

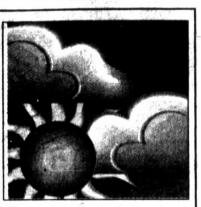


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Low tonight 33 degrees. High Friday 58. For weather details, see Page 2.

LAS CRUCES, N.M. -The U.S. imported more feeder cattle from Mexico in 1997 than it did in 1996.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported this week that year to date figures showed 651,679 head of cattle being imported from Mexico to be fed out in U.S. feedyards. This figure compares to 431,479 head in 1996.

In 1996, there were also 816 head of cattle that were imported to the U.S. for slaughter. This year, no cattle were imported for slaughter, USDA officials reported.

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) -American and Vietnamese veterans set off today on a 1,200-mile bicycle journey from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City intended to create bonds of friendship among the onetime battlefield foes.

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) -

Local bankers look forward to 1998 with enthusiasm

idents of a local bank say Pampa's economic future looks

bright. "I am very optimistic about the future of our bank and the future of Pampa," said Jerry Foote, the new president of National Bank of Commerce. "We have some positive economic indicators which are deserving of mention."

Foote cited the renewed activity in the oil and gas industry in the area.

ing place," he said "Service some excellent farmer's in this companies are busy and leases area."

Both the retiring and new pres- are being sought and sold." Foote said he foresees the demand for

natural gas getting stronger nationwide. "We have an abundance of

reserves in this immediate area," he said. "The ag area

Foote is also very

strong and getting stronger," said Ben Shackelford, retiring "There is a lot of drilling tak- president of the bank. "There are

retail sales in Pampa as an indicator of a stronger economy.

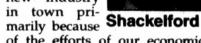
The stronger economy has led to a shortage of housing which could mean even more jobs and a better economy for 1998. "The real estate market is

strong and it appears that it is only a matter of time before a new subdivision is started in Pampa," Foote said. Commercial real estate occu-

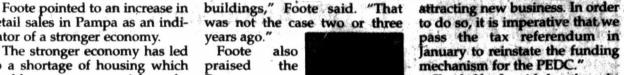
pancy is also on the increase, he said.

was not the case two or three years ago."

Foote also praised the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. "There is new industry



of the efforts of our economic development corporation," he "If you drive down Cuyler said. "It is very important that Steet. Hobart Street or Price we are able to compete with Road, you see very few vacant other panhandle towns in



Shackelford said he thought Pampa was a good place for business.

"If I were not retiring," Shackelford said, "Pampa is where I would want to be in the banking business."

"I am very pleased to be named president of the National Bank of Commerce and to have raised my family in Pampa," Foote said. "We have a lot to be thankful for in Pampa."

New year brings major vote on city's economy

The new year has just begun but for Lew Mollenkamp of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation the most important day of the year is nearly at hand. The city votes Jan. 17 whether to extend the PEDC's mandate or to have it expire in 2001. Mollenkamp said that vote will have a major effect on his office and the future of the community. Mollenkamp said even if the vote goes against the PEDC, the

agency will still remain in business for half a decade.

"We'll still do economic development, we'd still be in business for five years," he said. "We'll keep the office open and take





Tempers were short and election fraud accusations rampant today in Kenya's capital, where riot police moved in to settle a dispute at a ballotcounting center after. President Daniel arap Moi's supporters objected to the results.

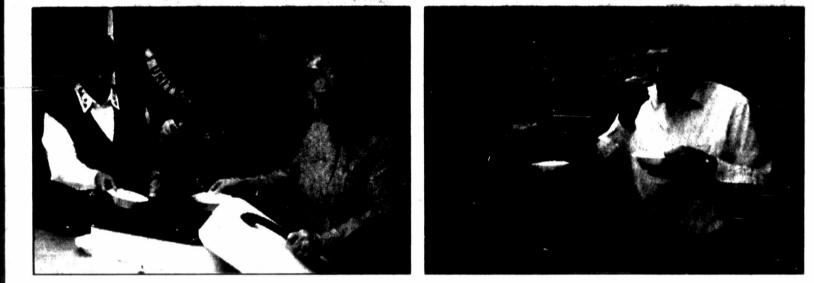
NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) -Burundian rebels attacked a military camp and village just outside that country's capital early today, leaving at least 132 people dead, a radio report said.

In an hours-long battle with the army, at least 30 rebels and two soldiers were killed, Lt. Col. Mamert Sinarinzi told Burundian radio.

• James William "Bill" Mathews, 97, lifelong resident of Hemphill County.

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Happy New Year!

The veterans and auxiliary of Foreign War Post #1657 hosted their third annual Black-eyed Pea and Cornbread Feed today. As Pampans gathered for the free feed today at the post on Cuyler, the veterans accepted donations for repair of the post's north wall. The wall borders von Brunow Park at Cuyler and Foster. As the building on the corner was torn down this past year to make room for the park, city workers discovered the wall of the VFW post did not appear structurally sound. Clockwise from the top left, Dean Carson dishes up a bowl of black-eyed peas while, top right, Joyce Carson and Dorothy Gallimore and, lower left, Selma Heard, Minnie Emmons and Bula Flynn serve the New Year black-eyes. Lower right, Gary Pettit and Maurice Heard enjoy the fruits of the post's labor.

Gray County Commissioners Court accepts insurance bid

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY Staff Writer

A workers compensation insurance bid for \$42,493 from Duncan, Fraser and Bridges was accepted by the commissioners court. The bid was chosen yesterday at the court's special session over another bid for \$44,407 from The Texas Association of Counties.

Other decisions made at the meeting include the acceptance of a renewal for a Challenge-Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. A new con-

continue to contribute some in- Interlocal kind services for projects at Lake McClellan in conjunction with funding from the Forest Service.

Commissioners also voted to renew the Interlocal Agreement for Conducting Hearings and Proceedings for Court-Ordered Mental Health Services with various panhandle counties. Gray County and County Judge Richard Peet's office will continue to the conduct hearings of mental health service cases for persons over the age of 65 in the county.

In related matters, the court

Agreement for Conducting Hearings and Proceedings for Court-Ordered Mental Health Services with Potter County for cases of persons under age 65.

Other decisions passed at yesterday's session include:

• A request from District Clerk Yvonne Moler to place Gaye Honderich's signature on various accounts

• A request from Sheriff Copeland to transfer one Deputy Sergeant position to a Jail Sergeant position

• The creation of an emertract will allow the county to also agreed to renew the gency budget amendment to pay

retired County employee George Britton for the month of December

• The payment of bills and salaries as approved by the **County Auditor**

• The consideration of transfers as recommended by the **County Auditor**

 Consideration of intrabudget transfer requests.

The water and sewer systems to businesses long Price Road, the GIS/911 system, the airport project and the use of Constable James Lewis to the City of Lefors were issues discussed without action.

care of the deals we've already done and do a very limited amount of other deals. Just try to be as creative as possible.

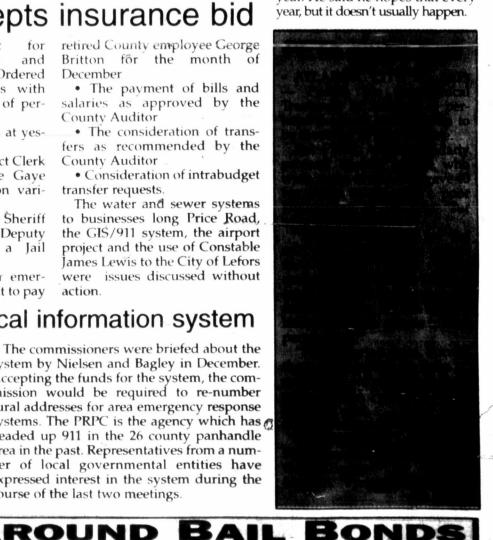
The reason that the kind of deals the PEDC can make are limited now is they can't commit to more than five years and some large projects need longer terms than that.

"If the vote passes, what that really enables us to do is first of all do better deals because we can tie the businesses we do a deal with to a longer term commitment," he said. "And we can be more competitive and be able to compete for some of the bigger and better projects.

He said his goal for this year is to get the first business into the industrial park.

The first business is the hardest, he said, because no business wants to be first. In order to do that, they must determine what kind of buildings can be built out there.

Personatly, Mollenkamp said, he hopes to play more golf this year. He said he hopes that every year, but it doesn't usually happen.



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Commissioners look at new emergency geographical information system

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY Staff Writer

The hunt for rural residences during 911 emergency situations could become a thing of the past as the effort to implement a Geographical Information System (GIS) in Gray County becomes the wave of the future.

County commissioners were asked for \$20,000 toward the purchase of the system during yesterday's special session.

An additional \$60,000 in funding is available if Gray County agrres to a \$20,000 financial or in-kind services commitment. Commissioners expressed interest but chose to table the decision until they could evaluate county resources more thoroughly.

A GIS is a pictorial computer mapping sys tem with attached information systems containing data on the location, size and ownership of property: It can be programmed with facts about every residence in the county.

The commissioners were briefed about the system by Nielsen and Bagley in December. Accepting the funds for the system, the commission would be required to re-number rural addresses for area emergency response systems. The PRPC is the agency which has @ headed up 911 in the 26 county panhandle area in the past. Representatives from a number of local governmental entities have expressed interest in the system during the course of the last two meetings.

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Services tomorrow

MATHEWS, James William "Bill" - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

JAMES WILLIAM 'BILL' MATHEWS CANADIAN - James William "Bill" Mathews, 97, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dinzel Leonard officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Mathews was born Jan. 5, 1900, in Hemphill County, to James and Nancy Mathews. He had been a lifelong Hemphill County resident. He married Una Atkinson on Sept. 5, 1926, at Canadian; she died July 15, 1990.

He was employed by Isaacs Ranch for 13 years as a cowboy. He later moved to Canadian. He also worked for Co-op Oil and Gas for several years, the Texas Highway Department and was a heavy equipment operator for the City of Canadian. He retired from Hemphill County and owned-operated Mathews Trailer Park.

He had been a resident of the Edward Abraham Memorial Home since 1990. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gene Mathews; seven brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Helen McCurry of Phoenix City, Ala.; a son, Bob Mathews of Arkansas City, Kan.; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren

The family requests memorials be to Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014.

Police report

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

Wednesday, December 31

Clayton D. Johnson, 33, 407 E. Browning, was arrested for violating a protection order.

Christian Edward Bruce, 17, 612 Red Deer, was arrested for assault by contact.

David Claude Chapman, 33, 500 S. Barns, was arrested on a warrant.

Melinda Gail Chapman, 31, 500 S. Barns, was arrested on a warrant.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, December 31

Tony Campos, 40, 720 Murphy, was arrested for ublic intoxication.

Steven Michael Willett, 18, no address, possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages.

Preston Eugene Reed, 18, 2611 Navajo, Driving While Intoxicated, Possession of marijuana, minor in possession.

Fires

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

Thursday, January 1

1:50 a.m. -3 units and four personnel responded to the 1500 block of N. Coffee on a reported grass fire.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, December 31

9:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported one to a local nursing facility.

1:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of N. Hobart on an auto accident. No one was transported.

3:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Gray "12" and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

3:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:09 p.m. \rightarrow A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of N. Davis and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthonys in Amarillo.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

BELTON, TX MOORE RELIC SHOW The Belton, TX Moore Relic Show will take place Jan. 23-25, at Bell Co. Expo, IH-35 Exit 292. Info: P.O. Box 247, Salado, TX 76571 (274)939-7530

At bombing trial, eyes turn to

Prosecution seeks to turn Kaczynski's writings against him

By LINDA DEUTSCH AP Special Correspondent

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) --A federal prosecutor is seeking permission to use what he says is Theodore Kaczynski's admission to three bombings when the Unabomber suspect's trial begins next week.

'We have admissions to three of the four charged bombings, prosecutor Robert Cleary said Wednesday. He asked U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. for permission to include the defendant's own words in the government's opening statement on Monday.

The judge did not immediately rule on the request.

Prosecutors say the writings were found among thousands of documents seized by federal investigators at Kaczynski's Montana cabin following his April 1996 arrest.

Cleary also disclosed a plan to quote another six statements by Kaczynski about bombings that have not been the basis of legal charges.

which had agreed to allow evi- unsealed.

dence of the uncharged bombings, objected strenuously to use of the defendant's own words about them. The statements were

not made public. The court session Wednesday often resembled a careful legal minuet, with lawyers discussing Kaczynski's statements while if convicted. dancing around revealing their content.

At one point, defense attorney Judy Clarke suggested closing the courtroom, but Burrell declined.

Clarke then argued that the government had "a host of statements" from the defendant without the half-dozen disputed ones. She said it was unclear if the statements will be admissible at trial and thus should not be mentioned at the outset.

Meanwhile, Burrell revealed that Kaczynski made potentially damaging statements in a private conference with the judge during a dispute over his lawyers' plans

to portray him as mentally ill. Burrell said the defendant's The prosecution and the news photos and physical evidence. Kaczvnski's defense team, media sought to have them.

global flight attempt.

right."

Kaczynski, 55, a math professor-turned-hermit, is accused of using bombs to kill two people in Sacramento and maim two university scientists with package bombs that carried Sacramento postmarks. He has pleaded innocent and faces the death penalty

The FBI has linked a total of 16 bombings to the elusive antitechnology zealot nicknamed the Unabomber because of attacks aimed at universities and airlines. Kaczynski is charged separately in New Jersey with the third fatality blamed on the

Unabomber. Lawyers also said they had reached an agreement on how to tell jurors details of 12 bombings that are not among the charges facing Kaczynski. The judge appeared pleased.

You have saved the court considerable work and I appreciate Burrell said, indicating that it." the joint agreement is likely to streamline the complicated trial.

The agreement will eliminate comments will remain sealed. the need to show jurors extensive

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And then there was one — for now, one balloonist making global bid

By JIM SALTER Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — While a competitor was left wondering what went wrong over northern Indiana, millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett drifted over the evening. Three hours later, a Atlantic this morning in pursuit burst helium container aboard of one of aviation's last frontiers. Fossett, seeking to become the

first person to fly a hot-air bal-20,000-mile journey for the record loon around the world nonstop, books. was over the ocean near Savannah, Ga., less than 12 hours after taking off from Busch Stadium in St. Louis. miles southeast of Chicago just

By 4 a.m., he was traveling at 20,000 feet at about 85 mph.

"Everything's going well. It's one of those boring periods that control director, said of Fossett's expected, saying the conditions



fourth attempt. "It's one of those were right. times when everything's going

"I'm very worried about the competition," Fossett said just before liftoff. "I'm hoping my Very little apparently went right for Kevin Úliassi, who took prior experience in dealing with off from a 300-foot-deep quarry problems with the flight will give near Rockford, Ill., Wednesday me the advantage."

Fossett soon may have more competition. Dick Rutan, who Uliassi's balloon forced him to helped fly the experimental lightweight plane Voyager around the abort what he hoped would be a world nonstop 11 years ago, was to take off from Albuquerque, Uliassi, 34, landed safely in N.M., as soon as the weather is Starke County, Ind., less than 100 right.

British millionaire Richard before midnight, spokesman Branson planned to lift off earlier Mark Rosati said. It was his first this month from Morocco, but the balloon tore away from its moor-In St. Louis, nearly 300 people ings and sailed away without. him over North Africa. Branson; clapped and cheered as Fossett's you hope for in one of these balloon rose into the air. Fossett vows to try again. And Swiss balthings," Alan Blount, mission left nearly an hour earlier than loonist Bertrand Piccard is preparing for a launch from the Swiss Alps, though no launch date has been set.

Anheuser-Busch is spons

defense in bid to spare Nichols' life

By STEVEN K. PAULSON Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — Ending the prosecution's penalty phase with attorneys have indicated they an emotional barrage, a mother tearfully shouted at Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols and jurors that her dead daughter "was stolen from me."

Jurors appeared stunned as Kathleen Treanor screamed and pounded the lectern Wednesday as she recalled losing her 4-year- and eight counts of involuntary old, one of 19 children to die in manslaughter on Dec. 23. the blast.

"I buried a little white box. I shouted, hammering out each word and rising slightly from her chair. Nichols looked surprised.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch later told the jury that the jury would give Nichols the Mrs. Treanor, who also lost two in-laws in the blast, was out of control.

"The woman lost it and the volume with which she expressed her anger is something that may have been intended to suggest more to you than she was asked," Matsch said. "You'll have to disregard it. Obviously, that was inappropriate."

Mrs. Treanor was one of the last witnesses called before prosecusecure a death penalty against Nichols.

Defense attorneys will get their chance to respond on Friday, when they begin calling Nichols' relatives to show him as a committed, loving father. His ex-wife ing or talked of grave-side ser- stop using the word "murder."

Lana Padilla, who testified for the vices. prosecution during the guilt

phase of the trial, has been subpoenaed by the defense. Nichols' will wrap up early next week.

Court was in recess today. The government brought in 55 Ashley begged Mrs. Treanor to witnesses over three days in an effort to persuade the jury to impose the death sentence, even though that same jury found Nichols guilty only of conspiracy Nichols was acquitted of mur-

der charges after the jury connever saw her again and I had to cluded he never intended to kill. live with the guilt, the guilt of Co-defendant Timothy McVeigh being a mother who had to work. was convicted earlier this year of ... I wanted to die," Mrs. Treanor all 11 murder and conspiracy charges and sentenced to death.

> Because of the mixed verdict against Nichols, legal experts have said it would be unlikely taken from my family. I have no death penalty. The other options are life in prison or a lesser term in the bombing, later said he was to be determined by Matsch.

Earlier Wednesday, the judge said, "I can understand why." warned jurors to steel themselves and maintain their perspective as they listened to the sometimes have to keep a cool head about it. graphic testimony about the 168 I don't want anything to cause a people killed in the April 19, mistrial.' 1995, bombing.

He said he noticed some jurors cannot go back and revisit their wiping away tears as they lis- verdict, and should ignore the icy tened and reminded them that stares of some witnesses and victors rested their uphilf bid to their duty was to weigh all testi- tims who indicated they thought mony evenly.

The admonition came after wrong. defense attorneys objected several times to some of the testimony, Lynn Gist, who repeatedly insistespecially when witnesses specu- ed her sister Karen "was murlated on the motive of the bomb- dered." Matsch ordered her to

Taking the stand in the late afternoon, Mrs. Treanor calmly told jurors her daughter, Ashley Eckles, was "the sunshine of my life.'

On the day of the bombing, stay home and "play with her," but Mrs. Treanor said she couldn't because she had just started a new job.

By the time she took Ashley to her in-laws, who watched her during the day, the girl had settled down.

"She threw her arms around me and kissed me one last time and the next time I saw her was in a box," Mrs. Treanor said, her voice rising as she began to shout.

"My daughter was gone. She was taken from me. She was daughter now," she said, crying. Roy Sells, who lost his wife Lee 'sad" to see the outburst, but

"I think probably we've all felt like that from time to time. We

Matsch earlier told jurors they the verdict may have been

Among those witnesses was

Israeli Foreign Minister Levy says he will resign

By HILARY APPELMAN Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a blow to an already embattled Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his foreign minister said today he would resign was "not a trick" and he did not expect last-minute because the proposed 1998 budget did not address the growing problems of Israel's needy.

"I will vote against the budget, and that means a resignation from the government, period," David Levy, a key coalition member, said in a dramatic news conference at the Foreign Ministry hours ahead of the expected budget vote.

"This budget does not give an answer to unemployment (and) people will continue to suffer," evy said. "It discriminates between those who are close to the parties in power and those who are not. I will do my duty and vote against this evil policy."

Levy, a pro-peace moderate who has frequently threatened to resign during the hard-line Netanyahu's stormy 19 months in power, said he would step down after voting against the budget.

The foreign minister insisted his announcement changes in the budget.

Levy's announcement came after the government missed a New Year's Eve deadline for passing the budget and wrangling continued in Parliament. Without the five lawmakers of Levy's Gesher faction and other coalition rebels, Netanyahu's majority appeared uncertain leading into the vote, expected Friday.

However, commentators said it was possible a vote on the budget could be postponed further, leaving time for Netanyahu to find a way to satisfy Levy's demands.

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Weather focus LOCAL FORECAST

The new year in Pampa should begin with sunny skies turning partly cloudy this afternoon. A high of 55 is expected with southwest winds from 10 to 20 miles per hour and gusty.

Tonight's sky will remain partly cloudy with southwest winds five to 15 mph and an overnight low of 33 degrees. Temperatures Friday should

reach the upper 50s with west winds from 10 to 15 mph. The low Friday night under partly cloudy skies should be in

he lower 30s. There is a chance of rain Saturday and Sunday under partly cloudy skies. The high Saturday should be 40 degrees. The high Sunday is expected to

be about 42. **REGIONAL FORECAST** SOUTH TEXAS -- Hill Country - Thursday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle. Highs in the lower 60s. Thursday night, cloudy with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle. Lows in the upper 40s Hill Country to 50s south central. Friday, cloudy with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle. Highs in the mid 60s to around 70. Friday night, cloudy with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle. Lows in the mid and upper 50s. Extended forecast, Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs near 70. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s. Monday, cloudy and turning cooler with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 60s.

WEST TEXAS -- South Plains/Low Rolling Pains New Years Day, partly cloudy

rices - all 18 packs beer \$9.99, nleaded \$1.19.9. Adv. and breezy. Highs 55 to 65. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. east. Lows in the 30s. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows mid 30s to mid 40s. Extended forecast, Saturday through Sunday, Highs lower 50s to lower 60s.

mid 40s to mid 50s. cloudy morning, partly cloudy afternoon. Highs 60 to 65. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast, Saturday through Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows rain. Lows in the 30s. Highs in

the 50s. **NORTH TEXAS** -- New Years Day, mostly cloudy west, Lows teens and 20s mountains increasing cloudiness elsewhere. Windy west and central. Highs 56 to 63. Thursday night, mostly mountains and north with mostcloudy with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle late east. Windy west and central. Lows 46 to 52. Friday, mostly cloudy. Windy west and central. A slight chance of light rain or drizzle east. Highs 63 to 69. Extended forecast, Friday night, cloudy and mild. Lows in the 50s. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs in a chance of showers. Mild with the 60s to near 70. Sunday, cloudy with a chance of rain and thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 60s' to near 70. Monday, cloudy with rain and thunderstorms likely. Turning rain each day. Thunderstorms cooler northwestern half. Lows in the 50s. Highs upper 50s

the Budweiser Cup, offering \$500,000 to the first person or team to circle the globe in a balloon, along with \$500,000 to the charity of the winner's choice. The deadline is Dec. 31, 1999.

