners as they met Tuesday in the county courthouse.

In reference to the jail, no action was taken although Judge Carl Kennedy presented three bids from companies, two from Oklahoma and the third from Pampa, to tear down and remove what is left of the jail, which is located on the top floor of the courthouse.

As it is, commissioners are deciding whether it would be cheaper to either bid out the project or do it using county employees.

If done in-house, things such as workmen's compensation, locating a crane and finding money in the budget will have to be considered. Other problems would include parking and the possibility of unwelcome noise and dust from the project.

Commissioner Ted Simmons estimated it would take approximately six weeks to dismantle the jail facilities with a work crew working 40 hours per week.

In budgetary matters, the commissioners considered interbudgetary transfers and paying the salaries and bills as recommended by the county auditor.

In a related matter, the commissioners approved the request from Wheeler County to be the fiscal agent for the 31st District Court, which would help reduce Gray County's accounting workload.

"This would relieve a little bit of the paperwork and bookkeeping, and any time we can do that, it would behoove us," said Kennedy prior to the unanimous vote supporting the matter.

In other business, the commission agreed to advertise for bids for a workers' compensation policy. They set March 1 as the deadline for insurance companies to submit bids. Any action on the matter would not come before the end of March.

Finally, the commission met in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

School bus accident

FARWELL (AP) — A pickup truck collided Tuesday with a Farwell school bus carrying 10 students, but no one was injured.

Authorities said the accident happened at about 4 p.m. about 16 miles west of Muleshoe, near the New Mexico state line.

Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Lauren Chernow said the Farwell Independent School District bus was eastbound on Farm-to-Market Road 1760, attempting to turn left onto a Bailey County dirt road, when it was struck by another eastbound vehicle.

Famed oil well firefighter Red Adair retires

HOUSTON (AP) — The world's best-known fireman — Paul N. "Red" Adair — is hanging up his red coveralls.

The 78-year-old veteran of more than 2,000 land and offshore oil well fires sold his Houston-based Red Adair Co. to Global Industries Ltd. of Lafayette, La., Tuesday for an undisclosed amount.

"I'll take it a little easier, I'll try to. Play a little golf, take my boat out," said Adair, donned in an uncustomary blue suit set off by a flame-red silk handkerchief in the breast pocket. "Get out and enjoy life a little bit."

When asked how much Global paid him for the firm he formed in 1959 after investing \$125 on used equipment, Adair chuckled, then said: "I can't count that high. I didn't go but to ninth grade at school."

Global, which began as a struggling offshore diving business when bought by president and CEO William J. Dore, has ballooned into a \$60 million company that specializes in offshore contracting and diving.

The 12-member staff of Red Adair has signed on with Global and will remain in Houston, said Dore,

who attended the news conference with Adair. The firefighting unit, now under the arm of Global, will retain the Red Adair name.

Except for a "freak accident" that resulted in one firefighter's broken leg, Adair contends he still has the best record in the oil firefighting business.

Adair is credited with extinguishing thousands of oil well fires, including the hundreds of wells left burning after the Iraqis left Kuwait at the end of the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

The 5-foot-7 Houston native, who proudly spent his 76th birthday clad in his traditional red coveralls working to cap off the burning wells in Kuwait, once said he would never retire.

And on Tuesday, Adair, who will work for Global as a consultant, refused to use the word.

He indicated it would be quite possible, if Global wanted him to, to return to the oilpatch.

Isn't 78 too old to be working fires?

"Oh, hell no. I'm in as good shape as anybody in this room, I think," he said.

Judicial candidate charged with DWI in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — Former Tarrant County assistant district attorney Lisa A. Ryan, a judicial candidate who has successfully prosecuted more than 30 DWI cases, has been charged with driving while intoxicated.

Police say Ms. Ryan, 32, was stopped at about 11 p.m. New Year's Eve after they observed her Chevrolet Suburban swerving between lanes. Ryan is free on \$1,000 cash bail, officials said.

Ryan is a Republican candidate for the County Criminal Court of

Appeals. She is now in private practice, but worked for the district attorney's office from 1987 to 1990.

According to the arresting officer M.S. Baggott and videotaped accounts, Ryan mentioned her former job and that she was running for office. She also warned officers against arresting her.

Baggott said he could smell alcohol on Ryan's breath. He also said that she would not listen to instructions about a field sobriety evaluation and became loud and belligerent.

"She was very argumentative and

kept relating that she was an executive Tarrant County district attorney and was running for judge," Baggott said. "She made several vague threats that it would be a mistake to arrest her and that an officer could get into trouble for that."

An initial court appearance on the misdemeanor charge has been set for March 16. The primary election is March 8. Ryan is opposed in the GOP primary, but Mamie Bush Johnson will be her Democratic opponent in November.

Ryan released a statement Tuesday saying that she was swerving because she was talking to her husband on a car phone.

"There was miscommunication and misunderstanding between the police and myself," she said.

"I feel my strong background and record as a former district attorney... successfully prosecuting more than 30 DWI cases affirms my commitment to the law and my respect for the police," Ryan's statement said.

Bobbie West to seek position of district clerk on GOP ticket

Pampa resident Bobbie West, 46, has announced her candidacy for district clerk on the Republican ticket.

West has worked with the Pampa Independent School District. She worked at Austin Elementary School as the school secretary for nine years and is currently secretary to the assistant superintendent for Pampa schools.

West is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa. She is married to Dale West and they have three children. One daughter served as a missionary in Haiti, where she lost her life in an auto accident. The other two children, Christa and Kurt, are in college.

West believes that the district clerk office must be service oriented.

She said, "The district clerk's office exists to respond to the needs of the people of the 223rd and 31st Districts. I greatly enjoy working with the public and look forward to the opportunity of serving the great people of the Panhandle."

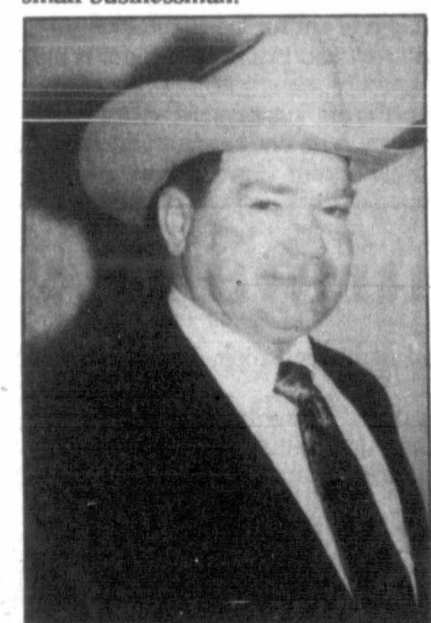
She believes that her experience of working with teachers, students and parents to accomplish quality education has prepared her well to serve the public if she is elected. She also believes that her computer experience will be a tremendous asset.



Bobbie West

James Hefley announces candidacy for Precinct 4 county commissioner

James Hefley has announced his candidacy for Gray County commissioner, Precinct 4, subject to the Republican primary. Hefley is a self-employed farmer, rancher and small businessman.



James Hefley

Born July 6, 1947 in Wheeler, and raised in Hemphill and Wheeler counties, Hefley graduated from Briscoe High school in 1965 and attended Oklahoma State University for three years. He entered the U.S. Army in 1969 and served as a sergeant in the infantry of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

He married Charlotte Seitz in 1973 and moved to a ranch south of McLean. In 1988 they moved to just west of the McLean city limits. They are the parents of four: Holly, a freshman at Texas Tech University; Jill, a sophomore at McLean High School; Lori, an eighth grader at McLean Junior High; and Nikki, a fourth grader at McLean Elementary.

Hefley is chairman of the Gray County Extension Agriculture Program Committee and is a member of the executive board of the Extension Program Council.

Hefley has also been a member of the McLean Independent School Board of Trustees for 11 years and is in his fourth year as president.

Hobart intersections to be closed

Pampa commuters will have to find alternative route to travel if they plan to cross Hobart Street on Randy Matson Avenue all day Thursday until noon on Friday, according to a representative of the state's highway department.

Jerry Raines, area engineer for the Texas Highway Department, said today the east side of the intersection of Hobart Street and Randy Matson Avenue will be blocked for about 30-hours to allow construction crew to replace concrete valley gutters on the street.

Next week, beginning on Monday

morning and continuing until noon Tuesday, the east side of the intersection of Hobart Street and Kentucky Avenue will be blocked off for the construction of the gutters, Raines said.

Following the construction work on Monday and Tuesday, the intersection of Hobart Street and Harvester Avenue will be closed for construction.

Although a specific time has not yet been established to close the busy intersection, Raines said he would announce it prior to its closing next week.

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Opinion

China continues war on children

Despite the market reforms and economic growth of the past 15 years, China continues to be ruled by an oppressive communist regime. The regime just proposed intensifying its assault on supposedly "defective" children.

In a eugenics program resembling that of Nazi Germany, health commissar Chen Minzhang announced the regime thinks there's an "urgent need of adopting such a law to put a stop to the prevalence of abnormal births." He complained that China "now has more than 10 million disabled persons who could have been prevented through better controls."

What an Orwellian euphemism - "prevented." He means killed. If Hitler were alive today perpetrating his Holocaust, he would say he was just "preventing" Jews from living.

According to *The New York Times*, "Pregnant women diagnosed as carrying infectious diseases or abnormal fetuses would be 'advised' to terminate the pregnancy, the [Chinese government] report says." Women also would be forcibly sterilized. What tyranny.

The proposal comes on top of the existing "one child" policy, in which mothers of one child are "advised" to have an abortion if they get pregnant again. Those who have the child anyway are harassed and oppressed.

The eugenics proposal shows just how far China still must go to rejoin the ranks of civilized countries. If a family chooses to bear and raise a handicapped or diseased child, what business is it of government?

A true market economy allows persons and families to make their own arrangements to support all family members. Often a new child makes a family innovate and work harder, so adding to the overall prosperity of everyone in the country.

To its discredit, the Clinton administration early last year restored U.S. taxpayers' funding of the United Nations Population Fund. The funding had been cut off a decade ago because UNPF shovels money to China's "one-child" program. UNPF promises that the U.S. taxpayers' money will go only to other programs beside the "one child" program. This is the usual shell game politicians play. Our money, in reality, allows China to shift money into its "one child" program.

U.S. trade with China continues to build a middle class there, establishing a base for democracy and liberty. Trade should continue. But the Clinton administration should halt all spending of U.S. taxpayers' money on UNPF. And Mr. Clinton should denounce the communists' "one-child" tyranny and the proposed killing of handicapped babies.

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Demagogue's growing list

The media is our time machine, but suddenly, just as we were exiting 1993, it has jammed - beaming us simultaneously toward fascist hate-mongers of the past and future.

One minute, we are implored by media film critics to see *Schindler's List*, the movie so powerful it will transport us back to the horrors of Hitler's Holocaust. We're told we will more than merely see - we will feel - how it was when anti-Semitism became a policy and 6 million Jews were systematically massacred by a nation whose people pretended not to notice.

The next minute, we are shocked by news from Moscow of the strong electoral showing of a one-time fringe politician and ultimate demagogue, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, whose Hitlerian ravings remind us that a hateful past can be a future. Zhirinovskiy captured the votes (but hopefully not hearts or minds) of so many Russians that shocked experts from the Kremlin to the White House plunged into mass recapitulation.

Now even the experts can see what was clear to lesser lights long ago: Yeltsin's economic shock therapy was doomed to produce widespread discontent before even modest comfort could be felt by the public. Enter Zhirinovskiy, riding the wave of Russian rage that is the inevitable result of Yeltsin's policy. Zhirinovskiy's appeal comes from waving an iron fist at a people that historically have known only that way of governing. And mainly, he tells the people the blame rests with foreign demons - and the responsibility for fixing it rests everywhere but with themselves.



Martin Schram

And faster than you can say "xenophobia," you get: Zhirinovskiy's List. It is nothing like *Schindler's List*, which meant a job in Oskar Schindler's armament factory in lieu of a one-way trip to Hitler's death factory. "Zhirinovskiy's List" is the documented hates of a demagogue - a stream without conscience that meanders from anti-Semitic master-race mouthings to Russian lebensraum.

Gleanings from Zhirinovskiy's List:
• Anti-Semitism 1 - Jews Cause It: "At a certain stage of Development, a wave of anti-Semitism arises. ... This is provoked by those who consider themselves part of the Jewish nation. We don't need provocations like this" - from his post-election press conference.

• Anti-Semitism 2 - TV News Needs Aryan Anchors: "Our voters are constantly asking us, saying they're sick and tired of the fact that TV announcers are representatives of a non-Russian nationality. They would very much like to see kind Russian faces who talk to them in good Russian. ..." (Asked if he was referring to Jewish television

announcers) "If people of a certain kind speak to the nation every day and every hour, this creates anti-Semitism" - *ibid*.

• Back to the Old Empire: Has advocated retaking the now-independent states of the old Soviet Union.

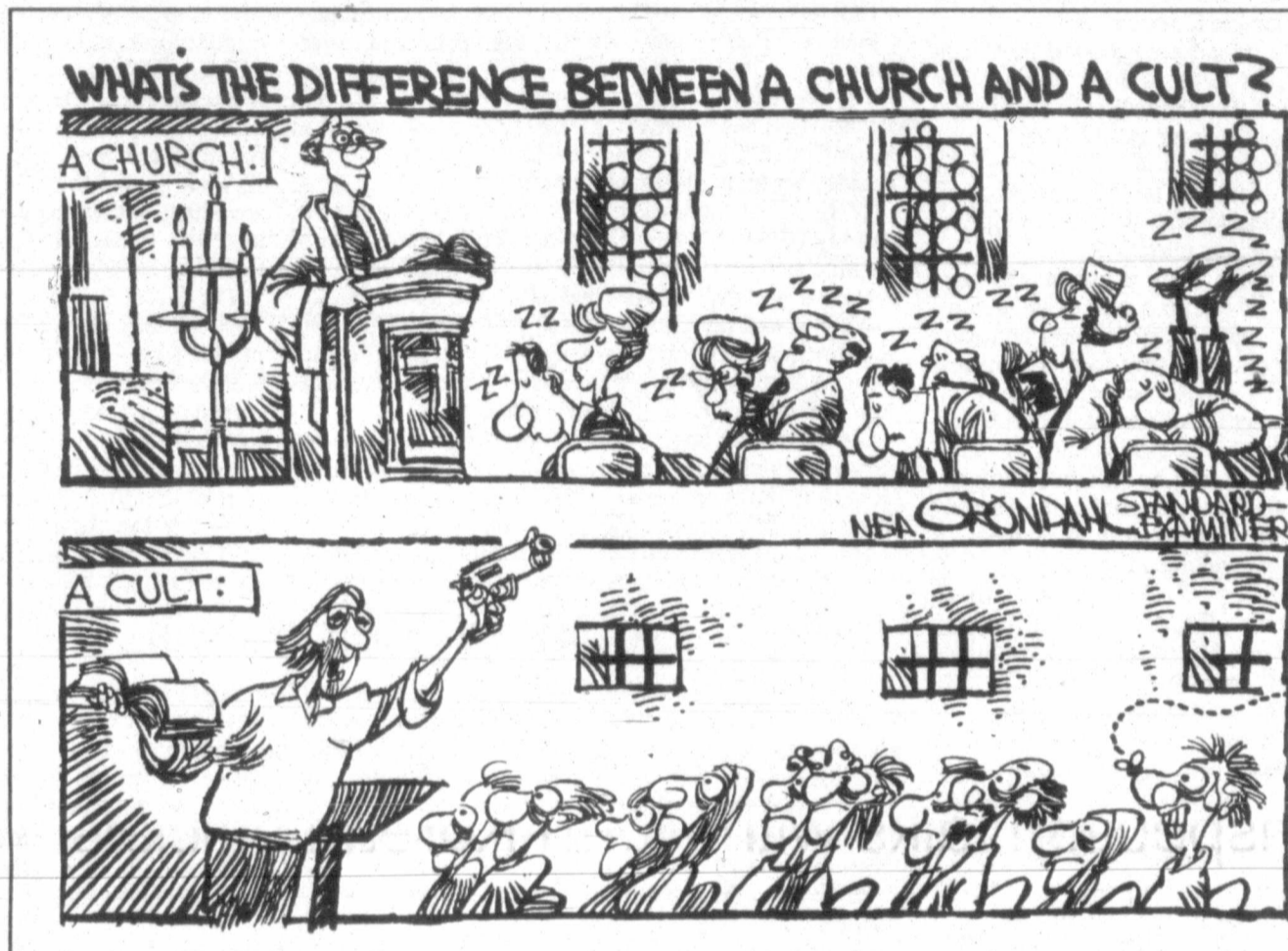
• Beyond the Old Empire - Germany: In a radio interview broadcast in-Hamburg last month, he said if Germany (a prime supplier of aid and investment in Russia) interferes in Russia's internal affairs, he wouldn't hesitate to create "new Hiroshimas and Nagasakis ... (or a) Chernobyl in Germany."

