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## GOP predicts gains as primary filing period ends

By MICHAEL HOLMES and PEGGY FIKAC  
Associated Press Writers

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 by 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

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## State primary election ballots

AUSTIN (AP) - Here is a list of primary election candidates filing for some federal and state offices, as provided Tuesday by state and county Democratic and Republican parties. (An "i" denotes incumbent.)

### PRESIDENT

#### Democratic:

President Bill Clinton (i)  
Willie Felix Carter, Fort Worth  
Sal Casamassima, Houston  
Ted Gunderson, Nevada  
Dr. Heather Anne Harder, Indiana  
Fred Hudson, Center  
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Virginia  
Elvena E. Lloyd-Duffie, Illinois

#### Republican:

Lamar Alexander, Tennessee  
Patrick J. Buchanan, Virginia

Charles E. Collins, Florida  
U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, Kansas

Susan Ducey, Pennsylvania  
Steve Forbes, New Jersey  
U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, College Station  
Alan L. Keyes, Maryland  
Mary "France" LeTulle, Austin  
U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar, Indiana  
Morry Taylor, Illinois  
U.S. SENATE

#### Democratic:

U.S. Rep. John Bryant, Dallas  
U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman, Sulphur Springs

#### Republican:

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm (i)  
Henry C. "Hank" Grover, Houston

David Young, Austin  
U.S. REP., District 13

#### Democratic:

Aaron Alejandro, Wichita Falls  
Samuel Silverman, Amarillo

#### Republican:

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, Clarendon (i)

#### U.S. REP., District 17

#### Democratic:

U.S. Rep. Charles W. Stenholm, Stamford (i)

#### Republican:

Rudy Izzard, San Angelo  
U.S. REP., District 19

#### Democratic:

Michael G. Clennan, Perryton  
John Sawyer, Lubbock

#### Republican:

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, Lubbock (i)



### The tax form cometh

Hereford postmaster Charles Britten shows some of the thousands of income tax forms that are being delivered here by mail carriers. Britten said these stacks are just for one route. The forms started going out on Tuesday, with the remainder scheduled to be delivered today.

## Four county incumbents face opponents this year

County Sheriff Joe Brown will be challenged by a former deputy, Fidel Reyna Jr., in the March Democratic Primary, and there will be three contested county races in the November general election.

The election races were set Wednesday when the deadline passed for Democratic or Republican candidates to file an application for a place on the primary ballot. Four Democratic incumbents have filed for reelection, with only Brown drawing an opponent in the primary.

The incumbents are Brown, county sheriff; Margaret Del Toro, county tax assessor-collector; Tony Castillo,

Precinct 1 county commissioner; and Troy Don Moore, Precinct 3 commissioner.

Wayne Betzen, 40, a farmer in the Dawn area, filed yesterday as a Republican candidate in the Precinct 1 county commissioner race, according to Fran Tooley, county GOP chairman.

Mike Morrison had previously filed for county sheriff, and Dan Hall had filed as a candidate for Precinct 3 county commissioner in the GOP primary elections.

With Reyna filing as a Democratic candidate, only the sheriff's race will be contested in the March 12 primary

elections. And, with Betzen filing in the Republican primary, only Del Toro will be unopposed in the November general elections.

Reyna, 42, is a former deputy under Sheriff Brown. He currently is employed as a parole officer in Amarillo, according to Roddy Allred, county Democratic party chairman.

The party primary elections are scheduled March 12. Early voting will be held from Feb. 21 to March 8. Party precinct conventions will be held March 12 to elect delegates to county or district conventions. Runoff Primary Election Day is set for April 9.

## New Years snow melts away; warmer weather on the way

By JEAN PAGEL  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Accumulations of snow in Lubbock wore off like a New Year's resolution, and forecasters say more warmer weather is in store today.

Freezing cold had tightened its grasp Tuesday across much of the state.

A half-foot of snow fell in Van Horn in far West Texas. Freeze and frost warnings were in effect for the typically warm Rio Grande Valley. Temperatures, however, weren't expected to dip low enough to harm agriculture.

"The major crops that are in right now would be carrots, cabbage, onions - all your winter vegetables. Those are extremely cold-hardy crops, and it will not hurt any of those," said Bill Weeks, executive vice president of Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers.

Weeks said citrus crops would not suffer unless temperatures plunge and stay in the 20s.

Today's highs for most of West Texas were expected to be in the 40s, and after a drop into the 20s again tonight, Thursday's highs should be in the mid-50s, the National Weather Service said.

About 2 inches remained on the ground in Lubbock, left over from frozen precipitation and high winds that caused some of the city utility's electric fuses to blow out Monday. Temperatures hovered in the 20s.

Cotton experts on the dry South Plains were thankful for the snow. And they hoped this cold spell would help kill off the boll weevil, a pest that has survived the mild winters of recent years.

"Although it (the cold) is not necessarily all that pleasant, we need to have it," said Don Johnson, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers in Lubbock.

Don Jennings, street superintendent in Lubbock, said crews worked

into the night putting salt and sand at intersections.

"It's slick in a few spots, but basically was pretty good," Jennings said.

Streets were caked with ice in

Alpine and every tow truck was busy Tuesday, said police dispatcher Maribel Castro. None of the fender-benders was serious.

Thick snow fell Tuesday afternoon, she said.

## Shutdown-ending bill faces challenge in defiant House

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Defiant House Republicans are resisting a Senate-passed bill that would end a record-length partial federal shutdown by temporarily returning federal workers to their jobs with pay.

With President Clinton and congressional leaders planning to resume White House budget talks today, House Speaker Newt Gingrich planned to first brief rank-and-file GOP lawmakers on sessions that both sides say are making progress.

Underscoring 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.

"If there is an agreement on a basis for balancing the budget, a lot of things could happen in a very few hours," Gingrich, R-Ga., told reporters.

The Senate used a unanimous voice vote Tuesday to approve a measure by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., that would immediately return 260,000 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.

"I don't see any sense in what we've been doing," said Dole, adding that by Jan. 12, "We're going to know by then if we're serious" about striking a budget-balancing deal.

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Conference, said today the Senate bill

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would not be considered in the House today unless there was an agreement with the president on a balanced budget.

"Although there is a crisis and a lot of government employees are experiencing some hardship, the fact is 260 million Americans are facing another crisis - a budget that is out of balance and has been for 30 years," Boehner said on "CBS This Morning."

The Senate also approved an alternative bill that would return furloughed workers to their jobs but not pay them. In addition, the measure would approve money for a host of federal functions that would otherwise be halted, such as providing meals for the elderly, protective services for children and some benefits for veterans, American Indians and the unemployed.

U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan said he would rule today on a request by federal workers' unions that would bar the government from forcing employees to work without pay during the shutdown.

The 104th Congress was set to begin its second session today, which will run through this year. Both sides pledged in November to try to complete a seven-year balanced-budget pact during the first session, and Republicans sought to remind the public of that.

"Tonight, I hope the president will meet that obligation" and agree to a deal, Gingrich said before Tuesday's negotiating session.

When the three-hour meeting was over, a joint statement by the negotiators cited "constructive progress" and said the talks would resume today, their fifth meeting in six days.

Members of both sides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said no agreements were reached Tuesday but that differences over tax cuts and other issues were discussed.

"Now, even some of the more jaded among us feel the potential for a deal is out there," one Republican said, adding that "specific numbers" were talked over.

Both sides favor relying mostly on savings from Medicare, Medicaid and dozens of other domestic programs, and both want a tax cut. Republicans want to chop more deeply in each category than the president prefers.

The Los Angeles Times reports in today's editions that Clinton has privately told Republican leaders he is willing to agree to a capital gains tax cut as part of a broader budget agreement. The Times notes that Clinton has indicated previously he might consider a capital gains tax cut, but says his comments to GOP leaders mark the first time he has offered to support such a reduction as part of a budget compromise.

The split between House and Senate Republicans over the shutdown has existed for weeks, growing as the current closure began Dec. 16. There was more GOP unity during an earlier, six-day shutdown in November.

Driven in large part by its large, confrontational freshman class, the House GOP has argued for weeks that the closure keeps pressure on Clinton to bargain seriously over eliminating the federal deficit.



### Make a fist please

Amy Reynolds, mobile services coordinator for the Coffee Memorial Blood Center, prepares to take John Smith's blood during a special blood drive held Tuesday in the Community Center. The drive was sponsored by Coffee Memorial Blood Center, HRMC, K-Bob's and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division.

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# Local Roundup

## Mercury to climb on Thursday

If you are tired of cold daytime temperatures, just wait -- forecasters say some relief is in sight for Thursday. Hereford recorded a high temperature of 29 degrees on Tuesday, with an overnight low of 14 degrees this morning. For tonight, the forecast calls for a low in the upper 20s with southwest to west winds at 10-20 mph. For Thursday, look for partly sunny skies and a high of 50-55 degrees with west winds at 10-20 mph and gusty.

# News Digest

## STATE

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

**DALLAS** - A demonstration outside an all-Spanish radio station was full of irony: A dozen or so picketers associated with one of the nation's largest and oldest Hispanic advocacy groups protested Tuesday outside the Dallas studios of KESS-AM.

**AUSTIN** - 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.

**LUBBOCK** - Accumulations of snow in Lubbock wore off like a New Year's resolution, and forecasters say more warmer weather is in store today.

**HOUSTON** - 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.

**HOUSTON** - 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.

**DALLAS** - Texas Instruments and South Korea-based Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. are suing each other for patent infringement following failed efforts to renew a five-year, cross-licensing agreement that expired Dec. 31.

