

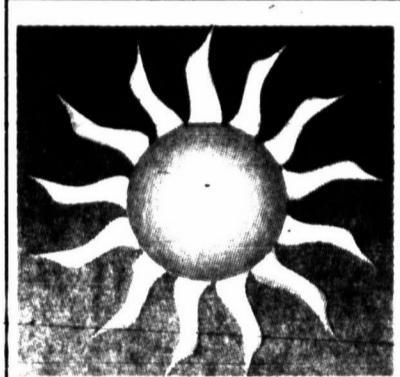
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PAMPA — Tralee Crisis Center will offer volunteer training for people who are interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. Training sessions will start on Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Tralee Crisis Center office, 310 S. Cuyler. You must RSVP by Feb. 1. For more info, call Renita Conner at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PAMPA — Registration for Clarendon College Pampa Center has begun (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) and classes will start on Jan. 18. The last day to register at 900 N. Frost will be Jan. 29. For more information call 665-8801. Look for the class schedule in Thursday's *Pampa News* or come by the school.

BORGER — Spring registration at Frank Phillips College is today and tomorrow on the second floor of the Library Building from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Open registration continues Jan. 11-14 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Jan. 15 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Classroom Learning Complex. Class schedules are available at the college and at are high schools or on the web at www.fpc.cc.tx.us. For more information call 1-800-687-2056.

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- Rev. Willard E. Teel, 83, car salesman, minister.

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PEDC leader leaving for new job



Lew Mollenkamp

Lew Mollenkamp said he is not leaving because of a problem with Pampa, "The PEDC has plenty of potential, numerous projects in the works that I'm going to be sorry that I'm not going to be a part of."

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Lew Mollenkamp today announced his resignation as Executive Director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. He is leaving to become State and Local Tax Manager for Arthur Anderson LLP in Dallas. Arthur Anderson is one the "Big

Five" accounting firms in the country, according to Mollenkamp.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me," Mollenkamp said. "It's something that I had in the back of my mind as a direction I'd like to go at some point. I really wasn't thinking it would be this soon, that something of this magnitude would come along."

He said he had not been looking for a

job. The company approached him, having heard about him from a friend who works for Anderson.

Mollenkamp said he is not leaving because of a problem with Pampa, "The PEDC has plenty of potential, numerous projects in the works that I'm going to be sorry that I'm not going to be a part of."

He said the PEDC has accomplished a great deal in the last year and a half and he credits the staff, the PEDC board of directors, the city commission and other governmental bodies that have helped along with the media and community support.

"You have to have all of those elements to make economic development work," he said. "I've been a very small piece of this huge effort so I see no reason why Pampa shouldn't continue to have signif-

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PISD keeps busy improving facilities

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

A \$30,000 special education facility at the middle school isn't the only project the school district's facility management department has been working on this year.

Denver Bruner, director of Pampa ISD's facility management, sat down with school board officials recently to discuss those projects his department has completed or is in the process of completing.

Bruner said he feels his department has "really improved the district," and although there are several visible projects he works on, he said, there are many more that the public never see.

"But when it rains, and it doesn't drip down your neck, you'll appreciate it," said Bruner. "We've always got a stack of work orders waiting for us."

Approximately 560 work orders were handed over to his department last semester with projects waiting to be completed, not including day-to-day mandatory things like broken toilets and water fountains, he said.

"My goal when I took this job was to take a response time of one school day," said Bruner

of project requests. "Right now, we've got a two-hour response time."

He said most of the work orders received are worked on as quickly as possible, unless it's a project that "may take years to complete."

Other projects completed in the last few months include a weight lifting/off-season building at the middle school, which was funded by middle school boosters, the completion of Wilson Elementary's playground and the re-roofing of the ticket booth at the football field. (See complete list of projects.)

Pampa ISD Facility Management Projects Completed or in process August-December 1998	
Hallway heating for Austin & Travis	\$14,000
PMS weight lifting/offseason building	\$23,000
PMS Special Education facility	\$30,000
Pass-thru door for Technology & Library services	\$1,000
Concrete doors for northeast doors at Lamar	\$1,100
Baseball field fence	\$10,000
Surplus auction	
Re-roof storeroom/ticket booth at football field	\$1,200
Finish Wilson playground	\$7,500
Insulated Wilson gym ceiling	\$3,500
Refinished and repainted McNeely gym floor	\$1,100
Interior glass doors at Lamar	\$1,450
PHS Library carpet	\$7,500
Irrigation system at soccer field	\$7,500
Installed crosswalks at Austin parking lot	\$1,000



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

(left) Anne Stobbe, Mary Jo Fiveash, and Glenna Lea Miller look at a catalogue and show the chair style being ordered for the library auditorium through Pampa Office Supply. New drapes are being made by Kriss-Kross Quilting. Funds were raised for the project by the Friends of the Pampa Library. Officers are: President, Glenna Lea Miller; Vice-president, Pat Kindle; Secretary, Louise Bailey; Corresponding Secretary, Faye Nichols; Treasurer, Alberta Jeffries; Assistant Treasurer, Estelle Malone.

Former Pampa bookkeeper facing bank fraud charges

A Stinnett woman was free today pending arraignment in federal court on two bank fraud charges involving altered checks from a Pampa business.

Julie Dawn Overall, 31, was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury in Amarillo accusing her of trying to defraud the First State Bank of Miami.

Overall, a former bookkeeper for Computer Sales and Technology (CST) in Pampa, is accused of altering checks from the business. Authorities said she apparently increased the amount of payroll checks from about \$800 to about \$1,800.

She faces two indictments alleging 10 counts of altering checks over a period of about five months, from March to July, 1997. The checks,

Julie Dawn Overall, 31, a former bookkeeper for Computer Sales and Technology (CST), is accused of altering checks from the business.

according to the indictment, total more than \$7,000.

The indictments, officers said, were the culmination of a six month investigation by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

U.S. District Court in Amarillo issued a summons for Overall to appear for arraignment at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 14.

Revocation hearings today

Six people were to appear in 223rd District Court today for probation revocation hearings.

Five men and a woman, facing unrelated charges, were to appear before Judge Lee Waters at 1:30 p.m. today for probation revocation hearings.

Rhoston Young, 24; Charlotte Christine Phillips, 32; Johnathan Paul Munn, 34; Onesimo Leal, 20; and Felix Wilbert Scott Jr., 25, were scheduled for probation hearingS this afternoon, according to District Attorney John Mann.

Young is on probation in connection with a July 24, 1991, arson.

Phillips was in Gray County jail today facing a probation revocation hearing in connection with a Dec. 7, 1995, forgery by making.

Munn is on probation for a Feb. 9, 1997, aggravated assault.

Leal is on probation for a Nov. 23, 1996, credit card abuse conviction.

Scott is on probation for a June 24, 1997, aggravated robbery.

'Friends' make library donation

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Seventy-two chairs and 12 tables are being replaced at the Lovett Library auditorium by the Friends of the Pampa Library organization in conjunction with the facility's renovations.

The Friends have raised an undisclosed amount of money for this project for several years, according to the group's president, Glenna Lea Miller.

"We prefer to not say how much it's costing," said Miller this morning.

The group has been setting aside money from membership drives and book sales for a number of years in preparation for the renovation project, she said.

Rouge chairs and white, silica tables have been selected to coordinate with the pattern of new drapes being made for the room. Miller said the selections were made by the board after visiting with library architects this summer.

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Services tomorrow

FLENORY, Calvin — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
LESTER, Beatrice-Kinard — Burial, 2 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

Obituaries

BEATRICE KINARD LESTER

LUBBOCK — Beatrice Kinard Lester, 89, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999. Services are to be at 3 p.m. today in Resthaven Funeral Home Abbey Chapel with Dr. Stan Blevins officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean with the Rev. James Martendale officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Lester was born April 10, 1909, at McLean. She married Dana Claude Lester on Jan. 8, 1928, at McLean. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dana, of Lubbock; two sisters, Loree Barker and Ann Lamb, both of Lubbock, and two grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to Highland Baptist Church or to a favorite charity.

REV. WILLARD E. TEEL

PERRYTON — The Rev. Willard E. Teel, 83, father of Shamrock residents, died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Corner Stone Church of God with the Rev. Jim Myers and the Rev. Joe Jernigan officiating. Burial will be in Perryton Cemetery under the direction of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guyton, Okla.

The Rev. Teel was born at Table Grove, Ill. He married Zelma Aten. He moved from Macomb, Ill., to Guyton in 1974 and from Guyton to Perryton in 1992. He married Beatrice "Bea" Kay McElyea at Hardesty, Okla. He was a car salesman and was an ordained minister of World Bible Way Fellowship. He was a member of Corner Stone Church of God.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a son, Willard E. Teel.

Survivors include his wife, Bea; 11 children, Roger Teel of Monmouth, Ill., Barbara Huston of Hooker, Okla., Rose Padilla of Galesburg, Ill., Ann Guest and Karen Bateman, both of Shamrock, Carrie Sue Martin of Littleton, Ill., Robert Teel of Lawton, Okla., David Teel of Macomb, Joyce Gallegos and Vickie Wilcox, both of Perryton, and Janice Pearson of Spearman; four stepchildren, Gene Otto of Perryton, Jimmy Otto of Orem, Utah, John Otto of Washington, D.C., and Jeff Otto of St. Louis, Mo.; three sisters, 40 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, January 5

10:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of N. Dwight and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Duncan and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Wednesday, January 6

2:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Navajo and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Antchury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	70	Hullburt	31.12	up 1/8
Milo	124	IBR	3.15/36	up 1/4
Corn	154	KSI	23.98	dn 1/8
Soybeans	181	Kerr McGee	38.93	up 1/16
		Emural	40	up 1/8
		McDonald's	27.28	up 1/14
		Mobil	87.11/16	up 1/4
		New Amos	31.13/16	up 9/16
		NEI	48	dn 1/2
		Penney's	48.94	up 5/16
		Phillips	42.9/16	dn 1/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	91.4	up 1/8
		SLB	48.28	up 1/8
		Tenneco	35.9/16	dn 9/16
		Teakco	53.11/16	up 7/8
		Urbamar	21.94	up 9/16
		Wal-Mart	81.18/16	up 1/16
		Williams	30.7/16	up 9/16
		New York Gold	287.40	
		Silver	5.13	
		West Texas Crude	12.03	

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

Occidental	17.58	up 1/4
Morgan	127.13	up 1/8
Bay	20.11	

The following 99.99¢ N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

Amesco	65.18/16	up 3/8
Acad	38.18/16	dn 1/8
Cabot	15.12	up 3/16
Cabot OIG	15.12	up 3/16
Chevron	51.13/16	up 1/16

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alex Kingston's romance on "ER" may be rocky but everything is smooth in real life. The British actress has married a writer she met on a blind date.

Ms. Kingston, 35, and Florian Haertel, 34, were wed Dec. 29 in Santa Fe, N.M., her publicist, Nancy Seltzer, said Tuesday.

This is the second marriage for Ms. Kingston, who was divorced from actor Ralph Fiennes ("The English Patient") in 1997. It is the first for Haertel, a native of Munich, Germany.

He is a freelance writer for German media, Seltzer said. Ms. Kingston began as a theater actress before adding film and TV roles. As Dr. Elizabeth Corday on NBC's medical drama "ER," she has an on-again, off-again relationship with fellow surgeon Peter Benton (Eriq La Salle).

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Friends and family of Sonny Bono gathered on both coasts to remember the congressman and entertainer, who died one year ago in a skiing accident.

Rep. Mary Bono, his widow and political successor, was among those who attended a private graveside memorial service in Palm Springs on Tuesday, her staff said. Cher,

Police report

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

Tuesday, January 5

Benjamin Joseph Heiple, 44, Shamrock, was arrested on municipal warrants.

Injury to a child was reported in the 1000 block of N. Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School.

Wednesday, January 6

Melton Leon Best, 42, McLean, was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Kevin Bran Burton, 18, 533 Ballard, was arrested on charges of minor in possession (of alcohol) and a warrant.

Thomas Ray Carver III, 18, 900 E. Brunow, was arrested on charges of minor driving under the influence.

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

Tuesday, January 5

Kristina M. Romero, 23, Oklahoma City, was arrested by the DPS on charges of no valid drivers license, no seat belt, no liability insurance and failure to identify.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, January 5

No charges were listed when a 1993 Saturn driven by Douglas Clayton Lindsey, 50, Amarillo, attempted to change lanes in the 100 block of E. Randy Matson and struck a 1994 Geo driven by Christopher James Frazier, 16, 1836 Evergreen. No injuries were reported.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

FORT BLISS SPRING BAZAAR

Feb. 26 from 2-7 p.m., Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Feb. 28 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Stout physical Fitness Center-Airport at Forrest Road. One stop shopping for jewelry, clothing, arts and crafts, etc. Raffle with fantastic prizes-Airline tickets and more! Food court-game booths for kids. Entry fee \$1 for military-\$2 for general public-kids free. Proceeds for this event will be donated to worthy causes in the greater Fort Bliss/El Paso communities. If you have questions, please call (915) 562-3343.

ALEUTIAN ISLAND MILITARY VETERANS

Aleutian Island military veterans reunion and luncheon in Lubbock Tx., Jan. 20, 1999. Videos by veterans revisiting the Aleutian Islands 50+ years later will include Attu, Adak, Dutch Harbor and Umnak. Send self addressed, stamped envelope to Al King, P.O. Box 130327, Sunrise Fla. 33313 for registration blank, by Jan. 4, 1999.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Do you feel like a slave to food? Do you fight the diet battle, only to regain the weight soon after? If so, join us for a free Orientation session and learn about The Weigh Down Workshop - a Christ centered program. The free orientation will be held on Jan. 11, 1999 at 7 p.m. at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks. This program is for men as well as women. For more information, call Deborah Ferrell at 669-2014 or 669-6700.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

School of instruction honoring Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Henry S. Martin Worthy Grand Patron Thursday Jan. 7. Registration starts at 8 a.m. School starts at 9 a.m. There will a salad supper Wednesday night at 6:30 bring you favorite salad, at Pampa Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill.

PEDC

icant success." Lewis Meers president of the PEDC board of directors said he is disappointed from an economic development point of view because much of the success the PEDC has had has come after Mollenkamp took over the job.

"But this was a good opportunity and I wish him the best of luck with that," Meers said.

Mayor Bob Neslage said, "He's done a wonderful job and is a great economic developer. I know he will be a success in whatever he does."

County Judge Richard Peet said he admires

Mollenkamp's enthusiasm, which he said is an important ingredient in the job. Peet said Mollenkamp has worked hard to bring economic development to the area. Peet wished him the best in his new endeavors.

