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PAMPA -- A Pampa man is \$250 richer today courtesy of the Top O' Texas Kiwanis.

Vernon Pratt won a \$250 gift certificate in the club's annual Gift Certificate Fund Drive. It was presented to him Tuesday at the Sirlain Stockade, according to Wayne Slater, past president of the organization.

"We get gift certificates each year and raffle them off to raise money for Christmas baskets or Thanksgiving baskets," said Slater. "Whatever the community needs."

KINGSVILLE (AP) -- Two days of grass fires have scorched tens of thousands of acres of the sprawling, historic King Ranch. Firefighters and ranch hands were barely able to stop the fire's progress before it reached a camping area for hunters on Tuesday.

A second round of brush fires occurred Tuesday after high winds set off still-smoldering embers. Fire had swept through at least 20,000 acres on Monday.

The 825,000-acre ranch covers portions of Kleberg, Kenedy, Brooks, Nueces and Willacy counties; the fires were confined to portions of Kleberg and Kenedy counties.

Ranch officials flew over the burned area Tuesday, assessing the damage, but an estimate was not immediately available.

Tio Kleberg, chief spokesman for King Ranch, was unavailable for comment.

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The amount of trivia that found its way into FBI files 30 years ago is a window on the conspiratorial mindset that swept America after Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald, who had shot John F. Kennedy.

In Fairlawn, N.J., a woman noticed from television tape replay of Oswald being shot "a seemingly obvious connection between two honkings of an automobile horn and the action which followed." She wondered why no newspaper or television account mentioned that.

A fire chief from Dearborn Heights, Mich., told a hometown newspaper of being in Dallas that November weekend and having no difficulty getting into the police station's basement. FBI agents tracked him down and he admitted his published account of the shooting was "a complete fabrication and untrue."

A woman in Roseville, Ohio, notified the FBI that on Nov. 21, 1963, a day before the Kennedy assassination, she was watching Jimmy Dean's television show. After singing part of "Cowboy's Lament," she said, Dean stopped and said something. She told the FBI that she concluded that was a message of instructions to Jack Ruby.

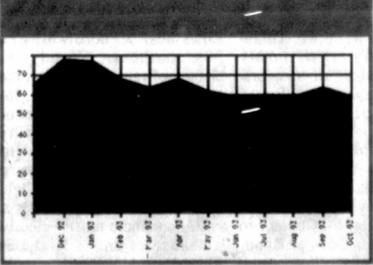
The FBI's records on Ruby were released for reading Tuesday in the National Archives, in compliance with a 1992 law making assassination-related material public. The FBI tried to find a connection between Oswald and Ruby, between Ruby and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee to which Oswald belonged, between Ruby and the Communist Party, between Ruby and the mob.

EL PASO (AP) -- A Mexican diplomat says his government will fight a U.S. Border Patrol proposal to build a 1.3-mile steel fence to curb illegal immigration. Armando Ortiz, Mexico's consul general in El Paso, added his voice this week to the outcry against the fence, which would pick up where a 20-mile human blockade by Border Patrol agents leaves off.

The fence would seal off the border between Sunland Park, N.M., and the Colonia Anapra section of Ciudad Juarez.

Ortiz said the Mexican government will use civic forums and diplomatic channels to oppose the project, which must still be approved by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Border Patrol's parent agency.

Consumer confidence



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Four arrested on burglary charges

Number 4251, where are you? One area resident, simply known as 4251, will be the recipient of a reward from the Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers program for his/her contribution in the recent arrests of four Pampa men charged with the robbery of a Gray County resident earlier this month.

Billy Ray Brown, 22, of 840 Beryl; Johnny Todd Preston, 21, of 1111 Frederic; Clifford Howard Eubanks, 20, of 328 N. Dwight; and Michael Dickinson, 21, of 812 Brunow were recently arrested in connection

with the burglary of Larry Organs's barn on Dec. 3.

Stolen in the incident were a wide variety of items ranging from power tools and hand tools to a .22-caliber rifle to ammunition. In all, the items were valued at more than \$2,000, according to authorities.

While some of the material was found in Pampa, other stolen items have also been recovered in Amarillo, said



Larry Organ inventories stolen items

Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield. He added that while no more arrests are expected, the four that were arrested might have been

involved in other burglaries in area counties.

"We're hoping that the arrests will lead to the solution of other burglaries in the surrounding counties," Stubblefield said.

Crime Prevention Officer Brad Love, who runs the area Crime Stoppers program, said he was pleased with the arrests and urges the informer who provided the information about the burglaries to contact him again at the Crime Stopper's telephone number, 669-2222.

By choosing a number to be identified by, the caller's identity is protected, Love said. When calling with information on area crimes, tipsters are asked to pick a four-digit number of their choice. That four digit number is the only way by which Love can identify the persons to give them information about their reward.

The reward 4251 will be receiving has not been established by the Crime Stoppers governing committee, although they are eligible for up to \$1,000.

Gray County gets insurance

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS News Editor

PIA Inc. was the big winner today when it was selected to provide most of Gray County's insurance coverage in 1994.

The agency bid \$13,183 for general liability insurance, \$12,368 for property insurance, \$27,194 for automobile insurance and \$1,673 for a heavy equipment floater. The carrier, Travelers, required that the county buy property insurance in order to purchase heavy equipment insurance. PIA declined to bid on insurance for public officials and airport liability.

Duncan Insurance was the only bidder on coverage for public officials and airport liability. The county will pay them \$7,912.34 and \$1,870 respectively for that coverage.

Ray Duncan of Duncan Insurance told commissioners that past claims history made it difficult to get bids on policies covering public officials. The bidding insurance company which he represents, declined to cover the county on suits for hiring, firing, discrimination and wage disputes, Duncan said.

The commission authorized Sheriff Randy Stubblefield to hire employees which are already budgeted for without commission approval. County Judge Carl Kennedy told the group that Stubblefield frequently needs to move more quickly to replace staff than waiting for commission meetings allows. They also authorized the sheriff to hire two deputies and one jailer.



Fa-La-La-La-La La-La-La-La

Two-and-a-half year-old Keziah Clendennen, above, was one of the some two dozen voices singing out today in the lobby of the First National Bank as the Christmas caroling season began. (Pampa News photo)



It's countdown time to the world's biggest trade deal

By CLARE NULLIS Associated Press Writer

GENEVA (AP) -- After seven years of hard bargaining and shouting, trade negotiators from around the world gave a final reading today to the biggest package ever for breaking down barriers to exports.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade circulated the 550-page document to representatives of 116 countries this morning. Final approval was expected later in the day.

The draft accord provides for cuts in agricultural subsidies, fewer restrictions on textile imports, new rules on the "dumping" of exports subsidized at artificially low prices and better protection for copyright and patents. It also includes the first rules to open up international trade for service industries like banking and tourism.

Negotiators were expected to approve the Uruguay Round agreement in time to meet a U.S. midnight deadline for a final accord. No formal vote was planned, and the agreement still faced the rocky process of clearance by national legislatures.

The final countdown was briefly shadowed by a threat from Portugal to force a last-minute veto by the European Community. Aware that France's hard-line stand against farm subsidy cuts and Hollywood film imports won it big concessions, Portugal demanded and got EC financial aid for its textile industry, which provides a living for 10 percent of its population.

There seemed little doubt among negotiators in Geneva that after a string of missed deadlines, the accord would finally be approved.

Although everyone was unhappy with parts of the Uruguay Round accord, no country seemed willing to block it and stand accused of wrecking what was touted as the best single remedy to the world's economic woes.

The agreement, named after the country in which the talks were started in 1986, is expected to increase global wealth by more than \$200 billion by 2005.

President Clinton's communications director, Mark Gearan, said today the White House was confident the accord would be adopted.

An agreement Tuesday by the United States and European Community to put aside their disputes on films and aircraft cleared the way for the global package.

A senior U.S. negotiator Rufus Yerxa said today that Washington had dropped objections to the establishment of a tougher, permanent body to succeed GATT, which was set up in 1948 as a temporary arrangement without any real powers.

By leaving out a number of issues entirely because disputes could not be resolved, the accord is likely to fall somewhat short of its billing.

Along with entertainment, the issues of financial services, telecommunications and shipping were left out of the agreement.

Even after the draft accord was distributed, negotiators worked to wrap up detailed bilateral bargaining on import duty cuts worth millions of dollars to their national economies.

The United States managed to secure late concessions to improve patent protection for its semiconductor industry. Washington also overcame a deadlock with India and Pakistan over textiles. The United States has reluctantly agreed to phase out import quotas on Third World textiles and clothing over 10 years rather than 15, despite fierce opposition from the influential U.S. textile lobby.

India had resisted pressure to open its markets to American textiles. But it finally agreed to cut high import duties on industrial fabrics -- under certain conditions -- in addition to an offer made in 1990 to slash 90 percent import duties on some types of cotton.

Hungarian women promised jobs, forced to work as topless dancers

By TOM HAYS Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- They were promised jobs in the United States, making up to \$1,000 a week as nannies, housekeepers or models.

But the poor, young women from Hungary who came to New York apparently found not an American dream, but an American nightmare: Authorities said they were forced to dance at topless bars for about \$35 a week.

Two Hungarian brothers, Lengyel and Toth Attila, were arrested Monday on charges of unlawful imprisonment and extortion. They were taken into custody at a New York City home where they held at least five women captive, police said.

The impoverished women "were easy prey," Queens County District Attorney Richard Brown said. "They desperately wanted to come to the United States to seek a better life."

The women were not physically abused, police said, and some of them knew they were coming to the United States to become topless dancers, said Capt. Bernard Gillespie.

"We're still trying to determine how much duress they were under," he said.

Authorities learned of the case early Monday, when three women went to a police station. Investigators said the women told them they were lured to the United States two months ago by female recruiters working the Hungarian countryside.

The recruiters spoke of domestic jobs paying \$900 to \$1,000 a week, the women said.

But after being flown to New York City, they were booked on 16-hour shifts at strip clubs and forced to give their captors up to 95 percent of their pay, usually about \$700 a week, Gillespie said.

The women were warned that their families would suffer if they tried to back out of the arrangement, police said.

Burn victims recovering

Two Pampa residents were still in a Lubbock burn center today following an explosion early Saturday.

James Kirk Douglas, 41, was listed in serious condition and Kim Sewell, 38, has been upgraded to satisfactory condition Tuesday at Lubbock's

University Medical Center, according to a hospital representative.

Along with Douglas and Sewell, Bobby Douglas and Jimmy Douglas were sleeping in the residence, which is located at 717 N. Wells, when an explosion rocked the house.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported at press time.

Obituaries

J.C. BRANSCUM

J.C. Branscum, 68, a longtime resident of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1993. Services and burial are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mr. Branscum was born on May 27, 1925, in Konawa, Oklahoma. He married Hattie Gage on Dec. 27, 1965, at Panhandle. He was a resident of Pampa for the past 50 years. He worked as an oilfield operator for many years before retiring. He was the former owner and operator of Branscum Well Service Co. He was a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pampa.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Sue Bowman Branscum, in 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Hattie, of the home; three sons, Ronnie J. Branscum of Buffalo, Okla., J.C. Branscum Jr. of Amarillo and Jimmie Fitzer of Pampa; a daughter, Redonna Fitzer of Pampa; five brothers, Orville Branscum and Abe Branscum, both of Konawa, Okla., Bob Branscum of Duncan, Okla., Bill Branscum of Mobeetie and Herman Branscum of Concord, Calif.; two sisters, Athen Ironmonger of Pampa and Uda Weldon of Concord, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Pampa

Clara Halbrook

Joe Wayne Holland

Priscilla Kim Park

Reba L. Phillips

Larry Dean Price

Sam Park of Pampa, a baby girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Westfall of Perryton, a girl.

Dismissals

Marcus J.C. Chennault

William C. Dame

Henry Odol Hill

Laura Lee Jernigan

Blake O. Laramore

(extended care)

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Shamrock

Amy Westbrook

Dismissals

No dismissals were reported.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Sung

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat.....3.82

Milo.....4.81

Corn.....5.26

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

Serco.....3 1/4 NC

Occidental.....17 3/8 NC

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

Magellan.....69.27

Puntan.....16.09

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

Amoco.....51 3/4 dn 1/4

Aroco.....102 7/8 dn 1/4

Cabot.....57 5/8 NC

Cabot O&G.....19 1/4 up 1/4

Chevron.....85 3/8 dn 1/8

Coca-Cola.....43 1/8 dn 1/8

Diamond Sham.....24 1/2 dn 1/4

Enron.....29 up 1/8

Halliburton.....30 dn 1/8

HealthTrust Inc.....24 1/2 up 5/8

Ingersoll Rand.....36 3/8 dn 1/8

KNE.....26 5/8 up 1/8

Kerr McGee.....44 5/8 dn 1/8

Limited.....17 5/8 dn 1/8

Mapeco.....59 up 1/8

Maxus.....4 5/8 dn 1/8

McDonald's.....57 1/8 dn 1/8

Mobil.....75 7/8 dn 7/8

New Atmos.....26 7/8 NC

Packer & Parley.....22 1/2 dn 1/8

Texasco.....63 dn 1/4

Wal-Mart.....26 1/2 dn 1/4

New York Gold.....385.60

SPS.....5.05

West Texas Crude.....14.52

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 14

Carroll Joe Brown, 716 Holly, reported found property.

Trinity River Construction, Arlington, reported a theft of over \$200 but under \$750.

Lloyd Wayne Wilson, 1931 N. Faulkner, reported a theft of over \$20 but under \$200.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15

Misty Michelle Minyard, 1005 S. Faulkner, reported an injury to a prisoner.

Arrests

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Gary Hunter Hayes, 35, Lefors, was arrested on Eshom Street on two outstanding warrants.

April Lanora Daily, 32, 610 W. Francis Apt. 8, was arrested at the intersection of Barnes and McCullough on four outstanding warrants.

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The agency said it will publish the final labeling rules by Dec. 31.

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But critics of the FDA said they are worried not just about the new labeling rules, but the possibility of far more sweeping rules they say was hinted at in an advanced notice of proposed rule-making that the FDA published last June 18.

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Calendar of events

VFW DOMINO DAY

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Clarification

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Energas.....665-5777

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Police (non-emergency).....669-5700

SPS.....669-7432

Water.....669-5830

FDA won't require prescriptions for dietary supplements, vitamins at health food stores

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration offered assurances Tuesday that dietary supplements will remain widely available, even though it will soon be able to regulate the claims on their labels for the first time.

A moratorium that barred the FDA from regulating vitamins, minerals, herbs, amino acids and other health food store staples expires Wednesday.

The agency said it was not going to require prescriptions for dietary supplements or take them off the shelves at health food stores, as the industry has claimed in a high-powered lobbying campaign that has flooded Congress with mail.

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City briefs

HOME ALARM \$300 plus tax. Free demonstration. 665-4237. Adv.

CARRIERS NEEDED. Various areas in Pampa. Apply now, Pampa News. No phone calls.

EASY'S POP Shop - 12 inch meat and cheese tray \$11.95. 665-1719. Adv.

WINTER CLEARANCE Sale, up to 75% Off. Personal Touch, 113 N. Cuyler. Adv.

NOKIA CELLULAR Bag Phone, only \$29.95 with activation. Only at Berger Radio Shack. 274-7077. Owned and operated by Art and Donetta Owen. Free Pampa Delivery. Adv.

CAJUN FOOD, Hamburger Station tonight, Santa's Coming!! 6-9 p.m. Adv.

GOLF SALE. Don't forget Mom and Dad for Christmas, everything marked down for the golfer! Gift certificates also available. New jackets and bags have just arrived. David's Golf Shop at Hidden Hills. Adv.

DOONEY & BOURKE bags, billfolds, keychains, large selections of styles and colors. New colorblock bag. \$20 will hold any bag in lay-away until Christmas. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

OPTIMIST BOYS 4th, 5th, 6th grade basketball sign-ups to be held December 16, 17th 6-8 p.m. December 18, 1-3 p.m. Adv.

