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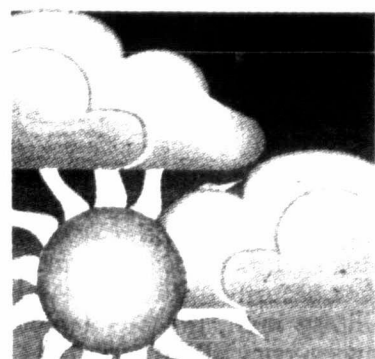
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AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety has reported 36 traffic deaths during the New Year's holiday weekend.

The DPS had estimated as many as 40 would die in traffic accidents during the 78-hour holiday period from 6 p.m., Dec. 29 to midnight, Jan. 1.

Of those killed, 34 were occupants of vehicles. Of those 34, 20 weren't restrained by seat belts.

Alcohol appeared to be involved in eight of the fatalities, according to the DPS.

Fatal accidents occurred in the following counties: Atascosa, Bastrop, Bowie, Cameron, Dallas, Ellis, Goliad, Harris, Hidalgo, Johnson, Kimble, Lavaca, Liberty, Lubbock, Maverick, Montgomery, Nueces, Ochiltree, Refugio, Rusk, Swisher and Upshur.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal income tax forms should be arriving in taxpayers' mailboxes this week, the Internal Revenue Service said Tuesday.

The mailing of the forms, which occurs every year at about this time, has not been affected by the partial government shutdown resulting from the budget impasse between President Clinton and Congress, said spokesman Wilson Fadley.

The appropriations bill funding the Treasury Department and the IRS was signed into law by Clinton last month.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma Transportation Commission has given its approval to recommendations made by state field engineers to drop speeds on the majority of two-lane roads deemed too dangerous for 65 mph.

The eight-member commission voted unanimously to return the speed limits on some stretches of two-lane highways in the state to 55 mph. An executive order by Gov. Frank Keating had raised the limit on the state's two-lane highways to 65 mph on Dec. 15.

HONOLULU (AP) — The Pentagon has rejected an appeal by relatives and supporters of two U.S. military commanders at Pearl Harbor when Japan attacked in 1941. It said they must share some of the blame for the tragedy.

The decision came in a 50-page report delivered Saturday to the families of the late Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and the late Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short.

Relatives of Kimmel and Short, backed by historians and numerous retired military officials, had sought to clear the names of the two officers and restore them to their full ranks.

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Candidates file for election in party primaries

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, the hats were in the ring and campaigning was set to begin for the upcoming political primary elections.

Candidates filing for a spot on their parties March 12 ballot in Gray County are:

Sheriff - Don Copeland and incumbent Randy Stubblefield, both Republicans.

Tax assessor/collector - Charles Buzzard, Democrat; incumbent Sammie Morris, Republican.

County attorney - Incumbent Todd Alvey, Republican.

Commissioner Precinct 1 - Doug Locke, independent; incumbent Joe Wheeley, Republican.

Commissioner Precinct 3 - Lorelee Cooley, Democrat; incumbent Gerald Wright, Republican.

Constables - Precinct 1 and 3 - Incumbent James Lewis and David E. Livingston, Lefors, both Republicans.

Precinct 2 - Incumbent Chris R. Lockridge, Republican.

Precinct 4 - Johnny Lee Belt, William H. King, Doyle C. Lee and Frank W. Sparling, all Republicans.

District attorney - Incumbent John Mann, Democrat; Rick Roach, Republican, Miami.

In Roberts County, candidates include:

Commissioner Precinct 3 - Kelly V. Flowers and Riley E. Reynolds Jr., both Republican. Incumbent Don Morrison, Republican, did not file.

Commissioner Precinct 1 - Incumbent William H. Clark, Democrat.

Sheriff - Incumbent Billy S. Britton, Democrat.

Tax assessor/collector - Incumbent Carol Billingsley, Democrat. No one filed for county attorney.

In Wheeler County, candidates include:

Sheriff - Incumbent Jimmy

Adams and Dennis Hilburn, both Democrats.

Tax assessor/collector - Incumbent Jerry Don Hefley, Democrat. County attorney - Steve Emmert, Republican.

Commissioner Precinct 1 - Incumbent Kenneth Childress, Daryl Snelgroves and John Sullivan, all Democrats.

Commissioner Precinct 3 - Brian Close, Carlos "Buck" McClemore, and incumbent Hubert Moore, all Democrats.

Constable Precinct 1 - Incumbent Joe Montgomery, Democrat.

Constable Precinct 2 - Incumbent Jerry Bob Jernigan, Democrat.

In Hemphill County, candidates include:

County attorney - Incumbent Charles Kessie, Democrat.

Sheriff - Incumbent Billy Bowen, Republican.

Commissioner Precinct 1 - Incumbent Joe Schaefer, Republican.

Commissioner Precinct 3 - Incumbent John Ramp, Republican.

Tax assessor/collector - Incumbent Gladene Woodside, Republican.

In Carson County, candidates include:

Sheriff - Incumbent Loren Brand, Democrat.

Tax assessor/collector - Incumbent Roslyn Watson, Democrat.

Commissioner Precinct 1 - Incumbent Mike Britten, Democrat.

Commissioner Precinct 3 - Incumbent Jerry Strawn, Republican.

County attorney - Scott W. Sherwood, Republican. Incumbent Ed Henshaw did not file.

Democrat Randall Sims, who serves as district attorney for the 100th Judicial District, plans to run for re-election, according to an office spokesman. He is to face Earl Griffin, Childress.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Librarian Marcy Ruth of the Skellytown Public Library says Robin Cook and Mary Higgins Clark mysteries are popular in this Carson County community, but among women, Danielle Steel wins handily as the best-read author.

Skellytown library gets facelift

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

SKELLYTOWN - Marcy Ruth is happy since the Skellytown public library got a face lift.

"We had a hail storm two years ago," she said. "We had to get all new windows and new carpet."

The building that has been the library in Skellytown since 1962 was painted and fixed up.

"There has been a library in this location since 1939," said Ruth, Skellytown's librarian.

The first one was a box car that was bought from Santa Fe Railway. In the early 1960s, the library system bought the house that is being used today and moved it into town. The box car was moved to the baseball field and is now being used as a concession stand.

Fanny Coleman was librarian then. She probably was the longest tenured librarian that the

town has had, Ruth said. She also served as an unofficial town historian.

"She kept everything under the sun," Ruth said, pulling out an old scrapbook that Coleman had started. "She has photographs of when the first baseball field was built."

There are also newspaper clippings showing the old box car after it had been stuccoed and a well that was drilled nearby to provide water.

"I've been here since November 1991," she said. "I've lived here all my life. I wouldn't live anywhere else."

The library is part of the Carson County library system. The third Wednesday of each month is usually exchange day, Ruth said. She takes about 50 books back to the library in Panhandle each month and exchanges them for others.

"I just go through and pick out books I think our readers

would like," Ruth said.

The books she chooses are usually the newer best sellers. The books on the Skellytown library shelves that hadn't been checked out often are taken back.

"I have one man," she said, "he'll read anything."

Among the more popular authors are Robin Cook and Mary Higgins Clark.

"He's an ear nose and throat doctor that writes mysteries," she said. "She the one the ladies like."

She said that every woman's favorite author is Danielle Steel.

Kids go for the R.L. Stine "Goosebump" series, she said. His children's books include such titles as *Piano Lessons Can Be Murder* and *Attack of the Mutants*.

"His book for adults just came out," Ruth said. "It's the first one he's written for adults."

It's also on her list to get as soon as she can.

House GOP leaders criticize Senate plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - Defiant House Republican leaders criticized a Senate-passed plan today that would return government workers to their jobs. The White House branded the House leadership "the gruesome group" for refusing to compromise.

In a series of brief interviews, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said he doubted that the House would even take up the legislation today. The bill would bring resume normal government functions through Jan. 12, including paying the workers.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, formed a "zero" with his fingers when asked the chances that the House would approve the measure.

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said many House Republicans want a stop-gap spending measure to return federal workers to their jobs. But he said it was being blocked by

Gingrich, House Majority Leader Richard Armey, R-Texas, and Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the House majority whip.

"That's Armey. That's Gingrich. That's DeLay. The gruesome group up there," McCurry said. "It's gruesome what they're doing to the federal workforce and what they're doing to the American people."

Until today, the White House blamed the shutdown on House Republican freshmen. Last month, President Clinton wondered out loud if the tail was wagging the dog in the House.

The administration also planned a series of events, including a Cabinet meeting this evening, to underscore the impact of the shutdown.

Clinton and congressional leaders planned to resume White House budget talks today. Gingrich planned to first brief rank-and-file GOP lawmakers on sessions that both sides say

are making progress.

"We hope coming out of that conference with the Republicans is a strong sentiment by a majority of Republican members of the House that their leadership is just wrong and they should bring this measure up for immediate vote," McCurry said.

Under-scoring House differences with the more moderate Senate, Gingrich on Tuesday linked an end to the 19-day shutdown to an agreement with Clinton on balancing the budget by 2002.

The Senate used a unanimous voice vote Tuesday to approve a measure by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., that would immediately return 280,000 idled federal employees to work through Jan. 12 and pay them. It also would pay the nearly 500,000 other civil servants who have been ordered to report to work without pay because their agencies' budgets remain unapproved.

Cookie drive for U.S. soldiers still on

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

The drive is still on. The cookie drive that is.

The Hobby Shop of Pampa is still taking batches of homemade cookies which will be sent to United States troops in Bosnia.

Nelda Patton, manager of The Hobby Shop of Pampa, said the drive is doing fair. So far the store has sent 20 dozen batches to troops.

The store's message of Support Our Soldiers has not only reached the citizens of Pampa but other parts of the Panhandle

as well. On Tuesday, Patton said a woman from Stinnett was preparing to bring a batch of cookies over to the store.

The people who are helping out, said Patton, are doing it "just because ..."

Chocolate chip cookies and peanut butter cookies are among the treats being sent to the troops.

Those bringing cookies have also been asked to send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with their cookies so they can receive a reply. Pictures and cards would also be a nice touch, said Patton.

"There's a lady who's written

a song," Patton said.

"Candles," written by Lorelee Cooley, wasn't composed particularly for the drive, Patton said, but for the holidays. "We've attached a copy of the song to each bag of cookies."

A specific address for troops stationed in Bosnia was obtained by Patton from the Department of Defense in Washington D.C.

The Hobby Shop of Pampa, located at 217 N. Cuyler, will also send cookies to a specific soldier if named.

For more information about the drive, call The Hobby Shop at (806) 669-6161.

Wintering birds



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Several ducks and geese at City Lake at Recreation Park still find some water spots amid the frozen patches from the latest winter cold spell. The low this morning was 14, but sunny skies were warming temperatures by noon, with the high expected to reach into the 40s today and even low 50s by Thursday. But another cold front is expected to hit the area again Friday, dropping high temperatures down into the 30s for the weekend.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

McCRACKEN, E.M. - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Rose Hill Cemetery, Terrell.

Obituaries

WILLIAM E. 'BILL' BOSLEY

BORGER - William E. "Bill" Bosley, 67, father of a Skellytown resident, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 1995. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery at Stinnett with the Rev. Norman Shuman, pastor of the Abundant Life Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bosley was born at Unjontown, Pa., and had been a Borger resident since 1949. He served as a merchant marine during World War II and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He worked for Magic Drilling Company in oil field construction.

Survivors include a daughter, Cindy Koshor of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; two sons, William Edwin Bosley of New York state and Dennis Ray Bosley of Skellytown; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

LOIS RUTH HOWELL

Lois Ruth Howell, 81, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1995. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Ed C. Smith and Brothers Chapel at Dallas with the Rev. Tommy Lander, associate pastor of the Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving, officiating. Burial will be in the Grove Hill Cemetery at Dallas under the direction of Ed. C. Smith and Brothers Funeral Home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Howell was born July 12, 1914, at Donie, Texas. She was a longtime Dallas resident, moving to Pampa in 1993 from San Angelo. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Mary Hardin Baylor College at Belton and a master of education from North Texas State University. She taught elementary school at Mesquite for over 20 years. She also worked as a Shaklee distributor. She was a member of the Urban Park Baptist Church at Dallas, the Texas State Teachers Association, the AARP and the Mesquite Educators Association. She was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa teachers sorority, where she held offices from chapter to regional level. She was a church pianist and organist for a Methodist church in Dallas.

Survivors include a nephew, James Howell of Pampa; a great-niece, Jennifer Howell of Pampa; three cousins, Mrs. J.R. Adamson of Turkey, Don Cain of Pampa and E.O. Stewart Jr. of Clovis, N.M.

The family requests memorials be to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Urban Park Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

E.M. (MERLE) McCRACKEN

KAUFMAN - E.M. (Merle) McCracken, 69, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1996. Burial will be in the Dallas area. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Terrell. Burial will be under the direction of Anderson-Clayton Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. McCracken was born Sept. 15, 1926. He attended school in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1944. He earned a football scholarship to Southern Methodist University at Dallas. He was a California resident from the early 1950s until moving to the Dallas area in the early 1960s. He was a rural resident in the vicinity of Kaufman.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, L.L. and Jewell Guthrie of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda; two sons, Jimmy McCracken and Dennis McCracken; four sisters, Marie Thomas, Yvonne Winborne and Wanda Passmore, all of Pampa, and Jo Bennalack of California; a brother, A.C. McCracken of Pampa; three stepchildren; and several grandchildren, all of Texas.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3

6:56 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to an alarm malfunction at 300 Canadian Street.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Jan. 2

Indecency with a child was reported to have occurred 1977 to 1979.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 1600 block of Hamilton. Taken were \$370 in freon and an \$800 freon recovery machine.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler at noon Saturday.

Forgery was reported in the 600 block of Powell.

Homeland, 2545 Perryton Parkway, reported forgery which occurred Dec. 7.

Burglary was reported in the 1400 block of Charles which occurred at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday. A boxer dog valued at \$300 was stolen.

A 47-year-old woman reported assault in the 700 block of North Hobart which occurred between 10 a.m. and noon Saturday. The victim suffered a bruise on her left leg.

Criminal mischief to a 1996 Chevrolet pickup was reported in the 500 block of South Gillespie at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Theft of four plastic headline covers valued at \$100 were reported stolen from a 1994 Chevrolet pickup in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Mr. Payroll, 309 N. Hobart, reported forgery which occurred Dec. 13.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3

Assault - Class C was reported in the 900 block of South Reid.

Arrest

TUESDAY, Jan. 2
Timothy James Norris, 19, Rt. 1 Box 46, was arrested at 201 W. Kingsmill on two warrants.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrest in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Jan. 2

Simple assault was reported in the 1300 block of South Barnes. A 14-year-old boy reported being struck by an object.

Agency assistance was rendered at Price Road and Texas 152.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3

A 15-year-old girl reported being struck Tuesday by hand, feet and fists in the 1300 block of South Barnes.