Meers said the PEDC board will meet Jan. 12, and will discuss how to go about hiring a replacement. "In a perfect world there will be someone inside the community that has the qualifications for this job," Meers said. "I believe there are those folks if we can find them. If not, we will have to find the right person where we can."

Mollenkamp's last day on the job will be January 16 and he will start his new job on the 21st.

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LIBRARY

The newly furnished auditorium will be available for library activities and to community groups.

"A lot of people don't understand what all the Friends do," said Library Director Anne Stobbe.

More than 450 members of the community support the library as members of the organization.

Other service projects of the Friends include the

sponsorship of the Pampa Adult Literacy Program, the library's summer reading program and the library's Children's Story Hour. They also sponsor craft shows, Head Start for the Holidays, and book reviews, according to Stobbe.

The move date back into the library has not been secured yet, said Stobbe today, but library officials are planning on making an announcement sometime in January.

Study: Magnets helped lessen foot pain in diabetics

NEW YORK (AP) — A preliminary study suggests there may be something to one popular folk remedy — magnets really might ease pain in some cases.

More research is needed, agree the physician who conducted the small study and an outside observer.

Dr. Michael Weintraub, a neurologist at the New York Medical College in Valhalla, said a group of patients with chronic foot pain reported improvement after wearing pads equipped with low-intensity magnets.

His study in this month's American Journal of Pain Management run counter to studies that had failed to show any beneficial effect from magnets, which have been used for centuries on various ailments but without scientific proof they actually did any good.

Weintraub began his four-month study in July 1997, using 24 patients with chronic pain caused by diabetes as well as other ailments. The tests were conducted at his office in Briarcliff Manor and at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow. Nineteen patients completed the study.

In the first month, each person was given a pad equipped with magnets for one foot and a non-

magnetized pad for the other foot, and told to wear them 24 hours a day. They were not told which pad was which, and after the first month the pads were switched.

They described their pain levels twice daily using a five-point scale.

By the end of the study, nine of the 10 diabetics reported less pain by an average of a full point. Three of the nine nondiabetics had a similar result.

About 20 millions diabetics are subject to painful burning sensations, numbness and tingling in the feet and hands.

Weintraub's study is "a tremendous breakthrough," said Dr. Paul Rosch, president of the American Institute of Stress in Yonkers. Rosch, who has written about the history of magnet therapy, cautioned that more work is needed. "We don't know the mechanism by which this works. It's all trial and error," he said Wednesday.

In addition, "from a statistical point of view, the sampling is very small. But it does work," he said, adding that he would now try the method on his own patients.

Weintraub also said that because his study used a relatively small group, it must be regarded as preliminary to further research.

Officer, facing charges, shoots himself

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A police officer who had agreed to turn himself in on spousal abuse charges instead drove to his sister's home and shot himself in the head, officials said Tuesday.

Larry Pena, a 10-year Lubbock police veteran, was in extremely critical condition Tuesday evening at University Medical Center.

Police received a frantic call from one of Pena's relatives at 3 p.m. Pena shot himself with a handgun as officers approached the garage of his sister's home.

"He was inside, threatening to shoot himself and a family member was trying to talk him out of it," said police spokesman Bill Morgan. "As officers

approached, they heard two gunshots in close succession."

Pena, 36, and his 29-year-old wife have three children.

He was on administrative leave after allegedly hitting and kicking his wife at their home on Jan. 1. He had agreed to turn himself in Tuesday.

The wife told police that she and Pena got in an argument after a party. She said Pena kicked her in the head; dragged her into a bedroom and pinned her against a wall. A police report stated that she suffered a broken finger, bumps to her forehead and other cuts and bruises.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly sunny today with a high in the mid 60s and north-west winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 30 and light and variable winds. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high of 63 and south-southwest. Yesterday's high was 58, the overnight low was 27.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 30. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly sunny. High 60 to 65. Southwest to west wind 10-20 mph with higher gusts. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Low around 30. Thursday, mostly sunny. High in the 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight and Thursday, partly cloudy. Low around 30. High around 70. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. High around 70. Far West Texas

— Tonight, fair. Low around 30. Thursday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s and 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs from the mid 60s mountains to the mid 70s along the river.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, low clouds developing central and east with patchy fog. Partly cloudy west. Lows 35 north to near 50 southeast. Thursday, partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy central and east with areas of morning fog. Cooler northeast. Highs 50 northeast to 65 south.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Patchy fog developing late south central. Lows in the 40s, 30s Hill Country. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s to lower 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms near the coast. Late night low clouds and fog. Lows in the

mid 50s inland, near 60 at the coast. Thursday, early morning fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms near the coast. Highs in the lower 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with areas of fog developing. Lows in the low to mid 50s. Thursday, areas of morning fog, otherwise partly cloudy and continued warm. Highs in the lower to middle 70s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, fair skies. Lows 10 to 25 mountains and north, 20s to mid 30s elsewhere. Thursday, fair skies. Becoming breezy east. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and north-west with upper 50s to near 70 elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Lows middle 20s to middle 30s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain or drizzle, a chance of light freezing rain or freezing drizzle across northern Oklahoma. Highs in the lower 30s to lower 40s.

City briefs

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Names in the news...

NEW YORK (AP) — Marilyn Manson has been sued by a magazine editor who claims two bodyguards for the shock rocker assaulted him last November.

Craig Marks, the executive editor of Spin, filed a \$24 million lawsuit Monday against Manson, his record companies and the firm that hired the bodyguards. The suit claims the bodyguards slammed Marks against a wall and choked him in a dressing room following a Nov. 23 concert in New York.

After the bodyguards released him, Manson allegedly told Marks, "That's what you get when you disrespect me."

Manson's lawyer, Paul Cambria, denied that attack happened.

"Our investigations show all of these accusations to be totally groundless," he said.

Marks suggested that the attack stemmed from his magazine's decision to drop plans to feature Manson, whose real name is Brian Warner, on Spin's January 1999 cover.

Police are investigating the incident, but no one has been arrested.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alex Kingston's romance on

Bono's former wife and singing partner, and their daughter, Chastity Bono, did not attend.

Bono was 62 when he hit a tree and was killed while skiing in South Lake Tahoe on Jan. 5, 1998.

In Washington, people left flowers and candles at a "pocket park" created in Bono's honor.

"People have been leaving things for two days," said Geary Simon, a friend of Bono's who created the park near Dupont Circle.

Simon planted 600 tulips and placed a plaque celebrating Bono's multifaceted life as "Entertainer, Entrepreneur, Statesman, Friend."

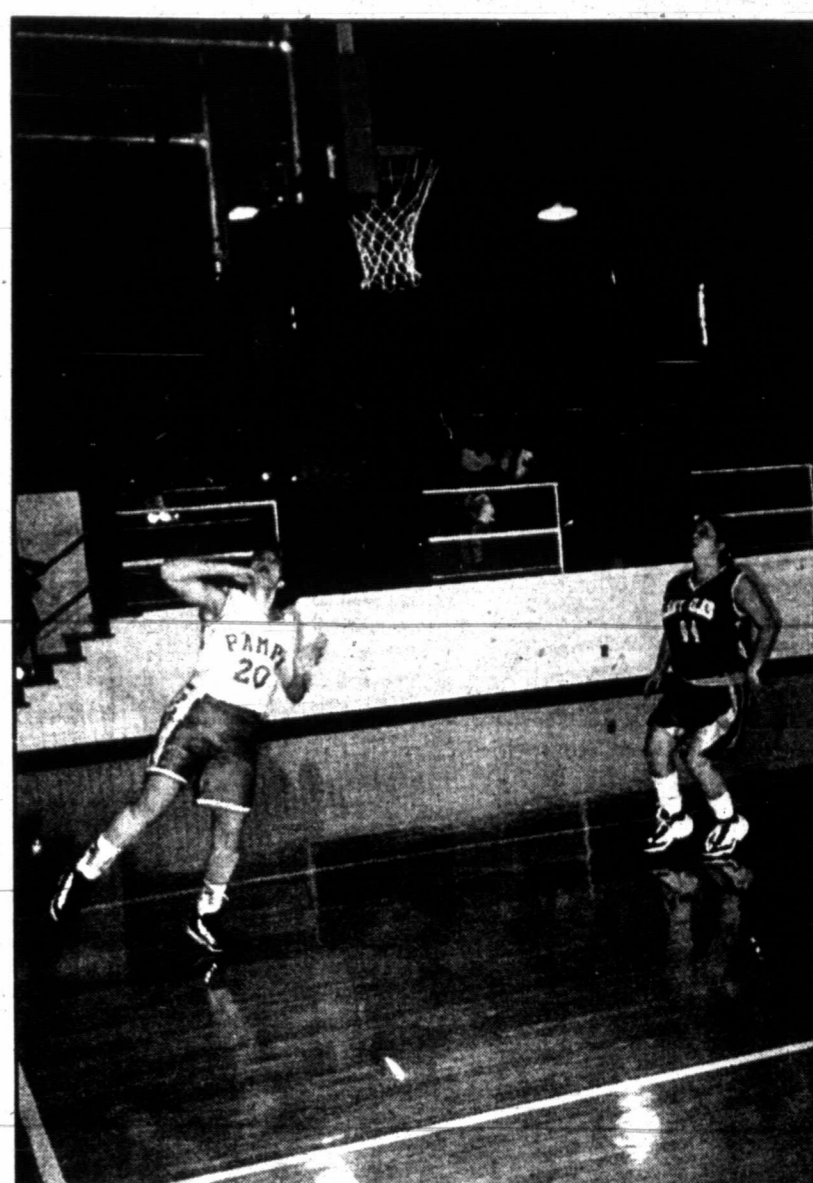
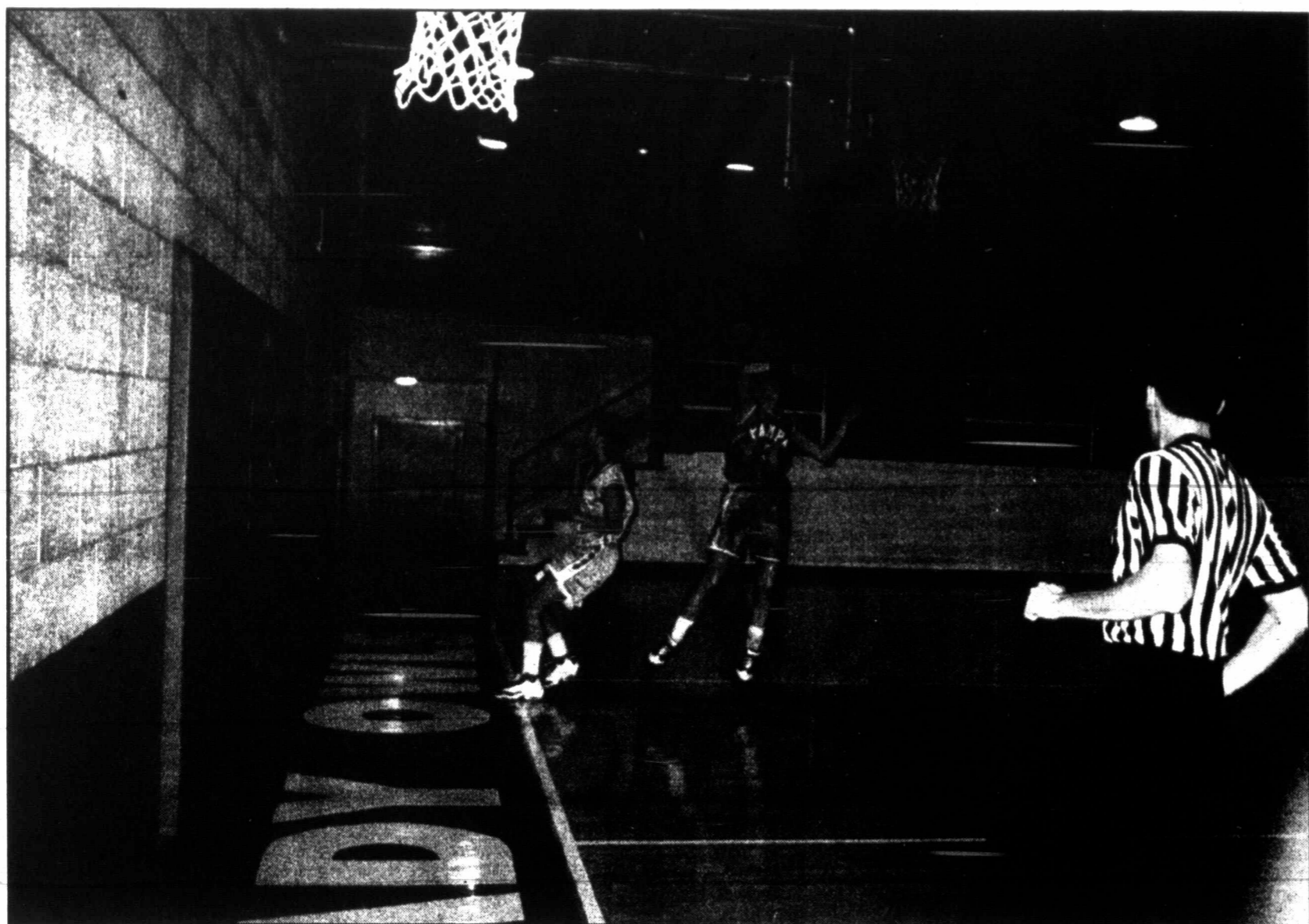
NEW YORK (AP) — George Lucas says six "Star Wars" movies are enough.

The 55-year-old creator of the series says after the three-part prequel is released, he does not plan on making any more films based on the original movie. The perception has been that the complete Star Wars saga would be nine parts.

"I never had a story for the sequels, for the later ones," Lucas says in the Jan. 4 edition of Vanity Fair. "And also, I'll be to a point in my age where to do another trilogy would take 10 years."

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Pampa Academy player #5 Kendra Raber going for a lay-up against Silverton Lady Owls. Pampa Academy Player #20 Angie Edmondson in for a lay-up against Cotton Center Lady Elks.

Guide helps parents talk to children about drugs

NEW YORK — Recognizing the critical role of parents in drug prevention, the American Council for Drug Education, an affiliate of Phoenix House, has produced a valuable new guide called, "Let's Talk: Communicating With Your Child About Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drugs."

Designed in an easy-to-follow format, "Let's Talk" provides parents with detailed instructions on talking about the dangers of these harmful substances with their children, ages 3 to 15. It also features background information on the disturbing levels of adolescent drug use in America and colorful charts on stages of child development and the effects of drug abuse.