**STEVENS POINT, Wis.** - 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.

**MEXICO CITY** - Snowfall and a cold snap have killed millions of monarch butterflies at their wintering grounds in mountainous western Mexico.

## WORLD/NATION

**NEW YORK** - 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.

**WASHINGTON** - Federal workers receiving a fraction of their normal pay are flooding credit unions and aid centers with requests for loans and other help to deal with the very personal impact of the government's budget crisis.

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina** - The detention of up to 16 civilians in Serb-held Sarajevo has cast the first major shadow on a NATO peace mission as U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry visits Bosnia for the first time today.

Perry lands in Sarajevo for meetings with top NATO commanders before flying on to Tuzla, headquarters for the 20,000 U.S. troops slowly arriving in northeastern Bosnia.

**CHICAGO** - A study disputed by a drug maker and some doctors found that the two most popular types of cholesterol-lowering drugs in the United States cause cancer in rats and should be used sparingly in humans.

**MEXICO CITY** - Snowfall and a cold snap have killed millions of monarch butterflies at their wintering grounds in mountainous western Mexico, according to a leading environmentalist.

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

**WASHINGTON** - A year ago, national polls suggested Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole would defeat President Clinton in a two-way contest. Now, the two rivals have essentially traded places. But Dole gives no signs of quitting his day job.

**WASHINGTON** - 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.

## Corn producer meeting set

The Deaf Smith County Extension Crops Committee, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Corn Producers Board will sponsor an informational meeting for area corn producers on Friday, in The Annex on North 25 Mile Avenue in Hereford beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will feature information on the corn check-off program, an update on the 1996 farm bill, information on the changes in the Texas Pesticide Laws, and recommendations for insect control programs.

Speakers for the meeting will be

Jerry Don Glover, interim executive director of the TCPB; Dennis Newton, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent and Dr. Carl Patrick, Texas Agriculture Extension Service Area Entomologist.

The TCPB will provide lunch at noon for all participants. Participants will receive 2 hours CEU credit for commercial, non-commercial, and private pesticide applicators.

Newton asks all persons planning to attend contact the Deaf Smith County office at 364-3573, so that event planners might have an indication of the number of persons planning to attend.

# Obituaries

**CLYDE W. RUSSELL**  
Jan. 2, 1996

Clyde W. Russell, 84, of Hereford



died Tuesday in his home.

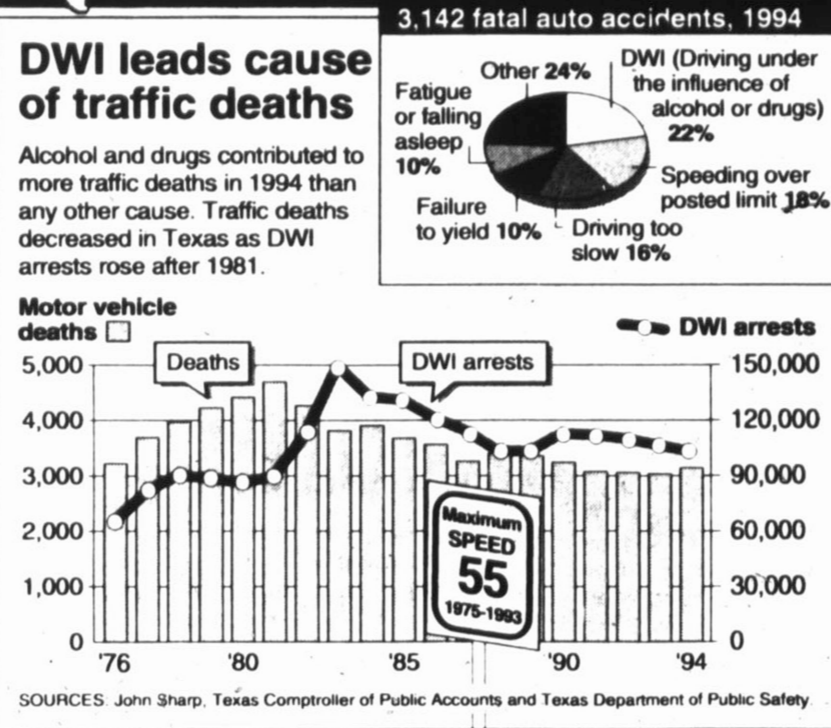
Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Russell was born March 4, 1911 in Deaf Smith County. He married Catherine Ricketts in 1930 in Santa Rosa, N.M. He was a farmer and stockman and member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Robert Russell of Hereford; two daughters, Doris Neely and Linda Fitzgerald, both of Dimmitt; one brother, Edgar Russell of Levelland; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hereford Senior Citizens or First United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund.

## Keeping an eye on Texas



## Study of cancer-causing drugs based on huge doses in rats

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN  
AP Medical Writer

**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.

At somewhat higher levels, the other statins that were reviewed - pravastatin, marketed as Pravachol; simvastatin, marketed as Zocor; and fluvastatin, marketed as Lescol - caused rodent cancer, the researchers said.

Gemfibrozil, a fibrate, caused liver cancer in mice at blood concentration levels comparable to those seen in humans taking the medication, the researchers said.

The researchers acknowledge that drugs that cause cancer in rodents may not do so in humans, or may only

## 5-year-old boy drowns after fall into restaurant's grease trap

**SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)** - Police were waiting for anxieties to wane before interviewing other children who saw a 5-year-old boy fall into a restaurant's grease trap and drown. "They're traumatized already," Detective J.B. Walker Jr. of the SPD's Youth Services Bureau. "We're giving them a cooling-off period."

He said the investigation sought to learn how a lid covering a restaurant grease trap was moved on New Year's Day, allowing Nil A.

## Trend in corporate layoffs continues

By VIVIAN MARINO  
AP Business Writer

**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 announce-

ment 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 will shrink 16 percent from 301,000 now to 252,500 when it separates into a telecommunications service company, a phone equipment manufacturer and a computer manufacturer.

"I understand how wrenching it will be for employees and their families. But the actions we are announcing today are absolutely essential if our businesses are to be competitive," AT&T Chairman Robert E. Allen said.

On Wall Street, AT&T stock rose \$2.62-1/2 to \$67.37-1/2.

Top executives attributed the cuts to technology - some jobs will be done by computers - and the prospect of heightened competition because of telecommunications reform in Congress. But some analysts said the move demonstrates how bloated AT&T had become.

Employees worried. Most of those to be laid off will learn their fate this month, but about 30 percent won't know until 1997 or 1998.

"There's no job security and everybody's just fearful," said Kathleen A. Pyne, a records clerk in Morris Plains, N.J. "You're afraid to go on vacation or buy a car for fear that you will have no job."

Corporate America has been consolidating and downsizing at a furious pace since 1990, eliminating hundreds of thousands of jobs to become more globally competitive and profitable. From January through October alone, 343,000 people were laid off, according to Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a Chicago-based employment consulting firm.

At the same time, though, hundreds of thousands of new jobs have been created through new, smaller companies, said Charles F. Albrecht, president of New York-based Drake Beam Morin, another employment consulting firm.

"It's not all gloom and doom. There is life after the company you have left," Albrecht said.

## Crew of jet may have been misled by traffic controller

**MIAMI (AP)** - The crew of an American Airlines jet that crashed in Colombia was misled by an air traffic controller who didn't know the jet's location, two of the airline's veteran pilots told The Miami Herald.

The pilots' opinion of what led to the Dec. 20 crash that killed 160 people was based on a review of a transcript of the flight's pilot-to-ground conversations, the newspaper reported today.

The crash occurred shortly after the controller told the crew to fly over a radio beacon at Tulua, about 40 miles north of the Cali airport. At the time, the plane had already passed Tulua.

## PRIMARY

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.

"I'm encouraged by what's taking place," he said. "For the first time ever, most of the winnable legislative

The two-man crew was trying to turn around to go back to Tulua when the plane crashed.

The controller and the crew had vastly different ideas of the airplane's location because of misunderstandings throughout their conversations, the two pilots told the newspaper.

The pilots, who spoke anonymously, are both experienced flying to Cali. They said they are unhappy with a preliminary report from Colombian aviation authorities that blamed the crew.

An American Airlines spokesman declined to comment on the pilots' interpretation.

seats currently occupied by Democrats will have Republican challengers.

"Depending on what happens at the national level, and that's the great uncertainty, if we do what Texas has been able to do in the past on the presidential election front - I think we're going to have an excellent election down ballot," Pauken said.

White said the Democrats are determined to keep control of the state House and Senate, and to at least hold their own in Congress.

As for the Court of Criminal Appeals, he said, "We do not have as a goal to try to politicize the judiciary."

A spokesman for Secretary of State Tony Garza said a number of independent candidates also filed notice Tuesday of their intent to seek offices in the November general election.

In addition, spokesman Gene Acuna said, Ross Perot's Reform Party was among several independent parties that have registered with the secretary of state. Independent parties have until May 28 to file petitions to put the names of presidential candidates on the November ballot.

## Hospital Notes

**PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.** Jesusita Castillo, Gladys Craig, Cowan Ryan Gonce, Doris E. Kerr, Hermelinda C. Longoria, Blasa B. Mancillas, Grace K. Sanders, Johnnie L. Sanders, Aidan Lee Velasquez, Esmalido Villarreal, James W. Witherspoon, Emmett J. Ziehr.

## Police, Emergency Reports

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday contained the following information.

### HEREFORD POLICE

A juvenile problem was reported in the 800 block of East Third.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of Avenue K.