Arrest

TUESDAY, Jan. 2
Sherry Lee Nunley, 24, Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief \$20 to \$200. Her bond is \$2,000.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 2

10:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital.

1:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to a local nursing home.

4:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3

2:48 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Dwight on a trauma call and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	4.90
Milo	5.92
Corn	6.44

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

Nowco	12 27/32	NC
Occidental	21 1/2	dn 1/8

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

Magellan	86.23
Puritan	17.08

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	70 5/8	dn 1
Arco	113 7/8	up 1/8
Cabot	54 1/2	up 1/8
Cash O&G	15	NC
Chevron	53 3/8	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	75 7/8	up 7/8
Columbia/HCA	51 7/8	up 1/2
Diamond Sham	25 7/8	up 3/8
Enron	37 5/8	dn 1/8
Halliburton	48 3/4	dn 5/8
Ingersoll Rand	37 3/4	up 1/2
KNE	29 1/8	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	64 7/8	up 3/4
Limited	17 1/2	up 1/4
Mapco	54 3/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	45 3/4	up 1/4
SLB	68 3/8	dn 7/8
SPS	33	up 1/8
Tenneco	49 1/8	NC
Texaco	78 5/8	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	23 1/2	up 1/4
New York Gold	393.60	
Silver	5.37	
West Texas Crude	19.81	

Bosnian Serbs free three but say others are still under investigation

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Bosnian Serbs released three people they had detained, but said today that others were under investigation, casting the first major shadow over NATO's peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

The three were freed as U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry arrived today on his first visit to Bosnia to gauge the progress of the American-led peace operation.

French military officials said the three people were not among the 16 whom the Bosnian government complained have been detained by Serbs since last month, when a deal was signed to end 3 1/2 years of war.

Detentions of non-Serbs in territory under Serb control compromise free movement, a key tenet of the Dec. 14 peace accord, and have provoked the Muslim-led government's first open criticism of the NATO mission.

A French military spokesman, Capt. Frederic Solano, said one woman and two men were turned over to French soldiers in Ilidza, a western Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo.

They apparently had lost their way the previous evening and were detained by Serbs in territory they control near Sarajevo's airport, Solano said.

Also in Ilidza today, two British soldiers were wounded by an explosion in a hotel complex that is to serve as a future NATO headquarters. A NATO statement said the cause of the explosion was not clear.

The injuries were not thought

to be life-threatening, and the soldiers were being treated at a French field hospital.

The swift release of the three detainees could be a sign of movement to defuse the tensions over the issue. However, Ildiza Mayor Nedjeljko Prstojevic said that although some people had been released, "investigation procedures have begun against three persons."

He would not say how many people were being detained, but said they comprised Muslims, Croats and Serbs loyal to the Bosnian government.

Prstojevic claimed some of those detained had strayed from "the usual routes," and charged some had engaged "in illegal activities."

The mayor spoke after meeting a senior British commander, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walker, who emphasized that the peace agreement calls for full freedom of movement.

On Tuesday, Bosnian government ministers said NATO must ensure freedom of movement. Otherwise, they contended, the NATO operation could slide into the same quagmire of uncertainty that dogged the 3 1/2-year U.N. peacekeeping mission, which was powerless to stop Europe's worst bloodshed since World War II.

Perry and NATO spokesmen declared that the NATO-led force is not designed to focus on such issues.

"The task of the NATO's implementation force is to ensure freedom of movement under the terms of the Dayton agreement. We are not set up as a police force," Perry said.

He said it was important for an international police force to get to Bosnia as soon as possible. About 2,000 U.N. civilian police are due in Sarajevo by the end of January, but police authority is weak now.

A NATO spokesman, Lt. Col. Mark Rayner, porfrayed the detentions as possibly the acts of common criminals and said it was for the warring sides to work it out.

"Even if we had forces on every street corner, I still don't think we could stop crime that happens in every country in the world," he said.

The Bosnian Serb official responsible for contacts with the NATO force, Dragan Dragic, confirmed that a group of non-Serbs was detained after allegedly straying from the prescribed route in Ilidza. The group included a security officer and other military men, the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA reported.

SRNA quoted Dragic as saying Muslims had no business in Serb-held Sarajevo - at least until those districts are handed back to the government in March.

That transfer is a major sticking point of the Paris accord. Sarajevo's Serbs fear reprisals from the government side, which endured years of siege and bombardment by Serb gunners in the hills around Sarajevo.

The Serbs are threatening a mass exodus unless they receive concessions.

The handling of the disappearances and Serb sensitivities will be key tests of the world's ability and willingness to make peace last.

Candidates file designated treasurer reports

Candidates across the Panhandle continued to file designation of campaign treasurer up to the Tuesday deadline. They include:

Charles A. Buzzard, 2205 Evergreen, who filed Dec. 15 for county tax assessor/collector. He named Mark N. Buzzard, Hughes Building, as his campaign treasurer. Charles Buzzard is a Democrat. He will face incumbent Republican Sammie Morris.

David E. Livingston, Lefors, named Lendi A. Jackson, Lefors, as campaign treasurer in his bid to become constable for Precinct 1 and 3. Livingston filed Dec. 19. He is a Republican. He will face incumbent Republican James Lewis.

Johnny Lee Belt, 525 Hazel, named Ronnie D. Arnold, 1300 N. Hobart as his campaign treasurer in Belt's bid to become constable Precinct 4. Belt filed the report Dec. 20. He is a Republican.

William H. King, 412 Jupiter, named Sybil K. King, 412 Jupiter, as his campaign treasurer in his effort to win the spot of constable Precinct 4. King filed his designation of campaign treasurer on Tuesday, Jan. 2. He is a Republican.

Doyle C. Lee, McLean, named himself as campaign treasurer as he seeks the position of constable Precinct 4. He filed the DCT report Jan. 2. He is a Republican.

A fourth man, Frank W.

Sparling, has filed for the post with the Republican Party but has not filed designation of campaign treasurer.

They are vying for the post which is being vacated by Joe Billingsley.

Loralee C. Cooley, 410 Buckler, named Vernell Houska, 1129 Neel Rd., as her campaign treasurer in Cooley's bid gain the Precinct 3 commission post. Cooley is a Democrat. She will face incumbent Republican Gerald Wright.

Tim Roberts, who earlier filed designation of campaign treasurer for the sheriff's office, Tuesday filed designation of a final report which ends his bid for the office.

Gray County receives food, shelter supplement

Gray County has been chosen to receive \$7,692 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area, according to Katrina Bigham, executive coordinator of Pampa United Way.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent.

The board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the

capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board comprised of County Judge Richard Peet, Joe Kyle Reeve, Lynda Duncan, Lt. Anthony Housley, Bill Ragsdale, Ann Loter, Katrina Bigham, Ken Hall and the Rev. Jake Clemmens will determine how the funds awarded to Gray County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

Bigham said the local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available

under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: (1) be non-profit; (2) have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit; (3) practice non-discrimination; (4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and (5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying organizations are urged to apply for a share of the funds, Bigham said.

Gray County has distributed emergency food and shelter funds in the program previously with the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa Meals on Wheels and Good Samaritan Christian Services participating. These agencies were responsible for providing 5,252 meals, 166 nights of lodging and 98 bills of utility assistance.

Further information on the program may be obtained by contacting The Pampa United Way, Katrina Bigham, 200 N. Ballard Suite #105, in Pampa, or by calling (806) 669-1001, no later than Tuesday, Jan. 9.

City briefs

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ATTENTION YOUTHS 12 years and up, newspaper routes available January 1st. Come apply today, at the Pampa News.

DON'T REPLACE old or ugly counter tops, tubs, sinks, or tile, refinish them. Call Perfect Finish. 665-3635. Adv.

GIRL'S PINK metal bunkbed for sale. 669-9402. Adv.

JANUARY CLEARANCE Sale in progress, savings up to 25%-75% excluding intimate apparel. New Spring merchandise included. 1521 N. Hobart. Good thru January 13th. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wednesday 5-8 p.m. Meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight with a low near 30. Southwest winds 10-15 mph. Thursday, partly sunny with a high near 52. Southwest to westerly winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Friday and Saturday, variable cloudiness with highs in the mid 30s and lows near 15. Tuesday's high was 23; the overnight low was 14. Pampa received a trace of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy north with flurries possible. Partly cloudy south. Lows in mid 20s to around 30. Thursday, partly sunny. Highs in upper 40s to mid

50s. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows 30-35. Thursday, partly cloudy, breezy and warmer. Highs 55-65.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy and warmer. Windy west. Lows 28 southeast to 42 west. Thursday, partly cloudy, windy and warmer. Highs 57 northeast to 67 west.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, fair skies. Lows in the 30s. Thursday, sunny and warmer. Highs in low to mid 70s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, fair skies. Lows in low 40s coast to upper 30s inland. Thursday, sunny and warmer. Highs in upper 60s coast to low and mid 70s inland. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in low to mid 30s inland, near 40 at

the coast. Thursday, mostly sunny and warmer. Becoming breezy. Highs in low 70s inland, mid 60s at the coast.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy north with a few evening snow showers possible near the Colorado border. Mostly fair skies south. Not as cold most sections. Lows from 5 to 20 mountains and northwest with 20s to mid 30s elsewhere. Thursday, partly cloudy north with mostly fair skies south. Highs in mid 30s to mid 40s mountains and northwest with 50s and 60s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows mid 20s to low 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 40s north central regions to upper 50s in Red River valley areas.

Hispanics protest radio's 'Spanish only' policy

DALLAS (AP) - The nation's largest Hispanic advocacy group is protesting a move to ban English from a bilingual talk-radio program and is calling on the broadcasting company to immediately rescind its no-English directive.

The League of United Latin American Citizens was organizing a Tuesday vigil outside the Dallas studios of radio station KESS, where "La Voz de Texas" (The Voice of Texas) is broadcast nightly, said Omar Chow, chairman of the English Plus of the LULAC Council 100.

Irate listeners began calling LULAC officials last week about changes in the program.

"They wanted to make the station Spanish only, but the problem that we have run into is that our youth, and a lot of Hispanics and Latinos, even though they speak both languages, they feel most comfortable talking in English," Chow said.

"It sounds ironic, but we're in America and we cannot go back (to) the way things were. We're trying to prosper. And the radio's airwaves belong to us, the citizens of America."

Hector Flores, deputy state director of LULAC, said Hispanics have fought for years the right to bilingual education in the United States.

"Hispanics have a birthright to speak Spanish because it is our heritage, our blood," he said.

"But we have a constitutional right to speak English - a right we ought not be deprived of because it does not fit the stereotypical mindset of some people who still view Hispanics as Mexicans with a sombrero in our hands, wearing huaraches (sandals) and draped in serapes (shoulder blankets)."

Texas Health Department plans airdrop against rabies

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - In an effort to combat a rabies outbreak among coyotes and foxes, the state health department this month will airdrop vaccine baits in 79 Central, West and South Texas counties.

The effort is scheduled to begin Friday in rural areas of South Texas. Central and West Texas airdrops start in about two weeks, Texas Department of Health

spokesman Doug McBride said Tuesday.

Airplanes will drop about 2.5 million vaccine-laden baits statewide, up from 850,000 distributed last February in the first airdrop, McBride said.

In South Texas, a rabies strain that affects coyotes started in Starr County in 1988 and has spread northward since then, officials said.

Elsewhere, the department will target a strain that affects gray foxes.

The health department drops baits filled with an oral rabies vaccine. When a coyote eats the vaccine, it becomes immunized, McBride said.

The department plans to drop 70 baits per square mile in rural areas of the 79 counties. The effort will cost an estimated \$4 million.

World briefs

Fourteen injured in union protest at Disneyland

PARIS (AP) — Fourteen people were injured in a clash at Disneyland Paris that began when workers protesting for higher wages tried to force their way into the park, officials said today.

Park attendants "tried to block them and there were injuries" among both protesters and attendants, said Jacques-Henri Eyraud, a spokesman for the park's parent company Euro Disney. "There were beatings."

Eighteen protesters were summoned "to decide on their eventual firing," he said.

Officials with the Communist-led General Labor Confederation union told French radio Europe 1 that the clash began after park authorities detained one of their colleagues.

Responding to union demands for salary increases, Eyraud said Euro Disney salaries "are equal to or higher than the average in the French tourist industry." Employees at the park 18 miles east of Paris are paid 8 percent over the \$1,200 monthly minimum wage after one year of service, he said.

Bomb blast in India capitol results in deaths

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A bomb exploded in the Indian capital today, killing at least five people and injuring 21 others, police said.

Police Commissioner Nikhil Kumar said the blast set off a fire in the crowded Sadar Bazaar business district in the center of the old city. At least three shops burned.

Firefighters put out the blaze within an hour.

The explosion took place outside a shop selling automobile parts. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing.

Germany declares day for Nazi victims

BONN, Germany (AP) — Warning future German generations to remain vigilant, the government today declared Jan. 27 a national day of remembrance for the victims of Nazi terror.

President Roman Herzog said that in 1995 — the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II — Germans commemorated "millions of people who were deprived of their rights, persecuted, tortured and murdered" by the Nazi regime of "racial mania and genocide."

The day was chosen to mark the Jan. 27, 1945, liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp, Herzog said.

Carne, Depardieu named to French Legion of Honor

PARIS (AP) — Director Marcel Carne and actors Gerard Depardieu and Jean Marais have been promoted to the French Legion of Honor.

Also honored in lists published this week were writer Henri Troyat, jazz pianist Jacques Dieval and European Commission member Yves-Thibault de Silguy.

Carne, the 89-year-old director of *Les Enfants du Paradis* (*The Children of Paradise*), *Hotel du Nord* and other classics, was promoted to Grand Officer, the Legion's highest rank.

Marais, a longtime theater and movie actor, was promoted to the rank of commander of the Legion of Honor. Depardieu, one of France's best-known actors who starred in *Cyrano de Bergerac* and *Green Card*, was promoted to the rank of Chevalier.

Bryant joins Democratic candidates for senator

AUSTIN — Rep. John Bryant declared his candidacy for U.S. Senator, pitting himself against three other Democrats in the March 12 primary for Sen. Phil Gramm's seat.

"Texas is entitled to at least one senator who will fight for working families and against the Republican extremists who have turned the U.S. Congress into an assault weapon aimed at the American people," Bryant said.

Bryant represents 11 eastern and north central Texas counties in the U.S. House of Representatives, and will vacate the 5th District seat upon the completion of his term in 1996.

The co-founder and first commissioner of the independent AA-level Texas-Louisiana Baseball League, Bryant has won each of his 12 election contests for public office.

A native of Lake Jackson, Bryant is married to native El Pasoan Janet Bryant. They have three children: Amy, a senior at the University of Texas; John, a sophomore at Texas Tech; and Jordan, a public middle school student.



John Bryant

Joining Bryant on the primary election ballot will be U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Houston lawyer John Odam and Mesquite teacher Victor Morales.