• Beyond the Old Empire - Japan: "The same goes for the Japanese," Zhirinovskiy continued. "They already experienced Hiroshima and Nagasaki; 50 years have gone by, and maybe they've already forgotten this. We will create new Hiroshimas and Nagasakis. I will not hesitate to deploy nuclear weapons."

• East to Alaska: Has advocated making Alaska a part of Russia, from whence it came.

So it is no wonder that this demagogue, whose party captured perhaps one-sixth of the legislature, has captured five-sixths of the election media aftermath.

Now Clinton spokesmen from Vice President Gore down sum up Zhirinovskiy with one word: "Anathema" (to all we stand for) - it's their daily public reaction. Privately, they are feverishly reassessing whether U.S. policy and aid should be so unswervingly tied to one man: Yeltsin. It's about time. For the new political reality in Russia is crisis in perpetuity. And, an anathema a day may not be enough to keep the dictator away.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 1994. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 5, 1896, the Austrian newspaper *Wiener Presse* published the first public account of a discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen - a form of radiation that became known as "X-rays."

On this date:
In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was later declared innocent.)

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died at his home in Northampton, Massachusetts, at age 60.

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala., at age 81.

Freedom to self-destruct II

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a two-part series on the decriminalization of drug use.)

Last visit, we talked about the practical aspects of self-destruction and whether any such "right" should include the decriminalization of drugs.

Presently, Americans are allowed to destroy themselves slowly with tobacco, alcohol and sex-related diseases.

The Supreme Court is soon to determine whether Dr. Kevorkian's method is "legal."

If we open Pandora's box, can the escaped demons be made to work for us?

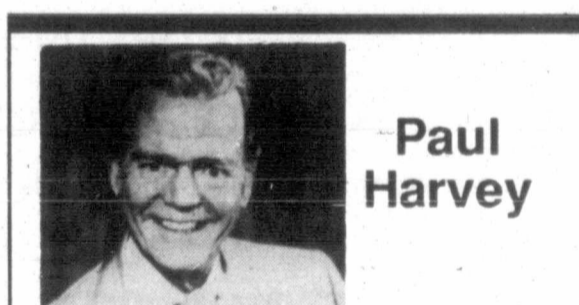
Legalizing drugs might divert users from crime, relieve overcrowded courts and prisons, and enhance our national Treasury with a new source of taxes.

But we agreed not to pass judgment until we considered the "morality," the "rightness and wrongness" of the issue.

The Scripture most often cited is the commandment that translates, "Thou shalt not commit murder."

Scripture, instead, specifies that we are "free moral agents," free to do what's right or what's wrong, accepting the consequences of either choice.

The Constitution specifies that we are free until our liberty intrudes on somebody else's.



Paul Harvey

Most of us grew up in a society that accepted without question the "wrongness" of using drugs.

This generation has made so many compromises with conscience that it's much like leaving a piece of furniture in the middle of the living room floor.

Leave it in there long enough, and eventually, you'll get used to it - THOUGH THAT DOES NOT MAKE IT RIGHT.

Today, as in the last days of Prohibition, hard-core drug use is increasing, and availability is everywhere.

Violence related to illegal sales is epidemic. Since 1981, our nation has spent \$100 billion fighting the drug war, and we are retreating on all fronts.

The federal government has left to local and

state venues the decriminalization of gambling and prostitution and the specification of limits on drinking.

To allow local determination of drug regulation would not inhibit organized crime any more than did Prohibition.

Should Congress begin seriously to contemplate legalizing and taxing drugs, the most vociferous and the most generously financed opposition would come from organized crime.

Perhaps it boils down to this: Either we are free or we are not to do anything that punishes only ourselves.

Gradually, we have accepted limits on our liberty with seat belts, hard hats and parking meters. Convincing arguments can be made for each.

Meanwhile, we have legalized drinking, gambling and obscenity.

Our moral parameters are measured with a ruler.

Better we should rely on common sense. My own ambivalence on this subject is uncomfortable. I am glad it is not for me to prescribe.

But the high court can't run, can't hide. It must decide.

And perhaps, during subsequent visits on this subject, we can share with one another and with the high court whatever is your view.

Storm of violence corrodes humanity

When Defense Secretary Les Aspin bungled America's mini-wars around the world, President Clinton's loss of confidence prompted Aspin to resign. Now, the president needs to send a similar message to at least three of his top domestic-policy advisors. But to quote a current street expression, Clinton just doesn't understand.

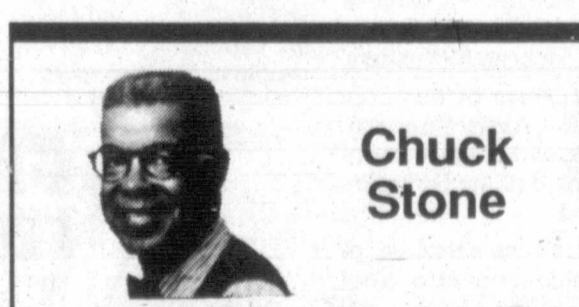
Americans do, but nobody is listening to their anguished cries. At least not yet.

Put aside this column for a moment and glance through your newspaper. Somewhere on those pages is a grisly account of an unusual-murder or murders, not necessarily in your community, but in cities or towns like yours.

Murders are equal-opportunity savagery. No region of the country, including yours, and no race, including yours, is exempt from these atrocities, some of which are almost too sickening to comprehend.

In a last two-week period last month, multiple murders have been committed: in San Diego, by a brilliant young naval officer; on Long Island, N.Y., by a Jamaican-born son of a businessman; in Aurora, Colo., by a fired pizza worker; in Oxnard, Calif., by an unemployed computer engineer; in suburban St. Louis by unknown persons.

Only when a heartless beast inside a human skin commits just one cruelly calculated murder do we react in horror. In Milwaukee, a teenager blows away the face of a kneeling mother and then



Chuck Stone

explains, "I'm the big man. I got the gun. Why does she have this attitude?" In California, a 39-year-old career criminal abducts 12-year-old Polly Klaas from her bedroom and then kills her.

In the nation's capital, drive-by killings in black neighborhoods are as normal as legislative deliberations.

We'll never be able to stop violence or murders. But we can do a far more efficient job of containing both, just as Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Sweden and Switzerland do. In 1990, these countries' combined deaths by handguns were only one-third of the United States' deaths by handguns. The reason: strong gun control laws.

We must restore a reciprocity of civility, a reciprocity that the gun-owning NRA (Near-dethallic Rifle Association) helps to violate.

The work has already begun. For the first time in history, the American people rose up in a righ-

teous wrath and demanded their Congress pass a gun control bill.

The passing of the Brady bill was a long overdue defeat for an organization that is as politically responsible for the proliferation of violence as are the criminals.

On the long journey to reclaiming our humanity, the Brady bill is only a small step. Here are the next three steps: 1) Require that all guns be licensed. 2) Slap a heavy - and I mean, painfully heavy - tax on all ammunition. 3) Challenge the unproven theory that the Constitution permits individual ownership of guns.

It doesn't. And those who resist this truth are no different from those Americans who believed the Constitution supported slavery and denied votes to women.

Somewhere in this nation of 206 million adults, there must be one - just one - adult who is prepared to challenge the NRA's misinterpretation of the Second Amendment. This person must go to the Supreme Court.

If you want further confirmation of the idiocy of the NRA's position, read the *Federalist Papers*, No. 53, "The Care of the Common Defense," and No. 29, "Concerning the Militia," both by Hamilton.

In those papers, the founding fathers worried about war and it's "gathering storm." Two hundred and five years later, that gathering storm is suffocating this nation's humanity.



MCI plans to bypass local phone companies for long-distance service

By DIANE DUSTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — MCI Communications Corp.'s plan to cut local phone companies out of its long-distance service in major cities suits Washington's deregulatory mood and should please big business. But it remains to be seen whether individual consumers will benefit.

MCI announced Tuesday it would spend \$20 billion to upgrade its long-distance network with fiber optic technology known as SNET and \$2 billion to build switching equipment in the nation's 20 largest cities.

The switches and MCI's connecting fiber optic phone lines would link MCI customers — big businesses, in the beginning — directly with the MCI long-distance network, and thus bypass local phone companies.

MCI already has the switching technology under construction in Atlanta, and installation in New York, Washington, Los Angeles, Dallas and Boston will begin soon, MCI Chairman Bert Roberts said.

Eventually, the service will be extended to residential users, probably through partnerships with other com-

panies, like cable TV providers, Roberts said, MCI Metro also could be available to customers of rival long-distance companies like AT&T and Sprint, he added.

AT&T and Sprint said that they already offer SNET service and that MCI was just playing catchup. But the foray into the local marketplace goes beyond anything AT&T or Sprint has attempted.

Currently, when a caller makes a long-distance call, the connection is completed at the calling and receiving ends through a local phone company. MCI pays local phone companies \$5 billion a year in these so-called access charges, which is the most profitable part of the phone business, particularly for calling by large business customers.

All the long-distance providers have complained about the access charges they pay the seven regional Bell companies that have a monopoly on local service.

"Long-distance companies are at the mercy of local telcos, since they are the only way to reach our customers," Sprint Chairman William Esry said. "Today, 45 percent of the cost to carry a long-distance call is a direct payment to the local telephone company for the 'last mile' connection."

The Bells argue that the access fees are needed to subsidize the cost of delivering regular phone service to customers in remote areas or poor neighborhoods that never could afford the true cost of phones.

The government long has supported the philosophy that telephones be available to all Americans so that everybody has access to emergency services and employment opportunities.

Roberts said he supports the need for universal telephone access and would continue to contribute to a fund so that everyone gets service. But he said he believes the Bells' access charges are excessive.

The issue as far as federal regulators, Congress and the White House is concerned is increasing competition to drive down prices and offer new services.

A number of deregulatory bills are pending in Congress that, among other things, would allow local phone companies to offer cable TV in their local service areas and expand opportunities for companies to compete for local phone service. Other legislation would allow the regional Bells to compete in manufacturing and long-distance services.

But Roberts said many local and state laws would

need to be changed to allow MCI into the local exchange market. Only four states — New York, Massachusetts, Washington and Illinois — allow competition with the regional Bells.

Esry predicted that the local Bells would not give way easily.

The Bells say that if they are to share the local exchange they should be allowed into long-distance business that has been denied them by the 1982 court agreement that broke up AT&T and created the regional Bells.

But MCI and the other long-distance companies say the Bells shouldn't be allowed into long-distance until there is effective local competition.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce telecommunications subcommittee, praised MCI's financial commitment and said the announcement "is strong evidence that local competition is more than an abstract policy."

He said the legislation he has introduced, to be taken up when Congress returns at the end of the month, will address concerns about reasonably priced consumer service.

Dirt of scandal begins to soil Italy reformers

By BRIAN MURPHY
Associated Press Writer

ROME (AP) — A simple wooden witness stand in Milan has become a seat of shame for politicians.

From it, some officials have confessed to accepting kickbacks and allowing other abuses. Other witnesses in Italy's biggest corruption trial have fired off accusations their own.

The targets usually have been the scandal-wracked governing parties. But now the cross hairs have been set in a new direction: Northern League chief Umberto Bossi, who says he will take the stand today.

Kickback allegations made Tuesday — which for the first time directly implicated Bossi — could have deep reverberations as Italy moves toward parliamentary elections expected to sweep out the discredited political establishment.

The reform-seeking Northern League and its boisterous leader, Bossi, had built reputations as innocent outsiders in Italy's political culture, where every favor apparently had a price.

The party counts on its clean image to bring in new supporters — and new parliamentary seats — as it attempts to move beyond its base in the wealthy and industrialized north.

But as the trial drags on, some of the dirt kicked up by witnesses has begun to soil the Northern League.

Last month, an administrative official of the party was arrested in an investigation of an undeclared \$140,000 contribution by the Italian chemical conglomerate Montedison.

Bossi called the failure to report the money "a little error" and offered to reimburse the company. He repeatedly denied knowing about the payment.

On Tuesday, however, a Montedison manager told the court that Bossi had asked the company in 1991 to buy advertising on a radio station aligned with the Northern Party.

Instead, the company decided to give the equivalent of \$140,000 in cash in 1992, said the manager, Marcello Portesi.

Portesi testified that on several occasions, Bossi explained to him Northern League philosophy and its need for funds.

Bossi said the testimony shows that the Northern League never asked for money, only advertising. "We are honest. No one can fault us. We have not done anything," he said.

Political rivals quickly called it Northern League hypocrisy: denouncing kickbacks when they allegedly took them.

The voters, meanwhile, will have months to mull over the claims and any others that could come during the Milan proceedings, which the head prosecutor has called the "mother of all kickback" trials.

Israel, PLO to resume stalled talks next week in Egypt, reports claim

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and the PLO, hung up over how to implement Palestinian autonomy, agreed today to resume their stalled talks next week in Egypt, according to Israeli radio and a foreign ministry official.

The two sides accepted agreements reached in Cairo on border security as the basis for continued negotiations, the reports said.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry officially denied any knowledge of resuming the talks.

But a source in the ministry told The Associated Press that following an intense exchange of faxes this morning between Jerusalem and PLO headquarters in Tunis, Tunisia, there had been a "great closing of the gaps."

"They have accepted our position that the Cairo document is the basis," the source said on condition of anonymity, "and we accept that it is legitimate to propose any substantive changes in Tabá," the Egyptian resort city where much of the negotiating has been done.

Israel and the PLO have been

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Lt. Tonya Darsey, third from right, assistant commanding officer for the Pampa Salvation Army office, accepts a donation of \$640 from Wal-Mart Discount Cities associates, representing a percentage of sales from the day after Thanksgiving. Making the presentation on behalf of Wal-Mart to the Salvation Army are, from left, Ethel Stubblefield, Sue Reynolds, Sheri Tice, Vicky Helms and Gloria Johnson. The money was donated to help the Salvation Army with its holiday programs and other services. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

New signs of progress reported in nuclear inspection talks with North Korean officials

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new sign of progress, North Korean officials seeking to end an impasse over inspections of their country's nuclear facilities met today with International Atomic Energy Agency officials in Vienna, Austria.

David Kyd, an agency spokesman, said the North Koreans were proposing arrangements for allowing agency inspectors to visit the nuclear facilities. The agency had rejected the most recent proposal, presented Dec. 23, which Kyd said would have allowed unimpeded inspections at only five of the seven declared sites.

The agency has insisted that it not be forced to accept any limitations on its inspections, which are designed to ensure that nuclear facilities are not used for military purposes.

Kyd said he was not yet aware of the contents of the Koreans' new proposal. In a telephone interview from Vienna, Kyd said it was possible the agency's director-general, Hans Blix, could decide today to accept or reject the new Korean offer, or he might wait for clarification.

At the White House today, Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said specifics of the inspections were "something that needs to be worked

out between the IAEA and North Korea, but dialogue between the United States and North Korea is ongoing."

A Clinton administration official said Tuesday that it was pressing North Korea for a deal that would allow a quick resumption of inspections but would not assure repeat inspections. It is not clear whether the atomic energy agency would go along with a deal that explicitly limited the number of inspections.

"We don't have an agreement on anything" yet, but talks between U.S. and North Korean government officials are making significant progress, the official said. He insisted on anonymity, citing the sensitivity of the talks.

North Korea insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes but there have been no full-fledged inspections of the program by the atomic energy agency since last February. The United States asserts that the facilities are intended for building nuclear bombs; North Korea denies this.

North Korea as recently as last month had insisted that only five of the seven sites could be fully inspected, but The Washington Post reported Tuesday that Pyongyang now is willing to allow inspectors into all seven sites. Ho Jong, a North Korean diplomat in New York who partici-

pated in the talks with U.S. officials, told The Associated Press he could not confirm the Post report.

