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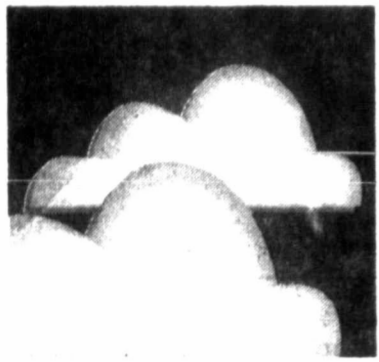
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weather details.

PANHANDLE — Area farmers are invited to attend a Crop Production Clinic this Friday, Jan. 10.

Topics to be discussed are soybean production, precision farming practices, corn and sorghum fertility, managing weed resistance, crop rotation strategies and planter calibration and maintenance.

Speakers will be experts in their fields from Pioneer Hi-Bred, John Deere, American Cyanamid, Amilar International and Texas A&M Extension. Noted national planter consultant Dave Collins will be on hand to do his popular planter clinic.

The five CEU (continuing education unit) meeting is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carson County Agriculture Building in Panhandle.

This meeting is open to the public, but organizers request an R.S.V.P. at (806) 537-3882 in order to have a head count for lunch, said Jody Bradford, Carson County Extension agent, agriculture.

AMARILLO — While the eastern Texas Panhandle suffered the same cold temperatures, the western Panhandle was enjoying the benefits and curse of promised moisture today.

Snow flurries in the central Texas Panhandle left Interstate 40 icy and slick early today with numerous minor traffic accidents reported. Schools in Hereford, Bovina, Lazbuddie and Muleshoe started late because of snow and icy road conditions.

Interstate 40 was snow-covered across eastern New Mexico and U.S. 60 was snow packed west of Hereford.

Skies across the eastern Panhandle were cloud laden, but there was no precipitation falling, neither rain nor snow, at 8 a.m. today. Roads were clear although snow was predicted.

It was 26 degrees at dawn today in Pampa with a high of 38 degrees forecast.

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A car bomb exploded today in a crowded downtown shopping district in the Algerian capital, killing at least 13 people and wounding 100. Witnesses said the bombers were among the dead.

Hospital officials said the bomb went off at 2:15 p.m. near Place Audin, a bustling shopping district in Algiers.

The bomb exploded near the Brasserie des Facultes, a cafe-restaurant that serves alcohol and is frequented by students and professors. Muslim militants fighting to overthrow the government and install strict Islamic rule demand adherence to Koranic law forbidding the consumption of alcohol.

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Gingrich seeks re-election as speaker today

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Newt Gingrich seeking "divine guidance," the 105th Congress convened today to decide whether he should be re-elected House speaker. Democrats immediately pushed for the election of a temporary speaker until Gingrich's ethics case is resolved.

Republican leaders continued to predict that Gingrich would prevail, and Gingrich told GOP colleagues that he would remain a candidate for 25 ballots if that's what it took as long as he had their backing.

On behalf of the Democratic minority, Rep. Vic Fazio of California offered a resolution "for the postponement of the election of the speaker of the House until the ethics committee completes its work on the matters concerning Rep. Newt Gingrich."

Before a clerk gave the House to order at the stroke of noon, Republicans conferred privately in the basement of the Capitol.

"The leaders look tense," Rep. Peter King of New York, a Gingrich supporter, told a reporter later. "They feel it's close."

Gingrich is asking the GOP to make him the first re-elected Republican speaker in 68 years even before they know what punishment the House ethics committee will propose for his admitted ethical misdeeds.

On the eve of the vote, five Republican lawmakers said they would vote for someone else, raising some doubt about Gingrich's chances of victory.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said his party believed a postponement was "the best thing to do," but he denied any maneuvering to put a Democrat in the speaker's chair. Gephardt said Republicans won the election and should choose a speaker from their party.

"We want someone in the office who brings credit to the House of Representatives," Gephardt said, adding Gingrich does not meet that qualification.

Gingrich told House Republicans today that he attended a morning prayer breakfast and is "seeking divine guidance," according to Rep. Bob Franks, R-N.J.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said Gingrich told the caucus just before the House convened that "if he fails on the first round, he'd stay here for 25 ballots. So long as he's the nominee of the (Republican) conference, he won't back down."

He also said Gingrich told his GOP colleagues that he would agree to a new, secret vote among Republicans to select a new nominee for speaker should he fail to be elected.

On Fox-TV's *Morning News* today, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said there was "an enormous outpouring of support for the speaker" when he met privately for nearly four hours with Republicans on Monday night.

Without displaying anger, participants said, Gingrich answered questions about his use of tax-exempt organizations and his inaccurate responses to investigators — the heart of an ethics case that is nearing completion.

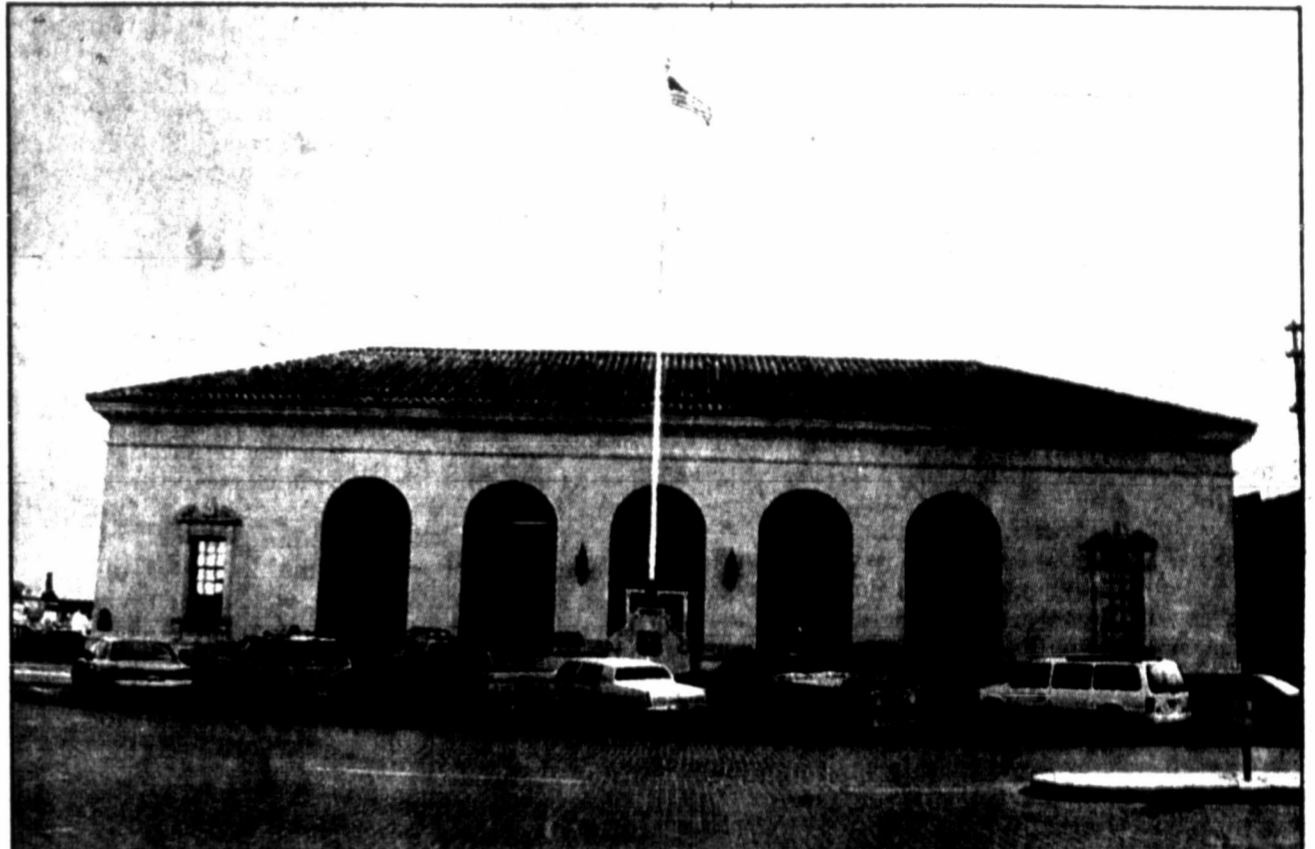
Contrite about his misdeeds but insisting on the need to re-elect him speaker, Gingrich said, "Let members know this is not about Newt Gingrich, this is about political assassination," according to Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Democrats want to kill the Republican message "by killing the messenger," DeLay said.

Also appearing on Fox, Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., said Gingrich would be the weakest speaker in congressional history and added, "If Democrats had written this scenario ourselves, we couldn't have written it any better."

House Republicans were voting today before receiving a recommended punishment from the ethics committee. But two members of the ethics committee, Reps. Porter Goss of Florida and Steve Schiff of New Mexico, assured colleagues at Monday's meeting there would be no embarrassing surprises when the panel holds a hearing on a recommended sanction.

The House will decide punishment by Jan 21. Goss and Schiff have signaled they believe a reprimand is appropriate — a sanction that would permit Gingrich to retain his powerful post.



The Pampa Post Office building is one of the structures around town developed under the Works Progress Administration program under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal.

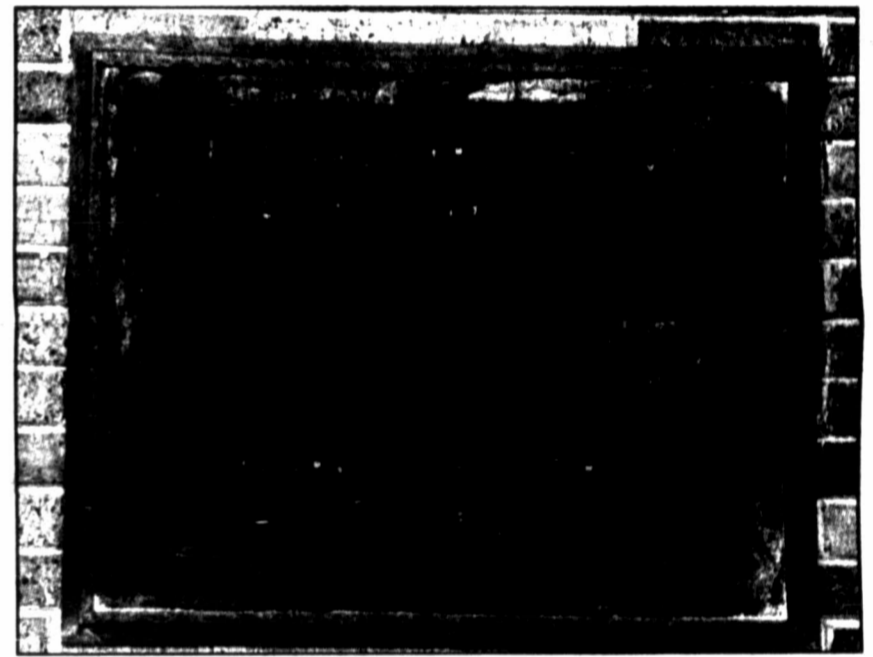
White Deer Land Museum exhibit shows impact of New Deal on Texas Panhandle

"A Visual Legacy: The New Deal on the Texas Plains" will be exhibited at the White Deer Land Museum in Pampa starting Wednesday, Jan. 8. According to Anne Davidson, museum director, the photographic exhibit commemorates President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal and its impact on the Texas Plains.

The Great Depression affected the Texas Panhandle-Plains region just as it did in other parts of the nation. In Texas and several adjoining states, a severe drought in the 1930s compounded the problems wrought by the depression. As a result, the New Deal program, established under legislative and administrative leadership of President Roosevelt to promote economic recovery and social reform, as implemented in the Texas Plains was more extensive than in other parts of Texas.

"The New Deal had a profound effect on the Texas Panhandle that was struggling to survive both depression and drought. It was this region, particularly in the areas of agriculture and conservation, that some of the early programs were first implemented," Davidson said.

The unemployed were put to work building Palo Duro Canyon State Park under the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Amarillo College's Ordway Hall and Russell Gym



This marker on the side of the former Pampa Water Works building (now Freedom Museum USA) at Ward and Montagu streets notes the building was constructed under the Federal Works Agency direction in 1939.

was constructed under the Public Works Administration.

Under the Works Progress Administration, millions of trees were planted to prevent soil erosion, benefiting Amarillo's Llano Cemetery and West Texas A&M University's Buffalo Courts, and WPA provided a means for painting post office murals to preserve the artistic integrity of the area.

Davidson said the New Deal left a remarkable visual legacy that, if not protected from the passage of time, will soon be lost and forgotten. For that reason, she and members of the museum board of directors extend their invitation for area residents to enjoy a special visual program in Pampa.

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Winter storms leave blanket of snow over much of Texas

SAN ANGELO (AP) — What was supposed to have been a rain shower turned into snow in the Concho Valley.

Monday's development set the stage for a "heavy snow warning" issued by the National Weather Service for today. Between 4 and 6 inches of snow are expected in the San Angelo area by tonight.

Winter storm watches have been posted for most of West Texas, Central Texas, North Texas and Southeast Texas.

Up to six inches of snow was expected in Lubbock, with two to four inches in North Texas. Sleet and freezing rain was forecast for as far south as the Austin and Houston areas.

One to three inches of snow fell across much of North Texas, with the Hillsboro area and other scattered locations receiving as much as five inches, the weather service said.

The record for the most snowfall in a 24-hour period in San Angelo is 7.4 inches, set in January 1978.

Weather service meteorologist Mark Deuschendorf said San Angelo was expected to get rain

Monday afternoon. "A little upper level disturbance stirred up some moisture and it just got cold enough to turn that moisture into snow," Deuschendorf said.

The temperature in San Angelo was 29 degrees at 4 p.m., but factoring in the 22-mph wind, it felt like only 1 degree. The snow began around 11 a.m. and tapered off by 4 p.m.

Monday evening, officials barricaded one bridge in the city because of heavy icing.

East of San Angelo, between 2 and 4 inches of snow fell in Menard, Schleicher and McCulloch counties.

Today's forecast called for 3 to 6 inches on the ground, more snow falling and a high of only 30 degrees.

The newest storm is courtesy of a system that dumped up to 18 inches of snow in parts of Arizona and New Mexico Monday before moving into West Texas.

Deuschendorf said a chance of snow would continue into Wednesday. Temperatures aren't expected to get out of the 30s until Thursday, he said.

Regular domino players



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Gathering to play dominoes at the White Deer Land Museum on Monday are, from left, Bill Kidd, T.C. Drinnon, Don Emmons and Marion Wilson. The museum is closed on Mondays, so the four men have used it to schedule their regular sessions of dominoes. They said they don't make doctor's appointments or any other plans for Monday except to gather for the game.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CLARK, Tessie D. — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.
LANKFORD, Arbie Wade — 10:30 a.m., Heald United Methodist Church, Heald.
WHITE, Patricia M. — 10 a.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Borger.