"Parents are unquestionably their children's first and most important teachers," says Martha Gagne', director of ACDE. "The messages they deliver influence their children, not just for today, but throughout their lives. It is clear that caring adults have the best chance of helping children grow up to be drug free, and our new guide is designed to give them the tools they need to perform this very important function."

Recognizing important distinctions, the guide presents drug prevention strategies and information for three different age groups — pre-schoolers (3-5), school age children (6-10), and young adolescents (11-15). For preschoolers, the emphasis is on developing self-help, problem solving and personal hygiene.

"We begin with pre-schoolers not because we fear children this age will become users," Ms. Gagne' explained. "But we are worried about them turning to tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs when they are 10, 11 or 12; the time to begin drug education is before the problem exists. The foundations for all healthy habits, from eating nutritiously to dressing appropriately for the weather, are laid down in the preschool years."

"It's also important to realize that even young children hear about drugs. Unless adults take the time to help children sort through the messages they receive, the youngsters may begin to understand drugs in a way which could lead to trouble in the years ahead."

School age children are influenced by peer groups, but appreciate having limits in place. Young adolescents encounter an array of challenges including self-doubt, concern about personal appearance and expanding social consciences. These circumstances create the need for different parental approaches to drug information and prevention, according to Ms. Gagne'. "Conversations with children at all age levels must be rooted in the realities of their lives," she adds.

The guide also portrays conversations between parents and children, suggesting responses that generate effective communication on a variety of topics.

The guide was written by ACDE's Dr. Laura J. Colker and Dr. Charles H. Flatter, who have written and spoken extensively on the subject of parents and drug prevention. It includes photographs, art work and a resource guide for additional help and information. Funding for the project was provided by Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. To obtain a copy of "Let's Talk" send a \$3.60 check or money order payable to the "American Council for Drug Education" to: ACDE, 164 W. 74th Street, 4th floor, New York, NY 10023, or call 1-800-488-DRUG.

Founded in 1977, the American Council for Drug Education produces and distributes a wide range of scientifically based drug education and prevention materials for schools, the workplace and the general public. ACDE reaches hundreds of thousands of people annually through print, broadcast media and film. The Council operates a 24-hour, toll-free, confidential drug help and referral service, 1-800-DRUG-HELP. To learn more, visit ACDE on line at <http://www.acde.org>.

Amarillo Symphony Guild announces 1999 Young Performers' Competition

AMARILLO — Amarillo Symphony Guild winners in each category will have the opportunity to perform recital on the Youth Competition Saturday, Jan. 23 in Polk Street United Methodist Church. The competition is open to any student who has not exceeded a high school graduate in age.

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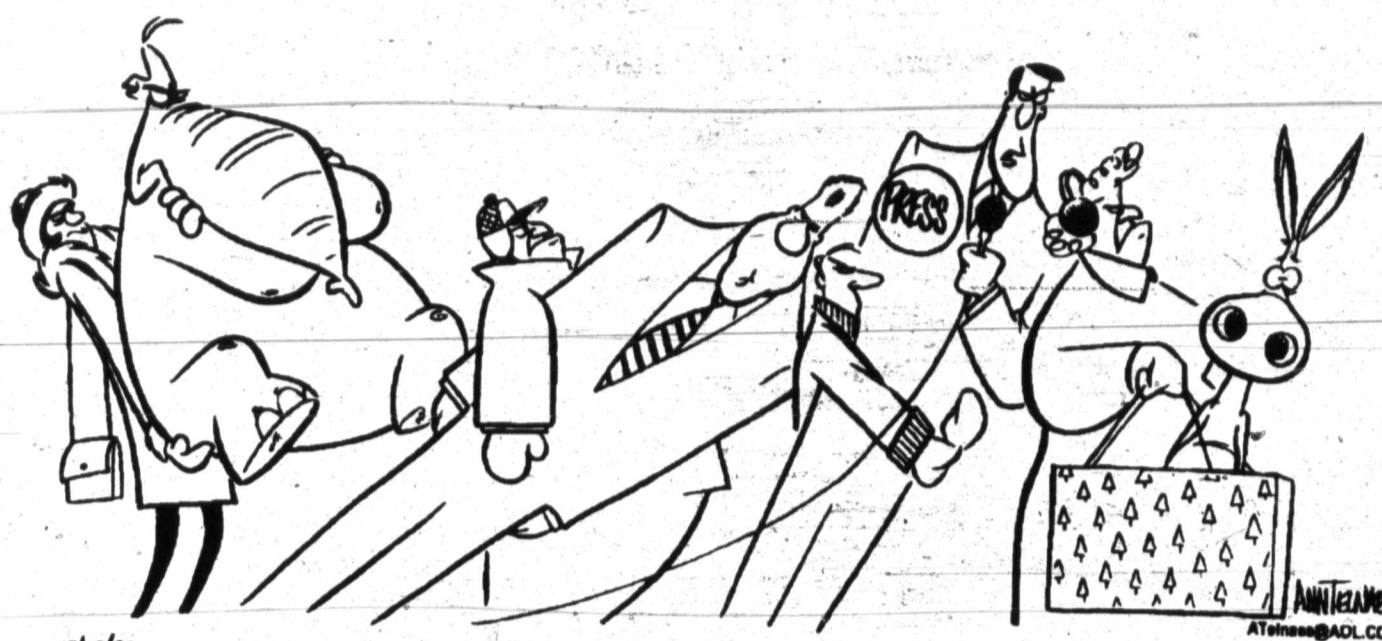
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Opinion

Piece of history is incredibly simple

■ Thanks to private resources, a part of Ronald Reagan's legacy will be preserved.

At first glance, the modest 106-year-old ranch house at Ronald Reagan's western White House in California, Rancho del Cielo, compares to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello the way a bungalow compares to the Taj Mahal. From an architectural standpoint, it's ridiculous to discuss the two in the same breath.

But comparisons between the Reagan ranch near Santa Barbara and the Jefferson estate outside Charlottesville, Va., are valid for this reason: They both speak volumes about the values of the men who lived in them. That's the view of Marc Short, who along with his wife, Kristen, are now managing the Reagan ranch on behalf of Young America's Foundation — a conservative group that bought it from the Reagans last spring.

Newport Beach's Thomas Phillips, chairman of the conservative Phillips Publishing International, announced recently a \$1 million donation to help the foundation preserve the ranch. The money will help maintain what is clearly an important historical resource.

The house, guest quarters and tack room — preserved as they were when the Reagans frequented the ranch — offer a fascinating glimpse into what made this conservative president tick.

Simply put, the ranch seems to have been a touchstone — one that connected Reagan to his fundamental beliefs of hard work, self-sufficiency, solitude in thought. This was not a party house for friends or a dude ranch for donors. It was Reagan's private study that just happened to be 688 acres big and a half-mile high.

After navigating seven miles of winding roads that twist up the rough-hewn Santa Ynez mountains, you find a 1,500-square-foot, low-slung adobe home. On the front patio is the rustic leather-topped table where President Reagan signed the historic 1981 tax cut that was the foundation of Reaganomics. Across the property were split rail fences Reagan built and meandering riding trails now overgrown with the kind of brush Reagan used to spend hours clearing.

The tack room and shed seems to prove that the president really did the tasks that the photo ops showed over the years. Four chain saws lined one shelf and a double-bladed ax hung nearby. Reagans well-worn English saddle was stored side-by-side with the expensive, but largely unused, gifts of saddlery. It all reinforced what the Shorts were saying: Reagan came to the ranch to ride and work. Over his eight years as president, his time spent at the ranch added up to a full year. He insisted that his advisers allow plenty of "ranch time" so he could get away from Washington bustle, in spirit as well as location.

Inside the home, heated only by two fireplaces, are the kind of simple furnishings, undistinguished (cowboy) artwork and faux-brick linoleum floors you might find in any working-class home. Only three world leaders ever visited and none stayed overnight.

The youth foundation, which used private funds to buy the ranch after a government-funded proposal deservedly fell through, intends to build a nearby conference center and use the complex to teach students about the Reagan legacy of free markets, strong defense and traditional values.

Not only does the ranch provide keen insights into the former president's freedom-loving worldview, but its support by private benefactors points to Reagans principle that Americans will give generously to worthy projects when the government steps out of the way.

—Odessa American

Yearly conflict-of-interest statement

It's time for my customary conflict-of-interest statement. I do this every year because I think that readers have a right to know where columnists are coming from. You probably don't care, but here goes anyway:

I tore up my voter-registration card after the last election, and when I have time to go by the voter-registration office, I will un-register. From the time of Barry Goldwater until the Gulf War, I was registered as a Republican. George Bush drove me out of the Republican Party. I re-registered as a Democrat. Now Bill Clinton has driven me out of politics.

People should remember that political parties are not philosophical societies but merely organizations set up for the purpose of winning elections and distributing patronage. They stand for whatever the people in them stand for (if anything) at any given point in time.

My only sources of income are my salary and the sale of my syndicated column. I don't accept speaking fees because I don't speak to those I don't like, and if I like them, I don't want to charge them a fee.

I own no stock other than what the company puts into some kind of retirement plan. That's for two reasons:

One, I don't have a lot of money, always having believed that Samuel Johnson was right when he said it is better to live rich than to die rich.

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 1999. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 1412, according to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy.

On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married.

In 1838, Samuel Morse first publicly demonstrated his telegraph, in Morristown, N.J.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y., at age 60.

In 1942, the Pan American Airways "Pacific Clipper" arrived in New York after making the first round-the-world trip by a commercial airplane.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce in Rye, N.Y.

In 1967, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation "Deckhouse V," an offensive in the Mekong River delta.

In 1993, ballet dancer Rudolf

Nureyev died in Paris at age 54; jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie died in Englewood, N.J., at age 75.

Ten years ago: The United States presented photographic evidence to the U.N. Security Council to justify its shootdown of two Libyan jet fighters as self-defense, evidence the Libyan ambassador said was faked.

Five years ago: Figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the right leg by an assailant at Cobo Arena in Detroit. Four men, including Jeff Gillooly, the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, were later sentenced to prison. Harding, who denied advance knowledge, received pro-

bation after pleading guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution. President Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, died in Hot Springs, Ark., at age 70.

One year ago: In a bid to expand health insurance, President Clinton unveiled a proposal to offer Medicare coverage to hundreds of thousands of uninsured Americans between the ages of 55 to 64.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Loretta Young is 86. Pollster Louis Harris is 78. Bluegrass performer Earl Scruggs is 75. Former automaker John Z. DeLorean is 74. Author E.L. Doctorow is 68. Singer Doris Troy is 62.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

The other reason is that I think if God said find all the honest men you can on Wall Street and in Las Vegas, and I will incinerate the place with the fewer, Wall Street would be toast.

I inherited two pieces of property, and I'm buying a third. I own a '96 Ford, one dog, one cat and several guns. If any burglars are reading this, the guns are in a heavy safe — all except the one I would use on you if I find you in my house. That's it on the financial front.

The only organizations I belong to are the League of the South, the John Pemberton Society and Sons of the Confederate Veterans, though I forgot to pay my dues for this year.

Philosophically, I am a Southern traditionalist. I use that term rather than conservative because some people who call themselves conservatives are Chamber of Commerce types (anything big business wants, big business should get.) Others who call themselves neo-

conservatives are really just reformed socialists who love big government. Their only difference with liberals is who gets to control it.

By traditionalist I mean someone who supports the Constitutional Republic of sovereign states created in 1787 and destroyed in 1865. It represents a minimal government, with strictly limited and defined powers, encouraging free enterprise within the framework of Christian morality and practicing a foreign policy of armed neutrality. That, of course, is as far from reality today as Pluto is from Earth, but that's what I believe we ought to strive for.

The reason I'm not a libertarian, though I'm close, is that I do not believe that people should be left free to corrupt society, to exploit people and to endanger children. Somalia is a libertarian society. So was Lebanon during its civil war. No, thanks. I believe that liberty without order and responsibility produces anarchy, and I'm a bit stiff in the joints to want to dodge and duck among the rubble.

My purpose in writing a column, aside from keeping bread and meat on the table, is to stimulate people to think about what I consider fairly important issues. It does not matter to me if people agree or disagree, because I am neither running for office nor selling anything. I don't pretend to be omniscient, and, in fact, I'm no smarter than anybody else. The advantage I have is just more time to read and to ask questions than most folks have.

Today in history

Senate making a spectacle of itself

The maneuvering among members of the Senate to escape the dictates of the Constitution is a sorry spectacle.

One would not have thought that the question of whether President Bill Clinton would be tried in the Senate would be open for debate. The Constitution requires that following an impeachment by the House, the Senate shall hold a trial.

But senators are not displaying the sort of dedication to duty and adherence to principle that their colleagues in the House showed just weeks ago. Instead, they seem to be frantically searching for a way out of their constitutional responsibilities. (Cynics are discouraged from concluding that the Senate is seeking to avoid a trial only because senators are not permitted to speak during the presentation of evidence and must submit all questions in writing to the chief justice.)

One plan reportedly being circulated among Republican and Democratic leaders would authorize a "resolution" to proceed with a trial. This resolution would require a two-thirds vote for passage. In other words, one-third of the Senate will be able to short-circuit a trial. What happens then? The Senate would entertain a vote on censure, and everyone would go home happy.

What this tidying-up operation overlooks is the facts. Facts are stubborn things, Ronald Reagan used to say. And the reason the Senate is now facing the prospect of a trial is that conscientious members of the House could not quite get past the fact that the president had committed perjury and attempted to obstruct



Mona Charen

Syndicated columnist

justice. A deal that avoids a Senate trial will permit those crimes to forever fall within the ambit of acceptable behavior for presidents.

Some of the president's advocates argue that if the president is tried and not removed from office, the leniency effect will be the same. Moreover, they continue, if there is as trial that results in acquittal, the president will escape censure, too.

Should censure be a goal of those who believe the president is guilty? No. In the first place, trials are unpredictable. The evidence just might sway some wavering souls who have been attempting to avoid the truth. And then there is the utter irrelevance of censure.

Never has a man worked harder to have himself rebuked than has Bill Clinton. The reason is two-fold. Being scolded beats being removed from office any day; and besides, Bill Clinton is immune to censure.

We can guess that he has lived his entire married life enduring a liberal amount of scolding and disapproval from his spouse. It has not seemed to improve his character or dampen his

spirits. Moreover, he has shown himself again and again to be utterly immune from shame. In this, he may be unique among public figures.

Here is a man who has seen the most intimate details of his illicit and slightly strange sexual life broadcast by print, video and computer to the remotest spots on the globe. He could have avoided this mortification in any number of ways, yet chose to risk it. This is not the mark of someone who fears being shamed.

And at a deeper level, in everything he does, from lying about sex to lying about his political opponents, there is a shameless quality to the man that is his most distinguishing characteristic.