Gramm has served in the Senate since 1985 and is seeking re-election and running for president under Texas' "LBJ Law."

Laid-off middle managers face tough future

NEW YORK (AP) — The headlines were all too common last year: "3M Cuts 5,000 Positions," "Polaroid Eliminates 1,300 Jobs," "Pink Slips For 1,200 at IBM."

The trend in corporate downsizing — begun at the start of the decade — is continuing in 1996 with AT&T Corp.'s decision to lay off about 30,000 workers, most of them this year.

Another roughly 10,000 jobs will be eliminated through early retirements or buyouts. About 60 percent of all the cuts will be in white-collar positions.

While AT&T had hinted at large cuts since deciding last year to split into three companies, the announcement Tuesday nonetheless threatens to further rattle consumer confidence and keep future economic growth in check, economists said.

"Because these are high profile layoffs ... it creates a level of caution among households," said William V. Sullivan, an economist

with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

"There's a greater degree of anxiety about job security, income growth and making large purchases ... even though we still are creating new jobs, the economy is expanding and the stock market is reaching new highs," he said.

To be sure, the most recent survey on consumer confidence by the Conference Board, a business research group, showed a decline in morale in December. Fewer households surveyed believed jobs were plentiful, and as a result, they planned to make less major purchases in the near future.

That reaction came despite a fairly low U.S. unemployment rate of 5.6 percent over the past year, and an economic growth that is expected to average 2.75 percent in 1996.

AT&T's layoffs come on top of an 8,500-job reduction under way at its computer manufacturing unit. In all, AT&T's work force

GOP predicts gains; Democrats predict the opposite in primary election ballots

AUSTIN (AP) — The two major political parties have completed their primary election ballots, with Texas Republicans predicting bold gains and Democrats saying not so fast.

GOP Chairman Tom Pauken, buoyed by growth that he said is bringing Republican primaries to all 254 counties for the first time, voiced the hope for big things in 1996.

"I think we've really got the best slate of candidates we've ever had," Pauken said. "What we're trying to do is put together a conservative infrastructure."

But new state Democratic Chairman Bill White vowed a vigorous effort by his party after losses in recent years.

"The interest among high-quality candidates in running under the Democratic banner has been very good this year," White said.

Democrats' goals, he said, include doing "a better job, frankly, than we have done in the past ... to make sure that our candidates at all levels effectively communicate their mainstream values and beliefs to the public, so that the image of the Democratic Party is more an image of the future."

Tuesday was the deadline for candidates to file for the March 12 primaries. Runoff elections will be April 9.

In the presidential primaries, President Clinton was joined on the ballot by a number of lesser-known hopefuls, while all the major Republicans filed.

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, utilized the state's unusual "LBJ Law" to file for both president and re-election.

That law, first passed for then-Sen. Lyndon Johnson's dual races in 1960, also is being used this year by Fred Hudson of Center, who listed his occupation as lawyer-

merchant and is seeking both the Democratic presidential nomination and the party's nomination for the U.S. House in the 2nd Congressional District.

Pauken said Gramm's chances were good to win the 123 Texas delegates to the Republican National Convention. But he said Kansas Sen. Robert Dole might do well if he has swept the earlier primaries in states leading up to Texas.

"Right now, Phil Gramm is the favorite," he said. In the Senate race, where Gramm is seeking a third term, his primary challengers were former state Sen. Henry C. Grover of Houston and David Young of Austin, a former Democrat who has run unsuccessfully for a string of statewide posts.

On the Democratic side, the Senate primary turned into a genuine battle. Seeking the nomination to challenge Gramm's re-election are two congressmen — John Bryant of Dallas and Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs — plus Houston lawyer John Odam and Victor Morales of Crandall, a high school teacher.

Joining Bryant and Chapman in giving up seats in the U.S. House were five other Texas congressmen, making for one of the most open congressional fields in years.

Also stepping down this year are U.S. Reps. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso; Kika De La Garza, D-McAllen; Jack Fields, R-Humble; Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth; and Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin.

Pauken said the GOP's goals for this year are to break the century-old Democratic lock on the Texas Senate, where Republicans now hold 14 of the 31 seats; gain eight to 10 seats in the Texas House, where Democrats hold a majority of 86-64; pick up two or three seats in the U.S. House; and gain a majority on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Texas woman provides police with tip on whereabouts of girl

STEVENS POINT, Wis. (AP) — A Texas restaurant manager whose tip led to the safe return of a missing Wisconsin girl says the break in the case came just in time.

Lillie Roy, manager of the Days Inn restaurant in Houston, said Steven Oliver, 38, who was sought in the disappearance of 13-year-old Jessyca Mullenberg, had told motel officials he planned to check out Saturday.

Roy said she had learned that Oliver, posing as the girl's father, planned to travel from Texas to Canada.

Instead, Roy spotted photos of the two on the Fox television show "America's Most Wanted: Final Justice" Thursday night and alerted authorities, who located the two within an hour of the broadcast, ending a 3

1/2-month search for the girl.

"It was God's will that it happened the way it did," Roy said in a telephone interview from Houston.

"I had a bad feeling about this guy from the start," she said Tuesday. "He was really weird."

She said she called the Human Services Department in Houston about six or seven weeks ago to tell about the girl, but she didn't have enough specifics to arouse suspicions.

"The information I gave them was extremely vague," Roy said. "I didn't give them enough information to act on anything. If I would've said I think she's abused or something they would have, but I just thought something was wrong."

Snow and cold kill more millions of monarch butterflies in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Snowfall and a cold snap have killed millions of monarch butterflies at their wintering grounds in mountainous western Mexico.

A preliminary survey of the butterfly sanctuaries by researchers indicates at least 30 percent of the 50 million to 60 million monarchs that migrated there from the United States and Canada perished, a leading environmentalist said Tuesday.

"This is just devastating," said Homero Aridjis, leader of the Group of 100 environmental lobby. "The monarchs dropped off the trees where they were perched and fell into the snow."

He acknowledged the estimates were preliminary, but said the monarch deaths could top 20 million from the two-day snowfall that began Saturday and was followed by a cold wave sweeping down from Canada.

High mountains covering some

6,400 square miles in Michoacan state are a prime wintering ground for the vivid butterfly.

The monarchs fly up to 3,100 miles south from Canada and the United States every year to winter in Mexico's high evergreen forests. In those balmy surroundings, they don't dry out in their state of semi-hibernation. But the location leaves them vulnerable to cold in the higher elevations.

One English-language daily, *The News*, published a photograph Tuesday showing thousands of monarchs littering a snowy mountain at a sanctuary called El Rosario, the only one opened to the public.

Reports said more than seven inches of snow fell over the weekend.

It rains often in the fog-shrouded mountains, but heavy snows come only every four to five years. The last big snowfall and cold wave, in February 1992, killed at least 70 percent of the butterflies wintering there, Aridjis said.

The rare winter snows increase pressure on the monarchs, already hard hit by intensive logging that threatens their habitat.

The deaths of perhaps millions of butterflies will reduce the numbers that return to the United States in the spring.

But the delicate-looking butterfly is a hardy and fertile breed, and if conditions are right, they could replenish their numbers once they reach breeding grounds along the U.S. Gulf Coast and flow back across the United States into Canada.

There were conflicting reports Tuesday on the extent of the damage to the monarch colonies.

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Opinion

Securities litigation reform despite veto

By overriding President Clinton's veto of securities litigation reform legislation, the House of Representatives - with 89 Democrats voting against the president - has delivered a stinging rebuke to old-style Democratic reliance on trial lawyers for campaign money. And it might have blazed a trail that could lead out of the budget thicket.

The 310-100 vote to override the veto of a bill that is the result of a year of compromise and negotiation included a number of quite liberal Democrats voting against the president.

It's no wonder. "Strike suits" against publicly-held companies have become an increasingly abusive cost of doing business, especially in high-tech industries. It is simply a fact of life that high tech stocks tend to fluctuate widely in value as new ideas are tried, and either succeed, go bust, or are displaced by better ideas from other companies. When a high-tech firm's stock goes down, strike suit specialists gather like vultures, filing class-action lawsuits, alleging fraud if any company officer ever issued an optimistic statement before, on behalf of stockholders they recruit. Almost all the top high-tech companies have been hit by such lawsuits.

When a company settles such a suit the typical outcome - the lawyers get the first cut and investors get a little something. But investors are hurt by the payments and by the time and resources devoted to lawsuits rather than research, development or marketing. If a firm is forced to cut back or is put out of business, people who work there can be laid off.

Perhaps it is just a coincidence that among the guests at a White House "thank you" dinner for heavy-hitting Democratic contributors recently were three of the most successful strike-suit lawyers - William Lerach of San Diego, Len Barrack of Philadelphia and Lee Godfrey of Boston. Mr. Lerach has given almost \$1 million to the Democratic Party over the years.

Securities litigation reform, written and pushed through the legislative mill by California Republican Christopher Cox, is something of a litmus test for Old Democrats who want to be viewed as New Democrats - people without an automatic, gut-level hostility to business who are willing to think about at least some regulatory reform, reinventing government and even lower taxes for middle-class people.

By vetoing the bill, President Clinton signals that he's in the throes of one of his periodic mood swings back into the Old Democrat camp, characterized by love for regulation and big government and dependence on special interests who profit from big government, like trial lawyers.

The Senate a few weeks ago, passed securities litigation reform by a virtually veto-proof margin of 65-30.

Maybe congressional Republicans and Democrats will think about getting together and passing a balanced-budget law by a veto-proof margin, thus putting the president and his demagoguery completely out of the loop.

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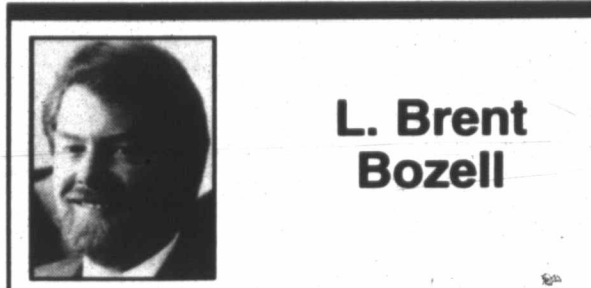
Best notable quotes of 1995

Let's throw a well-deserved rotten tomato or two at those who earned the "Best Notable Quotables of 1995," the eighth annual awards for the year's worst reporting.

Once again, a panel of 57 willing masochists has culled through reams of nominations and selected most biased or outrageous liberal media utterances of the past year, and the year was not pleasant for liberals. For example, *New York Times* columnist Bob Herbert earned the "We'll Decide Who's a Mean-Spirited Republican Award" by claiming: "The Republican jihad against the poor, the young and the helpless rolls on. So far, no legislative assault has been too cruel, no budget cut too loathsome for the party that took control of Congress at the beginning of the year and has spent all its time since then stomping on the last dying embers of idealism and compassion in government."

That was slyly followed on the ballot by the "But It's OK for Us to Hate Them Award (for Hypocritical Hate-Mongering)," with the dishonor going to *Chicago Tribune's* Clarence Page, who said of the Million Man March: "Most of the KKK has joined the Republican Party. They don't have to be there."

For the second year in a row, the judges awarded the "Damn Those Conservatives Award" to yet another attack on Clarence Thomas for being insufficiently black. Jack E. White, *Time's* own Bob Herbert wannabe, unleashed on Thomas: "The scariest of all hobgoblins may be a fellow African American, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. In the four years since George Bush chose him to fill the 'black seat' vacated by Thurgood Marshall, Thomas has emerged as high court's most aggressive advocate of rolling back the gains Marshall fought so hard for. The maddening irony is that Thomas owes his seat to pre-



L. Brent Bozell

cisely the kind of racial preference he goes to such lengths to exorcise." May the good justice continue to drive them nuts.

In the "Good Morning, Morons Award" category Bryant Gumbel wins (again) with this bizarre question to Sen. Ted Kennedy: "Janet Reno has asked for an independent counsel to investigate charges against HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown is being investigated. Questions have been raised about Transportation Secretary Federico Pena. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy resigned under pressure, as did Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders. The Clinton White House seems to be having a hard time retaining minorities particularly. Do you think, Senator, they are being held to a higher standard than their white predecessors?" If Gumbel hadn't slept through the evening news, he might have realized most of these luminaries were being investigated for possible felonious behavior; of course, Elders ought to be institutionalized for advocating masturbation education. Republicans were big, juicy media targets all year long.

In the "Republicans Make Us Sick Award" category, the winner was a Peter Jennings promotional spot: "Next week on ABC's *World News Tonight*,

a series of reports on our environment which will tell you precisely what the new Congress has in mind: the most frontal assault on the environment in 25 years. Is this what the country wants?"

Fiscal truths drew the same derision, as *U.S. News* "reporter" Gerald Parshall won the "Americans with Mathematical Disabilities Award (for Calling Hikes a Cut)" for this, um, fact: "House Republicans denied any impropriety when they approved federal budget reductions of \$17 billion and outlined \$190 billion more, slashing programs that largely benefit women, children and the poor, to pay for that 'pouting sex kitten' mistress of their dreams - tax cuts."

If you think that's silly, check out the winner of "The Politics of Meaninglessness Award (for the Silliest Analysis)," *PBS To the Contrary* host Bonnie Erbe, on the unpleasant skull crushing of partial-birth abortions: "But aren't most medical procedures, when you describe them in detail, pretty disgusting? Isn't, for example, the production of veal, when you describe it in detail, and how people eat meat, when they crunch down on the flesh of living beings - formerly living beings - with their teeth? Isn't that pretty gruesome, too?"

But "The Dumbest Quote of the Year" goes to another distinguished princess of public broadcasting, NPR's Nina Totenberg, who greeted Sen. Jesse Helms' complaint that AIDS gets more funding per death than cancer or heart disease with: "I think he ought to be worried about what's going on in the good Lord's mind because if there is retributive justice, he'll get AIDS from a transfusion or one of his grandchildren will get it."

In the spirit of the holidays, let us remember just how charitable we really are. As taxpayers, we pay her salary.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 3, the third day of 1996. There are 363 days left in the year.