At issue now, the U.S. official said, is what activities the inspectors would be allowed to perform on their visit. Those details apparently would be the main focus of the discussions between the atomic energy agency and North Korea.

"They've indicated a willingness to allow continuity inspections now. We certainly consider that progress," State Department spokesman Michael McCurry said Tuesday.

The official said that if a U.S.-North Korean agreement is reached on an initial inspection of nuclear sites, the United States would continue to insist that further, more complete inspections be accepted by North Korea later.

"It isn't the quantity of the inspections that's important, it's the quality," the official said.

The atomic energy agency also had expressed an unwillingness to conduct inspections in which its representatives are limited in the kinds of things they can inspect at a site.

North Korea is a signatory of the international nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which prohibits it from developing or selling nuclear weapons. But last spring it announced its intention to withdraw from the treaty.

Army regaining control from rebels in Mexico

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press Writer

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — The government offered today to negotiate an end to an Indian peasant uprising, but insisted the insurgents first disarm, free hostages and identify their leaders.

Indian rebels, who are protesting the conditions of peasants, have retreated into Mexico's southern jungles as thousands of government soldiers fight to extinguish the New Year's rebellion.

At dusk Tuesday, army planes bombed a poor neighborhood near a military base south of this town. Witnesses saw five warplanes and counted seven bombs. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Eloy Cantu Segovia, a top adviser to Interior Minister Patrocinio Gonzalez, told The Associated Press today that the planes were summoned by troops who had been surrounded by rebels. "Thus this means the army was only defending itself; it was not a punitive action," he said.

Cantu said that before talks could take place the rebels must cease hostilities, turn over their arms including 3,000 pounds of dynamite stolen from the state oil monopoly Pemex the day before the uprising, identify their leaders and release kidnap victims.

Another official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he imagined the rebels would hear terms of the offer by radio. So far they have made no public response to requests for talks.

Tuesday night, Cantu blamed the uprising on extremists, including some Salvadorans and Guatemalans, who he said were manipulating the Mayan Indians in the dirt-poor region.

"It's an indigenous group in the hands of violent professionals," he said.

A military statement said 93 people were killed in four days of fighting, including seven soldiers, 59 rebels and 27 civilians and police. Eight rebels were detained,

the statement said.

The rebels pulled out of three towns they occupied on New Year's Day. The army reported sniping continued in Ocosingo, scene of the fiercest fighting, and in some other areas.

The rebels, calling themselves the Zapatista Army for National Liberation, are protesting injustices in Chiapas, a state plagued by poverty, illiteracy and chronic land disputes.

They appeared to have some 1,000 fighters.

The army had about 14,000 soldiers in Chiapas, the independent Excelsior news agency reported.

Reporters who visited the formerly occupied villages of Altamirano and Huixtan on Tuesday said they saw no sign of rebels. The rebels left two other towns seized Saturday — San Cristobal and Las Margaritas — Sunday and Monday.

Hundreds of army troops occupied Ocosingo. Villagers said the rebels had fled into the hills.

Msr. Samuel Ruiz, the area's Roman Catholic bishop, said the rebels had not responded to the church's offer to mediate the conflict.

Ruiz said he was worried the army's "massive response" might result in human rights violations. He called for a cease-fire and for international observers to come to Chiapas and monitor the situation.

In Ocosingo, reporters saw 24 corpses in the streets and markets, surrounded by rotting produce, half-finished sodas and other debris.

Five bodies were found lined up side by side, face down, their hands twisted behind them. They appeared to have been executed with gunshots to the head.

Bodies of at least eight soldiers and police officers had been removed.

Soldiers perched on rooftops and huddled in doorways Tuesday looking for snipers. The army set up checkpoints at town entrances and refused to let reporters enter the hospital.

Many residents said they had hidden in their houses for three days, afraid to go out even for food. Some said rebels had looted their homes.

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Food

If you can't stand the heat, don't go on vacation

By ROSS SNEYD
Associated Press Writer

ESSEX, Vt. (AP) — Paula Smith has spent countless hours in her family kitchen baking for her children and grandchildren.

But now she's got even more than good grandmotherly cooking sense — she's got memories of a recent weekend spent elbows deep in the dough, learning some of the finer points of her pastime.

Smith joined a growing cadre of household chefs and would-be professional cooks who are taking advantage of cooking schools not only for the culinary tips but for a unique, hands-on vacation experience.

"It's been a great morning," Smith said as she folded her complimentary apron. She had spent nearly three hours learning the finer points of combining the yeast, flour, sugar and other ingredients of basic bread into "festive ethnic holiday breads."

This isn't the usual fare from Smith's recipe box. And it certainly wasn't anything like her Concord, N.H., kitchen, where she's known affectionately as "Ol' Grandma."

Instead, the retired dietician's kitchen for the day was a finely appointed meeting room in a classy country inn, the Inn at Essex, complete with chandelier and colorful carpet.

It was all part of New England Culinary Institute's new series that aims to capitalize on a new travel trend in which tourists demand more than just a towel next to a beach or a

weekend at a spa. Increasingly, travelers are looking for something more, an experience or an education.

"They're having fun, but they're also learning something," said Pam Knights, New England Culinary's organizer of the weekend.

There also has been a growing interest in food, especially its proper preparation and presentation. The two trends seemed a natural to the folks at NECI and at the Inn at Essex, where the institute has a campus and operates the food service.

"The interest in cuisine is intersecting with an interest in education and self-improvement," said John Dranow, chief operating officer and a co-founder of NECI. "It's bringing together the interest in food and wine ... with the desire just to continue a process of life-long learning."

This culinary vacation is a growing trend. The "Shaw Guide to Culinary Schools," the authority in the field, listed 90 culinary travel programs in 1989. That has grown to 195 now.

New England Culinary developed the cooking weekends as an outgrowth of its continuing education programs. Most of them were held at night and amounted to an instructor demonstrating concepts to students. The weekends changed all of that.

"What we really wanted to do was create something that was like total immersion," Knights said.

And total immersion it is. Drop cloths are spread on the floor to protect the expensive carpets from the

inevitable spills and splatters.

Instead of the suits and ties typical of the meeting rooms, the women and men — who make up about 25 percent of the students — are decked out in King Arthur Flour aprons and white NECI chef's caps. They pay \$350 for a single room for the weekend, \$250 per person for a double room.

The rooms — a couple of standard guest rooms also had to be called into service — are equipped with everything a baker would need except the ovens. Rolling pins are stacked on one table. Another is loaded down with eggs, sugar, raisins, flour, stacks of breads.

Carlson Bogan, a machine shop worker from Miamisburg, Ohio, was learning "yeast bread basics" while his wife was in one of the more advanced courses.

"She thought it'd be great if I did this," he said. "We go to a lot of cooking things all over. This was great. It's more hands-on."

Even for some of the more advanced cooks, actually digging into the ingredients and baking under the tutelage of the experienced bakers and chefs that New England Culinary provided made a big difference. "There are a lot of easy to understand tricks to baking bread," said Donna Dellaquila of Clinton, Conn. "I think I can take it home. You feel very proud of yourself when you see your finished product."

Many of the 88 participants in the weekend learned of the NECI course through a newsletter from King



Paula Smith, right, of Concord, N.H., gets some assistance from instructor Michael Jubinski at the New England Culinary Institute's Essex, Vt., campus last November. More and more household chefs are taking advantage of cooking schools not only for kitchen tips but also for a hands-on vacation experience.

Arthur Flour, a 200-year-old company in Norwich that sells flour produced without chemicals.

"I've been buying stuff from them for years," said Peter Beckett of Annapolis, Md., a retiree of Eastman Kodak who attended the week-

end to obtain skills that will impress his buddies on offshore racing sailboats.

"It gives you a feeling of accomplishment," he said after completing a morning baking lesson. And that's one of the basic goals

of King Arthur Flour in sponsoring such a series, said President Frank Sands.

"We've been teaching people for years to bake," he said. "Once people learn it, they get over the 'yeast anxiety.'"

Greek Walnut Cookies — an elegant, delicious treat

By The Associated Press

Greek walnut cookies are an elegant, easy-to-prepare dessert. The recipe is the creation of pastry chef Nancy Silvertown, owner of Campanile restaurant and La Brea Bakery in Los Angeles. It has been adapted and simplified for the home baker.

Ground walnuts give the cookie the texture of nutty shortbread while hints of rum, vanilla and cinnamon round out the flavor. After baking, a honey-sweetened syrup is poured over the cookies, giving them a glossy topping. A sprinkling of walnuts on top of the buttery cookies adds crunch.

Greek Walnut Cookies

- 1 1/4 cups walnuts
- 1-3rd cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup rum
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- For the syrup:
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon rum
- 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 5 whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick
- For the cookie tops:
- 1/4 cup coarsely ground walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or use a buttered baking sheet. (A parchment-lined baking sheet produces the best results.)

In a food processor, combine the 1 1/4 cups walnuts with the sugar;

process until finely ground. Add flour and cinnamon. Process 10 seconds, scraping sides once. Add butter, rum and vanilla; process until well blended.

Roll dough into balls and then form into ovals, 1 1/2- by 1- by 1/2-inches. Arrange balls 1/2 inch apart on prepared baking sheet. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 25 minutes or until bottoms are light brown.

Meanwhile, combine syrup ingredients in a small saucepan; bring to a boil.

Remove from heat; use slotted spoon to remove lemon, cinnamon and cloves.

Place hot cookies on a large plate. Slowly spoon hot syrup over cookies until syrup is gone. Immediately sprinkle remaining walnuts over cookies. Let stand 20 minutes, transfer to a clean plate. Makes about 30 cookies.

Note: Once the walnuts are ground, the cookies may be combined in a bowl with a wooden spoon.

Nutrition information per cookie: 108 cal., 6 g fat (45 percent calories from fat), 8 mg chol., 32 mg sodium.

Recipe from: "The Best From California Chefs — Luscious Dessert Recipes from Campanile," a pamphlet published by the California Manufacturing Milk Advisory Board.

To receive a free copy, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to: Chefs Recipes, Raquel Grosman, The Montgomery Group, 505 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif. 94111.

Snacks, an answer to a generation gap?

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — When you reach to pick up that pretzel of potato chip, there may be more behind your snacking behavior than just a crunchy craving. A person's lifestyle and age play a part in snacking consumption, according to the Snack Food Association's "Consumer Snacking Behavior Report."

The report, which outlines consumption patterns over the past decade, shows that heavy eaters of snacks are more likely to be children ages 6-12. Consumption dropped dramatically during the past ten years among young adults ages 18-24, while snacking increased among older Americans.

Kids ages 6-12 crave the crunch of crunchy cheese snacks, potato chips, and tortilla chips with their lunches, and they savor pretzels as an evening snack.

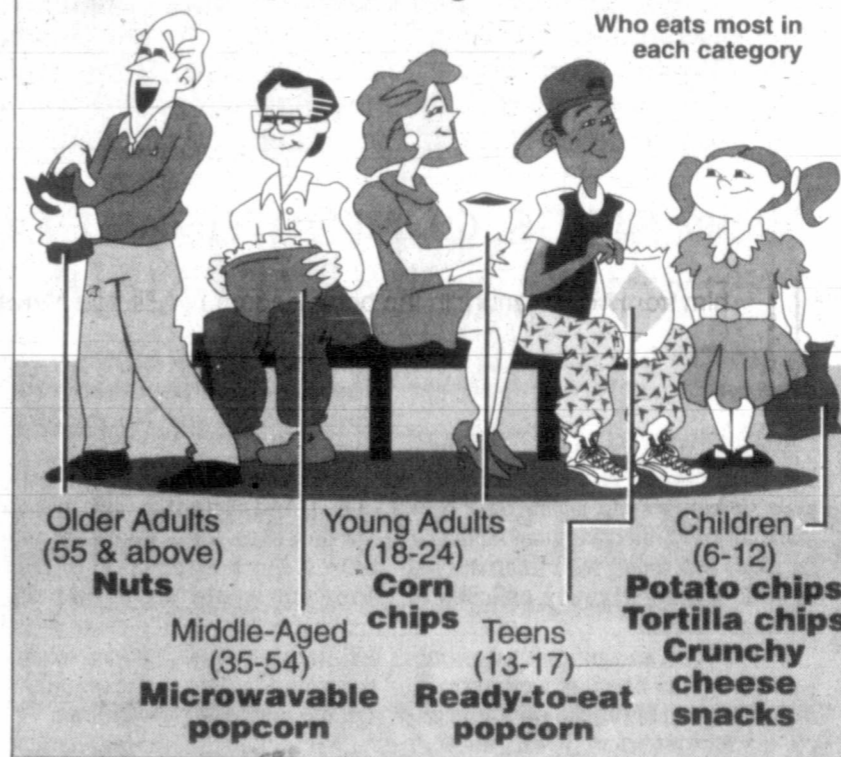
With teens, ready-to-eat popcorn is popular eaten away from home and in the evening.

Adults aged 18-24 consume the most corn chips, and most often during lunch.

Microwavable popcorn and pretzels are the evening snack favorites

Snack Generation Gap

Teens, Baby Boomers and Older Americans have distinctive snacking habits:



for middle-aged Americans.

Snack nuts are favored as mid-day and evening snacks by Americans aged 55 and older.

The Snack Food Association's "Consumer Snacking Behavior Report" is based on diary panel data compiled by MRCA Information Services during a 10-year period. Participating households recorded their snack purchases and snack eating occasions.

The 7,500 households in the MRCA sample are balanced to reflect the demographic and geographic characteristics of the U.S. population as determined by U.S. Census Bureau data.

The Snack Food Association and The National Potato Board are joint sponsors of National Snack Food Month in February. SFA is an international trade association of about 900 company members which are snack manufacturers and suppliers. Snacks produced and sold by SFA members include products such as potato chips, snack nuts, dried meat snacks, popcorn, fruit snacks and dips.

The National Potato Board represents potato growers nationwide.

Snack Trivia

Q: Who invented the potato chip?
A: The potato chip originated in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., as a joke. In 1853, Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt sent his fried potatoes back to the chef, complaining that they were too thick. As a sarcastic reply, the chef cut a potato into paper-thin slices, fried them to a crisp and salted them. The potato chip was born!
Q: How many pounds of snacks does the average American crunch in a year?
A: Over 20 pounds of products like nuts, popcorn, corn chips, and potato chips.

Q: Who are the nation's biggest snackers?
A: The West Central and East Central regions are the home of the nation's biggest snackers — in 1992, per capita consumption in these regions was more than 23 pounds of snacks, three pounds more than the national average.
Q: What is the oldest snack food?
A: In 610 A.D., monks in Southern France made pretzels and gave them to children as rewards for learning their prayers.
Q: What is Mel Gibson's favorite snack?
A: Organic unsalted blue corn chips.

Q: How does popcorn get its pop?
A: The secret ingredient that makes popcorn pop is water. The kernels are made up of starch, protein, fat and water. As a kernel is heated, the water temperature rises, building up pressure and taking up any available room. The outer surface surrounding the starch gives way, the water expands further, and — POP — the popcorn explodes. The soft starch pops out, the kernels turn inside out, steam inside the kernel is released and the corn pops ... and pops ... and pops.