FUR CLEARANCE Sale. Reduced to sell for Christmas. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - All You Can Eat, Saturday, December 18th, 6 a.m.-12 noon. Top O Texas Lodge #1381, W. Kentucky. Public invited. Adv.

LOST 1 Beagle dog and 1 Pomeranian dog in 2600 Evergreen area. Call 665-5190. Adv.

ADDITIONAL 10% Off already reduced 30, 40, 50% merchandise. A group of leather handbags just reduced, also all leather ankle boots. Bobee J's Boutique, 2143 N. Hobart, Plaza 21. Adv.

J&J FLEA Market will continue their sale with 25% off until Saturday, December 18th, at this time they will close until further notice. Adv.

GWEN'S THURSDAY and Friday only everything 20-70% Off. New shipment root candles 40% off while they last. Come by and register for flower arrangement to be given away. 711 Hazel. Adv.

2 PIECE Suits \$5, pleated skirts extra thru December. Vogue Cleaners. Adv.

DANCE SATURDAY night, Moose Lodge, Prairie Sons. Members and guests. Adv.

LETTER FROM Santa post-marked North Pole. Send \$3 money order, E. Robinson, P.O. Box 1152, Pampa, Tx. 79066, name of child, address, parents name. Adv.

SLACKS 2 for 1 excluding starched jeans thru December, Vogue Cleaners. Adv.

WIND CHIMES, Texas dinner-bells, old fashioned butter churns all in stock at Watson's Feed and Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

5th ANNIVERSARY, now thru December 21st. \$100 gift certificate drawing, specials on gold, diamonds, guns. Tuesday-Friday 11-6 p.m. Saturday 10-2 p.m. Pampa Pawn, 208 E. Brown, 665-7296. Adv.

ROYSE ANIMAL Hospital easy access due to Hobart construction, thru alley of 21st or 19th. Royse Animal Hospital, 665-2223. Adv.

MATERIAL BY pound for crocheted rugs, etc. on sale \$2.50 per lb. til December 30. Ragg Nook, Pampa, 665-1651, 665-2584. Adv.

ORDER YOUR Fruit baskets early. We make them fresh daily, and can add old fashioned ribbon candy, hot cocoas, coffees, roasted peanuts, honey and more. We deliver. Watson's Feed and Garden. Adv.

CARPET CLEANING Christmas Special: 3 rooms and hall \$21.95. 669-9818 appointment. Adv.

Mexico crying foul over smuggled U.S. chickens

DALLAS (AP) — When people talk about playing chicken in Mexico, they're not referring to dodging trucks on the two-lane highways.

Merchants and the Mexican government are crying foul over chicken smuggling from the United States that undercuts Mexican producers.

Lower-cost chickens from north of the border are smuggled frozen into Mexico or brought in by so-called "contrabandistas" who bribe customs officials or flash phony export permits.

"They're very skillful," Jaime Yesaki, president of the National Union of Chicken Farmers in Mexico City, said. "They smuggle the illegal chickens into Mexico in a thousand different ways by railroad, by truck. Even by canoe, barge and boat."

The smuggled chickens sometimes drive prices so low that Mexican farmers drown batches of newborn chicks rather than lose money raising them.

American producers have tons of leftover legs and thighs for export to Mexico after selling hundreds of millions of chicken breasts every year to satisfy U.S. demand for white meat.

Because feed and other production costs are lower for American producers, they can sell surplus chicken cheaper than Mexican competitors — even with added transportation costs.

Mexican producers said that chicken in that country was going for 76 cents a pound wholesale last week while processed contraband chicken from the United States was 61 cents a pound.

"We can't compete with that,"

City staff studying proposals on cost-cutting, water rates and take-home vehicles

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Pampa's mayor and commissioners today were studying research presented to them during their Tuesday afternoon work session.

The two staff studies deal with cost-cutting and water rates and with the Pampa's policy on city-owned, take-home cars.

The first study was done to find ways to save the city money and make a proposed water rate increase less painful for taxpayers.

Compiled by John Horst, Pampa's director of finance, and Nathan Hopson, Pampa's interim city manager and director of public works, the first study looks at individual municipal departments and determines what they can do without or can better share between themselves.

"I think we need to look at coordinating efforts on equipment that we buy and don't need duplication of, if we already have several," Mayor Richard Peet said. "But I realize that there are times when more than one

department is going to need them."

Peet was referring to three backhoes the city has at its central garage but which more than one department uses.

The study suggests about \$252,700 can be cut from the budget, of which \$102,000 would be in the form of equipment purchases, according to Horst. Other items Horst proposed cutting from the budget include purchasing chemicals used in the city's annual mosquito fogging program, paving the park department's paving lot, purchasing oil meters, air jacks and paint machines at the central garage, and the travel budgets from nine separate departments.

Although one commissioner commended the staff in making the proposal, the commission asked the staff to return for the first meeting of 1994 and suggest more cuts.

"I think the staff did a good job in cutting an already lean budget," said Commissioner Ray Hupp.

Other areas Horst was instructed to look into included changing water and sewer contracts with entities inside and outside the city and possibly doing away with the

city-run alley clean-up program, which costs Pampa \$60,000 to \$65,000 per year.

In the second survey, the issue of city-owned, take-home vehicles was addressed.

Conducted by Bill Hildebrandt, Pampa's director of community services, the vehicle take-home study asked each department within the city to justify why personnel could take a vehicle home.

Hopson admitted abuses of the system in the past but argued the situation has been improved with recent directives.

The city owns 65 vehicles, of which 37 are taken home by city workers for reasons ranging from being "on-call" to having special equipment needed at a moment's notice.

After reviewing the study, Peet said he believed the number of city employees taking vehicles home can be cut.

Commissioner Gary Sutherland suggested that while abuses do exist in the vehicle take-home policy, it might not be best for the city or the employees if the number of vehicles allowed to go home with the work-

ers was drastically reduced.

Hupp said the solution should be suggested by the department directors and implemented by a city manager when he or she is hired.

In other business during the regular session of the commission, the mayor and commissioners agreed to cancel the next meeting of the city commission scheduled for Dec. 28.

Commissioners also voted to defer action on three ordinances increasing the water rates until the first meeting of the commission in 1994.

In two items dealing with Lovett Memorial Library, the commission agreed to purchase a security system for the library and appoint a new member to the Lovett Memorial Library Board while re-appointing two others. Betty Henderson and Mary Ellis were re-appointed while Jimmie R. King was appointed for the first time to the library board.

The mayor and commissioners took no action following their executive session called to discuss hiring a new city manager.

Vice President Gore calls Zhirinovsky's views 'reprehensible'

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Vice President Al Gore said today the viewpoints of Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky are "reprehensible and anathema to all freedom-loving people."

Gore said President Boris Yeltsin was optimistic he could put together a pro-reform government.

In a session with reporters, Gore twice offered stinging criticism of Zhirinovsky, whose Liberal Democratic Party was the biggest vote-getter in Russia's parliamentary elections.

"The views expressed by Zhirinovsky on issues such as the use of nuclear weapons, the expansion of borders, the treatment of ethnic minorities, are reprehensible and anathema to all freedom-loving people in Russia, the United States and everywhere in the world," Gore said.

The vice president said that Yeltsin expressed optimism that he would be able to form a coalition government. And he said Yeltsin assured him

strong showings by nationalists and communists would not slow reform.

Gore said Yeltsin's prediction was based on his expected success in Moscow and St. Petersburg, where a significant portion of the vote has yet to be counted. And Gore said Yeltsin promised to continue his economic reforms and resist any pressure from Zhirinovsky and others who believe Russia should retake former Soviet territory.

"He said the constitution will stand against any fascist or communist," Gore said. "He expressed great confidence in his ability to stay on the reform course."

Gore attributed Zhirinovsky's success to the pain of a Russian recession he said was far worse than the Great Depression that hit the United States in the 1930s, and he pointedly called on other Western allies to deliver on their promised economic aid to Russia.

Some critics of the administration's Russian policy had said Yeltsin's poor showing in the parliamentary elections is proof that the policy is tied

too closely to Yeltsin personally. But Gore dismissed such suggestions and said if anything, the United States and other Western allies needed to do more to help Yeltsin prove the wisdom of his economic reforms.

Gore said the elections "may serve as a kind of wake-up call to some people who weren't listening clearly to what President Clinton said. This is an historic transition under way here, that the world must recognize the breadth of the difficulty being carried by Russia's economy, the effect it has on the Russian people and the need to respond forcefully."

He refused to say which countries he believed were not following up on the commitments.

Gore described Yeltsin as being in an upbeat mood but said top advisers to Yeltsin are "embarrassed" and realize that they did not work hard enough on the elections.

Gore said that Yeltsin outlined to him his strategy for assembling a pro-reform coalition. "I predict that President Yeltsin will be successful in forming a coalition and will be able to

govern and govern effectively," Gore said.

Zhirinovsky has said he considers Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and some other former Soviet territories to be rightfully Russian.

But Gore said Yeltsin reaffirmed the "dedication of the Russian government and the Russian people to peaceful and stable world."

Gore also said he would not meet with Zhirinovsky while he was in Moscow and assumed that Clinton would also refuse Zhirinovsky's request for a meeting.

Scrambling to assess the impact of the parliamentary elections on U.S.-Russia policy, Gore met twice with Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin — a reformer targeted by Russia's resurgent communists and nationalists — and then with Yeltsin.

Yeltsin and Gore shook hands at the start of their session but refused to answer questions about the elections. Gore told Yeltsin that "President Clinton is greatly looking forward to coming here in January for the summit meeting."

Killer of Houston theater director executed early today

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A New York man once imprisoned for killing his 3-year-old son was executed early today for strangling the director of a prominent Houston theater nearly 12 years ago.

Clifford X. Phillips, 59, in a rambling five-minute last statement, asked for remorse, praised Allah and expressed love for his wife, who witnessed his death.

"It was a very unfortunate situation," he said of the Jan. 12, 1982 robbery-slaying of Iris Siff at Houston's Alley Theater. "Only God knows it was an unintentional situation that took place. I want to express remorse to the family for causing such discomfort in their lives."

"Only God will determine if I be

that type of guilty or innocent person as the newspapers and media made me to be."

Phillips was pronounced dead at 12:53 a.m. CST, 10 minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms. Prison officials said the punishment was delayed by about a half-hour because they had difficulty finding veins in his arms suitable for the lethal needle.

The execution came after his attorneys unsuccessfully argued in last-day appeals that Phillips, who was black, was the victim of discrimination from an all-white jury.

Phillips also had served time in New York for killing his son and stuffing the child's body in a suitcase and was blamed for beating a daughter into what prosecutors

called a vegetative state.

"Enough is enough is enough," Joseph Siff, Mrs. Siff's son, said. "This man has had three strikes. And as far as I'm concerned, he's given up his rights to the potential for rehabilitation by his own actions."

"There is no justification for proper punishment to take 12 years," added Don Stricklin, the assistant district attorney in Harris County who prosecuted Phillips. "That's crazy."

In September, Phillips came within a few hours of execution before the punishment was blocked by a federal judge.

On Tuesday, final appeals were rejected by state and federal courts. The U.S. Supreme Court's final

rejection of appeals came about an hour before Phillips was put to death.

The execution was the 17th this year in Texas, a record for lethal injections and by far the most executions in any state this year. It was the 71st in Texas since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982, a total that accounts for nearly one-third of all executions in the United States since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed the death penalty to resume.

Mrs. Siff, 58, had worked at the theater for some 30 years as a performer and administrator and was working late, filling out a government grant application, when she was strangled with a telephone cord during a robbery.

IRS seizes hotel that housed surviving Branch Davidian members

WACO (AP) — Eight months after the government tried to force Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and his rural compound with a tank and tear gas assault, federal authorities have seized a hotel where many of the surviving sect members had been staying.

The Internal Revenue Service has taken control of the Britney Hotel

in downtown Waco, claiming the owner, Mark Domangue, failed to pay \$14,442 in federal withholding taxes and unemployment insurance on employees for two years.

Several Branch Davidians had been working for Domangue at odd jobs to help pay for their lodging at the hotel since an April 19 fire destroyed their home and led to the

deaths of Koresh and 85 others.

Domangue said IRS agents told him he owed taxes on work performed by guests who didn't pay for their rooms.

"They said they knew I housed people who needed housing for a week or two, and that they worked for me," Domangue said. "Some did make up a bed or two. They volunteered, wanted to help out. But the

IRS calls that bartering, and it's the main reason they shut me down."

Domangue said he probably will file for bankruptcy protection.

Gary Coker, an attorney representing some of the surviving members of the religious sect, said Tuesday that most of the Branch Davidians who had been living at the hotel found other places to live before the IRS moved in.

Groups criticize La Joya school plan to restrict enrollment

LA JOYA (AP) — A school board proposal to turn away students who don't live with parents or a legal guardian would discriminate against poor children and cost more than it would save, a critic says.

"It appears that this is part of what is happening in California, where they are blaming all their problems on immigrants," said Carmen Rumbaut, staff attorney for Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The board of trustees for La Joya schools on Tuesday decided

to delay a third and final vote on the proposal, which is intended to stem a tide of 1,000 new students a year.

Several other school districts on the Texas-Mexico border were watching the La Joya proposal because they also are experiencing rapid growth, in part due to illegal immigration.

La Joya officials say the policy is aimed at students who should be studying in other U.S. districts as much as illegal immigrants. They estimate that one in three new stu-

dents comes from Mexico.

Rumbaut said the policy would provide little relief for La Joya schools, but it would certainly prompt a costly legal challenge.

"People are looking for people to blame," she said. "And the problem with scapegoating is it doesn't fix the problem."

Currently, a parent from outside the district can send a child to live with a relative, for example, in La Joya by presenting a notarized statement that the relative is the guardian.

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Opinion

Poor don't need suburban welfare

The Clinton administration is expanding an experimental welfare program at a cost to taxpayers of another \$234 million over two years (for starters). Poor people will be moved to the suburbs.

The rationale: Jobs are in the suburbs. Hold it. Let's remember how America plunged into the welfare mess.

Though both wealthy areas and slums existed 30 years ago, the poor usually were interspersed throughout society. Servants would live in small dwellings close to those they served. The poor, though lacking many of the niceties of life, saw firsthand the industriousness of the wealthy and the middle class. Literally millions of Horatio Alger stories could be told of poor people who learned diligence, hard-work and thrift and lifted themselves out of poverty.

In the last 30 years, government has increased welfare payments and special housing for the poor. The poor became isolated from the creative examples of the middle class and the wealthy. The result: the vast inner-city wastelands of Los Angeles, Detroit and the South Bronx.

Welfare and housing subsidies sap the will to work even as the poor see few or no examples of hard work.

Now, won't the poor benefit, as they once did, by living close to the successful? No, because the original setup was determined by the free choices of free people in the marketplace.

The new "solution" coerces people to live together, while one group (the productive) is coerced to pay even more to the other group (the poor still on welfare).

The poor already are inured to welfare. They don't have to get off it. The old examples of industriousness worked only when the poor had to work.

The Clinton plan is guaranteed to increase resentment and create new slums in the suburbs. Suburbanites will flee, again, as many of them fled the government-created inner-city wastelands 30 years ago.

The *New York Times* even had the gall, in a "news" story, to call this a new "Underground Railroad." The original Underground Railroad brought slaves to freedom before the Civil War. The new, bogus "Underground Railroad" shifts people around while keeping them enslaved to poverty.

But the *Times* printed a telling description of a relocated woman who "has been unable to find a doctor to accept her Medicaid card, and grocery clerks sometimes fuss about her food stamps."

The new program only shifts around those enslaved to welfare. Only ending welfare entirely will give the poor the incentive they need to restore their lost dignity and liberty through hard work at real jobs.

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"It might have been suicide. As soon as the light turned green, he honked his horn at the car in front of him."

Why not give in to the French?

The snag on the GATT talks is not as easy to unravel as one would like, nor as open and shut as U.S. negotiator Mickey Kantor would have us believe.

