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## Victory dance



(Staff photo by Dan Fromm)

Chad Dunnam (43), left, high-fives Justin Hefley (21) while Jarrod Ledbetter (35) struts his stuff after Wheeler came from behind to beat Canadian in a district 2-2A game in Wheeler Tuesday night. Please see story on page 9.

## Clinton sends Aspin to lobby for lifting military gay ban

By **TERENCE HUNT**  
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton sent Defense Secretary Les Aspin to Capitol Hill today in search of support for allowing gays in the military. The White House said it wants to avoid a fight but Republicans pressed for a vote.

House Speaker Tom Foley, meanwhile, said a new code of conduct is being written that will set "very strict" guidelines for sexual behavior by all soldiers.

Clinton was to have announced his decision today, but delayed it by at least a day in the face of intense opposition from the Pentagon and Congress. Nevertheless, White House aides said the president would act this week, perhaps on Thursday.

"He just wanted another day for consultations, to have a few more conversations," White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said. She said Aspin would consult with congressional leaders — in particular Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Nunn opposes lifting the ban.

Other White House officials also would meet with lawmakers and Clinton may call or meet with members of the House and Senate, she said.

Republicans lawmakers are trying

to derail Clinton's decision by putting the ban into law, perhaps by attaching it to a family leave bill up for consideration next week.

"We're hoping to avoid a confrontation on the Hill about this, obviously," Myers said. She stressed that Clinton still plans to revoke the ban on homosexuals in the military.

Myers said Nunn — an influential figure on military subjects — has made clear he has serious concerns about lifting the ban. "The White House is eager to hear his concerns," she said.

Foley said today the ban would be lifted after consultation with military leaders. But, Foley said, the problem was sexual conduct, not whether a soldier was gay or lesbian. "We have problems in the military now in relations between heterosexual people, the Tailhook scandal and so on," he said.

"A new, very strict code of conduct is being developed to ensure that people of all sex orientation conduct themselves in a military way," Foley said on "CBS This Morning."

Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., architect of the Republican campaign to preserve the ban, said Tuesday: "We're ready to do this sooner rather than later."

Clinton's push on the controversial issue risks draining valuable

political capital from other priorities such as his promised economic package.

The White House and its Democratic allies on the Hill said they hoped to avoid a fight, promising extensive consultations to work out potential problems over military morale, discipline and standards of conduct. An administration strategist said the Democratic leadership might try to table any Republican-sponsored moves to maintain the ban.

Administration officials speaking on condition they not be named said Clinton plans to phase in his program in a two-step process. In the first step, the president simply would direct Aspin to halt the practice of asking the sexual orientation of new recruits and stop proceedings to oust declared homosexuals.

The second phase calls for an executive order formally lifting the ban and addressing the problems raised by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and others. The White House envisions issuing the executive order within six months.

There was a noticeable lack of argument on the matter from military officials Tuesday. Aides said it would be unseemly for the Joint Chiefs to openly lobby on the issue after they'd raised their objections with Clinton on Monday.

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## Committee approves school funding plan

By **PEGGY FIKAC**  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators are ready to pass a school funding plan and send the measure to the House, says the Senate Education Committee chairman.

"I think that we're convinced that the sooner we get something over there, the more of a catalyst that will be for them to organize and either consider that or something else," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

House committees haven't yet been appointed, although representatives have been working informally on the school finance issue. House Speaker Pete Laney said he wants to pass a school funding measure in the first 30 days of the regular session, which began Jan. 12.

The Senate Education Committee approved a proposal Tuesday to continue the "Robin Hood" system of redistributing school property tax money within single or multi-county education districts.

But some committee members said they hope to change the proposed constitutional amendment when it's considered by the full Senate, likely on Thursday.

Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett, said he wants to add a provision allowing

redistribution of local money statewide by the Legislature, giving lawmakers flexibility. Ratliff said he would favor the change.

The Senate Education Committee voted 10-1 for Ratliff's measure, with Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, opposed. Ms. Shapiro said she's against the "Robin Hood" system and would have liked the committee to look at other options.

Legislative leaders have said their options are limited. Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, likened the Legislature's situation to a childhood game.

"They used to come up to you and say, 'Would you rather be shot to death, burned to death, or hung?' And right now I'm trying to decide," Sibley said.

Turner said he voted to move Ratliff's bill out of committee, even though he wants to change it, "in the interest of time." Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said committee members who supported it Tuesday wouldn't necessarily vote for the final measure.

A constitutional amendment requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and approval by voters on a statewide ballot.

Ratliff said lawmakers must approve a constitutional amendment by Feb. 20 for the May 1 ballot to allow time to inform voters and print ballots.

The county education district system was passed by lawmakers in 1991 to meet a Texas Supreme Court decision that ordered fairer funding among property-rich and poor school districts. Schools are funded mainly through local taxes and state aid.

But the Supreme Court said the current plan violates the state constitution by imposing a statewide property tax, and by levying a property tax without voter approval. It has ordered lawmakers to come up with a constitutional measure by June 1.

In a pre-Christmas special session, the Senate passed an amendment to redistribute local taxes, but it was blocked by House Republicans. Rep. Tom Craddock of Midland, head of the House Republican Caucus, said the group doesn't support Ratliff's plan.

Should the constitutional amendment fail, Ratliff has proposed a backup plan, which would allow voters in each education district to decide on authorizing the education district tax. But the backup measure wasn't considered Tuesday by the committee.

The panel did approve another proposal by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, to authorize \$750 million in state bonds to help school districts pay for construction. It includes a constitutional amendment that would require voter approval.

## City ponders pending litigation

By **ANGELA LEGGETT**  
Staff Writer

Pampa City Commission received an update, during an executive session Tuesday, about pending litigation relating to Chaney vs. city of Pampa.

"The Commission and City Attorney Don Lane needed to visit with attorneys about the case," said City Manager Glen Hackler. "We have tentatively talked about having a meeting within 60 days with the attorneys to discuss the case in detail."

The lawsuit was filed by former City Manager Jack Chaney three and a half years ago. It claims the city of Pampa wrongfully discharged Chaney in July 1989 after four months on the job.

Following the one-hour executive session, no action was taken in the open meeting.

Items approved by the commission during the regular meeting include:

- An ordinance amending and adding a new section to permit strip paving of certain streets within designated areas. Mayor Richard Pete said the ordinance would allow the city to proceed with the strip paving project.
- An ordinance prohibiting the

sale and discharge of fireworks within the corporate limits as well as regulating the sale of fireworks within 1,000 feet of the corporate limits.

Hackler said, "We do not intend to change the ordinance except for extending the selling of fireworks to 1,000 feet of the corporate limits because of where our city limits and structures are located."

The following presiding and alternate judges were approved to two-year terms for city elections in accordance with the election code. They were appointed for a term beginning Tuesday and expiring Dec. 31, 1994. Brenda Moody, presiding judge, Ward I; Barbara Dougherty, alternate judge, Ward I; Maxine Hawkins, presiding judge, Ward II; Maxine Hawkins, presiding judge, Ward II; Jody Finkenbinder, alternate judge, Ward II; Zetha Dougherty, presiding judge, Ward III; Helen Cook, alternate judge, Ward III; Myrt Leigh, presiding judge, Ward IV; and Vera Rescoe, alternate judge, Ward IV.

List of disbursements for December 1992 totaling \$418,293.89. Hackler informed the board of \$72,570 in utility overcharge that would be refunded due to a rate change. He said it was accrued and would affect previous

budgets and not the current budget.

In a work session prior to the regular meeting, Pampa Economic Development Corp. Director Bill Miller presented an economic development plan to the commission and answered questions.

The plan outlines the procedures and guidelines as written by the director.

Miller said it includes what will and what should be done. He said he is looking for diverse companies with quality jobs.

"No set of rules will make a bad deal good," Miller said. "Good money thrown after a bad project is gone."

Hackler said that since public funds are being used to fund PEDC he thought it was important that PEDC have a plan everyone is comfortable with.

In the introduction of the plan, Miller said of PEDC's goal, "The success of industrial preparedness depends on the commitment of the economic, social, and political environment of our area to focus on both the immediate and future needs of our economy through the development of an attractive picture for the expansion of existing industry and the attraction of new industry."

## Donations slow but steady for planned museum

By **BETH MILLER**  
News Editor

Pampa Army Air Field/Veterans

of Foreign War Museum planners are upbeat and optimistic that the remaining \$30,000 needed to receive a matching \$85,000 grant

will be forthcoming. John Tripplehorn, president of the museum board, said today.

Tripplehorn said the museum

needed if the museum project is to get under way.

"We have had numerous local veterans express the concern that this thing may not come to pass in their lifetime. That's something I'm trying real hard to see doesn't happen. I'm trying to see that the World War II veterans get to see this. Their sacrifices are second to none."

The matching fund proposal of \$85,000 from the M.K. Brown Foundation was announced in June 1991 with an 18-month deadline, which ended Dec. 31. However, Tripplehorn said he was pleased that the foundation did grant the six-month extension.