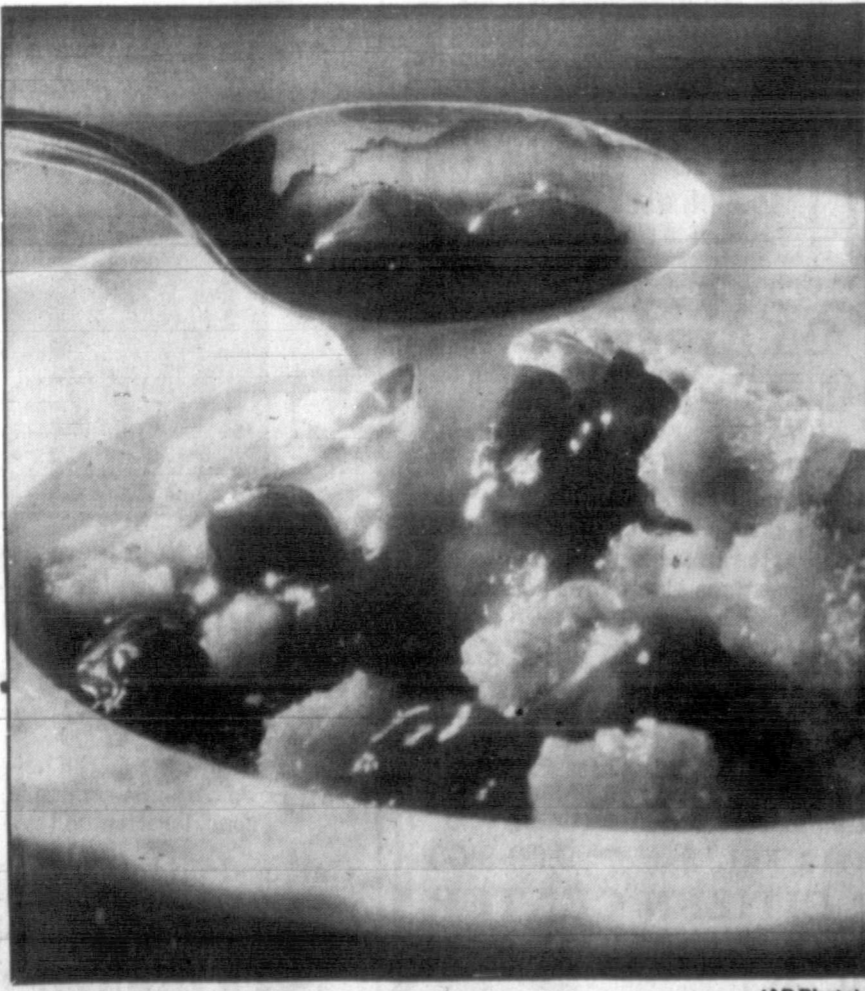
Tangy sauce proves tasty

By The Associated Press

On the lookout for recipes that are amazingly simply to make, yet make everyday foods look and taste extraordinary? This sauce is one to add to your collection. Tangy dried cherries or cranberries become plump and juicy again when simmered in this satiny, rich dessert sauce. Ladle the sauce over bread pudding, ice cream, cheesecake or cake.

Brandied Berry Sauce

- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/3 cup water
- 1/2 cup dried cherries, cranberries or raisins
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons brandy or 1/4 teaspoon rum extract
- In a small saucepan melt margarine or butter. Stir in brown sugar, 1-3rd cup water and dried cherries, cranberries or raisins. Cook and stir until bubbly. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, about 5 minutes or until fruit is plump and sugar is dissolved, stirring often.
- Stir together 1 tablespoon cold water and cornstarch; stir into fruit mixture. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir for 1 minute more. Remove from heat. Stir in brandy or rum extract. Makes 1 1/4 cups.



Ladle this delicious sauce over bread pudding, ice cream, cheesecake or your favorite cake.

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DEAR ABBY: Yesterday morning at breakfast, I was startled by the sound of a child's screaming. From the intensity, I thought the child might be in trouble and in need of help. I flew out the front door and found the 6-year-old girl across the street being terrorized by a stray dog. Her mother, who had accompanied her to the bus stop, tried to comfort her with little success.

I crossed the street and got the dog to head down the road, away from the child. As I started to return to my house, her mother thanked me, then turned to her daughter and told her that it wasn't necessary for her to have screamed. It stopped me in my tracks.

I politely correct the mother, saying her daughter had done the right thing in screaming, because her screams had attracted my attention, causing me to come to her rescue.

Screams are meant to alert others to danger, whether real or imagined. We do our children a great disservice when we teach them not to scream. Are we more worried about the possibility of disturbing the neighbors than we are about the safety of our children?

I would prefer to answer a hundred "false alarms" than miss the opportunity to protect a child in danger.

With the Polly Klaas tragedy so fresh in our minds, would the outcome have been different had she and her friends screamed when the intruder entered her room? No one knows the answer, but one thing is certain, she wouldn't have died alone without someone attempting to save her life.

Do your children a favor. Encourage them to scream. It is an important defense tool. Don't raise a silent victim. You owe this to your children.

STAN ZIEGLER, HOUSTON

DEAR MR. ZIEGLER: Thank you for an enlightening and worthwhile letter.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée and I are both in our mid-70s. We found each other a year ago, along with love, sex and all the good things in life. We both have equal incomes from Social Security; in addition, we each have weekly supplements, job-wise.

She had no mortgage or car payments, which I do have. The problem is, she thinks that I should pay for all the outside activities, such as entertainment, dinners out, and gas for the automobile trips we take together in my car.

Abby, in these days of liberated women, am I asking too much to expect her to go 50-50? I do all her household repairs and maintenance, besides my own.

Please advise a fair solution to this problem.

LOVE IN THE CAROLINAS

DEAR LOVE: A fair solution would be for her to go 50-50 with you on entertainment, dinners out, and gas for your car on your trips together. (If she has a car, how about using hers half the time?) Women who want equal rights should share equally in the expense of shared entertainment.

Anchorage gets first Smithsonian branch office

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The Smithsonian Institution has opened its first field office in Anchorage, at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

One result is that it will be easier for the museum to exhibit the institution's artifacts. An agreement with the museum creates a branch office for the Smithsonian's Arctic Studies Center.

The Smithsonian will occupy a room in the museum and start with one employee, an anthropology and archaeology specialist. Arctic Center director William Fitzhugh said he hoped the staff would expand to four or five.

The Smithsonian plans to train local staff to prepare fragile exhibits for safe travel to remote Alaskan locations.

Institute for Biblical research combines faith, scholarship

By DAVID BRIGGS
Associated Press Writer

Nowhere is the historical evolution in the attitude of American education toward religion more striking than in religious studies departments of universities.

Schools that were founded as training grounds for clergy have come almost full circle to the point where professors who are religious are looked upon with suspicion.

In a plenary address at the recent American Academy of Religion meeting in Washington, D.C., University of Notre Dame historian George Marsden said some of the nation's major universities exclude scholarship that reflects religious views. He said they even reject job applicants who reveal a Christian

motivation for their work.

In the field of biblical scholarship, many scholars today would argue that the Bible should be treated like any other book and even question the historicity of major figures from Jesus to Abraham.

But it appears the trend is not inexorable. A group of scholars who advocate approaching the Bible from a confessional stance has been gaining strength.

The Institute for Biblical Research was begun by 10 scholars meeting in a New York restaurant in 1970 and had about 50 members when it adopted its constitution in 1973. The organization now has 300 members and nearly 70 associates who are doctoral candidates in the field.

The institute's publication, the Bulletin for Biblical Research, is now in its third year. And by 1995

the group expects to open a research center in Fort Worth, Texas, according to E. Earle Ellis, a founder of the institute and theology professor at Southwestern Theological Seminary.

The organization studiously avoids breaking off from the academic establishment. The institute's annual meeting is in conjunction with the Society of Biblical Literature, and most institute members are also members of the society.

Gerald Hawthorne, institute president, and Ellis said that institute members share with other scholars interests in issues of translation, styles of writing and historical context that offer insights into the biblical texts.

They also said it is important to remain in organizations such as the SBL so the voices of evangelical

scholars will be taken seriously and to encourage young scholars to meet the technical demands of scholarship at the doctoral level so more will get posts in not only Christian, but secular universities.

"Today, they're forced to pay attention to us," said Hawthorne, a professor of Greek at Wheaton College.

But there is one important difference that distinguishes institute members: an affirmation that the Bible is something more than the writings of humans in particular historical contexts.

"We call it the integrity of Scripture," Hawthorne said.

Thus, the scholars, like most people in the pew, accept events such as the resurrection of Christ as a matter of faith.

"What we would argue is that

God works in history, and sometimes transcends it, such as in the resurrection," Ellis said.

If the Bible is treated solely as a historical document, Ellis said, "whether one gets the fullness of the meaning of Scripture is in doubt."

Ellis said the institute also is concerned with prominent seminaries promoting a "humanistic" approach to the Bible, and then sending out clergy who are "confused, or perhaps no longer committed to the church."

In the approach of these evangelical scholars, the Bible is a way God speaks to human beings.

"Scripture is more than just the words of men," Hawthorne said. "It's authentic. It stands above us; rather than us standing upon it."



Greg Easley, 9, of Pampa has the rare distinction of owning an iguana. Above, the youthful pet owner strokes "Iggy" after removing him from his terrarium in the boy's bedroom. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa youth somewhere between Jurassic Park and Night of the Iguana

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Last summer, after watching the movie *Jurassic Park*, it crossed the mind of 9-year-old Greg Easley that a terrifying Tyrannosaurus Rex in that movie bore a slight resemblance to a pet of his.

That pet, a green iguana about two feet in length and height ranging from three to four inches, is no monster, however, its owner said.

"He does not bother you if you don't bother him," Easley said between tender strokes on his pet iguana Iggy, who spends nearly all of each day inside a terrarium in Easley's bedroom.

"They (iguana) make excellent pets," said Easley's mother, Katie Easley. "There is no odor, and he's very quiet."

Iggy, a native of the Amazonian rain forest in South America, is

not without its moments of ferocity, however, Mrs. Easley said.

"When he doesn't want to get out of his (terrarium) cage; he can whip you with his tail — and it does sting," she said.

At least one aunt of Greg Easley's who lives in Amarillo is more terrified than charmed by the iguana, according to the 9-year-old and his father.

Dr. Ron Easley confided with a smile that his son Greg likes to "torment" his aunt by dangling the lizard in front of her while standing at a hallway entrance to the Pampa household's living room.

"Lots of women are afraid of it," observed Mrs. Easley.

The 9-year-old's response to such fear?

"I say, 'He usually doesn't bite,'" he said before bursting into gleeful laughter.

The fear is unfounded, Dr.

Easley said, indicating that the animal was not poisonous.

"As best as I know, there's only one venomous lizard that's native to North America — the gila monster (indigenous to Arizona)."

Far from inspiring fear in its owner, the iguana — a rarity in Pampa — has been a source of pride for the boy who takes care of the animal.

"He's not very shy," Greg Easley volunteered. "One time I took him for show and tell at (Austin Elementary) school and all 19 of my classmates were kind of petting him and talking about him, saying he's real cool and stuff."

The Easley household — which also includes Greg's two older brothers, Brian, 17, and Kyle, 14 — appears to be fully accustomed to the iguana. The Easleys continue to marvel at the iguana's eating habits, however.

Despite the observation from a household guidebook on iguanas that they feed on insects and vegetables, Iggy eschews both, preferring to munch on dandelions, strawberries, and breakfast cereals including Captain Crunch, Cheerios, and Fruit Loops cereal, said Greg Easley.

The 9-year-old, who is delighted by the eccentric eating habits of his pet, went so far as to say that "I love him as a pet."

Although Easley spends an average of only 30 minutes per day with his iguana — compared with four to five hours per day with a Boston terrier dog that he takes care of — the Pampa youth said he feels less lonely for sharing his bedroom with a pet iguana.

"Sometimes when I'm kind of alone, I kind of look up there at Iggy and I feel that I have a friend," the Pampa boy confided.

Video game review: the best of 1993

By WILLIAM SCHIFFMANN
Associated Press Writer

It's been a great year for video games, with hundreds of new titles vying for your gaming dollars.

Here, in no particular order, are my 10 favorites for the Sega and Nintendo 16-bit formats in 1993. I'll guarantee there are some great ones out there that haven't passed through my hands; this is a very personal tally.

1. Star Fox, Nintendo's gift to gamers, will be on everyone's list. This tour de force for Super Nintendo debuted to a ton of hype, but it lived up to every lofty phrase. Nintendo introduced the Super FX chip in Star Fox and used it to make this space shooter the most dramatic game of the year.

2. More fascinating technology was introduced in U.S. Gold's Genesis cart, Flashback. This detective tale features a secret agent whose memory has been stolen by aliens. He must regain his memory and destroy the alien invasion force on their home world. Flashback, designed by the respected French outfit Delphine Software, is lush and beautiful, with incredibly detailed

graphics and amazingly lifelike movements.

3. For the kiddie set, Sega's Aladdin for Genesis is a magnificent effort, true to the movie of the same name. You play as Aladdin, urging him on as he battles to defeat the evil wizard and win the love of the princess. Colorful, bright, easy to master, yet complex and interesting, it's a winner.

4. Another masterpiece for children — and adults — is Ecco the Dolphin from Sega, in a variety of formats. This engrossing tale of a dolphin trying to reunite with his friends is educational and beautifully done, perhaps the best cart of the year for youngsters.

5. OK, one more for kids before we kick them out of the room and move on. B.O.B., Electronic Arts' debut effort for SNES, is a familiar tale for most parents — son swipes car, son wrecks car, son tries desperately to keep date despite mangled wheels. The neat part — B.O.B.'s a cute, bulgy-eyed, golden robot armed to the teeth. He's fun, he's slick, he's great.

Now for the less politically correct... 6. Splatterhouse 3 is the fabulously ghoulish and gory tale of a man

bedeviled by a haunted house and the monsters who inhabit it. In Namco's Genesis cart, blood and green slime fly everywhere and our hero, Rick, has a new powerup that turns him into a mighty mutant who can smash enemies at will. Not for the faint of heart, but a lot of fun.

7. Electronic Arts contributes Road Rash II, a sequel to their very popular motorcycle racing game that features unsportsmanlike conduct in addition to the thrill of two-wheeled competition. Control and graphics are great and you can upgrade to more and more powerful bikes.

8. No Top 10 list would be complete without Acclaim's Mortal Kombat, although it may be remembered more for the political fallout it generated than for its game quality. This martial arts game is good, although Street Fighter II is still the best of the breed. But the brutal "finishing moves" in one version have been lambasted by politicians calling for controls on video game content, and its lasting legacy may be a game rating system.

9. Ninjas have been a mainstay of the video game industry for years. But Sega's Shinobi II takes the genre to a new level. Artistic, com-

plex, dramatic and graphically excellent, Shinobi II is one of the few games that I return to over and over. A must-have...

10. And last, but certainly not least, we have Sony's Sewer Shark for Sega CD. Although the quality of games for this evolving format has been mixed, Sewer Shark is a real jewel. From some programmer's twisted imagination comes a peek into a future when men and women dive into the sewers in high-powered cruisers to destroy the vermin that live in the dank, dark tunnels. It's bizarre and wildly entertaining. If you have Sega CD, you NEED Sewer Shark.

Picking just 10 games is really hard, so here are a few carts that didn't quite make the cut, but are worth your time and money:

- 1. SimEarth for SNES from Fukusanki.
- 2. T2: The Arcade Game for Genesis from Arena.
- 3. X-Men for Genesis from Sega.
- 4. Alien 3 for SNES from Acclaim.
- 5. Super Bomberman for SNES from Hudson Soft.
- 6. Magical Quest with Mickey Mouse for SNES from Capcom.

Club news

National Assn. of Retired Federal Employees

Nine members and three guests of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees had dinner at the Sirolo Stockade on Dec. 9.

Ralph Ridgway conducted the installation ceremony for the 1993 officers. They are: President - Brunetta Stewart; Vice President, Shirley Nicholson; Secretary/Treasurer - Charles George, and Service Officer, Harley Madison.

Next meeting will be Jan. 4, 1994 at 7 p.m. in the Post Office Building.

El Progresso Club

El Progresso Club met Dec. 14 in the home of Jo Scoggins. Ruth Richart, president, chaired the meeting and welcomed Sue Keller as a new member.

Jo Scoggins presented the Christmas program entitled "A Woman's Touch at Christmas." She shared how a young woman, who was visiting America from Switzerland, was able to give a gift from the heart by rendering a kindness in the name of her new American friends. Ms. Scoggins concluded by telling how Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross, has used her special touch for the past three years by sponsoring The Angel Tree, a program that remembers the children of prison inmates at Christmas. Jo Scoggins encouraged each woman to use her special touch during the holiday season.

Maedell Lanchart will host the Jan. 11th meeting.

Civic Culture Club

Civic Culture Club met Dec. 17, in the home of Geneva Dalton.

Dalton, president, led the group in the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given by Georgia Holding and Florence Rife, respectively.

Lettie Smith was welcomed after several absences, and Leny Howdrd, new member. Get well cards were signed for Billie Osborne and Faye Coleman. Helene Hogan began the social hour by reading a Christmas poem. Each member then told of her most memorable Christmas.