Obituaries

NORAH MARIE ADKINS

MOORE, Okla. — Norah Marie Adkins, 74, mother of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997. Services were held Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, in John M. Ireland Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Smith Cemetery under the direction of John M. Ireland Funeral Home Chapel of Moore.

Mrs. Adkins was born Oct. 31, 1922, at Konawa, Okla. Her hobbies included sewing, cross stitching and working in the yard.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Sue Lamb of Okene, Okla., and Cynthia Marie Pagel of Blanchard, Okla.; three sons, Jimmie Edward Adkins of Pampa, Gerald Glenn Adkins of Owasso, Okla., and Mickey Dale Adkins of Oklahoma City, Okla.; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and numerous relatives and friends.

TESSIE D. CLARK

WHEELER - Tessie D. Clark, 90, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, at Wheeler Care Center. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Toby Hensler, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Clark was born May 13, 1906, at Desdemonia, Texas, to A.B. and Hettie Fair Griffin. She married Cecil Clark in 1948 at Fort Smith, Ark.; he died Aug. 4, 1987. She was an accomplished designer and seamstress and owned and operated Tessie's Toggery in Fort Smith and Wheeler.

Survivors include two sisters, Mayme Jessie Fisher of Helena, Mont., and Sarah Laiselle of Salt Lake City, Utah; and three brothers, Tony Griffin and Al Griffin, both of Wheeler, and Lee Griffin of Pampa.

PATRICIA M. WHITE

BORGER - Patricia M. White, 73, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Peter's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Sam B. Hulsey, bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. White was a native of Lawton, Okla. She married W.C. White on April 20, 1985. She had been a Borger resident for 68 years. She had worked as a secretary at Phillips Petroleum and Gibson Machine and Tool Company before retiring. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi. She was a Golden Plains Community Hospital volunteer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey H. and Clara Crosby.

Survivors include her husband, W.C. White; seven daughters, Shannon Baldwin of Comanche, Okla., Shelley Smith of Anderson, Mo., Nona White of Amarillo, Cecile Clendennen, Melba White and Pat Tracy, all of Borger, and Yvonne Blue of Dumas, a son, William C. White Jr. of Borger, a sister, Eileen Coyne of Borger, 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to St. Peter's Memorial Fund or to St. Anthony's Hospice.

Calendar of events

LOTS-N-TRAINING

Parents of preschool children can pick up free materials to help their children get ready for school through the Lots-N-Training program. Materials and a copy of the service's newsletter will be available at Frank's Thriftway #1, 300 E. Brown, from 10:11 a.m. and 3:4 p.m.; Frank's Thriftway #2, 1420 N. Hobart, from 10:11 a.m. and 3:4 p.m.; Albertsons, 1233 N. Hobart, from 10:11 a.m. and 3:30-3:50 p.m.; and Pampa Community Day Care Center, 1100 Cavendish, from 4:30-6 p.m. For more information, call Sue Thornton at 669-4700.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and Hib (haemophilus influenzae type B) in Pampa at Columbia Family Health Care Center, 801 W. Kentucky, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and some use the sliding scale.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Jan. 6

Gray County deputies responded to a reported theft under \$20 at the Taylor Food Mart west of town.

Arrests

Evelyn Merle Reed, 23, 125 N. Nelson, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation of assault causing bodily injury. She remains in custody.

Gary Wayne Jernigan, no age or address listed, was arrested on charges of violation of probation for burglary and evading arrest. He remains in custody.

Melodie Michelle King, 22, 406 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of one count of theft by check, one Potter County theft charge and DPS warrants from Carson County. She remains in custody.

TUESDAY, Jan. 7

Arrests

Gary Hunter Hayes, 38, Lefors, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. He remains in custody.

Police report

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

MONDAY, Jan. 6

Theft was reported in the 300 block of East Tuke. Taken were a purse, wallet, cash, various ID cards and credit cards valued at \$145.

Disruption of classes was reported at 801 E. Browning.

A hit and run was reported in the 100 block of West 30th. Damage to a 1996 Ford Escort is estimated at \$500.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes. Taken were a VCR and a cable control box valued at \$379.

A 38-year-old female reported an assault in the 700 block of north Cuyler. Victim reported minor bruising behind left ear and choke marks.

A 33-year-old male reported an assault in the 700 block of north Cuyler. Victim reported bites on the left side of his chest and an injured toe.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are quoted by the Anheuser Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	1.09	Chevron	66.5/8	dn 1/4
Mt.	1.83	Coca Cola	52 1/4	dn 3/8
Com.	4.63	Columbia/HCA	40 1/8	up 1/8
		Enron	43 7/8	dn 1/8
		Halliburton	64	up 7/8
		Ingersoll Rand	43 1/2	dn 1/4
		KNF	37 5/8	dn 3/8
		Kerr McGee	72	dn 3/8
		Limited	18 1/8	dn 1/4
		Mapco	33 5/8	dn 1/8
		SLB	106 5/8	up 3/4
		SPS	18	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	23 5/8	NC
		Parker & Parsley	26 1/8	dn 1/8
		Penney's	48 1/4	dn 3/8
		Phillips	43 7/8	dn 1/4
		Magellan	81 1/4	SLB
		Puritan	17 1/4	up 1/8
		Tenneco	44	NC
		Ultramar	102	NC

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

Occidental	24 1/2	NC	Albil	124	up 3/4
			Amoco	131 3/8	dn 1/8
			Arco	141 3/8	dn 1/8
			Cabot	24 5/8	dn 5/8
			Cabot OMG	17 7/8	NC

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

Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa	81 3/4	dn 1/4	Wal Mart	23	up 7/8
Amoco	131 3/8	dn 1/8	New York Gold	158 7/8	
Arco	141 3/8	dn 1/8	Silver	465	
Cabot	24 5/8	dn 5/8	West Texas Crude	26 3/4	
Cabot OMG	17 7/8	NC			

Fires

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

MONDAY, Jan. 6

3:59 p.m. — Two units and 4 personnel responded to 409 W. Brown on a smoke scare.

7:31 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to Highway 60 and Loop 171 to a motor vehicle accident.

7:37 p.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to the 300 block of West Francis for a vehicle fire.

Ambulance

Rural Metro reported the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Jan. 6

1:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center emergency room.

7:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Loop 171 and Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center emergency room.

Emergency numbers

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



Judy Sutton, president of the local Chapter CS, P.E.O. Sisterhood, presents certificates of recognition and grant money to Celeste Hartman, center, and Cyndi Austin, who are qualified recipients under the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education.

PEO honors two area women receiving grants

Members of the local Chapter CS, of Philanthropic Education Organization, met Saturday, Jan. 4, in the home of Judy Sutton, 2601 Duncan, to honor two area women receiving grant assistance for their education.

Celeste Hartman of White Deer is the recipient of Chapter CS sponsorship for tuition at Texas State Technical College, Amarillo

Campus. She is a part-time TSTC student pursuing a computer science degree.

Cyndi Austin of Pampa is the recipient of a \$1,500 P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education grant. She is attending Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., earning a masters degree in communications.

"P.E.O. is an international organization. The P.E.O. program for

continuing education helps women who have had their higher education interrupted for at least 12 consecutive months and are within 24 months of completing their academic goal," said Sutton, president of Chapter CS, P.E.O. Sisterhood.

P.E.O. chapter-sponsored applicants must meet academic requirements, Sutton said.

Snow and ice reach southern Arizona deserts

By The Associated Press

Snow and ice shut down parts of the sunny Southwest today, stranding hundreds of travelers along closed highways across southern Arizona and New Mexico and turning deserts white with snow.

Up to 3 feet of snow had fallen in the mountains of New Mexico, and Tucson, Ariz., got its first snow in almost six years and snow also coated grassy areas as far east as Dallas.

Interstate 10 was closed today for more than 200 miles across southwestern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico to the Texas state line, and 130 miles of north-south I-25 was shut down in southern New Mexico.

High pressure building in behind the storm system earlier had sent stiff Santa Ana wind whistling across Southern California, with gusts to 77 mph, and some 24,000 customers were without power today in Los Angeles County.

Snow-covered roads were blamed for three traffic deaths in New Mexico, and two people

were killed in wind-related accidents in California.

Winter storm warnings were posted for the southern third of New Mexico and the mountains of eastern Arizona, and a heavy snow warning was issued for western Texas. Waco, Texas, got a half-inch-thick layer of ice overnight.

More than 300 people spent the night at the Civic Center in Truth or Consequences, N.M., on I-25.

"A lot of people slept on chairs and the floor," said Jerry Galloway of Kendrick, Idaho. He and a friend had their own sleeping bags, but he said he didn't get much rest because "I'm not used to sleeping with hundreds of other people."

Altogether, about 1,280 stranded motorists spent the night in several shelters in Truth or Consequences, said City Commissioner Scott Ekman.

Less than an inch of snow was expected around Tucson, the southern Arizona city's first flakes since March 16, 1991, but that was too much for winter tourists and people who moved there from colder climates.

"I hate snow," said resident

Cyndi Woodard, originally from Iowa. "I want 80-degree weather year-round."

In the mountains surrounding Tucson, Mount Lemmon got 14 inches and some higher elevations had up to 2 feet. Biosphere 2, the experimental environment north of Tucson at Oracle, was closed to tourists this morning.

The heaviest snow was in New Mexico's Sandia peaks, which tower over the eastern suburbs of Albuquerque, with 33 to 36 inches at the Sandia Peak Ski Area.

Southern California had its second night of fierce wind. Trees rooted in ground softened by recent rain couldn't withstand the gusts and huge eucalyptus trees littered freeways Monday. Discarded Christmas trees and trash cans bounced across highways.

Harvey Friddle was awakened by a tree crashing into his house in Altadena, a town north of Los Angeles.

"It sounded like an 8.0 earthquake lasted maybe for 10 seconds while the tree was falling and settling onto the roof," Friddle said.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, generally cloudy and continued cold. Low in the low 20s, with light and variable winds and a 20 percent chance of light snow. Wednesday, cloudy and cold with a high in the mid 30s with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Warmer Thursday with a high in low to mid 40s, but then becoming bitterly cold Friday and Saturday, with lows down near zero and highs from single digits to near 20. Monday's high was 34, the overnight low was 24.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle. Tonight, cloudy and continued cold with lows from mid teens north to low 20s south. Chance of light snow flurries late in some areas. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and cold with highs in 30s South Plains. Tonight, snow likely. Lows around 20. Wednesday, a chance of snow mainly in the morning, decreasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs around 30.

North Texas — Winter storm watch areawide tonight and Wednesday. Tonight and Wednesday, snow northwest half, accumulations of 2 to 4 inches possible. Mixture of freezing rain, sleet or snow elsewhere except for rain mixed with freezing rain or sleet southeast. Sleet and snow accumulations of 1 to 2 inches possible. Lows tonight 25 to 32. Highs Wednesday 31 to 36.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Winter storm watch tonight. Tonight, snow, possibly heavy at times. Hill Country. Elsewhere, periods of freezing rain, sleet or snow. Cold with lows in mid 20s north to near 30 south. Wednesday, periods of sleet or snow. Cold with highs in low and mid 30s south central, near 30 Hill Country. Upper Coast. Tonight, rain. Possible freezing rain or sleet inland north. Breezy at the coast. Lows in low 30s inland north to near 40 coast Wednesday, rain. Possible freezing rain or sleet inland north. Windy at the coast. Highs

in mid 30s inland north to low 40s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, rain. Freezing rain or sleet possible Rio Grande plains. Breezy coastal bend. Lows near 40 coast to low and mid 30s inland. Wednesday, rain. Sleet possible Rio Grande plains. Windy coastal bend. Highs in low 40s coast to near 40 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, periods of snow southeast. Snow showers gradually diminishing southwest and in the northeast. Clearing northwest. Cold. Lows from 10 below zero to 10 above northern mountains and northwest, teens to mid 20s elsewhere. Wednesday, chance for light snow southern mountains and southeast. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Continued cold. Highs 20s to low 30s mountains and mostly 30s lower elevations.

Oklahoma — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of snow. Light snow accumulation. Lows in mid 20s. Wednesday, cloudy with snow likely. Highs in low 30s.

City briefs

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SATELLITE SYSTEM, nice 9 ft. Radio Shack, SR-2012 complete, \$325. 665-3566 Adv.

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ASC/NFC Championship hats and shirts. RSVP yours now! T-Shirts & More, 665-3036 Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Tuesday 5-8 p.m. Grilled pork chops, baked chicken, chicken gizzards, chicken fried steak 716 W. Foster Adv.

Museum

She encourages groups and clubs of all ages, including the high school students, to bring general public to the museum. The original Pampa High School building, Most of the double tennis courts, the bridge east of Smith Street, School, now known as the Pampa Learning Center, and many WPA markings, such as curbs, such as that at the intersection of Ward and Kings streets.

Other visible records include the plaques at the Pampa High School concrete fencing, the entrance to Recreation Park

and Water Plant #1 at Ward and Montagu streets, which is now the Freedom Museum.

WPA funds helped build the Pampa Post Office and the original Pampa High School building. Most of the double tennis courts, the bridge east of Smith Street, School, now known as the Pampa Learning Center, and many WPA markings, such as curbs, such as that at the intersection of Ward and Kings streets. The traveling exhibit is available for visitors. Tuesday through Sunday, from 1 until 4 p.m. at 116 S. Cuyler Street in Pampa.

Foundation, Texas Committee of the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities supported the project.

The area was a very important part of our American history and a large part of many Pampans' lives. I hope that everyone will visit with us during the limited time that this display is available. Davidson said.

The display is in the Holland Wing at the White Deer Land Museum, and a color brochure about the exhibit is available for visitors. Tuesday through Sunday, from 1 until 4 p.m. at 116 S. Cuyler Street in Pampa.

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Lawmakers to start with \$83.2 billion state budget proposal

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislators rolled out an \$83.2 billion state budget proposal Monday, with top budget writers and Gov. George W. Bush saying they remain optimistic about giving Texans some property tax relief.

The Legislature's top two budget writers — Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo — described the latest budget as "bare bones."

The proposal calls for 60.1 percent of state funds to be spent on education, 11.2 percent on law enforcement and prisons, and 20.4 percent on health and human services programs.

"Those three items make up 91.7 percent of the budget. So about 8 percent goes to fund everything else that the state does," Ratliff said.

"Most of those items in those three categories, most people would like to see us spend more for. I do think it indicates that the Legislature's priorities are in the right place," he said.

The \$83.2 billion preliminary total — which would include both state and federal funds — compares with a 1996-97 spending plan of \$79.9 billion.

The proposal is a starting point for lawmakers, who convene for their 140-day 1997 session next week.

Spending appears likely to rise. Comptroller John Sharp hasn't yet issued his official forecast of how much money legislators will have for 1998-99. But several of the state's major taxes have



Restoration to its south grounds nearly complete, the Capitol in Austin is ready for the upcoming legislative session, which convenes Tuesday, Jan. 14.

shown growth, as has the lottery; the economy is doing well; and a cash surplus is expected when the two-year budget period ends Aug. 31.