Assault was reported in the 600 block of Avenue H.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue, where charges were filed on a 45-year-old male for allegedly taking two packs of cigarettes.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Avenue K, where a window was broken at a residence.

Death by natural causes was reported in the 300 block of Cherokee.

A report was filed in the 400 block of Avenue I in reference to a juvenile getting mad over having to go to school in New Mexico.

A report was filed in the 1000 block of West Park Avenue in reference to a lost cellular phone.

Officers issued one traffic citation. There were two curfew violation citations issued.

**DEAF SMITH SHERIFF**  
Criminal trespass was reported. Criminal mischief was reported.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
No calls.

**EMS**  
Ambulances ran on three transfers to Amarillo, two medical runs, one motor vehicle accident with two non-transports and one dead on scene.

## Lottery

**AUSTIN (AP)** - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

1-9-21-23-32 (one, nine, twenty-one, twenty-three, thirty-two)

**AUSTIN (AP)** - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-4-9 (eight, four, nine)

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# Lifestyles

## Ann Landers

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** I just received a gift every teacher holds most precious, and I'm still glowing.

In the past, you've suggested that notes from parents expressing their appreciation are wonderful gifts. Letters from former students expressing how YOU, as a teacher, shaped their lives are the most cherished gifts an educator can receive.

My gift was from a student I had 12 years ago. Reading her words of gratitude made me misty-eyed. It affirmed why I chose this profession.

Please suggest this to your readers: Write your favorite teachers, tell them how you're doing as an adult and let them know they had something to do with your success. Put them on Cloud Nine. -- Lompoc, Calif.

**DEAR LOMPOC:** What a beautiful idea. You suggested it, and I thank you.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** Last year, you printed a column in which you mentioned your attempt to get through to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Chicago. You said it took 45 minutes before you reached a "live, warm body."

Please know you have contributed to improved tele-service. After that column appeared, the National Performance Review got together with some of America's best companies, and now, government agencies are taking steps to improve. I would like to share two experiences that show how hard government agencies are working to upgrade their service.

On July 1, 1995, a Saturday evening on a holiday weekend, a 16-year-old member of the U.S. National Tennis Team was on her way to a competition in France. Her purse, with her passport inside, was stolen at JFK Airport in New York. After airport officials told her father that there was no way his daughter would be permitted to leave the country, he called the State Department in Washington. He reached David Gooding, who abandoned his own

weekend plans and spent the next several hours working with the airline to permit the girl to depart while the passport issue was being resolved. She was on a flight that night.

Tom Pajkos, a claims representative in Chicago's Social Security Office, offered to pick up a Social Security application from an elderly woman at her home. When he got there, he found her swathed in layers of clothes in a frigid apartment, huddled next to a space heater. She had no water, no gas and no heat. After failing to get help from her family, Tom arranged for the local emergency housing department to reconnect her utilities.

These stories are part of "Common Sense Government," my 1995 report to President Clinton. It shows that government agencies are made up of people and people go out of their way to help others. It's one of the things that makes us human. Nobody expected David Gooding to set aside his weekend plans or Tom Pajkos to take an interest in a poor, elderly woman on a cold night. They just did.

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## Make child's celebration memorable with pointers

What's not to love about a birthday? Children love the gifts and cards and are excited about the chance to celebrate with friends and family.

Make your child's celebration memorable by using the following party pointers for parents:

\*To keep things manageable, match the number of guests to the age of the child; three children at age three, ten at age ten.

\*Unless there's an outside activity involved, a short party (1-3 hours) is better.

\*Consider your child's interests and plan a party around them -- a cooking party for a junior baker, a nature walk for a budding naturalist, a pool party or sports activity for a child bursting with energy.



Holidays in ancient Rome were so numerous that by the A.D. 100's Emperor Marcus Aurelius had to limit them to 135 days a year.

\*Liven up a traditional indoor party with a theme and adapt standard games to fit. Check your library for party ideas.

For example, a child might like a flower party in which guests play games like flower tag (the one who's it is a bee) and eat from flower patterned plates. Or a pirate party where guests hunt for treasure (hide and seek) and find foil wrapped coins.

\*Some parties make food the main theme -- whether it's a Mexican dinner, a backyard barbecue or an English tea party. On the invitation, parents can write "lunch is served" -- or dinner or breakfast if that's what they're serving.

\*Cake and ice cream are the crowning glory of any child's party -- even if excitement often dulls their appetites. Make your own to fit the theme or buy one. Some children prefer cupcakes.

\*Party favors can be useful items like decorated pencils, small toys, candy or stickers. Small gift bags make excellent goody bags for small party favors.

Simplify your shopping by getting everything you can in one place. Make a list of everything you need -- invitations, favors to stuff in goody bags, themed paper plates, tablecloths and other paper goods, gifts, and of course birthday cards.

## Touch of wine at mealtime can be beneficial

By ROBERT GREENE  
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - For a better 1996, try to get a half-hour of exercise each day, eat a wide variety of foods in moderation and don't be afraid to take a drop of wine at mealtime.

That's the word from the government, which on Tuesday released the fourth edition of "Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans."

"These guidelines cut through the confusion of messages, and the claims and counterclaims that we hear every day about our foods," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, who issued the report in conjunction with the Agriculture Department.

The basic message of moderation and variety carries over from the 1990 guidelines, used by dietitians, nutritionists and other food and health professionals, and by the government to set standards for school lunches.

This time around, more stress is placed on exercise. The guidelines say everyone should get 30 minutes or more of moderate activity on most days of the week, preferably all. Brisk walking, calisthenics, house work, gardening, moderate sports and dancing all will do.

The guidelines say to choose a diet with plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits, while low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol. They urged a diet with "moderate"

salt, sodium and sugar.

"The wording puts the messages about sugar and salt into the context of the total diet rather than thinking just about adding sugar or adding salt to your food," says Nancy Schwartz, director of the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics at the American Dietetic Association.

The report preserves the recommendation that no more than 30 percent of daily calories come from fat, and 10 percent from saturated fat.

For the first time, the guidelines say people can live without eating animal products. Those vegetarians should take vitamin B-12, found only in animal foods. They also should find good sources of vitamin D and calcium.

The guidelines also suggest raising a glass: "If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation, with meals and when consumption does not put you or others at risk."

It dropped wording that alcohol consumption in general is not recommended, and also took out a statement from the 1990 guidelines that alcohol consumption has no health benefits, since some health benefits of moderate drinking have been documented.

"Consumers should look to the bounty of American agriculture, seen in grocery stores and markets across the country, for help planning nutritious, economical and good-tasting meals," says Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

Adults should keep their weight within a given range for their height, rather than allowing some added pounds with age, and they should shed excess pounds gradually.

And those looking to lose a few pounds after the holidays should avoid crash diets. Instead, take off one-half pound to a pound per week, combining exercise and healthy food choices. Don't allow yourself extra pounds just because you're getting up in years.

The advisory committee's recommendations were characterized as too mild to be useful, taking far too kind a look at salt, sugar, cholesterol and fat, according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a private food watchdog group.

"I think everyone thinks that they

are consuming a variety of foods in moderation already," said Michael Jacobson, the center's executive director.

The guidelines, in bulletin form, are available to the public starting today at 1 p.m. EST. To order a single copy, send your name, address and 50 cents to Consumer Information Center, Department 378-C, Pueblo, CO 81009.

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# Sports

## Herd opens district with win in Canyon

By JAY PEDEN  
Sports Editor

The Hereford boys' basketball team took a big step on the road back to the playoffs Tuesday, opening District 1-4A play with a 60-43 win at Canyon.

The Herd improved to 12-7 overall while beating the team that tied them for second place in 1-4A last season. Things in Canyon didn't work so well for the Hereford girls. The undefeated Lady Eagles (18-0) blitzed the Lady Whitefaces, 56-28, and Hereford fell to 1-2 in district, 15-3 overall.

In the boys' game, Hereford took control early and never let go. Hereford led 21-9 after one quarter, 40-23 at halftime and 49-35 at the end of the third quarter.

"Our defensive pressure took them out of everything they wanted to do, and our offense executed real well," Herd coach Randy Dean said. "We got off to a good start offensively and defensively and built a lead on them."

After the teams scored 63 points in the first half, both slowed it down in the second half.

"The pace of the game slowed down a bunch, partly because they went into a zone (defense) and because we were patient on offense," Dean said. "We made sure we got the shot we wanted on every possession. We didn't want to put up a bunch of quick shots and let them back in the game."

Canyon did get within nine points early in the fourth quarter, but Hereford's Brian Torres and Michael High hit consecutive shots from the lane, keeping Hereford's lead in double figures.

"That's as close as they got, really from the first quarter on," Dean said.

The win was a big one for Hereford for several reasons. When Hereford went to the playoffs last season, one of its three district losses was at Canyon. Getting the win in Canyon may have been the best thing about this win.

"In this district, winning on the road is going to be very important," Dean said. "All road games are going to be tough, and every road win is a big shot in the arm as we go through (district). It's important for us to start with a win, but also for that one win to a road win."

Canyon, which fell to 8-9 overall, suffered a tough blow before Christmas, losing all-district player Dawson Skow for the season with a knee injury, Dean said.

In the girls' game, Canyon led 17-10 at the end of the first quarter, then outscored Hereford pretty much 2-to-1 in every quarter. The Lady Eagles led 32-17 at halftime, 48-24 after three quarters and 56-28 at the end. Hereford coach Eddie Fortenberry could not be reached for comment.