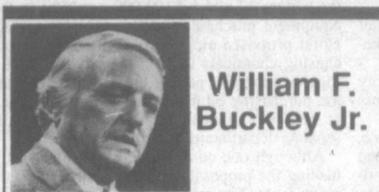
Yes, it's true that the United States is subsidizing the French movie industry. But no, it is not as simple as that the free-market approach of GATT closes out the question before the house, which is cultural, not economic.

As things now stand, 57 percent of box-office receipts in France come from movies produced in Hollywood. The French deal with this Coca-colonization of France (as they used to call it) in two ways. The most direct is to impose an 11 percent tax on every ticket sold. Additional taxes on TV movies and videocassettes raise \$350 million a year, and subsidize the French movie business, which employs 70,000 workers.

A French spokesman of the movie industry does not dispute that this is what happens. And he says it with a wonderful Gallic insolence: "What is good for France is good for France because it is not good for the United States and other countries."

That is more a wisecrack than a wise generality. It is true that if there is a finite sum to divide between John and Jim, the more you give John, the less Jim gets. But it is precisely the vision of free trade that both parties benefit from a transaction. So that viewed exclusively under the economic microscope, France doesn't prosper by adding to the consumer overhead of going to the movies, nor by discouraging the exportation of American products. The apparent gain is short term.

The second means by which the French seek to protect themselves is by limiting the hours during which U.S. entertainment can be shown on television. This is not exclusively a French form of cultur-



William F. Buckley Jr.

al protectionism. In 1989, the European Community decreed that a majority of air time should be reserved for entertainment indigenously produced by its 12 member states. On this point Kantor is willing to negotiate, but he swears that unless they drop the movie tax, it is no deal.

If the GATT people don't act by Dec. 15 [today], we will have a bureaucratic morass. On that day, the president's license to authorize the entire agreement lapses, and the little protectionist piranhas in Congress are set loose — and the ideal of free exchange and the corollary diplomatic advantages of it suffer a grievous blow.

But inasmuch as the passage of GATT deserves top priority, Kantor should ease up on the movie tax. To begin with, the service industry has not been held to rigid accounting on the matter of free trade. The reason for this is that the value of services is not as easy to quantify as wood shingles or rice.

A nation properly concerns itself with cultural aggression. We don't permit, for instance, the importation of child pornography. To say that this is entirely different from categorical impositions on an entire industry is simply to make the point that different countries have different approaches on cultural questions.

During the past few weeks, the Canadians have been forbidding any traffic by any American media reporting on a murder trial. The Canadians are also confiscating the export by American companies of sex contrivances judged to be degrading to Canadian women.

The French go further. The theme, as reported in *The New York Times*, is expressed by the actor/singer Renaud: "It's *Dallas* by French creativity."

It doesn't speak well for the French in general to confess that they need French tariffs to protect themselves from *Jurassic Park* and *Dallas*. But Gresham's law, we know, applies other than merely in the currency markets. Bad culture tends to drive out good culture. It will not destroy good culture, but we are required to acknowledge that good culture does need to be subsidized. The opera, the symphony orchestra, the ballet, the museum, the gallery are all subsidized.

In America, the subsidy is overwhelmingly provided by the private sector. But as a nation prepared to subsidize PBS and artists and intellectuals via the national endowment programs, we can hardly accuse the French of the simple crime of patronizing their own movie industry. It is the means by which they do it that offends us.

But since the French people are paying the movie tax, isn't it they who are being conned into protecting their own movie industry?

Daniel Toscan de Plantier, the president of Unifrance, the association that promotes French films, tells us that when the French can lay claim to 10 percent of the U.S. movie market, they'll gladly give up their tax.

That isn't going to happen in the foreseeable future, so the Clinton administration is best off swallowing its pride on this one.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Wednesday, Dec. 15, the 349th day of 1993. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Dec. 15, 1791, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution — the Bill of Rights — went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

On this date:
 In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and eleven other tribe members were killed in Grand River, South Dakota, during a fracas with Indian police working for the U.S. government.

In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.

In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C.

In 1944, a plane carrying band-leader Glenn Miller — a U.S. Army major — disappeared during a flight over the English Channel.

In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death in Jerusalem.



Park the dozers until we know

You and I have been watching the "Army vs. Us" game for years, and "us" don't always win!

The Army Corps of Engineers was created by Thomas Jefferson in 1802 to help our civilian population with navigation, transportation and such.

It was the Army Corps of Engineers which built our Capitol building, the Library of Congress and the U.S. portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Entirely worthy accomplishments until the 1930s, when the Engineers got involved in flood control.

Like all government agencies, the Engineers have to justify each annual budget before Congress, and the Engineers have kept expanding their budget by shoving dirt around — dams, channels, reservoirs, walls and locks.

The most ancient of the world's societies sought to control water cycles; modern engineering gives us an unprecedented ability to do so. Army Engineers, viewing nature as an adversary, sought to conquer it. Rivers, they decided, were unruly bits of a system that needed to be brought into line.

At the height of national enthusiasm for flood control, the 1955 Hoover Commission tried to constrain the enthusiasm, but the Corps would not be constrained. Its spokesperson, in 1970, grandiloquently



Paul Harvey

announced, "When we built the Ohio River ... And that brings us to a comparably arrogant quote this last summer in St. Louis when the chief army engineer for that district said, "We don't fear anything will happen that our system can't handle."

But it did. The mighty Mississippi crumbled the puny barricades, caused others purposely to be destroyed to relieve the pressure on populated areas.

In "straightening the rivers" to allow more floodplains agriculture, Engineers had taken away from the rivers their elasticity, their accommodation for movement as they expand and contract.

Now, tardily, Corps officials are conceding that

much of the flooded bottom land "may just become wetlands again."

Most every aspect of midland flood control has been discredited, a horrendously costly mistake. Do we know better?

In *State of the Earth Atlas*, geographer Joni Seager wrote: "Scientists and engineers remain largely committed to a view that they have promulgated for centuries, that the solution to an environmental problem is to 'build something,' and the bigger the better."

The Army Corps of Engineers Seager describes as "an unholy trinity — a military-engineering-bureaucracy."

Engineers with their enormous modern machines understandably develop an arrogance about nature.

We now have the benefit of hindsight on mismanaged water control yet the only assurance we have that this Corps will not make the same or similar blunders in the future requires a congressional determination to reduce this agency's budget, mandatorily to limit its earth-moving to what is both urgent and appropriate.

Park the dozers until we know for sure what we are doing.

It's time for a real multiparty system

Prepare to eat thy words, all you Washington bashers who claim nothing good ever happens in the capital of the nation.

An idea has just been born here that makes such astounding good sense that it ought to be adopted forthwith. Actually, I'm not sure if it's an idea or just a rumor, but here it is:

Jesse Jackson and Ralph Nader are reportedly considering the creation of a "fourth party" to challenge Democrats, Republicans and Perotistas for the reins of power. This was first reported by *The New York Post*, whose sources said Jackson would be the presidential candidate and Nader the veep running mate. There must be some truth in it, because right after the big North American Free Trade Agreement vote in mid-November, this pair waxed apoplectic.

Said Jackson: "President Clinton leads the Reagan-Bush-Limbaugh-Iacocca-Kissinger-Rostenkowski-major publishers-Wall Street-Republicans victory team."

Said Nader: "Clinton turned on the Americans who elected him — the bedrock Democratic constituencies of working American families — and threw his lot in with (Rep. Newt) Gingrich Republicanism and the big business lobbies of General Motors."

People who talk like that must be running for something.

I do not raise the incident merely to examine the prospects for 1996, however. I bring it up to point out there is the germ of a truly sensational idea here. Why don't we restore common sense and moderation to the Democratic and Republican parties by purging them



Joseph Spear

of all the gafflies, eccentrics, fools and assorted kooks who now populate them?

Thanks to Jackson-Nader, we now have a mechanism: Third, fourth, fifth parties. How would we get the oddballs to defect to them? I suspect it would work like Ray Kinsella's field of dreams: If we build them, they will come, or go, whatever.

Let's start with the Yesteryear Party. This would be the Jackson-Nader group, the knee-jerk liberals and special interests who have turned the Democratic Party into a ragtag confederation of perennial losers. They live in the past, when many believed our resources were limitless and we could spend our way out of any dilemma. If the moolah was not immediately available, hell, no problem, just tax the rich or borrow it.

Labor's legions would be a big part of this party. They would be easy to lure away from Democratic ranks, given their fury over Clinton's support for NAFTA and his denunciation of union bosses for their "roughshod, muscle-bound tac-

tics" against NAFTA advocates.

William H. Bywater, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers, was furious. "I tell any Democrat (favoring NAFTA), I am not going to support any of them, period," he told a *Washington Post* reporter. "That is it. I will try to get a candidate to run against them in the primary." AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland accused Clinton of "clearly abdicating his role" as leader of the Democratic Party. His secretary-treasurer, Thomas Donahue, said there is "always the possibility" that labor could back third-party candidates.

See what I mean? These people are ripe for secession. If the Democrats had any sense, they would give them a shove. They would also give an elbow to House Majority Whip David Bonior, D-Mich., who was brazen in his opposition to NAFTA, and Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., who was only a little less so.

On the Republican side, Pat Buchanan has already formed a new organization, the American Cause Foundation, which could easily be converted into a political party. Given a similarity in views toward women and minorities, it would seem that the Rev. Pat Robertson and his sanctimonious disciples would fit right in. What would we call them? I like the Hide-bound Party.

Then there are such strange ducks as Ross Perot and Jerry Brown. Their party would be easy to name. The Flakes.

And you said no good ideas ever emanated from Washington. Shame on you.

Actress Myrna Loy dies at age 88

By FARRELL KRAMER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Myrna Loy, who as the charming sophisticated Nora Charles made marriage look like a lark in the *Thin Man* movies, is dead at 88.

Loy, who died Tuesday at Lenox Hill Hospital, where she had been hospitalized for about a month with an undisclosed illness, had a career that stretched from silent films to TV sitcoms and included more than 100 movies.

For a generation in the 1930s and '40s, she was known as "the woman every man wanted to marry."

On screen, she came across as smart, charming, affectionate, witty and unflappable.

"To meet whom did Franklin D. Roosevelt find himself tempted to call off the Yalta Conference? Myrna Loy," Lauren Bacall said at a 1985 Motion Picture Academy tribute. "And to see what lady in what picture did John Dillinger risk coming out of hiding to meet his bullet-ridden death in an alley in Chicago? Myrna Loy, in *Manhattan Melodrama*."

Off screen, Loy supported a variety of liberal causes. She was one of the first stars to challenge Hollywood discrimination against blacks and spoke out against McCarthy-era efforts to blacklist actors suspected of communist sympathies.

"She had an intellect," said Tony Randall, who appeared with her in the TV series *Love, Sidney*. "She never cared very much about clothes or anything like that. She cared about causes."

Loy's most famous role was opposite William Powell's sleuth Nick Charles in the six *Thin Man* movies of the 1930s and '40s. As Nora, Loy was undaunted by bullets and matched her irreverent husband martini for martini, joking him out of hangovers and presiding with grace at a party full of hoodlums.

In her own life, Loy was married and divorced four times.

"In those days we still had this thing that we had to get married," she said in 1980. She had no children.

Her colleagues finally honored the actress known as FDR's favorite with their highest tribute in 1991 — an honorary Oscar.

Born Myrna Williams in ranch country, Raidersburg, Mont., Loy moved with her family to California when she was a schoolgirl.

Her first role was a chorus girl in *Pretty Ladies* in 1925. She also played a chorus girl in the 1927 *The Jazz Singer*, the first talkie.

For years, despite her freckles and upturned nose, she found herself cast as an exotic beauty, playing Chinese, Japanese, Malaysian, Hindu or Polynesian sirens.

The Thin Man was made quickly and on a shoestring in 1934 because studio chief Louis B. Mayer opposed the casting of Loy and Powell. But the film was a smash and five sequels followed.

"I never enjoyed my work more than when I worked



Actress Myrna Loy is shown as Nora Charles with William Powell as Nick Charles and Asta the fox terrier in a publicity photo for 'The Thin Man.' (AP photo)

with William Powell," Loy said after his death in 1984.

She also played opposite Clark Gable in *Too Hot to Handle*, with Gable and Powell in *Manhattan Melodrama*, with Gable and Spencer Tracy in *Test Pilot* and opposite Tyrone Power in *The Rains Came*.

She later joined Cary Grant in *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House* and starred in the postwar classic *The Best Years of Our Lives*.

Her last screen appearance was in 1980's *Just Tell Me What You Want*, with Ali MacGraw. She continued to work in television, appearing in the movie *Summer Solstice* opposite Henry Fonda and in the series *Love, Sidney*.

Other movie appearances include *Ben-Hur*, 1926; *Don Juan*, 1926; *What Price Beauty*, 1928; *The Desert Song*, 1929; *Cock O' the Walk*, 1930; *Body and Soul*, 1931; *Arrowsmith*, 1931; *Vanity Fair*, 1932; *The Mask of Fu Manchu*, 1932; *The Prizefighter and the Lady*, 1933; *The Great Ziegfeld*, 1936; *A Connecticut Yankee at the Court of King Arthur*, 1936; *The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer*, 1947; *The Red Pony*, 1949; *Cheaper by the Dozen*, 1950; *Lonelyhearts*, 1959; *From the Terrace*, 1960; *Midnight Lace*, 1960; and *The End*, 1978.

Loy's husbands were producer Arthur Hornblow Jr., advertising executive John Hertz Jr., producer-screenwriter Gene Markey and producer Howland Sargent.

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British, Irish leaders spell out peace plan

LONDON (AP) — British and Irish leaders agreed today on a "framework for peace" in Northern Ireland, hoping it would induce gunmen on both sides to give up after a quarter-century of killing.

"There is now a clear political path which is meaningful for all," said Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds, moments after signing the seven-page document with British leader John Major.

To the Irish Republican Army and its allies, they opened the door to holding exploratory negotiations within three months of a permanent cease-fire.

To the pro-British Protestant majority in Northern Ireland, they pledged that they would not be forced out of the United Kingdom so long as most people are opposed to a united Ireland.

There was no immediate reaction from the IRA. Protestant hard-liners condemned the agreement but the main pro-British unionist party in Northern Ireland reacted cautiously.

"Our message is clear and it is simple: there is no future in violence. There is a fair and democratic future for all those who want to enter the political process," said Major, standing in front of a big Christmas tree outside his official residence at No. 10 Downing St.

"We believe that it is now up to those who used or supported violence to take that opportunity. The door is open to them. They won't have a better opportunity, and they don't have a better option," Major said.

Major said his government was prepared to talk to Sinn Fein, the political party that supports the IRA, "within three months when the cessation of violence has been clearly established."

"If they lose this opportunity it might never come their way again," Major said at a joint news conference with Reynolds.

More than 3,100 people have been slain in the province, and 219 more in Britain and the Irish republic, since the political-religious conflict was rekindled in 1969.

The immediate test of the initiative is whether the IRA, which recently engaged in secret contacts with Major's government, would accept.

The bait dangled by the British included a statement that it had "no selfish strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland." And it affirmed

that it was for all the people of the island of Ireland "to exercise their right of self-determination on the basis of consent, freely and concurrently given, North and South, to bring about a united Ireland, if that is their wish."

The next question is whether the agreement was palatable as well to the pro-British Protestant majority in the province.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, leader of the hard-line Democratic Unionist Party, told reporters in Downing Street that it was not. He said Major had "sold Ulster to buy off the fiendish republican scum."

David Trimble, a lawmaker from the larger Ulster Unionist Party, said he was heartened that Britain had not promised to nudge the Protestant majority toward Irish union, as the Irish government had wanted.

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Coal contract ratified; striking miners returning to work

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Up to 17,500 miners on strike in seven states begin heading back to work tonight after approving a five-year contract with some of the nation's biggest coal companies.

"It helps to know that we got a job, so what little money we have we can spend it before Christmas," said James Parsons, a 55-year-old miner from Foster.

About 65 percent of eligible miners voted Tuesday in favor of

the contract, which ends a seven-month walkout. An estimated 60,000 members of the United Mine Workers union were eligible to vote.