Sure, he has mouthed words of contrition about his conduct, but they came out of his mouth sounding like Yasser Arafat's professions of peaceful intent in the Middle East — less than persuasive. Besides, his conduct (rather than his words) has betrayed his true belief that any tactics are acceptable in pursuit of his own self-interest. That's why he could direct James Carville, Charles Ruff and David Kendall to smear the prosecutor (the O.J. defense), allow his wife to lie for him on the "Today Show," and let word leak through his favored media outlet, Salon magazine, that the personal lives of every Republican would be turned over with a spade if the impeachment effort went forward. Ant that is why, at this, his defining hour, he is enjoying a reveling in the support of Larry Flynt.

Of course he is bucking for censure. He knows better than anyone how meaningless it would be.

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Taking their oaths



County Auditor Elaine Morris (left rear), who was reappointed, along with deputies and assistants from various county offices including Pam Carter, Carolyn Law, Virginia Greer, Karen McGahen (left front), Kadda Schale, Jo Mays and Sandra Burkett were sworn in Jan. 1 by District Judge Lee Waters. Not visible in the photo is Kadda Schale.

(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Texas executes first person of '99

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted killer John Glenn Moody blamed drugs in part for his violent past and it was a lethal dose of drugs that served as punishment to end his life. Moody, with halting speech and fighting back tears, expressed remorse Tuesday night for pain and suffering he caused as he received a lethal injection in the Texas death chamber.

But the West Virginia native, whose record before the murder of a 77-year-old Abilene woman included 21 convictions over 19 years, did not specifically acknowledge murdering the woman at her home more than a decade ago.

"I am very sorry," Moody, 46, said as he lay strapped to the death chamber gurney, needles inserted into his hands. Several friends and family members and two relatives of murder victim Maureen Louise Maulden watched through windows a few feet away.

He said he hoped those involved in his case and those watching him die would experience a final judgment "more merciful than mine."

"I've got to go now," he added. "I love you."

Eight minutes later he was pronounced dead.

The first execution of the year in Texas, where 20 inmates — the most in the nation — were executed in 1998, was delayed for more than two hours while Moody's attorneys filed appeals challenging Texas clemency procedures.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles had voted Monday 17-0 with one member abstaining to deny clemency. The board's secret vote procedures similarly were challenged last month by two inmates who won 11th-hour reprieves in the courts.

Moody's appeal, however, was rejected Tuesday night by the U.S. Supreme Court and a few minutes later he was taken to the death chamber.

Moody had blamed a genetic disorder aggravated by alcohol and drug use that started at age 11 for his long criminal record

that culminated with the July 3, 1988, murder of Mrs. Maulden.

The widow apparently was unaware that Moody, whom she hired to do lawn work and odd jobs, had been paroled five months earlier after serving seven months of a five-year sentence for burglary. It was his 21st conviction. Most of the others came in his native West Virginia and Ohio.

Taylor County District Attorney James Eidson, who prosecuted the capital murder case, said parole boards that continued to release Moody were fooled by a quiet inmate who caused few problems when locked up and away from drugs and alcohol.

"That's the Moody they saw," and they continued to think he was worth taking a chance on, Eidson said.

A sister found Mrs. Maulden's body. She had been raped, beaten with a fireplace brush and strangled with a telephone cord.

Moody acknowledged knowing the victim but denied murdering her.

Mrs. Maulden's only child, a son, Blair, committed suicide in 1991. Many familiar with him believe her death drove the man to depression.

"I remember her son during the trial, and it was apparent then he was hurt a great deal by this," Eidson said this week.

Jon McAden, Mrs. Maulden's nephew, told the Abilene Reporter-News he hoped the execution finally would end the family's agony.

"But you never have full closure on a tragedy like this," he said.

Moody, from Chester, W.Va., was linked to the Maulden slaying when police who arrested him for public intoxication the day after the murder found he was carrying the woman's two rings.

Investigators also found his fingerprint in the victim's blood on the telephone that was used to strangle her, and a witness provided a license plate number for a pickup truck seen leaving Mrs. Maulden's home. Five of the six numbers matched Moody's vehicle.

England's Prince Edward to marry

LONDON (AP) — Prince Edward, youngest son of Queen Elizabeth II, will marry his long-time girlfriend, public relations executive Sophie Rhys-Jones, later this year, Buckingham Palace announced today.

The queen and her husband, Prince Philip, said they were delighted at the match.

The couple, who have dated for five years, "sought the permission of their respective parents between Christmas and the New Year," a statement from the palace said. "Both families are thrilled at the news."

Buckingham Palace said the date and venue have yet to be decided, but the couple hope to use St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, the queen's weekend home west of London, for a ceremony in late spring or summer.

Ms. Rhys-Jones' parents, Christopher and Mary, said they were "extremely pleased and very happy for Sophie and Prince

Edward."

"We have always enjoyed Prince Edward's company and feel that they make a wonderful couple," they said from their home in the village of Brechley, south of London, where Ms. Rhys-Jones was raised.

Later, the newly betrothed couple held hands and joked as they posed at St. James' Palace for photographers and showed off the engagement ring, three large diamonds in a setting from jewelers Asprey Garrard.

"If it (the ring) catches the sun, you'll all be blinded," the 34-year-old prince teased.

But asked to kiss his fiancée on the palace lawn, Edward appeared diffident, saying, "I don't know about that." Photographers later persuaded him to give Ms. Rhys-Jones, 33, a brief peck on the cheek.

Asked why they make a good couple, the prince replied, "We are the best of friends and we happen to love each other very

much." His fiancée added, "We share a lot of interests, we laugh a lot."

The prince said he had not proposed until now because "I don't think it would have been right before." He denied he had been put off by the trauma of his three siblings' divorces.

"I think if anybody is going to get married I hope they think they will get it right," he said.

Throughout the couple's relationship, there have been numerous false reports of an imminent marriage, including a prediction that the pair would become engaged on Edward's 30th birthday in March 1994.

Last year, Edward took out a 50-year lease on a former royal residence southwest of London, igniting new rumors that a marriage proposal was planned. At the time, Edward told the Daily Telegraph newspaper, "not to read too much into this in terms of any changes in my private life."

After resigning his commission with the Royal Marines in 1987, the prince chose a career in the theater, starting with a job at Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Company.

He is now an established documentary producer and is joint-managing director of his own company, Ardent Productions, which was set up in 1993.

Ms. Rhys-Jones, whom friends describe as gregarious, vivacious and down-to-earth, runs a magazine for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, a charity set up by her future father-in-law and handles public relations for several upmarket companies.

She plans to continue working after her marriage.

186 Women claim underpayment; Texaco makes \$3.1 million settlement

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Texaco Inc., which reached a landmark settlement with black employees in 1997, has agreed to pay \$3.1 million to 186 of its female employees.

The U.S. Labor Department found the women in Texaco offices around the country were underpaid between 1993 and 1996. They held managerial and support jobs and represent 2 percent of Texaco's female employees.

The company agreed to the settlement without admitting any violations, company spokeswoman Kelly McAndrew

said this morning. "This was a cooperative agreement," Ms. McAndrew said. "We're very pleased that the agency found no violations."

A formal announcement was scheduled for later today in Washington.

The agreement is the largest resulting from an audit by the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, which monitors affirmative action at companies that do business with the government.

It is dwarfed by the \$176 mil-

lion settlement the company reached in the racial discrimination case. Tape recordings were revealed on which company executives belittled black employees and discussed destroying documents sought by the plaintiffs.

The new agreement provides back pay — ranging from \$1,500 to \$51,000 — and salary increases for the women involved. Texaco must expand opportunities for women and analyze its pay scales every year, paying particular attention to salaries in the midlevel pay grades covered by the settlement.

Storm delays some federal checks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some Texans are feeling the effects of the winter storm smacking the East Coast.

The Social Security Administration says people in several Texas cities, including San Antonio, Laredo, Georgetown and Corpus Christi, have complained about late checks this month. At least 100 people called U.S. Postal Service officials in San Antonio on Tuesday.

Government officials say the delays are due to weather-related transportation problems, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The problem seems to involve checks issued by the federal Treasury Department distribution center in Philadelphia, rocked by bad weather over the past week, said Dee O'Neil, a Social Security spokesman in Dallas. He didn't know how many checks were involved. James Coultriss, a Postal Service customer relations coord-

inator in San Antonio, said calls have been coming in from throughout the city.

"There doesn't seem to be any pattern to them," he said. "You might have gotten your check but your next door neighbor didn't get theirs."

The delay has upset many who rely on Social Security for food and shelter.

"I'm lucky; I have a husband who works," said Tina Deckard. "I'm not worried about us. My

bills will be there when the check gets here.

"But there's a couple around the corner who depend on Social Security. I made chicken for my family yesterday and I took some to them because they said they had no food."

Ms. Deckard said her neighbors, who are elderly, are embarrassed about their plight. She cooked an extra large dinner again Tuesday, carrying plates of food down the street.

TWENTY PERCENT OF EMERGENCY CALLS ARE MADE BY PEOPLE ON CELLULAR PHONES.



(AND ONE GUY ON HIS HONEYMOON.)

The tin cans were still dangling from the bumper of his sport-utility vehicle as Corey and his new bride made their way down a dusty country road toward a lakeside cabin. Suddenly, a young man on a four-wheeler zipped out onto the road, swerved out of control and plowed right into a tree. Without hesitation, Corey grabbed his cellular phone and called 911. Police arrived, but Corey wouldn't leave until he knew the boy was safe. He even ran to a nearby field to guide the

rescue helicopter to the ground when police couldn't get away from the scene of the accident.

Corey says his wife teases him because he doesn't go anywhere without his cellular phone. But there's one young man out there who's awfully glad he doesn't.

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Some Home Caregivers Could Not Care Less

DEAR ABBY: You hear so much about caregivers abusing children in the home, but the same thing can happen to the elderly when you rely on home care. My mother and stepfather had live-in care until he passed away. My sister and I were left with full responsibility for Mom, who is 95 and has Alzheimer's disease. We debated putting her in a nursing home, but decided she'd be better off in familiar surroundings, so we kept her at home with "Inga," a live-in caregiver who had been recommended by a previous live-in. We visited Mom often, usually the two of us together.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Mom can barely walk with a walker, so we don't try to take her out anymore. Imagine our shock when the police called one night, saying they had Mom at the police station. Inga had been arrested for shoplifting. After being put into a squad car, she told police she had left Mother in a car in the parking lot. However, she refused to tell them who my mother was! Miraculously, Mom remembered her address, but not her name. The police went to her home, found someone in the house (to this day we don't know who), and located my phone number.

We had questioned Inga about missing items at the house. Food disappeared unusually fast and so did detergent. Phone bills and utilities were also higher than usual. We don't know how many times Mom had been left alone in the car during Inga's shoplifting sprees. Because of her poor memory, Mom

couldn't tell us. When we cleaned out Inga's closet, we found many stolen items. Later, neighbors told us they had seen strange people coming and going out the back door. We suspect they had been sleeping in the attic or the basement.

We now have another live-in who seems trustworthy, but my sister and I drive by the house occasionally at night, talk to Mom's neighbors, and vary the days and hours we visit. No one in this situation should have a set routine. Relatives should drop in unexpectedly and keep their eyes open. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't.

STILL IN SHOCK IN ILLINOIS

DEAR STILL IN SHOCK: Your letter is sure to be a wake-up call for many children of older adults. The obvious lesson to be learned is the importance of hiring through a reputable agency. When selecting and evaluating a respite-care service, help is available from the local Alzheimer's Association. In its "Respite Care Guide: How

to Find What's Right for You," the association suggests that a prospective caregiver be asked the following questions:

- "What is your training?"
- "Why are you interested in this job?"
- "What are your past/current home-care experiences?"
- "Have you ever worked with someone with dementia?"
- "When/how often are you available? Do you have backup if you're unable to come?"
- "Are you bonded?"
- "Who can I talk to at your agency if I have a concern?"
- "Tell me about yourself ... your interests? Hobbies?"
- "Why did you leave your past job?"
- "Do you have any references?"

Do not settle on someone who doesn't make you feel comfortable. Interview several helpers, if necessary, to find the right person for your particular situation.

To purchase the "Respite Care Guide," call the Alzheimer's Association's toll-free number: (800) 272-3900. The cost is \$1.75 per booklet. The guide can also be purchased at local Alzheimer's Association chapters.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1999
 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You awaken to a plethora of opportunities, with the energy to pursue them. You can clear out an abundance of work if you don't get caught up in your thoughts. News from a friend tops the day like the cherry on an ice cream sundae! Tonight: Go off and celebrate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others are impressed by your creative ideas and touched by your unusual thoughtfulness. Let humor play a larger role in your day-to-day life. An important meeting could send career and/or personal decisions in a new direction. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You're scattered or distracted, but must use your ability to prioritize. Much is on your plate. Listen carefully to someone's feedback, but call your own shots. Look to the future, not the past. Let your creativity surge. Tonight: Stay late at work to get things done.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Determination helps you sort through a lot of information. Calls hold important messages. You

need to schedule a trip or an important seminar. Allow yourself the chance to see other ways. A partner has a dreamy idea. Can you work it out and make it a reality? Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Financial wheeling and dealing might be necessary. A partner has very extravagant ideas. Put a halt to spending if need be. As well intended as someone might be, practical money matters aren't his forte. Discussions prove more fruitful later in the day. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Let others express their enthusiasm for your ideas. Through their demonstrative behavior, you learn a lot about where they come from. Careful with food and diet right now; avoid any radical dietary swings. Make an appointment for a check up. Tonight: Indulge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Assume a low profile. Finish an important project and clear your desk. Soon you will be spunky and raring to go. You might feel that someone is tossing a lot of work on your desk. Establishing limits could be instrumental. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Allow greater creativity in your work. You can find ways to be efficient yet do an excellent job on a project. Co-workers appreciate your humor and lightness. However, what is simply flirtatious on your part could be read as much more. Tonight: Take a night off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You lead others naturally, though someone could be distracting. Deal with personal matters first, if that enhances your work performance. You have a lot to do. Make time for an important meeting later in the day when you feel more social. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Complete behind-the-scenes work and research. You will want to take some strong actions later in the day. Getting your homework done is important. Much information comes across your desk. You will have a lot to sort through. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Remain in touch with personal expectations. You might be pushing yourself too hard or dissipating your energy. Remember, you alone are responsible for your choices. Investigate news and information. You might want to attend a seminar. Tonight: Reach out for a friend.