The new budget bill also doesn't address Bush's call for relief from the \$10 billion a year in local school property taxes. Both Ratliff and Junell said they expect lawmakers to approve a tax plan, however.

"We're going to be working with the governor," Junell said. "Yeah, I'm optimistic."

Bush wants to start with \$1 billion of the cash surplus as a "down payment" while a substi-

tute for the property tax is sought. Lawmakers have been looking at higher sales taxes or creating new business taxes to replace some property tax money.

Still working on his formal plan, Bush reiterated Monday his belief that lawmakers should OK property tax relief. He said he has been meeting with legislators to get that point across.

"They understand how serious I am about fighting for a property tax relief plan," Bush said.

"If we're going to go through the fight and the agony, let's make it substantive, let's make it

substantial, let's make it so that homeowners and the people of Texas feel a property tax relief plan."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said that even if property taxes are replaced, average Texans could be hit. One idea being studied — a new "business activity tax" — would seem likely to be passed on to customers.

"It's hard for me to believe that consumers at some point in the process will not pick up and pay a part and possibly a handsome part of that tax," Bullock said.

Monday's initial budget proposal will undergo considerable

State budget proposal at a glance

AUSTIN (AP) — Here, at a glance, is the Legislative Budget Board's estimate of spending recommendations contained in the preliminary 1998-99 state government budget as proposed by legislators on Monday. (Totals may not add due to rounding.)

- Education — \$36.77 billion.
- Health and human services — \$25.35 billion.
- Public safety and criminal justice — \$6.85 billion.
- Judiciary — \$278 million.
- Natural resources — \$1.44 billion.
- Business, economic development — \$9.82 billion.
- Regulatory — \$402 million.
- Legislature — \$241 million.
- General government — \$1.86 billion.
- Contingency fund — \$200 million.
- Total — \$83.237 billion.

change as the Legislature gets to work.

For example, federal welfare law is changing — with Congress turning many programs over to states and switching funding to block grants. Texas, in turn, already has approved welfare reforms that tie benefits to getting a job.

"This is like the first act of a play," Junell said of the budget-writing process. "This play will take several acts to play itself out."

The \$83.2 billion total includes about a 3.1 percent increase in state general revenue spending, or \$2.4 billion more. Federal funds would make up 28.3 percent of the total, or \$23.6 billion.

The plan calls for a \$1.7 billion increase for education, a \$428 million boost for public safety — mostly to operate new prisons — and \$273 million more for health and human service programs.

Ratliff and Bullock said they

would like to see more spending on higher education. State employees also are seeking their first general pay raise in several years.

"We've got a number of things that we would like to be able to do," Ratliff said. "We'll take all that wish list and put it in a priority order and see which ones survive."

One group that studies issues affecting low- and moderate-income people said the initial budget proposal wouldn't maintain basic services many needy Texans now receive.

"We are concerned that funding for health care, child abuse, education and services for the elderly are not adequately addressed in this proposal," said Dianne Stewart of the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

"We believe that priority should be given to funding necessary state services before funding a property tax cut," she said.

Federal trial to reveal Texas Lottery dealings

AUSTIN (AP) — A court proceeding in New Jersey is expected to shed light on the Texas dealings of a convicted former official of the company that operates the Texas lottery.

J. David Smith, former national sales manager for Rhode Island-based GTECH, was convicted Oct. 4 in Newark of taking \$169,500 in kickbacks from politically connected consultants he hired to push GTECH's interests in New Jersey.

It was Smith whose hiring of a close personal friend of Texas lottery director Nora Linares resulted in an ongoing investigation. Smith also had a consulting deal with Ben Barnes, a former Texas lieutenant governor and speaker of the house.

As federal prosecutors in New Jersey argue in coming weeks that Smith deserves a stiff sentence, details of his Texas dealings are expected to emerge, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported today.

Smith's Texas dealings were largely out of bounds at the trial itself, but prosecutors can raise them at sentencing as they try to show other conduct that makes Smith deserving of a lengthy sentence.

Federal prosecutors said they could not comment on what they plan to present at the sentencing. Smith and former GTECH New Jersey consultant Steve D'Andrea face sentences up to 63 months.

GTECH and Barnes have

defended their dealings as legal and proper. Trial testimony showed that Barnes paid Smith a fee equal to one-third of what Barnes got from GTECH.

Barnes has said he hired Smith to help represent a client interested in putting a gambling boat in Texas if lawmakers approved that form of wagering.

Preparations for the Smith sentencing in New Jersey come as GTECH's Texas operations are under scrutiny of state officials and federal prosecutors.

Smith was the GTECH official who hired Mike Moeller, a close friend of Ms. Linares, as a consultant in 1992-93.

The Texas Lottery Commission called a meeting for today to consider the employment of Ms. Linares, who says she did not know of the GTECH-Moeller deal until last November.

Before Ms. Linares' disclosure of the Moeller-GTECH contract, Lottery Commission Chairman Harriet Miers said she wanted a full review of GTECH's dealings in Texas, including the money Barnes gets.

A federal grand jury here has been reviewing lottery-related matters for several months, but prosecutors have declined to discuss specifics.

Barnes declined to answer questions for today's story, the *American-Statesman* said. In November, he defended his contract with GTECH and his side deal with Smith.

Internist at center of controversy in spotlight again

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — After saying her final goodbyes to her husband and son, Patricia Diane Trumbull asked to be left alone for an hour, curled up under her favorite shawl on the living-room couch.

The time had come, they knew, for her to die.

Three months earlier, her longtime doctor, Timothy Quill, had agreed to help end her suffering from acute leukemia. At her request, he gave her enough barbiturates to ease her sleep and, if necessary, to kill herself.

"It was clear that she knew what she was doing, that she was sad and frightened to be leaving, but that she would be even more terrified to stay and suffer," Quill wrote in *The New England Journal of Medicine* in 1991.

His extraordinary signed article about his unwillingness to abandon a terminal patient to a "bad death" unleashed a fierce debate about physician-assisted suicide that lands Wednesday in the U.S. Supreme Court. New York and Washington states are challenging

federal rulings that their longstanding bans on assisted suicide are unconstitutional.

Once again, this soft-spoken internist at Rochester's Genesee Hospital is playing a quiet but central role in the push to legalize, in very specific cases, what proponents argue is a widely accepted but hidden practice.

"Assisted dying is only for those few terminal cases, maybe five percent, where treatment stops working and where patients really want to die," he said. "To me, it is an absolute last resort, when all else fails."

Unlike Jack Kevorkian, the retired Michigan pathologist who has helped 45 people he barely knows commit suicide, Quill insists the decision should be part of a sound doctor-patient relationship.

"What most people want is the security that there could be an out if they end up in a bad situation and, in fact, most people never end up there so it's fear you're treating," he said. "But if they do, they need to be able to know they can count on the system."

In the New York case, brought by Quill and three patients who have since died, the judges agreed that if state law permits the terminally ill to withdraw life-support systems, then mentally competent, terminal patients not on life support should be allowed to hasten their deaths too.

Critics worry that public sentiment on doctor-assisted suicide is being swayed by Quill's "nice guy" image. "In the name of compassion, all kinds of bad things can be done," warned Dr. Herbert Hendin, a New York psychiatrist.

Opponents fear legalization could let unprincipled or unskilled doctors pressure some powerless patients — the elderly, poor, or disabled — into a premature death.

That is precisely why Quill believes the discussion must be open.

"What can happen to you right now is very capricious if you want this kind of help, if you're lucky enough to have the right doctor," he said.

Nurse's motive for killing nursing home patient still not clear

AUSTIN (AP) — A potassium injection that police say killed an 83-year-old nursing home resident would not have been detected if not for an anonymous tip, a Travis County forensic expert says.

Susan Lynne Hey, 38, formerly a nurse at Cannon Oaks Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, was being held Monday in lieu of a \$100,000 bond on a murder charge, according to Penny Bledsoe, a spokeswoman at the Travis County Jail.

Police said Ms. Hey told them she injected a fatal dose of potassium into the feeding tube of Cannon Oaks resident Harry Waddell in July, according to

the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Waddell, a retired trucking company employee from California, died July 28.

Police said detectives began investigating Waddell's death on Thursday night after they received a tip from an anonymous caller who said that Ms. Hey had injected an elderly nursing home resident named "Harry" with a lethal dose of potassium.

An autopsy was not conducted on Waddell because his death occurred in a medical facility and he had a terminal illness. Even if an autopsy had been done, Travis County Medical Examiner Robert Bayardo said, "It is impossible to determine a potassium overdose."

Bayardo said it is normal after death for blood cells to break down and release potassium into body fluids. He said high doses of potassium can cause an irregular heartbeat that stops the heart and causes death.

According to arrest affidavits, Austin homicide detectives Robert Merrill and Paul Johnson went to Ms. Hey's home and asked her to come to police headquarters for questioning.

Merrill said Ms. Hey told them she administered potassium to Waddell "in an amount which she knew could cause heart arrhythmias (irregular heartbeats) and cause Waddell to die."

Police declined comment on any possible motive.

Cannon Oaks administrator James Whitis said he wouldn't reveal details of Ms. Hey's employment at the nursing home or why she left her job.

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Opinion

On Hong Kong's new executive

One thing you can say about Tung Chee-hwa, the shipping magnate just selected to be chief executive of Hong Kong:

Despite the apparent paucity of direct political experience in his background, he is showing some formidable political skills. And he will need all he can muster during the potentially touchy period when the mainland Chinese government assumes control of the entrepreneurial city from the British colonial rulers next year. Tung is widely believed to be Beijing's choice. The Beijing regime carefully selected the 400 special delegates whose sole task it was to find a new chief executive and who named Tung by a large majority.

Yet he also won the endorsement of Chris Patten, who will be the last British governor of Hong Kong and has been a fierce defender of maintaining the economic and political freedoms that have made the colony one of the most prosperous economies in the world, a magnet for hard working people of many ethnic origins.

Tung, who until recently had been almost a reclusive figure, learned how to campaign for his office with as much flair and staged populism as any experienced Western politician. He seemed to enjoy pressing the flesh during visits to housing projects and old folks homes.

It is to Tung's credit that he made public, before his selection, the most potentially disturbing aspect of his personal history - that he accepted an infusion of \$120 million from Beijing some ten years ago when his family shipping business was in serious trouble (it has since recovered nicely.)

That background, however, suggests that his ties to Beijing could be deeper and of longer-standing duration than had been known. Whether that will live him a stronger hand in future tussles over political freedom in Hong Kong is unclear.

The transition to Chinese rule over Hong Kong is bound to be difficult. The Chinese government seems to understand the value of Hong Kong as a place where people from other countries feel comfortable doing business, a "window" on the rest of the world, and a generator of wealth, without which governments cannot undertake the kinds of ambitious schemes governments like to undertake.

Chinese economic policy in Shanghai and southern China has been notably pragmatic, giving entrepreneurs enough freedom that they have a reason to produce wealth to be taxed.

Few rulers, however, understand that economic and political freedom are intertwined: People will continue to produce for only so long if they believe they have little or no influence over decisions affecting their lives or if the government just keeps taking everything they work for. The goose will eventually stop producing golden eggs if you keep your hands in a stranglenoid around its neck.

Tung might understand this, but the ruling class in Beijing, for all its pragmatism about enterprise, is primarily devoted to holding on to power. Concessions to Hong Kong, which has a tradition of a free press and a strict rule of law in the British tradition, could be viewed as a threat to their power over the rest of the country.

Tung's recent statements regarding freedom of the press are troubling. He says, in effect, that press freedom is fine up to a point, but sometimes some controls are needed. Does he understand that without political freedom, the people of Hong Kong and the rulers in Beijing will see diminishing returns from economic freedom, that rights and duties are also intertwined and both flourish best in freedom?

It will be interesting to find out.

Thought for today

"Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do, and Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do."

Mark Twain

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

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Is the 'common culture' in danger?



Stephen Chapman

A few weeks ago, two Iraqi refugees married a pair of sisters from Lincoln, Neb. Shortly afterward, the men found themselves in jail. Why? Because the girls were only 13 and 14 - below the state's age of consent for marriage, which is 17. Both grooms were charged with rape and face up to 50 years in jail. The girl's father was charged with child abuse.

Being from Iraq, where such unions are not unheard of, the men were shocked to be arrested. "They were only doing what we have done for centuries," a friend of the men told *The New York Times*. "We did not know the law."

You may think this is just one of those unfortunate mistakes that happen when newcomers arrive in the United States and fail to understand our mores. But not according to opponents of immigration, who seize on it as proof of the mortal danger created by our refusal to pull up the drawbridge and tell all those huddled masses to get lost.

Among the loudest voices against our existing immigration policies is William F. Buckley's conservative magazine, *National Review* - nowadays edited by a Briton, John O'Sullivan, who somehow makes an exception for himself. In the Dec. 23 issue, an editorial claims the Iraqi marriages are a case of "multiculturalism" colliding with American culture and says multiculturalism is the direct result of letting in too many of those strange foreigners.

The Iraqi refugees, declares *National Review*, "were encouraged to think they could live in America as Iraqis." Yet, allowing them to do that would mean relaxing our legal norms to accommodate child brides. "A multiplicity of cultures weakens the hold that American values exert over us," argues the magazine.

Another example, it says, is the Chinese immigrant who killed his unfaithful wife and got probation after claiming that he was merely acting in accordance with age-old Chinese custom. "Law grows out of culture and is buttressed by it," concludes *National Review*. "Destroy our common culture and the common law will soon crumble."

This is a favorite theme of Buchananite conservatives. In his book *Alien Nation* - which openly advocates using immigration policy to increase the percentage of whites in the U.S. population - Peter Brimelow laments that "the culture of a country, exactly like its ecology, turns out to be a living thing, sensitive and even fragile. Neither can easily be intruded on without consequences."

But what common culture are they referring to that must be preserved? This country began as a collection of British colonies, but a lot of Africans were here from the beginning. States like Texas and California have always been populated by large numbers of Latinos. Jews and Chinese started coming in large numbers a century ago.

"Today, there are more people of Irish ancestry in the United States than in Ireland, more Jews than in

Israel, more blacks than in most African countries," Hoover Institution scholar Thomas Sowell has written. Far from being a delicate hothouse flower, American culture is the robust product of multiple influences. "What is loosely and misleadingly called 'Anglo' society or culture," says Sowell, "is in fact a mosaic with prominent features of Semitic, Hispanic, Negro, Asiatic and other origins."

Most of the demands for "multicultural" programs come not from Koreans and Pakistanis just off the boat but from African Americans and Hispanics, whose roots in America go back centuries. They also come from such subgroups as homosexuals and feminists that have no ethnic tinge at all.