To raise the last \$30,000, Tripplehorn said the museum board has also sent out a mailing and is

in the process of trying to come up with a fund-raiser that will be creative and something that the group can do "year in and year out."

Another effort to raise funds for the museum project will begin this week with a display of a B-25 propeller in the lobby of First National Bank. Donations can be made at that location and the group will also be selling chocolates there.

"This is something that is going to be a real worthwhile project. It is something the community will benefit from and is, in some small way, our attempt at saying 'thank you' for what the service people have done for this country," Tripplehorn said.



(Staff photo by Angela Leggett)

John Tripplehorn paints the increase on the Pampa Army Air Field/Veterans of Foreign Wars Museum Fund sign to \$53,000 Tuesday while onlookers from left, James Baird, Thelma Bray, Russell Abbott, Tampa Dougless, Mike Porter and Bob Marx watch.

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A banner demanding the release of the four suspects charged in the beating of truck driver Reginald Denny hangs from a fence in South Central Los Angeles Tuesday. (AP Photo)

## L.A. getting ready for another controversial trial

By DEBORAH HASTINGS  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police want to buy more riot gear, the mayor plans to send peacemakers door to door, and people in South Central are warning of trouble as the federal trial of four policemen in the Rodney King beating draws near.

"Anybody who tells you what is going to happen is simply guessing," said Deputy Mayor Mark Fabiani. "The mood is very tense. We're preparing for the worst, but hoping for the best."

Jury selection begins next Wednesday in the trial of four white officers who were captured on videotape beating King, a black motorist, after a car chase in 1991.

The officers were acquitted of assault in state court in April, touching off three days of riots in mostly black South Central Los Angeles. The violence left 53 people dead

and 10,000 businesses destroyed. Damage was put at \$1 billion.

The riots produced another videotaped beating and another trial with explosive implications: News helicopters captured the beating of Reginald Denny, a white truck driver who was dragged from his rig by a mob in the opening moments of the riots.

Four black men have been charged in the attack. The trial of three of the men starts March 15 and could overlap the King case.

"There is great fear about the outcome of these trials," Fabiani said. "People in the African-American community are fearful that justice may again be denied, especially in the federal trial."

Mayor Bradley is organizing a "Neighbor-to-Neighbor" program, in which hundreds of volunteers will visit housing projects, schools and shopping centers to urge calm during the trials. Volunteers are being recruited.

The Police Commission, at the

request Police Chief Willie Williams, voted last week to ask the City Council for \$1 million to spend on riot equipment, including rubber bullets, tear-gas bombs and police vans. The request is pending.

Williams, a soft-spoken black man and police reformer, succeeded Daryl Gates, who was forced out over the King controversy.

This week, people near the intersection of Florence and Normandie avenues — where Denny was attacked — said there could be more violence.

"People are saying they want justice. If there's no justice this time, there won't be no peace," said Lee Haylock, standing in his employer's auto parts store.

At Art's Chili Dogs, a worker who refused to allow his name to be used predicted more violence.

"You have to understand this is the ghetto. Down here it's the ghetto mentality," he said. "You got a lot of people who don't care about the cops. They don't care about jail."

"The conditions in the community are not much different than they were prior to April 29," said Ed Turley, director of field operations for Community Youth Gang Services, a community group dedicated to ending gang violence.

"Because (the officers) have already been acquitted, we've seen how justice worked," Turley said. "We don't have any reason to believe it's going to be any different now."

Rita Walters, a black city councilwoman who represents South Central neighborhoods, said it's impossible to say what might follow the verdicts.

"The concerns are that the outcome from the trials will provide some sense of justice," she said. "The fear is that it will not."

## Judge releases grand jury report on weapons plant

By JOE WHEELAN  
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — The government and a contractor repeatedly violated environmental laws at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant under the guise of "national security," says a grand jury report unsealed by a judge.

U.S. District Judge Sherman Finesilver released the 124-page report after excising passages that implicated eight government and corporate employees at Rocky Flats who never faced charges.

The report was shelved last March by federal prosecutors, who instead reached an \$18.5 million plea bargain with former Rocky Flats operator Rockwell International Corp. But grand jurors leaked portions of their report to reporters, and pressure was put on the government to release it.

On Tuesday, Finesilver made the edited report public along with government attorneys' point-by-point responses to the allegations.

The judge omitted the names of the eight people the grand jury wanted to indict, but said he did not cut out everything the government wanted him to.

The report and the government response are a virtual point-counterpoint debate between the 22-person panel and the U.S. attorney's office in Colorado.

Among other things, the grand jury alleged: — The Department of Energy and Rockwell employees engaged in "an ongoing criminal enterprise" by repeatedly violating environmental laws.

— The plant has been operated during the past 40 years by those "who have placed themselves above the law and who have hidden their illegal conduct behind the cloak of 'national security.'"

— Plant operators contaminated the drinking water of nearby communities, polluted groundwater, endangered workers' health and illegally stored hazardous wastes.

U.S. Attorney Mike Norton last March rejected the report, saying there was not enough evidence to bring charges.

The grand jury was impaneled by Finesilver in 1989. It interviewed more than 600 people and reviewed more than 3 million pages of documents.

Two days after Norton dismissed the grand jury without bringing indictments, he announced he had reached a plea bargain with Rockwell, which operated Rocky Flats for DOE for more than a decade ending in 1989. Rockwell agreed to plead guilty to 10 environmental crimes and pay an \$18.5 million fine.

Months later, some of the grand jurors began telling reporters about their futile efforts to bring indictments against three DOE officials, five Rockwell employees and EG&G Inc., the current plant operator.

Rocky Flats, 16 miles northwest of Denver, made plutonium detonators for weapons until production was suspended in 1989 for safety reasons. The plant is phasing out its bomb-making operations.

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## Agent 'Apeman' helps nab primate smuggler

By RICHARD COLE  
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A Mexican zoo official and four others who allegedly tried to obtain a gorilla illegally instead bought a U.S. agent in an ape suit.

The five people wound up caged at a federal lockup. Authorities set up the sting after getting a tip from a Miami primate dealer about a Mexican effort to obtain an ape for a zoo where a gorilla had died.

U.S. agents posing as illegal dealers showed the men gorillas, orangutans and chimpanzees at Miami-area zoos and convinced the men that the zookeepers had been bribed to sell the animals. The men allegedly paid \$92,500 for a gorilla.

"We agreed to provide them with the animals with false permits," Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Gelber said Tuesday. "It was very clear that it's illegal to send these animals without proper documents and permits."

Next, an agent in gorilla suit was put in a cage at the Opa-Locka airport, where Victor Bernal, director of parks and zoos for the state of Mexico, was arrested with two Mexican middlemen when they took delivery Monday, Gelber said.

"It's risky and dangerous to use a real animal, so we had to use a willing substitute — an agent in a gorilla outfit," Gelber said.

Miami MetroZoo curator Ron Magill said, "I'm really surprised anyone could be that gullible. But

they fell for it. It just goes to show money doesn't equate with intelligence."

Arrested were Bernal, 57, Eduardo Berges, 31, Jose Luis Alcerrecra, 45, and two women who accompanied them, Maria Villada, 29, and Margarita Barrera, 44.

They were charged with trafficking in primates in violation of federal laws protecting endangered species.

They were jailed on bail ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Berges told the U.S. primate dealer that a gorilla at the Toluca zoo had died and that the state governor wanted a replacement quickly, authorities said.

The office of Gov. Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza did not immediately return a call Tuesday.

## Report: Underground tanks may be leaking

FORT WORTH (AP) — A second leak of chemicals in five months is suspected at a chemical lab in east Fort Worth, the city's environmental management director has confirmed.

A private company's report says four of six underground storage tanks at a chemical lab could be leaking beneath an east side residential neighborhood.

The report, commissioned about two months ago by Anderson Laboratories, showed that the 6,000-gallon tanks storing acetone, formaldehyde and two types of alcohol have potential leaks.

Rick Hay, Fort Worth's environmental management director, cautioned that the report has not been verified.

"I have not had a chance to go back and look at the potential impact," Hay told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Clearly, if you get this saturated in the water table and it begins to migrate, it can be hazardous. None of this is something you want people drinking."

Hay said Hollon-Stantech's report indicates that the chemicals have been removed from the four tanks in question. If leaks are confirmed, the tanks will have to be removed, he said.

"We are checking with our attorneys to see what legal ground we

have," he said. "We are checking with Anderson's attorneys to find out what they are doing and why we weren't notified before."

Jack Haston, president of Hollon-Stantech, the Dallas company that made the study, said the tanks passed several tests, but failed one in which hydrocarbons are injected and monitored for their escape.

"All it means is that there is the potential for a leak," Haston said Tuesday. "We suspect a leak. We see the potential for one. Now we are proceeding with further testing to see if that leak has occurred."