The union won its key demand, guaranteed access to future jobs. Without that, the union said, its members face widespread unemployment in the next seven to 10 years, the average remaining life span of most UMW miners.

"Our members can go back to the

mines with their heads held high, knowing that we beat the odds and won a strong contract that guarantees our right to job opportunities," United Mine Workers President Richard Trumka said.

The contract was worked out last week during talks overseen by a special mediator appointed by Labor Secretary Robert Reich.

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Your friend,
Jessica Knipp
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good boy this year would you please give me a gamegear, Saga CD, cimistry set, spring shoes, a cachena dall, 2 saga games, a dalas cowboy football, a remot control car, game genie, for sega and gamegear, stele tech, ren and stimpy doll, alarm clock, Shackel O Nel shoes, walkman, flaregun all of those I want for Christmas.
Your friend
Aaron Broadus
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a boom box and a modersicle, and a davy crocet gun
Your friend
Curtis Pritchett
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
Do you what to hear a joke hear it is, do you know that Santa got a cood because he was in the north pole to long. Santa I want a Super N.E.S and Mega Man X and Street Fighter 2 Super
Your friend,
Tommy Janway
Austin Elementary
bye bye Santa

Dear
I whata Nintindo and all of The power Rangers and a power Ranger videoe game on super nitindo
Your frind Dustin Williamson
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thankyou for all the stuff youve got me in the past years. you must of work very hard to of got all of that money you must make thosends of money. I want a like for cristmas Your the nicest santa in the world:
your friend
Lindsey Terrell
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I wolde like to have a horse I now it is ispensuf. I am a litte migikule

so I want a loing ha and a wond. I wolde like a t.v. sate.
Your friend,
Codi Wisdom
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa Clause,
for Christmas I want a dirtbike most of all. I wanta b-b gun to. I want a manchiho Andahunting suit. Andapair of hunting boots thatare camoflodge. A real Indian spear. And a bike anda fishing pole. And a basooka. Anda new boat that sparkles in the sun just like mine only faster 150,190,971,74 miles per hour.
Your friend,
James Casa
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I will leave you some cookies and milk. I want from Santa is a Sega Genesis with games. I want Sonic the Headchoe 2 sand 1. I also want from Santa is a leather soccer ball.
Your pal,
Matt Robben
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa
This year I want a segu super nes, skate bord, CD player, Star Fox, Steet fiter II torBo, Bat man, sonic spin Ball, Sonic two, Sonic, My un t.v. whith cable, X-men toys, pool, hot tub, Jo, kasy, and stuff.
Your friend,
Adam Taylor
Austin Elementary

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
I want a lot of things this year. To begin with I want a T.V. vesear, a dog, the triplits, and a bird. Some other things I want are a vase with green, white, and red flowers and roodof hodes it, and I want a chair with a bear holding pents and a candy cane that looks like you.
Your friend,
Lexi Hill
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a Gameboy if you don't mind. A car called the Claw. It looked neat on T.V. I want a Jurassic lark set. Maybe Super Mario All-Stars. A sega Genesis I'm sure you might not get all this stuff, but thats O.K. Oh! A Chris Cross Crash set.
A Suet box.
Your pal,
Julie Ann Craig
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I whold like a saga a mordel comb-backin and I whold like a saga c.d. And a basket ball. Air hockey table.

And a babby mokey or a sqarle. And some fishing lowers. And a lot of canday.
Your Friend,
Trey Curtis
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
I would Like a pair of stilts, a basket ball goal, a T.V. for my room, a C.D. player for my room, some new clothes, and some new shoes.
Your friend,
Abby Bradley
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Dear Santa Claus.
fo. Christmas I want a Kitty surprise. And a Little teddy bear. In my stocking I would like a candy cane and one for my brother Please tell Rudofe I watch hem on tv last night
Your friend
Amber Bowers
Austin Elementary

Dear Mr. Claws,
What I want for christmas is an erector set a scorcher it's a remot control car. A pool table the new sonic spinball for sega, Genesis a sega cd with sonic cd and bubsi cd and sega Ginesis game called aladin. And the sega Genesis game called batman returns. And a super soker three hundred.
Your admirer,
John Cody
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like classic color paint, nunila paper, and a stuffed animal. How are you doing? How are the elves? How is Rudoff? We have a tree with lights, orde-ments, and an Angle on the top. The lights blink off and on. How is Mrs.Claus? You probuly have had toys everywhere since January 1, 1993.
Love,
Sarah Schwab
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a game geine for a super N.E.S. A New bick. The saga genes would benice. I would want to own Wall-Mart. And a horse. A new born puppy. A two wa free trip to Hawaii.
Your friend,
Scotty Willett
Austin Elementary

Dear Mr. Claus
If you don't miend geting me a catchers mit, Forbeden brige, It

from the pit, a fiedted Maranes hat, a saigia or a Super Nentindo, a phone, a nerf slingshot, a desk, a Lotery tiket, Slam, Canakotey, Lats my story and Im stiken to it, a nekles that has a hart and a crack in it. new bating gloves and for it to show.
Your friend
Jered Snelgrooes
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega Game Ger and a Sega C.D.A newbike would sadesfy me. I new Dalles cowboy foot ball and smole size d.A cuputer too. A aretaretset.
Your friend,
Reid Spearman
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I wood like to have a GameBoy. I also wood like to have some Indian cloths. I like Masy hars tractters. I wood like to have a Diry with a lock. I want my little broter have a soot like yours.
Your frind
Emily Johnson
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stuff you gave me last year. This year I want a lether jacket, brown lofers with a buckle, Allidain the movie, Free Willy the movie, Denis the Menace the movie, the game where you can paint stuff on your T.V. (you will see it at wal-mart when you come in if you hurry) a C.D. player, if I get a C.D. player Billie Ray Cirous C.D., jeans like Katys with difrent color pockts, my hair to grow to my shoulders, my top two teeth (the ones next to my to front teeth), clothes, alarm clock, lether shoes, make-up, and a level 2 paris pence
Your friend
Abby Cavalier
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
What I wount for christmas is a N.E. S. game, slinky plastic, Criss-Cross-Cross-Crass Game Gear, Jumpin Monkeys, Glow in the dark watch, a Robot, Travl Skable, Real Pool Table, Super Socker Bow and Arrow, Super Socker 1,000, Nerf Bow and Arrow Creepy Crolers work shop, Z-bots and Meg-a-bot, Art set.
Your friend,
Zach Windhorst
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I'll leave you some cookies and milk in the kitchen. This year I want some roller blaze for Christmas remember 5 1/2 or 6's. I also want a big stuffed animal, peace on earth, oil paints, alot of books, a horse, a dog, a cat, some fish, and a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Megan Shannon
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a boom box and a telefon and a vcr and the the works. I have been a good boy this year. I can not wait until christmas day.
your friend
chris
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa;
I would like a horse fore christ- mas. I don't have a horse that's why I want one. I want a new bike too. I want, "NIKE AIR JORDAN'S." They're awesome. I would like a christian tape or a BOOM BOX!!
Your friend,
Tristan Brown
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I like all the things you give me every year. They are fun to play whith.

This year I would like a bordgame and a candy.
Your friend,
Brandy
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a sega, sega CD, gamegare. And a bunch of games for my gameboy I aslo want a lot of candy. I want a vangey four weller. I want money very badiy. I want a new bike. A helpment for the four weller you are going to get me. I want lego. the pirate sets. I want a super NES. A bebbey gun, pletet gun. I want a remote cantore car thegood kind, that don't beak the first day you get them. A gan of mouse. I want a litter. A new Dallas cowboys hat. An alome clock. I want Nickanda gak and slime. I want any of the super skockers. I want new shoes, I want some bags of befcherger I also want any kind of junk fodd
Your friend,
Ben Frogge
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hop everyone was good this year. Thank you for the toy you have gave me. I hop you get a new sled for chrishams.
Ryan
Austin Elementary

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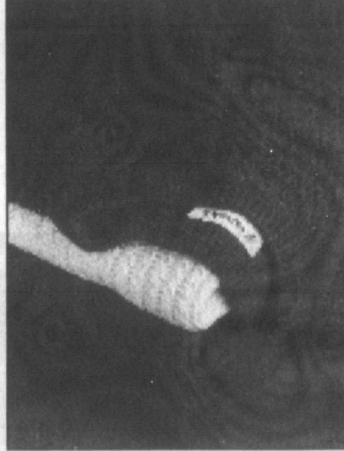
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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing I am doing fine. I am glad we have a Santa Claus like you. If you didn't exist it would be terrible on Christmas. I hope everybody else in my class likes you. I probably have to much things I want for Christmas I have like twenty things I want for Christmas. I hope I get atleast ten things for Christmas. My mom is suppost to get me something. My dad is probably going to get me something. My brother I am not sure about he might get me something. I don't have a sister to get me something except I have a half sister except I do not know her. I have only seen her in pictures. I have three grandpa's and two grandpa's they will all surely get me something for Christmas they did last year. I hope you get me something to. I don't know if I have been bad this year. I love it win I get at least one thing for Christmas. Is it cold up at the North Pole to you? I think it would be pretty cold at the North Pole. Can you read minds, make anything happen I want to know because I am curious? I have a friend who is very nice to have as a friend. His name is Matthew Murray. Well I have to start talking about me again. I have a dog that wants something for Christmas. I have a cat that wants something for Christmas. My dog probably wants a collar for Christmas. My cat probably wants a nice year supply of cat food. What I want for Christmas really bad is a Super NES. My mom probably wants something from me like a dress because they are pretty.

Your friend, Brent
Austin Elementary

Dear Santa,

I would like a Baby Giggles and go. A dalmatian puppy name Penny.

'Wayne's World 2' takes top spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Wayne's World 2* hurled into first place at the box office in its opening weekend.

The *Wayne's World* return of Mike Myers as Wayne and Dana Carvey as Garth made \$13.5 million, dropping *Mrs. Doubtfire*, starring Robin Williams, into second place with \$10.2 million, Exhibitor Relations Co. said.

Whoopi Goldberg's *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit* opened at No. 3 with only \$7.6 million — less than the estimated \$8 million the Walt Disney Co. paid Miss Goldberg to play a singing nun.

Geronimo: An American Legend starring Wes Studi and Gene Hackman made \$4 million for fourth place its premiere weekend.

Here are the weekend's top 10 films, according to Exhibitor Relations Co.

Estimated ticket sales are from Friday through Sunday, with distributor, weekend gross, number of North American theater locations, average per location, total gross and number of weeks in release.

Figures are based on actual receipts and projections where actual figures were not available.

1. *Wayne's World 2*, Paramount, \$13.5 million, 2,400 locations, \$5,632 per location,

Also some VCR tapes and a bean bag. Don't forget about my dogs they love Bones. There will be cookies & milk for you.

Love,
Michelle Evans

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? My mommy is writing a letter and I am, too. Is Mrs. Claws alright? I would like a doll house with some people in it. Maybe a dryer, too, if you think it will fit in my room.

What else should I ask for? I know; a pink dinosaur and a camera where the picture comes out the back so I can take pictures. I love you. We don't have a chimney so I don't know how you will get in. Maybe the front door, but we lock it. How will you get in?

Love,
Sarah Mills
3/12

Dear santa clous

I want ALL thees toys please. A bicycle that look loke a motor sicle that is black with a bitfun that makes it go faster. I wan a gote cart that is blue. And a skateboard. A romote kentroll airplane and a saga jenas and Jonie the heghog on video.

Merry Christmas
Love,
Lee

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a new bike. And a batmobile and a Teddy bear. Bring my Dad some new boots and my mom some Deffamanol. My dog Alf wants a new toy. Send my Grandma in Pottsboro some jamas & my mimi in Houston some lipstick. I live in Pampa. And I'll try to peek on Christmas if I can sneak past my mom.

Love,
Michael Steven Edgett
P.S. I will leave you 4 cookies.

\$13.5 million, one week.

2. *Mrs. Doubtfire*, 20th Century Fox, \$10.2 million, 1,959 locations, \$5,185 per location, \$60.6 million, three weeks.

3. *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*, Disney, \$7.6 million, 2,132 locations, \$3,550 per location, \$7.6 million, one week.

4. *Geronimo: An American Legend*, Columbia, \$4 million, 1,605 locations, \$2,504 per location, \$4 million, one week.

5. *A Perfect World*, Warner Bros., \$2.8 million, 1,964 locations, \$1,433 per location, \$22.9 million, three weeks.

6. *The Three Musketeers*, Disney, \$2 million, 1,951 locations, \$1,012 per location, \$41.1 million, five weeks.

7. *Addams Family Values*, Paramount, \$1.9 million, 2,001 locations, \$945 per location, \$39 million, four weeks.

8. *Carlito's Way*, Universal, \$1.34 million, 1,266 locations, \$1,060 per location, \$31.1 million, five weeks.

9. *The Piano*, Miramax, \$1.28 million, 274 locations, \$4,703 per location, \$9.2 million, five weeks.

10. *My Life*, Columbia, \$1.1 million, 1,130 locations, \$975 per location, \$24 million, five weeks.

Judge: Colorado's anti-gay amendment is unconstitutional

By PEGGY LOWE
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — A judge Tuesday ruled that Colorado's anti-gay-rights initiative, Amendment 2, is unconstitutional.

Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless said the amendment violates "the fundamental right of an identifiable group to participate in the political process."

He made his injunction blocking it from taking effect permanent.

Amendment 2, approved by voters in November 1992, would have banned the state and local governments from prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. It also would cancel existing gay rights ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver.

A trial on the amendment's constitutionality was held in October. Bayless said evidence presented then did not show that there is a "militant gay aggression in this state that endangers the state's political functions."

He said the evidence also did not persuade him that without Amendment 2, homosexuals would be able to lay claim to special protection now afforded minorities, as Amendment 2's supporters said.

The amendment was written and backed by a group called Colorado for Family Values. Founder Will Perkins said the group's aim was to deny "protected-class status" to gays, not to deny them civil rights.

The legal challenge to Amendment 2 was originally brought by the three cities whose gay-rights ordinances were canceled and nine individual opponents of the measure.

A group called Boycott Colorado was formed to put political and economic pressure on the state to wipe the measure from the books. Those efforts cost the state \$40 million to \$120 million in future conventions, but failed to significantly hurt Colorado's huge tourism industry.

Tim Tymkovich, Colorado assistant attorney general, said he and Attorney General Gale Norton will decide later whether to appeal Bayless' ruling.

Suzanne Goldberg, representing the plaintiffs, called the ruling "a strong affirmation of gay and lesbian civil rights."

The judge noted that supporters of the amendment maintained during the trial that "homosexuals are condemned by Scripture and therefore discrimination based on that religious teaching is protected within free-

dom of religion."

But he said no group can be denied equal access to the political process because that would violate the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"On balance, this court concludes that the two rights, the religious right to discriminate, and the homosexuals' to participate in the political process, can coexist," he wrote.

Amendment 2 had been scheduled to take effect last Jan. 15, but Bayless issued a preliminary injunction, saying there was a good chance the law would not pass constitutional muster.

The state Supreme Court upheld Bayless' injunction in May, saying the law probably violates the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment, which forbids denial of equal rights to any person.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Nov. 1 refused to let Colorado enforce the measure pending decisions in the state courts.

An October poll found most Coloradans still support Amendment 2 and think it is aimed at preventing the spread of special treatment to another minority group. The poll found 64 percent of those surveyed believe gays are seeking acceptability more than rights; 26 percent disagreed.

Corn compromise gives ethanol large gasoline market share

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will propose that 30 percent of the smog-reducing gasoline sold in the nation's smoggiest cities must be derived from renewable sources, such as corn-based ethanol, administration officials said Tuesday.

The compromise, a victory for Midwest growers, was included as a side proposal to the government's decision that the primary mix for reformulated fuel will not allow for ethanol, officials said.

A White House official speaking on condition of anonymity said the cumulative effect of the decisions would be a boon to corn growers, who have fought for a larger share of the reformulated fuel market as the government sets standards under the Clean Air Act.