Fossett, 53, has tried three times before. His best effort was in January, when his balloon stayed aloft six days and traveled 10,377 miles — about twice as far as anyone had previously flown in 213 years of ballooning — before run-ning out of fuel. He landed safely in a mustard field in India.

northwest to upper 60s south-

BORDER STATES FORECAST NEW MEXICO — Thursday night, increasing cloudiness northwest with partly cloudy skies east and south. Lows teens mostly cloudy with a chance of to mid 20s mountains and northrain. Lows mid 30s to mid 40s. west with upper 20s to 30s else where. Friday and Friday night Monday, slight chance of rain. mostly cloudy northwest. Partly Lows mid 20s to mid 30s. Highs cloudy elsewhere. Highs from around 40 to the low 50s moun Permian Basin/Upper Trans tains and north with mid 50s to Pecos — New Years Day, mostly 60s lower elevations south. Lows teens to near 30 mountains and north with 30s to low 40s lower elevations south. Extended fore-Lows in the lower 40s. Friday, cast, Saturday, a slight chance of mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid showers and mountain snow 60s. Friday night, mostly cloudy. showers northwest. Dry southeast. Highs middle 30s to near 50 mountains and north with 50s to low 60s lower elevations south Lows teens and 20s mountains upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs in and north with 30s to low 40s the 60s. Monday, slight chance of lower elevations south. Sunday and Monday, cooler with chance of lowland rain and mainly mountain snow showers. and north with upper 20s to 30s elsewhere. Highs 30s and 40s ly 50s southwest.

OKLAHOMA — Thursday night, increasing clouds southeast Oklahoma with a slight chance of showers. Clear to partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows ranging from the 30s in northwest Oklahoma to the upper 40s southeast Oklahoma. Friday and Friday night, mostly cloudy with highs from the mid 50s to mid 60s. Lows mostly 40s with a few lower 50s southeast Oklahoma. Extended forecast, Saturday through Monday, a chance of possible south. Lows mostly 40s. Highs 50s north to 60s south.

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hen he was accused of having had an

The Boston Globe reported in April that Kennedy's rife, Victoria Gifford Kennedy, daughter of sportscaster Fran

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"was pretty shocked ... and said the prayers of the firs ould be with (the Kennedys) as they endured yet anothe proceedy," Lockhart said.

School construction must go on ...



New Year's tax breaks give many Americans something to celebrate

WASHINGTON (AP) - New Year's tax breaks \$68,400 from \$65,400. could leave many American families with a little more cash to spend in 1998.

"The changes will help taxpayers from the childhood years to the education years, and from the savings years to the retirement years," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

People will have to wait until they file their 1998 tax forms over a year from now before reaping most of the benefits from the tax code changes that were included in a balanced federal budget deal and took effect today.

But families who qualify for a new \$400 credit for each child under age 17 could start keeping some extra cash immediately if parents adjust their 1998 payroll withholding. A mother of three children, for example, could ask her employer to take \$100 less out of her paycheck each month for taxes, and spend her \$1,200 in child credits throughout this year.

The child credit is available to families with incomes below \$75,000 if they file a single tax return and \$110,000 if a mother and father file jointly. Families with higher earnings can get partial credits - reduced by \$50 for every additional \$1,000 in income.

Congress estimates the tax breaks could cover 48.3 million children.

-People who work or volunteer for charities will

be able to deduct 14 cents a mile for transportation, up from 12 cents.

-Americans repaying college loans can take a \$1,000 tax deduction on the interest.

-People with higher incomes qualify for taxdeductions on savings in individual retirement accounts known as IRAs. Eligibility for the deduction will begin to phase-out for single filers with earnings starting at \$30,000, up from \$25,000. For joint filers, eligibility will begin to phase out at \$50,000, up from \$40,000.

-Americans with savings in IRAs will be allowed to make penalty-free withdrawals to continue their education in college, graduate school or

through vocational training. —A new kind of IRA, called a Roth IRA, will be available for retirement savings. Unlike a traditional IRA, money kept in a Roth IRA will not be taxable when it is withdrawn after retirement. However, there is no up-front tax deduction as savings are accumulated. Annual Roth IRA contributions of up to \$2,000 will be allowed for single filers with incomes below a phase-out range of \$95,000-\$110,000. Joint filers with incomes below a \$150,000-\$160,000 phase-out range will also qualify.

-The value of estates exempt from taxes after a person's death rises to \$625,000 from \$600,000. For small family farms and businesses, the exemption -Small business owners will be able to deduct from their taxes 45 percent of the cost of their health insurance premiums, up from 40 percent.

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AUSTIN (AP) - Garry Mauro, who has filed to be on the primary ballot seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, says former Gov. Ann ers in the subjects they teach. **Richards and Attorney General** Dan Morales have agreed to be honorary co-chairs of his campaign.

Mauro, who filed Wednesday, is the only Democrat to announce for the race so far. The filing deadline is Friday.

On the Republican side, Gov. George W. Bush, who filed for office a month ago, has drawn one primary opponent R.C. Crawford, of Round Rock.

"I'm running for governor because I want to change the way things work in Austin," said Mauro, who was has been land commissioner since 1983. "Lobbyists and Austin insiders put their clients and the special interests first. I'm running for governor to put Texas families first."

After filing, Mauro reiterated his campaign themes of:

—Working to eliminate the sales tax Texans pay when they buy a car, truck or sports vehicle.

—Giving Texans greater choice in choosing their doctor. -Ending the use of portable classrooms and certifying teach-

Neither rain nor snow nor sleet shall stay these workers from their rounds,

although the holiday snows did slow things down a bit. Silhouetted in the new year

sunshine, Marcos Stubbs works on a wall at Wilson Elementary School in Pampa.

While most of the construction planned by the Pampa Independent School District

was completed prior to classes beginning last fall, the addition and remodelling at

Mauro files for governor, says has support

of attorney general and former governor

Wilson is scheduled to be completed in August, 1998.

—Fighting the U.S. Supreme Court to keep felons from being released early from Texas prisons

Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush, said Mauro can't claim to be an Austin outsider.

'Garry Mauro is a 16-year Austin insider," Ms. Hughes said. "Governor Bush is already changing the status quo in Austin. He has reformed our schools. He's moving people from welfare to work, enacted tougher juvenile justice laws and improved the business climate." Mauro said he will announce a

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Gary Dugger, an Austin real estate broker, has filed to seek the Democratic nomination for the Railroad Commission.

Dugger said the Railroad Commission isn't doing enough to punish oil and gas companies that pollute.

"With Gary Dugger as Texas Railroad Commissioner, the safety and well-being of Texas communities and the environment will come first," Dugger said.

The Railroad Commission is responsible for overseeing the state's oil and gas industry, promoting alternative fuels and ensuring railway safety at road crossings.

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Families will also be able to take a \$1,500 tax credit for each of the first two years of a child's college rises to \$1.3 million from \$600,000. education. Alternatively, they may choose a onetime \$1,000 credit to continue a child's education after high school – including vocational school.

Other tax changes ringing in with the New Year: -Qualifying families can save up to \$500 a year for each child in new savings accounts that are taxfree when spent on college or other education beyond high school.

-Senior citizens between the ages of 65 and 69 will be able to earn \$14,500 a year, up from \$13,500, without losing any Social Security benefits. For working people paying Social Security payroll taxes, the maximum earnings taxable will rise to

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-Also, the alternative minimum tax for corporations with less than \$5 million in sales is repealed. -And fewer youths who earn money working summer jobs or after school will owe taxes as

deductions and exemptions rise on their earnings. In addition to the New Year's changes, many Americans are already benefiting from capital gains tax breaks that kicked in last May, including an exemption from taxes for the first \$500,000 gained on the sale of a home by joint filers.

Abandoned tiger finds new home in Chatham County

350-pound pet tiger found bol is a tiger. chained to a tree in downtown longer than expected. Houston three months ago finally

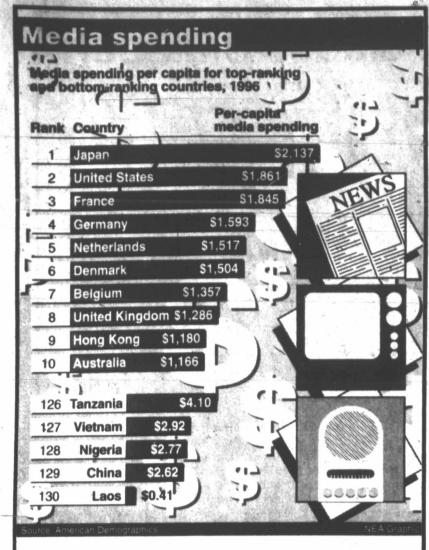
made it to his new home thanks to a two-day van trip after his air-The 6-foot cat named Tigger arrived in Chatham County drove last weekend to Texas in a sure. Tuesday night. On Wednesday, he

PITTSBORO, N.C. (AP) - The Exxon's longtime corporate sym- panel van. They loaded Tigger and his cage early Monday and Getting to North Carolina took returned late Tuesday.

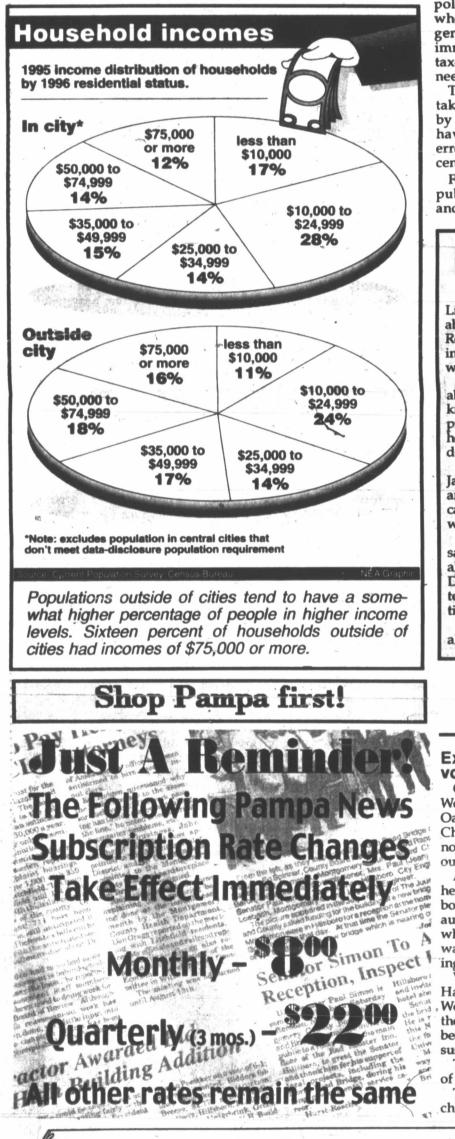
Carnivore Trust staffers hoisted Continental Airlines offered to his metal cage on poles fly the tiger to Raleigh-Durham Wednesday and placed him in his International Airport, but Tigger's new pen. The cage door was crate wouldn't fit through the jet's opened, and Tigger bounded cargo door. So three trust workers across a 3,000-square-foot enclo-



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According to the most recent figures, Japan spends more media dollars per capita than any other country in the world, and significantly more than even the United States.



Associated Press poll: Many think these will be the good ol' days.

By HOWARD GOLDBERG **Associated Press Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks are up - and down. Consumer confidence surges, but holiday sales are tepid. Murder's down, but the news is full of crime.

Americans take in these mixed signals, and most come away optimistic about the new year.