The storage tanks are in an east Fort Worth neighborhood. They are adjacent to Dunbar High School and within a mile of four other public schools.

Last August, the Texas Water Commission found traces of a cancer-causing cleaning compound called carbon tetrachloride in the soil around a leaky pipe. That case is still being investigated.

Anderson Laboratories officials declined comment on the report.

Haston said his company has taken groundwater samples from the area and expects to know test results later this week.

Neighborhood residents, who have long railed against the lab and have worked to have it moved, said

the report confirms their worst fears.

"It's like a major confirmation of what we've been talking about," said Llorna Robinson, leader of a group that calls itself African-American Summit for Peace, Justice and Equality.

"I am really angry and really frustrated that it has taken this long — that we have had to go through this," she said.

"Why should I negotiate my child's life," she said. "There are no ifs, ands or buts at this point in time. They have got to move."

Ed Clark, a spokesman for the Texas Water Commission, stressed that the leak has not been verified, but said the problem would be "immediately ... and thoroughly investigated."

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# After 4 months under tree, Somali girl grows stronger

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The writer first encountered Momena Isak in late September, a few days after the girl was abandoned under a tamarind tree. When she returned to Somalia this month, Ms. Lederer found Momena under the same tree.

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
Associated Press Writer

DEYNUUNAY, Somalia (AP) — For four months, 14-year-old Momena Isak has been living under the gnarled tamarind tree where her grandmother left her, dreaming of the day she can walk again.

Her world is confined to the few yards between a crude hut resembling an upside-down bird's nest where she sleeps and the tree's feathery spreading branches, where she shelters from the baking sun.

Yet she is one of the lucky ones. Though her tattered, dusty dress is falling apart, her once-matted hair is shaved and flies land on the large ulcer on her foot, she is receiving food and medicine under her tree.

Slowly, the teen-ager whose parents and sister died of starvation is gaining strength. Nurses from the Seattle-based relief agency World Vision who have been caring for her

say she will be walking in a month. Her story is reflective of what has happened in Somalia since the international community woke up to the massive starvation in central and southern areas of the country last summer.

The weakest and sickest perished by the thousands. The stronger recovered and still wander from one relief kitchen to another in search of more food. And those like Momena who clung to life are battling back to health.

"I'm still feeling pain, but it is a little better," she said, peering out from big brown eyes as she brushed flies from her foot. "Hopefully I will walk — and you will see me walk."

About 40 other hungry Somalis who were too old, too weak or too sick to go any further and took refuge under the tree with Momena in September are gone. Aden Abdi Ibrahim, 21, a World Vision nurse, said some died and some recovered.

Nobody knows how many Somalis have died of starvation and disease and how many are still at risk.

The United Nations says 350,000 people have died in the past year, and relief agencies estimate that 2 million are still at risk of starvation.

Until the U.S. military arrived in Mogadishu on Dec. 9, the international relief effort remained hostage to freelance gunmen and clan militias who attacked food convoys.

But U.S. Marines didn't get to Baidoa, about nine miles northwest of Momena's tree, until Dec. 16.

And while the death toll in Baidoa dropped from 350 a day in September to up to 13 this month, food is only now starting to reach outlying villages in sizable quantities.

"Nobody was able to go out to the villages before the Americans came," said Arjan Hehenkamp, 24, of Rotterdam, administrator for Doctors Without Borders in Baidoa. He said assessments of the countryside are still lacking.

Momena was doubly lucky. World Vision opened a supplementary feeding center overlooking the tamarind tree a few days after her grandmother left her there because she couldn't walk and went to Baidoa in search of food.

So for most of the four months, she has had food.

There was no medicine at the camp for two months, and often the pain in her foot was intense. But in November she started receiving the

antibiotic ampicillin, and her ulcer is getting better.

Severe malnutrition often turns minor infected wounds like Momena's into gaping ulcers that don't heal.

Momena is also more fortunate than Amin Mohamed Nur, 25, the feeding center's other serious medical case. He has an ulcer but also has tuberculosis, which is widespread among refugees but cannot be treated.

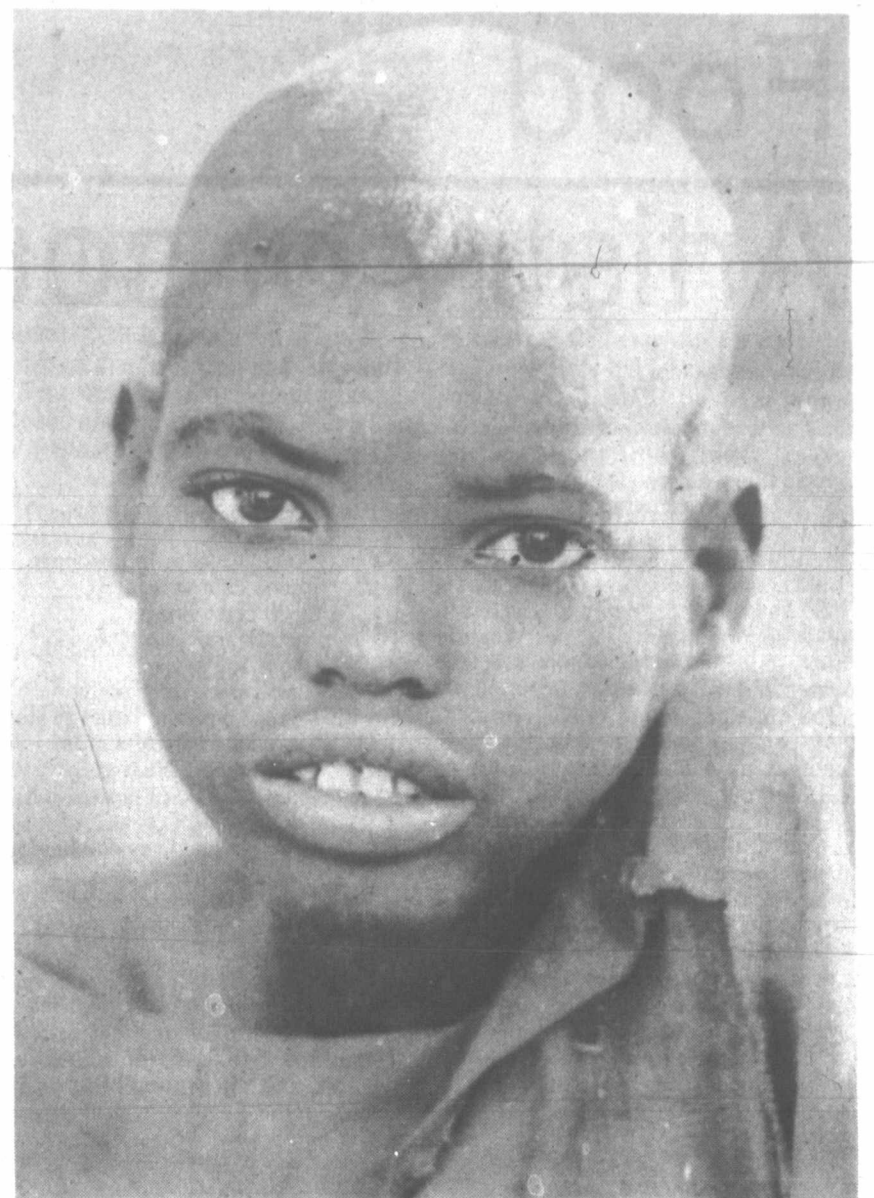
"There is no doctor here and no medicine except ampicillin or penicillin," said Mohamed Barre, 29, a World Vision nurse.

For the first time, Momena has started to think about the future. Her grandmother died in Baidoa and the options for a young girl with no family are bleak in this Muslim society.

It is impossible for her to return to the family farm and roam the bush again looking after livestock.

But Momena has heard about the orphanage in Baidoa that President Bush visited and even though she knows it is overcrowded, her dream is to go there and attend school for the first time.

"I don't like it here," she said. "I hope they will take me because I am all alone."



Momena Isak sits under a tamarind tree. (AP Photo)

# Missouri Supreme Court dismisses right-to-die case

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri's highest court closed out a 2-year-old right-to-die case and allowed a father to remove the feeding tube keeping his brain-damaged daughter alive.

For the time being, though, Christine Busalacchi's father has no intention of cutting off her nourishment, said a lawyer for Peter Busalacchi.

The Missouri Supreme Court dismissed the case Tuesday at the request of Attorney General Jay Nixon, who filed the motion within hours of taking office Jan. 11. He said the state's bid to prevent removal of the tube intruded on the family's privacy.

The ruling reinstated a 1991 decision by Probate Judge Louis Kohn that the 22-year-old Ms. Busalacchi was in a vegetative state with no hope of recovery and that her father could remove the feeding tube.

Ms. Busalacchi (pronounced boosuh-LAHK-ee) was left comatose by a 1987 auto accident. Her father contended she wouldn't want to live in such a condition.

The family's attorney, William Colby, indicated that Busalacchi has put off a decision on his daughter's fate.