A Christmas word game was played. Teresa Reed won first prize. Lorena Henderson and Georgia Holding tied for second.

Helen volunteered to deliver the Tralece gifts collected. The members' exchange of gifts ensued, after which refreshments were served.

Altrusa International

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met at the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn on Monday, Dec. 13. President Judy Warner called the meeting to order.

The accent was presented by Georgia Johnson. Georgia shared the Altrusa philosophy of a fellow Altrusa, Connie McIntire. Connie believes Altrusa can be compared to "sharing a smile" which creates perpetual motion and leads to commitment. Martha Boyd announced that the Christmas Shopping Spree at the nursing homes was a success. Left-over items will be donated to Tralece Crisis Center. Martha also reported she and Mary McDaniel had completed shopping for 2 boys from the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Glyndene Shelton reported that the auction and Ring Raffle were a great success. Members voted to assist with the Christmas coat/shoe project that provides coats and shoes for approximately 20 children. The shopping was set for Saturday morning, Dec 18 at 8:15 a.m.

Chleo Worley conducted a new member initiation ceremony for Pamela Bickle, Mary Denman, Nancy Hahn and Kerrick Horton.

Carolyn Chaney read a Christmas story, "A Cup of Christmas Tea" by Tom Hegg. Glyndene Shelton passed the brag jar. Sherry Diggs and Mary McDaniel were greeters at the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for noon Jan. 10 in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn.

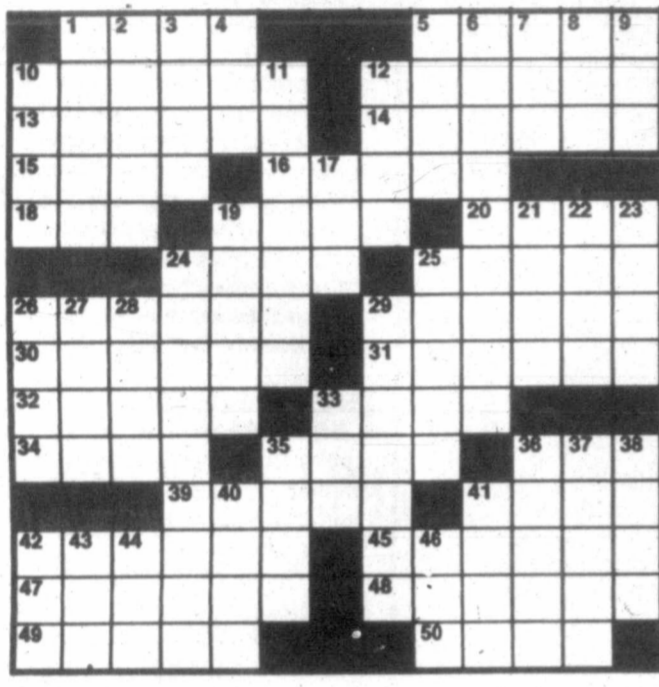
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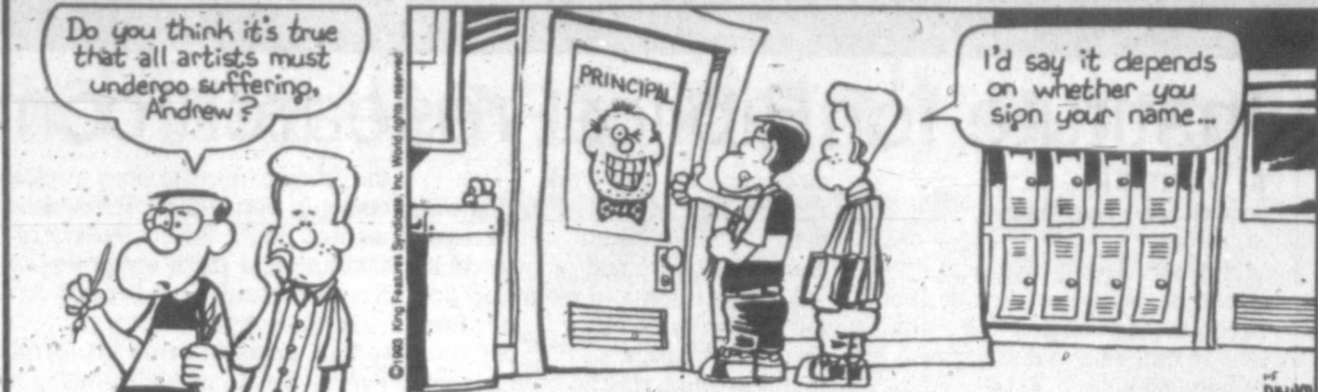
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 - TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
 - Meat of calf
 - Regulation
 - Flow regulator
 - Brie or edam
 - Positive particle
 - Wanted (sl.)
- DOWN**
- Monarch
 - German submarine
 - Goals
 - Genetic material (abbr.)
 - Leaning Tower site
 - Seas
 - Muffler brand
 - Praise
 - God of love
 - Brazilian river
 - Small organisms
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 - Beer
 - Ingredient
 - TV comedy series
 - Epic poem
 - Actor Art
 - Japan
 - Sacs
 - Edible seeds

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's possible you might have a greater number of hopes and expectations at this time than you have had for quite awhile. Most can be brought to fruition if you're prepared to try hard. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If things have been a bit tough lately, do not lower your goals and objectives. Instead push them up a notch or two higher. You may have to be pushed a bit in order to succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be sure your plans today include and protect everyone with whom you're involved, as well as yourself. If they meet this criteria, your chances for success are very good.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today could be a pay back time for someone for whom you went out on a limb recently. If things work out as indicated, you should be happy you did what you did.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your popularity might be at a high point today, because of your ability to make the person with whom you're momentarily involved think he/she is your best friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might have to work a little harder than you planned in order to do or get something significant. When all is said and done it will be worth the effort.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of letting others make judgments or decisions for you today, you're the one who should be deciding things for them. Don't abdicate this important function.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Presently you are in a cycle where several things left dangling can be finalized to your satisfaction. Be methodical and start with the easiest ones first. Then proceed from there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Sometimes in order to advance our self-interests we must be prepared to take a calculated risk. This could be true in your inance today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You are now in a very powerful cycle where improvements in your material lot in life could be outstanding. Constantly keep your eyes peeled for various opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Enterprises or endeavors you originate, direct or control have excellent chances for success at this time. Do not understate or undersell that which you have to offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might be able to play a very important role in helping another get something he/she needs. It will be a person who went out of his/her way to help you previously.

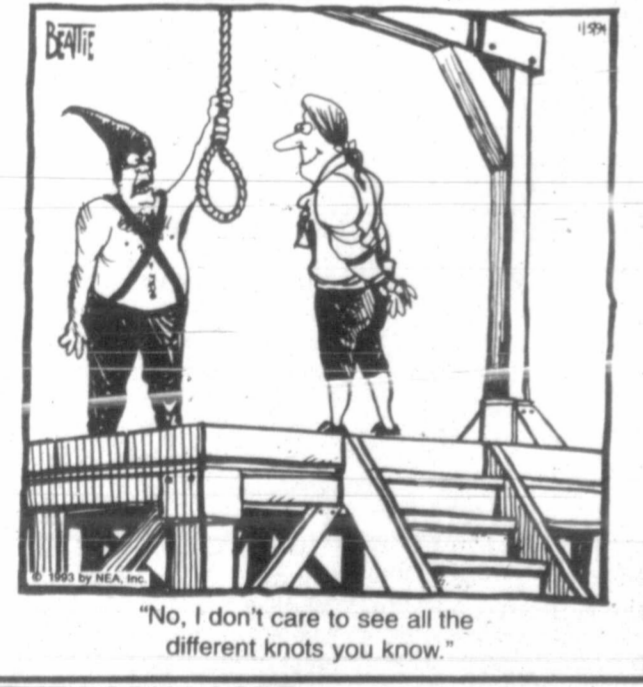
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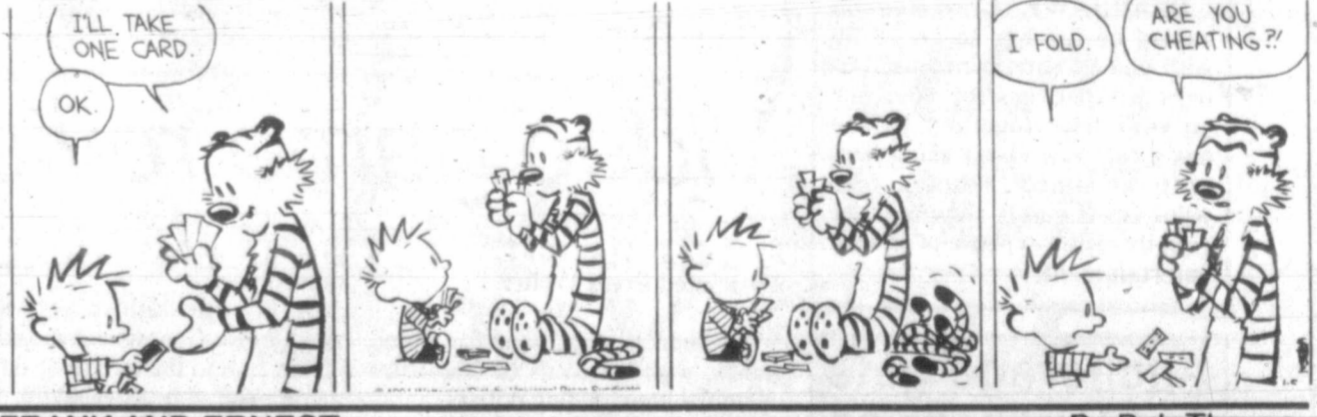
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Sports

Notebook

BASKETBALL
RANDALL — Randall downed Pampa, 78-23, Tuesday in a District 1-4A girls' basketball opener. Aimee Roberts was high scorer for Randall with 22 points, followed by Michelle McWilliams with 16.

Jayne Davis and Jennifer Jones led Pampa in scoring with 6 and 5 points respectively. Pampa has a 2-14 record while Randall is 9-9. The Pampa varsity and junior varsity girls will play Berger Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse instead of next Tuesday as was listed on an earlier schedule.

WRESTLING
PAMPA — Pampa goes to Liberal, Kan. for a high school wrestling match this weekend.

In a match earlier this week, Pampa lost to River Road, 55-15.

Pampa's Eric Zamudio in the 119-pound division won a decision over Blake Junell, 6-4. Cullen Watson (103 pounds) and Todd Alfonsi (heavyweight) won by forfeits for Pampa.

Pampa's next home match is scheduled for Jan. 20 against Boys Ranch.

The district tournament will be held Feb. 4-5 at Tascosa High School Activity Center.

FOOTBALL
ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Richie Petitbon was fired as Washington Redskins coach, four days after their worst season in three decades.

Petitbon, defensive coach since 1978 who patiently waited for a chance to run the Redskins, leaves after one season. The Redskins finished last in the NFC at 4-12.

A four-time Pro Bowl defensive back, Petitbon was passed over for coaching jobs in Chicago and New Orleans before replacing Joe Gibbs.

The Redskins reportedly have contacted former associates of Norv Turner, Dallas offensive coordinator, as part of background check for the position.

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons fired coach Jerry Glanville after a disappointing second consecutive 6-10 season.

The Falcons, who opened the season with five straight losses and closed with three consecutive defeats, were 28-38 in four years under Glanville, 52, who had one year remaining on his contract.

Glanville's first head coaching job in the NFL was at Houston, where he was 35-35 in four seasons ending in 1989, with three playoff appearances.

After finishing 5-11 his first year with the Falcons in 1990, Glanville led them to the playoffs in 1991 with 10-6 record. The Falcons beat New Orleans in the first round before losing to eventual Super Bowl champion Washington.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Trent Dilfer, who threw an NCAA-record 271 passes without an interception, will give up his senior season at Fresno State and enter the NFL draft.

Observers expect Dilfer to go early in the first round because he led major college passers with a 173.1 efficiency rating, third-best ever in major college football, and has size at 6-foot-5 and 230 pounds.

Dilfer completed 65 percent of passes for 3,276 yards in the regular season and was honored as top offensive player in the WAC and Aloha Bowl.

HOCKEY
MONTREAL (AP) — Montreal Canadiens defenseman Jean-Jacques Daigneault was suspended indefinitely by the NHL for an elbow that shattered the nose of Calgary Flames forward German Titov.

Daigneault will attend a hearing with league vice-president Brian Burke in Phoenix — where the Canadiens play a neutral site game against Quebec.

BASEBALL
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tony Gwynn and the San Diego Padres agreed on an \$8.5 million, two-year contract extension, covering the 1996 and 1997 seasons with an option for 1998.

Gwynn already is signed for the next two seasons at \$4 million per. The deal reportedly guarantees Gwynn at least \$4 million each of the two seasons. Gwynn, 33, has been with the Padres over 11 seasons. He hit .358 last season, has a .329 career average, and has won four NL batting championships.

TENNIS
PERTH, Australia (AP) — Unheralded duo Bernd Karbacher and Anke Huber helped give defending champion Germany a surprising quarterfinal victory over the United States at the Hopman Cup.

Huber downed Mary Joe Fernandez 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) and Karbacher stunned Ivan Lendl, making his U.S. team debut, 6-3, 6-1.

Petr Korda overwhelmed Jakob Hlasek 6-0, 6-2 in singles then teamed with Jana Novotna to beat Hlasek and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere 6-4, 6-4 in mixed doubles as top-seeded Czech Republic took a 2-1 quarterfinal victory over Switzerland.

Maleeva-Fragniere earlier gave seventh-seeded Switzerland, 1992 champion, the lead when she beat Novotna 6-4, 7-5 in singles.

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Top-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria beat Bryan Shelton 6-2, 6-2 in the first round of the \$313,750 Australian hardcourt championships.

Defending champion Nicklas Kulti of Sweden ousted second-seeded Marc Rosset of Switzerland, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, while Richard Fromberg of Australia spoiled Sweden's Mats Wilander's comeback, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

David Rikl of Czech Republic upset fifth-seeded Amos Mapirodorf of Israel 6-4, 6-4, and Sweden's Jan Apell defeated sixth-seeded Andrei Chesnokov of Russia 6-2, 7-5.

Russian Alexander Volkov, No. 4, beat France's Rodolphe Gilbert 6-4, 6-2, and last year's finalist Christian Bergstrom of Sweden took a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi.

A&M football program may be put on probation

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
 AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M's football program will be placed on two years probation by the NCAA and will be barred from television and bowl appearances for one year, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

Quoting an anonymous Texas A&M source, the American-Statesman said Texas A&M may also lose six scholarships following an investigation into football players being paid for work they did not perform on summer jobs.

The NCAA infractions committee scheduled a late morning telephone conference call today to announce the penalties.

A&M officials met with the NCAA for 4 1/2 hours on Nov. 14 and proclaimed the school's innocence to wrongdoing in the allegations that involved nine players, including star running back Greg Hill.

"We know we'll get something," Texas A&M System Chancellor William Mobley told the newspaper. "We know that."

"The institution has worked hard to acquit itself of negli-

gence or any ethical problem," said Southwest Conference commissioner Steve Hatchell.

"You take it and move on. It's been a long process — it's been over a year. I'm glad it's come to a conclusion."

The Aggies said in a 1,227-page response it should not be held accountable for the actions of the players during their summer jobs.

An investigation revealed that the nine players received payment from an A&M booster for work they did not perform.

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum dismissed two of the

players accused in the case — wide receiver Percy Singleton and lineman Darius Smith.

The other players were declared ineligible for portions of last season for accepting payment from Dallas businessman Warren Gilbert. Singleton later said he also received rent money from Gilbert.

The other players were linebacker Jessie Cox, flanker Brian Mitchell, cornerback Billy Mitchell and offensive tackle James Brooks.

Cox was suspended for the season, Hill got a five-game suspension, Brian Mitchell four games, Billy Mitchell

three games and Brooks two games.

The NCAA said the players received a total of \$27,800. Of that, \$17,855 was unearned, the report said.

A&M coach R.C. Slocum said he will be glad to get the ordeal behind him so he'll know how to talk with prospects.

"The biggest thing for me is to get the ruling," Slocum said. "Then, we can address it. Now, when I talk to players, I have to say, I don't know. It wouldn't be productive to speculate but I totally have no idea."