An Associated Press poll finds six in 10 U.S. adults think their community will have more job opportunities and better schools, and their family will have more money in 1998.

Fifty-eight percent say their streets will be as safe or safer than before, up from 37 percent in an AP poll four years ago. Only 39 percent fear an increase in street crime, down from 60 percent, and 45 percent expect a rise in racial tension, down from 67 percent four years ago.

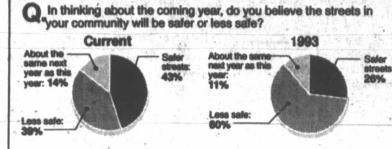
Feelings of safety and prosperity don't just affect people's personal decisions, such as whether to spend that Christmas bonus on an alarm system or a big-city vacation. There's also an effect on public policy, as lawmakers decide whether to be hardhearted or generous with welfare and immigration, whether to cut taxes or spend more on social needs.

The poll of 1,006 adults was taken by telephone Dec. 24-28 by ICR of Media, Pa. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

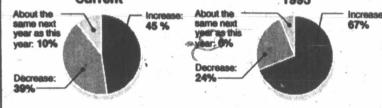
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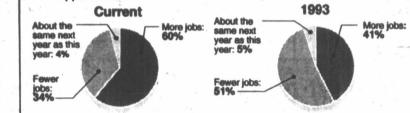
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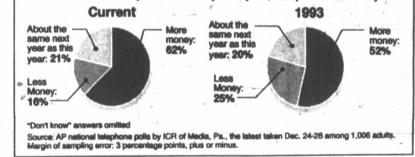
Q Do you believe racial tensions in the country will increase or decrease? Current 1993



Q. Do you believe your community will have more or fewer job opportunities?



How about the finances in your household? Do you expect to Q have more money or less money next year, compared with this year?



public schools will improve, worse - a fear especially preva- about more crime and racial and 33 percent say they will get lent among those worried tensions.

All types of Americans except for the elderly expect to have more money in their household this year than before - 62 percent of those polled. Just 16 per-cent forecast less income, down from 25 percent four years ago. The rest think it will be about the same, or they are not sure.

"I have an excellent job, so I'm really planting a lot of seeds and watching them grow," said Olivia Mendez, 20, of Seattle, who is establishing herself as an entertainment photographer by making contacts with artists and musicians.

One-third in the poll think their community will have fewer job opportunities next year, but that's down from 51 percent four years ago. And the 60 percent who expect more jobs are not just those who live in wealthy areas, but also a majority of low-income respondents.

Hope for a decrease in racial tension runs at 39 percent. Blacks, people under 35 and people living outside metropolitan areas are significantly more pessimistic about race.

"I think racial tension will increase. There are too many people out there fomenting the race business," said Dan Sullivan, 46, of Burnsville, Minn. Ken Bowman, 52, said his

experience on the job makes him optimistic about people getting along.

"We have gays, blacks, Jews, Christians, a wide range of people, and everybody tries to respect one another," said Bowman, partner in a San Diego engineering and architectural firm. "I only have my little world, but I hope it's reflective of what's going on in the rest of the country as well."

Brother of earlier hostage taker surrenders

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) - James Riccardo back door of his wife's duplex apartment McKinney is about 40 miles north of Lipscomb had a long history of domestic and dropped to his knees on the lawn. Dallas and about 15 miles north of Plano. abuse with his common-law wife, Denise Tactical officers handcuffed him and took. Lipscomb spent several short stints in ju Roach, that apparently figured into his hold- him away. ing her and their three children against their will at knifepoint, officials said.

Lipscomb, 43, surrendered peacefully about 1 p.m. Wednesday after an attorney he knows got on a special phone line and Ms. Roach and the children were whisked behalf. promised that SWAT officers surrounding away by ambulance to Medical Center of her duplex apartment would not shoot him down if he came out. Two weeks earlier, Lipscomb's brother, James Monroe Lipscomb Jr., held 80 children and five adults against their will at the day care facility in nearby Plano, where his wife was an instructor. That standoff lasted about 30 hours. Police said the two events did not appear related, although domestic disputes figured in both. During extended negotiations with several teams of negotiators, Lipscomb never mentioned his brother, police said. After holding his wife and children for held without bond at the same jail for the almost 42 hours, Lipscomb walked out the Plano incident.

Lipscomb spent several short stints in jail

on misdemeanor offenses in Collin County, Seconds later, his wife emerged, followed and was ordered to undergo a psychiatric by daughters, Sherissa Lipscomb, 12, and exam to determine whether he was compe-

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McKinney where they were found to be in stable condition, treated and released.

'Monday night, when police arrived at the duplex in response to a domestic disturbance call, Lipscomb's son, James, was among those he forbade to leave. But a few hours later the child was free.

"We snatched his son," police chief Larry Robinson said, declining to say exactly how. "He did not allow him to be released."

Lipscomb was taken to Collin County Jail, where bond was set at \$250,000 on a charge of aggravated kidnapping. His brother was

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According to results of that 1995 evaluation by Dr. James G. Shupe, Lipscomb suffered from an illness he called a bipolar disorder. While the illness "likely influenced his behavior at the time of the alleged offense ... (it) did not prevent him from knowing right from wrong," the psychiatrist said in the report.

During the course of his 80-minute exam, the physician wrote that Lipscomb admitted to mood swings and bouts of depression. He said Lipscomb "has been a frequent user of street drugs since his teenage years."

Although Lipscomb also abused alcohol, the doctor said, "his drug of choice for the past 10 years has been crack cocaine."

Explosion at church kills volunteer

OAKWOOD, Ill. (AP) -Working with other volunteers at Oakwood United Methodist Church, Brian Plawer had noticed a draft and had stepped outside to close a door.

At that instant, authorities say, he was killed by a homemade bomb. In the wake of the blast, authorities said they don't know whether the 46-year-old Plawer was a target - but they are treating the case as a homicide.

Vermilion County Sheriff Pat Hartshorn wouldn't say Wednesday how sophisticated the bomb was, how it might have been triggered or if he had any "the pastor were in the church at suspects.

The force of the blast sent one of Plawer's shoes flying 100 feet. The bomb shook more than the church's neighborhood in

of 1,500 where residents rarely lock their homes or cars. "You don't have drive-by

shootings here. You don't have random bombings. The most crime is a little vandalism to someone's home or yard," said Ted Ashcraft, who felt the blast from his job at a car repair shop a block away.

Investigators have ruled out gas and electric utilities and believe a bomb was the source of the blast, Hartshorn said. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has joined the investigation.

Several other volunteers and caused only minor damage to the building. of nearby Kickapoo State Park.

'He was such a good guy," said Ruth Goulding, who Lounge, Jake McClean, 21, kept was also helping out at the smoking his cigar right through church Tuesday. "I thought midnight. everybody liked him. He sang in the choir. He was a they pry it from my fingers."

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Oakwood, a central Illinois town board. He was always helping."

Californians scoff as smoking ban arrives

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Told that they were smoking in violation of the law, many Californians kept right on puffing away at bars early today as the New Year and a new ban arrived.

Nearly 200 rebellious smokers at the Pine Cove Inn tavern in Sacramento continued puffing on cigars and cigarettes after midnight, when the state's strict nosmoking ban officially went into effect.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you are all officially breaking the law the time of the explosion, which if you are smoking," hollered tavern manager Gerry Sherman. He was met with jeers and cat Plawer was the superintendent calls - and everyone kept smok-

At San Francisco's Gold Dust

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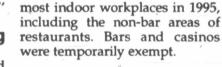
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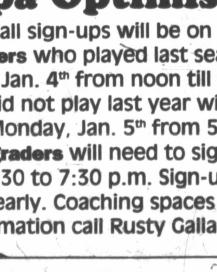


Hot stuff **Estimated and projected** retail sales for hot foods, in billions of dollars, 1994 and 2000. foods \$1.5 peppers \$1.0 \$0.5 1994 2000 Source: Packaged Facts, New York, NY Spicy foods are growing in popularity. In particular, the market for WESTERN WEAR, INC. sauces, condiments and prepared foods that are spiked with hot peppers

has grown dramatically.

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

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



Leaving Las Vegas: Gambling capital is nation's growth capital

By ROBERT MACY Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Every month thousands of Californians like Barbara Smith move to Las Vegas to escape pollution, congestion and traffic snarls only to get an unpleasant surprise.

"We're going to be another L.A.," Mrs. Smith complained as she left a Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles office. "We came here because we wanted to move to a smaller city."

Buoyed by a multibillion-dollar hotelcasino construction boom, this gambling capital has become America's growth capital - with all the growing pains of a surging metropolitan area.

Figures released today by the U.S. Census Bureau show Las Vegas was the fastestgrowing metropolitan area in the country between 1990 and 1996, with a 40.9 percent increase in population, compared with 6.7 percent nationwide.

Nevada's population grew by 4.8 percent from 1996 to 1997, making it the fastestgrowing state for the 12th consecutive year. Arizona was second at 2.7 percent, followed by Georgia and Utah with 2.1 percent.

The migration to Las Vegas isn't making a dent in Southern California's population. The Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County metropolitan area recorded the highest population gain in the country - 963,626 new residents - between 1990 and 1996. The Atlanta metropolitan area was second with a gain of 581,730, and Dallas-Fort Worth third with 537,279.

The New York City metropolitan area which reaches into New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania - remained atop the 1996 population rankings with 19,938,492. The Los Angeles area ranked second with 15,495,155, followed by the Chicago metropolitan area with 8,599,774.

The West had the highest growth rate -1.6percent - between 1996 and 1997. The South recorded a rate of 1.3 percent, the Midwest 0.5 percent and the Northeast 0.2 percent. But back to Las Vegas.

Booming cities Top 10 fastest-growing metropolitan areas, 1990-



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	Las Vegas	40.9%
an in dealer gannen	Laredo, Texas	32.7
	McAllen, Texas	29.2
1	Boise City, Idaho	25.9
	Naples, Fla.	23.7
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	Austin, Texas	23.1
	Phoenix	22.7
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Top 10 largest metropolitan areas, 1996 R

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Source: The Census Bureau **AP/Amy Kranz**

another 70,000 new residents between January and November 1997, according to the UNLV Center for Business and Economic Research.

Mayor Jan Jones wasn't surprised by the numbers. She said the three biggest prob-The city's metropolitan area grew from lems facing the area are traffic congestion 852,646 in April 1990 to 1,201,073 in July and air quality, education funding and 1996, a gain of 348,427. The area drew recreational amenities.

The construction industry accounts for more than 10 percent of the Las Vegas workforce, experts say, compared with about 2.5 percent nationwide. A steady stream of megaresorts, beginning with The Mirage Hotel in 1989 and stretching through at least 2000, is pumping billions of dollars into the industry.

The attractions of Las Vegas? Lifestyle, weather, no state or estate tax, job opportu-nities and low cost of living, said R. Keith Schwer, the UNLV center's director.

"Problems include growth issues, air quality, availability of water, traffic, crime typical concerns that communities of 1 million or more face," Schwer said.

Water is a major concern, but officials believe they have a solution through a plan announced this month by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. It would allow Nevada to store excess water from its Colorado River allotment in Arizona aquifers until it is needed after the turn of the century.

Other problems cry out for quicker solutions

The Clark County School District is the fastest growing in the nation and can't build schools fast enough to accommodate the influx of students.