"It is terrific. It exceeds my expectations," said Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "It is by far the best news corn growers have had in many years."

The decision to be announced by the Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday will return to a nego-

tiated gas formula that was changed by President Bush in an election-year deal.

However, in the same way that Bush was seeking to help Midwestern farmers, the Clinton administration's solution will provide a significant new market for ethanol, the sources said.

The Clinton plan, according to the officials, will work this way:

The administration sets performance standards for reformulated gas required to be used in the nation's nine smoggiest cities beginning January 1995.

Those standards, which are aimed at reducing emissions that contribute to smog, would effectively block ethanol because it cannot always meet the new pollution standards. A cleaner-burning ethanol derivative would meet the pollution standards but could not compete in the market because it is more expensive than petroleum based alternatives.

To appease corn growers, the administration will propose a second

rule mandating that 30 percent of the reformulated fuel market be based on renewable fuel such as ethanol.

The ethanol blend still will have to meet the air quality standards mandated by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

The issue has been one of the most intensively lobbied of the Clinton administration, creating an odd alliance of oil companies and environmentalists against the farmers.

Bipartisan coalitions formed in Congress urging Clinton from both sides.

Reformulated gas was required in order for the nation's smoggiest cities to meet air quality standards under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Several Northeastern states have indicated they also will opt to use the reformulated gas required for those cities.

The administration grappled with the same problems as the Bush administration in trying to help grain growers who produce ethanol, while keeping to the clean air specifications mandated by the Clean Air Act.

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Food

Area 4-H's bring home the bacon in competition

Eleven Gray County 4-H'ers competed in the District 4-H Food Show in Berger earlier this month.

Dennis Williams of the Lefors 5-H 4-H Club earned the top award in the senior main dish category at the Dec. 5 show. He will now be eligible to compete in the State 4-H Food Show in June at College Station, where \$750 scholarships will be awarded to state winners.

Other 4-H'ers earning spots in the "top four" of their respective categories were Kim McDonald of Pampa in Senior Nutritious Snacks and Desserts; Amanda Kludt of Pampa in Senior Breads and Cereals; Angie Davenport of Lefors in Intermediate Main Dish; and Barry Brauchi in Intermediate Breads and Cereals.

In addition, the following Gray County 4-H members made an outstanding showing in their categories: Andrea Shank, Nikki Hefley, Ashley Comer, Lacey Steel and Lori Hefley of McLean and Shelly Davenport of Lefors.

4-H'ers were judged on foods and nutrition project experiences, planning of a one-day menu according to the Food Guide Pyramid, preparation of a nutritious food and an interview to answer questions related to nutrition and preparation and food safety principles.

Following are the recipes of the top winners from the Gray County entries:

Broccoli-Cheese Stromboli

By Dennis Williams, Senior Division, Main Dish

- 6 dried mushrooms
- 8 oz. lean ground beef, ground pork or ground turkey
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 14-1/2 oz. can Italian-style or plain stewed tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped broccoli
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning, crushed
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

- 1/4 cup pitted ripe olives, sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped sweet red or green pepper
- Non-stick cooking spray
- 1 10-oz. pkg. refrigerated pizza dough, or homemade pizza dough (recipe follows)
- 1 cup shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese (4 oz.)
- Milk and sesame or poppy seed

Soak dried mushrooms for 30 minutes in enough warm water to cover. Squeeze to drain thoroughly. Thinly slice mushrooms, discarding stems.

For filling, in a medium skillet, cook the meat and onion till meat is no longer pink and onion is tender. Drain fat. Stir in the undrained tomatoes, broccoli, Italian seasoning and pepper. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, about 15 minutes or till most of the liquid has evaporated, stirring occasionally. Stir in the red or green pepper, olives and mushrooms. Cool slightly.

Spray a 15x10x1-inch baking sheet with non-stick coating; set aside. On a lightly floured surface, roll the pizza dough into a 14x12-inch rectangle. Divide big rectangle into four smaller rectangles. Down the center of each rectangle, spoon one-fourth of the meat mixture. Then sprinkle with cheese. Moisten the dough edges with milk. Bring the long edges together over filling; stretch and pinch to seal. Fold the ends up and over the seam and seal. Arrange rolls, seam side down, on the prepared baking sheet. If desired, use hors d'oeuvre cutters to make 2 or 3 cutouts in tops or prick tops with a fork. Brush the tops with milk; sprinkle with sesame or poppy seed. Bake, uncovered, in a 375° F. oven for 25 to 30 minutes or till light brown.

Makes 4 servings.

Rapid Rise Pizza Dough

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour*

- 1-1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 pkg. Rapid Rise yeast
- 1 cup water
- 2 tsp. oil

* 1 cup all-purpose flour may be substituted for the whole wheat flour.

Set aside 1 cup all-purpose flour. In large bowl, mix remaining flours, salt and yeast. Heat water and oil until hot to touch (125-130° F); stir into dry mixture. Add only enough reserved flour to make stiff dough. On lightly floured surface, knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes. Divide dough in half and use as desired. (If using for preceding Broccoli-Cheese Stromboli recipe, roll 1/2 of the dough into a 14x12-inch rectangle and proceed as directed in the recipe. Roll the other half of the dough into a 12-inch round and place on a pizza pan. Pre-bake at 450° F. for 8 minutes. After pre-baking, the dough may be wrapped and frozen for 4-6 weeks.)

Vegetable Pizza With Oat Bran Crust

By Angie Davenport, Intermediate Division, Main Dish

- 1 cup oat bran, uncooked
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 cup skim milk
- 3 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. oat bran, uncooked
- 1 can (8-oz.) low sodium tomato sauce
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms (about 3 oz.)
- 1 medium green, red or yellow bell pepper or combination, cut into rings
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1-1/4 cups (5 oz.) shredded part skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 tsp. oregano leaves or Italian seasoning, crushed

Combine 1 cup oat bran, flour and baking powder. Add milk and oil; mix well. Let stand 10 minutes. Heat oven to 425° F. Lightly spray 12-inch round pizza pan with vegetable oil cooking spray or oil lightly. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon oat bran. With lightly oiled fingers, pat dough out evenly; shape edge to form rim.

Bake 12 to 14 minutes. Spread sauce evenly over partially baked crust. Top with vegetables; sprinkle with cheese and oregano. Bake an additional 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cut into 8 wedges. Makes 4 servings.

Fat-Free Banana Crunch Muffins

By Amanda Kludt, Senior Division, Breads & Cereals

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup wheat & barley cereal nuggets
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 medium-size ripe bananas, mashed (1 cup)
- 1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 1/4 cup thawed frozen no-cholesterol egg substitute
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

About 40 minutes before serving or early in day:

- Preheat oven to 350° F.
- In medium bowl, mix first 6 ingredients.
- In large bowl, with wire whisk or fork, mix bananas, yogurt, egg substitute and vanilla well; stir in flour mixture just until moistened.
- Spoon batter into muffin-pan cups. Bake muffins 30 minutes or until tops are golden and toothpick inserted in center of muffins comes out clean. Remove from muffin-pan cups to wire racks. Serve muffins warm, or cool on wire racks to serve

later. Yield: 12 muffins or 24 mini-muffins (bake mini-muffins for only 20 minutes).

Savory Herb Bread

By Barry Brauchi, Intermediate Division, Breads & Cereals

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp. instant nonfat dry milk
- 1 package dry yeast
- 2 tsp. minced parsley
- 1 tsp. minced dillweed
- 3/4 tsp. minced rosemary
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground white pepper
- 1-1/4 cups skim milk
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 2 tsp. honey
- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. all-purpose flour, divided
- Vegetable cooking spray

Combine first 8 ingredients in a large bowl; stir well. Set aside. Combine milk, onion, margarine and honey. Cook at medium heat until margarine melts. Let cool to 120° to 130° F. Add milk mixture to whole wheat flour mixture. Beat at low speed of an electric mixer just until blended; beat at high speed 3 minutes. Gradually stir in 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour to make a soft dough.

Sprinkle 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour evenly over work surface. Turn dough out onto floured surface, and knead until smooth and elastic (about 8 to 10 minutes). Place in a large bowl coated with cooking spray, turning to coat top. Cover and let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, 1 hour or until doubled in bulk.

Sprinkle remaining 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour evenly over work surface. Punch dough down; turn out onto floured surface. Roll dough to a 10x6-inch rectangle. Roll up dough, jellyroll fashion, starting at short side, pressing to eliminate air

pockets. Pinch ends to seal. Place seam side down in a 9x5x3-inch loafpan coated with cooking spray. Cover and let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, 40 minutes or until dough is doubled in bulk.

Bake at 350° F. for 50 to 55 minutes or until loaf sounds hollow when tapped. (Cover with aluminum foil the last 15 minutes of baking to prevent excess browning, if necessary.) Remove from pan; let cool on a wire rack.

Yield: 18 servings.

Sour Cream Pound Cake

By Kim McDonald, Senior Division, Nutritious Snacks & Desserts

- 3 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup margarine, softened
- 1-1/3 cups frozen egg substitute, thawed
- 1-1/2 cups low-fat sour cream
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 4-1/2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- Vegetable cooking spray

Cream sugar and margarine at medium speed of an electric mixer until combined.

Gradually add egg substitute, beating well. Combine sour cream and baking soda; stir well and set aside. Combine flour and salt; with mixer running at low speed, add to creamed mixture alternately with sour mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture.

Stir in vanilla. Spoon batter into a 10-inch tube pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 325° F. for 1 hour and 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool on a wire rack.

Yield: 24 servings.

Story and recipes courtesy of the Gray County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



(AP Photo)

Strawberry Trifle, a popular dessert in England, is not only tasty but also easy to make.

Dessert parties prove to be a hit

By The Associated Press

If sit-down soirees have daunted you in the past, consider a new approach to entertaining: the dessert party. Serve a variety of desserts, wine, brandy or liqueur, cocoa or coffee. Strawberry trifle is a popular dessert in England, made with spongecake, jam and pudding — and topped with whipped cream. Also easy to prepare: apple kringle and pumpkin pie.

Strawberry Trifle

- 2 cups instant or prepared vanilla pudding
- 2-3rds cup cognac
- 1/2 cup strawberry jam
- Two 8-inch round spongecakes
- 4 cups strawberries
- 1 cup crumbled macaroons
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds, lightly toasted
- Whipped cream, as garnish
- Mix instant pudding according to package directions. Blend in 3 tablespoons of the cognac. Cover and chill.

In a small saucepan, combine remaining cognac with the strawberry jam. Heat, stirring until melted. Pour through a strainer into a small bowl; reserve.

Line the bottom of an 8-inch glass bowl with 1 spongecake.

Brush cake with half of the warm strawberry mixture. Cover with 2 cups of the strawberries.

Spread 1 cup of the pudding over the strawberries; top with the 1 cup crumbled macaroons. Layer second spongecake on top. Brush with remaining warm strawberry mixture. Spread remaining pudding over all.

Chill for several hours or overnight. Before serving, whip cream. Decorate top of trifle with whipped cream rosettes, strawberries and almond slivers. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Apple Kringle

- 4 cups sliced apples
- 1/2 cup fruit mincemeat
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1/4 cup hot water mixed with 4 tablespoons cognac
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar

Arrange apples, mincemeat and chopped nuts in a buttered baking dish. Pour water and cognac over the apple-mincemeat-nut mixture.

In a medium bowl, cream butter. Blend in flour and sugar to form crumbs. Sprinkle over apple mixture. Bake in a preheated 400-degree F oven for 40 to

45 minutes, or until apples are tender and the top is crisp and brown. Top with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Makes 8 servings.

Pumpkin Pie

- 1 pie crust
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 cup cognac
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin
- 3 small eggs, beaten
- Whipped cream for garnish, if desired.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Bake pie crust 7 minutes; remove from oven.

Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees F.

In a medium bowl, combine milk, light brown sugar, cognac, light corn syrup, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Add canned pumpkin and beaten eggs. Blend well.

Slowly pour pumpkin mixture into prepared pie shell. Bake in a 325-degree F oven until filling is barely set in the center, about 40 minutes. Cool. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Area recipes, anecdotes wanted

The Pampa News is interested in receiving the Panhandle's best recipes for publication.

But that's not all. Along with your recipe, include any interesting anecdotes or history you think our readers might be interested in reading about. Recipes will be printed as space permits.

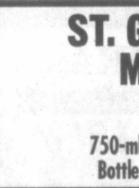
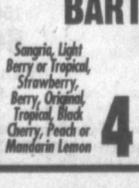
Recipes are not restricted to a specific meal or type of food. Every dish from the heartiest ranch breakfast to the most Spartan supper is welcomed. In addition, speciality dishes and desserts are also accepted.

The Pampa News reserves the right to print or reject any recipe. Submissions may be sent to: The Pampa News, Food Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

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Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This is a very touchy problem. We are a young couple with three children. My husband's mother lives with us and we share all the rooms, except for the bedrooms (Grandma has her own bedroom). The problem is that she has no social life of her own -- therefore, she is with the family all the time. I can never spend any time alone with my husband and children -- unless I leave the house. Have you any suggestions on how I can be alone with my husband and children without hurting my mother-in-law's feelings?
STUMPED

DEAR STUMPED: Much depends on what kind of person your mother-in-law is. The only clue to her personality is that she has no social life of her own -- which leads me to believe that she isn't very sociable, and nobody seeks her out. In addition, she is not the kind of person with whom you can be perfectly candid without hurting her feeling -- otherwise, why would you be writing to me? I could be more helpful if you answered a few questions: How old is she? Is she in good health? Does she drive? Does she have any friends? Is she good company? Does she have any special interests? Does she want to socialize on her own? Is she content to stay home? Answer these questions and perhaps I can be more helpful.

DEAR ABBY: You had some columns about people who had trouble with their names. Please include me.

My first name is Roberta and my last name is Law. Simple, right? Wrong! I get correspondence with some strange combinations. Some examples: Robert A. Law and Robert A. Low.

I got tired of being mistaken for a male, so I decided to use my middle name, which is Mae. Then, I received correspondence addressed to: ROBERTA M. LAW OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR ROBERTA: You think you have trouble? A female named Jayne Nesbitt received a "greetings" letter from Uncle Sam addressed to "Jay Nexbitt."

DEAR ABBY: Sometime ago you printed Lord Chesterfield's opinion of sex. It was hilarious.
CANADIAN

DEAR CANADIAN: "The price is exorbitant, the pleasure is transitory, and the position is ridiculous."

Art archives feature giants, saints and footnotes

By ALEC D.B. MCCABE
For AP Special Features

NEW YORK (AP) — On his deathbed in 1983, the painter Houghton Cranford Smith is reputed to have said, "Well, I never really did make it."

Well, no. Perhaps the debonair artist, depicted in yellowing snapshots with a beret and pencil-thin mustache, didn't achieve quite the fame he sought.

Ten years after his death, however, researchers at the American Archives of Art are using his voluminous correspondence to piece together a remarkable first-hand account of life as a young art student in Paris just prior to the outbreak of World War I.

"It's not a name that carries a lot of weight these days," says Steven Polcari, regional director of the archives' New York office. "But sometimes some of the most successful artists are the most interesting."

Chalk up one more artist rescued

from the brink of obscurity by staffers at the archives, one of the Smithsonian Institution's least known branches.

It's an immense collection of artists' personal papers, notes and records — more than 12 million pieces of printed material, as well as 500,000 photographs, 75,000 works of art on paper, and more than 3,500 oral history interviews.

Scholars and the general public can browse through more than 200 years' worth of memorabilia left behind by the giants, saints and footnotes of American art history.

Items collected by the archives provide an intimate glimpse into the creative process. Notebooks and journals often contain a brief thought or sketch that will later flower into a completed work.

Sometimes, virtually an artist's entire life arrives unexpectedly on the archives' proverbial doorstep. An important collection of letters from an almost forgotten American artist, for instance, was found

stuffed into a few trunks in a Connecticut barn.

"They were rotting in the barn, and now they're rotting in Washington," jokes Polcari, an avuncular man of 48 who has taught art history at the University of Illinois, New York University and Brooklyn College.