"The family has decided that for the foreseeable future Christine will remain in the state hospital in St. Louis, receiving all the care she now

receives," Colby said in a statement.

Opponents had contended that Ms. Busalacchi smiled for familiar people, could swallow without help and moved her eyes in response to lights.

But Colby disputed those claims and said doctors — including those representing the state — told the family the woman will never recover.

Barbara O'Mara, president of

Missouri Right to Life, said the decision was a "frightening and far-reaching precedent: the negation of a caring society."

Nixon succeeded Attorney Gener-

al William Webster, who represented the state of Missouri in opposing a request by the parents of another accident victim, Nancy Cruzan, to remove her feeding tube.

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# Food

## Artistry of soup making is kitchen magic

By Marialisa Calta

The florists of America may advise us to "say it with flowers," but my motto these days is "say it with soup." I love almost any kind of soup, and I love almost everything about soup, including making it and eating it. Unlike some endeavors in the kitchen, like, say, baking — which is scientific — soup is sheer art: some vegetables, some seasonings, some stock or water and, voila!, dinner. Soup is generally inexpensive to make, and — if you consent to such modern conveniences as canned chicken broth or bouillon cubes — only marginally difficult.

The kind of soup my kids like best is what we call "Nana soup," after my mother (their Nana) who usually serves a first course of simple chicken broth and pasta (my kids like pasta or orzo) at every meal. Cook the pasta separately, according to package directions, heat up a can of chicken broth, spoon some of each into a bowl, and it's done. I like it with a sprinkling of parmesan on top; my kids do not.

The recipes here are my favorites. I feel about lamb and barley soup the way other people feel about chicken soup. It's like penicillin. (And it tastes great, too.) The black bean soup is a great "company soup," tasty, easy and cheap. Both soups make a meal when served with bread and salad, and both freeze well. I developed a taste for hot and sour soup in my city days; when I moved to rural Vermont, far from

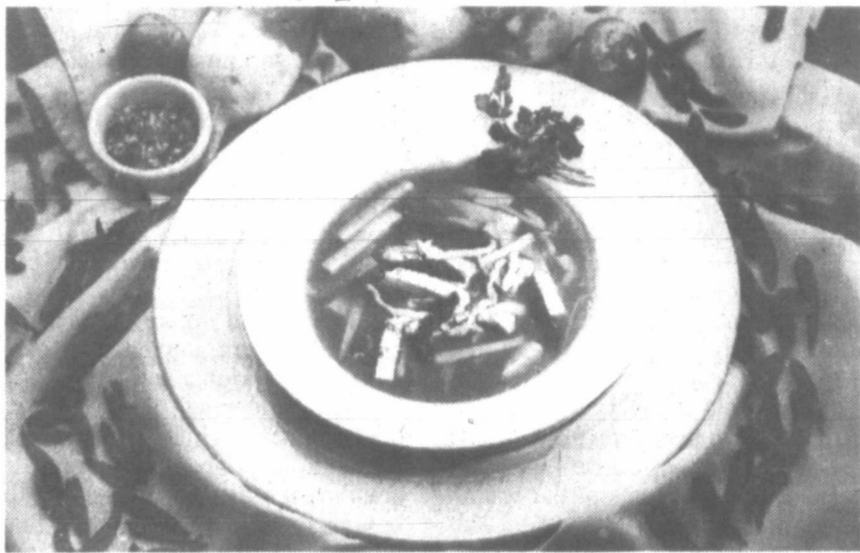
Chinese take-out, I had to learn to make it myself. The recipe here, from Molly O'Neill's new cookbook, is about as good as I've found.

- JOHN'S HOT AND SOUR SOUP**
- 2-3 cups dried Chinese mushrooms
  - 1 1/2 cups cold water
  - 1/4 cup cider vinegar
  - 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon light soy sauce
  - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 6 cups homemade chicken stock or canned chicken broth
  - 1/4 cup shredded turnip
  - 1/2 cup shredded Chinese roast pork
  - 1/2 cup drained, canned shredded bamboo shoots
  - 2 tofu cakes, thinly sliced
  - 1 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes

In a small bowl, cover mushrooms with 1/2 cup cold water and soak for 30 minutes. Drain, cut off stems and discard, and slice mushrooms. Reserve.

In a small bowl, stir together vinegar, soy sauce and cornstarch until smooth. Set aside.

In a large nonreactive pot, combine broth, turnip and remaining 1 cup water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Add pork, bamboo shoots and reserved mushrooms and cook for 5 minutes. Add tofu and pepper flakes and bring to a boil. Add the reserved cornstarch mixture and stir until soup thickens



(Paul O. Boisvert for New England Culinary Institute)

**John's Hot and Sour Soup has an exotic taste, and it's not too difficult to make at home.**

slightly, about 2 minutes. Cook until vegetables are tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

Yield: 4 servings.  
Recipe from "New York Cook Book," by Molly O'Neill (Workman Publishing, 1993). Chinese dried mushrooms and barbecued pork can be found in Asian specialty markets. The mushrooms can be stored in a plastic bag indefinitely; store the pork in the freezer.

**LAMB SHANK AND BARLEY SOUP**

- 2-3 tablespoons olive (or other) oil
- 1 1/2 pounds lamb shanks
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic, chopped (optional)

- 10-12 cups water
- 1 whole onion, unpeeled
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 6-ounce can tomato paste
- 3 large carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch slices
- 3/4 cup barley
- 2-3 beef bouillon cubes, to taste
- black pepper to taste

Coat bottom of a 3- or 4-quart soup pot with two tablespoons oil and heat over medium heat. Add lamb shanks and cook until brown on all sides. Remove shanks and reserve. Add remaining oil, if needed. Saute onions and garlic (if using) and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Return lamb shanks to pot.

Add 10 cups water to pot. Place whole, unpeeled onion and bay leaves in water. Bring almost to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer, and cook at least one hour. (The more you simmer, the better it tastes. Add remaining water if necessary.) Using a slotted spoon, carefully remove whole onion and discard. Let cool and skim off fat.

Add tomato paste, carrots, barley, bouillon cubes and pepper to taste. Simmer at least 45 minutes longer. Remove lamb shanks, cut off any meat and return meat to pot. Remove bay leaves and discard. Adjust seasonings. Serve.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

This is more or less the soup my aunt, Antoinette Calta, has made for years. The addition of the whole, unpeeled onion — which colors and nicely flavors the broth — I adapted from the late Laurie Colwin, cookbook author and novelist. It is a thick soup and freezes well.

**BLACK BEAN SOUP FOR 40 (AND FOR 6)**

- 5 pounds black beans (1 1/2 cups)
- 5 medium onions diced into small squares (1 small)
- 4 large garlic cloves, chopped fairly fine (1 large)
- 2 32-ounce cans peeled tomatoes, chopped, juices reserved (1 16-ounce can)
- 3 canned chipotle chilis, pureed (1/2 chili)
- 2 large bunches of cilantro,

chopped (1/2 bunch) salt to taste

**Garnishes:**  
grated Meunster or Monterey Jack cheese or sour cream and/or small dried red chilis and/or cider vinegar (1 teaspoon per serving)

Note: Amounts and procedure in parenthesis produces soup for 6.

Sort through beans, remove any pebbles, and rinse well in cold water. Put in 6-gallon pot (large pot), cover with cold water about 4 inches (2 inches) from top. Bring to a boil and skim off foam that comes to top. Add onions and garlic.

Lower heat and cook until onions are soft, about 15 minutes. Add tomatoes and their juices, chipotle chilis and half the cilantro. Cook covered for 1 hour. Add salt, and cook at least another 30 minutes or possibly longer, depending on the beans. Stir occasionally.

Adjust salt, add remaining cilantro, garnish as desired, and serve. Yield: 40 servings (or 6 servings).

Recipe from "The Savory Way," by Deborah Madison (Bantam Books, 1990). Maybe it's the beans I get, but I always double the cooking time. Chipotles are smoked jalapenos, and can be found canned. This soup freezes well.

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### Fondue combines flavor cheese and dessert wine

By The Associated Press

For a delicious twist on a traditional main dish, serve Cheddar Dessert Fondue. This fondue combines the flavor of Cheddar cheese with the sweetness of dessert wine. Serve with a variety of colorful autumn fruits.

**Cheddar Dessert Fondue**

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

- 1 cup Riesling, muscat, or Gewurztraminer wine
  - 12 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
  - 1 tablespoon brandy
  - Assorted fruits such as apples, pears, figs, grapes
- Melt butter over low heat; whisk in flour and seasonings. Cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Slowly whisk in wine. When thickened, add cheese and stir until melted. Stir in brandy. Keep over low heat and serve with sliced fruits. Makes 8 servings.

### Do you have a recipe to share?

The Pampa News is interested in receiving "favorite recipes" from Panhandle residents. Submitted recipes must be clearly typed or printed. Include any interesting anecdotes or history about the recipe. Recipes will be printed as space permits. The Pampa News reserves the right to print or reject any recipe.