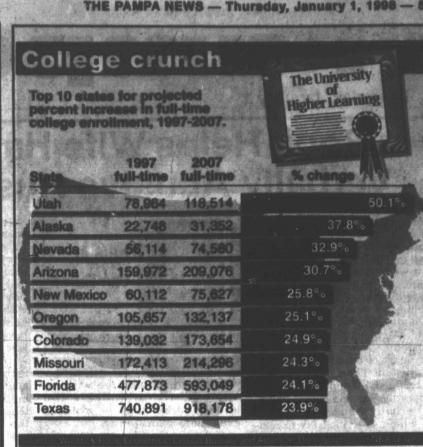
With only two freeways, traffic is becoming a nightmare as the growing number of local residents jockey with millions of visitors who come by car and bus.

Increased traffic, heavy construction equipment and dust from building sites often create a blanket of pollution that envelops the valley, putting Las Vegas on the Environmental Protection Agency hit list

Mrs. Smith, who moved here with her husband two years ago from Del Mar, Calif., said developers should provide more roads and other infrastructure to accommodate the growth.

"We have major problems," said Dina Titus, a 20-year resident of the city and political science instructor at UNLV. She is also a state senator whose bill to limit area growth failed in the 1997 Legislature.

We have overcrowded schools, schools in double sessions," she said. "We have to build a school a month to keep up with the population."



Between 1997 and 2007, Utah is the only state projected to have a greater than 50 percent increase in college enrollment.

Civic Center to hold annual **Country Peddler Show**

AMARILLO - American Country Shows of Fredericksburg, Texas, will sponsor the Country Peddler Show Jan. 16-18 at the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan. The show will last from 4-9 p.m. Friday, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

This original folk art and decorator show will feature a broad selection of quality personal apparel and furnishing and decorator accessories including baskets, textiles, furniture, carving, pottery, paintings, potpourri, porcelain, stenciling, dolls, bears, jewelry and hair adornments.

According to company president, Robbin Ramsey, this will be the eighth year for the Country Peddler Shows to be held in Amarillo.

With more than 100 peddlers booked for the January show, the entire Civic Center will be filled to capacity with exhibitors. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children under 12 get in free of charge.

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South Koreans dig deep to help offset IMF debt

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – Park Joong-hung set the two gold medals he earned during his 20 years at Samsung Corp. on a desk in a conference room at the company's posh headquarters.

A moment later, a gold expert examined them, weighed them and handed him a receipt: "Two gold medals, 56.3 grams (1.97 ounces)."

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ingful to me," said Park, who gold would be made into bars to bring in their gold. received them as rewards for his and exported. Fifty gold experts Kim Young-ja, who sells blous-

Korea's largest conglomerates. South Korea imports tons of she would bring in her gold "But it is time of a national crisis. gold every year. Gold trinkets rings next week. We all should help in some and gifts commonly are "Ever since the

"The medals are very mean- be paid within a month, and the ens' groups were urging people

service to a trading arm of the volunteered to help with the col- es and skirts at the Namdaemun Market in downtown Seoul, said

> ver since the idea came out. exchanged on birthdays, wed- merchants here have often ding anniversaries and other talked about it. We all agree it's time to do something for the

The medals' market value in South Korea – \$400 – is a minuscule dent in the \$57 billion Park's nation owes the International Monetary Fund for bailing out the collapsing economy. But Park, a 49-yearold executive, is not alone in responding to the campaign launched today by state-run TV to collect gold to help repay the debt.

About 100 Samsung employees wearing yellow ribbons that said "Let's overcome the foreign currency crisis by collecting gold" stood in line in front of the collection desk, gold rings, bracelets and other glittering personal items in hand. Samsung estimated the export value of the gold collected from its employees today at \$418,000.

way."

Another Samsung employee, Lee Sang-hwa, 28, brought his mother's gold ring. "I support the spirit of the campaign, and my mother was happy to help," Lee said.

The gold campaign began after a television station reported last week that individual Koreans are believed to have about 2,000 tons of gold worth \$20 billion, or about one-third of the IMF's bailout fund.

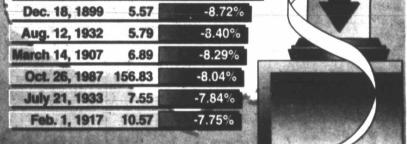
important milestones. Wealthy Koreans often collect gold in nation," said Kim, 55. bars or in shapes of cow and other animals.

In announcing the campaign, state KBS-TV and its cosponsor, Korea Housing Bank, appealed to people to save the nation with patriotism.

The campaign immediately received warm and widespread support. Twenty-three civic leaders and received nationwide People can either donate their organizations announced their support. People donated money, gold or sell it to exporters at less- participation; Consumer, reli- gold and other jewelry worth than-market prices. They would gious, environmental and wom- one-sixth of the total debt.

Other merchants near her nodded their approval.

Koreans have begun to compare the effort with a similar movement 90 years ago to pay back huge debts their country owed to Japan, then its colonial ruler. The 1907 campaign was started by about a dozen civilian



When the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 554 points on Oct. 27 of 1997, it lost more than seven percent of its value. But that only ranks as the 12th largest drop in the history of the Dow.



DEAR ABBY: Like so many othyour readers for years. I finally feel description.

bookstore by Patricia Evans called "The Verbally Abusive Relationship," which described my experience to a "T." My husband became angry when he saw me reading it, but I have used the suggested tech-

Verbally abusive relationships of the closet. Author Robert Fulghum said, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will



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Not much at stake in Cotton Bow

Notebook

BASKETBALL DALLAS -- The Dallas Mavericks signed Don Nelson, coach, to a contract extension through the 1999-2000 season.

FOOTBALL

BUFFALO-- The Buffalo Bills announced the retirement of Marv Levy, coach.

JACKSONVILLE - The Jacksonville Jaguars re-signed DE Joel Smeenge. They also signed LB Tyrone. Hines and RB Malcolm Thomas from the practice squad.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) ---**Embattled** former Oklahoma offensive coordinator Dick Winder returned Wednesday as an assistant to Texas Tech, where he served on the staff for 12 years.

Winder, 56, was fired last month by Oklahoma coach John Blake after weeks of rumors about his job future. Blake said he wants to return the Sooners to an option offense, which conflicted with Winder's balanced schemes.

Winder's new duties at Tech have yet to be determined.

After three seasons as a position coach, Winder was the Red Raiders' offensive coordinator from 1987-95. Rick Dykes assumed his duties in 1996 when Winder left for OU.

"We are extremely excited about Dick returning to our staff," Spike Dykes said Wednesday. "Dick is one of the finest football coaches I have been associated with during my career."

Winder's long high school career through the 1970s and early 80s includes headcoaching stops at Roswell, N.M., Odessa High, Abilene Cooper and Monahans.

He also served a stint as quarterbacks coach at the University of New Mexico in 1979-80.

By DENNE H. FREEMAN AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) - UCLA can win a 10th consecutive game for the first time since 1946 and possibly improve its No. 5 national ranking.

two years ago and improve its No. 20 ranking.

That's about all that's at stake UCLA (9-2) was upset that it in Thursday's Cotton Bowl didn't get a bid to an alliance between the Bruins of the Pac-10 bowl. and the Aggies of the Big 12.

A possible tense situation because we apparently don't sell between UCLA coach Bob Toledo and A&M coach R.C. Slocum was flanker Jim McElroy said. "But defused during the week. Toledo we look at the Cotton Bowl as a was fired as offensive coordinator by Slocum after the 1994 Cotton Bowl, a 24-21 loss to Notre Dame.

said. "In retrospect that (the fir- they beat Notre Dame in 1988, ing) was unfair to Bob. I was a want to show their program is on young head coach under a lot of the rebound after a 6-6 season last pressure. I'm proud he has gone year. on to be such a great head coach called to be on my staff when I the Big 12 championship game became head coach at A&M."

Toledo said he has no ill will against Slocum.

It (the firing) was not an easy thing for R.C. to do," Toledo said. "We have no animosity. I landed on my feet. We'll shake hands after the game and go our separate ways.

Slocum thing. It's just a lot of water under the bridge."

UCLA (9-2) was upset that it downs this year. "We didn't get an alliance bid

enough tickets. That hurt," platform to show that UCLA is back as a football power. '

The Aggies (9-3), who have lost "I made a mistake," Slocum three Cotton Bowl games since

"We want to bounce back from because Bob was the first guy I our (54-15) loss to Nebraska in

for next year," said junior linethe season to end on a good note. We have a lot of players coming back next year. We're the youngest team in the Big 12 so we have a good future ahead of us." UCLA's high-powered offense

Texas A&M can win its first "The Cotton Bowl is not going is led by quarterback Cade bowl game since it beat Michigan to be a Bob Toledo vs. R.C. McNown, the NCAA's pass efficiency leader, and running back Skip Hicks, who scored 25 touch-

Nguyen and his "Wrecking Crew" defense haven't stopped the run well this year.

"We'll have to set it up against the run," Nguyen said. "We competed against some great backs and Hicks looks like a combination of Nebraska's Ahman Green and Texas' Ricky Williams. He's tough."

A&M's offense is led by quarterback Branndon Stewart and hard-running tailbacks Sirr Parker, Dante Hall and D'Andre Hardeman. The Aggies will face UCLA's unusual 3-3-5 defense, which sends blitzers from all angles.

"They try to confuse you," and we want to set a foundation Stewart said. "We'll have to stay denied by the NCAA.

poised and under control. If we backer Dat Nguyen. "We want do we can move the ball on them."

Texas A&M holds a 2-1 edge over UCLA in their brief series, but the schools haven't played each other in 42 years. Texas A&M is 12-10 in bowls

while UCLA is 10-9-1, including a 17-3 Cotton Bowl win over Arkansas in 1989 with Troy Aikman at quarterback. UCLA lost its last bowl game, 51-30, to Kansas at the 1995 Aloha Bowl.

Less than a capacity crowd was expected for Thursday's game, sponsored by Southwestern Bell. Officials expect to be 10,000 short of the 68,000 capacity, although a weather forecast of temperatures in the high 60s and no rain could spur walk-up sales. Texas A&M players will wear

the No. 59 on a T-shirt under their jerseys in honor of Detroit Lions linebacker and former Aggie Reggie Brown, who suffered a severe neck injury against the New York Jets on Dec. 21.

The Aggies' request to wear a No. 59 decal on their helmets was

Cuban pitcher, two others can come to **United States**

By EVAN PEREZ Associated Press Writer

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, the half-brother of World Series MVP Livan Hernandez, is on the verge of chasing his dreams on U.S. soil.

Orlando Hernandez, a star pitcher for the Cuban national team, and two other Cuban defectors have been cleared to enter the United States.

The State Department on Wednesday gave permission to Hernandez, his wife Noris, and catcher Alberto Hernandez Perez to enter the country, but five others who escaped Cuba with them on a small boat were not granted visas

Officials in the Bahamas said they expected the three to leave for the United States sometime today.

State Department spokesman James Foley said the two players had been banned for life from baseball in Cuba after helping Livan Hernandez defect in 1995, depriving them of their livelihoods and subjecting them to harassment.

Foley said the State Department was confident Bahamian authorities would carefully consider the others' claims for protection and ensure that no bona fide refugee is returned to Cuba.

The Bahamas has an agreement with the Cuban government to return all refugees who turn up, on its shores, but that accord has, appeared harder to enforce, recently.

The Bahamian government criticized the State Department decision to allow only three of the eight Cubans into the United States.