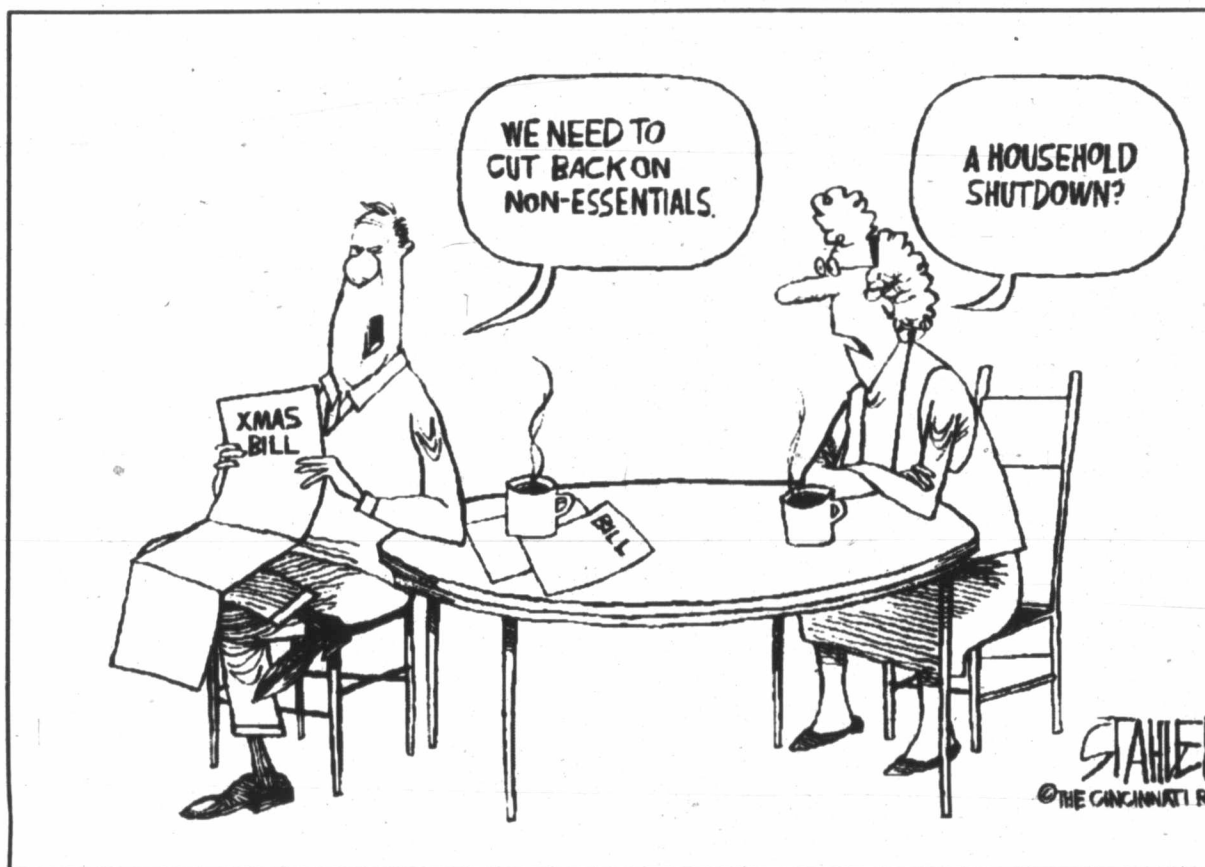
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 3, 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

On this date:
In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1833, Britain seized control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. (Almost 150 years later, Argentina seized the islands from the British, but Britain took them back after a 74-day war.)

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as "shoguns."

In 1892, J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa.



Can Francisco survive Brown?

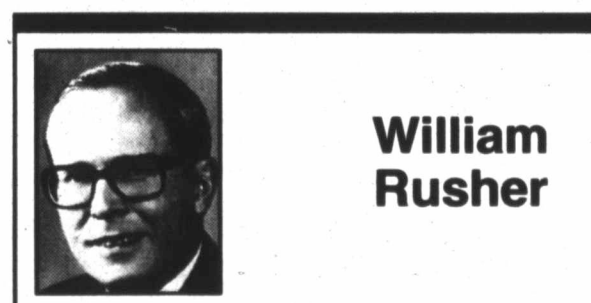
Poor San Francisco. Can somebody recommend a good press agent?

Here is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, which regularly tops national lists for livability; a global tourist Mecca; a stunningly cosmopolitan town, with its own long opera season and some of the best restaurants outside New York and Paris. Yet wouldn't you know that, when its last major earthquake occurred in 1989, dozens of TV cameras just happened to be in blimps over Candlestick Park covering the World Series, and promptly began transmitting live pictures of every scrap of quake damage to a horrified world.

Similarly, when San Francisco had a badly needed rainstorm recently, as luck would have it, a sinkhole opened up in a street and swallowed a million dollar house while television recorded the spectacle for the edification of a shocked (and slightly amused) nation.

And now the voters have elected Willie Brown, the longtime Democratic Speaker and boss of the California Assembly, as their mayor, and Terence Hallinan, a lifelong leftist who promises to stress crime prevention rather than punishment, as district attorney. That's what you call adding insult to injury.

Let me try to repair at least some of the damage. I moved here just five weeks before the 1989 quake. The ensuing six years have been the happiest of my life. Among other things, the city has the



William Rusher

world's most perfect weather. The average daily high in the warmest month (September) is 69; the average nightly low in the coldest (January) is 45. No private home bothers with air conditioning - if you want a cool breeze, just open a window.

Of course, San Francisco suffers from the disadvantages of these virtues. A climate so equable is catnip to the nation's vagrants, who come here to sleep outdoors ("homeless," you see) and spend their welfare money on drugs and booze instead of rent. As a result, certain areas of the city (like similar areas in all other big cities) are Bumsville.

In addition, for the same or related reasons, the proportion of liberal squirrel heads all over town is exceptionally high. So it was no surprise when Willie Brown - term-limited out of the Assembly - chose to retreat to his old liberal bailiwick to find refuge. As I have been telling my friends, "Cheer

up! We may be gaining a mayor of San Francisco, but we're losing a boss of California."

For bear in mind what San Francisco is: a square box, seven miles on a side, at the northern end of the San Francisco peninsula, with a Manhattan-like array of spectacular skyscrapers and a population of just 723,959 in the 1990 census. This is the cage into which Willie has been forced. To the north, east, and south stretches the famed Bay Area, of which San Francisco is the metropole: luxurious suburban counties, handsome exurban wine country and several other cities (one of them, San Jose, slightly larger than San Francisco itself) - one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States, with 6 million people.

At that, Willie may prove a relatively pleasant surprise. As speaker of the Assembly he was notoriously somebody the business community, or at least its less squeamish members, could do business with. (For example, he has long been in the pocket of the tobacco industry.) In addition, it will be interesting to see how someone accustomed to having his word treated as law - indeed, enacted into it by a subservient Assembly - will get along with San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, a freak show famous for its hot-eyed independence.

So I intend to sit back, enjoy San Francisco's municipal politics for the farce it is, and meanwhile savor the many pleasures of this incomparable city and region. San Francisco will survive Willie Brown.

Lack of Whitewater press coverage

Eugene McCarthy once described the political press corps this way: "They are like birds on a wire. One flies off, they all fly off."

When it comes to the Whitewater story, the birds are sitting still. Though there is pro-forma coverage of hearings held by the Senate Banking Committee, most of the press seems remarkably lethargic about tracking down the real story.

Why have the major news organizations not followed up on the report by three respected handwriting analysts who studied Vincent Foster's "suicide note" and concluded that it was forgery? The *Washington Times* reported this, but scarcely anyone else has shown interest.

The question of the note is interesting for other reasons as well. On the day after Foster's death, White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum, who conducted a search of Foster's office, said he didn't see anything in Foster's briefcase. Four days later, White House officials announced that they had found the suicide note, ripped into pieces, at the bottom of the briefcase. How they could have missed it on that first day remains mysterious. Sgt. Peter Markland of the Park Police - one of the investigators who was kept at arm's length by Nussbaum - testified that he saw Nussbaum open the briefcase with two hands, look inside and declare it empty.

There was one more curious fact about the note. It bore no fingerprints.

Within the past week, the White House has revealed that Vincent Foster took original copies of Rose Law Firm files relating to Whitewater with him during the 1992 campaign and then, in Washington, turned them over to Webster Hubbell,



Mona Charen

who kept them at his home before turning them over to David Kendall, the Clintons' private attorney. This peculiar method of handling files - why weren't copies made so originals wouldn't have to be transferred? - matches what was done in the White House following the death of Vincent Foster.

When word first reached the White House that Foster was dead, a routine investigation involving the Park Police and the Justice Department was begun. But the following morning, after a fusillade of phone calls among Mrs. Clinton (who was out of town and who used a trunk line to call the White House - perhaps so that her calls would not be recorded in the log), her close friend Susan Thomases, Maggie Williams, the first lady's chief of staff, and Bernard Nussbaum, the search was called off. Nussbaum testified that Mrs. Clinton had said she did not want investigators to have "unfettered access" to the files in Foster's office.

A uniformed Secret Service agent testified that he saw Maggie Williams carrying folders from Foster's office on the night of his death. Williams

denies this. What is not denied is that files from Foster's office did find their way to the residence section of the White House, where they were stored in a closet for some time before being turned over to David Kendall.

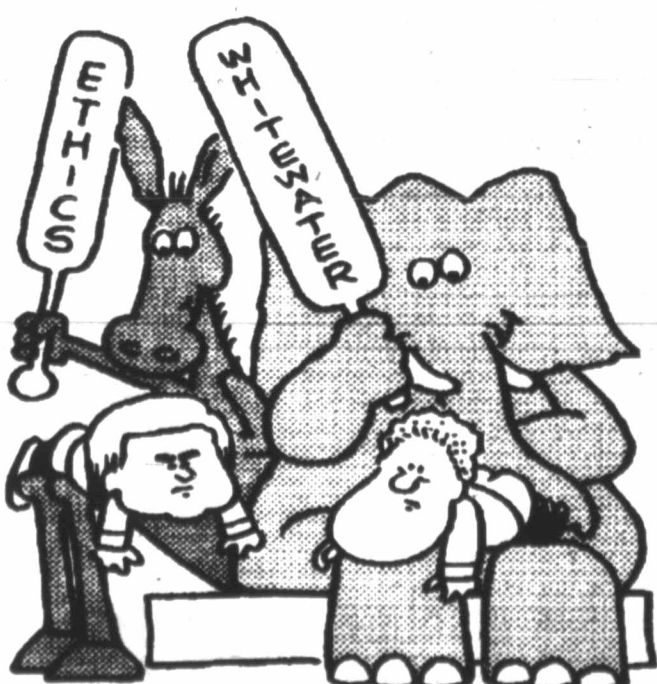
Files and papers have disappeared. Deborah Gorham, Vincent Foster's secretary, says she saw an index to the Clintons' financial papers in Foster's office before he died. After the search by Nussbaum and others, the index was gone.

Let us recall that Mrs. Clinton cut her political teeth as a lawyer on the Watergate committee. The lesson that many people took from that scandal was: Nixon should have burned the tapes. If he had done so, there would never have been a smoking gun, just a great many unanswered questions. He would have served out the remainder of his term.

Madison Guaranty, owned by Clinton partner Jim McDougal, was a criminal enterprise that wound up costing the taxpayers more than \$60 million. It funneled money to select Arkansas big shots like Seth Ward, the father-in-law of Webster Hubbell. It retained none other than lawyer Hillary Clinton for important legal work. She has said that she played only a minor role in representing Madison, but billing records show that she billed more hours on the matter than any other partner. An Arkansas judge alleges that Gov. Clinton pressured him to make an improper, federally backed loan to Susan McDougal, wife of Jim.

If there isn't enough for journalists to delve into here, then they cannot call themselves "investigative" with straight faces.

Berry's World



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'Toy Story' leads record \$138.3 million New Year's weekend at the box office

By JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Toy Story* led a strong field that earned a record \$138.3 million over the four-day New Year's weekend, closing out Hollywood's best box-office year ever.

Disney's computer-animated film made \$19.4 million, followed by *Jumanji* with \$17.8 million, *Grumpier Old Men*, \$14.9 million, and *Waiting to Exhale*, \$13.3 million.

Weekend ticket sales brought the 1995 domestic box office take to \$5.4 billion, topping 1994's record \$5.2 billion, Exhibitor Relations said Tuesday.

But no one in Hollywood was celebrating. It was the smallest annual boost in five years, rising about 1 percent over 1994.

The average ticket price rose slightly in 1995, but the actual number of tickets sold remained about the same or was slightly lower than the previous year. Meantime, movies cost more to make and distribute in 1995 so studio profit margins were slimmer.

The previous four-day New Year's weekend record was \$107 million in 1993, when *Dumb & Dumber* and *Disclosure* were the top draws.

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of Dec. 29-Jan. 1	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Toy Story</i> \$19.4, six weeks, 2,574 screens	\$19.4
2. <i>Jumanji</i> \$17.8, three weeks, 2,530 screens	\$17.8
3. <i>Grumpier Old Men</i> \$14.9, two weeks, 2,010 screens	\$14.9
4. <i>Waiting to Exhale</i> \$13.3, two weeks, 1,331 screens	\$13.3
5. <i>Father of the Bride Part II</i> \$12.4, four weeks, 2,048 screens	\$12.4
6. <i>Heat</i> \$10.3, three weeks, 1,341 screens	\$10.3
7. <i>Sabrina</i> \$10.0, three weeks, 1,976 screens	\$10.0
8. <i>Tom and Huck</i> \$6.8, two weeks, 1,614 screens	\$6.8
9. <i>Sudden Death</i> \$5.4, two weeks, 1,687 screens	\$5.4
10. <i>The American President</i> \$4.1, seven weeks, 1,310 screens	\$4.1

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

The top 10 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Monday, followed by studio, gross, number of theaters, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations:

1. *Toy Story*, Disney, \$19.4 million, 2,574 locations, \$7,535 per location, \$150 million, six weeks.
2. *Jumanji*, TriStar, \$17.8 million, 2,530 locations, \$7,019 per location, \$57.5 million, three weeks.
3. *Grumpier Old Men*, Warner Bros., \$14.9 million, 2,010 locations, \$7,419 per location, \$30.7 million, two weeks.
4. *Waiting to Exhale*, Fox, \$13.3 million, 1,331 locations, \$9,990 per location, \$36 million, two weeks.
5. *Father of the Bride Part II*, Disney, \$12.4 million, 2,048 locations, \$6,044 per location, \$52.3 million, four weeks.
6. *Heat*, Warner Bros., \$10.3 million, 1,341 locations, \$7,675 per location, \$36.5 million, three weeks.
7. *Sabrina*, Paramount, \$10 million, 1,976 locations, \$5,073 per location, \$30.8 million, three weeks.
8. *Tom and Huck*, Disney, \$6.8 million, 1,614 locations, \$4,207 per location, \$14.6 million, two weeks.
9. *Sudden Death*, Universal, \$5.4 million, 1,687 locations, \$3,190 per location, \$13.5 million, two weeks.
10. *The American President*, Columbia, \$4.1 million, 1,310 locations, \$3,133 per location, \$51.1 million, seven weeks.

Nation briefs

Madonna ordered to court in stalking trial
LOS ANGELES (AP) — After winning a one-day reprieve from confronting a man accused of stalking her, Madonna must show up in court today or pay a \$5 million fine, a judge ruled.

Superior Court Judge Jacqueline Connors ruled that the pop star wasn't needed in court until today in the trial of Robert Dewey Hoskins.

Another judge had ordered Madonna to appear Tuesday, the first day of jury selection, or pay the fine. Jury selection resumes today.