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# Lifestyles

## Minimize jitters of hospital stay by asking questions first

By BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS For AP Special Features

Few experiences are as nerve-racking as an impending hospital stay. You may trust your doctor completely, but that alone is not enough to quell the jitters.

Here's a series of questions from *Better Homes and Gardens magazine* you can ask to help minimize the uncertainties of a hospital stay:

— How much will it cost? Find out if your doctor charges more than your insurance policy reimburses. Then, call your insurance company to review your benefits. Make sure the surgery, anesthesia and hospitalization are covered, and learn whether you're responsible for a copayment. Get a letter from your insurer so you have this in writing.

Some plans have a deductible you must meet to receive full or partial coverage. Most policies refuse to pay for so-called experimental procedures, and many

HMOs (health maintenance organizations) won't cover surgery not approved by a primary-care physician.

A little research before the surgery should spare you from unexpected bills during your recovery. "Patients are reluctant to talk medicine," says Dr. Neil Izenberg, director of the Nemours Foundation's Center for Biomedical Communication. "But it's important for people to know the financial implications of surgery."

— Should I speak to someone who's had the same procedure? Dr. David Staskin, a urologic surgeon at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital, often has patients talk with someone who knows firsthand what the operation entails.

— Who'll be doing the surgery? This is a sticky point. In teaching hospitals, residents may do parts of the operation under supervision. But sometimes patients have no idea that the trusted specialist they've chosen isn't holding the scalpel during significant parts of the surgery. You

should be informed of this arrangement beforehand.

Staskin points out that assistant surgeons, usually residents, are present during every major procedure. And they're extremely helpful to the attending physician. But no reputable hospital, he says, allows these doctors-in-training to do anything they can't handle. "No one's practicing on anyone," he says.

— Who'll administer the anesthesia? If you have the choice, request a board-certified anesthesiologist. In teaching hospitals, a resident may administer your anesthesia under the supervision of a trained anesthesiologist. In some facilities, nurse-anesthetists administer anesthesia.

— What kind of anesthesia will I have? Sometimes you'll be asked which type of anesthesia you prefer. If not, see what options are available. "Frequently, people don't consider how important anesthesia is because they concentrate totally on surgery," says Izenberg.

General anesthesia allows you to be unconscious during the procedure.

You'll drift off to sleep and have no recollection of the entire event. Some patients, however, are groggy and nauseated upon awakening. And not everyone likes the idea of "going under."

A "spinal block" numbs your lower body and is considered slightly safer than general anesthesia. You'll be sedated, but conscious. Temporary loss of feeling in your legs, however, may be disconcerting. Recovering from spinal anesthesia is usually easier than emerging from general anesthesia. There's a small chance of developing a severe headache lasting several days.

Local anesthesia, affecting only a small area, is available when having surgery on certain parts of the body. Pain relief is effective, and risks are minimal.

— Should I store my own blood? Donating your own blood ahead of time eliminates the minuscule, but real, risk of contracting an infectious disease. "It's a good question

to ask your surgeon," says Izenberg. "For certain elective procedures there may be a significant loss of blood — hip or knee replacement, for instance. In these cases, storing your own blood may be a good idea. You would start donating your own red blood cells about three weeks before the surgery."

— What kinds of presurgical tests will you get? In the past, patients entered the hospital a day or two early for testing. Dr. Robert Fine, an internist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, says most pre-operative work is done well ahead of time on an outpatient basis. But it's a good idea to find out just what each test entails, so there are no surprises. It's also helpful to know how long each procedure takes.

— When will I see the doctor after surgery? You may not see your surgeon until the next morning. If it's a Friday, someone else may cover for your operating physician over the weekend. With a daytime surgery, you may not talk to your

doctor before being discharged.

Therefore, ask your surgeon to speak with a family member immediately after the procedure. For your doctor's sake, designate just one person to receive the news. Discuss with your physician beforehand what you want disclosed about your condition.

— When can I resume my normal activities? With shortened hospital stays, this question is more pertinent today than ever before, says Staskin.

Inquire about the particulars of recovery, such as when you can resume recreational pursuits. Tell your doctor if you plan to engage in strenuous activities.

Ideally, asking the right questions will facilitate good communication between you and your physician. "A doctor should appreciate the individual needs of a patient as a positive," says Izenberg. "Doctors who are too rigid to listen to each patient as an individual should consider a new line of work."

## Motorcycles attract attention, no matter what

DEAR ABBY: The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is a national organization representing approximately 200,000 motorcycle enthusiasts.

In your answer to "Barbara in Dallas," you raised three issues. First, you properly assumed that motorcycle accidents are insured so that any injury that resulted from a child playing on a motorcycle would be compensated by the motorcyclist's vehicle insurance. While it is true that a child's injuries may be covered by insurance, you seem to miss the point. Both senseless injury and needless insurance claims could be avoided if parents would supervise their children.

Second, you improperly defined a motorcycle as an "attractive nuisance." The "attractive nuisance" doctrine has traditionally been applied in situations where a child has been injured while trespassing on a landowner's property.

The doctrine is generally applied in carefully limited circumstances, where the possessor of real property knows or has reason to know that children are likely to trespass, and the condition is one that presents an unreasonable risk of death or serious bodily injury. In short, while a swimming pool might be correctly defined as an "attractive nuisance," a motorcycle likely would not.

Additionally, many jurisdictions do not even recognize the "attractive nuisance" doctrine. In any case, it is unlikely that most courts would accept a universal definition of motorcycles as an "attractive nuisance."

Finally, you observed that "owning a motorcycle is an awesome responsibility." Parenthood also imposes some great responsibilities.



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

The primary responsibility for the supervision and protection of children should rest with parents instead of the burden being placed upon vehicle owners.

ERIC LUNDQUIST, ESQ., LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION

DEAR MR. LUNDQUIST: You're quite right to suggest that parents must properly supervise their children. And, I claim no legal expertise concerning the "attractive nuisance doctrine." However, some years ago, in commercial law class (Central High, Sioux City, Iowa), I learned that an "attractive nuisance" was that which attracted people onto the property of another. (Examples: a house under construction, a swimming pool, playground equipment such as swings, slides, etc.)

According to "You and the Law" (Reader's Digest), an attractive nuisance is "a condition, machine or other thing that is dangerous to young chil-

dren and that may attract them onto the owner's property and expose them to risks for which the owner may be held responsible." A definition of the same term in Black's Law Dictionary mentions the doctrine in relation to a person "who creates such condition on the premises of another, or in a public place" (my emphasis).

Many readers accused me of disliking motorcyclists. Nonsense. The late Malcolm Forbes was a cherished friend. And my own dentist, Dr. Stan Golden, is a motorcycle enthusiast. I rest my case.

DEAR ABBY: We are overwhelmed! Never have we seen so many letters and Christmas cards in one place at one time! You can certainly consider Operation Dear Abby a success for 1992.

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Thank you, Abby, for perpetuating the good cheer and public support that "Operation Dear Abby" demonstrates to servicepersons away from home. And thank you, America, for your good wishes during the holiday season!

CAPT. T.R. BEARD, COMMANDING OFFICER, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY

## Risks of chorionic villus sampling studied

By Richard F. Jones III, M.D. President The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Last spring, a panel of medical experts met to evaluate several studies on the safety of chorionic villus sampling (CVS), a prenatal test for genetic disorders. These studies, including one U.S. study, suggests an increased risk of abnormalities of the hands and feet of babies born to mothers who had CVS during their pregnancies. These types of abnormalities occur spontaneously in about 1 in 1,500 to 2,000 newborns.

Although the studies showed a higher incidence of these deformities among babies born to women who had CVS, a number of earlier studies done in this country involving much larger samples of patients have shown no increased risk of these problems. Many thousands of women who have had CVS have delivered healthy, normal babies. Based on all of the data, the panel concluded that there is not enough evidence to establish a link between

CVS and limb abnormalities, and that women can continue to undergo the test but should discuss the potential risks with their doctors.

Chorionic villus sampling has been available since the mid-1980s as an alternative to amniocentesis. The test offers several advantages over amniocentesis: it can be performed earlier in pregnancy (at 9-12 weeks from the last menstrual period versus 14-18 weeks), and the results are available quicker (within about 10 days versus 2-4 weeks). This allows a couple to make a decision about whether or not to end the pregnancy during the first trimester, the safest time for pregnancy termination.

One drawback of CVS, however, is a slightly higher miscarriage rate. Although still fairly low, it is 41 percent higher than if CVS isn't done and about .5 percent higher than if amniocentesis is done.

To perform CVS, the doctor uses either a thin tube inserted through the vagina and cervix or a slender needle inserted through the abdomen to collect a sample of cells from the placenta. The placen-

ta is the tissue that connects the mother and fetus. Cells in the placenta show the genetic make-up of the fetus. After collection, the cells are grown in a culture and then analyzed.