Pampa's Coy Laury drives past Amarillo High's Todd Pratt in first-half action Tuesday night. (Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Fourth-quarter scoring barrage lifts Pampa past Amarillo High

PAMPA — After trailing most of the second quarter and the entire third quarter, Pampa blew over Amarillo High with a fourth-quarter scoring explosion enroute to a 54-44 win Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Sparked by sophomore guard Rayford Young, the Harvesters scored the first 17 points of the fourth quarter to leave AHS in the dust. Young scored 11 of his 13 points in the final period and didn't miss a shot in five attempts as Pampa outscored the Sandies, 22-8, in the last eight minutes.

The Pampa-AHS shootout started out like it would be, much like the first game between the two teams, which the Sandies pulled out, 51-50, back on Dec. 18.

After six lead changes, the score was deadlocked at 15-15 at the end of the first quarter. Midway through the second quarter, the Sandies started break-

ing Pampa's press and scoring on fast break baskets to gain the upper hand. The Sandies scored the last six points of the second quarter to take a 9-point lead, 32-23, at halftime.

With the Sandies on top, 36-30, in the closing seconds of the third quarter, Pampa's Seivern Wallace scored on a putback at the buzzer to narrow the gap to four, 36-32. That basket seemed to ignite the Harvesters, who hit 9 of 10 field goal attempts in the fourth quarter. An inside basket by Justin Collingsworth tied the score and Young's layup after an AHS turnover gave Pampa the lead for the first time since the early stages of the second quarter. The Sandies missed their four shots of the fourth quarter and before they scored their first basket, the Harvesters had built a 13-point bulge.

"I'd like to say we made a big

adjustment in the fourth quarter, but we didn't. We just decided to play harder," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "Playing harder really makes a difference."

Pampa enjoyed a 22-18 advantage in rebounding with Wallace pulling down 9 boards for the Harvesters.

Pampa improves to 12-7 for the season while Amarillo High falls to 9-9. The Harvesters will play Levelland at Levelland on Saturday with the game scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

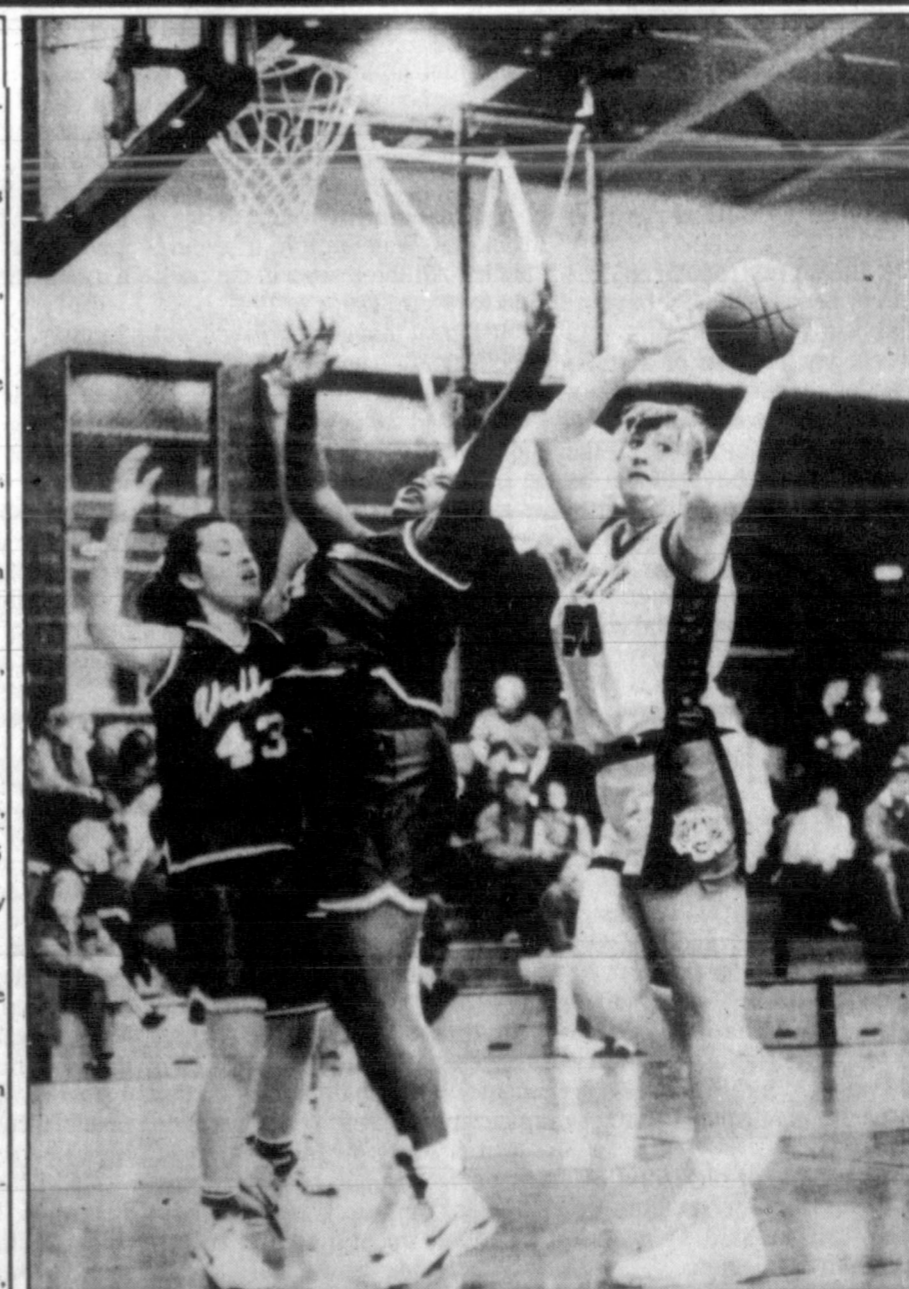
Pampa 54, Amarillo High 44

Individual scoring
 Pampa: Rayford Young 13, Seivern Wallace 13, Justin Collingsworth 12, Coy Laury 10, Duane Nickelberry 6;

Three-point goals: Young 1.
 Amarillo High: Todd Pratt 15, Justin Hollis 9, Chris Schipper 8, Brandon Blaut 8, Jeff Hunt 4; **Three-point goals:** Pratt 1.

Area high school basketball results

BOYS	
Sannorwood	9 21 40 55
Fort Elliott	14 27 39 56
S - Waters 22, Kindrick 13; FE - Nelson 15, Ja.	
Westbrooks 13	10 19 28 50
McLean	19 38 47 57
Miami	15 27 38 53
Mc - Joiner 18, Northcutt 16; M - A. Neighbors	
19, Browning 12	
Memphis	7 21 44 48
White Deer	11 17 25 35
M - Williams 13, Mason 12; WD - Silva 11,	
Miller 8	
Wheeler	20 29 45 66
Shamrock	11 22 27 46
W - Hefley 21, Ledbetter 12; S - Gregg 17, Pace	
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Kelton	15 28 43 60
Higgins	15 27 38 53
K - Buckingham 13, Ray 19; H - Booker 16,	
Hobekott 11	
Valley	15 30 40 59
Groom	14 25 39 63
V - Calvert 16, Scoggins 15; G - Hall 22, Burgin	
14:	
Canadian	8 28 36 49
Highland Park 14 38 50 75	
C - Bivins 12, S. Flowers 12; HP - Proffitt 32,	
Rider 11	
GIRLS	
Sannorwood	5 7 18 26
Fort Elliott	14 27 38 47
S - Rainey 12, Robinson 9; FE - A. Dukes 14,	
Laverty 8	
McLean	15 31 39 49 55
Miami	16 22 37 49 56
Mc - Magee 20, Hess 16; M - Byrum 24, Bailey	
13:	
Kelton	15 22 30 38
Higgins	17 25 39 58
K - Smith, Kirkland 10; H - Gifford 14, Barbee	
10:	
Memphis	9 19 30 33
White Deer	12 18 31 41
M - Johnson 21, McWhorter 6; WD - Lanham	
15, B. Poland, S. Poland, Tackett 8	
Wheeler	1 19 26 37
Shamrock	2 9 17 30
W - Thomas 10, Nelson 7; S - Angton 8, Kin-	
cannon 7	
Valley	8-17 26 36
Groom	16 27 38 48
V - Pointer 18, Gaddis 6; G - Friemel 14,	
Honza 14	
Canadian	8 18 27 42
Highland Park 9 20 34 43	
C - Briggs 13, Vanhooser 12; HP - McLeod 17,	
Heymer 11	



Groom's Kay Case lands a rebound during the 17-1 Tigerettes' 48-36 victory over Valley last night. (Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

NFL playoffs include twinbills

By DAVE GOLDBERG
 AP Football Writer

The 12-team format in the NFL playoffs has brought us an oddity — doubleheaders.

Like Green Bay at Detroit and the Broncos at the Raiders for the second straight week — the winners last week were playing for home-field advantage in the wild-card round.

So we've already seen two of the matchups in this week's wild-card round.

Keeping in mind that the six previous times these doubleheaders have occurred, the team that lost the first week has won the second, here are this weekend's matchups (in order of appearance.)

Pittsburgh (plus 8) at Kansas City

Ah, those schizophrenic Steelers, world-beaters one week, paties the next — they beat Buffalo, then got blown away by Denver and Houston 60-16 the next two.

This actually isn't a bad matchup for Pittsburgh, which may have been awakened by Greg Lloyd's halftime tirade. Last year, the Steelers beat the pre-Joe Montana Chiefs 27-3. The old Chiefs of Christian Okoye and Barry Word slamming straight ahead would have been harder to handle than the new Chiefs of Montana and Marcus Allen — size negates the active but smallish defense of Pittsburgh.

Another intangible — this is a homecoming for coach Bill Cowher, who was Marty Schottenheimer's defensive coordinator and his protege.

The difference? Montana over Neil O'Donnell.

CHIEFS, 20-14

Green Bay (plus 1 1/2) at Detroit

Green Bay should be the better team, making it tough for the Lions to beat them back to back. Besides, the Packers obviously will reconsider the short kickoff strategy that backfired on them — instead of negating Mel Gray, it kept giving the Lions good field position.

If Brett Favre throws four more interceptions, the Packers lose again. And Erik Kramer was a good playoff quarterback two years ago.

But it's hard to see the Packers letting Eric Lynch run for 115 yards again and it's probably silly to risk Barry Sanders' knee when you're not going to the Super Bowl anyway.

PACKERS, 23-17

Minnesota (plus 7) at New York Giants

Jimmy Johnson suggested before the Cowboys played the Giants that the loser of their showdown might lose again. That's the best hope for the Vikings — a letdown by New York after their near-miss against Dallas.

But the matchup is right down the Giants' alley. Minnesota's league-leading defense is based on speed. The Giants are both big and relatively fast and will probably pound Rodney Hampton at the Vikes for 40 minutes or so — negating the pass rush of Chris Doleman against whoever replaces Jumbo Elliott at left tackle.

Moreover, they're playing outdoors against what's basically a warm-weather team from a cold-weather climate. Scottie Graham, the Eric Lynch of the Vikings, is a nice Horatio Alger story.

But he's not Emmitt Smith.
GIANTS, 20-6

Denver (plus 2) at Raiders

The point spread is accurate — 17 of the last 21 games between these two have been decided by a touchdown or less and six have gone into overtime, including last week's 33-30 win by the Raiders. Los Angeles won the first one, too — 23-20 on a last-second field goal by Jeff Jaeger.

This one may not be as close. The Broncos remain banged up and the Raiders have the momentum now — they outscored Denver 23-3 when the game was on the line.

On the other hand, both teams have the habit of winning when they should lose and losing when they should win.

Go with history.
RAIDERS, 26-23 (overtime)

Last week: 7-6-1 (spread); 11-3 (straight up)

Regular season: 110-110-4 (spread); 146-78 (straight up).

Scoreboard

NFL STANDINGS					
By The Associated Press					
All Times EST					
AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF
x-Buffalo	12	7	0	.630	329
Miami	9	7	0	.563	349
N.Y. Jets	8	8	0	.500	270
New England	5	11	0	.313	238
Indianapolis	4	12	0	.250	189
Central					
x-Houston	12	4	0	.750	368
x-Pittsburgh	9	7	0	.563	308
Cleveland	7	9	0	.438	304
Cincinnati	3	13	0	.188	187
West					
x-Kansas City	11	5	0	.688	328
y-LA Raiders	10	6	0	.625	306
y-Denver	9	7	0	.563	373
San Diego	8	8	0	.500	322
Seattle	6	10	0	.375	280
NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF
x-Dallas	12	4	0	.750	376
y-N.Y. Giants	11	5	0	.688	288
Philadelphia	8	8	0	.500	293
Phoenix	7	9	0	.438	326
Washington	4	12	0	.250	230
Central					
x-Detroit	10	6	0	.625	298
y-Minnesota	9	7	0	.563	277
y-Green Bay	9	7	0	.563	340
Chicago	7	9	0	.438	236
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	237
West					
x-San Francisco	10	6	0	.625	473
New Orleans	8	8	0	.500	317
Atlanta	6	10	0	.375	316
LA Rams	5	11	0	.313	221

Kentucky routs Vanderbilt, but loses key player

By DICK BRINSTER, AP Sports Writer

It's hard to imagine a team routing a ranked opponent in its conference opener and then immediately searching for a reason to feel good about it.

That's exactly the case with fourth-ranked Kentucky, which beat No. 22 Vanderbilt 107-8 Tuesday night and then began to hope it can remain in the national title chase if center Rodney Dent is lost for the season with a knee injury.

"It was a great win, but it was a big blow for our basketball team," coach Rick Pitino said. "It's bigger than any of you could ever imagine. At least for now we have got to lift the spirits up."

The 6-foot-11 Dent injured his left knee in the first half. Dent, averaging 11.3 points and 5.9 rebounds, will have tests today to determine the extent of the injury.

"Things happened so quickly," said Rod Rhodes, who scored 20 points for the Wildcats. "I didn't know how serious it was at the time. He's my best friend on the team. It really hurt me."

The injury came just as Kentucky (10-1) began to feel good about its all-around play.

"I think for the first time this year the offense and defense both stepped up in the second half," said guard Travis Ford, who scored 15 points and handed out nine assists.

Rhodes made his first seven shots of the second half as Kentucky went on a 29-12 roll to take control of the game.

College basketball roundup

The Wildcats, winning their eighth straight game, went from a 52-42 halftime advantage to 59-42 in the opening 1:16 on Rhodes' two layups and Tony Delk's 3-pointer.

Rhodes capped the spurt with a midcourt steal and dunk for an 81-54 lead with 11:09 to play. Vanderbilt (7-3) got no closer than 88-64 on Chris Lawson's tip-in at 7:48.

Kentucky led by as many as 32 points down the stretch, the last time at 102-70 on Andre Riddick's dunk with 4:21 to go.

Ford set a Kentucky record for consecutive free throws made without a miss, sinking 8 of 8 to run his string to 46. He made his last six attempts last season and 40 this year to top Jim Master's mark of 40.

"It's nice to have, but with my size and this level of play, if I don't hit my free throws, I'm not going to play," the 5-9 senior said.

Delk finished with 18 points for Kentucky.

Elsewhere among ranked teams, it was No. 8 Massachusetts 71, Rutgers 59; No. 11 Louisville 132, George Mason 87; Maryland 91, No. 12 Georgia Tech 88; No. 16 Connecticut 77, Georgetown 65, and No. 20 Boston College 96, Villanova 84.

Vanderbilt, which hasn't won in Lexington since 1974, was led by Billy McCaffrey's 20 points. Lawson had 17 points and Ronnie McMahan added 12 in support.

"We felt after the Illinois State game (a 92-75 victory on Dec. 29)

that we turned the corner to start the SEC season," Vanderbilt coach Jan van Breda Kolff said. "I felt we were playing well, but tonight we took a step backwards and have a lot of work before the next game."

Lou Roe scored 20 points and Mike Williams 16 as the visiting Minutemen held off the Scarlet Knights for their seventh straight victory.

Massachusetts (10-1, 2-0 Atlantic 10) led 41-26 at halftime and seemed on the way to an easy victory. But Rutgers (3-5, 0-1) made several small runs in the second half and twice got within five points.