### HERD SCORING

Boys: Isaac Walker, 19; Brian Torres, 12; Michael High, 11; Todd Dudley, 6; Johnathan Keenan, 5; Nicholas Tarr, 3; Bryant McNutt, 3; Ronald Torres, 1.

Girls: Misti Davis, 8; Julie Rampley, 7; (no others available).

Hereford lost both junior varsity games played Tuesday.

Canyon won the boys' game 57-45. Hereford was led by Jason Myers with 19 points, and Dustin Hill added 11.

Canyon won the girls' game 34-26. No other details were available.

### District 1-4A

#### Basketball standings

	Boys	
	District	Overall
Hereford	1 0	12 7
Pampa	1 0	15 3
Caprock	1 0	6 14
Borger	0 0	7 13
Canyon	0 1	8 9
Randall	0 1	10 12
Dumas	0 1	4 10

#### Tuesday's games

Hereford 60, Canyon 43  
Pampa 92, Randall 55  
Caprock 71, Dumas 46 (non-district)  
Borger 57, San.-Fritch 51

#### Friday's games

Dumas at Hereford  
Canyon at Pampa  
Borger at Caprock

#### Girls

	Girls	
	District	Overall
Canyon	3 0	18 0
Randall	3 0	14 5
Dumas	2 0	12 7
Hereford	1 2	15 3
Borger	0 2	11 13
Pampa	0 2	
Caprock	0 3	

#### Tuesday's games

Canyon 56, Hereford 28  
Randall 58, Pampa 26  
Dumas 55, Caprock 22  
Borger 66, San.-Fritch 33

#### Friday's games

Dumas at Hereford  
Canyon at Pampa  
Borger at Caprock

## Huskies rout Gators

### Nebraska dominates 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."

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.

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.

## Nieman wins Forecasters

Publisher Speedy Nieman finished on top of the Brand's Fearless Forecasters panel. Nieman correctly predicted the winners of 11 of the 18 college bowl games, and he finished 237-100-5 for the entire season.

Managing Editor Garry Wesner did the best job of picking the bowls, going 13-5. He clinched the second spot at 229-108-5.

Nieman and Wesner were the only two members of the five-man panel to correctly pick Nebraska over Florida in the Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska won 62-24.

Sports Editor Jay Peden took third at 220-117-5, going 9-9 in the bowls. Ed DeLozier, president of the Whiteface Booster Club, finished fourth at 219-118-5. He went 7-11 in the bowls.

Rick Castaneda, press foreman at North Plains Printing, brought up the rear with a 218-119-5 record. He went 8-10 in the bowls.

## Huskies voted No. 1 unanimously

By RICK WARNER  
AP Football Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Nebraska followed up its Fiesta Bowl blowout of Florida with another lopsided victory today - in the final Associated Press college football poll.

Hours after thrashing the Gators 62-24 Tuesday night, the Huskers were officially crowned national champions for the second straight year in a unanimous vote.

Nebraska, the first repeat champion in 16 years, received all 62 first-place votes from a nationwide media panel.

"We haven't gotten the respect we deserve these last couple of years," defensive tackle Christian Peter said. "I think finally this ought to wake a couple people up."

Florida (12-1) remained second in the final AP poll. Rounding out the Top 10 were Tennessee, Florida State, Colorado, Ohio State, Kansas State, Northwestern, Kansas and Virginia Tech.

Florida State, which beat Notre Dame 31-26 in the Orange Bowl, finished in the top four for a record ninth consecutive season.

Notre Dame was 11th, followed by Southern Cal, Penn State, Texas, Texas A&M, Virginia, Michigan, Oregon, Syracuse, Miami, Alabama, Auburn, Texas Tech, Toledo and Iowa.

Nebraska's victory capped one of the greatest three-year runs in the modern era of college football.

The Huskers (12-0) are the first champions to repeat since Bear Bryant's Alabama teams in 1978-79

and the first to do it with perfect records since Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma squads in 1955-56. Their 36-1 record since the start of the 1993 season makes them the winningest team in modern times over a three-year span.

"I think when they look back on it five or 10 years from now, they're probably going to appreciate this three-year run," said coach Tom Osborne, whose only loss during that time was to Florida State by two points in the 1994 Orange Bowl. "I'm very proud of this stretch of three years."

The top-ranked Huskers got Florida's attention by scoring 36 consecutive points after falling behind 10-6. The Gators simply couldn't tackle quarterback Tommie Frazier or tailback Lawrence Phillips, who combined for 364 rushing yards and accounted for six of Nebraska's eight touchdowns.

"They kept driving when we thought we had them down," Florida linebacker James Bates said.

Nebraska gained 629 yards, including 524 on the ground - both records against a Florida team. Meanwhile, Florida's "Fun 'n' Gun" offense was held to a season-low 269 yards and finished with minus-28 rushing yards, the second-lowest total in school history.

"I thought it would be a pretty close game," Osborne said. "We just got momentum, had a few breaks and things kind of snowballed."

Although his team posted a perfect

record for the second straight year, it was a trying season for Osborne. The arrests of several players, including Phillips, led some critics to brand Nebraska as an outlaw program. And Osborne was accused of being too lenient when he allowed Phillips back on the team following a six-game suspension for assaulting his former girlfriend.

"I'm glad the season's over," he told reporters. "I hope all you guys are going to concentrate on basketball now. ... I'm ready for a vacation."

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## Cowboys allow Blake to leave for Oklahoma

Campo assumes defensive line duties

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer  
IRVING, Texas (AP) - Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Dave Campo is wearing two hats in the playoffs.

New Oklahoma coach John Blake - the former Dallas defensive line coach - was given permission to leave the Cowboys and hit the recruiting trail.

"I was concerned about how he (Blake) could do a 100 percent job in both places," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said Tuesday. "I talked to him about it last night and he was relieved about the decision. He will have a lot of distractions. He needs to get on the recruiting trail if he expects to make an impact by the signing date on Feb. 8. He said he knew it."

Switzer's influence helped land Blake the job, although the former Oklahoma player has never been a head coach or coordinator.

"I promised John a zirconium Super Bowl ring if we win the big one," Switzer joked.

Campo has coached the Dallas defensive line when Butch Davis was the coordinator.

"While we'll miss John Blake we won't miss a beat in preparation because Campo has coached the position before," said owner Jerry Jones. "There was no question letting John get on with the Oklahoma job was the thing to do. He needed to start preparing his staff for the future."

Blake didn't attend practice and was busy wrapping up his business in Dallas.

Jones announced Tuesday that

the 7,000 available tickets for the NFC divisional playoff game against Philadelphia on Sunday sold out in 16 minutes.

"You can see everyone is excited about us playing Philadelphia again," Jones said. "We have a lot of respect for them and so do our fans."

The teams split their two-game NFC East series.

While the Eagles flew off to Florida to practice, the Cowboys stayed at Valley Ranch on Tuesday and worked on their soggy practice field after an overnight snow melted.

It was sloppy, but the gusty 25 mph wind bothered Switzer and quarterback Troy Aikman more than the footing.

"We may have to go to Texas Stadium tomorrow if it keeps up like this," Switzer said. "The ball was diving. It was hard to figure out where it was going to go."

Switzer had good news on the injury front.

Tight end Jay Novacek, who underwent knee surgery two weeks ago, didn't practice but will play on Sunday.

"Jay feels good and it looks like he will be able to play," Switzer said.

Middle linebacker Robert Jones, who missed the last three games, practiced and defensive lineman Russell Maryland worked briefly.

"Robert is full speed but Russ is still limited," Switzer said. "We hope we can get him in the game for at least 20 to 25 plays."

"The rest really did us a lot of good. We had to have that bye to get well again."

## 76ers shock Lakers in Forum

By The Associated Press  
The New York Knicks aren't winning without Patrick Ewing. Without Chris Webber, the Washington Bullets saw their three-game winning streak end.

And then there were the hapless Philadelphia 76ers, who beat the Lakers 90-89 at the Forum despite the absence of Derrick Coleman, out with a sprained ankle.

"It was a good win for us in what's been a year of nothing, but being snakebit," said 76ers coach John Lucas, whose team won for just the sixth time this season.

Ewing missed his third game since spraining his ankle, and the Knicks fell to Portland 101-92. Webber missed his second since straining his shoulder as the Bullets were beaten by Cleveland, 108-100.

"We don't have any sympathy for them. We've been forced to play through injuries for the five years that I've been here," Cavaliers guard Terrell Brandon said.

In other games, it was New Jersey 81, Milwaukee 72; Seattle 111, Atlanta 88; Houston 105, Minnesota 100; Utah 102, Dallas 92; and Indiana 102, Denver 87.

The 76ers snapped an 11-game losing streak at the Forum that stretched back to the 1984-85 season, when Julius Erving and Moses Malone were leading the way and Charles Barkley was a rookie.

Vernon Maxwell had 22 points for Philadelphia, and reserve Trevor Ruffin made nine of his first 12 shots

and finished with 20 points. Rookie Jerry Stackhouse also had 20 for the 76ers.

Nick Van Exel scored 27 points for the Lakers, who absorbed their fifth one-point defeat of the season.

The Lakers took an 89-88 lead on Van Exel's steal of Ruffin and breakaway dunk. But Vernon Maxwell drove the lane and made a running jumper with 46 seconds remaining, and Stackhouse grabbed the rebound of Van Exel's missed 3-point shot.

On the 76ers' next trip downtown, the ball flew out of Maxwell's hands and into Van Exel's with 10 seconds left. But he misfired on a running jumper, and Philadelphia ran out the final seconds.