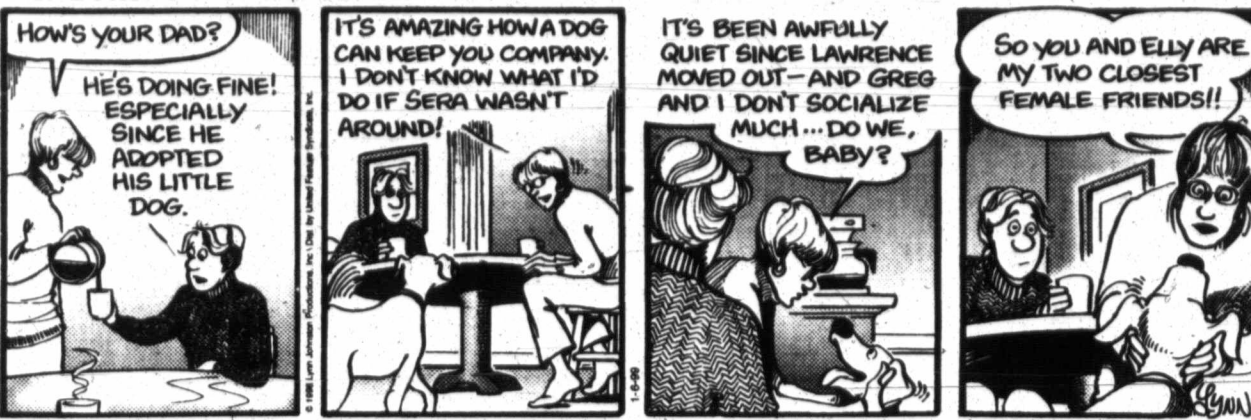
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You tend to become scattered when a lot is going on. Listen carefully to someone who really cares about you. Feedback could be overwhelming at first, but is worthwhile. Make time for a friend. Brainstorm, talk and enjoy getting together. Tonight: Dinner out.

BORN TODAY

Novelist-screenwriter William Peter Blatty (1928), actor Nicolas Cage (1964), singer Kenny Loggins (1948)

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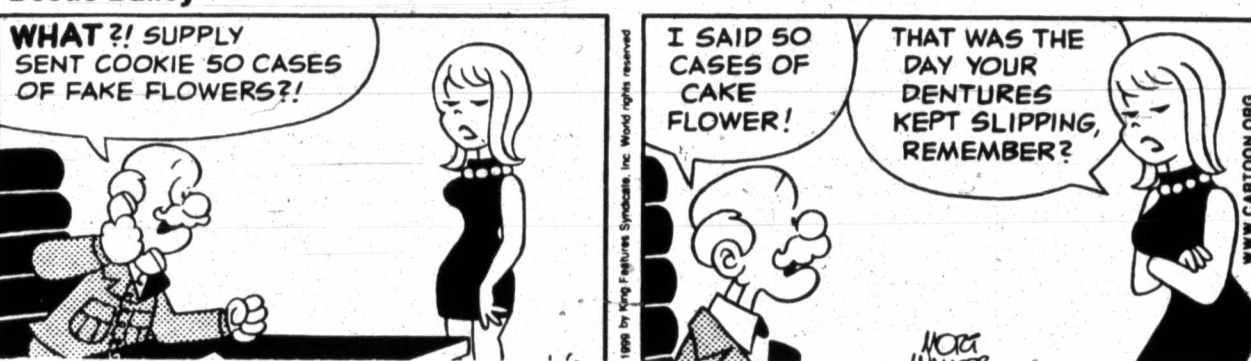
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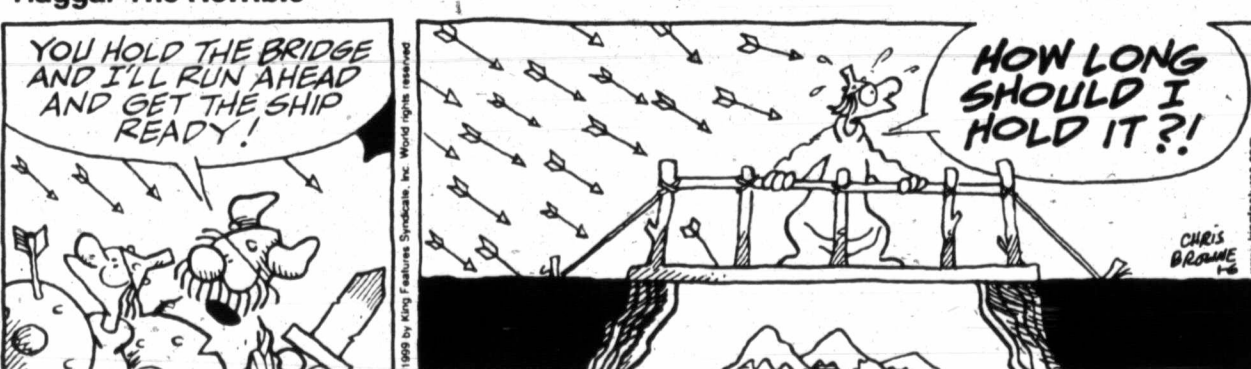
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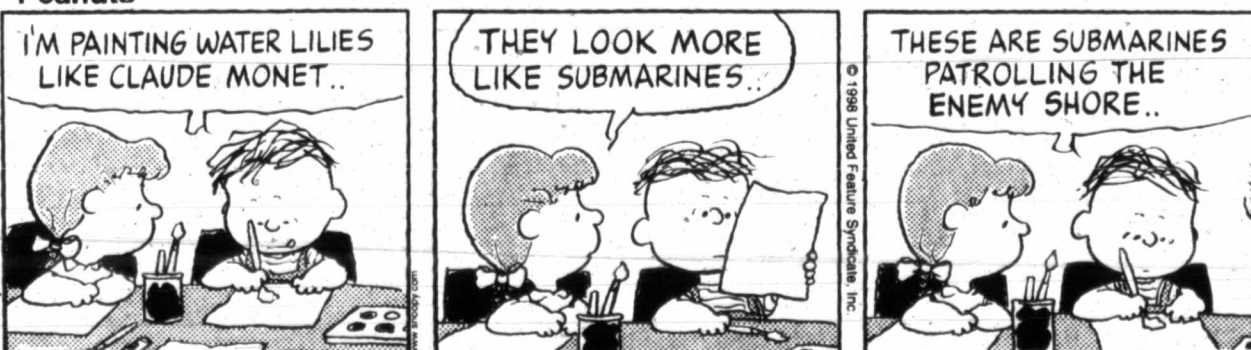
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Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Pot contribution
- 2 Pleasant
- 3 Cune discovery
- 4 Actor Neeson
- 5 Nomes home
- 6 Beige
- 7 Moved quickly
- 8 Mariner's place
- 9 Silent performer
- 10 Writer Marsh
- 11 Youngster
- 12 Add up
- 13 Digging tool
- 14 Neighbor
- 15 Scope
- 16 Play parts
- 17 Tic
- 18 Brewed beverage
- 19 Vast expanse
- 20 Highlander
- 21 Huck's pal
- 22 Cashew-family trees
- 23 Enjoy the bistro
- 24 Brunch choice
- 25 Cuzco native
- 26 Singer Ethel
- 27 Bard

BABE BRASS
 ELOPE EARTH
 APRIL DANCER
 LEN AUK APE
 ERECTS CRUD
 TOILET OOPS
 ADDER
 J.A.B.S. EVANS
 I.R.I.S. VALETS
 MO.A.I.D. REO
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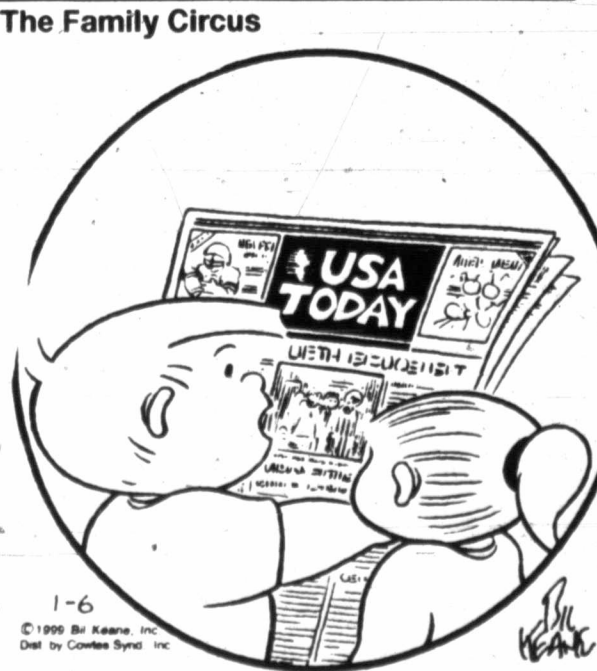
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- 4 Earth-bound bird
- 5 Arm bones
- 6 Los
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- 10 Seething
- 11 - de mer
- 12 Fence feature
- 13 Jackie Brown
- 14 director
- 15 Keats creations
- 16 Bulls or Bears
- 17 Bakery buy
- 18 Orchestra member
- 19 Hemingway
- 20 nickname
- 21 World Cup sport
- 22 Go down
- 23 Expenses
- 24 Auction
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SPORTS

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HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars activated forward Brent Severyn from injured reserve Tuesday and placed him on a conditioning assignment with the minor league Michigan K-Wings.

Severyn, 32, was placed on injured reserve Dec. 18, retroactive to Dec. 3, with a lower back strain. He has played in nine games with the Stars this season, collecting one assist with 21 penalty minutes.

The Stars also recalled left wing Jamie Wright from Michigan. Wright, 22, has played in 28 games with the K-Wings, recording nine goals and four assists for 13 points. He opened the season with the Stars, playing in six contests without registering a point.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston football coach Kim Helton is looking for a new offensive coordinator.

Helton has reassigned Dan Lounsbury, the Cougar offensive coach for the past two years, while Lounsbury looks for a new job, Houston television station KRIV reported Tuesday.

Lounsbury was 3-8 last season and its offense ranked seventh among the eight schools in Conference USA.

Lounsbury, 45, who played at the University of Arkansas, has been on the Houston staff since 1994.

Before that he worked as an assistant at Texas in 1986 and was head coach at Wisconsin-Superior in 1991-'92. He came to Houston after a year as offensive coordinator with Toronto of the Canadian Football League.

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — Sounding like nervous parents, the Atlanta Falcons hope coach Dan Reeves will agree to work upstairs during the playoffs instead of the sideline.

Just three weeks after heart bypass surgery, Reeves made it clear Tuesday he is back in full control of his team.

The NFL's coach of the year held a briefing for the media, directed a 2 1/2-hour practice at the Georgia Dome and made plans to be on the sideline for Saturday's divisional playoff game against the San Francisco 49ers.

Several players said they wish Reeves would work from the press box coaching, both instead of subjecting himself to possible injury on the field.

"It's always nice to see him coming off the field and see him before you go in there for a series," quarterback Chris Chandler said. "There's no doubt that having him on the field is just kind of comforting for me."

"But with what's going on with him and the risk factor of being down on the sideline, it's best that he probably not be down there."

Cornerback Ray Buchanan echoed those sentiments.

"It's going to be very emotional to have him back. At the same time, Dan has to be very careful with his heart condition in a playoff atmosphere," Buchanan said. "Some of the players said they'd rather have him up in the press box. We can feel his presence whenever we go out on the field, even if he's not there."

Reeves, who underwent surgery on Dec. 14, already has returned to the hospital once with an accelerated heartbeat, apparently because he tried to rush his recovery. But he isn't worried about another setback.

"The doctors tell me to go be myself," he said. "My heart's in good shape. I'm not going to go out there screaming and everything. Well, maybe sometimes. But hopefully I will be a little bit more under control ... and do the things I've always done."

Reeves missed the final two games of the regular season for the NFC West champion Falcons (14-2).

Randall tops PHS

PAMPA — Jamaal Hunnicutt scored 23 points to lead Randall past Pampa, 77-51, Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Shawn Young was high scorer for Pampa with 16 points while Russell Robben chipped in 13.

Randall gained a 10-point lead, 37-27, at intermission.

Colby Hale had 9 points, Gary Alexander 5, Bobby Holmes 3, Kevin Osborn 3 and Zane Powers 2 to round out the Pampa scoring.

Randall won the JV Game, 49-48.

In a game played last weekend, Pampa fell to Lubbock Estacado, 63-46.

Keith Washington was Estacado's top scorer with 14 points. Alexander led Pampa with 17.

The Harvesters host Childress at 7:30 Friday night.

Groom boys claim victory

WHEELER — Groom and Wheeler split a basketball twin-bill Tuesday night.

Wheeler claimed a 58-41 win in the girls' contest.

Brooke Verden had 16 points and Angela Jolly 13 to lead Wheeler's scoring attack.

Leading Groom was Jessica Kepley with 13 points. Jodi Homen added 12.

Groom won by a 51-47 score in the boys' game.

Dwayne Gray had 15 points and Chris Ollinger 10 for the Tigers.

Groom held a 23-17 lead at halftime.

Kelby Ledbetter had 16 points and Aaron Dunnam 15 for Wheeler.

Kansas downs Baylor women

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Lynn Pride scored 28 points to lead No. 21 Kansas past Baylor 84-74 Tuesday night.

Kansas (12-3, 2-0 Big 12) led 37-31 at halftime, and opened the second half with an 11-2 run.

Kansas shot 63 percent from the floor in the second half but had to withstand a late rally when Baylor (8-5, 0-2) cut the lead to 74-68 with 3:27 left.

But after a timeout, Kansas scored the next six points on a layup and free throw by Jennifer Jackson, two free throws by Pride and a free throw by Nakia Sanford.

Ryan, Brett, Yount elected to BB Hall

NEW YORK (AP) — The Hall of Fame hit a rare triple in this at-bat — Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount are all headed to Cooperstown.

For the first time since the Babe himself was chosen, three first-time candidates were elected Tuesday to the baseball shrine.