Hoskins allegedly threatened the singer and her employees and twice invaded her Hollywood Hills property, where Madonna's bodyguard shot him last May. Hoskins was charged with stalking, making terrorist threats and assault. If convicted, he could be sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Madonna's lawyer, Nicholas DeWitt, asked Connors to keep Hoskins away from the courtroom if the singer testifies or allow her testimony to be videotaped elsewhere and shown in court.

Woman who posed as boy pleads guilty

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman who posed as an abandoned boy and told social workers she wanted a warm place to stay has finally got one — in jail.

A tearful Birdie Jo Hoaks pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors Tuesday and was sentenced to a year behind bars, telling the judge: "I swear as God is my witness that I did not mean for this to happen the way it did. I was simply looking for a place to stay."

Hoaks, 25, of San Jose, Calif., had told Utah state workers she was a 12-year-old boy whose stepmother and father had left him at a bus stop a week before Christmas because they could no longer care for him. Hoaks presented a letter she claimed was written by the boy's mother.

After the story was publicized, people across the country offered money, gifts and even their homes before Vermont officials alerted Utah authorities of the possible deception.

Authorities believe Hoaks, who is about 5 feet tall and has short brown hair, was involved in similar scams in at least 11 states.

In addition to her jail term on charges of theft of services and making a false written statement, Hoaks was ordered to pay \$580 restitution.

Government quickly closes door on HUD scandal of the 1980s

WASHINGTON (AP) — With government prosecutors eager to close the books on the 1980s HUD influence-peddling scandal, former Interior Secretary James Watt was able to obliterate 18 felony charges by pleading guilty to a single misdemeanor.

Watt had faced felony counts of perjury and making false statements to cover up his work as a consultant seeking federal aid from the Department of Housing and Urban Development after he left government in 1983. The indictment against him last February alleged that he was paid more than \$500,000 for contacting political appointees at HUD during 1984-86.

Watt pleaded guilty Tuesday to one misdemeanor count of withholding information and documents in June 1990 in an attempt to influence the federal grand jury investigating the HUD scandal. He faces a possible sentence of up to six months and a maximum fine of \$5,000.

As part of his plea, Watt has agreed to pay a \$5,000 fine, one of his attorneys, William Bradford Reynolds, said at a hearing before U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth. Lamberth scheduled a sentencing hearing for March 12.

Watt, who previously had pleaded innocent, declined comment as he left the courtroom.

HUD independent counsel Larry Thompson said in a statement, "The plea entered by Mr. Watt today establishes that persons who attempt to influence the actions or decisions of an investigating body by making inaccurate statements to them,

Wrinkle cream wins FDA approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. has won permission to promote its acne drug as a wrinkle reducer.

Tretinoin, sold under the brand name Retin-A, was approved in 1971 to treat severe acne and soon won wide popularity as a potent wrinkle remover.

On Friday, the FDA said Ortho has proved that tretinoin does reduce fine wrinkles and brown spots, giving the company permission to sell a special cream version under the brand name Renova.

Renova is different from Retin-A only because its more soothing

must and will be held responsible for such statements.

The government attorneys didn't explain why Watt was able to reduce the charges against him. Thompson's statement said the plea agreement "advances the interest of the government in avoiding protracted litigation."

Reynolds suggested after the hearing that the deal could have resulted from the recent change in the HUD independent counsel.

Thompson, a former U.S. attorney for the northern district of Georgia, succeeded Arlin Adams in July. Watt was indicted after Adams' five-year investigation into corruption at HUD during the Reagan administration under then-Secretary Samuel Pierce. The investigation yielded 16 convictions and more than \$2 million in fines. Pierce never was charged.

The indictment had alleged that Watt, 57, of Jackson Hole, Wyo., lied to Congress and to a grand jury about the housing consultant work he did after resigning as interior secretary in 1983. He also had been charged with withholding for more than four years documents that contradicted his testimony.

Reynolds told reporters the plea agreement resulted from several weeks of negotiations with Thompson.

"I think that the whole thing got off on the wrong foot. ... It's been a terrible ordeal," Reynolds said. Thompson, he added, "took a hard look at this indictment and felt there were certain things that were necessary to serve the interest of his office."

cream formula is better suited for aging skin, Ortho said.

Studies indicate that after 24 weeks of using Renova, 30 percent of people had moderate improvement, 35 percent had minimal improvement and 35 percent saw no change.

Renova does not eliminate wrinkles, reverse aging or repair the sun-damaged skin that leads to cancer, the FDA said. The wrinkles gradually became more noticeable when patients stopped using the cream — but using Renova for more than a year has not been proved safe, the agency said.

Unusual exhibit pays tribute to twenty-three primates killed in Christmas Eve zoo fire

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — "Gentle father, fierce protector. Eloquent in silence. ... Powerful, playful, dignified."

Zoo keeper JoAnne Adams searched deep within herself for the words to describe the Philadelphia Zoo's patriarchal gorilla, one of 23 primates that died in a Christmas Eve electrical fire.

Her still-fresh memories joined a display of pictures, letters and videotaped images in a Remembrance Gallery that opened Tuesday as a monthlong memorial to the beloved animals.

"People standing and watching and just being able to cry is a good first step," said Simone Gorko, a psychologist brought in to help workers and visitors cope.

The overnight fire in the \$6 million World of Primates building led to the smoke-inhalation deaths of six gorillas, three Bornean orangutans, four white-handed gibbons and 10 lemurs, all endangered species.

The memorial went on display as the zoo reopened for the first time since the fire. Zoo staffers completed it in three days, putting their thoughts down in writing and gathering photographs from employees' personal collections.

"There's a mixed sense of sadness and pride," said Andrew Baker, curator of primates and small animals. "Pride that we were able to do something that represents the animals the way they should be represented."

By many accounts, the most moving display was a short

video documentary of the animals in their zoo habitats.

In one scene, a lemur dangles with one arm from a tree and turns its face toward the camera, outstretching its arms. Another scene captures a baby gorilla stroking its mother's face while she pulls the youngster close to her.

Zoo keeper Maria Schwalbe sobbed quietly through the documentary before quickly walking out. Her thoughts, however, remained on the photo wall, next to the primates she had grown to love.

"Rita orangutan was one of the most profound animals I've ever known," Schwalbe wrote in one caption. "The depth of consciousness one could see in her eyes was almost unfathomable."

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Response To Spaying Program Means Fewer Pets Will Die

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for bringing the SPAY/USA program to the attention of your readers. Almost 12,000 calls were received in the first three weeks after the column was published. We hired a 24-hour answering service to take the calls, and our most experienced staff people worked seven-day weeks to keep up with the referrals. The number of calls is down to about 250 a day now.

Many of the inquiries were for more than one animal — often three or more cats, and sometimes up to 30! As of Nov. 17, there were 3,019 cat spays, 5,459 cat neuters, 3,085 feral cat (sex unknown) alters, 3,084 dog spays, 2,279 dog neuters and 882 dog (sex unknown) alters.

The biggest problem we have now is cats. Taking into account that a male cat can be responsible for many litters per year, and a female can have three litters per year, we are being conservative when we take the total number of cat surgeries (11,563) and estimate that each of them could have produced 10 kittens in one year — or 115,630 cats. A year later, if each of those had been responsible for 10 more kittens, there would be well over a million. The dog numbers are not quite as dramatic, but nonetheless, we will see the difference at shelters next spring.

I wish we could persuade people to keep cats indoors, to put IDs on them in case they slip outside, to adopt them with the understanding that they live 15 to 20 years, and to



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spay or neuter them.

At this time, there are literally tens of millions of homeless cats. People get cats because they are "easy to take care of," then leave them outside with no identification, unaltered, where they multiply like rabbits. The cat crisis today is what the dog crisis was 20 years ago.

Thank you, Abby, for all of the good you have accomplished with a single column.

ESTHER R. MECHLER, DIRECTOR, SPAY/USA

DEAR ESTHER: No need to thank me — that's what I'm here for. I'm delighted to know that your program, which resolves the problem of homeless, unwanted pets without destroying them, is making a difference.

For those readers who missed the original letter back in October, SPAY/USA is a program that provides referrals to veterinarians who offer low-cost neutering and spaying. The

SPAY/USA phone number is 1-800-248-SPAY (7729).

DEAR ABBY: From time to time, you've published letters from people who had found money. One woman bought a pair of jeans at a yard sale and found \$5 in one of the pockets. A high school student found a wallet on the pavement. When I read those letters, the correct behavior was evident. Then something similar happened to me, and I wasn't so sure anymore.

I had finished shopping in a drugstore that is owned by a local family. When I got outside, I discovered I had been given \$10 too much in change, so I went back in and said, "You've made a mistake in my change." Assuming I meant I had been shortchanged, the owner angrily interrupted with: "Once you're outside the door, we don't do anything about it!" he walked away. I replied, "You gave me \$10 too much, and I was going to return it."

I turned around and walked out with the \$10. Abby, what would you have done had that happened to you?

OVERCHANGED

DEAR OVERCHANGED: I would have insisted that the owner accept the money — and in the future, I would take my business to another drugstore.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 4, 1996

Interesting developments could prevail in the year ahead. Just when the elements seem to conspire against you, changes that will put you back on top of the heap might occur.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In partnership arrangements today, your way of doing things could be more effective than the methods or procedures suggested by co-workers. Do what's best for everybody. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to be fair today and share the gains from a collective effort. However, do not reward someone if he or she did not contribute.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not get caught up in petty politics today in your social involvements with friends. Maintain a friendly demeanor without acting as anyone's campaign manager.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Material objectives can be achieved today, but it might not be as easy as you first thought. Keep your thinking cap on if money is the primary issue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It will be imperative to assess situations realistically today. Complications could arise if you deliberately gloss over or ignore existing problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep your guard up today if you're in the company of a person who took advantage of your generous nature in the past. He or she may hope to repeat the crime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should try to be your own person, but don't carry it to extremes today. If a team effort is

required, work with the group, not against them.

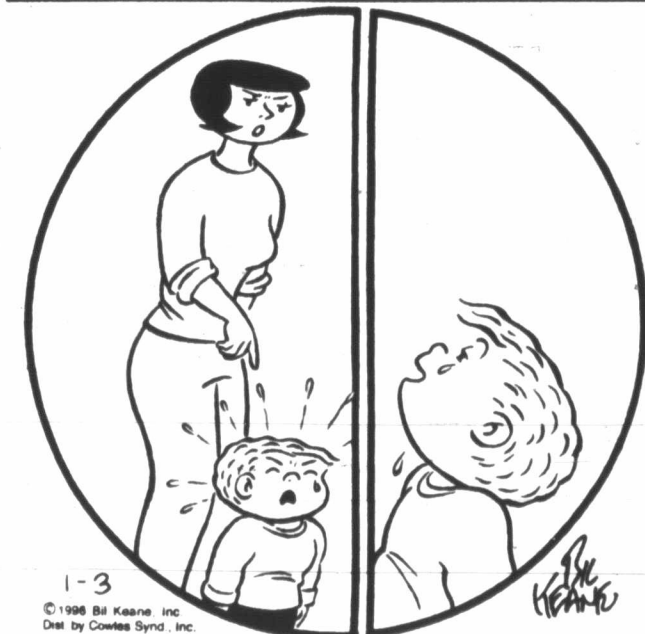
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Indifference or poor judgment may cause you not to take proper advantage of something offered to you today. This could be beneficial to your career.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you need a favor today, go to a trusted, reliable friend. Do not request anything from an acquaintance who has let you down recently.

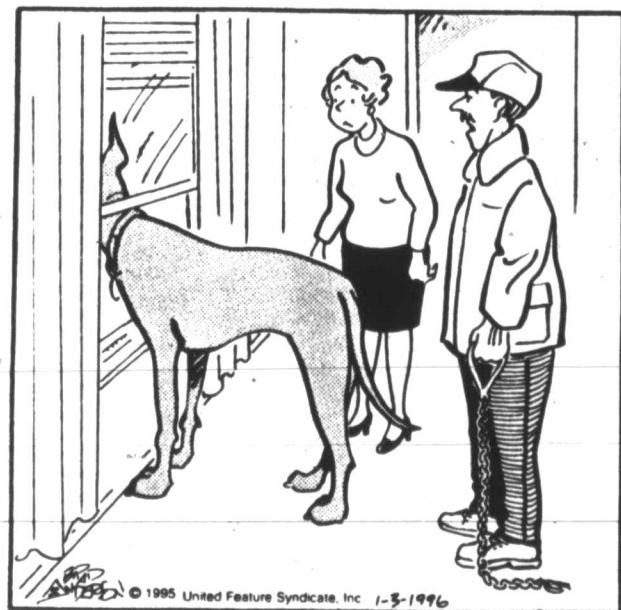
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your luck might be fickle today, so don't leave anything to chance. You can still succeed if you use resourcefulness and ingenuity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Avoid promoters who grossly over-exaggerate the quality of their offerings today. Their pitches will most likely be superior to their products.

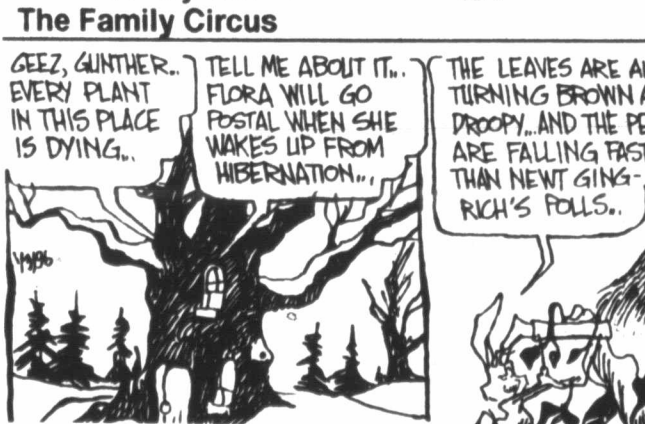
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial trends continue to look reasonably promising, but prudence will be required. Extravagant gestures could throw your budget off-balance.



"Stop crying or I'll give you something to cry for."



"He likes to check the temperature before he goes out."



"The leaves are all turning brown and droopy, and the petals are falling faster than Newt Gingrich's polls."



"How? They're plastic."



"I'll say I was afraid it might be days before we stood on solid ground again!"



"I don't think so! There aren't any clouds in the sky!"



"How about snowcats?"



"Doesn't build snowmen."