"The morality of this raises. concerns, which is why we insisted that they be treated as a group," said Joshua Sears, permanent secretary of the Bahamian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "I would think that the United States would see that side of it too and be more sensitive to



BUFFALO -- The Buffalo Sabres recalled D Jay McKee from Rochester of the AHL.

DALLAS-- The Dallas Stars activated C Mike Modano from injured reserve. They also placed LW-Greg Adams on injured reserve and recalled LW Jamie Wright from Michigan of the IHL. They activated LW Patrick Cote from injured reserve and assigned him to Michigan.

WASHINGTON -- The Washington Capitals recalled G Stephane Beauregard from Chicago of the IHL.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) -Dominik Hasek became the first NHL goalie since George Hainsworth in 1928-29 to record six shutouts in one month, stopping 36 shots in the Buffalo Sabres' 3-0 victory over Ottawa.

Hasek broke the modern record of five set by Tony. Esposito with Chicago in February 1974, and matched Jim Carey bv with Washington in March 1996. Hainsworth had 22 shutouts in 44 games for Montreal in 1928-29.

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars activated center Mike Modano from the injured reserve list. Modano, the NHL's leading scorer with 38 points when he tore a knee ligament Dec. 3, played in Dallas' 3-3 tie with Los Angeles.

HORSE RACING

MIAMI (AP) — Warren Mehrtens, who rode Assault to the 1946 Triple Crown, died Monday at his Sarasota home. He was 77.

MIAMI (AP) — Hall of Fame jockey Jorge Velasquez, retiring reluctantly at age 51, finished his career Wednesday after riding three horses at Calder Race Course.

"I'm not sure what I'll do now," he said. "I thought about becoming a trainer but that's very tough. You start at the bottom and I don't want to go through that.'

What I'm thinking about is becoming an (racing) official," Velasquez said. "I'd like that a lot and I think I'd be good at it."

(Pampa News Photo by Jeff West)

Pampa High School students held informal scrimmage an Wednesday to keep in shape and good form. The soccer players enjoyed temperatures pushing the 50 degree mark. Although clumps of snow were in evidence around the edge of the soccer field, the playing field itself was clear although soggy in spots.



Ice Bowl star knows true cold

By ARNIE STAPLETON AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - On the 30th anniversary Green Bay's victory over the Dallas Cowboys in the Ice Bowl, former Green Bay halfback Chuck Mercein hailed a cab in Manhattan to take him to his job at an investment bank.

"This happens to be a pretty cold day for New York," Mercein said. "It's been a very mild winter. So, I walked out of my home and jumped into a cab. I live right in Manhattan. And the cab driver said, 'Man, it's really cold, isn't it?'

"I said, 'Well, how cold you think it is?' "You know, I think it must be like 23 degrees out," the cab driver answered. "Yeah," Mercein replied with a chuckle.

"I thought to myself, Thirty years ago it was 23 BELOW!" Mercein said in a telephone interview from his office Wednesday. 'I said, 'Well, it's all relative.'

Mercein played a key role in Green Bay's winning drive as the Packers beat the Cowboys 21-17 in the NFL championship on New Year's Eve 1967

game ever recorded, especially as the 30th anniversary approached.

Somebody even sent him a copy of the radio broadcast of the game, and he put it in his tape deck while on a four-hour trip to see his daughter for the holidays.

"I listened to the whole game again," he said. "It was amazing. It gave me chills." How appropriate, seeing as how the tem- Packers' game-winning drive.

perature at kickoff that day was minus-14 and a wind-chill of minus-49. Then it got worse

"I don't think I could ever be as cold as I it because his whole body was numb.

"Later on, as I thawed out in the shower, it doubled in size because it had a hematoma but it wasn't allowed to bleed until it thawed out," said Mercein, who had to sit out the Packers' anticlimactic victory over the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl II two weeks later.

Mercein said it wasn't just the anniversary that had him thinking of the Ice Bowl but his trip to the wild-card playoff game last weekend when the New York Giants blew a 10point lead in the final 90 seconds against Minnesota.

"In the last minute and a half of that game, the Giants sort of lost their composure. And in the last two minutes of the Ice Bowl, I've never been in a huddle where there was greater composure and where there was a higher level of intensity and concentration," Mercein said.

Mercein said he still gets a regular flow of "There was tremendous composure in that" So, Mercein dug in, thinking he was getting cards and calls regarding the coldest NFL huddle, tremendous confidence, but not the ball, and he got a great takeoff on the cocky, just confidence in one another and that we were trained to do what we had to do at the time, just to put together a flawless drive, so we did it," Mercein added. "On the other hand, the Giants only had to hang on for two minutes and they lost their composure and they lost their focus."

His 19-yard reception got the Packers to the Dallas 11 with a minute and a half left and he rumbled to the 3 with 1:11 remaining.

"Had the turf been better, I think Mercein was that day," said Mercein, who injured his might have scored, so the rest of it would left biceps during the game but didn't realize have been moot," said Bart Starr, who would take it in himself with 16 seconds left.

> Mercein is the one in the famous photograph of the play diving into the end zone behind Starr with his hands held high, as though he's signaling "Touchdown!"

> 'But what I'm actually doing is I'm showing the officials that I'm not assisting or aiding Bart into the end zone," Mercein said.

> That would have been a penalty and it would have negated the most famous quarterback sneak in NFL history.

Mercein thought he was going to get the handoff on the play. Nobody knew but Starr and coach Vince Lombardi that it was to be a quarterback sneak. They discussed it on the sideline during their final timeout seconds earlier.

Mercein said Starr calmly made the call, "31-Wedge," but never even hinted that he was going to keep the ball himself.

frozen field.

'As a matter of fact too good because after a couple of steps I realized I wasn't going to get the ball. But I couldn't really pull up because it was so icy," Mercein said

"So that's why I dive over the play and I have my arms upraised, which appears to Mercein made some key plays on the everyone in that famous picture that I'm signaling touchdown."

Cuban exiles in Miami praised the U.S. decision, but they too said it fell short.

"We are glad that the baseball players were granted asylum, but we believe the others also should have been granted asylum," said Ninoska Perez, a spokeswoman for the Cuban American National Foundation.

After years of resisting the temptation to defect because of concern about his family, Hernandez decided to seek his fortune in the United States playing baseball. He had worked as a therapist in a Cuban mental hospital for less than \$10 a month.

Now, scouts from major league baseball teams will probably line up to see Hernandez, who was regarded as the top pitcher on the communist island with a 129-47 lifetime record and a 90 mph fastball.

But Hernandez, listed at 28 but believed by some to be older, is not the hot prospect he would have been a few years ago.

"His situation is different now because of the age factor," said Al Avila, director of Latin American operations for the Florida Marlins.

When I saw Orlando about 2 1/2 years ago, he was a major league quality pitcher. His fastball, curveball, changeup and control were all of major league average. Had he been available at that time, he was a guy you would have pursued and tried to sign,' added Avila, who was instrumental in bringing the younger Hernandez to the Marlins.

Hernandez said he hadn't heard of any offers to play baseball, but he's willing to listen to any team's offer.

"It doesn't matter which team," he said Wednesday during a news conference at the Bahamian immigration headquarters. "But I'd like to play with my brother."

While concern for his two daughters had prevented his leaving before, Hernandez said harassment since his brother's defection had become unbearable.

The eight Cubans left the island early Dec. 26 with provisions of water, sugar and four cans of Spam.

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It's Love vs. Meshiai, Els vs. Montgomerie in golf's Final Four

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) -Hajime Meshiai, whose nickname is "Kong," knows he'll need a king-sized effort when facing Davis Love III in golf's version of the Final Four.

Meshiai, the Japan region champion, plays Love, the United States champ, in Saturday's first round of the Anderson Consulting World Championship of Golf.

In the other match-play semifinal, European champion Colin Montgomerie of Scotland faces International champ Ernie Els of South Africa.

The two winners advance to Sunday's 36-hole final for the \$1 million prize. Second place is worth \$500,000, with \$350,000 going to the third-place finisher and \$300,000 for fourth.

The \$3.65 million event at Grayhawk Golf Club culminates a year-long, single-elimination tournament featuring 32 of the world's top male players.

England's Barry Lane won the inaugural Anderson Consulting tourney here in 1996, while Australia's Greg Norman sank a 15-foot birdie putt on the 36th hole last year to beat American Scott Hoch 1-up in the championship match.

Beginning in 1999, the tournament will be played in February at La Costa in Carlsbad, Calif., as part of the four-event World Golf Championships. The renamed Andersen Consulting Match Play will feature a 64-man field based on the Official World Golf Ranking.

This year the event will be played on Grayhawk's Tom Fazio-designed Raptor course ---a 7,108-yard, par-71 layout that favors long hitters like Love and Meshiai, dubbed "Kong" by fel-low Japanese pro Jumbo Ozaki for his powerful game.

But the 43-year-old Meshiai said he has never played a competitive round on a desert course before and is hesitant to handicap his chances here.

"I don't think I'm very good at match play," he said. "But if I play like I did in the (Anderson) apan Championship, I believe I have a chance to win the world

Arkansas cruises to win over 'Bama **By The Associated Press**

For Nolan Richardson, 300 is just a number.

"If you stay in this business long enough and have enough good players, you are going to win some games," the Arkansas coach said after his Razorbacks cruised to a 103-48 victory over ing players." Alabama State on Wednesday Alabama State's Richard night.

Richardson's 300th coaching victory at Arkansas also snapped a surprising two-game losing streak for the Razorbacks, who dropped both games in last week's Puerto Rico Classic.

"After the Puerto Rico trip, they had a couple days to work on things. We were just next in line," Alabama State coach Rob Spivery said. We didn't handle the pressure very well at all. When you have 13 new players, you get this kind of result."

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 14 Iowa defeated Indiana 89-76, No. 15 Florida State stopped DePaul 66-55, No. 18 Michigan downed Wisconsin 76-63, Georgetown upset No. 22 West-Virginia 74-65

and No. 25 Marguette knocked off St. Peter's 71-55.

"Rob Spivery is one of our former assistant coaches," said Richardson, who is in his 13th season at Arkansas. "A lot of victories during my career have come because of some outstanding assistants and some outstand-

Mason scored the game's first points before Arkansas (10-2) grabbed a 25-6 lead halfway through the first half. The Razorbacks led 49-22 at the half. Pat Bradley led Arkansas with

21 points, going 5-for-10 from 3-point range, and Landis Williams added 17. Mason led Alabama State (4-6)

with 15 points, while Terrance Simmons added 10. No. 14 Iowa 89, Indiana 76

Ricky Davis scored 22 points and Ryan Bowen scored 15 of his 19 in the second half to lead visiting Iowa (12-1, 1-0 Big Ten) over Indiana (9-4, 0-1). Bowen scored seven points during a 15-2 run that gave the Hawkeyes an 81-67 lead with 3:48 left.

on a 3-pointer from Luke Recker, just two in the second half before who led the Hoosiers with 19 points. Andrae Patterson added 18 for Indiana.

No. 15 Florida State 66, DePaul

At Rosemont, Ill., Corey Louis put on a show for his former coach. Louis had 16 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots as Florida State (11-2) beat DePaul (3-8).

Pat Kennedy coached at moving to DePaul last June.

Willie Coleman scored 15 points for DePaul, which has only eight scholarship players only one taller than 6-foot-5 and none over 6-7 — and was without top scorer Jermaine Watts and starting guard Thomas Cooper

due to knee injuries. No. 18 Michigan 76, Wisconsin

Louis Bullock made two clutch 3-pointers as visiting Michigan (11-3, 1-0 Big Ten) scored the game's final 12 points to down Wisconsin (7-6, 0-1) and post its fifth straight victory.