"But we've microfilmed them." Turning serious, Polcari said viewing an artist's collection of letters or notebooks can be a sobering experience.

"You get portrayals of different lives compressed into a few boxes," he says. "It's an incredible range of human experience, all coming to you in different ways."

A current exhibition on the post-war abstract artist Frank Stella in the archives' midtown Manhattan gallery includes his senior thesis from Princeton University, a sketch of the ideas that would make him a towering figure in the international art world.

The archives' collection also includes a few oddities, such as a

cast-iron toy car once owned by Franz Kline, and a paintbrush reputedly used by Thomas Cole.

Once, reports archivist Cathy Stover, she shipped sealed boxes from the 1960s earthworks artist Robert Smithson down to the archives' headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"Then I got a phone call from Washington," she recalls. "They said inside was a jar with an unknown liquid, in which was floating a rattlesnake skeleton."

The archives were the brainchild of Edgar P. Richardson, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts in the 1950s. Frustrated because he could not find enough material for a book he was writing, Richardson decided in 1954 to found his own art archive.

By the late 1960s, the archives had outgrown their original quarters in Detroit and agreed to merge with the Smithsonian. Since 1969, the archives have been a branch operation of the institution, which supplies about 60 percent of its operating budget. The other 40 percent comes from private donors.

These days, the archives operate regional centers in Boston, Detroit, San Francisco and San Marino, Calif., as well as in New York, which accounts for about half the annual intake of printed matter.

All the centers offer unlimited public access, much like a public library, to microfilm copies of the entire collection. Scholars can take advantage of the resources through inter-library loans, and they can also visit the archives' main storage area in Washington.

Richard Wattenmaker, national director of the archives, turns philosophical when asked about its mission. "In effect, we represent to artists or to their families a kind of immortality," he said in a telephone interview from Washington. "Through us, they become accessible to thousands of people."

Taking a Chance on the civic auditorium

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Among the open expanse of the room with its dozens of decorated tables around her like islands on a sea, Seleta Chance sits, the captain of all she surveys.

To be more precise, Chance is actually the manager of the M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center, a building it seems everyone in Pampa has either attended a musical performance or a prom or a convention or meeting at one time or another.

"My job's a lot of fun," she said. "It's different everyday. You kind of do whatever needs to be done. It's real hard to have a job description because if I'm here and people want a tour of the building or want questions answered about the rental of the building. That's what most people think of as my job."

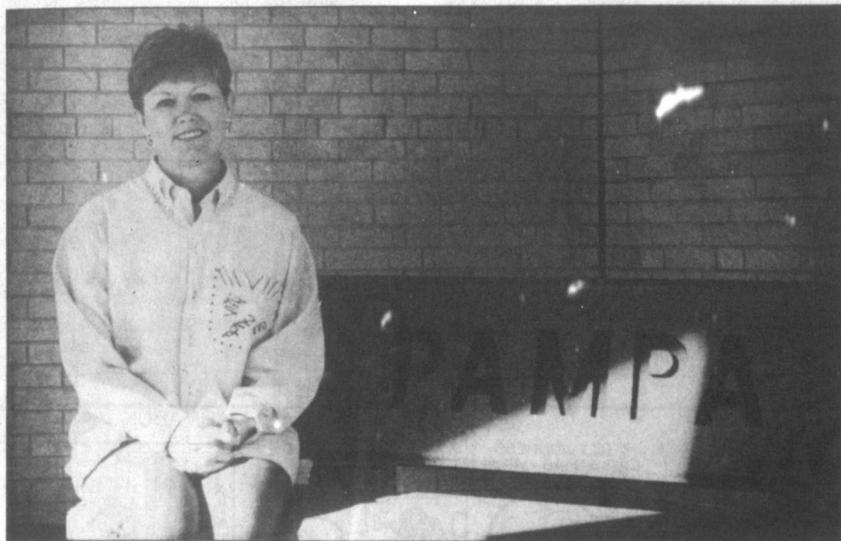
That's not all, however. Chance also works outside her office with area organizations like the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, its Tourism Committee and the Panhandle Tourism/Marketing Council, of which she is the vice president. Like everything, though, there is the unexpected.

"Then if you have something go wrong with the heating or the air conditioning or something like that, you have to deal with that too. It's different everyday," she said.

When Chance first took the job, more than three years ago, she did so thinking it was more of a public relations-type of position, but learned different along the way, at times surprising her bosses, she said.

"It's an on going everyday deal to try to economically manage the building," Chance said of the M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center which is about to celebrate its twenty-sixth birthday.

Chance, married and the mother of two children, is a native of the



Seleta Chance, captain of the ship at M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center, helps Pampa arrange for conventions, parties and proms. (Pampa News photo by Randal K. McGavock)

Panhandle, hailing from the college town of Canyon, where she received part of her education in the fields of art, elementary education and business. In addition to West Texas State University, Chance also attended Amarillo College where she continued her study of business and added banking to her repertoire.

Throughout the past two decades Chance has worked for companies ranging from Sante Fe Railway to the American Quarter Horse Association to a number of banks in Amarillo.

Being the manager of the city's auditorium, however, seems to be a dramatic departure from what she has done in past. When Chance first heard of the position being opened she tried to find out as much as was possible but found little information available to the average person. By

doing that, she identified a problem she would soon help rectify.

"Nobody could give me any

real, definite information," she said. "So my goal when I interviewed for the job, I told them

that I wanted to advertise the building. I want more people to know where it is, what you can do at the auditorium."

Some of Chance's solutions to problems she faced three years ago have been accomplished, others are on their way, she said.

"We've accomplished a brochure, with the assistance of the tourism committee of the chamber, (and) we're working on a video," Chance said. "It's taken a little bit of time (but) I wanted to get a feel for the building myself and then get the public's feeling for it in order to produce something good."

While getting good results is obviously important to Chance, another quality that quickly becomes apparent is the sense of accountability she harbors towards her work.

"I think it's wise for anyone who is in a public office or position to step back and look and see how you feel if someone else was the manager of this building... how would you look at them spending your tax money?" she said.

As for the future, don't look for Chance to go sailing off into the sunset anytime soon. A captain's work, nor her plans for an auditorium, never seem to be done.

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- 20 Stop
- 21 Interest
- 23 Green coating on metal
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- 29 Sea eagle
- 30 — oil
- 32 Southern blackbird
- 33 Consume
- 34 Venus de —
- 36 Food fish

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- 39 Settler
- 41 Soothe
- 44 Pig's food
- 46 Household linen
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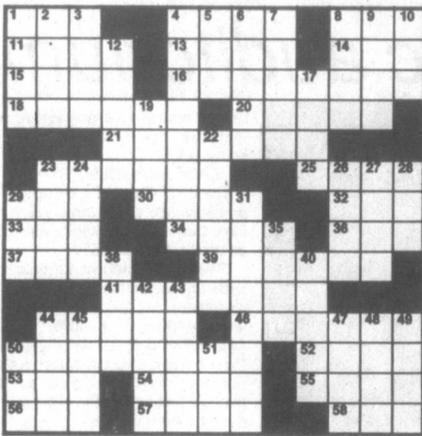
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- 6 Empty area
- 7 Mary —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Yale students
- 9 Flute-like instrument
- 10 Golf mound
- 12 Pass (a law)
- 17 Auld — Syne
- 19 — yourself
- 22 Dog-like
- 23 Make a religious request
- 24 Square column
- 26 Speed contest
- 27 — about
- 28 Comedian — Caesar
- 29 Wide shoe size
- 31 Gathers
- 35 Greek peak
- 38 Mediterranean sailboat
- 40 Lukewarm
- 42 Matter-filled spaces
- 43 Worked at (a trade)
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- 45 Enclose in paper
- 47 Oklahoma town
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- 49 Happy New
- 50 Favorite
- 51 Victory sign



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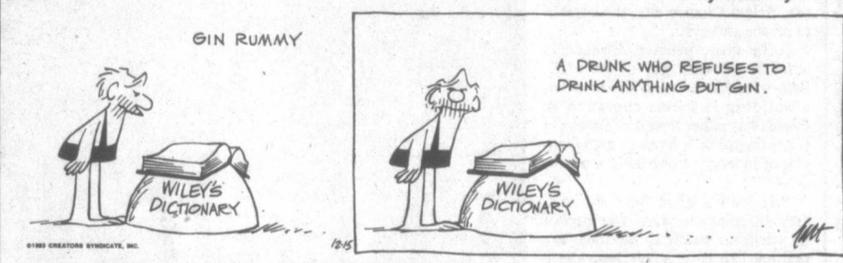
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strive to be painfully pragmatic today or else you might lull yourself into a mode of unrealistic expectations. See developments for what they actually are. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good time to try to trim waste and unnecessary expenses from your budget. Unfortunately, however, instead of doing this, you might splurge and be extravagant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't embarrass yourself today by requesting favors from hotshot friends. You'll have a better chance getting help from pals who don't possess clout.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A battle of wills may transpire within your inner person today. Your better nature might urge you to do one thing, your less noble side another.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be taken in by a development today where an associate dangles a carrot at the end of a stick. If you're naive, you might trot off after the unattainable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It may be wise to avoid a tempting partnership arrangement at this time if there is a possible conflict of interests. The worse case scenario might transpire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Methods and procedures are important today, so don't rush into your project without first thinking a few steps ahead. To be successful, you must consistently think ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is not a good day for you to take gambles or chances on persons or things about which you know little. The odds indicate you might make bad decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unless the other guy can make a genuine contribution, it's best not to turn something which is now singularly successful into a joint endeavor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Objectives will be accomplished today, provided you can get others to do your bidding. Without assistants you're not likely to do much about things on your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Generally speaking your financial trends look encouraging in this cycle, but there could be some intermittent bad days. Unfortunately, this might be one of them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Getting in the last word could be of enormous importance to you today, but it isn't likely to provide you with any benefits or advantages. In fact, you're better off saying little or nothing.

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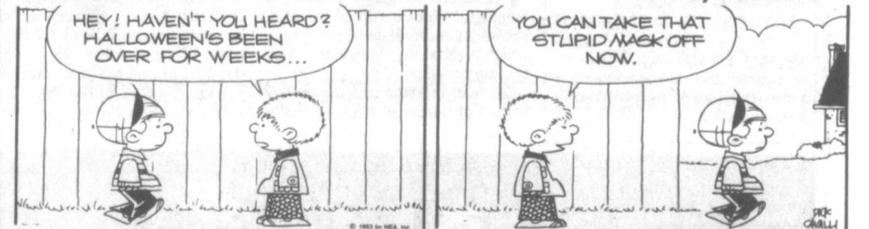
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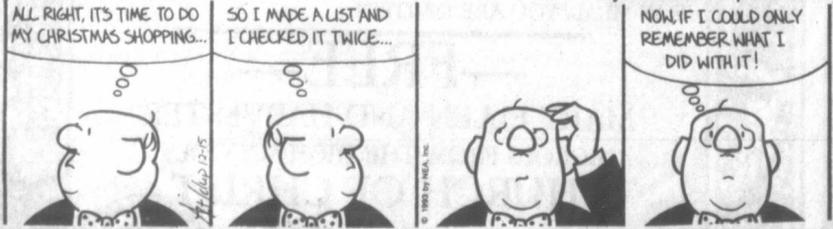
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — "Behold the Green and Gold" is the theme of the 1993 Pampa High School football banquet.

The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday night in Clifton McNeely Fieldhouse.

Tickets can be purchased at the football office today through Friday.

Persons wanting to help with the decorations are urged to be at McNeely Fieldhouse Saturday at 9 a.m.

The highlight of the banquet will be the presentation of the Fighting Heart Award, which is presented each year to the senior athlete who best combines ability with desire during the season. Several other awards will also be presented.

The Harvesters finished with an 8-3 record this season and were District 1-4A co-champions with Randall. Two of those losses came against Plainview, one of the top ranked Class 4A teams in the state.

There will be no guest speaker at the banquet. **TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)** — Larry Wilson resigned as general manager of the Phoenix Cardinals, saying he is worn out and accepting responsibility for the team's ninth straight losing season.

His resignation came two days after a 21-14 loss to Detroit left Phoenix with a 4-9 record. Wilson had been general manager since the Cardinals moved to Phoenix from St. Louis in 1988.

Owner Bill Bidwill said the Hall of Fame defensive back will remain with the Cardinals as an administrator but will have no say regarding the "football side."

Wilson presided over a team that lost 63 of 92 games, and fired two coaches. Wilson joined the Cardinals as a free safety in 1960 and played 13 years, making the Pro Bowl eight times.

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins cornerback Troy Vincent will miss the rest of the season and require reconstructive surgery on his right knee. Rehabilitation could force him to miss much of next season.

Vincent sustained ligament and cartilage damage when tackled running a reverse on a punt return in Monday night's 21-20 loss to Pittsburgh. A second-year pro, Vincent had emerged as one of the league's best cornerbacks.

Vincent will join quarterback Dan Marino, center Jeff Uhlenhake and running backs Bobby Humphrey and Aaron Craver on Miami's injury list. Quarterback Scott Mitchell, linebacker John Offerdahl and safety Louis Oliver are trying to come back from injuries that have sidelined them.

PURCELL, Okla. (AP) — Former Oklahoma State and pro quarterback Rusty Hilger pleaded guilty to trying to buy cocaine from a police officer in August.

Hilger received a deferred three-year sentence on felony charges of attempting and conspiring to buy cocaine, and was ordered to pay \$2,900 in fines and court fees.

Hilger, 29, played for Oklahoma State in the early 1980s. His pro career ended in 1992 when he retired from the Seattle Seahawks.

The conviction will be cleared from his record if he commits no other crime during the three years.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — A record 273 players made \$1 million or more this year, topped by Cubs second baseman Ryne Sandberg at \$6,379,213, according to a salary study by The Associated Press.

While the number of million-dollar players increased just six from 1992, the percentage decreased from 37.1 to 33.5 percent because of expansion.

The number of \$2 million players went up only 12 to 189, but \$3 million players jumped from 71 to 103.

Following Sandberg was Mets outfielder Bobby Bonilla at \$6.2 million and Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden at \$6,166,667.

The top-paid players at each position formed a lineup that earned \$47,829,213. First baseman Will Clark, then with San Francisco, made \$4.75 million, Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin \$5.75 million, California third baseman Kelly Gruber \$4,333,333, outfielder Joe Carter of Toronto \$5.55 million and Kirby Puckett of Minnesota \$5.3 million. Highest-paid catcher, 72nd overall, was Benito Santiago of Florida at \$3.4 million.

The average salary increased 4.6 percent this year to \$1,076,089, according to Players Association, smallest since 1987 and second-lowest since records were kept in 1967.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Philadelphia's Eric Lindros leads Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux in the battle of marquee names for starting center on the Eastern Conference team for the NHL All-Star Game.

In latest fan balloting, Lindros had 98,695 votes and Lemieux 81,632.

Defenseman Ray Bourque of Boston is the conference leader with 143,383 votes. Goaltender Patrick Roy of Montreal is second with 141,418.

Jaromir Jagr of Pittsburgh, with 133,997 votes, and Alexander Mogilny of Buffalo, with 113,352, are top vote-getters among wings.

BOXING

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. (AP) — Roberto Duran celebrated the 100th fight of his career, beating an opponent who wasn't born when Duran won his first world championship in 1972.

Duran, 42, stopped 21-year-old Tony Menefee in the eighth round after two knockdowns, forcing him to take a standing 8-count at Casino Magic.

Duran, who turned pro in 1967, improved to 91-9 and scored his 63rd knockout. Menefee, of Lincoln, Neb., is 19-2 with nine knockouts.

SKIING

SESTRIERE, Italy (AP) — Alberto Tomba won a World Cup slalom, one day after finishing 17th in a giant slalom.

Tomba clocked a time of 1 minute, 58.38 seconds and beat Austrian Thomas Stangassinger by 0.75 seconds. Ole Christian Furuseth of Norway was third in his best finish in two years. Tomba scored his second slalom victory this season and fifth in seven years here.