Freshman Charles Jones, who scored 16 points, sandwiched 3-pointers around a free throw by each team to get the Scarlet Knights to 60-55 with 3:23 to play. After Roe scored for Massachusetts, Jones hit a side jumper with 2:36 left, the last time Rutgers would be that close.

Freshman center Marcus Camby had 13 points, eight rebounds and eight blocked shots for the Minutemen. Derek Kellogg had 12 points, nine on 3-pointers.

No. 11 Louisville 132, George Mason 87

Dwayne Morton scored 31 points and DeJuan Wheat 20 as the Cardinals proved to be a rude host. It was George Mason that came in averaging close to 100 points a game, but it was Louisville that set a school scoring record.

George Mason (5-6) came out firing at the rate of a shot every 10 seconds. The Patriots' first nine baskets were uncontested 3-pointers, and Louisville (9-1) was down by eight points midway through the half.

But Wheat had 11 points and Morton eight as Louisville picked up the pace in a 20-9 surge for its first lead, 44-43 with 5:30 left in the half.

Louisville's final score was well above its season average of 82 points and broke the school scoring record of 126 set in 1971 against St. Peter's.

Donald Ross led George Mason with 24 points.

Maryland 91, No. 12 Georgia Tech 88

Joe Smith and Keith Booth had baskets and Johnny Rhodes two free throws to short-circuit a rally by the Yellow Jackets.

Tech (9-2) never led in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams and trailed by as many as 18 in the second half. The Jackets went on a 14-0 run, keyed by two 3-point baskets by Travis Best and five points by James Forrest, to cut the deficit to 73-69. Forrest had 36 points and 12 rebounds.

The Yellow Jackets finally got it to 81-80, but Smith, Booth and Rhodes put visiting Maryland back in front by seven points. The Terrapins (8-2) started freshmen Exree Hipp, Booth and Smith, and sophomores Rhodes and Duane Simpkins.

Smith led Maryland with 28 points and 13 rebounds, Rhodes and

Simpkins added 18 points apiece, and Booth had 14.

No. 16 Connecticut 77, Georgetown 65

Donyell Marshall scored 29 points, and the homesteading Huskies held the Hoyas scoreless for seven minutes in the first half.

Marshall was 13-of-23 from the field, including three baskets from 3-point range, to help Connecticut (12-1, 2-0 Big East) break a six-game losing streak against Georgetown, dating to February 1991. Doron Sheffer added 15 points.

Robert Churchwell scored 16 points and George Butler 15 for the Hoyas (7-4, 1-2), who got no closer than 12 points after falling behind by as many as 20 several times.

No. 20 Boston College 96, Villanova 84

The Eagles hit 12 of 17 3-pointers and shot 63 percent overall, but it was their second-half defense that proved decisive against the visiting Wildcats.

Billy Curley had 27 points and 15 rebounds to lead Boston College (10-2, 2-0 Big East), while teammate Howard Easley matched his career high with 25 points, making 5-of-6 from behind the 3-point line.

Trailing 38-35 at halftime, the Eagles hit four straight 3-pointers early in the second half to key a 29-15 surge. Villanova (4-5, 1-2) got no closer than eight points thereafter.

Kerry Kittles had 31 points to lead Villanova, but was held to nine in the second half and scoreless for 13:07 of the final 20 minutes by the defense of Malcolm Huckabay.

BASKETBALL

COLLEGE SCORES					
EAST					
Boston College 96, Villanova 84	Connecticut 77, Georgetown 65	Drexel 81, Md.-Baltimore County 67	Marietta 86, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 83	Massachusetts 71, Rutgers 59	Moonmouth, N.J. 73, St. Francis, Pa. 71
Rider 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 54	Robert Morris 73, Wagner 71	St. Francis, N.Y. 78, Long Island U. 67	Towson St. 76, American U. 73	SOUTH	
James Madison 78, Liberty 64	Kentucky 107, Vanderbilt 82	Louisville 132, George Mason 87	Marshall 95, Appalachian St. 86	Maryland 91, Georgia Tech 88	Miami 79, Florida Atlantic 62
Murray St. 93, Arkansas Coll. 79	Troy St. 102, Miss. Valley St. 96	MIDWEST			
Mo.-Kansas City 68, Wichita St. 48	N. Iowa 64, Creighton 63	Ohio St. 72, Iowa 68	SOUTHWEST		
Oklahoma St. 113, Prairie View 51	FAR WEST				
CS Northridge 90, Buffalo 72	Pepperdine 72, N.C. Charlotte 61	Santa Clara 79, Cal St.-Hayward 58	NBA STANDINGS		

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
New York	19	8	.704	—	
Orlando	16	13	.552	4	
Miami	14	13	.519	5	
New Jersey	12	17	.414	8	
Boston	12	18	.400	8 1/2	
Philadelphia	11	18	.379	9	
Washington	8	20	.286	11 1/2	
Central Division					
Atlanta	20	7	.741	—	
Chicago	19	9	.679	1 1/2	
Charlotte	17	13	.567	4 1/2	
Cleveland	12	16	.429	8 1/2	
Indiana	11	16	.407	9	
Milwaukee	8	20	.286	12 1/2	
Detroit	8	21	.276	13	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Midwest Division					
Houston	25	4	.862	—	
Utah	22	8	.733	3 1/2	
San Antonio	20	11	.645	6	
Denver	14	13	.483	11	
Minnesota	8	20	.286	16 1/2	
Dallas	2	26	.071	22 1/2	
Pacific Division					
Seattle	23	3	.885	—	
Phoenix	21	6	.778	2	
Portland	17	13	.567	8	
Golden State	15	5	.750	9	
A Clippers	11	16	.407	12 1/2	
akers	10	20	.333	15	
Oklahoma	9	20	.310	15 1/2	
Monday's Game					
Utah 115, Dallas 85	Tuesday's Games				
Late Games Not Included					
New York 100, Orlando 95	Miami 100, New Jersey 83	Atlanta 133, Charlotte 94	Indiana 104, Cleveland 99	Chicago 97, Detroit 91	Houston 106, Portland 95
San Antonio 107, Philadelphia 84	LA Lakers 119, Denver 118	Golden State 112, Phoenix 106	Utah 115, Sacramento 112	Wednesday's Games	
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.	Indiana at Washington, 7:30 p.m.	Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.	Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	Chicago at Orlando, 8 p.m.	Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.	Seattle at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.	LA Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.	Thursday's Games		
Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.	New York at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.			

TRANSACTIONS

TUESDAY'S SPORTS TRANSACTIONS
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Pete Mackanin manager at Bowie of the Eastern League; Butch Wynegar manager and Jeff Morris pitching coach at Albany of the South Atlantic League; and Mike O'Berry manager at Frederick of the Carolina League. Announced that Pete Howell, Albany trainer; Larry McCall, Frederick pitching coach; Joe Durham, Frederick coach; and Rudy Higgins, Frederick trainer, will remain. Agreed to terms with Edger Alfonso, infielder, on a minor-league contract. Purchased the rights to Dennis Hood, outfielder, and Ken Arnold, infielder, from Thunder Bay of the Northern League. Assigned Hood to Rochester of the International League and Arnold to Bowie.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Promoted Mark Shapiro, manager of minor league operations, to director of minor league operations.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed Mike Timlin, pitcher, to a one-year contract, and Dennis Gray, pitcher, and Shawn Green and Brent Bowers, outfielders, to minor-league contracts.

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Signed Darren Holmes, pitcher, to a one-year contract extension through 1995.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with Tony Gwynn, outfielder, on a two-year contract extension through 1997.

Bettis, Stubblefield are named NFL's top rookies

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — It was obvious that Jerome Bettis, a muscular 5-foot-11, 243-pounder, could run over people.

The fullback of Notre Dame proved he also could run around them.

Switched to tailback by the Los Angeles Rams, Bettis ended his year by running away from two of his former Fighting Irish backfield mates in voting for The Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year.

He joins a select list of rookie runners that begins with Jim Brown, who won the award its first year, in 1957, and goes on to include Gale Sayers (1965), Franco Harris (1972), Tony Dorsett (1977), Earl Campbell (1978), Eric Dickerson (1983), Barry Sanders (1989) and Emmitt Smith (1990).

Bettis' 1,429 yards this season also were the sixth most by a rookie in NFL history, and just 57 yards shy of the Dallas Cowboys' Smith, who won the league rushing title.

Bettis got his yards for a team that finished 5-11, and Rams coach Chuck Knox noted that he accomplished what he did behind an injury-riddled offensive line, with an offense that lacked balance because of an anemic passing attack, and despite a lack of carries late in games as the Rams tried to come from behind.

"All that makes what he did even more impressive," Knox said.

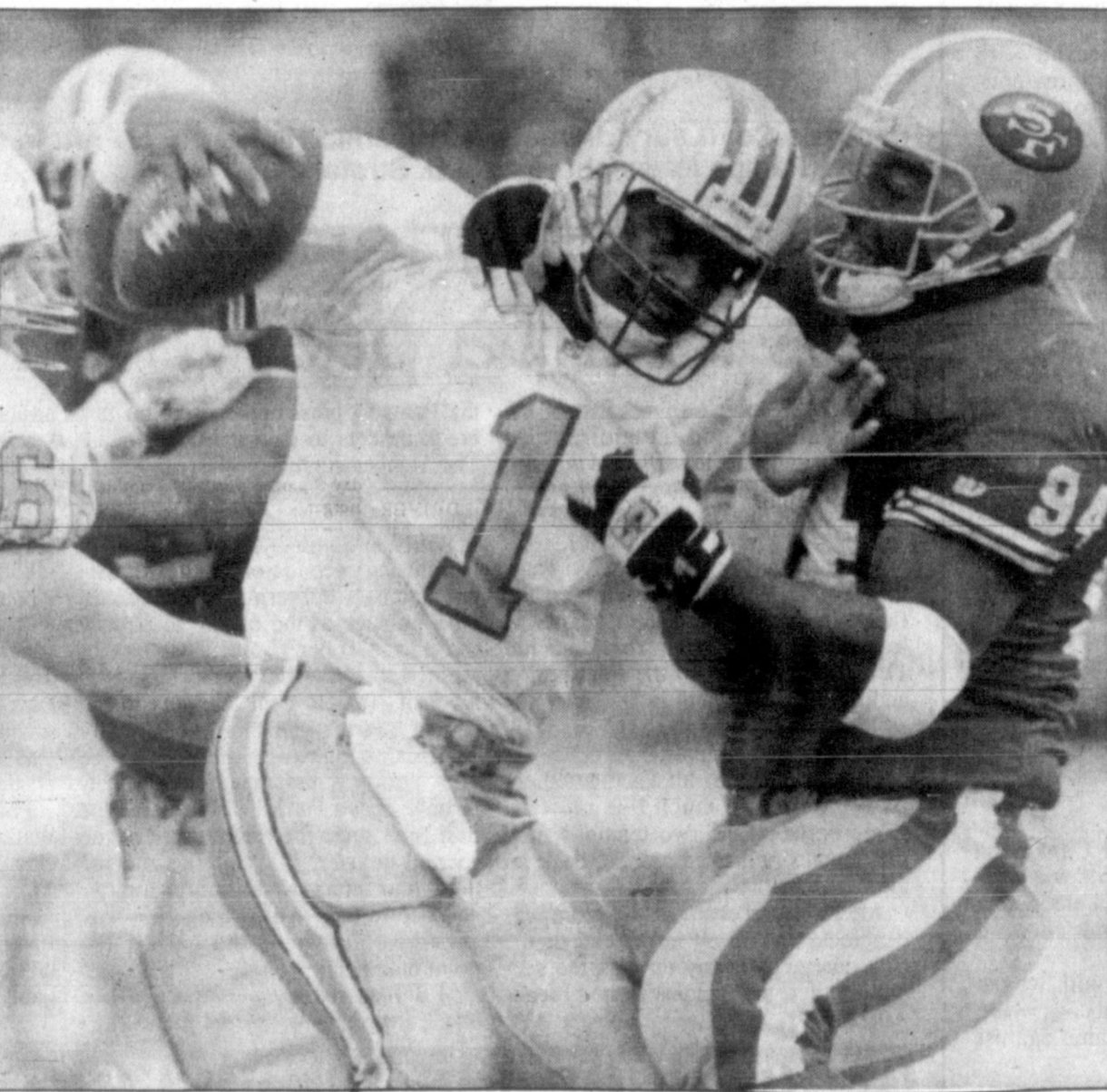
Bettis wasn't sure whether the Rams would use him at fullback or tailback, and they worked him at both positions during camp. He soon moved ahead of Cleveland Gary, who was prone to fumble, and into the starting tailback job.

In the second half of the season, the Rams seemed to discover that their power-running rookie also could turn the corner and could avoid tacklers as well as run over them.

"I've altered my running style a great deal because now I have to get more yardage," Bettis said. "As a fullback, you're more of a bruising type of runner and you're not really looking to break away."

"As a tailback, you're one of the workhorses. You have to get as many yards as you can. Sometimes that entails making a guy miss instead of just running over them, so I had to change some things."

Bettis, the 10th player taken in the draft last spring, received 72



The 49ers' Dana Stubblefield puts the stop on Oilers' quarterback Warren Moon during a Christmas Day game at Candlestick Park. (AP photo)

votes from a panel of 81 national media members, far ahead of quarterback Rick Mirer of Seattle, the second pick in the draft. Mirer had eight votes, with the other vote going to running back Reggie Brooks of Washington, a second-rounder. All three were in the backfield for Notre Dame in 1992.

"It's great that guys I played with in college are having success in the NFL too," Bettis said.

He rushed for seven touchdowns, and his most spectacular game was on Dec. 12 at New Orleans, when he ran for 212 yards, most by a rookie since Bo Jackson ran for 221 in 1987. It was only the eighth time a rookie rushed for 200 yards or more in an NFL game.

"All in all, it's been a great year for me," Bettis said. "I'm going to the Pro Bowl, that's an honor, and I'm hoping to get some other accolades ..."

Bettis' first year was similar to that of another Rams runner, Dickerson, who 10 years ago rushed for a rookie record 1,808 yards.

Only Campbell, Dickerson, Sanders, George Rogers and Otis Anderson had more rushing yards than Bettis in their first NFL seasons. Rogers and Anderson also were voted the top offensive rookies.

Bettis said getting through his first NFL season wasn't as easy as it may have looked.

"It's tougher than people make it out to be," he said. "Your body really has to be in shape to play 16

games; you take a pounding. There was a point earlier in the season when I felt like I was struggling a little, but I got my second wind."

Although Bettis looks rather fearsome, he is polite and humble.

"He brings the best he has to the ballpark every Sunday," Knox said. "In the locker room (after Sunday's season-ending win over the Chicago Bears), he was thanking the defense for giving him the opportunities. He didn't get the rushing title, but he was still thanking the defense."

"He always thanks the offensive line and his blockers. That's the kind of guy he is."

Mirer also became an immediate starter and helped the Seahawks to a 6-10 record after they went 2-14

in 1992. He set an NFL rookie passing record with 274 completions, 486 attempts and 2,833 yards.

All but one of the top offensive rookies have been running backs since 1986, and a total of 28 running backs have won the award.

Carl Pickens of Cincinnati, a wide receiver, won the rookie honor last year.

NEW YORK (AP) — Dana Stubblefield filled a gaping hole in the San Francisco defense so well he was voted The Associated Press 1993 Defensive Rookie of the Year.

Stubblefield, a tackle from Kansas, impressed a panel of 81 national media members with his versatility. Considered a strong run-stuffer in college, he showed excellent pass-rushing skills as well. The 6-foot-2, 300-pound Stubblefield led the 49ers with 10 1/2 sacks and had 64 tackles.

When San Francisco lost tackle Pierce Holt and end-linebacker Tim Harris to free agency, it left them perilously thin up front. The 49ers drafted Stubblefield with the 26th overall pick and took Todd Kelly of Tennessee with the next selection to help plug that gap.

They expected Kelly to be the main sack threat. Instead, Stubblefield was a terror in the middle of the line and Kelly struggled.

"A lot of people, when I was coming out of college, didn't think I would make it," Stubblefield said. "They said I was too small, my arms weren't long enough, that I wasn't a prototype nose tackle for the 49ers' defensive scheme. Everybody doubted me."

"Then, when I came into camp, all you were hearing were negative comments about the defense, that it was too young and that it was the weak part of the 49ers' team."