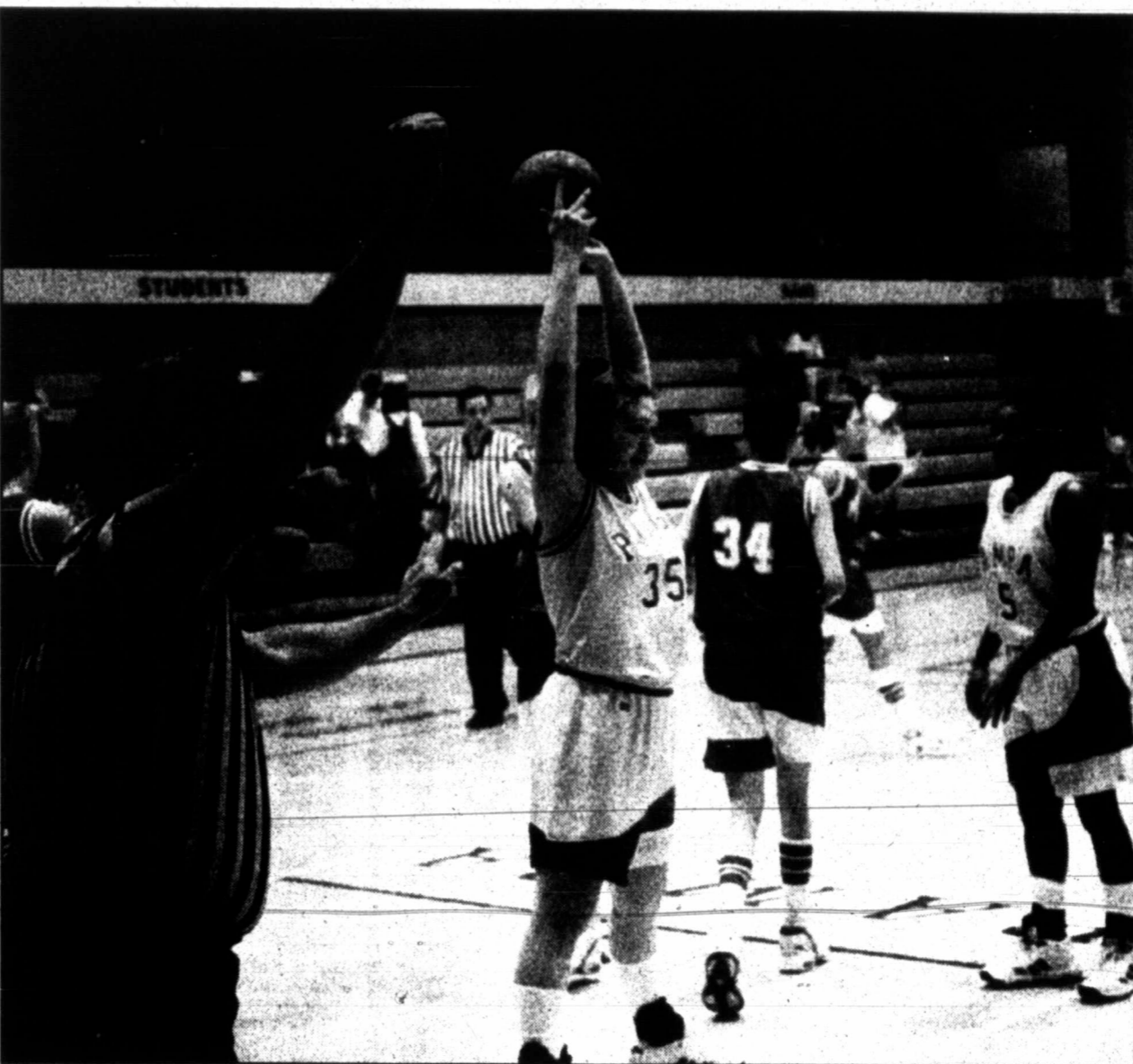
And what a class it is! Ryan, the greatest power pitcher ever. Brett, the gamer who almost hit 400. Yount, an MVP at shortstop and center field.

"I think it's the final chapter of my career," said Ryan, who came within one vote of setting the record for the highest percentage. "From an individual standpoint for a player, it's the highest honor."

This was one of the most eagerly awaited elections in Hall history, and coming off a thrilling 1998 season, the first big business of 1999 was equally exciting. But the totals were a bit surprising — in the last 44 elections, only four times have three players been voted in.

And this, too: Since Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Honus Wagner and Christy Mathewson were selected in the original election of 1936, only 29 players have been taken in their first year of eligibility, yet never more than two at once — until now.

"To be in this class, it's very difficult to imagine being in the same breath as those people,"



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Lisa Dwight got the ball after blocking a shot, but the referee ruled she also fouled the Perryton shooter on the play.

Marino's numbers can't match John Elway's Super Bowl ring

DENVER (AP) — In their only two meetings on a football field, Dan Marino clearly outplayed John Elway. Marino also leads Elway — and the NFL, for that matter — in nearly every important career statistical category.

Except for two. Elway has an NFL-record 148 victories as a starter compared to Marino's 142, and, in the category that matters most, Elway wears a Super Bowl ring while Marino doesn't.

In pursuit of that elusive ring, Marino brings his Miami Dolphins to Mile High Stadium for Saturday's AFC divisional playoff game against Elway's Denver Broncos.

Marino and Elway, who faced off only once in their first 15 NFL seasons, will be meeting for the second time in 19 days. With Marino throwing for 355 yards and four touchdowns, the Dolphins beat the Broncos 31-21 in Miami on Dec. 21.

"It is kind of odd that we went all those years without playing a regular season game," Marino said Tuesday. "Now it's been — what? — three weeks, and we're

going to play them again. That's just the way things work out sometimes."

Until the recent Monday night encounter, Marino and Elway, co-valedictorians of the Quarterback Class of 1983, squared off only in 1985, when the Dolphins beat the Broncos 30-26 in Denver.

That leaves Marino with a 2-0 record in games against Elway, during which he has thrown for 745 yards and seven touchdowns, with one interception, compared to Elway's 401 yards, no touchdowns and three interceptions.

Elway was the sentimental favorite of the fans and many players to win a ring last season. Is it Marino's turn?

"I don't necessarily feel that way," Marino said. "If I'm lucky enough to get close enough to that, and hopefully that's the case, it will be great."

"Right now, I'm thinking about going to Denver and winning this game and moving on. If it comes up and that's the case, that would be outstanding. I would relish the chance to have that opportunity."

Marino watched in admiration — and a little bit of envy — when Elway and the Broncos beat Green Bay 31-24 in the Super Bowl last Jan. 25.

"I was happy for him," Marino said, "because he had a chance and he worked so hard his whole career and it was exciting to see."

Marino and Elway are the only quarterbacks in NFL history with at least 50,000 yards passing in their careers: Marino has 58,913 and Elway 51,475. Marino, 37, intends to continue playing, while Elway, 38, has announced that this is his last season.

Asked on Tuesday if he would feel sorry for Marino if the Broncos, favored by 13 points, prevail this weekend, Elway said with a laugh, "No, because I know that he's got 10 years left. Actually, he said he was going to play two or three more years, so he'll get his shots."

As for his future, Marino said he was "not putting any timetable on it. I'd like to continue to play. I'm just going to enjoy what I'm doing right now, and whatever the future brings, it brings."

Perryton claims win in McNeely

PAMPA — Perryton handed Pampa a 57-43 loss in girls' basketball action Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Courtney Nowlin tossed in 23 points to pace the Perryton attack. Teammate Leigh Ann Ogden added 13.

Lisa Kirkpatrick led Pampa with 8 points while Kelsey Yowell and Charity Nachtigall added 7 each.

Pampa trailed by only three, 19-16, at halftime, but the Rangerettes had a 20-point third quarter to take a 13-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

Emily Waters and Lisa Dwight added 6 points each for the Lady Harvesters while Jordanna Young had 4, Vaughn Evans 3, and Anne Gaddis 2.

Pampa won the junior varsity game, 44-30.

Jennifer Lindsey had 17 points and Lindsay Narron 9 to lead Pampa JV scorers.

The Lady Harvesters host Amarillo Caprock at 6 Friday night to open the District 3-4A season.

Lady 'Horns lose to Iowa State, 71-68

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Megan Taylor was just a youngster when she cheered Christian Laettner's last-second shot against Kentucky in the 1992 NCAA tournament.

Tuesday night, Taylor came up with some buzzer-beating heroics of her own.

Taylor caught a long inbounds pass and swished a turnaround 3-pointer with 1 second left to give No. 16 Iowa State a 71-68 victory over Texas.

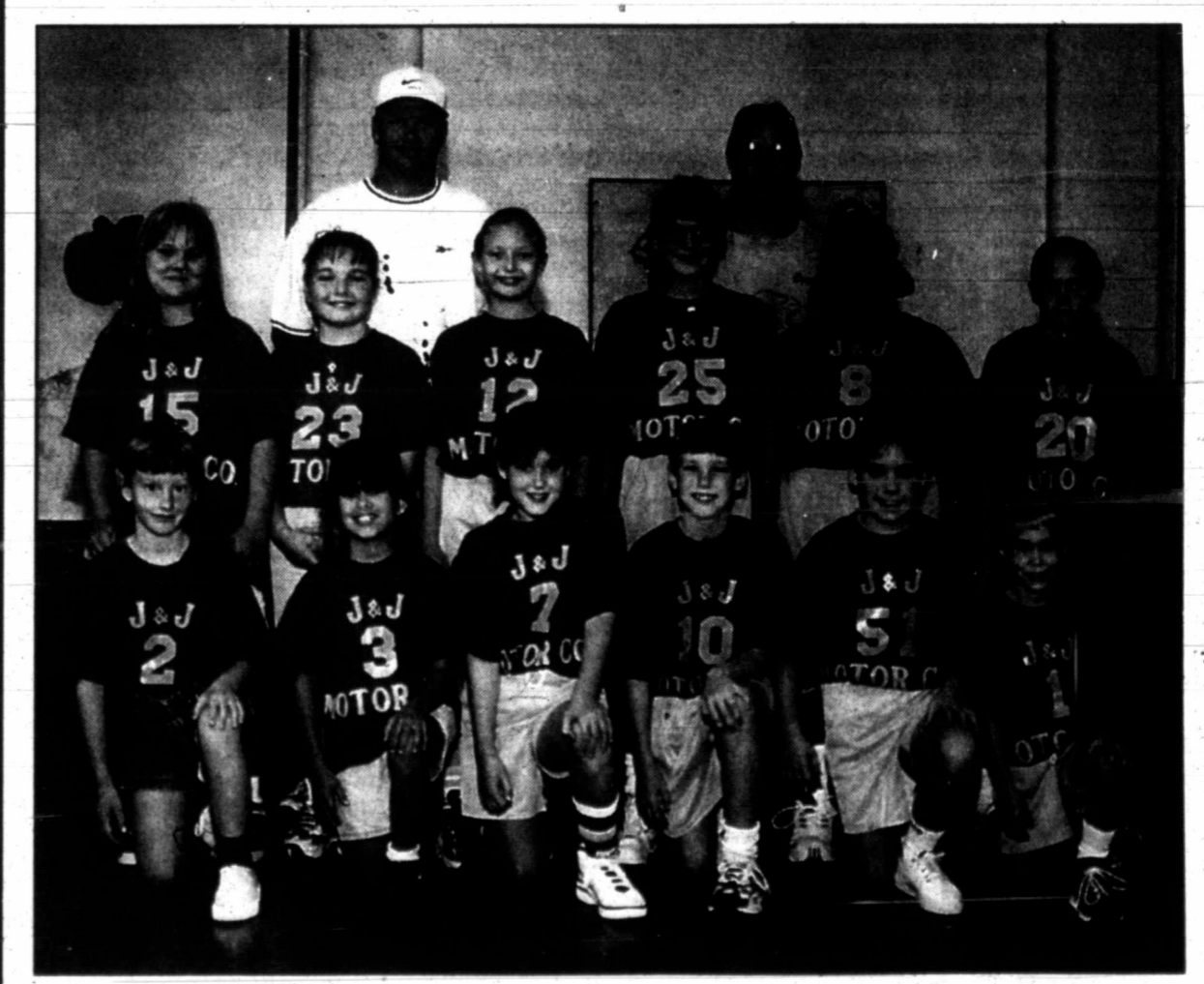
"I just heaved it up there," said Taylor, who was supposed to pass the ball to Stacy Frese but couldn't because she was covered.

"I didn't think it was going to go in," she said. "I was planning for overtime. Even when I shot it, I thought it was wide right."

Iowa State (10-1 overall, 2-0 Big 12) had the ball under the Texas basket with 2.9 seconds remaining after the Longhorns (7-5, 1-1) tied the score at 68 on Vanessa Wallace's jump shot.

"We call a timeout and my whole staff, everybody, is saying three-second play. That's what we call it," Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said. "They knew exactly what they were going to do."

League champs



(Special photo)

J & J Motor Co. was league champion in the 4th Grade and league runner-up in the 3rd Grade Divisions in girls basketball at the Optimist Club this past season. Team members are (front row, l-r) Larri Golleher, Mistie Cano, Jade Skinner, Britteni Rice, Kayla Burns and K'Lynn Holmes; (back row, l-r) Christin Jones, Alisha Jones, Halei Skinner, Caylee Willingham, Mayah Cash and Maggie Hopkins. Coaches are Darin Rice and Jeff Skinner. Not pictured is Angela Mechelay. Coaches issued a special thanks to all the parents.

Lady Pacers compete in Hoot-Out

SILVERTON — The Pampa Lady Pacers competed in the Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament over the Christmas break. The Lady Pacers were handed their 1st loss of the season in the initial match-up of the tournament against the Varsity Lady Owls of Silverton. The tough Lady Owls out shot the Pacers from the field to win the game 67-34. Brienna Taylor led the Pacers in scoring and rebounding with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Erin Raber put in 4 baskets and 2 free throws for 10 points along with 8 rebounds. Kendra Raber and Angie Edmondson each had 4 points

and Ande Shank had 2 points. In the 2nd round of the tournament the Lady Pacers met Miami Varsity Girls. The Pacers led early and held the lead throughout the game. Angie Edmondson's steals and fast-break lay-ups were the key to the Pacer victory. She had a career high of 23 points and 6 steals. Ande Shank added 8 points to the Pacer score along with Kendra Raber and Erin Raber with 4 each and Brienna Taylor and Kandice Kempf with 2 each. In the final game of the tournament the Pacers lost a close game to Cotton Center Varsity

Girls. The Lady Pacers jumped out to an early 12-7 lead which they held through the first 3 quarters. However, during the 4th quarter foul trouble which eliminated Brienna Taylor and Erin Raber led to the 43-36 Pacer loss. Again, Angie Edmondson led the Pacers in scoring with 12 points and Erin Raber had 8 points along with 13 rebounds. Brienna Taylor had 6 points and 15 rebounds, Ande Shank and Kaylee Shank each had 4 points and Kendra Raber had a basket. The Lady Pacers resume their regular season schedule on January 8.

Broncos' Davis claims second Offensive Player of Year award

DENVER (AP) — It didn't take long for the Denver Broncos to realize they had a rare gem Terrell Davis, their sixth-round draft pick of 1995. It took even less time to begin restructuring the offense around the running back.

league history with 2,000 yards in a season. He ran for more yards than 22 NFL teams, and he also led the NFL with 23 touchdowns and 21 rushing scores. He was the only unanimous selection to the All-Pro team announced last week.

and you work hard and people recognize the hard work and effort you've put forth." The effort Davis put forth was memorable. Davis sparked the Broncos to the AFC's most productive offense, scoring 501 points. Denver also was 13-0 before losing two of its final three games, but finished with the conference's top record.