Doctors usually advise genetic testing for couples at high risk for having a child with a genetic disorder. These include couples in which the woman is over age 35, those who have had another child with a genetic disease, and those who have a family history of an inherited disorder.

You should talk to your doctor about your chances of having a child with a birth defect. If you are at increased risk, discuss the benefits and risks of prenatal testing. Remember, no test is 100 percent foolproof. After careful thought, you must decide which test, if any, is best for you.

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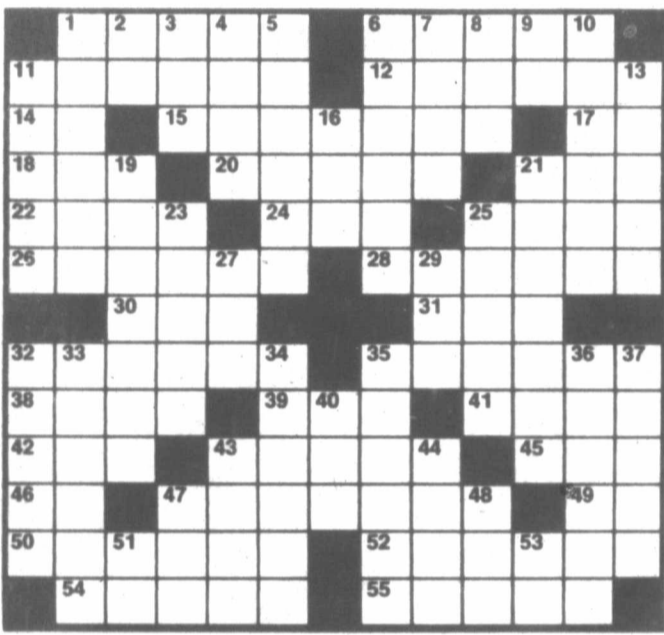
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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You might be a bit more restless than usual today and start a number of things you are not likely to finish. If this is your mode of operation, you'll have little to show for your efforts. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Analyze investment proposals with considerable care today, because what appears to be an enticing proposition could be all size and no substance. Ask questions and seek wise counsel.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You must be realistic when making important judgments today. Evaluate your alternatives for what they truly are and not for what they could be under optimum conditions.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** It would be idyllic if you could wave a magic wand and make all of your responsibilities vanish. Unfortunately for you, this might not be the case today.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your self-discipline might be put to the test today where overindulgence is concerned. If you are weak-willed, your waistline could emerge the victor.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Associates you normally depend on to back you up in career matters may be looking the other way today when you solicit their help. Be prepared to stand on your own.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you boast or tell any tall tales today, the only one in your audience who is likely to believe what you say will be you. Don't embellish the facts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It is not wise at this time to invest in enterprises or endeavors that you know little about. There are indications you could suffer substantial losses through ignorance.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Guard against inclinations today to delegate assignments to ineffective associates just because you do not feel like handling the tasks yourself.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You are not likely to have any problem grasping details today, but you may not be able to visualize the big picture and how each little part fits in. Be careful.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** In social situations today, don't go out of your way to cater to people you feel might be able to do you some good. They will perceive your intentions and back away from you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Measuring what you have against a person who has more could trigger discontentment today. Being grateful for your circumstances will put you in a better mood.



# Sports

## Harvesters hold off Randall



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Harvesters' center Seivern Wallace looks for help as Randall's Bill Rexrode (22) defends in District 1-4A action Tuesday night.

### PHS girls have win streak broken

By L.D. STRATE  
Sports Writer

CANYON — With top scorer Dwight Nickelberry on the bench a good part of the first half because of foul trouble, the Pampa Harvesters relied on a team effort to dispose of scrappy Randall, 73-62, Tuesday night.

The Harvesters boosted their District 1-4A record to 3-1 and their season mark to 17-5 with the victory.

In the girls' game, Randall ended Pampa's three-game winning streak with a 64-33 victory.

Dwight Nickelberry finished the night with 34 points, but the 6-1 senior drew his third foul in the first half and spent the second quarter on the bench.

The Harvester led by as many as 19 points in the first half, but Randall ran off 11 unanswered points in the second quarter and cut Pampa's lead to four with less than

a minute remaining until intermission.

With Pampa ahead, 35-29, at halftime, Nickelberry returned to the lineup and scored eight of the first 10 points of the third quarter to widen the gap to a dozen.

"The kids did a great job of hanging in there," said Pampa assistant coach Mike Jones. "Despite Randall's comeback, I felt like we were in control all the way. It was a tremendous team effort. The key for us is playing well together as a team."

Randall cut Pampa's lead to seven twice in the fourth quarter, but couldn't draw any closer.

Nickelberry scored 23 of his 34 points in the second half. Lamont Nickelberry and Seivern Wallace scored 14 and 13 points respectively for the Harvesters.

Deidre Hawk and Aimee Roberts scored 15 points each to lead the Lady Raiders' scoring attack in the girls' contest.

Alana Ryan was high scorer for Pampa with 13 points.

Both Pampa teams host Borger at

6 p.m. Friday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

#### Individual scoring

**Pampa 73, Randall 62 (boys)**  
Pampa: Dwight Nickelberry 34, Lamont Nickelberry 14, Seivern Wallace 13, Duane Nickelberry 5, Coy Laury 4, Sean Hardman 2, Rayford Young 1; Three-point goals — Dwight Nickelberry 1, Duane Nickelberry 1.

Randall: Royce Beene 21, Bill Rexrode 16, Chris Trevino 11, Shane Anderson 9, Mike Hulen 2, Jason Caldwell 2, Jason McCarley 1; Three-point goals — Royce Beene 2, Chris Trevino 2.

**Randall 64, Pampa 33 (girls)**  
Randall: Deidre Hawk 15, Aimee Roberts 15, Monique McCarter 11, Sandy Parker 10, Tessa Dugan 7, Jessica Rexrode 4, Kristen Bentley 2; Three-point goals — Deidre Hawk 1.

Pampa: Alana Ryan 13, Kasey Bowers 8, Katina Thomas 6, Christie Jones 4, Serenity King 2; Three-point goals — Katina Thomas 2.

## Wheeler boys slip by Canadian

By DAN FROMM  
Sports Writer

The Canadian Wildcats trailed for the entire first half of their district 2-2A meeting with the Wheeler Mustangs last night. When they finally took the lead with 4:18 left in the third quarter and went on an 8-1 run to go ahead 41-33, the game appeared to be lost for the Mustangs.

Canadian held onto an eight-point lead through most of the fourth quarter as well. But with 2:15 left in the game, senior guard Damon Remy drilled a three-pointer that pulled the Mustangs within four points of their first district win. Two minutes later, senior Joe Dan Ledbetter hit two free throws that iced a victory, Wheeler's first since Jan. 5.

"Those are nice shots when you make 'em," Mustang coach Shawn Read said after the 62-59 win. Read had trouble explaining what happened to his team in the third quarter when they were outscored 25-12 by the Wildcats. "It's exactly what we've been talking about. We've got to avoid that third-quarter funk where we just make mistake after mistake. We're very fortunate to come back."

The Wildcats suffered a funk of their own at the end of the fourth quarter. From the time Kevin Flowers fouled out with 2:37 left, the Wildcats scored just one point. They made just one of seven free throw attempts and committed three turnovers.

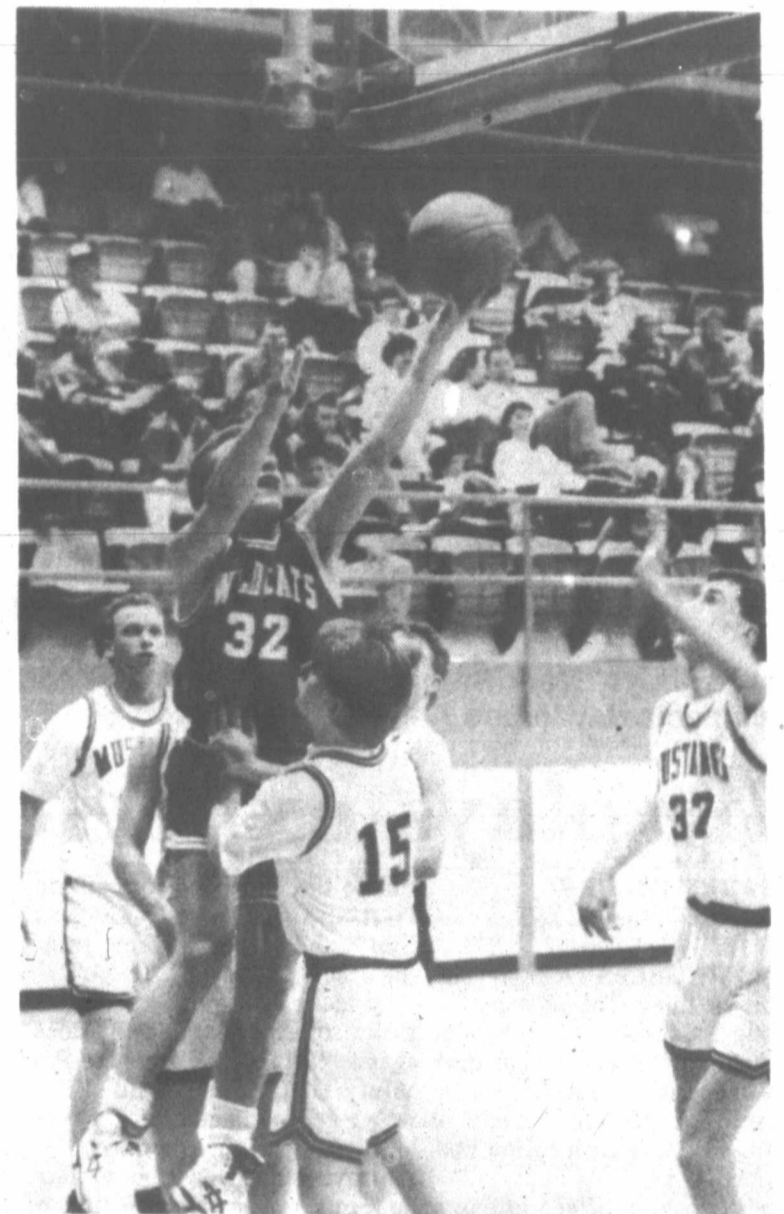
"That three-pointer put them within striking distance," Canadian coach Kyle Lynch said. "I felt like we lost our concentration and took some ill-advised shots. We just didn't play smart down the stretch."