Rockets 105, Timberwolves 100  
Sam Cassell scored 15 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, leading Houston over Minnesota.

Hakeem Olajuwon added 28 as the visiting Rockets won their fourth in a row.

Tom Gugliotta had 25 points and 17 rebounds for the Wolves, who have gone 1-7 since coach Bill Blair was replaced by Flip Saunders.

Jazz 102, Mavericks 92  
Karl Malone had 29 points and 13 rebounds in hot-shooting Utah's victory over Dallas.

John Stockton had 18 points and 15 assists, including six of each in the fourth quarter, to break open the game.

Host Dallas, which lost its second straight and eighth in the last nine, was led by Jason Kidd and Jim Jackson, who had 23 points apiece. George McCloud added 21.

Trail Blazers 101, Knicks 92  
New York has dropped three straight, all since Ewing went down, and four of its last five.

Aaron McKie scored 24 points and Cliff Robinson and Rod Strickland had 22 apiece as Portland ended a seven-game road losing streak.

New York's Derek Harper finished with 22 points. Charles Oakley had 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Cavaliers 108, Bullets 100  
Danny Ferry scored half of his 20 points in the pivotal third quarter as Cleveland ended the Bullets' six-game home winning streak.

Brandon had 27 points and 10 assists for the Cavaliers, who have won four straight and eight of nine. Chris Mills scored 20 and Bobby Phillips 19.

Rookie Rasheed Wallace led Washington with a season-high 20 points and Juwan Howard and Robert Pack each added 19.

Nets 81, Bucks 72  
Shawn Bradley had his best game since being traded to New Jersey, getting 17 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks in a win over Milwaukee.

The win snapped a four-game home losing streak for New Jersey,

which had dropped eight of its previous nine games.

Armon Gilliam finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Nets. Glenn Robinson, Vin Baker, Shawn Respert and Johnny Newman each had 10 for the Bucks.

Sonics 111, Hawks 88  
Seattle ran its winning streak to six by beating Atlanta at the Omni.

Frank Brickowski had a season-high 21 points and Shawn Kemp had 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Atlanta's Andrew Lang, hitting 14 of 19 shots, scored a career-high 29 points. Grant Long added 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Pacers 102, Nuggets 87  
Veterans Ricky Pierce and Eddie Johnson fueled a 16-2 run early in the final period to send Indiana past Denver.

Pierce and Johnson, both 36, combined to score 20 straight Indiana points as the visiting Pacers withstood a Denver rally that cut the Indiana lead from 20 points to seven.

Pierce, Reggie Miller and Mark Jackson finished with 15 points apiece. Rookie Antonio McDyess led Denver with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

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## Tark's Fresno State team beats No. 25 New Mexico

By The Associated Press  
Jerry Tarkanian is still winning big games at his new address.

In his first Western Athletic Conference game at Fresno State, Tarkanian led the Bulldogs to a 76-75 victory over No. 25 New Mexico on Tuesday night. It was the Lobbs' first loss of the season in their first game as a ranked team since 1993.

"It's a tough loss for New Mexico, coming in here 10-0," Tarkanian said. "But I've learned one thing - during the season, you can't feel sorry for anyone but yourself."

Tarkanian, 64, is in his first season at his alma mater after a long, controversial career at Long Beach State and UNLV that included the 1990 national championship with the Runnin' Rebels.

The Bulldogs (7-4) have done surprisingly well considering that several players, including nationally prominent recruit Terence Roberson, have been declared ineligible.

"I thought Fresno State played awful well. That's obviously the best game we have seen them play," New Mexico coach Dave Bliss said. "I have to give them a lot of credit."

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday night, it was No. 4 Kansas 100, Cornell 46; No. 8 Villanova 76, Notre Dame 57; No. 12 Wake Forest 81, Furman 49; and No. 15 Utah 83, Brigham Young 77.

The Lobos (10-1) were last ranked in the final poll of the 1992-93 season, and they were back in the Top 25 on Monday. They most probably will be out next week.

Dominick Young made two free

throws with three seconds left to give the Bulldogs the win. New Mexico had taken a 75-74 lead with 55 seconds left on four straight points by David Gibson. But Gibson then missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 27 seconds left and Young, who was fouled as he was passing, was a hero 24 seconds later.

"The last play of the game can go either way. I didn't see the play, so I can't say if it was a foul or wasn't," New Mexico Coach Dave Bliss said. "But it was a good play by Young."

"It was a great win. Our kids have worked hard and when you work hard, good things should happen to you," Tarkanian said.

## Rhodes' QB decision proved to be right one

By JOHN F. BONFATTI  
AP Sports Writer

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) - With the Philadelphia Eagles tottering at midseason, Ray Rhodes made his toughest decision, benching longtime 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 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. We have some confidence going into Dallas, unlike the last time we went in there."

Philadelphia's last trip into Dallas wasn't the low point of the season: the Eagles got smoked in an embarrassing 48-17 loss to Oakland in week four.

But the 34-12 loss in Dallas Nov. 6 was a close second. The Eagles were on a four-game winning streak after the Oakland loss and were beginning to feel good about themselves going into the Monday night game in Dallas.

Things got off to a good start, with Emmitt Smith fumbling deep in Dallas territory. But the Eagles were unable to convert the turnover into a touchdown, settling for a field goal.

Dallas scored the next 17 points, and the game was effectively over. Rhodes said later that it appeared that the Eagles were in awe of the Cowboys.

His teammates say Peete has brought cohesion and competitiveness into the lineup.

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# Pair finds evidence of fate of Butch and Sundance

## Writers uncover letters that indicate famous outlaws died in shootout in Bolivia

**EDITOR'S NOTE -** Butch and Sundance died in a shootout in Bolivia. At least that's the common belief, and new evidence supports it. But legend says the outlaws survived that shootout. Legends die hard. Will the die-hard accept the new evidence? Don't bet on it.

By **BOB MIMS**  
**Associated Press Writer**  
**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid met their Maker in a dusty Bolivian town on Nov. 6, 1908. Historians say they are dead. What refuses to die is the legend that they survived that shootout and lived on.

Now comes a batch of new Bolivia. Butch Cassidy was christened Robert Leroy Parker by his Mormon pioneer parents. The Sundance Kid's real name was Harry Longbaugh. The two and their gang, known as the Wild Bunch, held up banks and robbed trains in the Rocky Mountains in the 1890s.

With the law on their heels, they fled to Argentina in 1901, along with Sundance's girlfriend, Ethel Place. The three homesteaded a ranch in the Cholila Valley. By 1905, though, they were back to robbing banks.

Most historians believe Butch and Sundance died in a shootout in San Vicente, a town in Bolivia, across

referring to the outlaws.

Cassidy, under his alias of "J.P. Ryan," wrote on Feb. 29, 1904 to Dan Gibbon, a Welsh immigrant friend living in the Andean foothills of Chubut:

"I have been laid up with a bad case of the Town Disease and I don't know just when I will be able to ride, but as soon as I am able I will be down. Look out for my horse."

The letter was posted in Cholila. (And Cassidy likely had gonorrhea.)

The papers included a receipt for Ryan's purchase, for 150 pesos, of a chestnut stallion. Ryan added a postscript transferring ownership of the horse to Gibbon.

Another document details expenses by Ryan and "H. Place," an alias used by Sundance, for routine ranching expenses.

The police record also held a June 28, 1905, letter from Sundance, translated into Spanish, and also addressed to Gibbon. It was posted in Valparaiso, Chile:

"I don't want to see Cholila ever again, but I will think of you and of all our friends often..." The letter also mentions leaving with his "wife," presumably Ethel Place, for San Francisco.

A June 30, 1905, visit by Sundance and Ethel Place to his brother, Elwood, who lived in San Francisco, is recounted in Donna Ernst's book, "Sundance, My Uncle."

Jim Dullenty, founder of the Western Outlaw Lawman History Association, says the papers are not conclusive, but "this is additional evidence that Butch and Sundance died in Bolivia."

"I strongly believe it hasn't been

"There's never a final word. You can only build circumstantial cases here. No one identified them when they were buried, and there are no photographs (of the bodies)."

**Daniel Buck, researcher**

research that tends to lay the legend in its grave. But don't bank on it.

A husband-wife team of researchers, Daniel Buck and Anne Meadows, after 10 years of digging, have exhumed long-lost Argentine police files that appear to locate the two desperadoes just where conventional wisdom says they should have been in the late 1900s, Bolivia.

Their findings are in the January issue of True West, but Buck is the first to concede they do not constitute proof positive.

"There's never a final word," Buck said from his home in Washington, D.C. "You can only build circumstantial cases here. No one identified them when they were buried, and there are no photographs (of the bodies)."

"But, then, no one has proven they came back, either. Then you build a positive circumstantial case that they were the two guys who died in

Argentina's northern border, where a patrol discovered them holed up in a rented hut.

A gunfight ensued, ending when darkness fell. Later that night townspeople reported hearing screams and two shots. In the morning they found both outlaws dead, both shot in the head.

The writers Buck and Meadows believe that rather than be captured Cassidy shot Sundance, then himself.

Since 1985 they had chased a rumor that police files would nail down the pair's identity. Last September they finally received a nine-pound, 1,500-page package of photocopied reports on outlaw bands that terrorized southern Argentina in the early 1900s.

A letter and three notes in the package of material were in Cassidy's handwriting. They also found a Spanish translation of a letter from Sundance, and two other letters

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plastic surgery in Paris, married and eventually moved to Spokane about 1910.