Davis, the backbone of one of the NFL's most prolific offenses, was selected Tuesday as The Associated Press Offensive Player of the Year. It was Davis' second such award in three years.

Davis succeeds another 2,000-yard rusher, Detroit's Barry Sanders, in winning the award. He received 19 votes from a nationwide panel of 47 sports writers and broadcasters, edging Minnesota quarterback Randall Cunningham, who got 15 votes.

"For me, it's always an offensive goal or a team goal," the four-year pro said. "When I receive something, I think everybody else should receive the same kind of accolades. On this team, it's the line doing a great job of blocking, also Howard (fullback Howard Griffith) and the receivers downfield. And, of course, having John back there helps tremendously."

Davis claimed his first NFL rushing title, gaining 2,008 yards to become only the fourth player in

been the subject of constant rumors for nearly a year. "As much as you try to balance it, as much as you try to block things off, eventually we're human and it wears on the principles."

Holmgren for a formal interview. Holmgren, who said he didn't expect interest from any other teams, planned to fly to Seattle today, Baltimore on Friday and Philadelphia on Sunday.

Holmgren begins whirlwind tour

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Mike Holmgren has three weeks to decide whether to accept his final year with the Green Bay Packers. He doesn't plan to take that long to decide his future.

The Seahawks appear to be the strongest suitor for Holmgren, but he denied he was close to signing with them.

He indicated, however, that he might cancel those other visits if the Seahawks make him an ideal offer. Owned by Microsoft founder and billionaire Paul Allen, the Seahawks are loaded with young talent, have a new stadium planned for 2002 and are willing to play the free-agent market.

"We just finished our season Sunday and I really expected our season to last longer," Holmgren said. "The clubs contacted the Packers yesterday. Now the process starts."

One city conspicuously missing from Holmgren's travel itinerary is Cleveland. Browns president Carmen Policy, who worked with Holmgren in San Francisco, was fined \$10,000 last month by the NFL for tampering after alluding to the coach during a civic luncheon. But the expansion team has not yet contacted

Holmgren also emphasized his happiness working with Packers general manager Ron Wolf and said he still might decide to stay in Green Bay and sign an extension that would make him the NFL's highest-paid coach at about \$4 million a season.

"For me to leave, it has to be something very special, it has to be exactly right," Holmgren said. One thing Holmgren said he won't do is fulfill only the final year on his contract in Green Bay, which contains an escape clause that gives him until Jan. 25 to take a job as a coach and general manager somewhere else.

"I'm not going through this again. It's too hard on everybody," said Holmgren, who has

ing. "We're going to put it to the test," union president Patrick Ewing said, "but we're going to make sure they stand by their negotiating committee." If the players vote to support the committee's recommendation, the union would then ask the commissioner and the owners to resume collective bargaining negotiations tonight.

NBA players vote today on lockout issue

NEW YORK (AP) — On the eve of doomsday came the faintest flicker of hope.

A critical factor will be time, and there isn't much left.

The league's Board of Governors has scheduled a meeting for Thursday morning, and Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik have said they will recommend canceling the rest of the season if no agreement is reached.

The first order of business today was a vote among players on whether to support the position of their negotiating committee, which has recommended not accepting the owners' final offer.

At least 200 players were expected to show up for the vote, scheduled for a Manhattan office building.

The stick, a gift from a friend of coach Philip Fulmer, was a motivational prop Fulmer first used at midseason. He took it to practice and told the players, jokingly, that if they didn't motivate themselves, he'd just have to use it on them.

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If the players reject the committee's recommendation, the union would be expected to put the owners' final offer to an actual ratification vote.

No one was making any educated predictions as to how the players would vote. The union itself was undecided whether to have a secret ballot or an open vote.

"The players are going to do what's best for them, but it's our job to reassure them that on a long-term basis this is a bad deal," said Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat, a member of the union's negotiating committee.

Rodriguez had 29 points for Lake View.

The Cougars are a perfect 20-0 for the season.

In the girls' game, Fort Elliott posted a 61-17 win. Amber Estes had 16 points and Carissa Dukes 12 to lead the Lady Cougars.

Cougars sweep by Lake View

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott breezed by Lake View in a basketball doubleheader Tuesday night.

Tanner Smith had 28 points and Nathan Hefley 23 to lead Fort Elliott to a 79-46 win in the boys game.

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Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL		COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
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At A Glance			
By The Associated Press			
All Times EST			
Wild Cards			
Saturday, Jan. 2			
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Jacksonville 25, New England 10	San Francisco 30, Green Bay 27	Divisional Playoffs	
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San Francisco at Atlanta, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)	Miami at Denver, 4:15 p.m. (CBS)	Sunday, Jan. 10	
Jacksonville at New York Jets, 12:40 p.m. (CBS)	Arizona at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)	Conference Championships	
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NFC			
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East			
Army 78, Lehigh 60			
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TEXAS (7-5)			
E. Brown 9-15 0-0 19, T. Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Woods 2-9 0-0 4, Lummus 4-10 0-0 10, Wallace 3-6 0-0 7, Cook 3-5 1-3 7, Hill 7-14 0-2 19, Godfrey 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 29-64 1-5 68.			
IOWA ST. (10-1)			
Husman 2-3 1-4 6, Taylor 5-13 0-0 13, Wells 4-2 2-4 14, Freese 5-13 4-4 17, Haugen 3-7 1-2 9, Gahan 0-0 2-2 2, Cizek 0-1 0-0 0, Francis 4-6 2-2 10, Totals 25-51 12-18 71.			
Halttime—Iowa St. 38, Texas 33. 3-Point goals—Texas 9-21 (Hill 5-9, Lurimus 2-8, E. Brown 1-2, Wallace 1-2), Iowa St. 9-19 (Taylor 3-5, Freese 3-4, Haugen 2-5, Husman 1-1, Cizek 0-1, Francis 0-1). Fouled out—Cook, Francis. Rebounds—Texas 38 (Woods, Cook 7), Iowa St. 29 (Taylor 7). Assists—Texas 19 (Lummus 6), Iowa St. 13 (Freese, Haugen 4). Total fouls—Texas 19, Iowa St. 11. A—3,116.			
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By The Associated Press			
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ALL-AROUND			
SADDLE BRONC RIDING			
1, Brett Crowser, Tucson, Ariz., \$4,969. 2, Rod Warren, Water Valley, Alberta, \$3,704. 3, Craig Latham, Texhoma, Texas, \$3,313. 4, T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$3,163. 5, Rance Bray, Texhoma, Okla., \$3,033. 6, Buck Reiner, Fishtail, Mont., \$2,933. 7, Todd Fike, Pavilion, Wyo., \$2,792. 8, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$2,647. 9, Shaun Stroh, Amidon, N.D., \$2,238. 10, John Gragnani, Fresno, Calif., \$1,930. 11, Bronco Collier, Snyder, Texas, \$1,754. 12, Steve Dolan, Wikeup, Ariz., \$1,617. 13, Lance Gaillard, Canyon, Texas, \$1,462. 14, Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$1,054. 15, J.C. Selvester, Red Bluff, Calif., \$985. 16, Jason Fairbanks, White River, S.D., \$710. 17, Mike Outhrier, Mont., \$468.			
COWBOY COUNTRY			
1, Justin Henderson, Hereford, Texas, \$3,778. 2, Kirk Richard, Sulphur, La., \$3,463. 3, Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$3,175. 4, Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$2,741. 5, Chuck Logue, Decatur, Texas, \$2,560. 6, Neal Deitz, Milb, Alberta, \$2,514. 7, Scott Lund, Bozeman, Mont., \$2,062. 8, Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$1,995. 9, Travis			
1, Micky Gomez, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$3,364. 2, Dennis Garz, Denair, Calif., \$4,309. 3, Shad Chadwick, Queen Creek, Ariz., \$2,623. 4, Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., \$2,595. 5, Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, \$1,885. 6, Nick Rowland, Ivanhoe, Texas, \$1,885. 7, Nick Rowland, Ivanhoe, Texas, \$1,721. 8, Bucky Campbell, Prosser, Wash., \$1,639. 9, Kurt Jones, Lubbock, Texas, \$1,639. 10, Dagan Kelly, Arlington, Calif., \$1,496. 11, Brent Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$1,477. 12, Jason Hersherberger, Litchfield Park, Ariz., \$1,270. 13, Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., \$1,270. 14, Chris Branch, Canyon Country, Calif., \$1,270. 15, Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$1,222. 16, Shawn Howell, Castaic, Calif., \$1,086. 17, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$656. 18, Jason Hill, Ashburn, Ga., \$516. 19, Jerry McComas, Temecula, Calif., \$458. 20, Fletcher Hall, Anthony, Fla., \$454.			
STEER ROPING			
1, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$3,854. 2,			
Bucky Helmer, Chelsea, Okla., \$3,499. 3, Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., \$3,315. 4, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$1,892. 5, Scott Sneedcor, Needville, Texas, \$1,731. 6, J.B. Whalley, Gardendale, Texas, \$1,718. 7, Todd Caselock, Ryan, Okla., \$1,703. 8, J. Paul Williams, Ponca City, Okla., \$1,688. 9, Colby Goodwin, Channing, Texas, \$1,671. 10, De Lynn Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$1,639. 11, Shorly Garten, Pawhuska, Okla., \$1,399. 12, Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$1,380. 13, Alford Felts, Sonora, Texas, \$1,324. 14, Sid Howard, Canyon, Texas, \$1,284. 15, Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$1,067. 16, Paul Patton, Abilene, Texas, \$1,009. 17, Doug Clark, Wayne, Okla., \$980. 18, Rich Gonzales, Rosharon, Texas, \$898. 19, Philip Miller, Atoka, Okla., \$811. 20, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$784.			
BARREL RACING			
1, Melissa Huber, Cleveland, Texas, \$2,933. 2, Monica Wilson, Carston, Alberta, \$2,619. 3, Karen Renshaw, Glasgow, Ky., \$2,594. 4, Christa Sultemeier, Melrose, N.M., \$2,482. 5, Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$2,432. 6, Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., \$2,226. 7, Denise Hubbell, Casper, Wyo., \$2,106. 8, Talina Bird, Post, Texas, \$2,032. 9, Kachina Fowler, Gillette, Wyo., \$2,032. 10, Sharon Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., \$1,833. 11, Shelley Martin, Sealy, Texas, \$1,721. 12, Rayna Austin, Sidney, Mont., \$1,669. 13, Bonnie Prewit, Cuyama, Calif., \$1,622. 14, Kay Blanford, Sutherland Spring, Texas, \$1,579. Tracy Johnston, Spring, Okla., \$1,579. 16, Dab Guelly, Okotoks, Alberta, \$1,571. 17, Susan Lousberg, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, \$1,466. 18, Gayla Channell, Fairmont, W.V., \$1,354. 19, Jody Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont., \$1,318. 20, Virgilene Hawkins, Arthur, Neb., \$1,310.			
TRANSACTIONS			
Tuesday's Sports Transactions			
By The Associated Press			
AUTO RACING			
TREADWAY RACING—Named Sam Schmidt driver for the 1999 Indy Racing League season.			
BASEBALL			
American League			
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with LHP Rheeal Cormier on a minor league contract and RHP Kip Gross on a one-year contract.			
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Dave Telgheder, INF RHP Mike Walker, INF Jeff Mantlo, INF Orlando Miller and C Chris Turner on minor league contracts.			
National League			
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Chen Chen-feng.			
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with 1B Domingo Martinez on a minor league contract.			
National Football League			
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Tony Dumas.			
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Vic Fangio defensive coordinator.			
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed DT Tim Dab Bowers on injured reserve.			
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Fired David Culley, receivers coach.			
HOCKEY			
National Hockey League			
CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled G Igor Karpenko from Saint John of the AHL.			
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed D Sandis Ozolinsh to a multiyear contract.			
DALLAS STARS—Activated F Brent Severyn from injured reserve and assigned him to Michigan of the IHL for conditioning.			
Recalled LW Jamie Wright from Michigan.			
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed C Scott Gomez to a multiyear contract.			
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Mario Larocque from Cleveland of the IHL.			
SOCCER			
U.S. Soccer			
U.S. SOCCER—Recalled G Tony Meola to the national team from New York-New Jersey of the MLS.			
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER—Named Robin Roylance senior vice president-communications and Traci Higgins vice president-legal counsel.			
Major League Soccer			
LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Traded D Dan Calichman to New England for a 1999 second-round college draft pick and a 1999 first-round supplemental draft pick.			
COLLEGE			
ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM—Announced LB Brian Smith will forego his senior season and enter the NFL draft.			
APALACHIAN STATE—Announced the resignation of Dave Markland, volleyball coach.			
FLORIDA—Announced LB Jevon Kearse and DT Reggie McGrew will forego their senior seasons and enter the NFL draft.			
MIAMI—Announced RB Edgerrin James will forego his senior season and enter the NFL draft.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Announced LB Chris Claiborne will forego his senior season and enter the NFL draft.			

A walking stick takes its place in Tennessee Volunteer football lore

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Tennessee will need a showcase for the three national championship trophies it was presented after winning the Fiesta Bowl. And somewhere next to the glistening hardware will be a walking stick.

The main thing. They wanted to be around that stick. They carried it to meetings and practice.

The stick earned a place in Tennessee football lore, its status guaranteed by Monday night's 23-16 victory over Florida State for the national title.

"I'll have to retire that thing right next to the trophies, I guess. The Synergy Stick. Other than being called Moses, I thought it was a great idea."

The stick, a gift from a friend of coach Philip Fulmer, was a motivational prop Fulmer first used at midseason. He took it to practice and told the players, jokingly, that if they didn't motivate themselves, he'd just have to use it on them.

"I have a mental snapshot of Tee Martin's face as he came off the field last night, the incredible elation and pride in that. The look in my wife's eyes. The sacrifice and commitment my family has made."

Rodriguez had 29 points for Lake View.

Tennessee claimed the first national title decided under the Bowl Championship Series format, but if the milestone was historic, the game was not.

The Cougars are a perfect 20-0 for the season.

The Seminoles were playing for the first time in 44 days, while the Vols had been off since winning the SEC championship game on Dec. 5. Both teams showed the effects of the layoff. There were seven turnovers and 21 penalties for 165 yards.

In the girls' game, Fort Elliott posted a 61-17 win. Amber Estes had 16 points and Carissa Dukes 12 to lead the Lady Cougars.