Ledbetter lead the Mustangs with 19 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. Junior Chad Dunnam scored six of his 10 points in the final quarter as well. "They got after us in the second half and we didn't respond until it was almost too late," Read said.

Read is hoping this game will be a boost for them. Last night ended the first-half of district 2-2A play. Memphis, at 5-0, will automatically advance to the playoffs at the end of the season. The winner of the second half, which begins Friday, will also advance.

"Maybe we can put a few wins together in the second half," Read said. "But right now, we're real happy."

The Wildcats, who were 2-3 in the first half are hoping they'll remember this game. "Maybe it got our attention and let us know that we've got to go out every night, especially in this district, and play with intensity and play with concentration," Lynch said.



(Staff photo by Dan Fromm)

Canadian's Kevin Flowers is surrounded by Wheeler defenders as he gets off a shot.

Since Canadian couldn't catch Memphis with a win last night, Lynch said it's possible they overlooked the Mustangs, a team they beat by 10 points in December. "This game didn't really mean a lot as far as district standings go," Lynch explained. "Friday night is our pivotal game that will probably decide whether we're gonna get into the playoffs and we might've been looking ahead." Canadian will host Wellington Friday and Wheeler hosts Panhandle.

The girls game started much like the boys, with a Wheeler lead and a boys basketball. The Lady Mustangs took a 9-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, despite playing the first five minutes of the game with a boys ball.

Both teams hoped that switching balls would help their offense, but both continued to have trouble scoring. Canadian led 22-17 at halftime and eventually won 42-33.

Wheeler coach Jan Newland, whose Lady Mustangs had won three in a row, couldn't believe how poorly her team shot. "I kept

looking for the offense all night long, but I never found it," she said. We did exactly what we wanted to on defense. We held down their big scorers, but offensively, nobody took the initiative to go and score."

Don Drinnon's team, who had more trouble early in the game, credited both team's defense. "Our defense really kept us in the game. We were real cold offensively and you have to give Wheeler some credit for that," he said.

Drinnon said he felt pretty good about the second half of district play. With Panhandle going 5-0, the second spot is still up in the air. Canadian, Wheeler and Wellington are tied at 3-2. "I think we can beat Wellington Friday," Drinnon said. "Then we've got Panhandle at home. They're defending state champs, but we're going to give them a run for their money. Realistically, I'd like to wrap up second place in the second half."

Newland said she has a very specific practice plan to prepare her team for their game against Panhandle Friday. "We're gonna work on our shooting."

## Area basketball roundup

### Boys District 1-1A

**White Deer 51, Claude 47**  
The Bucks won their district opener after trailing by 16 points with less than six minutes to play.

Jason Sides and Chris Miller combined for 27 points in the victory and Tyson Back made all six of his free throw attempts in the final quarter.

### District 10-1A

**Fort Elliott 65, Miami 52**  
Travis Goad scored 27 points as the Cougars improve to 3-1 in district play. The Warriors Brock Mayberry and Allan Dinsmore combined for 33 points in the loss. Miami evens their district record at 2-2.

### District 11-1A

**Groom 70, McLean 48**

Wes Hall scored 32 points as Groom remains undefeated in district play. McLean falls to 2-3, despite 22 points from Christian Looney.

**Kelton 80, Lefors 59**  
The Lions jumped out to a 23-8 first-quarter lead and cruised to their second straight district win, improving to 3-2. Brian Kirkland lead the way with 19 points. Lefors falls to 1-4 with the loss.

### Girls District 1-1A

**Claude 51, White Deer 40**

The Does were outscored 14-6 in the third quarter on their way to a loss in their district opener. Rachel Kotara scored a game-high 17 points for White Deer as they fall to 9-10 overall.

### District 10-1A

**Fort Elliott 53, Miami 49**  
Fort Elliott rallied for 22 points in the third quarter as they improve to 2-1 in district play. Diedre Dukes lead the way with 18 points and Andrea Dukes added 12 for the Lady Cougars.

### District 11-1A

**Groom 66, McLean 42**  
Misty Homen and Karen Babcock combined for 35 points as Groom remains the only unbeaten team in district play. McLean falls to 4-1, despite 17 points from Mindy Magee.

### Kelton 40, Lefors 36

The Lady Lions broke away from a 13-13 halftime tie to win their first district game. Lefors remains winless in district play, 2-10 overall.

## Familiar names face off in Australian Open

By PAUL ALEXANDER  
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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Monica, Steffi, Gabriela and Arantxa. They've become such fixtures at the Grand Slam semifinals that any tennis fan knows them by their first names.

They took 12 of the 16 semifinal spots at the four Grand Slam events last year, and they will be facing off again Thursday at the Australian Open, where they're the top four seeds.

Monica Seles, the top seed and defending champion, will put her 19-match Australian winning streak on the line against third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, while No. 2 Steffi Graf of Germany

tries to use her forehand power to beat speedy Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain, the fourth seed.

All four had tough times in their quarterfinal matches Tuesday. The graceful Sabatini had to fight off three match points to down 10th-seeded Mary Pierce of France in a three-set match that lasted nearly three hours and didn't end until 1:45 a.m.

A hoarse Sabatini called her comeback one of the best of her career. But while Pierce certainly had sting in her shots, Sabatini knows that Seles' two-fisted blasts and ability to concentrate will be even tougher.

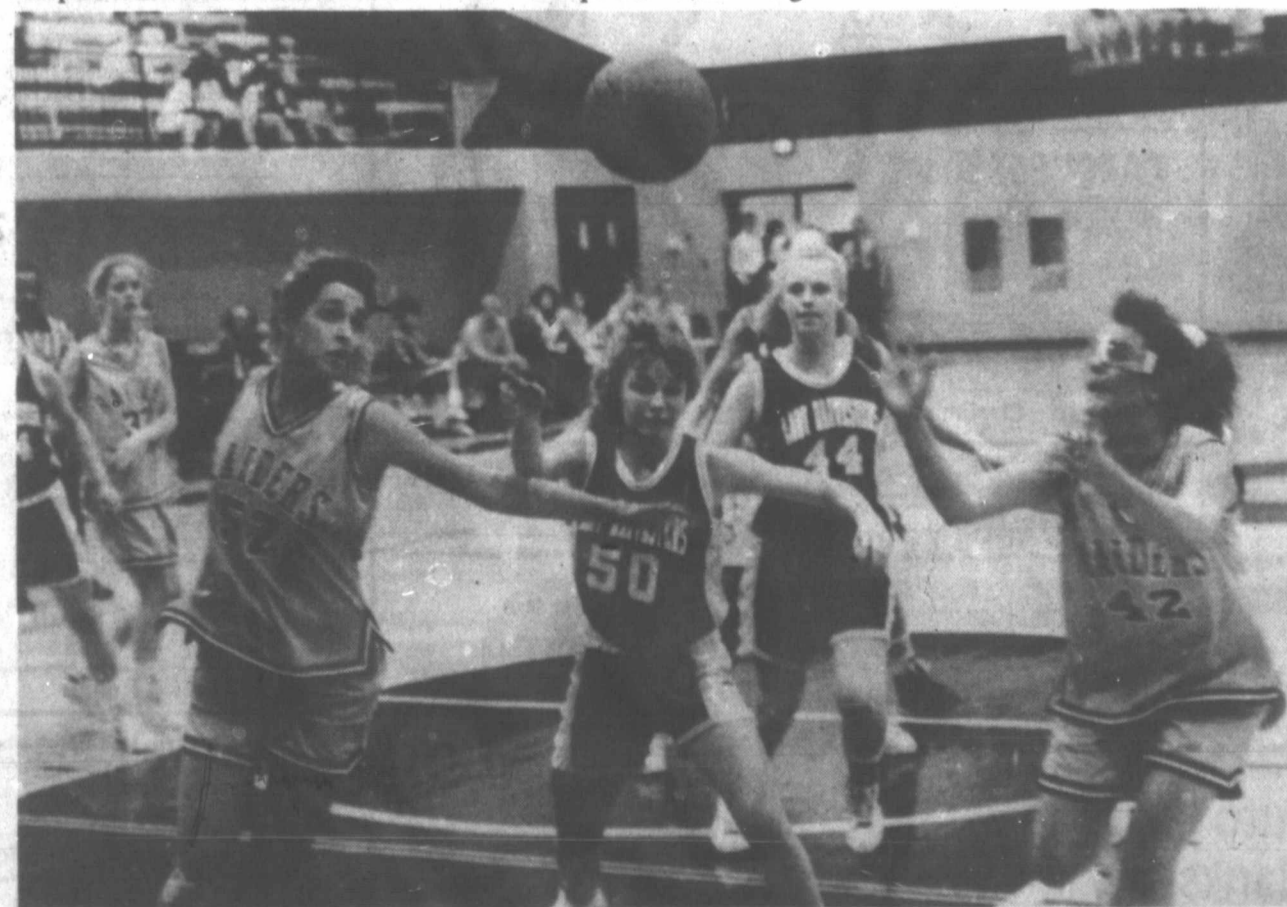
"I'm really looking forward to this match," Sabatini said. "I feel I'm ready to play against Monica.