National Review overlooks the fact that in marrying young teenage girls, the Iraqi immigrants didn't do anything necessarily at odds with American practice. Six states permit females to marry at age 14 with parental consent, which these girls had, and two allow it for 13-year-olds. If the men had contracted their unions in one of these places, they would be in perfect conformity with the law.

The case of the Chinese husband who was treated leniently after killing his adulterous spouse is not exactly an alien import, either. The law generally regards spousal infidelity as a mitigating circumstance in homicides, justifying a measure of mercy toward the killer. For better or worse, this immigrant is not the first jealous husband to get off easy.

New arrivals may have a bit of trouble learning American ways, but the unvarying pattern of our history is that they soon become part of our society and culture. Put foreigners into most countries and you get outsiders. Put foreigners into America and you get Americans.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 1997. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

On this date:

In 1610, the astronomer Galileo Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's moons.

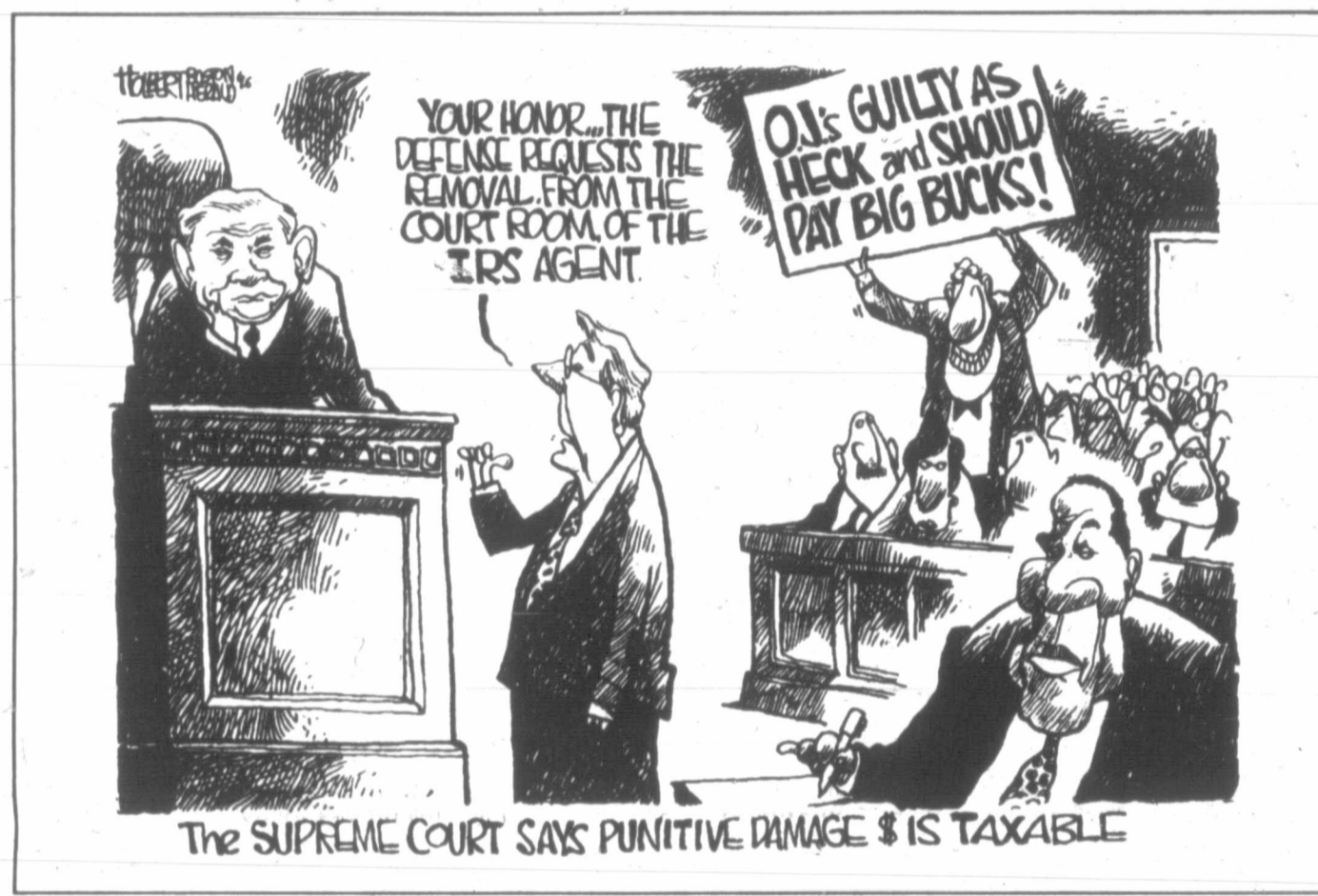
In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1894, one of the earliest motion picture experiments took place at the Thomas Edison studio in West Orange, N.J., as comedian Fred Ott was filmed sneezing.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the World War II siege of Bataan began.

In 1953, President Harry Truman announced in his State of the Union address that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.



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The problem with social engineering

Charley Reese

Equal in the eyes of God and equal in the eyes of the law, but unequal in all other respects. That, I believe, is a basic truth. I think social determinism is folly, and \$5 trillion worth of social engineering won't make a lazy man industrious, a stupid man smart or turn a killer into a priest.

What throws me further out of style, as far as liberal elitists are concerned, is that I have begun to suspect that we are more genetically determined than has been fashionable to believe in recent decades.

A friend of mine once said, "Reese, if they announced the Russians were going to drop an H-bomb on us at noon, you'd look at your watch and say, 'Well, we still have 15 minutes. Let's go get a cup of coffee.'"

Since I was only 18 at the time, I cannot attribute my stoicism to philosophy and meditation. As far as I can remember, I have always been somewhat hot tempered but not otherwise excitable.

When I was much younger and fishing on the banks of Pine Island Bayou in East Texas with my next door neighbors, some fool in the woods on the far bank fired several shots from a rifle, and one of the bullets whizzed about a quarter of an inch past my ear.

I continued to fish but remarked that someone was shooting in our general direction. My neighbor retrieved his own rifle, shouted a few choice words and, to punctuate them, fired several rounds into

the trees on the far bank. We heard nothing else, and the shooting stopped. We spent the rest of the afternoon catching perch. That was back in the self-reliant days when people never gave a thought to government except in time of war.

One reason I prefer to watch sports events on television rather than in person is because I feel somewhat awkward sitting quietly in the midst of madly cheering people. It's not that I don't enjoy the game, but it is, after all, only a game and no reason that I can see to get excited.

Well, is this trait genetic or did I absorb too well the admonitions of my father that you should never tip your hand, when playing poker, with facial expressions? I have no scientific evidence either way, but there is a family story about a son who left, presumably on an errand, and disappeared for ten years. When he returned, his mother was in the yard.

He said, "Hello."

She looked up and replied, "Go on in and wash up. I'm fixin' to put supper on."

So, to sum up, I have observed in my own life that I have pretty much always been the same person despite changes in knowledge and experience. I have observed that few, if any, people ever

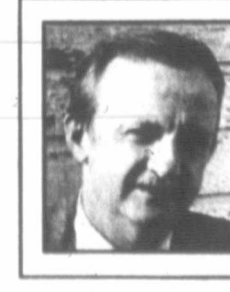
make basic changes in their character and disposition (fanatic sinners who are saved generally become fanatic do-gooders.) I have observed that despite trillions of dollars and tens of thousands of bureaucrats, the social engineering schemes have, by any reasonable measure, been a failure in effecting real changes in human behavior.

The old time religion appears to be right. Call it original sin or human nature, but humans appear to be incapable of perfection. At the time of the American Revolution, no one had the least doubt about that. What we have to do is get rid of the social engineering mind-set and do as our forefathers did - make the best society we can based on people as they are, not based on people as some egghead imagines they can be forced or manipulated to become.

A happy society, like a good marriage, will accommodate people as they are, warts and all. The modern liberal society is in a state of constant agitation because the social engineers insist on constantly trying to change people and to tinker with their lives to achieve an egalitarian goal.

The liberal says to a D student, "I'm going to find some way to make you an A student. The conservative says, "OK, you're a D student. So what? Let's find a place for you in this economy. That is a huge difference. Marxist and Nazi social engineers in this century have been mass murderers on a scale unprecedented in history.

A proposal to restore national sanity



Joseph Spear

As I compose this dispatch, there are nearly 200 resolutions for constitutional amendments pending in the House and more than 50 in the Senate. They all dissolve into molecules of mush compared to the modification I am about to propose.

Herewith some words that could restore the national sanity:

"The people shall be spared the ordeal of political discussion for a period of two years after each presidential election. Violators of this provision shall be pilloried in the public square, in which place it shall be appropriate and legal for the populace to throw dross and refuse upon their persons."

Every American of decency, discriminating mind and merciful heart will agree with this. The business of politics has gotten out of hand. There is too much of it, and too much is made of it. We are tired of the constant coverage, surfeited with commentary and positively sickened by polls.

For example, on Nov. 5, the nation elected a president, thus drawing to a close what is known to the politico-media complex as a "cycle." I seem to recall, somewhere in the dim past, that there used to be a break between cycles. No more. On the weekend before election day - I swear/affirm this is true - the *Wall Street Journal* conducted a poll asking voters whether they preferred Jack Kemp or Al Gore in 2000.

Please join me in delivering the *Wall Street Journal* and its adjuncts in the politico-media complex a message. All together now, three, two, one: DOES ANYBODY GIVE A DAMN??!

It gets worse. One half-hour after election day drew to a close, erstwhile GOP candidate Lamar Alexander sent out hundreds of faxes suggesting a game plan for the coming four years and declaring "the era of big government spending will never end until we have a Republican president." Golly, Lamar. Who?

Later that day, GOP primary aspirant Steve Forbes distributed a fax reminding all who read it of his service to the cause and of his "hope, growth and opportunity" message.

One week later, former Vice President Dan Quayle ventured to Iowa, site of the first significant caucuses of the next presidential race, to address the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute and the Young Presidents Organization.

That same week, New York's Republican governor George Pataki let it be known that "dozens of rather prominent people" had urged him to seek the GOP nomination in 2000. He will think about it and let a breathless nation know in a couple of years.

In late November, the Associated Press reported that conservatives have been buzzing about an Elizabeth Dole candidacy in 2000. Dole said she has "no plans to run."

On Dec. 10, the AP quoted "Republican officials" who said that House Majority Leader Dick Army of Texas was weighing a White House campaign in 2000. He'll keep us posted.

On Dec. 16, Jack Kemp showed up in Des Moines to address a Republican fundraiser. He said he is thinking about a run for the top job but wanted everyone to concentrate on the very important elections of 1998 first.

All told, according to a recent article in *U.S. News & World Report*, there are "30 Republicans... who might plausibly seek the nomination." My own cursory research turned up a mere 21 who have already been mentioned in public forums.

In addition to those named above, the list includes Govs. George W. Bush (Texas), John Engler (Michigan), Christine Todd Whitman (New Jersey), Mike Leavitt (Utah), William Weld (Massachusetts) and Pete Wilson (California); Sens. Phil Gramm (Texas), John McCain (Arizona), Richard Lugar (Indiana) and Fred Thompson (Tennessee); Rep. John Kasich (Ohio); Gen. Colin Powell; Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia; and perennial candidate Pat Buchanan.

So it goes, ad infinitum, ad nauseam. With the Spear amendment, you would not have to hear a peep about their potential candidacies until Nov. 6, 1998. Think about it.

Appreciation from HOSTS kids



A group of HOSTS students at Wilson Elementary School recently showed their appreciation to former Pampa News staff writer Chip Chandler, presenting him with a banner reading "We hate to see you split. Good luck, Chip!!" From left are Ryan Torres, Erin Turner, William Bridgeman, Natasha Clerkely, Shannon Jay, Chandler and Dusty Cook. Chandler served as a HOSTS mentor in third grade math at the school. The kids thanked The Pampa News for sharing Chandler with them, adding that they will really miss him.

Library staff picks

The following books are new ones available at Pampa's Lovett Memorial Library as recommended by library staff members.

Eating By Design by Carrie Wiatt

Wiatt, hailed by Vanity Fair as "L.A.'s Diet Diva," has whipped some of Hollywood's best bodies into shape with her tailor-made diet plans. Now she shares her secrets, telling readers how to identify which of the 12 distinct food personality types they are, then how to customize a diet plan accordingly. Complete with dozens of easy-to-prepare recipes. Wiatt's program allows for impressive weight loss without a battle with one's inner nature.

My Story by Sarah, Duchess of York

The never-before-told, behind-the-scenes story of daily life in Buckingham Palace and British royal society as told by Sarah Ferguson Windsor, the duchess of York. Sure to be a major international bestseller, *My Story* will captivate audiences with its unparalleled candidness and honesty.

Charity: A New Bernard Samson Novel by Len Deighton

Deighton's enigmatic British agent, Bernard Samson, returns in the conclusion to the best-selling trilogy that began in *Faith and Hope*. Beginning with a train ride from Moscow to Berlin, and ending at a dinner party that goes stunningly awry, Samson burrows to the rot that's eating at the core of the British Secret Service.

The final revelation delivers the breathtaking punch that Samson fans have been awaiting for the last two years.

The Yellow Admiral by Patrick O'Brian

Set in brilliant counterpoint to the fall and rise of Napoleon Bonaparte, the latest high-seas adventure by the bestselling author of *The Commodore* chronicles the fall and rise of Captain Jack Aubrey of the British Royal Navy. Now a considerable though impoverished landowner, Aubrey has dimmed his prospects at the Admiralty by his erratic voting in Parliament. Worse yet, in the spring of 1814, peace breaks out.

Bed And Breakfast by Lois Battle

In an effort to reunite the family that has been torn apart by ten years of secrets, misunderstandings and recriminations, military widow Josie Taternall invites her three grown daughters home for the holidays to her gracious South Carolina bed and breakfast. Cynical city woman Cam is reeling from a recent breakup. Poised Lila secretly dreads the reunion as does Savannah gossip columnist Evie. In spite of skepticism, rebellion and scandal, the holiday season culminates in grant style, humor and unexpected romance.

The Hand I Fan With by Tina Ansa

The author of the highly acclaimed *Baby of the Family* returns with her best work to date. With the death of her parents in a plane crash ten years

earlier, Lena McPherson becomes the one on whom everyone in the small town of Mulberry, Georgia, depends — "the hand they fan with." Now, at 45, Lena is becoming weary of shouldering everyone's problems and sets out to do something for herself.

Silent Honor by Danielle Steel

Danielle Steel's 38th novel creates a powerful, moving portrayal of families divided, lives shattered, and a nation torn apart by prejudice during a shameful period in recent American history. On Feb. 19, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, giving the military the power to remove Japanese-Americans from their communities at will. *Silent Honor* tells of Masao Takashimaya and his family, as they fight to stay alive amid the drama of life and death in the interment camp at Tule Lake.