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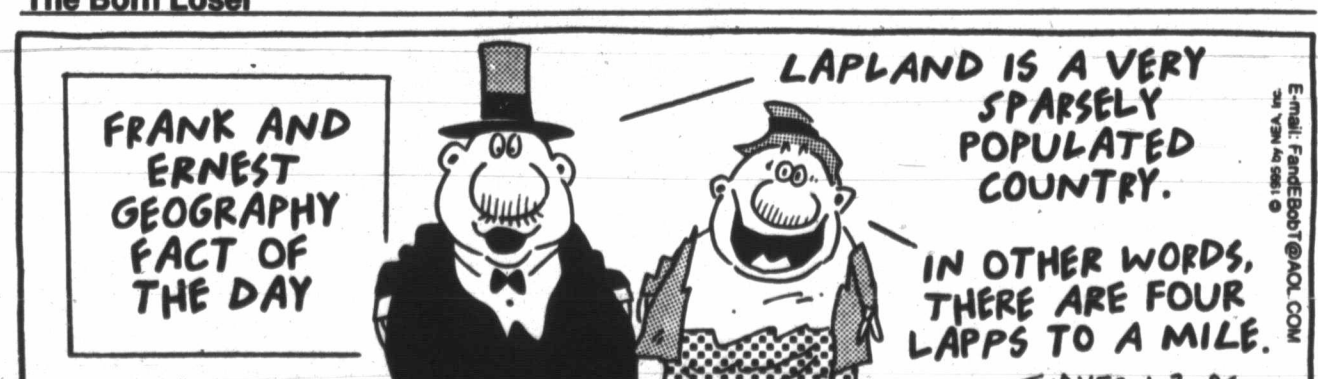
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Sports

Nebraska routs Florida in Fiesta Bowl

By BEN WALKER
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — On the field, they found perfection. There, at least, no one could touch them.

In a season when coach Tom Osborne spent as much time defending his troubled players as they spent defending the national championship, Nebraska stamped itself as one of college football's greatest teams with one of the most overwhelming efforts ever.

Billed as a matchup between the nation's two best teams, the No. 1 Cornhuskers instead made Florida look like all the Pacifics and Missouris and Iowa States they usually rout. Gators coach Steve Spurrier could only close his eyes and rub his brow as Nebraska wrecked his Fun 'n' Gun offense and romped 62-24 Tuesday night in the Fiesta Bowl.

Lawrence Phillips, suspended for six games after assaulting a former girlfriend, ran for 165 yards and three touchdowns in his first start since the incident. Quarterback Tommie Frazier ran for 199 yards and two scores, including a 75-yard, tackle-breaking surge that may have convinced NFL scouts that there's a place for him yet.

"We wanted to come and show everybody we were the best team," center Aaron Graham said. "If the program was

bad, if the program had flaws in it, then we should have crumbled.

"We didn't crumble. We stood strong. The program has a strong foundation and we wanted to show that to everybody," he said.

At 12-0, Nebraska became the first team to repeat as champions since Alabama in 1978-79 under Bear Bryant, and the first team to win consecutive titles with perfect records since Oklahoma in 1955-56.

The only beating Nebraska took all year came from critics who branded the Huskers outlaws after Phillips and three others were arrested during a three-month period. Osborne, whose character and ethics had never been questioned, found himself under attack for allowing Phillips back on the team and permitting two players charged in shootings to continue playing.

"I'm glad the season is over," Osborne said to reporters. "I hope all you guys concentrate on basketball now. I need a vacation."

So does Spurrier after Florida (12-1) surrendered its most points since a 63-14 loss to Auburn in 1970. Danny Wuerffel, who led the nation's second-best passing game, was intercepted three times and sacked a career-high seven times, once for a safety. "Nebraska's just way better than us," Spurrier said. "They outcoached us and outplayed us. We got smashed up front... Tommie Frazier made us look like we

weren't trying at times. "They clobbered us up and down the field. They're just too good for us," he said. "We did not come to the ballpark to play the best we could, I'm embarrassed about that. As coaches, we did a lousy job somehow."

Nebraska dominated the meeting between the nation's last remaining undefeated, untied teams, scoring 29 straight points in the second quarter for a 35-10 halftime lead.

By then, this season's Super Bowl of college football looked like another real Super Bowl — in other words, a mismatch. Maybe there's a reason — in less than four weeks, the NFL will also hold its championship game at Sun Devil Stadium.

This matchup was labeled as a classic air vs. ground confrontation. Nebraska led the country in rushing (400 yards per game) and scoring (52 per game), and it was easy to see why as it rushed for 524 yards.

Yet Osborne, whose only loss in three seasons was an 18-16 defeat by Florida State in the national championship game two years ago, showed he had some tricks to match Spurrier's gimmicks.

After Florida took a 3-0 lead on the game's first possession — only the second time Nebraska had trailed all year — the Cornhuskers came back when Frazier rolled right on an apparent run, then threw back across the field to a wide-open

Phillips, who was escorted into the end zone for a 16-yard touchdown.

Later in the quarter, after Frazier threw an interception, Osborne returned to what his team does best — calling 14 straight running plays, one of which Phillips turned into a juking, 42-yard score.

The game was well in hand when Frazier made the play of the night, breaking six tackles by four players for a 75-yard TD run for a 49-18 lead at the end of the third quarter. Graham, the center, admitted he was already walking back to huddle up for another play when he saw Frazier shake loose.

"Frazier is a great football player. We think the option still has a place in football. He showed that tonight," Osborne said.

The senior, whose slippery style might find him a place in the NFL similar to the one held by Pittsburgh's Kordell Stewart, also had a 35-yard touchdown run.

"I had a great career at Nebraska. There's no better way to end it," Frazier said.

Wuerffel, who threw 35 TD passes and set an NCAA record for passing efficiency in the regular season, was pressured into his worst performance of the year. The junior was just 17-of-31 for 255 yards.

"The biggest thing I can say is at half-time, we didn't want to be another front-runner team that goes out there and plays and gives up," Wuerffel said. "We kept playing."

Notebook

BASKETBALL

LUMBERTON, N.C. (AP) — The audio on a videotaped rap song will not be allowed in the murder trial of a man charged with killing Michael Jordan's father, Robeson County Superior Court Judge Gregory Weeks ruled.

The jury still might get to view the videotape without the sound, Weeks said. Opening arguments in the trial of Daniel Andre Green, charged with first-degree murder, are scheduled to start today.

On the tape, Green "talks about a description of shooting someone, how he can contemplate killing someone," district attorney Johnson Britt said. Green also is wearing a watch and two NBA rings that Michael Jordan had given his father, James Jordan.

Green, 21, was charged in August 1993 with killing James Jordan. A co-defendant, Larry Martin Demery, 20, has pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against Green.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kenny Walker, a former Kentucky star who played for the New York Knicks and Washington Bullets, was arrested and charged with assault for allegedly choking his wife.

Walker's wife, Rosalind, called police about noon from the couple's Lexington home. Police said Walker, 31, was charged with the fourth-degree misdemeanor offense when officers arrived. He was released on a \$3,000 bond.

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — Former NBA guard Eric "Sleepy" Floyd was arrested Saturday on a charge of misdemeanor assault after a fight with his wife.

Fort Bend sheriff's deputies arrested Floyd, 34, after several 911 hang-up calls from his home in Sugar Land. He was released on a \$750 bond.

Gracie Floyd told investigators she and her husband fought over his whereabouts and conduct and he slapped her in the face twice, pulled her hair and wrestled her to the floor. Floyd also tried to strangle his wife, but she broke away to seek help, deputies reported.

NEW YORK (AP) — Utah's Karl Malone, who became the 14th player in NBA history to score 22,000 points, was selected player of the week.

Malone averaged 30.7 points, 9.7 rebounds and 5.0 assists in three victories last week. Cleveland's Mike Fratello was selected coach of the month after directing the Cavaliers to a 9-4 record in December.

FOOTBALL

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A woman who charged she was raped by two Virginia Tech players in 1994 has sued the school and the players for \$8.3 million in damages — the amount the Hokies earned in the Sugar Bowl.

Christy Brzonkala, a former student, charges that linebacker Tony Morrison and his roommate, James Crawford, raped her in their dorm room.

In a campus hearing last spring, college officials found Morrison guilty of sexual assault and suspended him for two semesters. But after two appeals, college officials instead found Morrison guilty of using abusive language and allowed him to return to school. No action was taken against Crawford.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — John Blake was given permission to leave the Dallas Cowboys permanently and hit the recruiting trail for Oklahoma.

Cowboys defensive coordinator Dave Campo will assume Blake's defensive line responsibilities. Blake was hired Sunday to replace Howard Schnellenberger, who resigned Dec. 18.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Youngstown State coach Jim Tressel said he has withdrawn his name from consideration for the job at Marshall.

Tressel, whose Penguins have won three of the past five Division I-AA championships, said he informed Marshall officials of his decision Sunday.



Pampa's Coy Laury (15) and Randall's Drew Daniel go for a rebound in a District 1-4A opener Tuesday night. Also pictured is Pampa's Rayford Young (55).

Harvesters explode past Raiders in 1-4A opener

RANDALL — The Pampa Harvesters started off the new year and the District 1-4A season with a bang Tuesday night, almost reaching the century mark with a 92-55 win over Randall.

The Harvesters are 15-3 overall, 1-0 in district play. Randall is 10-12, 0-1.

"This game was good for us. We've been playing a lot of powerful people and it was nice to be able to get out in front and stay there the way we did," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

The Harvesters recently returned from the Lions Club Tournament in Fort Worth where they finished third with a triple overtime win over Burk Burnett Saturday night.

The Harvesters scored the first 12 points of the game and were comfortably

ahead of Randall by 21, 42-21, at half-time.

Jason Weatherbee led Pampa's balanced scoring attack with 27 points, including three 3-point goals. Devin Lemons followed with 16 points and was tough on the offensive boards with 5 rebounds.

Senior guard Rayford Young, Pampa's leading scorer on the season, contributed 15 points and a dozen assists. Chris Miller, a 6-5 senior, came off the bench to score 15 points and collect 5 rebounds.

Pampa 92, Randall 55
P — Jason Weatherbee 27, Devin Lemons 16, Rayford Young 15, Chris Miller 15, August Larson 9, Coy Laury 8, Gabe Wilbon 2, Three-point goals: Larson 4, Weatherbee 3.
R — Brian Embry 12, David Whiteley 9, Brad Dewey 9, Drew Daniel 8, Jeff Persefeld 7, Braden Raef 5, Lance Lewis 3, Brent Hawkins 2, Three-point goals: Embry 3, Dewey 1.

White to NFL: "You ain't seen nothing yet"

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Browns backers who remain determined to sack a plan to move the team to Baltimore are formulating a response before the NFL owners meet on Jan. 17.

At a "Two-Minute Warning" rally Tuesday, mayor Michael R. White and the Save Our Browns Committee asked fans to help get the word to NFL owners before the Atlanta meeting. The owners may vote then on the deal struck between Browns owner Art Modell and Baltimore.

"We have a message for the NFL," White told about 250 people at the rally. "You ain't seen nothing yet. We are going to deliver a message that the Cleveland Browns belong to Cleveland."
Browns owner Art Modell

approved a key part of that package — a 10-year extension of an excise tax on cigarettes and alcohol — on Nov. 7.

The Browns initially would play in Memorial Stadium, but Maryland must build a \$200 million stadium where the Browns will play rent-free. The team can sell personal seat licenses, which guarantee a seat location for ticket-buyers. That plan is expected to raise \$75 million.

White on Thursday will lead a delegation to Atlanta for a meeting Thursday with NFL owners' finance and stadium committees. The delegation is expected to discuss specifics of the city's plan to overhaul Cleveland Stadium, the Browns' home since 1946.

A tax package is in place for the \$175 million project. Cuyahoga County voters

Randall defeats Pampa girls

RANDALL — Randall came on strong in the second half to defeat Pampa, 52-26, in a District 1-4A girls game Tuesday night.

Pampa hung tough the first half and trailed by only eight, 24-16, at intermission. However, the Lady Raiders went on a scoring spurt the second half to take a 26-point lead

going into the fourth quarter.

Mindy Norman was high scorer for Randall with 12 points and Chandra Nachtigall led Pampa with 11 points.

Randall had a 27-17 advantage in rebounding. Jennifer Jones had 4 rebounds to lead Pampa.

The Lady Harvesters host

Canyon at 6 p.m. Friday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Randall 52, Pampa 26
R — Mindy Norman 12, Courtney Gilmore 10, Sherrie Bryant 8, Amanda Richardson 6, Andrea Burrows 5, Lindsay Gilmore 4, Cindy McPherson 3, Shalisse Borchardt 2, Tennessee Wakefield 2, Three-point goals: Norman 2, Bryant 2, Burrows 1, McPherson 1.
P — Chandra Nachtigall 11, Jennifer Jones 6, Kristi Carpenter 5, Tina Dwight 2, Faustine Curry 1, Jane Brown 1, Three-point goals: Nachtigall 3, Jones 1.

White Deer falls to WT teams

WHITE DEER — The West Texas High Comanches varsity boys and girls teams came away with wins over White Deer Tuesday night.

In the girls game, the White Deer Does faced tough outside shooting and physical play under the board from the West Texas squad. West Texas

High won the girls game 60-36.

Shannon Poland led the Does' scoring with 12 points. Amanda Freeman scored 7 points.

On the boys side, the Bucks jumped out to an early lead and put up an 8-0 run at the end of the first quarter. The team capitalized on a fast break offense and good

rebounding on defense to take a 14-point lead at half time.

West Texas High came back in the second half. The Comanches put up a six-point lead at the end of the third quarter on the way a 67-63 win.

Justin Brown led the Bucks scoring with 17 points. Torrey Craig scored 15 points.

"Bodacious" honored by PRCA

COLORADO SPRINGS — A retiring bull won the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's bull of the year honors for 1995.

National Finals Rodeo stock contractors vote for the top NFR bucking stock. Among the winners was the Andrews Rodeo Company's bull Dodge Bodacious. That marks the third time in four years the dreaded bull won the honors.

For the second straight year, the PRCA's top 30 bull riders voted Bodacious as the PRCA's Bucking Bull of the Year.

"He's been so rank," said Sammy Andrews, PRCA stock contractor and Bodacious' owner, "he's earned the respect as an athlete. Another reason he's won is he's seen all the top guys."

Terry West of Henryetta, Okla., is the only bull rider since 1993 to successfully ride Bodacious in PRCA competition. West defeated Bodacious at the '95 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo last February with his 87-point ride.

Bodacious' challengers at this year's NFR included three-time world champion Tuff Hedeman of Morgan-Mill, Tex., and Scott Breeding of Edgar, Mont. They were unsuccessful in their attempts. Hedeman drew Bodacious for the seventh round at the NFR, but elected to hold on to the chute gate and let the bull run out from under him.

In October, Hedeman under went more than six hours of facial reconstructive surgery after being injured by Bodacious in a non-PRCA event. Bodacious knocked out Breeding during the ninth

round at the NFR. Breeding, who was wearing a face mask, suffered a concussion and facial lacerations and decided not to compete in the 10th round.

That was Bodacious' final appearance in the rodeo arena. Andrews said Breeding's injury partly led to his decision to take the bull home to his bucking bull breeding program.

In the NFR voting, Western Rodeo's bull Trick or Treat finished second, while Kesler Championship Rodeo's Skoal's Liberty Tower finished third.