Cowboys may lose All-Pro center to knee surgery

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys All-Pro center Mark Stepnoski is considering season-ending knee surgery.

Stepnoski suffered a sprained right knee in the Cowboys' 37-20 victory at Minnesota Sunday and a magnetic resonance imaging test revealed an injured — but apparently not torn — anterior cruciate ligament, Cowboys director of public relations Rich Dalrymple said Tuesday.

Stepnoski will reveal Wednesday whether he has decided to have surgery, begin rehabilitation without an operation or rest in hopes he can still contribute to Cowboys' drive to successive NFL titles.

"He's definitely out for Saturday and he is considering his options from a medical standpoint," Dalrymple said. "He will address the severity of the injury and his plan of rehabilitation tomorrow."

Also, Dallas wide receiver Alvin Harper was listed as doubtful for Saturday's game against the New York Jets after an MRI revealed a bruised bone in his left knee. He was injured in the second quarter against the Vikings when he made a leaping catch over the middle.

Stepnoski was hurt in the third quarter. Both had MRIs taken Monday, but the Cowboys didn't release the results until after team physician Dr.

Robert Vandermeer had a chance to review the reports.

Stepnoski was playing Sunday on a sprained left ankle. He has started 67 of the team's last 69 games, missing only the first two games last year after a long contract holdout.

Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson said Frank Cornish will start in Stepnoski's position and rookie punt and kickoff returner Kevin Williams probably will play the outside spot opposite Michael Irvin in place of Harper.

Johnson said Tyrone Williams and Tim Daniel, neither of whom have ever caught a pass in the NFL, will compete in practice this week for the third receiver position.

Dallas also is hurting on

defense. Tackle Jimmie Jones, who also sprained a knee against the Vikings, and defensive end Charles Haley, who has played all season with a herniated disk, are listed as probable for the Jets game.

But Stepnoski's absence concerns Johnson the most.

"Mark Stepnoski is a Pro-Bowler, an outstanding football player. He's been a big key in our offensive line," Johnson said. "Without question, when you lose a player of his caliber, he's going to be missed — hopefully for a short period of time."

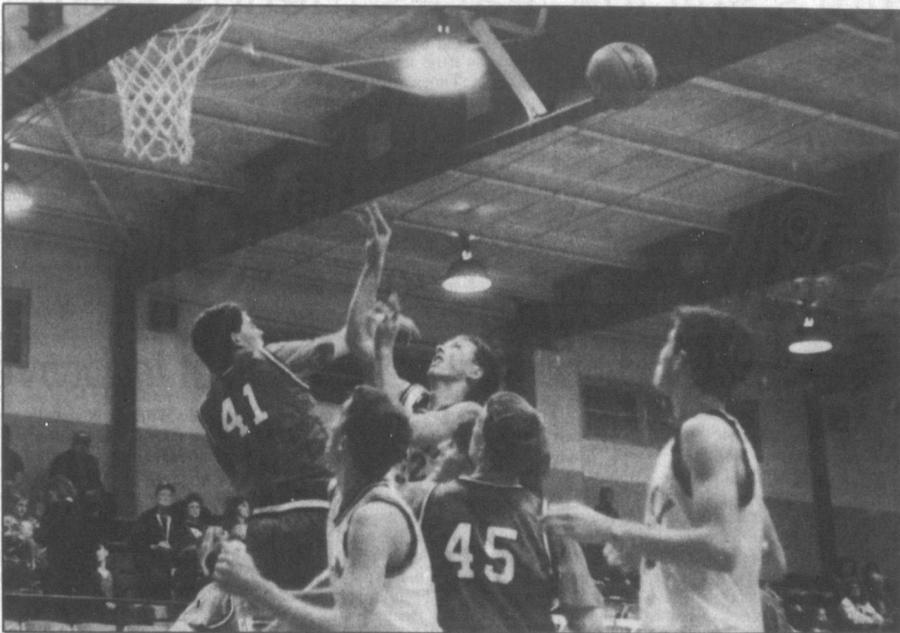
The Cowboys amazingly avoided major injuries in their Super Bowl run last year, but haven't been as fortunate this season.

"I think what we're experiencing this year is simply what most every team in the NFL experiences on a yearly basis," Johnson said.

He said the injuries have definitely made it harder for Dallas to repeat as champions.

"Whenever you have injuries it's going to have an effect on your team, and that particular unit is not going to be as good," Johnson said.

"When you lose good players and when they're not on the field — whether or not they're out for the year or out for a few plays — when you don't have your best players on the field, you're not going to be as good. It's as simple as that."



Despite being denied this shot by Groom tallman Wes Hall, Brock Mayberry went on to score 21 points in Miami's 65-54 victory last night. (Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

Harvesters No. 9 in TABC poll

With their win over previously-unbeaten Plainview in the finals of the Pioneer Classic the first week of December, the Pampa Harvesters maintained their No. 9 ranking in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

It's been an up-down season for the 7-5 Harvesters, who have had to deal with a rugged schedule.

After the stunning victory over Plainview, which had won 10 straight games, the Harvesters lost in double overtime to Perryton, ranked No. 7 in Class 3A. But three days later, Pampa knocked off Canyon, Class 3A's top-ranked team, 47-42.

Pampa, leading by one late in the fourth quarter against Canyon, made a stretch run in the closing minutes to claim the win. Justin Collingsworth, a 6-6 senior, tossed in a pair of free throws and 6-4 senior Seivern Wallace scored inside to give the Harvesters a 5-point lead with less than a minute remaining.

The TABC has Dallas Lincoln ranked No. 1 in Class 4A, followed by Lancaster, Port Arthur Lincoln, CC Flour Bullf and Plainview.

Temple is ranked at the No. 1 team in Class 5A. Palo Duro, ranked No. 10, just barely survived a pair of close game against the Harvesters. The Dons won both by a total of four points.

Both Pampa boys and girls teams host Garden City, Kan. at 6 p.m. Friday night.

Miami uses depth to down Groom

The Warriors upped their record to 9-4 last night and at the same time proved they are a team worth fearing. The Groom Tigers, at least, came away from Miami shaking their heads, following a 65-54 loss during which they never led.

Even missing starter Dustin Anderson, who injured his foot Friday night, the Warriors outplayed Groom without thinking twice. Thanks to great depth on the Warrior bench, Miami was able to adapt and continue winning since Anderson sat down.

Andrew Neighbors and the rest of the Warriors dominated the first quarter with good shooting percentage, timely rebounds and a couple of steals. They continued scoring in the second quarter, but Groom turned on the heat and came within four points before the half was over. 6'5" Tiger center Wes Hall played a huge part in Groom's offense, racking up 27 points in the game, alongside Bo Burgin's 13.

Although the Tigers, whose record was ironed out to 6-6, were not able to overtake Miami, the third quarter turned exciting as each team pulled out a few turnovers. Leading by ten after the third, the Warriors' consistency held up while Groom tried in vain to narrow the lead once again in the fourth quarter.

Although the game was never out of reach for Groom, the Warriors could not be outdone, and even managed to

end the game in style - Neighbors punctuated the game's final stanza with a solid three-pointer just before the buzzer sounded.

Miami head coach Dwight Rice claimed it was Miami's depth which won the game.

"We have help coming off the bench," Rice said. "We have one super player and the rest of them are supporting him. As long as we've got that, we'll be okay."

The player in reference is Neighbors, who notched 24 points against Groom to add to his team-leading statistics. The 6'1" senior captain, who accounts for most of Miami's ballhandling in general, felt support from all sides last night.

The tandem of Neighbors and Brock Mayberry totalled 45 of Miami's 65 points, and Rice noted that Nick Bryant, who hasn't played basketball in two years, is fast improving as well.

"We're getting better every day," Rice said.

Groom 10 26 34 54
Miami 21 30 44 65

Other area scores are as follows:
BOYS

Borger 21 49 64 83
White Deer 9*13 25 46
B - Armstrong 13, **Powell** 12; **WD - Coffey** 10, **Sides** 9.

Lefors 17 39 56 72
White Deer JV 15 26 38 49
L - Cox 26, **Green** 17; **WD - Craig** 17, **Tice** 12.

McLean 16 29 34 54
Shamrock 18 42 72 80
M - Northcutt 28, **Joiner** 10; **S - Wilson** 18, **Patton** 17.

Fort Elliott 15 32 58 75
Samnorwood 8 27 37 45
FE - Hale 23, **Justin Wesbrooks** 21; **S - Breeding** 17, **Kendrick** 8.

Higgins 6 17 26 45
Kelton 15 34 53 80
H - Booker 15, **Valenzuela** 8; **K - Kirkland** 30, **Lewis** 19.

GIRLS
Groom 12 22 32 42
Miami 6 14 18 33
G - Friemel 18, **Homen** 15; **M - Lunsford** 8, **Underwood** 7.

Lefors 5 10 16 21
White Deer JV 4 14 23 27
L - Williams 5, **Winebrenner** 5; **WD - Cone** 10, **Johnston** 6.

Fort Elliott 8 32 47 54
Samnorwood 8 16 23 31
FE - Dukes 17, **Fillingim** 13; **S - Rainey** 20, **Dwyer** 4.

Higgins 19 43 59 68
Kelton 4 15 19 31
H - Barbee 15, **Gifford** 13; **K - Kiner** 12, **Crockett** 10.

McLean 12 25 35 54
Shamrock 14 28 36 42
M - Magee 26, **Bailey** 12; **S - Bond**, **Lloyd** and **Kincannon** 8.

Rockets' defense smothers Heat

MIAMI (AP) — Vernon Maxwell smoldered, and the Houston Rockets smothered the Miami Heat.

Maxwell scored 25 points, including four 3-pointers early in the final period, and defense did the rest as Houston beat the Heat 97-88 on Tuesday night.

The Rockets held their opponents under 100 points for the 18th time in 21 games. In the first quarter, Miami missed 17 of 21 shots and tied a franchise record by scoring 12 points.

Heat forward Glen Rice, who scored 40 points last Thursday at Houston and 39 on Monday at New Jersey, missed his first 12 shots and finished with two points.

"Their defense is the best I've gone against since Detroit my rookie year (in 1988-89)," Heat center Rony Seikaly said. "You go around one guy, and three guys are staring at you."

Maxwell's long-range touch sank Miami for the second time in a week. He helped hand the Heat a crushing defeat last Thursday, when he hit a desperation 3-pointer at the end of regulation, and Houston won in overtime.

"This is a team that when I came out of college (Florida) told me I couldn't play in the NBA," said Maxwell, referring to a conversation with former Heat player personnel director Stu Inman. "Every time I play them, it's in the back of my mind. It keeps driving me."

Houston (20-1) won its fifth consecutive game. Only the 1970 NBA champion New York Knicks, who started 23-1, did as well through the first 21 games in a season.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who outscored Miami 27-0 on 3-point shots. Houston leads the league with 121 3-pointers.

Optimist basketball tryouts Thursday through Saturday

Pampa Optimist Club boys basketball signups and tryouts are scheduled Thursday through Saturday at the Optimist Gym, 601 East Craven. Signup times are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Player fee is \$30 and must be paid at the signup.

Signups are limited to the first 140 players regardless of age.

No late signups will be allowed and all players must attend two of the three tryouts.

The program is open to all 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys. Any boy age 13 and over before Sept. 1, 1993 is ineligible. A birth certificate must be presented at the signup.

Anyone having questions can call the Optimist Club at 665-4361.

Bay City quarterback fulfills life long dream

By **J. ALLEN JOHNSON**
The Daily Tribune

BAY CITY, Texas (AP) — Ten years ago it was a dream, but Bay City quarterback Richard Walton has made that dream come true by verbally committing to play for his lifelong-favorite Texas Longhorns.

Walton chose the Longhorns earlier this month over Texas A&M and Georgia.

The 6-foot-5, 205-pound quarterback completed 161 of 297 pass attempts (54 percent) this season alone. That 12-game feat brought his high school career performance to 273 of 535 completions for 4,649 yards with 47 touchdowns and 22 interceptions.

Walton was selected unanimously by coaches as the league's first team quarterback this year, making it his second straight season to earn such an honor. He was 1991's "Sophomore of the Year" and was second team all-district that season.

This year he also was named the district's offensive Most Valuable Player.

Other honors he has earned include being named to Max Emfinger's Academic All-American team and National Top 125 All-American team. He was also selected as a member of Tom Lemming's National Top 10 quarterbacks and SuperPrep and BlueChips Illustrated Pre-Season All-Southwest Region.

Signing with the University of Texas was a childhood dream-come-true for Walton.

"The thing with Texas was that I wanted to go there all my life," the 6-foot-5, 205-pound 17-year-old said. "I wanted to find a place to fit my type of offense, the way I like to throw (the ball) and I wanted a place close to home."

Walton's fate proves dreams are never unattainable. When he was a 7-year-old in 1983, he recalls sitting in the press box at Memorial Stadium, watching Bay City play for the state championship.

He got to meet then-Longhorn coach Fred Akers, whom he told of his aspirations of someday wearing burnt orange and white. Akers countered by

presenting him a team poster which read: "To a future Longhorn quarterback."

"When I was a kid, I wanted to be a doctor and the other thing was that I wanted to play for the Texas Longhorns," he explained. "I'm real, real fortunate."

Bay City football coach Warren Trahan, a former All-Southwest Conference tackle who played for rival Texas A&M, said Walton is very deserving of his selection to play for a Division I university.

"I'm awful proud and happy for him," Trahan said with a sigh, smiling. "Me being an Aggie, if that's what his parents want, then I'm happy for them, too."

Walton's parents were a big part of his success in school and athletics, he said.

"They're always supporting me," he said. "That really helped me a lot."

Walton said Texas coach John Mackovic told him he would compete for playing time, but must wait until spring training when he will be able to prove his potential.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

NBA STANDINGS
By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	14	4	.778	—
Orlando	11	8	.579	3 1/2
Boston	11	10	.524	4 1/2
Miami	7	11	.389	7
New Jersey	7	13	.350	8
Philadelphia	6	13	.316	8 1/2
Washington	6	14	.300	9
Central Division				
Atlanta	15	4	.789	—
Chicago	10	8	.556	4 1/2
Charlotte	11	9	.550	4 1/2
Indiana	8	11	.421	7
Cleveland	7	12	.368	8
Detroit	6	13	.316	9
Milwaukee	4	16	.200	11 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	20	1	.952	—
Utah	14	7	.667	6
San Antonio	13	8	.619	7
Denver	9	10	.474	10
Minnesota	7	12	.368	12
Dallas	1	19	.050	18 1/2
Pacific Division				
Seattle	17	2	.895	—
Phoenix	14	3	.824	2
Golden State	11	8	.579	6
Portland	12	9	.571	6
LA Clippers	8	10	.444	8 1/2
LA Lakers	8	13	.381	10
Sacramento	5	14	.263	12

Tuesday's Games

New York 93, Denver 84
Houston 97, Miami 88
Charlotte 101, Minnesota 85
Atlanta 103, Cleveland 92
LA Lakers 99, Detroit 93
Indiana 106, Washington 87
Portland 100, Dallas 93, OT
Seattle 124, Orlando 100

Wednesday's Games

Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Orlando at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

LA Lakers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

BOWLING

PAMPARESULTS AT HARVESTER LANES

JR.-SR ALL-STARS

Team	Won	Lost
Escalibur	24	16
Rebels	24	16
Silver Bullets	23 1/2	16 1/2
Danger Zone	17	23
Studs Inc.	15 1/2	24 1/2
Looney Tunes	15	25

HARVESTER ALL-STARS

Team	Won	Lost
Baham League	23	7
Texas Rangers	23	7
Navy Seals	21 1/2	8 1/2
Purple Parrots	21	9
Top Hats	19	11
Blazers 17	13	14
Harvesters	16	14
Wood Chucks	14 1/2	15 1/2
Hot Shots	13	17
Go Girls 12	18	11
Pampa Power	12	18
Rock A Doodles	10	20

High scores

Boys: High series: Jason Coble, 213; High handicap series: P.J. Reed, 363; High game: Jason Cobb, 130; High handicap game: Aaron Roberson, 194; Girls: High series: Ashleigh Burns, 289; High handicap series: Ashleigh Burns, 369; High game: Ashleigh Burns, 162; High handicap game: Ashleigh Burns, 202.