Other New Fiction Books

- Let's Go Europe 1997*
- Ammons-Good Girl, Bad Girl*
- Bombek-Forever Emma*
- Munzer-Coyote*
- Savage-Cowgirls*
- LaBelle-Don't Block the Blessings*
- Hillman-Secret Code*
- Allen-I'm Not Really Here*
- Arpaco-America's Toughest Sheriff*

Other New Non-Fiction Books

- Let's Go Europe 1997*
- Ammons-Good Girl, Bad Girl*
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State briefs

Company gives \$100,000 to families of explosion victims

HOUSTON (AP) — The families of eight men killed in a pre-Christmas nitrogen tank explosion have each received \$100,000 from the company that owns the factory. Wyman-Gordon Forgings Inc. made the donations the week of the disaster, said Richard Mithoff, an attorney working for the family of victim Steven Nagy, 29.

The company refused to confirm the amount of the donations. "That's a private matter," said Guy Brown of Brown Nelson Public Relations, which is representing Wyman-Gordon.

"I can only say that there were no strings attached to those donations. It was for the benefit of the families to get their feet back underneath them." The tank exploded Dec. 22, killing eight men. Also injured were Gregory Dargin, 31, treated and released from Hermann Hospital two days after the accident, and Santiago "Jimmy" Galindo, 57, who is still at Hermann.

The cause of the blast at the metal fabricating factory still is under investigation.

The company's donations were in addition to \$10,000 set up at the Cameron Credit Union for the eight dead and also for the two wounded, Brown said.

Credit union President Dennis Dorman said those funds have

been growing considerably from private donations, but he would not divulge how much.

Former Fort Worth mayor Clif Overcash dies

FORT WORTH (AP) — Former Fort Worth Mayor Clif Overcash Sr., who championed Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in the 1970s, has died at his home. He was 74.

Overcash, a former president of Leonards Department Stores, died Sunday morning, relatives said. Funeral services were set for Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth. A North Carolina native, Overcash moved to Fort Worth in 1959, his son, Clif Overcash Jr. said.

He served on the City Council from 1973 to 1975 and as mayor from 1975 to 1977.

"He was a good mayor, fair-minded and he gave unselfishly of his time and his energy," said Jim Bradshaw, who served on the council with Overcash.

Overcash supported the fledgling DFW Airport and fought to abolish tolls on what is now Interstate 30 between Fort Worth and Dallas. He also helped institute single-member council districts in Fort Worth.

Survivors include his wife, Christine, sons Clif Jr. and Craig, both of Fort Worth, and a daughter, Cheryl Anthony of Dallas.

Attorneys in cancer doctor's trial to question jurors

HOUSTON (AP) — Forty-nine possible jurors have filled out lengthy questionnaires in the trial of a doctor accused of violating federal laws and deceiving insurers in his use of an experimental cancer treatment.

Attorneys were to begin questioning potential jurors for a panel of twelve jurors and two alternates today in the trial of Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski.

In the questionnaires, the possible jurors were asked about their experiences with doctors and insurance companies and if they knew anyone who had suffered from cancer.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake said he planned to begin opening statements this afternoon.

Burzynski, 53, and his Burzynski Research Institute are charged in a November 1995 indictment with contempt of a 1983 federal court ban against out-of-state shipments of his unproven drug and violations of federal laws against such shipments.

He and the clinic are also charged with filing false insurance claims for the treatments.

The case centers on Burzynski's use of antineoplastons, which he developed as a cancer treatment in 1977 after discovering the substances in human urine.

Historical Brazilian city threatened by floods

OURO PRETO, Brazil (AP) — Mudslides blanketed the hills and water flowed down the cobblestone streets of this tourist city, named a world historical treasure by the United Nations.

Torrential storms in southeastern Brazil have killed at least 71 people and have driven more than 34,000 from their homes. Floods from 18 swollen rivers have deluged 175 cities. In many areas, residents remained without drinking water, electricity or telephones today.

"All I have is the clothes on my back," Margarita Meyer told Globo television as she swept water out of her badly damaged home in Betim, a small city south of Belo Horizonte, the state capital. "But what's important is that I am alive."

Rescue crews working under a gray drizzle Monday pulled five bodies from under thick red mud in Ouro Preto, a colonial-era city that is Brazil's most important center of Baroque art and architecture.

Jose Apolinario Ferreira's eyes moistened as he described a

mudslide that swallowed up two of his neighbors' houses.

"It was like a thunderclap," he said. "When I opened the window, all I saw was earth."

Just yards away from Ferreira's brick home, the mud buried Murilo Casimiro de Melo, his wife and their five children Saturday morning. In the other house, a six-year-old girl was the lone survivor in a family of six.

"I don't want to live here any more," Ferreira said.

The Brazilian state of Minas Gerais usually receives heavy rains in January — an average of twelve inches. But recent rainfalls have been extraordinary: Belo Horizonte received 13.5 inches in the first five days of the year.

Ouro Preto's famed Baroque churches stand securely on high ground, but officials say the city's only hospital is in danger of collapsing. Patients stayed in the building Monday because there was nowhere better to take them. Mayor Jose Leandro urged res-

idents to evacuate low-lying areas. Families lugging cardboard boxes and stuffed animals boarded flat-bed trucks to head for higher ground.

Floods also have hit communities across the state line in neighboring Rio de Janeiro state. Overflowing rivers have covered roads and cut off access to seven towns.

The Rio state town of Cardoso Moreira was almost entirely under water. Boats cruised along streets picking up families stranded on rooftops and ferrying them to shelters.

Police and civil defense workers across Minas Gerais have distributed 65 tons of food and clothes, 6,700 blankets, 3,500 sleeping mats, and 103,000 square feet of plastic tarp for shelter.

As the rain slackened Monday, police helicopters that had been grounded by storms took off to carry food and medicine to isolated areas.

Price of big birds takes sudden downturn

MIDLAND (AP) — Ranchers in the big bird business are justifiably grouchy about their once-prized breeding stock.

Breeding pairs of ostriches and emus that once brought outlandish prices of \$45,000 and more are being sold for as little as \$500, marking the end of an era for those who raise the exotic birds.

"It seemed like it happened overnight," said Juanita Seales, past president of the Texas Emu Association. "It happened much sooner than we expected."

The plummeting prices caused a glut in the tiny market for meat from the 100-pound birds. Ground meat sells for about \$4 a pound while filets cost about \$10 a pound.

In some cases, a few raisers evidently have chosen to free their feed-devouring beasts rather than continue taking losses, making stray emu and ostrich sightings on Texas

roadsides more common.

Overproduction was the culprit in the price slide, as demand has remained steady. What should increase in the coming years is availability of ostrich and emu meat and leather goods, said Lynn McKay, a Gardendale ostrich rancher and board member of the Big Texas Ostrich Association.

The birds' marketing draw is that they possess red meat that can compete with turkey and chicken in terms of fat and cholesterol content. Unfortunately for emus and ostriches, they can't compete at the checkout counter.

Ms. McKay laments that mass marketing of the birds on the scale of mainstream meat products will "probably not happen in our lifetimes."

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Bullock, Laney predict bipartisan session when Legislature convenes

By PEGGY FIKAC and JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr. Associated Press Writers

AUSTIN (AP) - Republicans have taken control of the Senate and won more seats in the House. But the two Democrats who preside over the chambers say that doesn't mean more partisanship in the Texas Legislature.

"I know most of the individuals pretty well and think they are individuals of stature and are going to do what is right for Texas. I think that is what most of us here want to do," says House Speaker Pete Laney.

For the first time since Reconstruction, Republicans control of one of the two lawmaking chambers. After this year's elections, they enjoy a 16-14 majority in the Senate, with one seat left to fill in a special election.

In the House, Democrats held onto their majority but lost four seats in November. They currently have an 82-68 majority.

The changes, while historic, shouldn't affect day-to-day work in either chamber, according to Laney and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, both Democrats.

Bullock, who presides over the Senate, has given Republicans a majority on most committees and appointed them chairmen of key panels - although Democrats still have more chairmanships.

Bullock harshly accused four Republican senators of playing politics by suggesting committee assignments shortly after November's election, but he since has said he overreacted.

"I do believe that this session will be a very harmonious one," Bullock said quickly after the initial flap.

Senate Republicans have emphasized the need to avoid partisan battles. They say they doubt there will be any push to change Senate rules that give Bullock power to control the flow of legislation and appoint committee members.

"We recognize that the lieutenant governor is elected by the people of Texas, and we've all been sent here to represent our districts and do a good job," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, who heads the Senate GOP caucus.

One of the Legislature's longest-serving Republicans, Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland, said he doesn't see the GOP gains changing the bipartisan spirit.

"I think that the House will still be run on a non-partisan basis," he said. However, he said, Republican control in the Senate "will make a difference in the type of legislation that moves out of the Senate."

Bullock has stressed the need for cooperation.

"The decisions we make about our future need to be free of political partisanship and based on the best information that is available about a specific topic," he said. "Texas is growing. The state's demographics are changing. New technology has entered our lives and we cannot return to the past."

When he announced committee appointments, Bullock said, "Republicans and Democrats proved in recent sessions that they can work together and solve the problems that touch the lives of Texans and their families. That will continue to be a key ingredient."

Laney, from Hale Center, cited the job of writing a two-year budget and attending to the state's educational needs as the Legislature's top jobs.

But he said other issues also will dominate discussions.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush's push to replace rising property taxes as the state's main

source of school funds will command much attention as lawmakers try to put together a package of alternative tax sources.

A key issue, Laney said, is the state's water supply and how it can be shared. As last summer's drought dragged on, officials from across the state began discussing the need for a comprehensive water management plan.

Laney said the fight won't be over where water is located, but how it is used. "The negotiations are going to be more from a use standpoint than a regional standpoint," he said.

Bullock's office prepared an 87-page report on major issues, including budget and taxation; education; criminal and juvenile justice; health and human services; natural resources; utilities and telecommunications; legal issues; and economic development.

"Nothing reflects the concerns and dreams of Texans more than the issues we choose to debate and decide in state government," Bullock said.

"They range from very broad-based matters that touch many lives - like education, crime and the environment - to very narrow items that may affect only a community, or even a neighborhood."



(AP photo by Ed Zurga)

Ann and Salvatore Galate pose alongside a picture taken of them on their April 27, 1946, wedding day. The Galates, both 75, join millions of post-World War II couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Millions of Post-World War II couples looking back at 50 years of marriage

By BILL FOREMAN Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Salvatore and Ann Galate celebrated the end of World War II. They rode the wave of postwar home buyers. And they helped give birth to the baby boom.

This past year, the Raytown couple joined millions nationwide in celebrating their 50th anniversary. They're the ones who set the benchmarks for later generations. And they stand to pass on their homes, savings and other wealth to the baby boomers.

What makes this generation different from others? Many say a strong commitment to marriage and a willingness to patiently work hard for material comforts sets them apart in the new world of credit cards and high divorce rates.

Postwar couples were unique because they got married earlier than previous generations, said Ron Crouch, director of the Kentucky State Data Center. Before World War II, about one in three women age 14 and older stayed single. But by 1950, the number of unmarried women dropped to less than one in four, Crouch said.

"People seemed to think women were barefoot and pregnant and married in the past, but that's not true," he said. "A lot of people stayed single."

The Galates were part of the marriage trend.

The couple talked about their life at a reception following a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries. Nearly twice as many couples attended the mass this year as in past years.

Ann Galate, 75, said the war helped couples strengthen their relationships. She feared her fiancé would get killed and that made her less likely to take him for granted when he

returned from the war. Salvatore Galate, 75, returned from the war on Nov. 14, 1945, and went to work the next day unloading bottles at a syrup factory for 48 cents an hour. In April, he married Ann Galate; both were 25. Soon the couple bought a house and later Salvatore Galate began operating his own service station.

Salvatore Galate said his Depression childhood taught him frugality, and the war matured him, making him determined to work hard for years lost overseas.

Many other couples agreed grit and patience are the trademarks of their generation. And they contend that the need for new cars, big homes, flashy clothes and other consumer prizes is the reason half the marriages end in divorce now. "You just didn't get everything right away like the kids expect today," said Garnet Wells, 72, of Akron, Ohio.

Wells and her husband, Delbert, celebrated their 50th anniversary in September. By saving and planning, the couple said they made a comfortable middle-class life for their family in Akron, where Delbert Wells worked as a maintenance man for Ford Motor Co. before retiring in 1982.

"We were happy with little things," Garnet Wells said. "They didn't have to be big things that cost a lot of money. It took a long time for us to get things."

But some things came fast for many postwar couples, namely home ownership. The generation began buying homes sooner than previous generations, breaking the tradition of renting. A boom in the birth and marriage rate in the mid-1940s created a housing shortage that quickly became a crisis when servicemen began returning home.

Federal programs that made building and buying new homes easier ignited an explo-

sion in construction. New housing starts tripled between 1945 and 1946 to 1.02 million, according to census records.

In 1930, a little more than half of all homes were rented. But by 1950, that number dropped to 45 percent. And in 1970, the number was down to 37 percent.

Many postwar couples didn't go without, said Mike Sporakowski, a professor of family and child development at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. They benefited greatly from the postwar economic boom and the GI Bill that made higher education affordable for many, Sporakowski said.

"They raised expectations for generations that have followed that are hard to meet," Sporakowski said. "They laid on their kids the thing that if you get married, you have to have a house, two cars, a washer and dryer."

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL)--A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis," and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis, relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis, is available immediately without a prescription in an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream or new easy applicator liquid form. Arthur Itis, is guaranteed to work or your money back.

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Nation briefs

Sinatra in hospital, but life not in danger, source says
 LOS ANGELES (AP) - Frank Sinatra, who returned to the hospital for undisclosed reasons, is not suffering from a life-threatening illness, according to a hospital source.

Sinatra, whose hospital stay two months ago led to sensational reports about his health, was admitted to a private room Monday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

He was expected to return today to his Beverly Hills home.

A hospital source speaking on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press on Monday that Sinatra, 81, was not being treated for anything life-threatening.

At Sinatra's request, the hospital refused to disclose why he was there.

In November, Sinatra was hospitalized for more than a week for a pinched nerve and slight pneumonia. The hospitalization led to a series of sensationalized TV reports that the singer was near death.

'New Year trio' sets record around the world
 GREENWOOD, Wis. (AP) - It was no easy feat, but Alice Olson set a triple-play record that has stood for 50 years. Mrs. Olson gave birth to her

first son, Gerald, on New Year's Day, 1943. Her second boy, Duane, arrived Jan. 1, 1945. The third child, Richard, entered the world the first day of 1947.

"We're still the world's New Year trio, and it has yet to be repeated anywhere," said Gerald Olson, who turned 54 last week. "I've kept my ears open. Nothing has ever come anywhere close to this."