Like Bodacious, Franklin Rodeo Co.'s horse Kingsway Skoal, just weeks after being selected as the PRCA's Saddle Bronc of the Year, also was named the NFR's top saddle bronc horse.

That was the second time Kingsway has received top saddle bronc honors at the NFR. His first was in 1993.

During this year's NFR, Kingsway threw Skeeter Thurston of Hyannis, Neb., during the fifth round, then squelched Tom Reeves' dreams of winning a world title by tossing him in the final round. However, at the 1995 Calgary Stampede, Glen O'Neill of Marathorpe, Alberta, won a \$50,000 bonus by successfully riding Kingsway.

Kingsway began his career as a bareback horse and was named the PRCA's Bareback Horse of the Year in 1988 and the NFR's top bareback horse in 1987 and 1988.

This year, Kingsway finished ahead of Pinz Rodeo Co.'s bronc

Copenhagen Blue Jeans and fellow Franklin bronc Airwolf.

Beutler Bros. and Cervi's bareback horse Brown Bomber made an impression at the 1995 NFR and both of his riders were successful.

World Champion Bareback Rider for 1992 Wayne Herman of Dickinson, N.D., scored 87 points on Brown Bomber in the NFR's fifth round, just two points from the 15-year-old record set by Larry Peabody and John Growney's horse Dreamboat Annie in 1981.

That was the highest-scored bareback ride of the NFR — until Canadian Billy Lave mounted Brown Bomber in the 10th round. Lave scored 90 points on the horse, breaking the NFR record.

Powder River Rodeo Products' gelding Khadafy Skoal, the 1995 PRCA Bareback Horse of the Year, was runner-up to Brown Bomber. Khadafy Skoal carried 1993 World Champion Bareback Rider Deb Greenough of Red Lodge, Mont., to an 84-point, second place finish in the second round. Then in the 10th round, Shawn Vant of Great Falls, Mont., also scored 84 points aboard Khadafy Skoal.

Khadafy Skoal was named the top bareback horse of the NFR in 1994. He also was the PRCA Bareback Horse of the Year in 1990 and the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo's top bareback horse a record five times.

Big Bend Rodeo's bareback horse Copenhagen Two Spot finished third in the NFR voting.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking

Record	Pts	Pv
1. Nebraska (12-1-0)	1,550	1
2. Florida	1,474	2
3. Tennessee	1,428	4
4. Florida St.	1,311	4
5. Colorado	1,309	7
6. Ohio St.	1,161	4
7. Kansas St.	1,147	10
8. Northwestern	1,124	3
9. Kansas	1,029	11
10. Virginia Tech	1,015	13
11. Notre Dame	931	6
12. Southern Cal	886	17
13. Penn St.	867	15
14. Texas	724	9
15. Texas A&M	724	19
16. Virginia	703	18
17. Michigan	474 1/2	14
18. Oregon	416	12
19. Syracuse	382	—
20. Miami	352	22
21. Alabama	313	21
22. Auburn	276	16
23. Texas Tech	197	—
24. Toledo	110-1	25
25. Iowa	8-4-0	133 1/2

Others receiving votes: East Carolina 111, Washington 36, LSU 33, North Carolina 16, Clemson 12, Arkansas 8.

FISHING REPORT

ARROWHEAD: Water clear, normal level, 53 degrees, very few fishermen out.
BAYLOR: Water clear, normal level, cold, very few fishermen out.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear, 3 feet low, 55 degrees, catfish are fair on shrimp and nightcrawlers, very few fishermen out.
GRANBURY: Water clear, normal level, 52 degrees, very few fishermen out.
GREENBELT: Water clear, low, 50 degrees, very few fishermen out.
MEREDITH: Water clear, normal level, 50 degrees, catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and on rod and reels baited with shrimp and nightcrawlers.
OAK CREEK: Water murky, 6 feet 1 inch low, 51 degrees, black bass to 10 pounds are fair on worms, crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in deep water at night, catfish are fair on chicken liver fished from the docks.
O.H.I.V.I.E: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries, lake level 1550, 54 degrees, black bass to 8 pounds are fair on jig-N-Pigs, crank baits and spinners, smallmouth are fair on worms and crank baits fished off of secondary rock structure, crappie are fair to good on minnows, jigs and flea flies fished in 15 to 40 feet of water, channel and blue catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and liver and on trotlines baited with prepared bait and shad, yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, normal level, 50 degrees, very few fishermen out.
PROCTOR: Water clear, lake full, 50 degrees, black bass are fair on spinners, dark worms and small spoons, crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 15 feet of water, catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad.
SPENCE: Water clear, 35 feet low, 55 degrees, black bass to 4 pounds are fair on jigs fished in 10 to 15 feet of water, striped bass to 17 pounds are fair on live bait and by trolling, white bass are good on topwaters fished under the birds, catfish are slow.
TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, low, cold, very few fishermen out.
WHITE RIVER: Water clear, low, cold, very few fishermen out.

BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Major College Scores
 By The Associated Press

Team	Score
Buffalo 60, Youngstown St. 56	
Fairfield 95, Wagner 86	
Harvard 49, Navy 48	
Kan.-Kansas City 66, Cent. Connecticut St. 59	
Seton Hall 82, Providence 77	
Villanova 76, Notre Dame 56	
SOUTH	
Alcorn St. 110, Faith Baptist 60	
Coll. of Charleston 72, Coastal Carolina 52	
Davidson 93, Lafayette 68	
Florida A&M 71, Bryan 68	
Florida Atlantic 70, Columbia 58	
Jackson St. 72, Belhaven 57	
Liberty 84, King, Tenn. 55	
Middle Tenn. 65, Wis.-Parkville 64	
N. Carolina St. 102, W. Carolina 71	
N.C.-Greensboro 67, St. Francis, Pa. 47	
Old Dominion 62, St. Joseph's 60	
W. Illinois 98, Troy St. 95	
Wake Forest 81, Furman 49	
MIDWEST	
Brown 50, Northwestern 56	
Evansville 82, Fla. International 75	
Iowa St. 77, Coppin St. 59	
Kansas 100, Cornell 46	
Kansas St. 76, Wichita St. 54	
Marquette 98, Morgan St. 58	
Texas A&M 79, Ill.-Chicago 62	
Valparaiso 80, Chicago St. 62	
SOUTHWEST	
Houston 88, Texas Lutheran 66	
Tulsa 57, Oklahoma St. 53	
FAR WEST	
Cal Poly-SLO 74, Simon Fraser 69	
Colorado Mines 63, CS Northridge 59	
Fresno St. 78, New Mexico 75	
Hawaii 63, Wyoming 53	
Montana 74, Black Hills St. 62	
Rhode Island 81, St. Mary's, Cal. 74	
San Diego 67, N. Arizona 60	
San Diego St. 87, Colorado St. 67	
San Francisco 85, CS Stanislaus 70	
San Jose St. 88, Cal. St.-Fullerton 77	
Texas-El Paso 53, Air Force 48	
UC Irvine 72, Pacific 54	
Utah 83, Brigham Young 77	
Washington 76, Colorado 68	

Jazz 102, Mavericks 92

Jazz-Mavericks summary
 UTAH (102)

Malone 13-22 3-7 29, Morris 6-10 0-0 13, Spencer 3-4 2-4 8, Stockton 8-11 2-4 18, Hornacek 3-8 2-2 9, Osterlag 1-2 0-0 2, Easley 0-1 0-0 0, Benoit 6-9 0-0 13, Keefe 0-0 0-0 0, Carr 5-8 0-0 10, Russell 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 45-77 9-17 102.

DALLAS (92)

McCloud 7-16 0-0 17, Jones 1-9 0-0 2, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Kidd 6-13 7-10 23, Johnson 10-18 3-3 23, Brooks 3-6 2-2 10, Dumas 3-9 2-4 11, Meyer 1-2 0-0 2, Davis 1-2 2-2 2, Parks 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 32-77 16-21 92.

Utah 29 15 26 32 — 102
 Dallas 23 25 20 24 — 92

3-Point goals—Utah 3-9 (Hornacek 1-2, Benoit 1-3, Morris 1-3, Stockton 0-1), Dallas 12-25 (Kidd 4-4, Dumas 3-4, McCloud 3-8, Brooks 2-3, Jones 0-1). Fouled out—Williams. Rebounds—Utah 48 (Carr, Morris 7), Dallas 42 (Jones 9). Assists—Utah 27 (Stockton 15), Dallas 19 (Kidd 9). Total fouls—Utah 24, Dallas 22. A—15,899 (17,502).

Rockets 105, Timberwolves 100

Rockets-Timberwolves summary
 HOUSTON (105)

Brown 4-6 1-2 9, Horry 4-15 0-0 9, Olajuwon 12-21 4-4 28, Elie 5-9 5-16, K. Smith 0-5 0-0, Cassell 8-8 8-25, Bryant 4-7 5-13, Recasner 2-2 0-0 5, Chilcutt 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 39-84 21-24 105.

MINNESOTA (100)

Mitchell 6-8 1-2 13, Gugliotta 11-19 2-2 25, Laettner 4-15 3-3 11, Rider 7-14 4-4 18, Porter 3-10 2-4 9, West 1-2 2-4, Rooks 3-5 6-7 12, Garnett 4-7 0-0 8, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 39-80 20-24 100.
 Houston 24 23 24 34 — 105

Minnesota 19 26 26 29 — 100

3-Point goals—Houston 6-22 (Elie 3-5, Recasner 1-1, Cassell 1-6, Horry 1-7, K. Smith 0-3), Minnesota 2-10 (Gugliotta 1-1, Porter 1-5, Mitchell 0-1, Rider 0-1, Laettner 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Houston 47 (Olajuwon 11), Minnesota 46 (Gugliotta 17). Assists—Houston 32 (Olajuwon, Cassell 8), Minnesota 30 (Porter 15). Total fouls—Houston 17, Minnesota 23. Technical fouls—Minnesota illegal defense. A—11,568 (19,006).

National Basketball Association

At A Glance
 All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	23	6	.793	—
New York	19	10	.655	4
Miami	15	13	.536	7 1/2
Washington	15	14	.517	8
Boston	12	16	.429	10 1/2
New Jersey	11	17	.393	11 1/2
Philadelphia	6	22	.214	16 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	3	.893	—
Cleveland	16	12	.571	9
Indiana	16	12	.571	9
Detroit	15	14	.517	10 1/2
Charlotte	14	16	.467	12
Atlanta	13	16	.448	12 1/2
Milwaukee	10	18	.357	15
Toronto	9	21	.300	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	23	8	.742	—
San Antonio	19	8	.704	2
Utah	21	9	.700	1 1/2
Denver	13	17	.433	9 1/2
Dallas	8	20	.286	13 1/2
Minnesota	7	21	.250	14 1/2
Vancouver	5	25	.167	17 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	21	8	.724	—
Sacramento	17	9	.654	2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	16	16	.500	6 1/2
Phoenix	13	14	.481	7
Portland	13	17	.433	8 1/2
Golden State	12	17	.414	9
L.A. Clippers	11	19	.367	10 1/2

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Portland 101, New York 92
 New Jersey 81, Milwaukee 72
 Cleveland 108, Washington 100
 Seattle 111, Atlanta 88
 Houston 105, Minnesota 100
 Utah 102, Dallas 92
 Indiana 102, Denver 87
 Philadelphia 90, L.A. Lakers 89

Wednesday's Games

Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
 Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
 By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Don Welke special assignment scout; Ross Grimsley pitching coach for Rochester of the International League; Joe Ferguson manager of High Desert of the California League; and Tom Trebelhorn minor-league coordinator of instruction.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with Eddie Williams, first baseman, on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Announced the resignation of Tim Lang, strength and conditioning coach.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with Barry Larkin, shortstop, on a three-year contract extension through 1999; and Eric Davis, outfielder; Brook Fordyce and Don Slaught, catchers; Bryan Pickens, Rich Rodriguez and Jeri Shaw, pitchers; and Roberto Mejia, infielder, on minor-league contracts.

COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE

Thursday, Dec. 14

Las Vegas Bowl
 At Las Vegas
 Toledo 40, Nevada 37, OT

Monday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic
 At Montgomery, Ala.
 Blue 26, Gray 7

Aloha Bowl
 At Honolulu
 Kansas 51, UCLA 30

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Copper Bowl
 At Tucson, Ariz.
 Texas Tech 55, Air Force 41

Thursday, Dec. 28

Alamo Bowl
 At San Antonio
 Texas A&M 22, Michigan 20

Friday, Dec. 29

Heritage Bowl
 At Atlanta
 Southern University 30, Florida A&M 25

Sun Bowl
 At El Paso, Texas
 Iowa 38, Washington 18

Independence Bowl
 At Shreveport, La.
 LSU 45, Michigan State 26

Holiday Bowl
 At San Diego
 Kansas State 54, Colorado State 21

Saturday, Dec. 30

Liberty Bowl
 At Memphis, Tenn.
 East Carolina 19, Stanford 13

Carquest Bowl
 At Miami
 North Carolina 20, Arkansas 10

Peach Bowl
 At Atlanta
 Virginia 34, Georgia 27

Sunday, Dec. 31

Sugar Bowl
 At New Orleans
 Virginia Tech 28, Texas 10

Monday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl
 At Tampa, Fla.
 Penn State 43, Auburn 14

Gator Bowl
 At Jacksonville, Fla.
 Syracuse 41, Clemson 0

Citrus Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 Tennessee 20, Ohio State 14

Cotton Bowl
 At Dallas
 Colorado 38, Oregon 6

Rose Bowl
 At Pasadena, Calif.
 Southern California 41, Northwestern 32

Orange Bowl
 At Miami
 Florida State 31, Notre Dame 26

Tuesday, Jan 2

Fiesta Bowl
 At Tempe, Ariz.
 Nebraska 62, Florida 24

Saturday, Jan 13

East-West Shrine Classic
 At Stanford, Calif.
 Stanford vs. East, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan 20

Senior Bowl
 At Mobile, Ala.
 South vs. North, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan 21

Hula Bowl
 At Honolulu
 East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Peete is the spark that ignited Eagles

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — With the Philadelphia Eagles tottering at midseason, Ray Rhodes made his toughest decision, benching long-time starter Randall Cunningham in favor of Rodney Peete.

As it turned out, it was also the most important decision Rhodes made in his rookie season as a head coach.

After starting the season 1-3 under Cunningham, the Eagles went 9-3 with Peete as the starter. Then they beat the Detroit Lions in the first round of the playoffs and will play for the NFC Championship if they win in Dallas against the Cowboys on Sunday.

It's a complete turnaround

Wheeler, Miami split cage games

WHEELER — Wheeler and Miami split a basketball double-header Tuesday night.

Steven Browning tossed in 20 points to lead Miami to a 47-36 win in the boys game. Jared Neighbors added 14 points for the Warriors.