Buck says recent research has shown Phillips to have been most likely an impostor born in Michigan who picked up on the outlaw's legend when he moved West.

Harold Schindler, who has written extensively on the Old West for The Salt Lake Tribune, remains unconvinced by Buck and Meadows' discovery. Schindler favors a 1991 account by a retired Utah Highway Patrol

Trooper, Merrill Johnson, who has since died. Johnson said his father-in-law, John Kitchen, introduced him in 1941 to "an old friend of the family, Bob Parker - Butch Cassidy."

Nonetheless, Buck insists "The case is strong that they died in Bolivia" but allows he and Meadows are far from being finished with their research. "There must be more information out there - more letters, maybe photographs from Argentina."

"It's worth a few more excursions," he said.

# Television

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# Son helps mother eight years after murder conviction

## 24-year-old first-year law student remembers his mother's sentencing

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA  
Associated Press Writer

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - It was Sept. 15, 1987, and Wade Burnett had just returned home from a dinner celebrating his 16th birthday when the phone rang.

His mother and stepfather were calling from their home outside Brownsville to wish him a happy

birthday. Burnett, who'd left South Texas a month earlier to live with his father in Shreveport, La., had never really gotten along with his stepfather. But on this night, Burnett recalls, "He kept wanting to talk."

The next morning, as he was getting ready for school, the phone rang again: His stepfather was dead. Burnett's mother said Bill

Mowbray had shot himself in their bed. But eight months later, Susie Mowbray was sentenced to life in prison, convicted of murdering him.

Standing on tiptoes, desperate to catch a glimpse, the 16-year-old boy watched as sheriff's deputies escorted his mother from the courtroom.

Now, almost eight years later, as a result of a son's quest to prove his mother's innocence, Mrs. Mowbray may be released and granted another trial.

"I've always felt like a hostage here, and I've always believed at some point someone would come along and rescue me," she wrote in a letter to The Associated Press from prison. "I never dreamed that someone would be my son. He is my hero."

Wade Burnett, now a 24-year-old first-year law student at Louisiana State University, remembers all too well the day of his mother's sentencing. There were no tears, only anger.

"I felt betrayed. I remember thinking, 'This can't happen. This cannot happen.'"

"All of us felt let down by the whole system. The criminal justice system is supposed to be set up to protect the rights of innocent people, and, here, those rights had been completely ignored."

Burnett skipped the summer camp he'd gone to since he was a toddler to attend the trial.

"What was told to us was this would finally clear everything up, that a huge mistake was made and once we got into the trial, it would be clear that she hadn't done it," he said.

But the case quickly became as sensational as a Hollywood movie.

Prosecutors played up the couple's wealth and affluence: Susie, a blond debutante who was a cheerleader and homecoming queen in her hometown of Shreveport, La.; Bill, a wealthy Cadillac dealer who spent extravagantly on boats, shotguns and scuba-diving trips to the Caribbean.

Mrs. Mowbray, prosecutors alleged, shot her husband in the head while he slept because she wanted his insurance money.

Inside the courtroom, the couple's king-size bed sat center stage, complete with mirrored headboard and bloodstained mattress. On top lay a mannequin with a stick through the head.

The jurors heard evidence of an IRS investigation into Mowbray's finances because of suspicious transactions at his car dealership. They also were told of his suicidal tendencies: A psychiatrist testified Mowbray had attempted suicide nearly a year before by shooting himself in the chest.

But the most compelling testimony came from Austin police Sgt. Dusty Hesskew, the prosecution's blood-spatter expert.

Although no bloodstains were visible on Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown, Hesskew testified that scientific tests had discovered microscopic blood-spatter. He also knelt by the bed and re-enacted how Mrs. Mowbray allegedly killed her

husband, using the dummy and her nightgown as props.

After a three-week trial and two hours of deliberations, Susie Mowbray was convicted of killing her husband.

For the next five years, Wade Burnett clung to the hope, slim though it was, that his mother's conviction would be overturned on appeal.

He and his younger sister, Cricket, went on with their lives as best they could. They graduated from high school and started college. On weekends, they visited their mother in prison.

Those were the most difficult times, recalls Burnett's father, Gerald Burnett of Shreveport, who often drove his children to see their mother.

"Riding back was a terrific ordeal," he said. "Nothing can be worse than being 15 and 17 and going to see your mom in prison and realizing she might be there forever."

That realization sank in for Wade Burnett in the summer of 1993, when all his mother's appeals were exhausted. It was then he decided to take action.

"I wanted to know what happened," he said. "It no longer made sense that she could be in jail six years after this had happened for something that she didn't do."

With the help of his dad, an attorney who served on his ex-wife's defense team, he obtained copies of trial testimony, notes and newspaper articles.

For eight hours a day, he read and reread, formulating questions for his mother, father, witnesses and attorneys. He made several trips to Brownsville, in South Texas, to meet with people who knew the Mowbrays.

Five months after beginning his research, Burnett found what he had been looking for: evidence that appeared to contradict the state's expert witness on blood-spatter.

After meeting with several high-profile defense attorneys, including Texas legend Richard "Rachorse" Haynes, Burnett found Fort Worth appeals specialist Robert Ford. Ford

immediately turned down the case, but Burnett spent four hours persuading him to change his mind.

"I get calls all the time where people say that one of their family members is in the penitentiary and they shouldn't be there because they're innocent," Ford said. "But after I read the record, and after he came up and talked to me about blood-spatter, it was clear that something was terribly wrong."

Together, the two wrote and filed a new appeal with the Court of Criminal Appeals, which ordered a hearing last August. There, Hesskew admitted his trial testimony about blood-spatter was scientifically invalid because a follow-up test was not done.

State District Judge Darrell Hester ruled that without Hesskew's testimony, "there was another equally reasonable hypothesis other than the applicant's guilt; Mowbray's death was suicide or an accident."

Another witness at the hearing was Herbert MacDonell, whom prosecutors initially asked to examine Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown in 1987.

MacDonell, an internationally recognized blood-spatter authority and expert witness at the O.J. Simpson trial, testified that he found no blood on Mrs. Mowbray's gown when he examined it.

Prosecutors never called him as a witness, however, and "chose to suppress MacDonell's evidence" until days before trial, Hester ruled.

Prosecutors stand by their case, but won't say whether they will pursue a new trial if Mrs. Mowbray's conviction is set aside.

"I firmly believe that she is guilty," said Cameron County

District Attorney Luis Saenz, who helped prosecute the case. "The fact of the matter is that 12 people heard the evidence, followed the law and found her guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."

Burnett says he isn't concerned about the possibility of a new trial.

"There never should have been a first trial," he said, "and there's even less of a reason to have one now. We've won."

Both he and his mother say they are no longer angry about the time they've lost together. Instead, they look toward the day they can talk and touch and hug outside the suffocating walls of the Gatesville, Texas, women's prison.

"I want us all to spend the night under the same roof," Wade mother's wrote, "and wake up knowing all is right in our world."

### To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter, 38, has had heartburn for years. The past year she has been treated for esophagus reflux. The past six months have been worse. Medicine — Propulsid and Prilosec — has not helped after two months. Tests now show esophagus damage, and her gastroenterologist speaks of surgery to correct the stomach opening with a flap. A co-worker had that procedure done, but the problem recurred. I am concerned about my daughter's options. Can you comment? — Mrs. N.W.

ANSWER: You present the problem with laudable clarity. Your daughter is a heartburn sufferer for whom usual medicines don't work and for whom special corrective surgery is being contemplated.

Her two-pronged medicinal attack on heartburn apparently has failed. It works for most. Propulsid is designed to tighten up the sphincter muscle that guards the lower esophagus from the upward splashing — reflux — of irritating stomach acid. At the same time, Prilosec radically reduces the stomach's production of the acid itself.

Such medicines do not work for all patients, though, and after two months it's time to look elsewhere

for answers. You can't permit reflux to work further damage to the delicate esophageal tissue.

I don't know which procedure the doctor is considering. One involves the approach you mention — use of some upper-stomach tissue to produce a protective flap for the weakened esophagus-stomach opening.

The co-worker's experience is rare. Usually, the procedures are quite successful. Speaking for myself, I would opt to have it. Given the present treatment impasse, your daughter would seem to have no real option.

For more information on heartburn, see my report on the subject. To order, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 18, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) No. 10 envelope.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter, 14, has psoriasis. Her lesions are like chickenpox blebs and are extensive, on elbows, knees, etc. She uses a cream called Psorcon. It helps but is difficult to use because of the large areas involved. What's the latest on psoriasis? — Mrs. D.B.

ANSWER: I am sure your daughter is going through unpleasant times, and I'm sure some readers are surprised to learn that psoriasis can affect one so young. Yet fully a third of psoriasis patients encounter it in the first two decades of life.

Your daughter seems to have the guttate form, marked by small raindrop-like lesions amid the familiar white-scaled red patches.

Youngsters present special problems, with their age limiting use of some psoriasis therapies. Psorcon, a cortisone preparation that often is effective, is safe for her.

A newer product is Dovonex, which contains a distant relative of vitamin D and is considered safe for younger patients. It won't help every patient, but is worth investigating.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My mother died two weeks ago unexpectedly. The day before she had a physical, including drawing of blood. It occurred to me that there might be benefit in storing some of that blood for the day when DNA testing becomes standard nationally. It might help future generations understand inheritance factors, cause of death, etc. What about this idea? — G.W.

ANSWER: I'm sorry to hear of your loss, Gary.