Mrs. Olson said that, her husband got a little teasing every March about planning another New Year's Day baby. But the couple's two other children - both girls - broke the cycle.

Self-proclaimed vampire sentenced on sex charges

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) - A self-proclaimed vampire who sexually molested and bit teenage girls he recruited into his "family" has been sentenced to 26 years in prison.

Jon Bush, 27, was sentenced Monday on charges of carnal knowledge, crimes against nature and indecent liberties. He was convicted in September.

An air conditioner repairman, Bush targeted teenagers from troubled families, molesting eight girls between the ages of 13 and 16 from 1995 to early 1996.

The girls testified Bush taught them a game in which he played the leader of a family of ancient vampires. They were told they could become vampires by having sex with him or by letting him "mark" them by biting them hard, usually just below the breasts.

The girls sometimes painted their faces white and their lips and fingernails black for excursions to malls. Bush often wore snap-on fangs and would walk with his hands folded in an X across his chest.



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New dolls provide comfort for sick children

LENEXA, Kan. (AP) — Miles Postlethwait, born with heart, kidney and intestinal defects, wanted a friend who was just like him. So he and his mom, Marty, created one.

That friend, a muslin "buddy" with a plastic tube protruding from its abdomen and a row of scars across its heart, has helped the nine-year-old through more than 30 major surgeries.

Three years since its creation, that single buddy has grown into Shadow Buddies, the Postlethwait's year-old company that makes twelve different disease- and disability-specific dolls.

The rag dolls have been stitched, fitted for casts, anesthetized, hooked up to chemotherapy lines, given shots and loved by about 12,000 children across the United States.

"Even little kids who have Down's syndrome and some of the ones that are a little more severely handicapped all say, 'me, me,' when they get them and look underneath the gowns," company president Marty Postlethwait said.

The 12-inch dolls come light and dark-skinned, with knotted yarn hair in different colors. Each wears a printed hospital gown and underneath, they show the unique physical characteristics of their human buddies' disease or disability.

Miles, whose thumb print is on the left hand of each buddy, designed the prototype when he was six.

When Mrs. Postlethwait asked her son how the buddies should look, he said, "We need to put heart eyes on them for love, so that the kids know that they're loved, and they all should smile so that when the kids look at the buddies, they are happy."

The buddies were test-marketed for children ages six months through 16 years. But all ages are comforted by them, Mrs. Postlethwait said.

The oldest Shadow Buddy owner is an 88-year-old woman who needed a pacemaker and heart valve replacement. She still has her buddy one year after the surgery.

The youngest is newborn Cheyenne Pyle — also the nation's youngest heart transplant recipient.

Chris Brown, a director at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, said children can take their buddy into the operating room during surgery, where it sits on the operating table and even wears a little mask.

The custom-made companions have made some patients more cooperative, said Cindy Markland, a child life specialist at Denver Children's Hospital in Denver.

Attorney general's office to return medical records

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge says the attorney general's office must return thousands of documents obtained from the Texas Department of Insurance and a surgical assistant group because it contains private patient information.

"I'm interested in the confidentiality of patients," state District Judge David West said Monday.

The ruling comes as a major setback for the attorney general's office because the records comprise about 80 percent of the state's evidence in its case against the formerly named Assistant Surgeons of Texas Inc., said assistant state attorney John Owens.

Last September, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales sued 17 surgical assistants, who worked as independent contractors for AST, accusing them of fraudulent billing practices. They are accused of passing themselves off as licensed physicians to obtain higher fees from patients and insurers.

The company has since changed its name to International Surgical Assistant Services of Texas Inc.

The Texas Department of Insurance had referred to the attorney general's office about 15,000 pages of records it culled from its own investigation into

the company's billing practices. Then on Dec. 5, AST permitted state attorneys access to another 4,000 to 5,000 pages of documents.

The case was to go to trial next Monday but has now been rescheduled for Feb. 10.

"Yeah, it's a setback," Owens said. "It's going to be hard to put on the type of case we wanted to put on. But we're still going to try to figure out a way to offer the evidence."

At issue before West was access to patient records. Other than patients, only health providers are entitled to the records in Texas, attorneys for for the surgical assistants and one hospital company insisted Monday.

"They went through the back door," argued Scott McQuarrie, attorney for Memorial Healthcare System.

The hospital chain is not a party in the suit. McQuarrie, however, argued that patient records generated by the hospital unlawfully found its way into the hands of the attorney general's office and asked the judge to return the records.

Owens disagreed, saying the hospitals, which generated much of the patient information, waived their right to have the records protected once they gave the surgical assistant business the records.

Surgical assistants are allowed to operate under the supervision of a licensed surgeon. But surgical assistants are not regulated by the state of Texas and the issue of whether the profession is a health provider is being debated.

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Woman Is Ready To Tune Out Man Who Won't Turn Off TV

DEAR ABBY: I think my problem is unique: My longtime boyfriend is addicted to television.

He has it turned on all the time he's indoors and gets unreasonably angry if I turn it off. The constant distraction and noise drive me up the wall. Fortunately we don't live together.

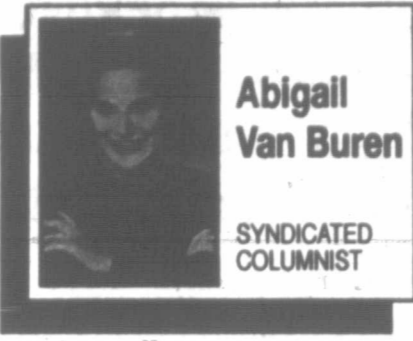
I have tried to convince him it's irritating, and have even insisted he use earphones in my home, but he complains bitterly about this restriction. The television in his home won't accommodate earphones, and those in hotels and motels are not equipped with earphones either. I've tried earplugs for myself, but after a while they hurt.

The arguments over this have become very heated, and following our last battle, we split up.

Abby, I really love him and don't want to give him up, but if there is no other solution, I may have to do just that. Please don't use my name. **DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION IN ALBANY, CALIF.**

DEAR DRIVEN: This problem is not unique; many people are addicted to television.

Your boyfriend has fought your attempts to turn off the television for a very long time, so don't expect him to change now. It would be a shame to end this relationship because of his television addiction, if he's compatible in every other way. However, if you can no longer tolerate it, perhaps you should



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

say farewell.

DEAR ABBY: As a proud American Indian, I resent the expression "Indian giver," which is what they call a person who gives a gift, then asks that it be returned.

Abby, where did that expression originate? It is clearly an insult to the Indian people. Sign me ... **A PROUD SHOSHONE INDIAN IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR PROUD SHOSHONE: The Henry Holt Encyclopedia of Word and Phrase Origins gives the following origin for the expression:

"Indian giver. Tradition holds that American Indians took back their gifts when they didn't get equally valuable ones in return. Some Indians were no doubt 'Indian givers'; others, however, got insulted if they received more than they gave. Instances of Indians 'Indian-giving' are hard to come by, and

even the Handbook of American Indians (1901), published by the Smithsonian Institution, defines the practice as an 'alleged custom.' Perhaps the expression is explained by the fact that 'Indian' was once widely used as a synonym for bogus or false. Many of the nearly 500 terms prefixed with 'Indian' unfairly impugn the Indian's honesty or intelligence — even 'honest Injun' was originally meant sarcastically, and 'Indian summer' means a false summer."

DEAR ABBY: My New Year's wish for the many wives who, like me, have added pounds as well as years, is that their husbands be as tactful and loving as mine.

When I bemoaned the fact that at age 45, I weighed 110 pounds and now, at 65, I am 20 pounds heavier, he just hugged me and said, "Honey, you'll always be the ample of my eye." He's a keeper, and I am ... **A HAPPY GEORGIA PEACH**

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something you've been negotiating looks as if it's getting closer to closure today. However, resist the temptation to dash for the finish line.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) That diet and exercise program you've contemplated could be successful if you begin it today. Do not procrastinate any longer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not delegate your responsibilities to surrogates today. Your personal touch will be necessary for these projects to succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions that will affect your family's well-being show indications of improving in this cycle. Your sense of security will be enhanced.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Beginning today, focus on targets you want to attain within the next couple of weeks. The more diligent you are, the better the chance of success will be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Outside factors which will come into play now could provide you with greater material security if you search for them diligently. **1997 by NEA, Inc.**

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday Jan 8 1997

Your leadership skills will be impressive in the year ahead. Endeavors or enterprises you manage personally will have a strong chance of success.

predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might have just enough luck to fulfill a secret ambition. Make the necessary moves, but don't tip your hand prematurely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) New acquaintances you make today could improve your social life. Try to be friendly to people from all walks of life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you should aim higher than you have in the past. Challenging objectives will motivate you to work as hard as it takes to make your dreams come true.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In the days ahead, you will utilize the knowledge you acquired through past experience. You will be grateful for all of these lessons, even the painful ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you have a surplus of cash and someone you know and trust comes to you today with an investment proposal, hear him out.



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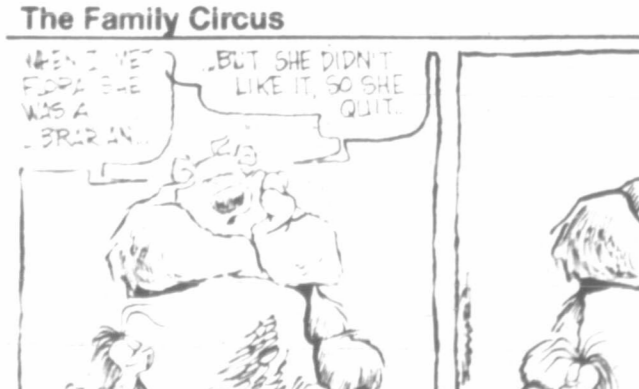
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"I can't sleep, Mommy. I keep seein' spots!"



The Family Circus



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Peanuts

Sports

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Optimist boys' basketball signups-tryouts will be held today through Thursday at the Optimist Gym.

Signup times are from 6 to 8 today and Wednesday night, and from 6 to 7 on Thursday night.

There will be two leagues: third and fourth grades; fifth and sixth grades.

Cost is \$35 per player. Call Rusty Gallagher at 669-7179 if more information is needed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Andria Jones spread 66 points over three games for Kansas State last week to earn Big 12 women's player of the week honors.

Jones, a 6-1 senior from Radnor, Ohio, scored 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds against Nevada, had 21 points and eight rebounds against Florida and got 17 points against No. 15 Kansas.

She is leading the team with 20.4 points and 6.9 rebounds per game.

Phylesha Whaley won the conference rookie of the week award on Monday after scoring 10 points and getting 10 rebounds to help Oklahoma beat Texas A&M. Whaley, a 5-10 freshman from Slaton, Texas, has led Oklahoma in scoring in three games this season and has scored in double figures in the last three games this season.

FOOTBALL

DETROIT (AP) — With Northwestern's Gary Barnett deciding to stay in the college ranks, the Detroit Lions reportedly are turning their attention to former San Diego Chargers coach Bobby Ross for their vacant coaching job.

The Detroit Free Press reported today that the Lions will pursue Ross, who cited philosophical differences with general manager Bobby Beathard when he resigned Friday.

In five years at San Diego, Ross was 47-33, including a 3-3 mark in three playoff appearances. Ross led the team to Super Bowl XXIX, which the Chargers lost 49-26 to the San Francisco 49ers.

San Diego went 8-8 this season. The Lions are searching for a replacement for Wayne Fontes, fired last month after eight-plus seasons. Fontes guided the Lions to the NFC championship game in 1991 and was 67-71 overall, but he also was a disappointing 1-4 in the playoffs.

The Detroit News and Free Press reported Monday that Barnett was to meet this week with Lions officials in Orlando, Fla., where Barnett is attending a coaches convention.

But Barnett said Monday that he was not interested in an NFL job.

"I am not a candidate for the Detroit Lions job nor any other professional football position," Barnett said in a one-sentence news release.

Despite the statement, the News reported today that Barnett's attorney, Rocky Walther, was encouraging him to listen to offers.

"He's just like everyone else; he's going to look at everything that comes along and evaluate it," Walther told the News. "He was going to talk to them (the Lions). A couple of pro teams have called him. I told him: 'It's America, go talk to 'em. What have you got to lose? Find out what the story is.'"

"He loves Northwestern, but it's like anything else ..."

The Lions had no comment on any of the reports involving meetings with potential successors to Fontes.

"Were not commenting publicly regarding any individual candidate," Lions spokesman Mike Murray told The Associated Press on Monday. "We're more or less trying to keep a low profile in regards to this situation."

Is expansion Super Bowl in the works?

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

Think of all the memorable matchups in the Super Bowl. America's Team vs. the Steel Curtain. The Poise and Pride Raiders against the Hogs and Smurfs from Washington. Montana and Marino.

Now try this: the Jacksonville Jaguars vs. the Carolina Panthers. The Expansion Bowl.

If the second-year teams win in Sunday's conference championships, they'll meet in New Orleans on Jan. 26. Unbelievable? Well, the odds at the outset of the season were 300,000-1 against it.

"We beat everybody to get to this point," said Jaguars tackle Tony Boselli, whose outstanding play has helped Jacksonville reach the AFC title game at New England. Carolina is at Green Bay for the NFC crown.

"If they don't like it ... we deserve to be here because we won. The Panthers had a great regular season, we had an all right regular season, good enough to get in. Now we're both playing good football in the playoffs."

"Green Bay is playing good football. So is New England. Why do they have more of a right to be there than us? Because they've been in the league for 100 years or however long?"

"I think the four teams left all deserve to be here because they've all done what it takes to get to this point, and that's win."

The Jaguars won at Rich Stadium, where Buffalo had never lost a playoff game, and at Denver, which was 8-0 at home this season. They needed to win their final five regular-season games to get into the postseason, and they did. Now, they're one step from something really historic.

"At the beginning of the season, if you asked any of our players about winning at Buffalo and Denver in the playoffs and then being in the AFC Championship game," Jaguars running back Natrone Means said, "a lot of us would have laughed at you. That was not on our minds."

"But down the stretch, when we had to win every week just to make the playoffs and we did it, we learned what it takes. So winning in the playoffs has been the same thing."

"We just want to ride this thing as far as we can."

So do the Panthers, who won the NFC West with a 12-4 record and have lost only eight of their last 28 games since they debuted with a five-game losing streak.

All Carolina had to do was eliminate defending champion Dallas last weekend to reach the NFC showdown.

"When you're the new kid on the block, all you're going to hear people talking about is Dallas, San Francisco and Green Bay — and why not?" Panthers coach Dom Capers said. "They're the ones that have been there. This is all new to us."

"But one thing I do know is at the beginning of the year, I saw predictions that we'd win four, six, eight, nine games. I didn't see any 12s."

Who knows? All I know is once you're in the tournament, anything can happen."

Such as the 100-1 Panthers and the 200-1 Jaguars defying the odds to get to the Expansion, uh, Super Bowl?