Dusty Case was high scorer for Wheeler with 12 points while Jason Porton and Ramon Meraz added 8 each.

Miami improved its record to 11-5 for the season.

Angie Thomas netted 27 points as Wheeler rolled to a 67-46 win in the girls game. Jeseka Wallace chipped in 14 points.

Mindy McConnell had 18 points and Lindsay Gill 10 to lead Miami scorers.

Rockets hold off Timberwolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon can't carry the Houston Rockets all the time. It just seems that way.

But with second-leading scorer Clyde Drexler out since Dec. 19 with a shin injury, Olajuwon has needed support from the rest of his teammates.

On Tuesday night, Sam Cassell was the man, scoring 15 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Rockets held off the Minnesota Timberwolves 105-100.

"We have to have a secondary offensive option to Hakeem — you can't wear him out," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Sam made numerous great passes and really came up big in the fourth quarter."

Olajuwon did his usual part, controlling the first half en route to a game-high 28 points, along with 11 rebounds and eight assists.

But it was Cassell, who also had eight assists, who made the key plays down the stretch.

"He can take you to the hole or shoot the ball from the perimeter," said Minnesota coach Flip Saunders, who is 1-7 since taking over for Bill Blair on Dec. 18. "He makes good decisions with the basketball."

On three different occasions in the final five minutes, Cassell scored to blunt Minnesota rallies.

After a basket by Christian Laettner, Cassell scored five straight points to give the Rockets their first double-digit lead of the second half, 98-88, with 3:33 to play.

After the Timberwolves cut the deficit to 98-92, Cassell hit a running hook shot in the lane. When Tom Gugliotta's 3-pointer brought the Wolves within 103-100 with less than 10 seconds to play, Cassell iced the game with a pair of free throws.

"I'm just trying to get our momentum going and keep it going," Cassell said. "I needed to come in and give the team a spark."

The Wolves got a spark from Gugliotta, who scored 21 points in the second half. That helped keep the game close, which could be seen as a moral victory for Minnesota, 38-point losers to San Antonio on Saturday.

"At least we came back and played hard," said Saunders, whose team embarks on a six-game road trip beginning Thursday night in Phoenix. "If we play like this on the road trip, we'll win some games."

Olajuwon scored 16 points in the first half as the Rockets built a lead of 37-27 with 7:52 to play in the second quarter. But the Wolves pulled within 47-45 at halftime by outscoring the Rockets 18-10 over the remainder of the period behind eight points from Isaiah Rider.

The teams entered the fourth quarter tied 71-71, and the Wolves stayed within a basket until consecutive tip-ins by Mark Bryant and a 3-pointer by Mario Elie gave the Rockets a 93-86 lead with 5:03 to play.

from last season, when the Eagles lost their last seven games and dropped from 7-2 to 7-9.

That collapse cost Rich Kotite his job as coach and opened the door for Rhodes, who realized he couldn't allow the losing mentality that developed in 1994 to carry over into 1995.

"You're coming off an 0-7 ending, and you start off not too good, you have to make a change," he said. "We just needed a spark and Rodney came in and gave us a spark."

While many of the Eagles took advantage of the day off Rhodes gave them Tuesday by fleeing their practice facility here at Dodgertown, Peete stuck around

to review video, trying to find clues to help him solve the Cowboys' puzzle.

Although Dallas is an overwhelming favorite, Peete spoke with conviction about the Eagles' chances of an upset.

"We know Dallas well, having played them twice," he said. "We know we can exploit them

5 Special Notices

TOP O Texas Lodge 1381, study and practice, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

10 Lost and Found

LOST 12-26-95 Browning and Red Deer area, female Terrier mix, long apricot hair, rainbow collar, 10 years old, "Cinnamon". 665-3059.

13 Bus. Opportunities

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PAMPA NEWS MOTOR ROUTE (GROOM) OPENING JAN. 1, 1996 APPLY PAMPA NEWS 403 W. ATCHISON

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RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN
We have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for estimate.
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14d Carpentry

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NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341. Free estimates.

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14g Painting

PAINTING and sheetrock finishing. 35 years. David and Joe, 665-2903, 669-7885.

14 Painting

PAINTING reasonable, interior, exterior. Minor repairs. Free estimates. Bob Gorson 665-0033.

CALDER Painting interior, exterior. Mud, tape, blow acoustic. 34 years in Pampa. 665-4840 or 669-2215.

14q Ditching

DITCHING, gas, water lines and footings. Harold Baston, 665-5892.

14r Plowing, Yard Work

TREE trimming, tree winterizing, yard clean up. Kenneth Banks, 665-3672.

14s Plumbing & Heating

BUILDERS Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning Service Company. 535 S. Cuyler. (806) 665-3711.

JACK'S Plumbing Co. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer and drain cleaning. Septic systems installed. 665-7115.

LARRY BAKER PLUMBING Heating Air Conditioning
Borger Highway 665-4392

MCBRIDE Plumbing. Sprinkler system, water, sewer, gas, re-lays, drain service. Hydro Service. 665-1633.

Terry's Sewerline Cleaning
669-1041

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Bullard Plumbing Service
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665-8603

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- 13 Zhivago's love
- 14 out (stretch)
- 15 Princeton's rival
- 16 Cat on a Tin Roof
- 17 room
- 18 Baby lions
- 19 Unpleasantly
- 20 ease
- 21 Office-holders
- 22 Baseball's DiMaggio
- 23 Frosting
- 24 Noisiest
- 25 Wooden shoe
- 26 Uses scissors
- 27 Pronoun
- 28 Poetic time of day
- 29 Character on Friends
- 30 Type of muffin or

DOWN

- 36 Cheeriest
- 38 Fixed prices
- 39 Tennis equipment
- 40 Craving
- 41 Peaceful poem
- 42 Private gathering place (2 wds.)
- 43 Sheltered nook
- 44 Over there
- 45 Slippery
- 46 Author
- 47 Harte
- 48 Height (abbr.)
- 49 Bathes
- 50 Disorder
- 51 de mier
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- 54 Sounds of laughter
- 55 God of love
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State briefs

TV simulation of casino robberies leads to arrest

HURST (AP) — Police say a man didn't bother wearing a disguise of any kind in Las Vegas when he robbed three casinos and a restaurant last fall.

During each robbery, as videotape rolled, on security cameras, the man handed a clerk a note demanding money, police said.

After the videotape was aired on a recent edition of the TV show, "America's Most Wanted," police were deluged with dozens of calls, leading to this Fort Worth suburb where Michael David Condiff, 29, has been living with his father.

Condiff was arrested without incident Tuesday afternoon as he arrived at a North Richland Hills restaurant where he works as a server.

Christian group pressures advertisers in gay newspaper

HOUSTON (AP) — The leader of an Austin-based Christian group has pressured some Houston businesses to pull their advertising from a statewide weekly gay newspaper, according to a published report.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported today that Wyatt Roberts, executive director of the American Family Association of Texas, sent letters in mid-December to 50 advertisers in Austin and Houston.

Roberts told them he would broadcast their company's name and affiliation with the gay newspaper on his weekly radio program, the *Chronicle* reported. Roberts asked the advertisers to let him know within 10 days if they decided to pull their ad from the newspaper, *The Texas Triangle*.

The newspaper reported that since September, Roberts has read the names of *Triangle* advertisers on his radio show, which can be heard in Austin but not in Houston.

Roberts told the Houston newspaper that consumers

should know the businesses that are supporting the *Triangle*, which he says regularly runs cartoons dealing with incest and pedophilia.

Wrecker who took car without permission indicted

HOUSTON (AP) — A wrecker driver who towed a Houston school teacher's car without her permission, leaving her without her clothes, medicine, money and gradebook, has been indicted on two counts of auto theft.

A grand jury indicted Majed Elayyand, 32, in that case and in a similar one from last February, prosecutor Larry Standley said Tuesday.

Ann Kelley, 54, had flown to Massachusetts for her mother's funeral and was on her way home from a Houston airport Dec. 6 when she stopped for gas and her car would not restart, she said.

She phoned for a AAA wrecker. However, the man who showed up in a wrecker within 30 minutes and hooked up her car said he was not a AAA driver and refused to release her car unless she paid him, she said.

Federal judge orders Austin man held on fraud charge

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin man will remain in jail while a federal grand jury considers indicting him on a charge of wire fraud related to four young Americans' 1991 arrest and imprisonment in Mexico.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Albright said Tuesday that there is enough evidence to send the case against Oscar Estrada Gomez to a grand jury. He ruled that Gomez should remain in jail until a decision on an indictment is made.

Gomez, 45, had been jailed awaiting a bond hearing since his Dec. 22 arrest. He is accused of duping the families of four young people who were arrested and held in a Mexican prison in December 1991.

Texas, Oklahoma revive talks over Red River

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

OKLAUNION, Texas (AP) — The Red River certainly shows off a bit of charm.

It ripples softly by farms and cattle pastures here in Wilbarger County. Wildflowers grow nearby; fishermen find plenty of catfish.

But where the flow becomes narrow and vague, the river creates a political headache akin to the gnats and cockleburrs that flourish around it.

And so the debate over the Texas-Oklahoma boundary looks as murky and meandering as the river itself.

Exact banks were far from obvious one evening near Oklaunion, about 10 miles east of Vernon, where two game wardens stood together on a bridge. The river's violet waters reflected the sky at twilight.

"Everybody's just kind of confused about it," said Bob Wingo of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

"I don't know how they're going to work it out," said Don Taylor of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "From listening to them (landowners), it's a pretty big deal."

Sure, the Red River separates the two states for about 440 miles. But when it comes to details — in matters like hunting and fishing, law enforcement, property taxes, mineral rights — the boundary question turns tricky.

Problems arise in places where the river's inconsistent path and irregular flow can leave big stretches of sandy wasteland amid occasional pools of water.

Governors of both states recently appointed commissions to try resolving the issue that dates back to the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

"I think the fact that this has been a problem from almost 200 years points to the fact that there's no easy solution," said William Abney, real-estate attorney from Marshall and chairman of the Texas commission.

Abney said the commissions are

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Members of Texas' Red River Boundary Commission:

- William Abney of Marshall, real-estate attorney and commission chairman
- Charles T. Henderson of Byers, farmer and rancher
- Don Ross Malone of Vernon, attorney
- Mildred Whatley Nunneley of Nocona, real-estate broker
- Patricia Crawford Peale of Lake Kiowa, Cooke County Republican party chairwoman
- Christine Smart of Denison, retired school teacher and program director for Texas Education Agency

Members of Oklahoma's Red River Boundary Commission:

- State Sen. Robert M. Kerr, D-Altus, commission chairman
- State Sen. Gilmer Capps, D-Snyder
- State Sen. Carol Martin, R-Comanche
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charged with deciding on a clear and permanent divider.

He said the present boundary is the south bank of the Red River as it existed Feb. 22, 1821 — the date the United States ratified a land-purchase treaty with Spain.

But the waters tend to move north or south with floods and erosion. No one knows exactly where the river flowed back in 1821.

Parts of Texas now lie north of the Red River and parts of Oklahoma lie south of it, according to Abney.

Baffled? Many people are. The boundary has been known to stump game wardens, property-tax assessors and troopers at the sites of car wrecks.

"Where an act happens determines where it's tried," Abney said. "If you find a body in the river bottom, is it in Texas or Oklahoma?"

Texas commission member Charles Henderson said he was sued in 1984 by an Oklahoma

neighbor who contended that the state line was farther south than what Henderson believed.

"It's extremely important to the landowners all along the river. There's not anyone wouldn't like to know where their property lines are," said Henderson, who raises cotton and wheat and cattle in Byers, about 30 miles northeast of Wichita Falls. "But it's equally important to know for law enforcement."

Court rulings have declared the boundary to be the south bank. Location of the south bank, however, has been subject to different interpretations because it changes daily in many areas and is not easily identifiable.

Texas state Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, said his constituents worry that federal officials might take control.

"I believe it can be resolved with hard work and dedication on both sides," Haywood said. "In other words, Texas and Oklahoma

agreeing to a compromise in order to keep the federal government out of everybody's hair."

Commissions appointed in 1991 failed to settle the matter.

Abney said the Texans chosen by Gov. Ann Richards were unable to reach an agreement with their Oklahoma counterparts. The Texas proposals included:

- Recommend that the middle of the deepest channel of the Red River be designated as the surface boundary.

- Leave mineral ownership undisturbed;

- Eliminate federal ownership of the south half of the river within the 116-mile distance between the 98th meridian and the mouth of the river's north fork.

Subsequent commissions, expiring in June 1998, were appointed this year.

Fourteen state senators and representatives make up the Oklahoma panel, which has not met yet. Six private citizens sit on the Texas side, which met Nov. 15 for the first time.

Any agreement worked out must win approval of the two state Legislatures and Congress.

Both groups profess optimism. And they doubt — publicly, anyway — that state pride or rivalry will influence the task.

"I do not believe taking the positions that we beat the Oklahoma guys from our side, or they beat the Texas guys from their side, would be a constructive approach," said Abney, the Texas chairman.

"The better approach is to establish a clearly visible, jurisdictional line and at the same time preserve all the private property rights."

Oklahoma state Sen. Robert M. Kerr, D-Altus, chairman of his state's commission, also sounds hopeful despite the elusiveness of a happy agreement.

"Obviously there are reasons that the boundary should be easily discernible," Kerr said. "Whether it's necessary that it get resolved this year or not, it's gone on for decades... the world won't come to an end if we don't get it resolved."

Study claims two of today's most popular cholesterol lowering drugs cause cancer in lab rats

CHICAGO (AP) — A study that found two of the most popular types of cholesterol-lowering drugs cause cancer in rodents is drawing criticism because it was based on doses far larger than those prescribed for humans.

The study, published today in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, says the drug types statins and fibrates should be reserved for patients who are in imminent danger of heart problems, such as those with known heart disease.

Currently, the drugs are prescribed to people at relatively low risk of heart disease. The drugs include lovastatin, marketed as Mevacor, and gemfibrozil, marketed as Lopid.

In an editorial accompanying the study, two doctors noted that the study relied, in some instances, on doses equivalent to more than 300 times what is recommended for humans. A drug maker also questioned the study's validity.

In the past decade, prescriptions of drugs to lower cholesterol and other fats have increased 10-fold, with more than 26 million U.S. prescriptions filled in 1992, said the researchers, Dr. Thomas B. Newman and Stephen B. Hulley of the University of California at San Francisco.

Patients may take cholesterol-lowering drugs for more than 30 years, even though the drugs have only been tested for much shorter periods. The researchers reviewed data from cancer studies on

rodents that pharmaceutical companies are required to submit to the Food and Drug Administration as part of the drug approval process. They also looked at other FDA records and previous articles.

Studies found that lovastatin — when administered at blood concentrations two to four times the levels seen in the maximum doses that might be prescribed to patients — caused a higher-than-normal incidence of stomach, liver and lung tumors in mice, the researchers said.

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