Your DNA suggestion is not one I had considered, frankly. It has merit, but I doubt its usefulness right now. An autopsy is the best way to determine death causes.

Yes, DNA analysis can tell much about genetic diseases, and it's quite possible that it will be common in the future.

### Names in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Jack Lemmon isn't a grumpy old man. Life is sweet for the 70-year-old actor.

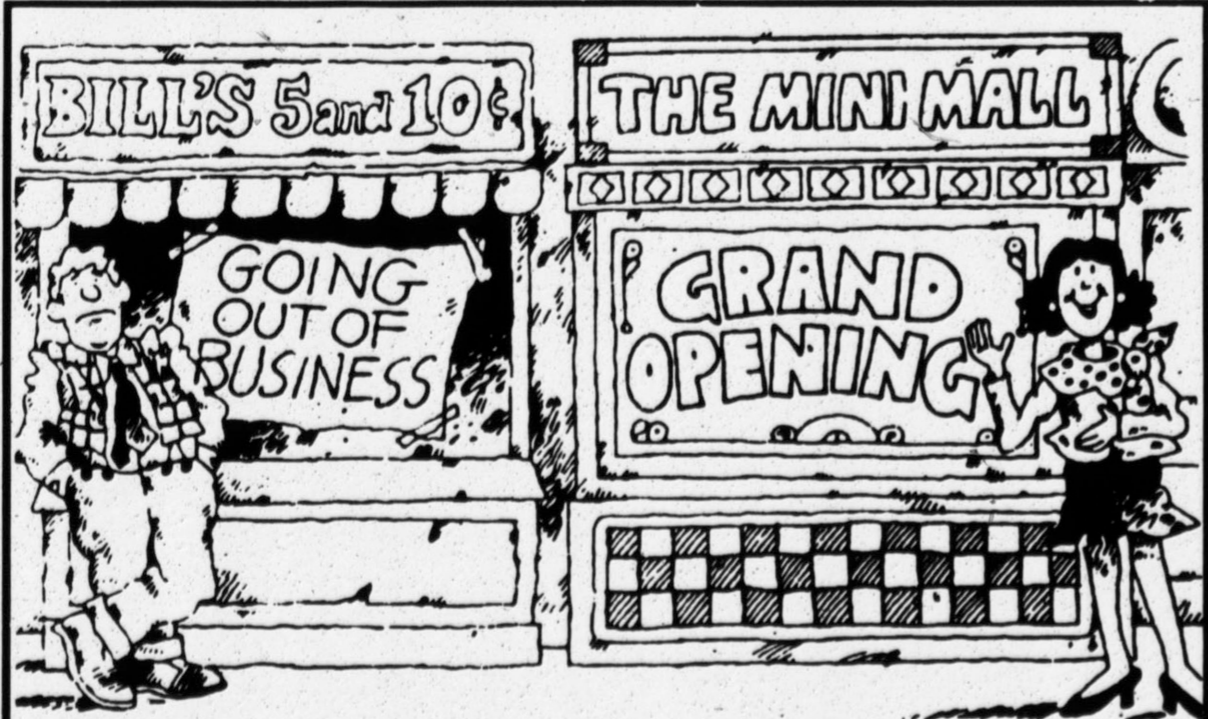
"There are new challenges all the time," said the "Grumpier Old Men" star, who is busier than ever with four new movies scheduled for this year.

Lemmon and Walter Matthau reprise their "Grumpy Old Men" roles in the latest film, playing cantankerous neighbors. Lemmon said several factors account for the appeal of both pictures.

"They're about mainstream characters that are easily identifiable and easy to identify with," he said. "I play a retired teacher. He was a TV salesman."

"And, basically, these are romantic comedies, but about older couples: the first one, me and Ann-Margret; this one Walter and Sophia Loren. That's something that Hollywood just doesn't do. Why? I don't know. It's as if you're supposed to be dead after you're 40 or something."

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 19 Mare's mate  
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 23 Edges  
 26 Green onion  
 29 Resistance unit  
 32 Make fun of  
 33 Health resort  
 34 Burt Reynolds film  
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 38 Attacks  
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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Starling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Associated Press reported Bailey filed his lawsuit in Travis County and is seeking reinstatement with the agency and back pay since his June 1994 firing.  
Daffney Henry, the agency's assistant executive director for human resources management, said she fired Bailey for reasons involving his management of the division and instances of insubordination. A hearing examiner with the department said problems regarding Bailey's performance and behavior justified his termination, although proper procedures were not followed in the firing.  
Bailey's lawsuit alleges he was fired "in retaliation for exercising his right and duty to defend the civil rights program."

**Travis DA's Office Part of Study**  
The Travis County district attorney's office is among four that will be studied in a research project paid for by the National Institute of Justice, officials announced.

**AUSTIN** — Texas Department of Public Safety officials said preliminary statistics show that only 19 people died on Texas roads and highways between 6 p.m. Dec. 22 and midnight Dec. 25.

The DPS had predicted 35 people would die in traffic-related accidents during the Christmas weekend reporting period.  
"It's quite a bit lower than the estimate. Of course that is a happy surprise for us," said DPS spokeswoman Sherri Green. "We love it when we don't reach our estimate. Maybe some people are heeding our warnings."

At least four of the traffic fatalities involved alcohol and several involved losing control at high speed. In six cases, seat belts were not worn, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Green said at least 40 more people may die on Texas highways during the New Year's weekend.

**College's Gun Classes Popular**  
So many students at San Antonio College have taken handgun training classes that the college plans to continue offering them during the spring semester.

"We are planning them once a month until the supply outlasts the demand," instructor Bob McMillan told the Associated Press.

San Antonio College students can't carry guns on campus, even under the state's new concealed weapons law, which goes into effect Jan. 1. But 57 students have taken advantage of the training in the past two months.

McMillan, a former Houston police officer who has 14 years' experience in firearms training, also teaches a 40-hour course on firearms at San Antonio College police training academy.

"We are attracting people from all walks of life," said McMillan, who conducts two nights of classroom training at the college and two nights at his Blackhawk Shooting Range.

The courses are part of the college's continuing education program. With the training, applicants may apply for the state permit.

**Fired Official Sues Agency**  
Charles Bailey, the former director of the Texas Department of Transportation's civil rights division, is suing the state agency for more than \$2.2 million, saying his firing violated his rights.

Prosecutors' offices in Boston, Indianapolis and an undetermined site will be studied. The sites were selected because they have ongoing programs in community prosecution, in which community-based action programs are included with traditional case processing.  
The research project is administered by the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**Labeling of Valuables Urged**  
The Texas Action Council on Theft is urging citizens to label or engrave newly purchased compact-disk players, video cassette recorders and computer equipment as a measure to discourage burglars.

The council has projected that about 35,000 burglaries will be committed in the state during December and January, the Associated Press reported.

"Juveniles between the ages of 15 and 19 make up the largest number of burglary arrestees," said Charity Judah, spokeswoman for the council, which is a non-profit coalition of law enforcement officials, insurance companies and private citizens.  
"That translates to increased burglaries because many kids are out of school for the holidays," Judah said.

**Other Capital Highlights**  
NationsBank has agreed to pay \$30 million to settle a class action suit brought by plaintiffs listed as Ivy Shipp et al., who alleged they and thousands of other Texans were misled about the risk of their investments in uninsured mutual funds and annuities.

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May 20	59.40	59.40	59.40
Jul 20	59.60	59.60	59.60
Sep 20	59.80	59.80	59.80
Nov 20	60.00	60.00	60.00
Dec 20	60.20	60.20	60.20
Jan 21	60.40	60.40	60.40
Mar 21	60.60	60.60	60.60
May 21	60.80	60.80	60.80
Jul 21	61.00	61.00	61.00
Sep 21	61.20	61.20	61.20
Nov 21	61.40	61.40	61.40
Dec 21	61.60	61.60	61.60
Jan 22	61.80	61.80	61.80
Mar 22	62.00	62.00	62.00
May 22	62.20	62.20	62.20
Jul 22	62.40	62.40	62.40
Sep 22	62.60	62.60	62.60
Nov 22	62.80	62.80	62.80
Dec 22	63.00	63.00	63.00
Jan 23	63.20	63.20	63.20
Mar 23	63.40	63.40	63.40
May 23	63.60	63.60	63.60
Jul 23	63.80	63.80	63.80
Sep 23	64.00	64.00	64.00
Nov 23	64.20	64.20	64.20
Dec 23	64.40	64.40	64.40
Jan 24	64.60	64.60	64.60
Mar 24	64.80	64.80	64.80
May 24	65.00	65.00	65.00
Jul 24	65.20	65.20	65.20
Sep 24	65.40	65.40	65.40
Nov 24	65.60	65.60	65.60
Dec 24	65.80	65.80	65.80
Jan 25	66.00	66.00	66.00
Mar 25	66.20	66.20	66.20
May 25	66.40	66.40	66.40
Jul 25	66.60	66.60	66.60
Sep 25	66.80	66.80	66.80
Nov 25	67.00	67.00	67.00
Dec 25	67.20	67.20	67.20
Jan 26	67.40	67.40	67.40
Mar 26	67.60	67.60	67.60
May 26	67.80	67.80	67.80
Jul 26	68.00	68.00	68.00
Sep 26	68.20	68.20	68.20
Nov 26	68.40	68.40	68.40
Dec 26	68.60	68.60	68.60
Jan 27	68.80	68.80	68.80
Mar 27	69.00	69.00	69.00
May 27	69.20	69.20	69.20
Jul 27	69.40	69.40	69.40
Sep 27	69.60	69.60	69.60
Nov 27	69.80	69.80	69.80
Dec 27	70.00	70.00	70.00
Jan 28	70.20	70.20	70.20
Mar 28	70.40	70.40	70.40
May 28	70.60	70.60	70.60
Jul 28	70.80	70.80	70.80
Sep 28	71.00	71.00	71.00
Nov 28	71.20	71.20	71.20
Dec 28	71.40	71.40	71.40
Jan 29	71.60	71.60	71.60
Mar 29	71.80	71.80	71.80
May 29	72.00	72.00	72.00
Jul 29	72.20	72.20	72.20
Sep 29	72.40	72.40	72.40
Nov 29	72.60	72.60	72.60
Dec 29	72.80	72.80	72.80
Jan 30	73.00	73.00	73.00
Mar 30	73.20	73.20	73.20
May 30	73.40	73.40	73.40
Jul 30	73.60	73.60	73.60
Sep 30	73.80	73.80	73.80
Nov 30	74.00	74.00	74.00
Dec 30	74.20	74.20	74.20
Jan 31	74.40	74.40	74.40
Mar 31	74.60	74.60	74.60
May 31	74.80	74.80	74.80
Jul 31	75.00	75.00	75.00
Sep 31	75.20	75.20	75.20
Nov 31	75.40	75.40	75.40
Dec 31	75.60	75.60	75.60
Jan 01	75.80	75.80	75.80
Mar 01	76.00	76.00	76.00
May 01	76.20	76.20	76.20
Jul 01	76.40	76.40	76.40
Sep 01	76.60	76.60	76.60
Nov 01	76.80	76.80	76.80
Dec 01	77.00	77.00	77.00
Jan 02	77.20	77.20	77.20
Mar 02	77.40	77.40	77.40
May 02	77.60	77.60	77.60