I'm going to have to be pretty aggressive and just try to fight each point because that's how she plays."

Seles leads 8-3 in their head-to-head meetings and has won the last three, although she needed three sets in one match and a tiebreaker in another.

The Yugoslav-born Florida resident surpassed \$7 million in career earnings with her three-set victory over unseeded Julie Halard of France in the quarterfinals, a match that showed an attacking style can pressure Seles.

But the ability to raise her game when necessary, demonstrated by her remarkable seven straight final appearances in Grand Slams, is the intangible that has taken Seles to the top and kept her there.



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's Serenity King (50), Randall's Michele McWilliams (52) and Tessa Dugan go after a loose ball in the girls' game Tuesday night. Also pictured is Pampa's Misty Plunk (44).





# First Lady heading presidential health task force

By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN  
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton will be "idealistic and pragmatic" as she heads a presidential task force tackling the health care system, say those who recall her tenure as Arkansas' top education reformer.

In that post a decade ago, they say, she did not "pull rank" as Gov. Bill Clinton's wife-appointee but won consensus on sweeping changes that forced the hiring of thousands of new teachers and the merging of dozens of districts.

Teacher competency tests and a tax increase accompanied the reforms.

"She listened, she analyzed, she was extremely effective," said Walter Turnbow, who served on the Arkansas Education Standards Committee, which Mrs. Clinton chaired in 1983.

"The standards for Arkansas public schools were the lowest or

among the lowest," recalled another committee member, Cora McHenry, who credited Mrs. Clinton with bringing order out of the chaos of competing reform ideas. "Since 1983, it's really an amazing change."

"She was a tireless worker," added Don R. Roberts, then head of the state Education Department and now superintendent of the Fort Worth, Texas, schools. The standards Mrs. Clinton shepherded through "helped move Arkansas forward."

Not everyone agrees. Some educators are still smarting from the one-time teacher competency test, and conservative groups have complained that some of the reforms erode local control and aim to change children's values.

"I don't think we've really made progress in this state," said Marilyn Simmons of the group FLAG, or Family, Life, America, God. The organization is affiliated with Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum.

Education officials counter that the success of the reforms can be seen in improved test scores and in falling dropout rates. Teacher salaries doubled to \$27,168 from 1981 to '92, as per-pupil spending rose from \$1,330 to \$3,155.

Nancy M. Wood, chairwoman of the state Board of Education, said a current review of the decade-old standards has found nothing to throw out, though some requirements will be made more stringent. For example, six years of math and science will be required instead of five.

"What she did was to lend her power and prestige to this," she said, recalling that the committee held hearings in each of the state's 75 counties, often with Mrs. Clinton presiding. "You can't imagine what it was like in some little podunk town for the first lady to come to town and sit in a school for three hours."

"She had a goal, a bottom line, something important that she wanted to see happen," Mrs. Wood said. "She just simply felt education in Arkansas was not where it ought to be."

Among other things, the standards:

— greatly reduced student-teacher ratios, especially in elementary schools; a net of 4,500 more teachers were hired from 1983 to 1992, largely to meet this requirement, as the student population barely rose from 432,120 to 437,246;

— required performance tests of all third-, sixth- and eighth-graders; those failing the latter could not be promoted to ninth grade;

— gave districts four years to meet all standards, adding "if a school district is unable to comply ... it shall be dissolved." Nearly 50 mostly small, rural districts have been consolidated;

— mandated greater access to guidance counselors at all grade levels;

— added emphasis on science and foreign languages.

Clinton, as governor, pushed a one-cent sales tax through the Legislature (and later an extra half-cent) to pay for the extra salaries and other costs.

At the same time, he proposed a one-time teacher competency test.

Polls had shown that the public supported the idea, but it angered teachers.

Teacher testing had been mentioned in some of the committee's hearings but was never discussed among members, and some were shocked when Mrs. Clinton, at a news conference spelling out the standards, also outlined the teacher tests.

"It was a good political move in terms of getting the money, but a lot of us felt that it wasn't fair," said committee member Cora McHenry, now executive director of the Arkansas Education Association, the teachers union.

"I didn't feel betrayed by Mrs. Clinton personally, but I felt left out of a loop of information that I shouldn't have been left out of," she said. "I think it speaks to her commitment to her husband's agenda."

The test for teachers was widely regarded as easy. McHenry said about 3 percent failed.

Though the teachers union would later endorse Clinton for president, teachers expressed resentment of his wife.

"She would walk down the halls of a school and doors would slam," said another committee member, state Sen. Charlie Cole Chaffin. "Hateful statements were made."

President Clinton said he was grateful his wife would "be sharing some of the heat I expect to generate" in reforming American health care.

And Chaffin, praising Mrs. Clinton's "idealistic and pragmatic" leadership, said, "I have confidence now that the health care problems of this country may be solved."

## FBI to compensate black agents over discrimination

By MATT YANCEY  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 100 black FBI agents will get promotions, transfers or new training opportunities under a proposed agreement for ending racial discrimination within the law enforcement agency.

Acknowledging what acting Attorney General Stuart W. Gerson called "plausible claims of discrimination," the FBI has also agreed to put its personnel practices under a federal judge's supervision for five years.

About 90 percent of the approximately 10,400 FBI special agents nationwide are white males. About 520 or 5 percent are black, an agency spokesman said.

After nearly two years of negotiations in which embattled FBI Director William Sessions sought to avoid a courtroom showdown, Gerson announced the settlement with the black FBI agents on Tuesday.

Gerson, who is holding his job only until a new attorney general is nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate, said the accord was reached just before his predecessor, William Barr, left office Jan. 15.

But he said the timing of the settlement announcement had nothing to do with Sessions' fight to keep his job in the wake of a Justice Department report that said he abused the privileges of his office.

"This settlement is not dependent on anything else," Gerson said. "I felt duty-bound to follow through with something that I ... was involved in starting."

He said Sessions had played a "very positive" role in the negotiations that produced the settlement but acknowledged that the FBI director was not invited to a news conference announcing it because of the feud with the Justice Department.

Sessions has pushed hard to increase the number of minorities in the ranks of FBI agents. An organization of 6,500 agents, overwhelmingly white, attempted unsuccessfully last July to stymie the accord after a tentative settlement was reached three months earlier.

Gerson said the proposed settlement will be filed within the next two weeks in U.S. District Court here to place the agreement's enforcement under the supervision of a federal judge.

However, both sides have agreed to seek court intervention only if extensive consultation and mediation measures outlined in the settlement fail to resolve pending or future disputes.

"If we feel they have not complied with the agreement, we have a right to go to the judge," said David Shaffer, an attorney for the black agents in the dispute.

The settlement awards back pay and bonuses to black agents who claim they were denied promotions or merit awards because of race. The exact amount is yet to be determined, but attorneys estimated it would total \$150,000 to \$200,000. However, all of the money will go into a pool for monitoring and enforcing the agreement rather than to the individual agents.

"What they're interested in is fixing the system," Shaffer said of his clients.

Under the accord, the FBI has agreed to revamp its hiring, promotion, job appraisal, assignment and disciplinary practices. Outside consultants will be brought in to oversee much of that.

"We recognize the viability of

the claims in general," Gerson said. But "this is a forward-looking agreement, not a backward-looking agreement."

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