"Certainly any time you're an underdog it's kind of like you've got something to prove," Panthers quarterback Kerry Collins said. "If people don't think we can do it, we try to take the approach that we'll circle the wagons and we're the only ones who believe in ourselves."

Not everyone in the NFL is thrilled to see such quick success for the expansionists. Several team executives privately mention that the Panthers and Jaguars were afforded too many advantages by having the full \$37 million to spend when they started up; other teams already had huge chunks of the cap occupied by previous contracts. The league also was generous with extra draft picks, rendering the expansion draft of has-beens and won't-bes as relatively meaningless.

Some of the nine coaches who lost their jobs since the beginning of the 1995 season partly blame the rise of the Jaguars and Panthers. Front offices have become impatient as they see second-year teams rush past them.

"The dynamics of the NFL have changed dramatically in the '90s," Rams president John Shaw said. "Success does not come to those who wait. On behalf of our fans, we cannot, nor will we, wait."

They can't. There are two expansion teams they need to catch.

Groom's Ritter invited to compete in six-man bowl

ABILENE — Justin Ritter has probably heard all about how the South all-stars rallied to claim a 60-38 win over the North last year in the inaugural All-Americans Bowl. Now, Ritter will get his chance to help history repeat itself.

The Groom High School standout is one of 24 athletes invited to play on the South squad in the 1997 All-Americans Bowl. The game, which brings together 48 of the world's top six-man football every summer in the football-mad state of Texas, is scheduled to be played at 6 p.m. July 19 at Abilene Christian University. Players from throughout the United States and the Canadian province of Saskatchewan are slated to play a group of Texas all-stars in the game, which is being sponsored by Six-Man Illustrated, Inc.

Ritter, a 6-0, 165-pound senior, played running back and safety for the Tigers. He helped lead Groom to the district championship this season.

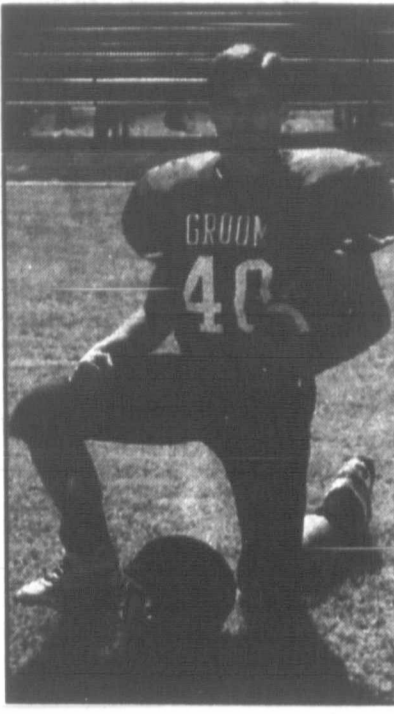
Ritter rushed for 2,315 yards on 219 attempts and 43 touchdowns. In passing, he completed 1 of 2 attempts for a 15-yard touchdown. As a receiver, Ritter made 12 catches for 215 yards and 5 touchdowns. He had 19 PAT's while running for one and passing for another.

On defense, Ritter had 165 total tackles, including 92 solos and 73 assists. He had 5 interceptions and 2 fumble recoveries.

"We are delighted to be able to invite Justin to play in the All-Americans Bowl," said Six-Man Illustrated, Inc. publisher Joe M. Nash. "We set out to put together the best roster we could, and we feel he can be a big part of the team if he chooses to participate."

Make no mistake, there is plenty of talent on hand for the North team, which is coached by Melrose, New Mexico's Dale Means and Hildreth, Nebraska's John Poppert. Players on the North roster will be from Saskatchewan, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Arizona and Montana.

"We feel these are some of the best six-man athletes there are," said Tommy Wells, who, along with Nash, publishes North America's only six-man football magazine. "I think people will be really sur-



Justin Ritter

prised when they see the talent and abilities these athletes have."

Last season, armed with the presence of former Bjokdale standouts Pat Clark and Blair Currey, the North team led through the first three quarters of the game before finally settling for a 60-38 loss on a rain-soaked field in Ranger, Tex.

Athletes invited to the All-Americans Bowl have until Jan. 20 to register for the game. After that deadline, the magazine will begin selecting alternates.

Some of the top players invited to the game include record-setting quarterback John Estes. This past season, the former Abilene Christian standout passed for over 4,000 yards and became six-man football's all-time leader in career passing yards and touchdown passes. Joining Estes on the South roster are several other big-time names, including Jason Sizemore and Jim Kostih, who helped the Gordon Longhorns win the national six-man championship this past season.

The North squad will have plenty of muscle as well. The North will be paced by the likes of Highwood, Montana running back Kam Knudson and Jeremy Black. Knudson is a bruising-style runner who helped carry the Mountaineers to a record-tying fifth straight state title this year. Black, the New Mexico Player of the Year, had over 100 tackles last year as he helped the Melrose Buffaloes nail down their second state championship.

Pampa hosts Canyon cagers tonight

PAMPA — The Canyon Lady Eagles bring a 53-game winning streak into town tonight to face the Pampa Lady Harvesters at 6 in District 1-4A basketball action.

Canyon, the defending Class 4A state champion, is ranked No. 1 in the state by Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and No. 3 in the nation by USA-Today.

"It's going to be a tremendous challenge for us. We're excited about the game. It's not everyone who gets to play one of the top teams in the nation," said Pampa head coach Mike Jones.

The Lady Harvesters are 9-10 overall and 1-3 in district play.

Canyon is 20-0 and 4-0.

Canyon uses a balanced scoring attack to whittle down the opposition. Candi White, 5-6 junior, averages 15 points per game and Valeree Valez, 5-9 senior, averages 12 per game.

Pampa boys will be looking to get back into the district race in their 7:30 matchup against Canyon.

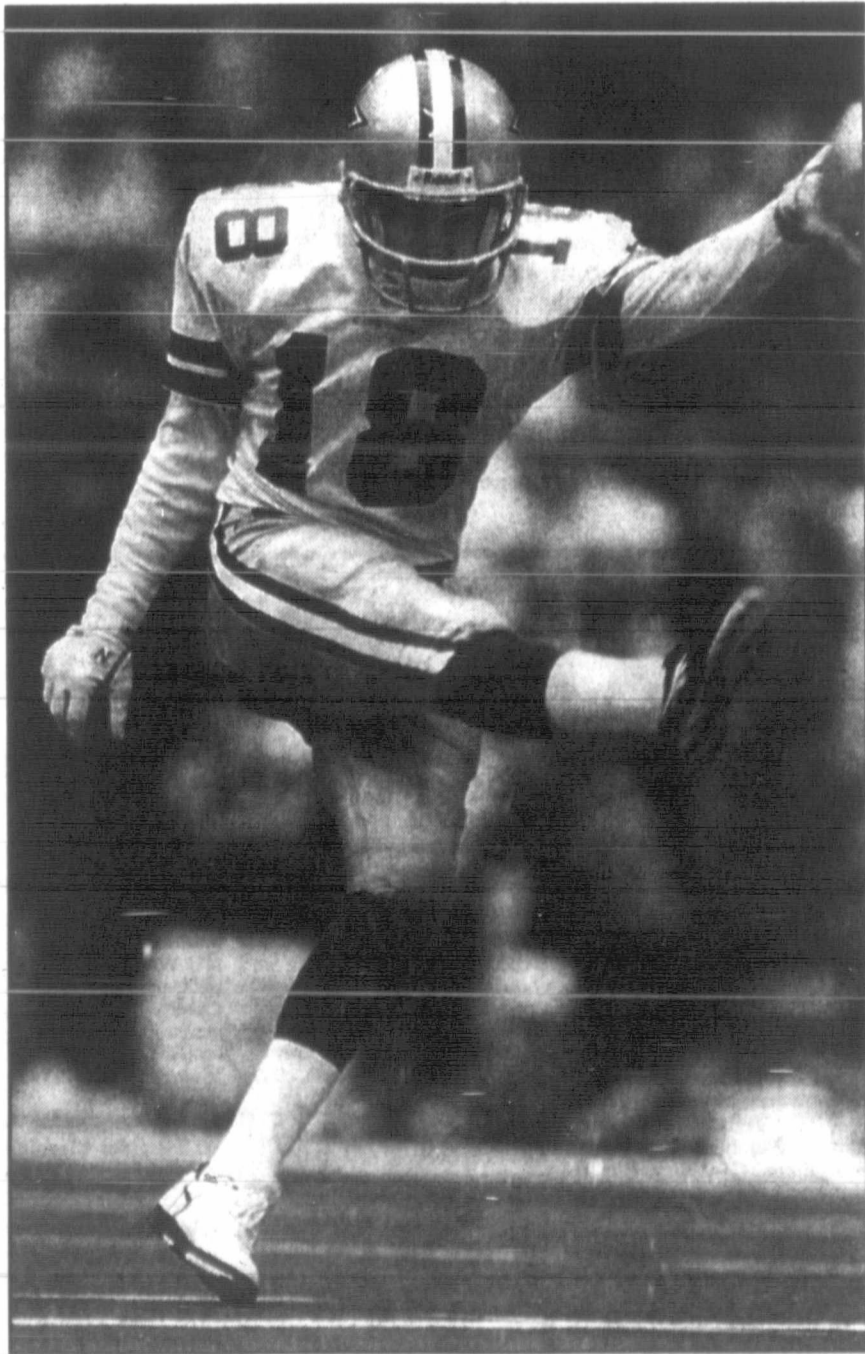
Canyon is 13-8 overall and 2-1 in district play. Pampa is 7-14 and 1-2.

The Eagles are led by 6-1 sophomore Kyle Joy (14.0 ppg) and 6-5 senior Taylor Robinson (13.0 ppg).

Pampa's top scorers are 6-3 senior August Larson (19.0 ppg) and 6-0 sophomore Shawn Young (13.0 ppg). Larson had 22 points, including four 3-point goals, in Pampa's 50-46 loss to Randall last Saturday night. Young drilled three 3-point goals to finish with 12 points.

Pampa opened district play with a 66-53 win over Borger back on Dec. 17. That was followed by district losses to Hereford, 53-50, and Randall. The Harvesters are all alone in fifth place in the seven-team district while the Eagles are tied with Hereford for third place.

Hard decisions face Cowboys in coming weeks



Placekicker Chris Boniol, who has kicked 34 consecutive field goals, will be a free agent. (AP photo)

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Put a big sign up at Valley Ranch: Defending Super Bowl Champion Dallas Cowboys Under Reconstruction!

Owner Jerry Jones has some big decisions to make in the coming months to keep the Cowboys' talent level competitive with the rest of the wild, unpredictable NFL.

The 26-17 NFC divisional playoff win by the Carolina Panthers on Sunday shows how far parity has gone.

"There's not much difference between teams anymore," said Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman.

Aikman will meet with Jones during the off-season to see just what will be done to keep some Cowboys' free agent standouts. That group includes fullback Darryl Johnston, linebacker Darrin Smith, safety George Teague, linebackers Jim Schwantz and Broderick Thomas, running back Herschel Walker, punter John Jett and placekicker Chris Boniol, currently on a streak of 34 consecutive field goals.

Aikman would be sorely unhappy if his pal Johnston were cast adrift on the free agent market. Several years ago Jones failed to sign another one of Aikman's friends, offensive lineman Kevin Gogan, who ended up with the Oakland Raiders.

Smith, a speedy outside linebacker and a good pass defender, likely will be off to greener pastures. The Cowboys don't pay their linebackers, which is one reason Ken Norton wound up in San Francisco.

Teague, picked up off the free agent market for the NFL third-year minimum of \$196,000, made big play after big play once he replaced the injured Brock Marion, who also is a free agent. The Cowboys probably will let Marion go and try to sign Teague.

Other free agents include tight ends Tyji Armstrong and Johnny Mitchell, 14-year veteran Bill Bates, wide receivers Billy Davis, Kelvin Martin and Kevin Williams, defensive back Wendell Davis, defensive lineman Ray Childress, quarterback Jason Garrett, offensive lineman Derek Kennard and linebacker Godfrey Myles.

"We need to get back to work quickly," said running back Emmitt Smith. "We're ready to take the abuse from the media and get back to work."

Said Jones: "We're very disappointed but now we have to look to the future. We still have a lot of great players for the next several years to build a team around."

Aikman, whose contract runs for the rest of this century, said he has no reason to believe he won't be back next year. "As long as I'm enjoying myself and the team is committed to winning, then I'll keep playing," he said.

If anything drives Aikman away, it will be the team's image, which keeps taking big hits. The drug suspensions of Michael Irvin and Leon Lett were the most prominent in 1996.

Team discipline "needs to be addressed, there's no question about that."

"It could be the thing that

makes me end my career," Aikman said. "It's disappointing to see some of the things that happened. I'm ashamed about some of the images we had this year."

Johnston said he hopes to work out something with the Cowboys but said he also will study the team's image before he makes a decision.

"(The image) causes a lot of difficulty," Johnston said. "I'll take some time off, then take a look at things."

The Cowboys' off-field troubles began to affect their performance on the field after the NFL suspended Irvin for five games following his no contest plea to drug possession. Dallas went 2-3 over that span.

Back injuries knocked out tight end Jay Novacek for the entire season and defensive end Charles Haley for most of the year. Emmitt Smith played at half-speed for a portion of the season because of assorted ailments, starting with a neck injury suffered in the first game of the season.

Defensive tackle Leon Lett missed the last three games of the season and the playoffs after failing an NFL drug test.

Still, the Cowboys managed to lurch into the playoffs. Seeking a record fourth Super Bowl in five years, Dallas won the NFC East with a 10-6 record and took out the Vikings 40-15 in the wild-card round.