"So, it's been a big challenge for me this year to overcome all those obstacles and hurdles and things, to just make everyone eat those words. So now, it's a great feeling, because I feel like I accomplished something in my first year. It proves to me that I can play in the NFL. Now, I'm turning some people's eyes and changing some people's attitudes about me."

Stubblefield received 55 votes in balloting announced Tuesday. That was far ahead of Washington's Tom Carter, a defensive back drafted with the 17th selection of the open-

he is not ranked by the IBF and WBA. Holyfield is not ranked by the WBC.

Duva said Holyfield would make \$15 million for fighting Moorer and \$20 million for fighting Lewis. If he fights and beats Moorer, Duva said, Holyfield would fight Lewis in November.

Asked about fighting Bowe again after Moorer and Lewis, Holyfield said, "Sure, if I'm still fighting."

Should Holyfield fight Moorer next, Frank Maloney, Lewis' manager, said in London Tuesday that Lewis would fight someone in April, then make a mandatory defense in the summer against McCall, ranked No. 1 by the WBC.

Oliver McCall is ranked No. 2 by both the IBF and WBA.

Since Lewis is WBC champion,

"I don't think we'll reconsider," Bob Lee, IBF president, told The Associated Press by telephone.

"Our executive committee already has voted on it. We granted permission to delay the mandatory so that Bowe could fight Holyfield, if Moorer steps aside again, then Moorer has to come out of the position (of being the highest available contender)."

"The WBA doesn't have a problem with Moorer stepping aside," Holyfield said.

James Binns, WBA counsel, however, told the AP by phone that "Holyfield has to fight Moorer or the leading available contender."

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Boy sent home for wearing nose ring to school

WELLINGTON (AP) — A Wellington High School junior who was sent home for wearing a nose ring to school was returned to school today, a school official said.

Principal Carl Taylor said Tuesday that Jonathon Skelton was sent Monday because the nose ring is a distraction.

Skelton will be put in "an alternative education program" that separates him from other students because of the distraction, Taylor added.

"If he takes the carrying out of his nose, he can go back to the regular classroom," Taylor said.

Skelton says the ring is not a distraction.

"Some of my classmates didn't even notice (the ring on Monday)," he said.

Skelton also said he plans to keep the ring.

"I ain't going to take it out for nobody," he said. "I don't see how they have the right to tell me if I can wear it. It's not affecting my learning."

Although he is a junior, Skelton is scheduled to graduate this spring.

Skelton had his nose pierced during the Christmas holidays.

"I just liked it," he said. "The only reason I got it was I wanted a nose ring, and I liked the way it looked on other people."

Skelton said he was summoned to the principal's office during his second period English class. School officials told him he couldn't wear a nose ring, Skelton said.

Skelton said the student handbook only prohibits boys from wearing earrings.

Principal Taylor said earrings are prohibited, and he said Skelton "has an earring in his nose."

"He knew the rule. He broke the rule. He knew something was going to happen," Taylor said.

Skelton said he didn't try to go to school on Tuesday because "if I'd gone back, they'd have sent me home again."

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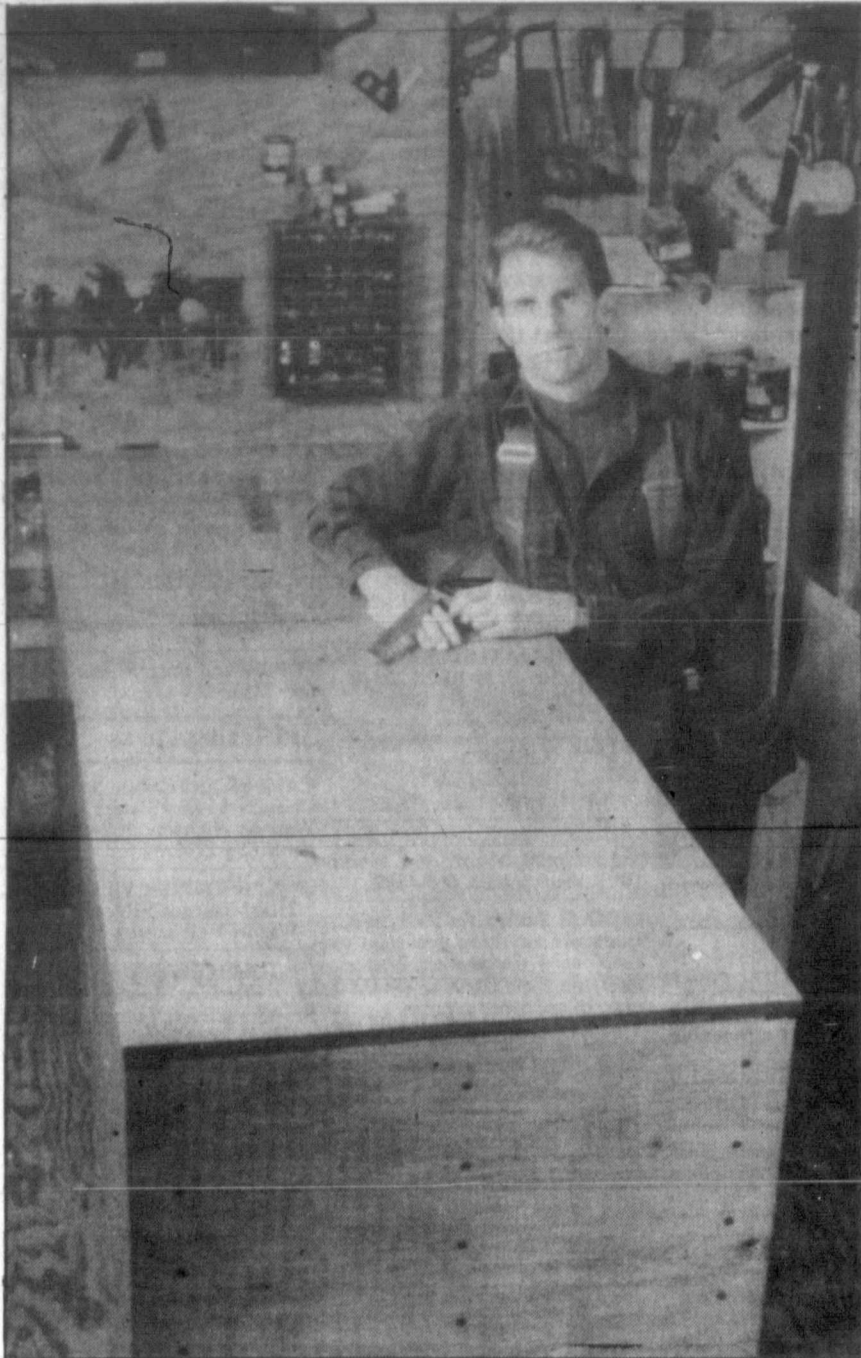
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Ignatius MacLellan poses with the coffin he built in Bow, N.H., for his dying father, who said he wanted to be buried in a simple pine box. (AP photo/Concord Monitor by Ken Williams)

Son building coffin for his dying father

By ADOLPHE V. BERNOTAS
Associated Press Writer

BOW, N.H. (AP) — In his backyard workshop, Ignatius MacLellan has almost finished building the pine coffin that awaits his father's death.

It is a strong box, 6 feet 9 inches long, 2 feet 4 inches wide, 21 inches high. As coffins go, it is a bit on the long side to accommodate his 6-foot-3 father, who is dying of prostate cancer.

The elegant box is finished like fine furniture: Made of the clearest pine, it has a cherrywood cross inlay at the head. Plugs cover countersunk screws.

Some people have told him building the casket for his 67-year-old father is morbid. But others have told him they find his devotion moving.

"It certainly makes you aware of your own mortality and it can be very sad and yet very uplifting," the son said.

Too sick to travel from his home in Barrington, R.I., his father, S. Joseph MacLellan, probably will not see the casket over which his son literally shed tears "when the box was transformed into my dad's coffin."

MacLellan, 34, a lawyer for the state, likes to work with wood and write. In a first-person newspaper account of his project, he recounted how he blurted out "I will build it!" when his father wondered where he would get a plain pine coffin.

But MacLellan found there was much more to the job than simply building a box. In his narrative, he recalled his and his family's plodding progress by phone through cemeteries and funeral homes and Rhode Island state agencies to nail down laws governing burial.

"Since people die every day, you would think answers could easily be obtained. Not so," he wrote. He found it frustrating dealing with reluctant funeral directors, yet humorous to hear them refer to the dead as "patients."

MacLellan said some morticians Kevorkian charged for fourth time

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian was charged Tuesday in the death of a doctor who had bone cancer. It was the fourth time he has been charged with violating the Michigan ban on assisted suicide.

Kevorkian, a retired pathologist, already is under house arrest and wears an electronic ankle bracelet in another assisted suicide case.

The state Court of Appeals was scheduled to hear arguments Thursday in separate challenges to the ban, which was declared unconstitutional in Wayne County.

The new charge came in the Nov. 22 death of Dr. Ali Khalili in Oakland County.

"Continued defiance and disregard of the law passed by duly elected representatives of the people cannot be condoned and must be resisted," Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson said. "I make no apologies for enforcing the law."

Thompson said his office was arranging with Kevorkian's attorney,

became evasive when he made his unusual request for details on burial in a homemade coffin.

The most helpful, MacLellan said, was Raymond Romano of the Wilbur-Romano Funeral Home in Warren, R.I.

"I'd never had a request about a homemade coffin," Romano said in a telephone interview. But he gave MacLellan the information he sought.

"A lot of people say they want to be buried in a pine box," Romano said, "but when it comes time they end up with the standard commercial casket," usually of steel and wood.

MacLellan's work is almost complete. "I haven't decided about handles for the coffin," he says.

For that decision, he will visit Horace Bailey, who also happens to live in Bow, about three miles to the south in a log house he built himself.

Until recently unknown to MacLellan, Bailey has been building pine caskets since 1981. The proprietor of Pine Tree Products believes he's the only full-time finished pine coffin maker in northern New England.

Bailey, who read MacLellan's narrative in the *Sunday Monitor*, says he will advise MacLellan to install rope handles, the kind he puts on the 200 coffins he makes each year and sells almost exclusively to funeral homes in New England.

Bailey went into the business when he was laid off as an architectural engineer. He called upon the skill with which he had built a pine coffin for a stage play two decades earlier.

"I understand why people want to be buried in a pine box," he said. "When I croak, I plan to be buried in one of my boxes," the 67-year-old Newbury, Vt., native said.

Pine coffins, Bailey said, appeal to people "who want something simple and dignified, hand-crafted — and not something glitzy with satin, something that lights up and plays music."

"Henry Cabot Lodge and his wife are in my boxes," Bailey said.

Geoffrey Fieger, for him to be arraigned today in Khalili's death.

The prosecutor said he is willing to wait for a trial in Khalili's death until appeals of the law are resolved but filed the charge to get the case under way.

Kevorkian has attended 20 deaths since 1990. The state ban, enacted specifically to stop him, carries a maximum punishment of four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

So far, one assisted suicide charge against Kevorkian in Wayne County was dismissed after the judge declared the law unconstitutional. A second Wayne County charge and another Oakland County charge are pending.

He was jailed last month in connection with the Oct. 22 death of Merian Frederick, 72. She had Lou Gehrig's disease. When he was released after an 18-day jailhouse hunger strike, Kevorkian promised he would stop assisting deaths until the state court acts.

Gays had watershed year in politics for '93

By Kim I. MILLS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The dispute over gays in the military, a large march on Washington and several high-level Clinton administration appointments brought the gay rights movement unprecedented scrutiny in 1993.

Even before 1993, gay activists had proclaimed it "The Year of the Queer." And it was precisely that — to the delight of some and the horror of others.

The March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Equal Rights in April was the largest such gathering ever. One of the demonstrators' demands was the right to serve openly in the armed forces.

Gay people almost got that wish in 1993. But Bill Clinton, a president more sympathetic than any of his predecessors to gay rights, couldn't — or wouldn't — totally reverse the 50-year-old policy aimed at keeping homosexuals out of the military.

Clinton, who as a candidate for the White House had promised to lift the ban by executive order, found strong resistance in the Pentagon and Congress. After months of hearings, negotiations and angst, Congress passed and Clinton signed a policy that gays dubbed as "ban-plus" because it may be more onerous than the original prohibition.

The policy said in effect that no one could be denied membership in the military because of his or her sexual preference, but that there could be no homosexual conduct.

The judicial branch was more receptive to arguments against the prohibition.

A federal appeals court in California found the original ban unconstitutional and ordered gay naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold reinstated. The Justice Department is appealing.

In Washington, another federal appeals court ordered the Navy to give a diploma and officer's commission to Joseph Steffan, a former midshipman who was forced to quit the U.S. Naval Academy six weeks before graduating because he told his commandant about his homosexuality. The administration is divided over whether to appeal.

And in another case, a federal appeals judge in Washington dropped strong hints that Marine Sgt. Justin C. Elzie will probably win his suit against the government for ousting him after he went on television and announced his homosexuality.

Clinton also named more than a dozen openly gay men and women to mid-level government posts, starting with then-San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg as an assistant housing secretary. Although Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., opposed her as a "damned lesbian," Achtenberg won confirmation by the Senate.

Gay people found friends in unexpected places in 1993. Sen. Barry Goldwater, a bastion of Republican conservatism, said the taboo on military service was "just plain dumb." And Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., took to the Senate floor to speak lovingly of his lesbian daughter.

But when three Oklahoma congressmen said they would refuse to hire openly gay people, House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., surprised some with his response. The liberal Foley said he understood that members of Congress have a special need to hire whomever they want for sensitive jobs.

Overall, gay Americans were treated with ambivalence in 1993.

Lesbians were declared chic, making the covers of magazines ranging from *Newsweek* to *New York* to *Vanity Fair*.

But that news apparently didn't reach Ovett, Miss., where townfolks left a dead dog on the

mailbox of a lesbian couple which was trying to open a feminist camp. Some residents said they feared women from the camp would kidnap and sexually abuse their daughters.

Georgetown, Texas, said it didn't want Apple Computer Inc. to open an \$80 million customer support office there because of its policy of providing health benefits to unmarried partners, including gays. But a week after the county commissioners rejected a tax break for the computer giant, they did an about-face.

A federal judge in Virginia denied custody to a lesbian couple solely because of their sexuality, and turned the son of one of the women over to his grandmother.

But in Boston, a state Supreme Court ruling made two lesbians the first gay couple to win approval from Massachusetts to adopt a child. And in New Jersey, a Superior Court judge allowed a lesbian to adopt her partner's daughter, making them both the child's parents.

On Election Day, voters rejected gay-rights protections in Cincinnati, repealed them in Lewiston, Maine, and said no to such a measure in Portsmouth, N.H.

But a year after Colorado passed an initiative outlawing gay-rights laws, a state district judge ruled that the measure was unconstitutional. He tempered that ruling by saying homosexuals didn't need the special protections afforded other minorities who have been victims of past discrimination.

Marietta, Ga., passed an ordinance condemning "lifestyles advocated by the gay community" after a straight couple complained about a production of *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, a play about AIDS.

But in Hawaii, the state Supreme Court decided that a rule barring same-sex marriages violated an anti-discrimination clause in the state constitution.

Anxious astronauts awaiting first images from repaired Hubble telescope

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The seven astronauts who made repairs on the Hubble Space Telescope last month said Tuesday the \$629 million mission was proof NASA can accomplish difficult tasks with careful focus of its resources.

"This mission was kind of a convergence where everything worked very well," said payload commander Story Musgrave, who led four spacewalkers through installation of 11 new

parts on the Hubble last month.

"Here was an example where NASA gave its best heart and its best soul toward something, which boils down to energy and attention to detail. It is an example of if you give something your very best shot ... it ends up working."

The Hubble was snatched from orbit a month ago Tuesday by the shuttle Endeavour's robot arm and secured in the open cargo bay. Astro-

nauts Musgrave, Jeffrey Hoffman, Kathryn Thornton and Tom Akers, working in pairs, then set out on alternating days for five repair spacewalks.

The telescope was released 369 miles above Earth on Dec. 10, rejuvenated with optics to correct its myopia, new guidance and power systems and upgraded computer memory.

NASA says it will be late this month or early February — after exhaustive testing — before it is known

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