Bullock, who led the Indiana led 63-62 with 9:20 left Wolverines with 22 points, had a 55-41 lead with 9:44 left.

hitting back-to-back 3s to spark Michigan's closing run.

Sam Okey scored 14 points and Sean Daugherty 13 for Wisconsin. Georgetown 74, No. 22 West Virginia 65

At Washington, Kenny Brunner had 15 points and eight assists, and Jameel Watkins grabbed 16 rebounds for the Hoyas.

Georgetown (7-3, 1-2 Big East) scored the final 11 points of the Florida State for 11 years before first half and the first four of the second for a 39-25 lead.

Damian Owens and Greg Jones each scored 18 points for West Virginia (11-2, 1-2), which had its sixgame winning streak snapped.

No. 25 Marquette 71, St. Peter's

In Milwaukee, Aaron Hutchins had 20 points and the unbeaten Golden Eagles scored 12 straight points during a second-half run. Jarrod Lovette added 14 points and Brian Wardle 10 for Marquette (9-0).

-St. Peter's (4-6) trailed 43-41 with 16:07 remaining before six players scored in Marquette's 12-0 run that gave the Golden Eagles

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By TERESA M. WALKER AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Now the waiting begins for Southern Mississippi. The 22nd-ranked Golden

Eagles routed Pittsburgh 41-7 Wednesday in the Liberty Bowl to finish the season at 9-3, their best record since going 10-2 in 1988.

The victory, by the widest margin in the Liberty Bowl's 39 years, means the Eagles will fin-ish in the Top 25 for the first time. The only question remaining is how high.

"We've achieved so many things this year — going to the bowl and winning nine games and back-to-back championships," coach Jeff Bower said. "I think the biggest thing about this win was how convincing it was. I don't think there's any doubt we'll go from 22 into the teens."

Southern Mississippi set that goal at the beginning of the season, along with reaching the Eagles' first bowl since 1990, which they managed by winning the Conference USA title for a second straight year. They also want to be ranked in the Top 25 before the 1998 season.

Southern Mississippi never trailed as Lee Roberts connected with his favorite receiver, Sherrod Gideon, on the Eagles' sixth play on a 31-yard touchdown pass. The duo also had TDs of 8 and 5 yards.

That, combined with three TDs by the defense in the second half,

The victory, by the widest margin in the Liberty Bowl's 39 years, means the Eagles will finish in the Top 25 for the first time. The only question remaining is how high.

ruined the first bowl game for Pittsburgh (6-6) since 1989. "We came up here to win a ball

game, and I couldn't be prouder

The Texans gave Dallas a brief introduction to hockey in 1941

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By DAVE CALDWELL The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — There was plenty else to do in Dallas that day.

"Citizen Kane" was in its last day at the Palace Theater. The Century Room featured a floor show and the Herman Waldman Orchestra. The Glenn Miller Orchestra played on KRLD radio, Kate Smith sang on WRR, and a show called "America's Town Meeting" on KGKO debated this important topic: "Must we fight Japan?"

Thursday, Nov. 6, 1941, dawned like any other autumn day in Dallas - except for one thing. For the first time, a peculiar and vio-lent sport known as ice hockey was played by professionals in this town.

An expansion team known as the Dallas Texans made its American Hockey Association debut at the Fair Park Ice Arena, and you could say Dallas would never be quite the same.

The original Texans were around for only one season; the AHA, citing World War II, folded the following summer. The original Texans also were not very good, winning only 12 of 50 games. They were the only team in their division that failed to qualify for the playoffs.

only about 15 cents more than a gallon of remembers there were as many spectators milk. Rinkside tickets sold for \$2.20, less hit in the head as players. than half what a pair of wingtips sold for at Douglas Shoes on Main Street.

The Texans made their first game in Dallas into a social event — sort of. The club said that 50 percent of the proceeds from the game would be donated to the United China Relief Fund.

Women from the Dallas Club organized girls selling Chinese candies and cakes in the stands, during the game. That night, the hockey game was the place to be in Dallas. The Volk department store in town ran an advertisement for \$18 dresses that women

could wear to the game. It's not as if Dallas were unprepared for the bone-crunching, head-splitting action that would follow. The Texans' first coach was Leroy "Goldy" Goldsworthy, a much-traveled former NHL player. The Dallas But Morning News had Goldsworthy write an back. eight-part series — complete with pictures and diagrams — explaining this strange new sport to a reading public that knew practically nothing about it. In the part about penalties, Goldsworthy

won't believe it, some things are illegal in an ice hockey game.

Sticks were not curved, as they are today, so players often had little control over where the puck would wind up. So Linz, Dearing recalls, rented seat cushions to spectators seated in the front rows. ,

"Every time they'd see somebody coming along," Dearing said, chortling at the mem-ory, "they'd hold their seat cushion up, so they wouldn't get hit. They brought the seat cushions not to sit in, but to protect themselves."

There was also no such thing as a Zamboni machine to resurface the ice. Between periods, a tractor pulling an ice scraper would create a smooth (or smoother, anyway) sheet of ice. A crew of local boys — DeLay, Cody and Dearing were three of them — swept the snow from the ice.

But they loved it, and they kept coming

"It was a real fast game," Pinkey DeLay said. "We didn't even know how to keep up with it."

By the end of the first hockey season Dallas, the country was three months into a world war. The novelty of the sport had worn off, and the Texans had been stuck in third place in a four-team division.

finals.

Meshiai, who was his country's leading money winner in 1993 with \$1.2 million and four Japanese PGA Tour victories, got to Grayhawk by beating Hisayuki Sasaki (1-up), Toru Suzuki (3-and-1) and Kazuhiko Hosokawa (1-up) in Kagoshima, Japan, in March.

Should Meshiai win the \$1 million check, it would more than triple the largest payday of his career (\$297,520).

Love, the reigning PGA cham-pion, won the U.S. section in April at Eatonton, Ga., beating Corey Pavin, Tom Lehman and Phil Mickelson.

Els, a three-time World Match Play champion, won the International section in July at Kohler, Wis., beating New Zealand's Frank Nobilo, Frank Zimbabwe's Nick Price and Australia's Steve Elkington.

Els birdied the 71st hole to win the U.S. Open last June, beating Montgomerie and Lehman, who both bogeyed it.

At the 1994 U.S. Open, Els defeated Montgomerie in a playoff.

"We're good friends and he's a good match player," Els said of Montgomerie, the PGA European Tour's leading money winner a record five straight years. "It's going to be a tough match no matter how you look at it."

Montgomerie ousted Italy's Costantino Rocca in the European final in May at Denham, England.

Els is ranked fourth in the world, Love fifth, Montgomerie seventh, and Meshiai 115th.

Kansas State downs Syracuse

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Mark down New Year's Eve as the start of Michael Bishop's Heisman Trophy campaign.

Bishop, unknown even to Kansas State fans last summer after transferring from a junior college in Texas, put on a show in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

His four touchdown passes and 12-yard run for another score added up to a 35-18 win over Syracuse on Wednesday night, capping the best season in school history.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he's up for a Heisman," said Darnell McDonald, who caught three of the TD passes.

There would be a reincarnation of the Texans following the war, but the original Texans were the team that turned Dallas on to hockey. Transplanted Northerners liked watching a game they grew up with. And curious Texans ... well, they liked the fights:

"There was one referee and one linesman and you could get away with ANY-THING," said Pinkey DeLay, who was a 14-year-old, self-described "rink rat" who went

to many games. And DeLay, who owns a company that provides security guards for Reunion Arena, really did mean ANYTHING. Fights were plentiful - on the ice and in the stands. So was blood, since no one wore helmets or facemasks in those days, not even the goalies. The coach for the Kansas City Americans, John Peter Gotteslig, not only got into a fight with the referee in a game in Dallas, but with three spectators, two of them female.

Dallas' first pro hockey season was zany and violent and popular. It might never have come about without the help of a Dallas jeweler who also brought automatic dial tele-phone service and public ice skating to the city.

Clarence E. Linz thought ice hockey could catch on in Dallas, and it did.

The American Hockey Association 1941-42 season. The AHA expanded south, adding teams from Dallas and Fort Worth. Linz, who was publisher of the Dallas Dispatch-Journal and the organizer of Ice Sports Inc., was put in charge of the Dallas cpansion club. Linz was a businessman, and he knew what sold in Dallas.

And Linz sold ice hockey in Dallas like a gunfight:

"You can't use a gun in ICE HOCKEY, but practically nothing else has been barred," read the lurid headline in the advertisement that ran in The Dallas Morning News the day of the Texans' first game. To get the point across further, there was also a drawing of two players thudding into each other. "It generates a thrill a second ... with flash-ing blades and plunging, crashing bodies," the ad copy screamed. " ... 'Murder on ice' it has been called."

The Texans lost that night to the St. Paul Saints, 4-1, before 4,273. They had their reasons. Only two Texans had ever played in the NHL, and the team had little time to

practice together. Although the Texans had held a training camp in Ontario, several players were held up at the Canadian border because of strict immigration laws. The Texans got off to a slow start as a result.

The Texans were getting shut out in their first game until Tony Licari, a 20-year-old from Ottawa playing his first pro game, scored four and a half minutes into the third period. "News" sports editor Charles Burton wrote in the next day's paper, "The highly partisan and somewhat bewildered crowd screamed its delight."

The Texans lost their second game, and their third. They beat the Fort Worth Rangers, 3-2, before 2,250 in what the papers called "a battle of the babies of the AHA."

Worth player-coach Gene Carrigan squared off with the Texans' Frank Bowman, and The Dallas Morning News dutifully noted that Carrigan seemed to win because he threw some "fairly neat punches, considering he was standing on slippery ice." The paper also noted that the Texans had to resort to such "guerrilla tactics," because they had expanded from six to eight teams for the not had much time to work on things like passing

The fights became so popular with the fans that they often started their own in the stands. Pinkey DeLay recalls nights when four or five fights would break out in the stands.

Fair Park Ice Arena, which was located in what is now known as the Poultry Building, was not exactly the best place to watch a hockey game or a fight. Nor was it exactly the safest place to watch a hockey game or a fight, remember those who went to the games back in those days.

There was no such thing as glass separating the players from the fans. Cliff Dearing, who works for DeLay and was one of the rink rats then, said chain-link fence was wrapped around the boards only at the ends of the rink.

Between the two end lines, there was

Linz slashed admission prices substantially. The Texans introduced something new: races between players, which were held between periods.

During a game against the Tulsa Oilers, Dallas goalie George "Porky" Levine challenged Tulsa goalie Jimmy Hill to a one-lap race around the arena in full pads.

"Levine defeated the St. Louis goalie in St. Louis the other night, amazing his team-mates and throwing them into convulsions with his style," The Dallas Morning News reported. "It seems that Porky leans forward where his nose practically scrapes the ice as he thunders around the arena wall." Porky lost to Hill by a second in the rematch.

The Texans owned a one-point lead over Tulsa in the race for the final playoff berth with one game to play in the regular season. While Tulsa surprised first-place St. Paul, 4-2, Dallas lost to the St. Louis Flyers, 5-1. By There was also, of course, a fight. Fort missing the playoffs, the Texans missed out forth player-coach Gene Carrigan squared on a cash bonanza because the players received most of the gate receipts from the playoffs back then.