"Some of the play, obviously, was sloppy," Fulmer said. "We had played a championship game, at least, and they had been off two weeks before that."

Fort Elliott improved to 14-4 for the season.

And a stick for company.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden agreed.

"I can't remember us playing in a bowl where we looked this futile," he said after his bowl record dropped to 16-5-1.

Florida State (11-2) finished No. 3 in the final Associated Press poll, the 12th straight year the Seminoles have finished in the top four. Ohio State (11-1) was No. 2 behind the Volunteers' unlikely title season.

"I remember that field goal against Syracuse, the wide field goal against Florida, the play of our offensive line and running backs to get it down the field and win against Arkansas," he said.

"I know the expectations will be high at Tennessee. They always are," he said. "It wasn't 10 minutes after the game that somebody asked me about the redshirt freshmen on our team. I thought, 'Let us enjoy this at least this evening.'"

But, Fulmer said, raising expectations was what he set out to do when he took the job six years ago.

"We want to be in the mix of teams known as the best in the country," he said. "I think this puts us up there."

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This year's trophies have "Tennessee" on them.

Museum, archeological sites gutted by war

By AMIR ZIA
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Calligraphy scrolls and cracked statues lie dirtied in rubble that litters the floor. The main door is riddled with bullets, and the roof has been destroyed by shelling.

The Islamic treasures and 2,000-year-old Buddhist artifacts that once graced the collection of the museum in Kabul are no longer here. Some were plundered, others smashed, and the leftovers have been crammed into carelessly stacked boxes in the Ministry of Information.

"These antiques are barely 20 percent of what our museum once used to have," says Maulvi Alifuddin Azizi, curator of the Kabul Museum, referring to the artifacts at the ministry. "We'll never know what treasures were lost because all the past records have been destroyed."

The ruling Taliban government is now engaged in an effort to restore its battered museum, attempting to undo some of the damage inflicted on cultural treasures when the country fought off

a Soviet invasion and later descended into civil war.

The hard-line Islamic Taliban militia marched into the capital in 1996, but the museum here is probably still as bullet-pocked and devastated as it was during the worst of the war.

And it's not just the Kabul Museum. Many other sites have either collapsed or been ravaged and looted by bands of thieves. The Taliban as well as those trying to preserve the remaining relics fear that without foreign help, protecting archeological sites and monuments may be impossible.

The Taliban has tried to rebuild the museum, but lack of money has stalled even minor repairs. About all they could afford to do was seal off the ground floor windows and doors and ship the collection to the ministry building.

"One million dollars is needed to restore the museum. But donors are not excited about putting in \$1 million or \$2 million," said Nancy Hatch Dupree, vice chairwoman of Pakistan-based Society for the Preservation of Afghanistan's Cultural Heritage.

Other sites may have missed their chance to be

saved: Before restoration work could begin on a famous Buddhist stupa in central Kabul shaken by a rocket during the war, the slender tower collapsed.

"Dozens of other archeological sites are also in danger," said Kabul Museum curator Azizi.

In Herat province, 270 miles west of Kabul, two 15th century Muslim minarets have been destroyed, while two others are leaning dangerously, Dupree said.

There are also concerns that a Buddha statue in Bamyan, about 90 miles from Kabul, is in danger. At 175 feet, it is the world's tallest statue in which Buddha is standing up rather than sitting. A smaller standing Buddha was damaged by Taliban soldiers who blasted it with a tank in August when they captured the area.

Although the Taliban authorities have promised to protect the Buddhas, the soldiers in the area are difficult to control and believe that images of Buddha are offensive to Islam. Devout Muslims believe that Islam forbids idols.

"Islam prohibits statues. They should be destroyed," said Maulvi Sharif Haqqani, deputy

chief of the Taliban's religious police.

Although Afghanistan culture preservationist Dupree believes the Taliban will try to protect the Buddhas, she is worried about the foot soldiers.

"Can they put across this message to an ordinary, uneducated Taliban?" she asked. "Official pronouncements are often not followed at the lower level, resulting in the looting and plundering of archeological sites, which is a serious problem."

Dupree said newer Islamic monuments have suffered less damage than the ancient pre-Islamic monuments.

"The locals take care of Islamic monuments. But because they lack expertise, the result of sincere effort is often ruinous. They smear cement to preserve or restore them. They don't realize it's a technical job," she said.

Museum curator Azizi says the Taliban needs foreign experts.

"We welcome any country, organization or individual which helps us in saving our remaining archeological sites and monuments," Azizi said. "We will lose them one by one if help does not come in time."



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Witness, YVONNE MOLER, Clerk of the 223rd District Court of Gray County, Texas.

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U.S. in 'period of challenge' with Iraq

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — American and British warplanes, patrolling the "no-fly" zones over Iraq may well be facing "a period of challenge" from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the Clinton administration says.

"For Saddam Hussein, defiance is his only strategy," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon told reporters at the Pentagon, discussing the third clash with Iraqi forces within the past two weeks.

On Tuesday, four U.S. Air Force and Navy jets fired on — and missed — four Iraqi MiGs testing the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. It was the first such air confrontation in more than six years.

The Iraqis "beat a hasty retreat" following the early morning clashes, which occurred in two separate incidents just 15 minutes and 62 miles apart, Bacon said.

In all, between 13 to 15 Iraqi aircraft attempted to violate the no-fly zone in a rash of eight incursions that Bacon termed "suspicious."

The incident was the third military confrontation with Iraq within the past two weeks over enforcing the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq. Iraq considers the restrictions illegal and has vowed to defy them.

"We are going through a period of challenge," Bacon said when asked about the rash of incidents. Twice last week, U.S. warplanes fired on Iraqi surface-to-air missile batteries in separate incidents.

While dismissing any ability to "psychoanalyze" Saddam, Bacon said the moves could have been aimed at luring U.S. and British aircraft within shooting range of surface-to-air missile bat-

teries, or may be marks of his "frustration" in the wake of the surprise December air attacks by U.S. and British forces.

On Capitol Hill, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint

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Chiefs of Staff, said he believed the current provocations by Iraqi aircraft reflected the fact that "they lost the initiative which we feel they are trying to regain now."

He told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the U.S. missiles were fired "at a distance," and were near the limit at which they are effective.

Asked by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., whether the United States shouldn't try to destroy the airfields used by Iraqi aircraft, Shelton said: "We have those kinds of plans on the shelf" should President Clinton decide to take such action.

But Shelton sidestepped a direct question on whether the United States should try to target Saddam directly.

As to casualties, he said that civilian casualties were slight. He said that as many as 800 of Saddam's Republican Guard members were killed in the attacks, giving the first such estimate of Iraqi military casualties.

At the Pentagon, Bacon said the first incident occurred at 2:15

a.m. EST southwest of Baghdad and involved two U.S. Air Force F-15s that fired off one Sparrow and three AIM-120 missiles at two Iraqi MiG-25s. The Iraqis had turned their radar on the American aircraft, prompting the missile firings, Bacon said. Such a use of radar can indicate intent to attack.

In the second event, two U.S. Navy F-14s fired on two other MiG-25s, using two AIM-54 Phoenix missiles. That incident took place southeast of Baghdad after the Iraqi planes "dipped" into the no-fly zone, Bacon said.

All of the Iraqi planes turned quickly after being fired upon, Bacon said.

The official Iraqi News Agency said Iraqi planes "confronted and clashed with the aggressive British and American aircraft" before "the aggressive aircraft withdrew. All of our air force planes returned to base safely."

Clinton has said U.S. and British forces will continue banning Iraqi flights in the restricted zones, arguing that Saddam Hussein's military still represents a threat to minority Kurds in the north and Shiite Muslims in the south.

A senior Pentagon official said the air-to-air altercation was the first in Iraq since Dec. 27, 1992, when a U.S. F-16 shot down an Iraqi MiG-25.

Bacon said one Iraqi MiG-23 apparently crashed in attempting to return to its base, but it wasn't immediately clear whether that aircraft had been one of those that had flown southward. It is possible the MiG crashed because it ran out of gas, he said.

The clash evoked harsh words from the State Department spokesman James P. Rubin, who said Saddam was "lashing out as a result of his isolated condition," because he has "no support in the Arab world. He has no support around the world."

Nation briefs

IRS evaluations focus on taxpayer satisfaction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Instead of evaluating IRS employees by how much tax money they collect or punishment they dole out, new agency rules would gauge performance more on how they treat taxpayers.

"This will be a substantial change," said Robert Tobias, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, which includes Internal Revenue Service personnel. "The IRS will focus on the quality of the work it produces in terms of customer satisfaction."

The rules proposed Tuesday were developed after Congress last year ordered the IRS, as part of a major overhaul law, to halt use of tax enforcement records to evaluate employees or to impose quotas for them to meet.

Despite years of criticism, an IRS inspector general's report concluded in August that employees were still evaluated mainly on the dollars collected and other enforcement actions — not on "quality casework, adherence to the law and protection of taxpayer rights."

Administration to call for more base closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — After failing two years in a row, President Clinton will try again to persuade Congress to let the Pentagon close more domestic military bases.

As part of his budget proposal for the fiscal year that begins in October, Clinton will ask Congress next month to grant authority to begin two new rounds of base closings starting in 2001, National Security Council official Robert Bell said Tuesday.

Bell would not say which — or how many — bases the administration wants to close.

Congress approved several rounds of base closings earlier this decade but since the last round in 1995 has rejected two attempts by the Clinton administration to further shrink the far-flung network of bases developed during the Cold War.

Bell said it would take about a 10 percent cut in the overall U.S. military base structure to make it fit today's smaller military, which has shrunk steadily since the end of the Cold War.

The key point, Bell said, is that the Pentagon needs to be able to cut its costs in order to pay for the kinds of force improvements that Congress says are urgently needed. "It's going to be incumbent on Congress to cooperate and give us that authority," he said.

Advocacy group says police cracking down on homeless

WASHINGTON (AP) — In dealing with the homeless, "meanness" is driving out compassion as cities across the country call in the police, an advocacy group's report contends.

From San Francisco to New York City, local police forces are tightening restrictions on sleeping and begging in public places, according to Tuesday's report by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. And police sweeps are driving some homeless people from their haunts altogether, it says.

The report said many cities are bent on "criminalizing homelessness" and are failing to take

advantage of existing constructive methods to treat homeless people for physical and mental problems and get them into housing and jobs.

And cities haven't done enough to create shelters and transition housing for the homeless, according to the report. It is the fifth such report issued since 1991.

"While cities continue to crack down on homeless people, resources to shelter homeless people or to help them to become self-sufficient are sorely lacking," the report says.

"Instead of sending in the police to move and arrest these people, you can provide resources," said Maria Foscarinis, the center's executive director. "Criminalizing is a quick fix, but it's not a solution. People have to go somewhere."

The report cited five cities — Atlanta, Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Tucson, Ariz. — as being especially tough on the homeless and "promoting the 'meanest' streets."

Abortion clinic suing online companies

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — An abortion clinic owner has filed a federal lawsuit against two online services she says provided anti-abortion activists with personal information about clinic visitors.

The lawsuit filed this week in Orlando names CompuServe and TML Information Services, which abortion foes allegedly used to get names and addresses from

license plate numbers of cars driven to the clinic.

The suit seeks unspecified damages and an injunction to halt the activities of abortion opponents who watch the Aware Woman Center for Choice clinic every day from a house across the street.

"Heaven knows we've been intimidated many, many times," clinic owner Patricia Baird Winkle said Tuesday.

Anti-abortion activists have been able to find out who visits the clinic by writing down or videotaping the license plate numbers of vehicles.

Using the tag numbers, they find out car owners' names and addresses from the online services, which buy the information from state motor vehicle offices, according to the lawsuit.

Study: Women deliberately using 'date rape drug'

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly 6 percent of a group of sexually active young women say they deliberately take the drug Rohypnol, despite warnings that it can make them vulnerable to rape, researchers say.

Rohypnol is known as a "date rape drug" because of cases in which women were assaulted after someone slipped it into their drink. Users have likened one tablet to drinking 12 beers.

Researchers at the University of Texas questioned 904 women ages 14 to 26 who visited a Galveston family planning clinic, and found that 5.9 percent — or 53 — said they had taken flunitrazepam, the

scientific name for Rohypnol, at least once. Six reported taking it more than 20 times.

The study was reported Tuesday in the journal Pediatrics.

The researchers and other experts said they suspect women try the drug because it is cheap, produces a drunken-like high and heightens the effects of other narcotics.

Health benefit costs make biggest leap in six years

NEW YORK (AP) — Health benefit costs for large companies will increase an average of 7 percent this year — almost twice the rate of 1998 and the biggest jump in six years, according to a national survey released today.

"Our findings suggest the easy savings offered by managed care may already be behind us," said William Falk, a principal for Towers Perrin, the consulting company that performed the survey.

While still a far cry from the 14 percent to 18 percent increases in the beginning of the decade, the acceleration in costs marks the biggest jump since 1993, the year President Clinton made his ill-fated national health reform proposal.

"It's worrisome," said Bruce Bradley, GM's director of managed care plans.

Health maintenance organizations have increased premiums lately to rebuild profits. They've cited rising prescription drug prices and the decline in federal fees from the Medicare insurance program for the elderly to justify the rate hikes.

Grammy nominations largely a female affair

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Grammy voters saluted a spectrum of styles this year — from country pop to introspective rock to empowering hip-hop — as women dominated the major album, record and song categories.

Lauryn Hill, whose solo debut "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" was met with critical and popular acclaim, received the most nominations Tuesday with 10, including best new artist and producer of the year.

Hill will compete against a nearly all-female field — including Madonna, Sheryl Crow and Shania Twain — for album of the year. Garbage, with lead singer Shirley Manson, also was nominated in the category.

Grammy voters also favored women for record of the year. Twain's "You're Still the One" will compete against Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On," the Brandy & Monica duet "The Boy Is Mine," and Madonna's "Ray of Light." The sole male entry, the Goo Goo Dolls, was nominated for "Iris."

This year, eight of the 10 Grammy nods for record and album of the year went to female artists, doubling last year's nomination totals.

"I'm really happy women are getting a chance to break through," said Natalie Imbruglia, whose single "Torn" was nominated for best female pop vocal and her album "Left of the Middle" for pop album.

Last summer, women also broke new ground on Broadway, winning for the first time Tony Awards in direction — Julie Taymor, for her work on the Disney musical "The Lion King" and Garry Hynes for the Irish drama "The Beauty Queen of Leenane."

"Women are taking over," said Diane Warren, whose "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" was nominated for song of the year. "It does seem to be the day of the female artists."

The 41st annual Grammy Awards will be presented Feb. 24 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles during a three-hour ceremony on CBS.

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