But their offensive weaknesses and Irvin's elimination with a broken collarbone in Sunday's first quarter against the Carolina Panthers spelled doom for the Cowboys.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL			
Monday's College Basketball Major Scores			
By The Associated Press			
EAST			
Carleton 75, Fairleigh 66	Colgate 78, Manhattan 53	Columbia 66, Lehigh 66	Cornell 69, Lafayette 59
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Texas Southern 78, Jackson State 70	Texas-Arlington 71, Sam Houston St. 63	UNLV 68, Texas Christian 91	FAVORABLE
Arizona St. 89, Chaminade 54	Boise St. 78, Long Beach St. 53	Nevada 78, St. Mary's, Texas 68	National Basketball Association
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All Times EST			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	8	750
New York	23	9	719
Washington	18	15	518 1/2
Orlando	11	17	393
New Jersey	8	21	276 1/2
Philadelphia	8	23	256 1/2
Boston	7	23	233
Central Division			
Chicago	29	4	879
Detroit	24	7	774
Cleveland	10	10	677
Atlanta	21	11	621
Charlotte	18	14	563 1/2
Milwaukee	15	18	484
Indiana	14	18	467 1/2
Toronto	10	21	323
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	8	750
Utah	23	9	719
Minnesota	14	18	438
Dallas	10	19	346 1/2
San Antonio	9	21	300
Denver	8	23	256 1/2
Vancouver	6	27	182 1/2
Pacific Division			
L.A. Lakers	25	10	714
Seattle	23	11	676 1/2
Portland	19	15	559 1/2
Sacramento	14	20	412 1/2
L.A. Clippers	13	19	406 1/2
Golden State	12	19	387
Phoenix	10	22	313 1/2
Sunday's Games			
L.A. Clippers 93, San Antonio 84	New York 97, Milwaukee 92	Boston 109, Phoenix 102	Sacramento 107, Philadelphia 106
L.A. Lakers 95, Vancouver 82			

Monday's Games			
Chicago 102, Utah 89	Portland 86, L.A. Lakers 84	Charlotte 109, Golden State 101	Tuesday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.	Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.	San Antonio at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.	Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.	Miami at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.	Wednesday's Games	San Antonio at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.	Phoenix at Washington, 7:30 p.m.	Houston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.	Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.	Miami at Portland, 10 p.m.	Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.	Vancouver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
FOOTBALL			
NFL Playoffs			
At A Glance			
By The Associated Press			
Wild Cards			
Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27	Dallas 40, Minnesota 15	Sunday, Dec. 29	
Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14	San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0	Divisional Playoffs	
Green Bay 35, San Francisco 14	Jacksonville 30, Denver 27	Sunday's Games	
New England 28, Pittsburgh 3	Carolina 26, Dallas 17	Conference Championships	
Carolina at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)	Jacksonville at New England, 4 p.m. (NBC)	Super Bowl	
Sunday, Jan. 28			
At New Orleans			
Carolina-Green Bay winner vs. Jacksonville	New England winner, 6:18 p.m. (FOX)	Pro Bowl	
Sunday, Feb. 2			
At Honolulu			
AFC vs. NFC, 8 p.m. (ABC)			
BOWLING			
HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA			
Harvester Women's League			
Week's High Scores			
High game: Geneva Schifflin 186; High handicap series: Ann O'Brien 496; High handicap game: Nell Henderson 224; High handicap series: Lois Rogers 611.			
Wednesday Night Mixed League			
Week's High Scores			
Men	High game: Kenzie Day 198; High series: David Livingston 543; High handicap game: Kenzie Day 225; High handicap series: Kenzie Day 599.		
Women	High game: Billie Gowdy 192; High series: Billie Gowdy 537; High handicap game: Lydia Shelton 222; High handicap series: Lynda Beecher 628.		
TRANSACTIONS			
Monday's Sports Transactions			
By The Associated Press			
BASEBALL			
American League			
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with 2B Norberto Martin on a one-year contract.	CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Daron Kirkreit on a minor-league contract. Named Ted Walsh equipment and home clubhouse manager.		
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with C David Valle and RHP Richie Lewis on minor-league contracts and assigned them to Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League.	National League		
CINCINNATI REDS—Named Rob Butcher director of media relations.	COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jerry DiPoto on a one-year contract. Named Billy White batting and field instructor for Asheville of the South Atlantic League.		
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with C Damon Berryhill on a minor-league contract.			
N.Y. Rangers 6, Ottawa 4			
Philadelphia 4, Colorado 4, tie			
Vancouver 7, Toronto 3			
Calgary 4, San Jose 3			
Florida 6, Los Angeles 0			
Sunday's Games			
Buffalo 5, Phoenix 1	St. Louis 5, New Jersey 3	Detroit 5, Chicago 5, tie	Monday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 3	Montreal 5, Hartford 4	Colorado 2, N.Y. Rangers 2, tie	Vancouver 5, Anaheim 1
Tuesday's Games	Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.	Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.	Edmonton at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.	Buffalo at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.	Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.	Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.	Colorado at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.	Edmonton at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.	Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Florida at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.			
BASEBALL			
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Peter O'Malley, whose family has controlled the Dodgers since 1950 — seven years before they moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles — announced that the team is for sale.			
O'Malley, about 60, said estate planning was the primary reason behind the decision. However, former Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda said he has the opinion that O'Malley was unhappy with the recent problems in baseball.			
The sale price could be more than \$300 million, well above the current record for a baseball team, the \$173 million paid by Peter Angelos' group for the Baltimore Orioles in 1993.			
SEATTLE (AP) — The Metropolitan King County Council voted 8-5 to authorize the sale of \$336 million in bonds to build a 45,000-seat, retractable-roof stadium for the Mariners and 1,500-car garage.			
FOOTBALL			
GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Tom up in Green Bay's playoff victory over San Francisco on Saturday, Lambeau Field will be re-soiled for Sunday's NFC Championship game against Carolina.			
More than 85,000 cubic feet of grass, at an estimated cost to the NFL of over \$100,000, was being trucked in today from Poolesville, Md. The project is scheduled to be completed by Thursday night.			
Meanwhile, police said that they could not confirm reports by fans that 49ers owner Edward DeBartolo Jr. punched a man after Saturday's game.			
ATLANTA (AP) — Doug Williams, the MVP of the 1988 Super Bowl, accepted the coaching job at Morehouse College. The former quarterback, rumored to be a top candidate to replace Eddie Robinson as Grambling State's coach after the 1997 season, agreed to a five-year contract. Williams was a scout for the Jacksonville Jaguars the last two years.			
OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — Michigan led NCAA schools in attendance for the 23rd consecutive year, averaging 105,832 fans. Tennessee was second at 105,418, followed by Penn State (96,167), Ohio State (94,028) and national champion Florida (86,401). The attendance for games of the 596 NCAA schools with football teams increased 359,847 to 35,997,631, just short of the record 38,458,998 in 1994.			
BASKETBALL			
PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns suspended forward Robert Horry for two games without pay for throwing a towel and swearing at coach Danny Ainge during Sunday's game at Boston. The penalty is a maximum allowed under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement. Meanwhile, the Viad Corp said it had sold its 26 percent interest back to the team for \$31.5 million.			
SKIING			
KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia (AP) — Austria's Thomas Sykora won his third World Cup slalom title of the season, beating France's Sebastien Amiez by 0.36 seconds. Matt Grosejan of Steamboat Springs, Colo., was fourth, his best ever World Cup result. Italian star Alberto Tomba finished eighth.			
BEND, Ore. (AP) — Olympian John Bauer extended his national championships winning streak to five races, taking the 30-kilometer event in the U.S. Cross Country Championships in 1 hour, 23 minutes, 36.8 seconds.			

Top-ranked Kansas rolls by Texas, 86-61

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Top-ranked Kansas was all set for a high-scoring, running game when No. 22 Texas came to town.

Instead, the Longhorns slowed down their offense and played a zone defense, effectively controlling the tempo of the game in the first half.

The Jayhawks finally adjusted to the unexpected tempo in the second half and went on to an 86-61 victory Monday night, maintaining their perfect record at 14-0, including 2-0 in the Big 12.

"At one point I looked up in the first half and it was 13-13, and I couldn't believe it," said Paul Pierce, who had 10 of his 17 points in the first half to keep the Jayhawks in the game.

"I thought they would come out and try to run. We tried to pick up the tempo."

Kansas, suffering through a second straight bad shooting night, probably should have been blown out in the first half. But Texas (7-4, 1-1) hardly shot any better and had 12 turnovers in the half.

Kansas shot only 24 percent in the half to 29 percent for Texas, but the Jayhawks defense had a lot to do with the Longhorns' problems. Texas twice failed to beat the shot clock, and had to throw up long 3-pointers on two other occasions to beat it.

"Defensively, there is no coach in America who could want more from his team," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "Our kids really defended and defended for 35 seconds. You've got to be patient when they spread the floor and control the tempo like that and play defense for 35 seconds."

Rafael LaFrentz, told by Williams at halftime that his output of one point and three turnovers was unacceptable, took control underneath in the second half to finish with 15 points.

"They came out with a great game plan," LaFrentz said. "I don't think we expected them to control the tempo like that. We were tentative."



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Niekro elected to Hall; Sutton and Perez fall short

NEW YORK (AP) — For Hall of Fame voters, trying to assess Phil Niekro's career was just as baffling as trying to hit his knuckleball.

Kept out of the Hall in his first four years of eligibility, Niekro easily made it Monday. He was the only player elected, leaving fellow 300-game winner Don Sutton and former slugger Tony Perez to wait at least another year.

"Well, sometimes you wonder," Niekro said at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. "I thought someday it was going to come."

Niekro was named on 380 of the 473 ballots for 80.34 percent, well above the required 75 percent.

Niekro was the top vote-getter last year when no one was elected, with 68.3 percent. He never had come so close — he received 65.7 percent in his first year of eligibility in 1993, followed by 60 percent in 1994 and 62.1 percent in 1995.

"It's a day of a dream. I've had my nightmares," Niekro said.

Niekro, 318-274 in 24 seasons, mostly with the Braves, was at a loss to explain why he suddenly became so popular with the voters. Certainly his timing was good because of the strong crop of candidates coming up — Gary Carter in 1998 and then Nolan Ryan, George Brett, Robin Yount, Carlton Fisk and Dale Murphy in 1999.

"Giving a description of today's phone call is impossible," Niekro said. "I've been stunned before. I just didn't prepare myself this year. I was not going to get myself so high."

Sutton, on the ballot for the fourth time, fell nine votes short of the necessary 355. Sutton called Niekro to congratulate him.

"There's a guy who won 324 games, more than I have," Niekro said. "You try to figure that one out."

"I'll tell you, I'm very disappointed for him," he said. "I thought maybe we'd go in together. Actually, I thought he'd go in before me. I feel for the guy. I know what he's going through."

Perez, on the ballot for the sixth time, missed by 43 in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Niekro will join reliever Hoyt Wilhelm as the preeminent knuckleballers in the Hall when he is enshrined as the 229th member. The exact date for the induction ceremonies this summer in Cooperstown, N.Y., has not yet been determined.

Billy Williams was the last player who had to wait as long as Niekro to make it into the Hall. The former Chicago Cubs star was elected on his sixth try in 1987.

Niekro pitched two seasons in Milwaukee, moved with the team to Atlanta from 1966-1983, and later pitched for the New York Yankees, Cleveland and Toronto. He made a final, farewell appearance for Atlanta in 1987 at age 48

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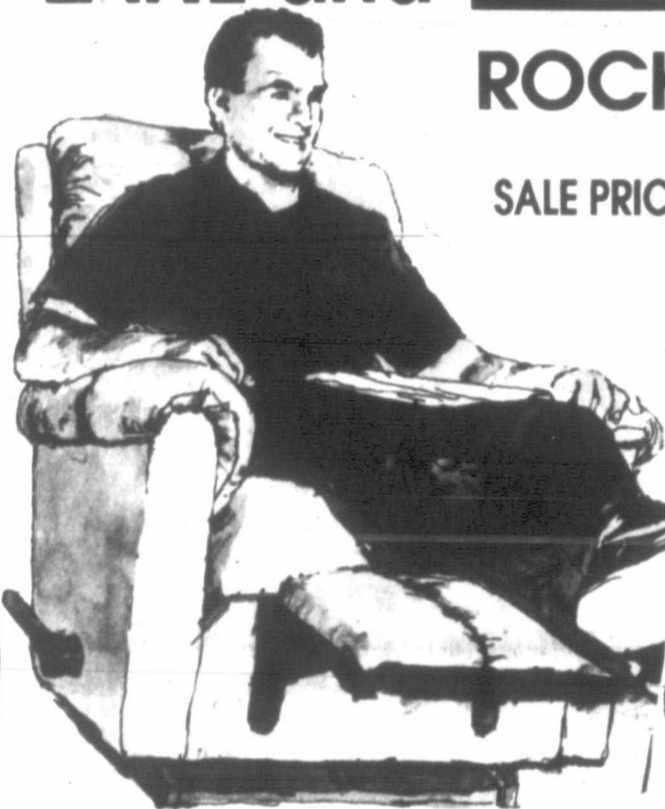
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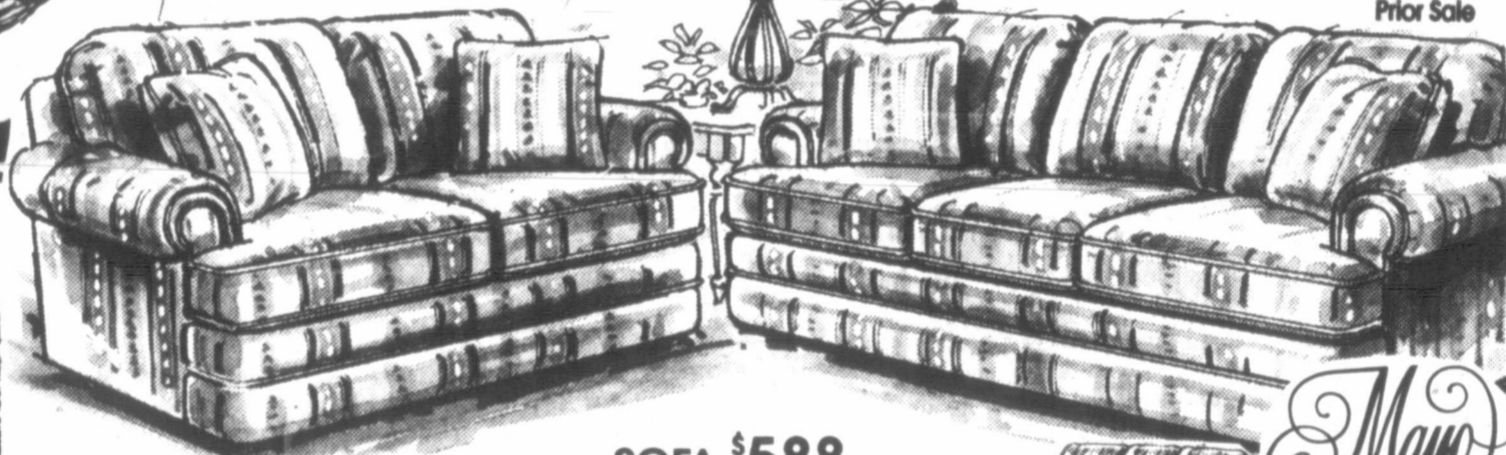
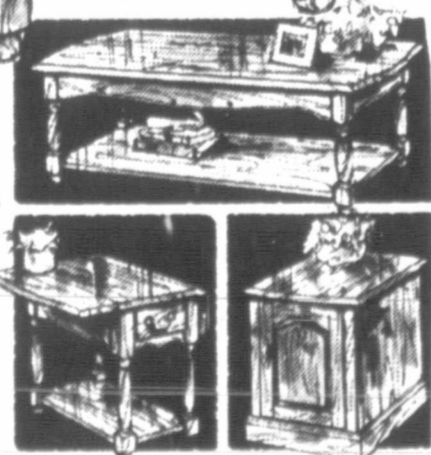
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