FOOTBALL

NFL STANDINGS
By The Associated Press

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	East			Pct.	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
Miami	9	4	0	.692	268	226
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	236	184
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	249	179
Indianapolis	4	9	0	.308	169	290
New England	2	11	0	.154	147	242
Central						
Houston	9	4	0	.692	308	214
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	269	230
Cleveland	6	7	0	.462	236	257
Cincinnati	1	12	0	.077	138	279
West						
Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	256	213
LA Raiders	8	5	0	.615	246	248
Denver	8	5	0	.615	320	231
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	221	225
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	213	244
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
Team	East			Pct.	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
y-N.Y. Giants	10	3	0	.769	245	158
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	294	206
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	199	245
Phoenix	4	9	0	.308	252	226
Washington	3	10	0	.231	188	276
Central						
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	275	231
Detroit	8	5	0	.615	231	203
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	211	177
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	212	254
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	183	307
West						
San Francisco	9	4	0	.692	377	231
New Orleans	7	6	0	.538	257	269
Atlanta	6	7	0	.462	272	307
LA Rams	4	9	0	.308	184	304

y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

New York Jets 3, Washington 0
Atlanta 27, San Francisco 24

Sunday's Games

Buffalo 10, Philadelphia 7
Tampa Bay 13, Chicago 10
New England 7, Cincinnati 2
Houston 19, Cleveland 17
New York Giants 20, Indianapolis 6
Los Angeles Rams 23, New Orleans 20
Dallas 37, Minnesota 20
Denver 27, Kansas City 21
Detroit 21, Phoenix 14
Los Angeles Raiders 27, Seattle 23
Green Bay 20, San Diego 13

Monday's Game

Pittsburgh 21, Miami 20

Saturday, Dec. 18

Dallas at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Denver at New York Jets, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 19

Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
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Rangers sign veteran catcher to back up Rodriguez

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — The Texas Rangers signed veteran catcher Mike Scioscia Tuesday and manager Kevin Kennedy said the club was three-fourths finished with its winter wish list.

"We definitely still need a quality starter," Kennedy said. "But we've got our lefthanded power hitter in the lineup in Will Clark, a strong lefthanded reliever in Rick Honeycutt ... and just a couple of hours ago we signed Mike Scioscia, who will likely be our backup to Pudge Rodriguez."

Kennedy said the Rangers have been a success this off-season even though the club was spurned by free agent starting pitchers Sid Fernandez and Dennis Martinez and lost clubhouse leader Rafael Palmeiro.

Palmeiro, a lifetime .296 hitter who had 37 homers, 105 RBIs and 22 stolen bases last year, agreed to a \$30.35 million, five-year deal with the Baltimore Orioles this week.

The contract in present-day dollars is essentially the same as the one his agent rejected from the Rangers, who used the money to sign free agent Clark on Nov. 22 instead.

"I think the biggest thing is that we had to have a quality lefthanded bat. In our own winter meetings right after the season ended, we had a game plan and No. 1 was to sign Palmeiro," Kennedy said. "That didn't happen."

"Will Clark has a kind of intensity that is contagious to players. He's a money player," Kennedy said. "They're both great players. What we didn't want to do was go 0-for-2. The ownership felt that was a strong possibility the longer the negotiations went on."

"It was not that we did not want Rafael Palmeiro. He was our priority. We just couldn't get it done, and in the time frame we wanted to."

Kennedy said Clark is the perfect lefthanded addition to a lineup that includes righthanded hitters Juan Gonzalez,

Rodriguez, Dean Palmer and Jose Canseco, "who, by the way, is looking very, very good" in his rehabilitation from elbow surgery last summer.

When Clark, who played at Mississippi State with Palmeiro, signed with Texas, Palmeiro lashed out, saying Clark had undercut him and "I just feel I'm a better player and a better person."

But he quickly apologized and said he was actually angry with Rangers president Tom Schieffer for his negotiating tactics.

"I know Will Clark from my days as a coach with Montreal and from my years in the Dodgers organization," Kennedy said. "I think he's going to bring a lot to the Texas Rangers."

Scioscia, 35, signed a contract with Texas' Triple A affiliate in Oklahoma City, but Kennedy expects to tap his leadership and experience to help polish Rodriguez's play, particularly his handling of the pitchers.

Kennedy said the team wasn't through dealing. The club has lost the big contracts of

Palmeiro and Julio Franco as well as those of pitchers Nolan Ryan, Craig Lefferts and Charlie Leibrand, and is moving into a new \$178 million stadium in 1994.

"We can still afford a quality pitcher," Kennedy said. "We made a strong offer to Sid Fernandez and we made a bona fide offer to Dennis Martinez. We still have money aside to make an offer to a quality free agent or even a trade situation where a guy's making good money."

Kennedy said the Rangers were talking to several teams.

"We have some quality names out there ... I don't want to say which clubs for fear of blowing it."

He said the Rangers also have plenty of young pitchers who could crack the starting rotation next year.

"Right now we're counting very strongly on Rick Helling, our No. 1 pick from Stanford two years ago," Kennedy said. "I think Rick will be in the rotation no matter if we make a trade or not."

Alm's suicide leaves friends searching for answers

By DEBRA HALE
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — As a high school football player, Jeff Alm was an all-state athlete, an honor student and "a tremendous role model."

So, Alm's suicide left his friends searching for answers to a tragedy they couldn't comprehend.

The Houston Oilers' defensive tackle from Orland Park, Ill., fatally shot himself Tuesday shortly after he crashed his car, killing hometown friend Sean P. Lynch, who was riding with him, authorities said.

"Sean died, and I don't know what Jeff read into it — if he felt he couldn't exist without him. Those are things I can't answer," said Larry Lokanc, defensive coordinator at Orland Park's Carl Sandburg High School, where both played football.

Alm and Lynch, both 25, graduated from high school in 1986.

"They were very, very close, but I think their relationship even got tighter as the years went on," said Lokanc. "It was not uncommon for Sean to fly out to Houston to see Jeff and see him play."

"I don't think it was a hero-type thing, just two individuals who really clicked together."

Alm, a second-team All-American at Notre Dame, was the Oilers' second-round draft pick in 1990.

Lynch, who later managed a steak restaurant in suburban Oak Forest, was a backup player for Orland Park's Eagles.

Lokanc said he never would have thought Alm capable of suicide.

"Besides being a tremendous athlete, he was an honor student there," Lokanc said. "His grades were just outstanding. He was a tremendous role model."

"He was always very upbeat, never down, never moody. He was ... very humble, just the exact type kid you would like to be a product

of your program."

Townpeople kept up with Alm, and "he kept up with us," Lokanc said. Alm visited his alma mater once or twice a year. "I think he kind of wanted to pay back the good experiences he had at Sandburg."

Former Notre Dame teammate Braxton Banks said, "Of all people, I never saw Jeff doing something like that."

Alm "always had a smile on his face, and he loved to laugh, which is why this shocks me so much," Banks said.

"As far as the character and the quality of the individual, you just can't get any better than that," Banks said.

Hurley's condition still serious, but improved following surgery

By STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Bobby Hurley was alert and his condition improved Tuesday following a car crash that initially left the Sacramento Kings rookie fighting for his life.

The encouraging report came on the same day police said hospital tests found an undetermined amount of amphetamine in the blood of the other driver in the crash.

Police said more tests are needed to determine if the driver was under the influence of drugs or merely had taken an over-the-counter medicine.

Hurley sustained serious lung damage, a slight compression fracture in his back and wrist and knee injuries when he was thrown from his light truck into a drainage ditch near Arco Arena Sunday night.

He is listed in serious but improved condition following eight hours of surgery at the University of California-Davis Medical Center.

Police spokesman Michael Heenan said the clinical report showed the presence of some kind of amphetamine in the other driver, Daniel Wieland, a 37-year-old house painter.

"That really doesn't mean anything to our investigation," Heenan said. "That's why we're having the crime lab take a look at it independently."

"The presence of amphetamine on the clinical report could be explained away by diet or cold medicine. We need to confirm if there's anything illegal."

Heenan said the hospital tests on Wieland did not indicate how much of the drug was present. Heenan said it could take weeks to get the results from the crime lab.

Wieland, who suffered a broken leg, could face criminal charges if the tests show an illegal use of drugs, Heenan said.

Wieland told The New York Times he hadn't taken any drugs and he disputed a police report that his station wagon headlights were not working at the time of the crash.

"I had my headlights on," Wieland was quoted in Wednesday's editions of the Times. "Why would I be driving in the dark without headlights?"

Meanwhile, family, friends and teammates of Hurley were buoyed by word of improvement in the 22-year-old point guard.

"The bruises on his lungs are healing and his lungs are clearing," trauma sur-

geon F. William Blaisdell said in a brief statement. "He's getting rid of a lot of extra fluids."

Said coach Garry St. Jean: "We are very pleased about what we heard this morning. Bob is doing better."

Mike Krzyzewski, who coached Hurley at Duke and flew to Sacramento, said his former star is no longer on a respirator.

"If he has a chance to recover fully Bob will," Krzyzewski said. "He's the hardest working and dedicated kid I know. I feel eventually he is going to be 100 percent and playing ball again."

Kings general manager Jerry Reynolds even raised the possibility of the 22-year-old point guard returning to play next season, although Reynolds is not counting on that happening.

"What we really want from him is to get healthy and as normal as possible," Reynolds said. "If everything goes like it can maybe in a year from now (returning to play) would be a possibility."

The Kings practiced for two hours Tuesday and took the rare step of closing the session to reporters. St. Jean said he tried to use the practice as a healing time.

"As a team we tried to today to let our emotions come out," he said. "I kind of stepped back a little bit during

practice to let the guys just play out there a little bit and let a little bit out of their system."

"Maybe it wasn't a real physical or focused practice. It was not one of the best we've had all year. The key was that we got out there and worked together and understood that tomorrow there is a game and that's our job and we've got to come out ready to do our jobs tomorrow."

Rookie center Mike Peplowski, one of the first to arrive at the accident scene, said the practice helped him redirect his thoughts.

"For me it was just good to finally get out of the house and get my mind on something else," he said. "We have to go on. God willing, Bob is going to get better."

Kings guard Spud Webb said none of Hurley's teammates felt like practicing Monday.

"Today it still was not the same," he said. "We're trying to fight through it to get ready (for Wednesday's home game against Milwaukee)."

Reynolds said the team will sign another player to fill Hurley's roster spot.

"There are several possibilities," he said.

Changes are just around the corner for Texas State Parks

TPWD will be giving managers more control as part of new budget plan

By LARRY MORGAN

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Changes are coming at Texas state parks. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is giving park managers more control and asking that parks become more self-sufficient.

The Fulton Mansion in Corpus Christi will be available for weddings and as a backdrop for photography, said Diana Kirby, park manager. The mansion also will host more special events. This year mansion is decked out with Christmas decorations of the 1870s and there are crafts and children's activities of the time period.

Choke Canyon State Park near here will host youth fishing derbies and clinics, basketball tournaments, swimming meets, cook-offs and educational programs, park manager Lee Escamilla said. New concession stores opened inside the Calliham and South Shore units and are selling items such as bumper stickers, baseball caps, soft drinks and candies.

Not all parks will participate immediately in what the department calls the Entrepreneurial Budget System. Of 135 state parks, natural areas and historical sites, 42 are participating in the program.

"This new approach is unprecedented in TPWD's history," said Andrew Sansom, the department's executive director. "We're utilizing techniques from the private sector, thinking in terms of investment and payback, and we are rewarding managers in the field for sound financial practices."

But the changes will come at a price. The new era in running state parks keys on efficiency and operating with an eye toward self-sufficiency.

Mike Crevier, coordinator of the new budgeting system, said, "What parks have the opportunity to do this year is to increase their revenue."

At the Fulton Mansion, Kirby said, "We see this as a real positive opportunity. We'll look real closely at the bottom line and manage our resources more efficiently."

There will be many more activities and programs for which there will be fees, but the fees will be nominal, Kirby said. "We won't

price ourselves out of the market. We'll expand on what we're already doing and we'll be charging fees for some things to help us meet our goals."

"We asked them to commit to a target revenue," Crevier said. "And, as an incentive, anything the park exceeds beyond that target amount they get to keep 35 percent of it put back into the park."

Of the remaining 65 percent, 40 percent will be used to sustain the park system and 25 percent will go into a special seed fund. That fund will be used for special projects and the parks will be able to borrow from it and repay the money.

"Also, (park managers) will control their own spending," he said. "Whatever they save in this fiscal year, they will be able to carry over to next year."

Traditionally, the parks would lose whatever sum of money was left in their budget at the end of the year.

"They would go out and spend whatever was left, whether they needed something or not," Crevier said.

Carrying over savings will enable park managers to replace equipment faster than under the older system and to accumulate money for replacing major pieces of equipment, he said.

A driving force behind the new budgeting program is that traditional sources of revenue have declined. The primary source has been a tax on cigarettes. But because fewer people smoke, that income has fallen, said Jeff Grymkoski, senior budget examiner for Parks and Wildlife.

The cigarette tax revenue in 1983 was \$18.4 million but was \$13.5 million in 1991, the most recent data available, Grymkoski said.

Expenses exceed revenues at all but three Texas parks, Grymkoski said. Expenses in 1993 at the Fulton Mansion were \$117,812 and revenues were \$39,505. Expenses for Choke Canyon State Park (Calliham and South Shore units combined) were \$528,998 and revenues were \$388,101.

The goal is to narrow that gap and enhance services, raise additional revenue and allow each park to become more self-sufficient. The

methods for achieving that are varied, Crevier said.

One concept that is emerging from the process is the Texas State Park Store. There are few parks that carry merchandise for sale to park visitors. But a prototype store is being developed that will stock park-specific products as well as those from the new Texas Parks and Wildlife gift collection catalog.

"We're excited about all the creativity the park managers have come up with," he said. "We're getting big into river and lake tours. They're really creating the world down there at

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Gunman kills two at pizza restaurant in Colorado

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — A gunman killed two employees and wounded three others at a pizza restaurant after closing time.

Although the motive remained unclear this morning, Aurora police spokeswoman Mary Schumacher said the Tuesday night shooting at the Chuck E Cheese restaurant in a suburban Denver shopping center did not appear to be a robbery or gang-related.

"We are focusing the investigation on someone who had a vendetta," Schumacher said. It appeared the gunman may have known one or more of the victims, she said.

Margaret Kollberg, 50, who was in the restaurant office at the time of the shooting, died at the scene. Colleen O'Connor, 17, died at 3 a.m. this morning, a Denver General Hospital spokeswoman said.

O'Connor and three others were cleaning the restaurant when they were shot. The others were hospitalized in stable to serious condition.

Police were alerted by one of the wounded, who had been shot in the jaw. One employee was shot in the eye and another behind the ear.

Police Chief Ron Sloan said officers, some using dogs, were combing the area for clues.

Bobby Stephens, 20, fled the scene after being shot and knocked on the doors of nearby apartments in an effort to alert police, Schumacher said.

Chuck E Cheese's is a popular family eating place in the London Square shopping center near a neighborhood of single-family homes. The area has little crime, Schumacher said.

Authorities said a shooting at a nearby home shortly before the pizza restaurant attack may be linked to the Chuck E Cheese shooting; both assailants reportedly were wearing Los Angeles Raiders jackets.

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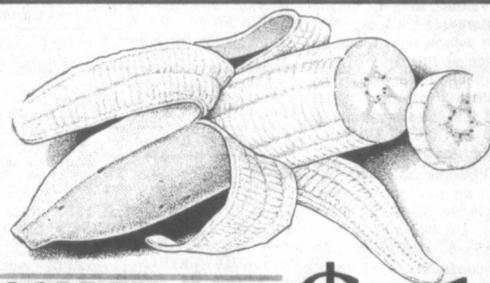
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