# Federal workers seek loans, grants as pay runs out

## Pinch of shutdown hits as employees receive half-pay from government

**By JIM DRINKARD**  
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WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal workers receiving a fraction of their normal pay are flooding credit unions and aid centers with requests for loans and other help to deal with the very personal impact of the government's budget crisis.

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund, with offices in Denver and Washington, reported thousands of calls asking for application forms for grants or no-interest loans.

The group's \$2 million budget was in danger of being exhausted in a matter of days by the surge in demand, director Steve Bauer said. "This is beyond imagination," he said. "We are inundated with requests."

Federal employees are much like the average Americans they serve, Bauer said. "They are middle class, and many live from paycheck to paycheck. It doesn't take much to push them over the edge financially."

The pinch of the federal government shutdown began to hit home as hundreds of furloughed workers received paychecks for half the usual amount Tuesday.

Struggling to slide by until Congress and the White House can agree on a budget, distraught federal employees were applying for unemployment pay or pleading with banks and mortgage companies for some breathing room.

"It's a state of near-depression," said Vidal Falcon, a financial officer at the Veterans Affairs Department. "We have the mortgage and payments on a couple of other notes coming due. We weren't going to be able to manage that on half a paycheck."

So he and his wife, Georgene, who is a writer and editor for the same federal agency, visited their credit union and left with a loan for a week's combined salary, to be paid back over six months at 6 percent interest.

Their story was being repeated nationwide.

"Our phone system is just loaded," said Terrie Bossert, vice president of the Federal Employees Credit Union in Kansas City, Mo., which is offering 12 percent loans for six months and putting off other loan repayments for a month for employees affected by the shutdown.

Among aid checks sent out so far was the \$420 rent for a single mother in Dallas who works as a \$23,500-a-year secretary at a VA medical center. The woman's child-care center had threatened to stop caring for her 6-year-old because she was two weeks behind in payments, Bauer said.

The VA Medical Center in Miami set up a food bank for employees and gave them a letter to show to landlords and creditors, indicating workers are likely to get retroactive

pay once a budget agreement is reached.

In Grand Junction, Colo., a branch of Alpine Bank offered interest-free loans to federal workers. Workers need only show their most recent pay stub and agree to repay the loan within three days after getting their next paycheck.

The Kansas Department of Human Resources halted payment of unemployment benefits because of the lack of federal money, furloughing 400 state workers in the process.

At Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the quasi-governmental institutions that own the bulk of the nation's mortgages, letters were going out to

mortgage companies and banks reminding them that strapped federal workers may qualify for temporary payment relief.

The National Treasury Employees Union was providing emergency aid through its local unions for some of its 15,000 furloughed members. And the American Federation of Government Employees arranged for holders of its union MasterCard to be able to skip one or two monthly payments.

Some 280,000 federal workers have been furloughed since Dec. 16 because their departments' spending bills haven't been passed by Congress. An additional 480,000 are working on emergency status, but

aren't being paid.

Federal paychecks that arrived Tuesday were for a two-week period that included the week just before the shutdown, and the week immediately afterward, so they contained roughly half the usual amounts.

At the VA credit union in downtown Washington, there were lines throughout the day as people applied for short-term loans or sought a grace period for loan repayments. Even credit union president John Santarpia was taking and processing emergency loan applications.

"Can you go up on Capitol Hill and ask them why they are such idiots?" one harried credit union worker asked

as a baby cried loudly in the line of people waiting at tellers' windows.

Carlise Jenkins, an analyst at the VA, said she had applied for a short-term loan to make sure her utility and grocery bills get paid this month. "It's really putting a strain on the savings account," particularly coming on the heels of Christmas, she said.

Said the VA's Falcon: "If they don't come to their senses on the Hill and at the White House, we are in dire trouble."

Telephone numbers for the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund in Denver are 1-800-323-4140 and 303-933-7580.

# House commanded most attention in '95

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The year 1995 dawned bright for Texans on Capitol Hill, with Lone Star Republicans sprinkled throughout the top ranks of a GOP House leadership chafing to use its new majority power to roll back the tide of government expansion.

On the Senate side, Republican Phil Gramm positioned himself as the major obstacle standing between Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and the GOP's presidential nomination.

But the year's focus returned again and again to the House, where Speaker Newt Gingrich reigned triumphant, keeping enough unity in the ranks to pass most of his party's vaunted "Contract With America."

A Texan, Rep. Dick Army of Irving, was one of the architects of that 100-day agenda and was rewarded for his vision with the GOP's No. 2 slot: majority leader. Another Texas Republican, Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, in his role as House majority whip, was tasked with lining up the necessary votes to pass the "Contract" and other Republican initiatives.

Other Texans joined Army and DeLay in pivotal positions.

Houstonian Bill Archer took the helm of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, through which passed the major issues of the day - reform of welfare, Medicare, Medicaid and more. Lubbock's Larry Combest gained the chairmanship of the Intelligence Committee, while Jack Fields of Humble and Joe Barton of Ennis claimed plum Commerce subcommittees.

With the Republicans ascendant on Capitol Hill, reveling in their power after breaking their yoke of 40 years in the minority, Democrats found themselves in an unknown role: outside, looking in.

Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Mission, lost the chairmanship of the House Agriculture Committee he'd held for 14 years - longer than anyone else. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, lost his banking committee chairmanship, and several subcommittee chairmanships also were lost.

Dealing a blow to the Democrats' fortunes, West Columbia lawmaker Greg Laughlin in midyear defected to the Republicans, slimming the Democrats' edge in the Texas House delegation to 18-12. Laughlin was rewarded with a cake from his new Texas GOP colleagues and, more significantly, a plum assignment on Ways and Means.

But the biggest blow to Texas Democratic fortunes was the decision by six House incumbents not to seek re-election in 1996, including all three Democrats on the committee that allocates federal spending.

Reps. John Bryant of Dallas, Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Ron Coleman of El Paso, de la Garza, Pete Geren of Fort Worth and Charlie Wilson of Lufkin all have announced their retirements or bids for higher office.

"Some of them are very strategic people that are certainly important to the delegation and to Texas," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. "We'll manage, but I'm going to miss some of them."

The turnover, said Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, is not all bad. "It's good to get some new thinking in here," he said.

Republican Rep. Mac Thornberry of Clarendon, a freshman like Doggett, agreed. The departures "will have an effect and there are some of those folks that will hurt us to have them gone, but it also presents us a good opportunity to elect a lot of new blood that could be beneficial to the state."

The exodus is unmatched on the Republican side. Only one GOP veteran, Jack Fields of Humble, has indicated he won't return in 1997.

But at least two of the retiring Democrats, Geren and de la Garza, are leaving with progress made on the front they say is most dear to them: a balanced federal budget.

The tug-of-war between the Clinton White House and GOP-led Congress over the means to achieve a balanced budget in seven years has cast a long shadow this year, looming over the entire appropriations process and resulting in two partial government shutdowns.

"To me, this was a watershed year in the sense that for my first three terms discussing the possibility of a balanced budget was really engaging in a dream, unfortunately," Geren said in a recent interview. "And this year, we've gone from the question of 'If?' to 'How?'"

For Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, that accomplishment can't be turned back.

"I think the overall thing people have to remember about this year is that at the very least we have stopped government from growing and prevented any more encroachments in our lives, whether they be on the individual level or at the small business level," Bonilla said. "I think that's very, very important."

But Thornberry, who is a member of the vocal class of 73 House Republican freshmen, worries that backsliding still could occur. "The greatest danger in my eyes is that we revert back to a business as usual, compromise down" strategy, he said.

With Democrats and Republicans ending the year still carping about how to achieve a balanced budget, the issue promises to linger well into the new year.

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