The Texans scattered, and the league folded after the season. Hockey would not return to Dallas until after the war, when Linz put a new team of Texans in the United States Hockey League.

The reincarnation of the Texans stuck around for four years, then folded. Dallas was without professional hockey until the Dallas Black Hawks joined the Central Hockey League in 1967.

Linz died in 1961 at age 76, and the fact hat he owned the first pro hockey team in Dallas was not mentioned as prominently as is role as a promoter of other ice events.

"It seems like only yesterday," Pinkey DeLay said, "but that was a long, long time

So much has changed, but so much has stayed the same. DeLay and Dearing still hang out at the hockey games. DeLay heads up the security crew. Dearing is the short, bald guard with the glasses at the front door of Reunion.

A lot of hockey fans still come to see the

fights, Dearing said. "They've ALWAYS come to see the fights Linz made ticket prices affordable. nothing between the players and the fans. in ice hockey," he said, chuckling at a mem-General-admission tickets sold for 55 cents, Pucks sliced into the crowds, and Dearing ory that is now 56 years old.

of the football team for going to a bowl, enjoying a bowl, but most importantly, getting themselves ready to play and play to win a football game," Bower said.

Pittsburgh, which earned a bid as the Big East Conference's fourth-best team by upsetting Virginia Tech and West Virginia in its final two games, ran out of against magic Southern Mississippi.

First-year coach Walt Harris said the layoff between games combined with his team's lack of bowl experience hurt. But he still was disappointed with the three turnovers.

"I don't know if we could've beaten these guys if we had played up to our ability, but we did not play like we are capable of playing and that's what hurts," Harris said.

Roberts picked the Panthers' defense apart, completing 18 of 26 passes for 227 yards. All three of his touchdown passes were to Gideon, who finished with a bowl record seven catches for 111 yards.

"These guys have some sort of communication between them that's unbelievable ... ," Bower said. "They know each other extremely well. They've made big plays all year and did it again."

The Golden Eagles' blitzing, aggressive defense kept Pete Gonzalez, who led the Big East in passing with 241 yards per game, from getting into a rhythm. Gonzalez, who threw for 30 touchdowns and 2,657 yards in the regular season, completed only five passes before hitting Jake Hoffart for an 89-yard TD play before halftime.

In the third quarter, Adalius Thomas stripped Panthers run-ning back Billy West of the ball, and Perry Phenix returned it 16 yards for a touchdown. Thomas also intercepted a pass and returned it 26 yards for a TD, and Terrance Parrish had a 63-yard interception return to close out the scoring less than three minutes later.

Gonzalez said he will be happy to warn Penn State, which opens the 1998 season playing host to Southern Mississippi, about

what to expect. "About 11 guys on the other side of the ball coming at you, and a defensive coordinator that comes after you all the time," Gonzalez said. "I think Joe Paterno has his hands full."

Arizona State rolls over Iowa, 16-7 in Sun Bowl

about Arizona State's inexperi- Iowa 17-7 Wednesday. ence at quarterback, where a career backup was taking over them," for the injured starter who led Martin said. the Sun Devils to a winning season.

But the game plan made the most of quarterback Steve after rushing for 169 yards on 27 Campbell's abilities, and No. 16 carries and scoring on a 1-yard Arizona State leaned heavily on run.

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The its running game and defense as talk going into the Sun Bowl was the Sun Devils (9-3) defeated.

running back Mike

The Sun Devils rolled up 377 offensive yards, led by Martin, who was voted the game's MVP

ranked scoring offense out of the Jackson said. "The goal was just to take it to end zone until the final minute and limiting the Hawkeyes (7-5)

to 209 yards. Iowa came into the game averaging 424 yards and 37 points. "We came into this game moti-

Nov. 28 loss to Arizona). So we series in the second half.

The ASU defense did the rest, felt we wanted to go out with a keeping the nation's ninth- bang," ASU cornerback Courtney

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Baby Bells: Federal judge declares portions of Telecom Act unconstitutional

federal judge has struck down part of the landmark kets as an opportunity to offer tronic alarm monitoring - that Telecommunications Act of one-stop communications most other local phone companies 1996

of Wednesday that Congress unconstitutionally singled out and barred regional Bell subsidiaries from providing long customers subsidize the compadistance and other services.

The chairman of SBC Communications, which filed the lawsuit in July, said the ruling was the single most important victory for phone customers and competition since the divestiture of the Bell system in 1984

"We intend to provide our customers with one-stop shopping for all their telecommunications needs by offering the simplest, most affordable longdistance plan available," said Edward Whitacre Jr., head of San Antonio-based SBC.

Liz Rose, a spokeswoman for the Federal Communications Commission, said the agency tance, which is not allowed. likely will ask the Justice Department to appeal.

"I am extremely concerned about what seems to be a court's invalidation of much that Congress, this commission and the affected phone companies have done to bring consumers the benefits of competition," William Chairman FCC Kennard said.

vice president for law and public policy, called the ruling neous." Courts, Congress and rather than establishing classes the benefits of full competition regulators "have long recog- or categories, it identifies Baby in the long-distance market."

DALLAS (AP) - Moving the nized that the Bell monopolies Bells by name and bars them "Baby Bells" a step closer to differ from other local compa- from entering the long distance offering long-distance service, a nies in size and scope," he said. and other businesses - such as

The Bells see their local mar- electronic publishing or elec-996. U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall these markets are where the fed-f Wichita Falls ruled eral entry requirements are cessful attempts by SBC to enter toughest - and they are where the long-distance business in the potential is the greatest for local phone companies to have subsidiary, Southwestern Bell nies' investment in long dis-

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telecommunications industry to provide long-distance service allowed the Bells to seek permission to provide long-distance service in local phone regions. The law frees local and enter each other's businesses, subject to regulatory approval.

So far, no regional company has been cleared by the FCC to Mark C. Rosenblum, AT&T provide long-distance service chief executive officer of US within the states of its region. In its lawsuit, SBC contended ruling "will further accelerate "inexplicable and clearly erro- the act was unfair because the day when consumers can see

Oklahoma, a state served by its Telephone Co. It also operates under the Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell names.

The company challenged only the portion of the act that singled out and excluded SBC from competing in certain business, said Lonny Morrison, a Wichita Falls attorney who represented the company.

SBC said the ruling will enable it to provide long distance in its service region of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, California and Nevada. Whitacre said the company plans to seek permission to offer long-distance service first in Oklahoma.

Another Bell company, Bell Atlantic, said it will file an The 1996 law deregulating the application with the FCC soon in New York and eventually to other states.

"Bell Atlantic never thought it was the intent of Congress to long-distance companies to impose burdens to keep some players out of long distance and allow others in," spokeswoman Susan Butta said.

Sol Trujillo, president and West Communications, said the

Brazilian police storm prison, free hundreds of hostages

SOROCABA, Brazil (AP) - In a land where inmate rebellions are occurrence, the events



One of the guards who was freed in the police raid, Ademir ose Tobias de Carvalho, said he had been held in a cell and beaten often with the flat side of knife. According to Carvalho, the prisoners had semi-automatic weapons and .38 caliber pistols. Earlier in the day, it appeared that the standoff might be resolved peacefully. Prisoners had agreed Tuesday night to release the 17 guards Wednesday, along with 621 visitors. Several deadlines passed, but eventually the inmates began releasing some of their hostages.

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weeki that unfolded over three days at Sorocaba Prison – ending with a raid by police in which not a shot was fired - shocked Brazilians.

The government said no one was killed in Wednesday's raid, although an inmate and a woman died Sunday when prisoners took hundreds of hostages, including guards and inmates' relatives.

In the climax of the rebellion Wednesday, at least four riot police and 10 prisoners were wounded, the latter with knife and club injuries. Police said the knife wounds were the result of prisoner-on-prisoner fighting.

As a squad of 250 riot police took control of Sorocaba Prisonexploding "shock" bombs designed to scare, not injure hostages streamed out the front gate, screaming and crying. Some Sao Paulo, dismayed even said police had beaten them and Brazilians accustomed to prison inmates.

Black smoke rose from inside within an hour.

"From what I saw the cops es," said Daniel Azevedo Noronha, president of the human of Sao Paulo.

miles west of Brazil's largest city, prison.

600 km Brazil Brasilia Sorocaba **Prison inmates** holding hostages Sao Paulo Pacific Ocean South Atlantic Ocean

rebellions that stem from anger over overcrowding and long prethe prison, but no gunshots were trial waits. At Sorocaba Prison, heard and the raid was over, there are 900 inmates, though it was designed to hold 500.

During the standoff - the secacted very well to put this thing ond at the prison in 1997 down without any major abus- inmates hung guards by their ankles and tortured them with knives, sticks and iron bars, rights defense council of the state according to Selma Giron, a

Then, police said negotiations had broken down.

The raid became necessary because inmates had begun to dig a tunnel, according to Police Col. Rui Cesar, who was in charge of the riot troops.

Those freed earlier in the day looked haggard and drawn as they were led from the prison by police.

"This is the greatest present God could give me for the New Year," said Izilda Fatima Silva, holding her two 6-month-old grandsons. Silva had been visiting her son, who is serving a sentence for armed robbery.

Standing by her side was Silva's 8-year-old granddaughter Nora, who looked frightened by the attention but said she had not f Sao Paulo. The violence of the standoff 50 prison official who said she heard been mistreated. "I played board the reports from people in the games mostly. No one ever hurt me and I ate well."

Heart disease costs expected to rise in 1998

cardiovascular disease is expected to climb by about six percent next year as the nation's population ages and suffers more heart attacks and ing in lost productivity because people have been strokes, the American Heart Association reported ill or have died from strokes and heart attacks. Wednesday.

additional \$15 billion next year, according to figures released in the American Heart Association's 1998 Heart and Stroke Statistical Update.

"Costs are rising for several reasons," said Martha N. Hill. American Heart Association president. "As the population increases and ages, more people will be having heart attacks and strokes. And while we're developing new and better ways to treat those diseases, the treatments do cost money."

Dr. R. Sanders Williams, chief of cardiology at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said the heart association's estimates are consistent with the trends he's seen.

think heart disease is not so bad - that if they get it, they can fix it."

That estimate includes the cost of physician and checked regularly.

DALLAS (AP) - The cost to research and treat professional care, hospital and nursing home ser-ardiovascular disease is expected to climb by vices, medications and home health equipment.

The Dallas-based heart association also is factor-

In 1995, the most recent year for which totals are Cardiovascular diseases could cost the nation an available, 960,592 people died of cardiovascular disease in the United States. That was 41.5 percent of all deaths that year and an increase of nearly 11,000 from 1994, the heart association said.

That's partially because people are heavier than ever before. The heart association found 65.7 mil-Hon Americans exceeded the healthy weight range defined by U.S. dietary guidelines during a 1988-94 study. That's a 43 percent increase over figures compiled for 1960-62.

"Being overweight is serious," Ms. Hill said. "Overweight or obese people are more likely to. develop heart attack and stroke even if they have no other risk factors. Excess weight is also linked to "Many people in their minds don't worry about heart disease," Williams said. "Everyone's afraid of cancer and AIDS is certainly a scourge, but people

To prevent heart disease, Williams suggested people maintain a healthy body weight, eat a diet Money spent on cardiovascular disease is expected recommended by the American Heart Association to climb to \$274.2 billion from \$259.1 billion in 1997. and have their cholesterol level and blood pressure





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