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Good Evening!

AREA

**AMARILLO** — Texas House Speaker James E. (Pete) Laney is scheduled to speak to members of two oil and gas industry trade groups at a luncheon meeting Thursday at the Amarillo Club in Amarillo.

Laney will address members of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, a regional oil and gas association, and the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, a statewide energy organization.

The Hale Center Democrat will discuss a variety of issues confronting the 74th State Legislature when it convenes in January. He also will address areas of concern important to the local oil and gas industries.

Laney, a farmer, was elected as House speaker in January 1993. First elected to the House in 1972, he has served as chairman of the State Affairs Committee and House Administration Committee. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University.

**PAMPA** — Committee assignments for the coming year were to be made at the Local Emergency Planning Committee during its regular monthly session today.

The meeting was held in the Heritage Room at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. Ken Hall, coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management, said committees on emergency planning review, advisory, membership, training, and documentation/publications were to be appointed.

Hall also asked members to let him know what kind of emergency training their companies require so training sessions can be scheduled.

Members also were asked to approve a community recognition program to honor individuals or companies for their contributions to chemical and health safety matters.

**PAMPA** — Profiero Orona, 33, injured Monday in a construction accident southeast of Pampa, is listed in serious condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital.

Orona was rushed by emergency helicopter about 10:10 a.m. Monday to the Amarillo hospital after he suffered head, leg and shoulder injuries from wooden skids which slid from the back of a flatbed truck about 1/2-mile east of the intersection of Gray Roads J and 9.

**PAMPA** — The annual Nona S. Payne Band Christmas Concert will be at 7 p.m. today in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Harvester Band Director Bruce Collins said the Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School bands will be performing Christmas music selections for the program.

Admission is a \$1 donation. There will be a reception after the concert.

**PAMPA** — Gray County commissioners are to meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Thursday to consider items ranging from Lake McClellan to a request from Tralee Crisis Center concerning a grant application.

At 10 a.m., the court will open bids for the expansions project of White Deer Land Museum.

They also expect to consider a request from the Sheriff's Office to purchase a used vehicle, consider changes to the county retirement plan, and consider an agreement with Texas Department of Transportation concerning registration and title system.

WORLD

**TOKYO (AP)** — A rare male crested ibis died today at a conservation center, dimming chances for saving the species.

The bird, named Lon-lon, was on loan from China in an attempt to breed at least two babies, said Koki Chikatsuji, a spokesman for the Sado Ibis Conservation Center in Niigata prefecture, 175 miles northwest of Tokyo.

Only one male and two females of the species remain in Japan, and about 50 in China, all living in captivity or dependent upon conservationists, Chikatsuji said.

The bird began to refuse food late Sunday and became too weak to eat, Chikatsuji said. He said specialists will dissect the bird to find out why it died.

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## Clinton may propose tax cut plan

By TOM RAUM  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to get a jump on Republicans, President Clinton is previewing his new agenda in a speech Thursday night, and is expected to announce his proposal for a middle-class tax cut.

"I think what he'd like to do before Christmas and perhaps this week is outline in just a little bit more detail where he's going to take the country," White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said Monday.

Clinton and senior advisers are considering a tax credit for families earning less than \$100,000 a year, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown was quoted as saying in today's editions of *The Washington Post*. Brown said there had been no decision on the upper income limit, but it was likely to

be between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Republicans are proposing cuts for earnings up to \$200,000.

Clinton had no public appearances on his schedule today and planned to meet for several hours with budget advisers, said Deputy White House Press Secretary Ginny Terzano.

Terzano said she did not know whether House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri had consulted with the White House before announcing today that House Democrats would propose their own tax cut for families earning less than \$75,000 a year — extending it to all workers, not just those with children.

Meanwhile, none of the broadcast networks had yet agreed to carry Clinton's speech live, she said. "We invite them to," she said.

"It's an opportunity for him to say what

we can do as a nation to get things back on track," she said.

CNN said it would broadcast Clinton's speech live at 8 p.m. CST Thursday. Other networks said they had not yet decided on coverage.

Clinton is looking into a variety of radical budget surgery procedures, including elimination of complete agencies and departments, to reduce the deficit and pay for a tax reduction.

Top administration aides have suggested in recent weeks that a tax cut of about \$50 billion over the next five years would be included in the new budget. It would most likely benefit families with children, aides said.

The November GOP landslide, apparently fueled in part by Republican promises of lower taxes, pressured Clinton to come up with a tax-cut plan of his own.

Senior advisers have counseled Clinton not to wait until his State of the Union address in late January or his budget submission in early February to spell out proposals for cutting taxes and scaling back government programs.

By then, Republicans will have assumed command of both chambers and will have taken steps to advance their own "Contract With America," which calls for both tax cuts and spending reductions.

Republicans accused Clinton of being a copycat in his newfound fondness for his abandoned 1992 campaign tax-cut pledge.

"President Clinton is simply trying to catch up with the thinking of Republicans and most Americans by proclaiming his support for a middle income tax cut," incoming House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said.

## Hospice Tree of Love



Mary Dean Dozier, left, a retired Pampa High School English teacher, looks at the names Amy O'Neal, volunteer coordinator for Hospice of the Panhandle, is putting on the Tree of Love this morning at the Pampa Post Office. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Hospice of the Panhandle has set up its Trees of Love in the Pampa Post Office, Gray County Courthouse and the Hospice office.

The trees' "blossoms" are determined by the number of donations made in honor or memory of special persons, with the funds helping Hospice of the Panhandle care for its needy patients during the year to come.

For a \$10 donation, a light is placed on the Tree of Love at the Hospice office, 120 W. Kingsmill. Also, a new lighted tree, built and donated by Jim Davis and Zachary Construction Co., is located at the Gray County Courthouse.

In addition, the honorees' names are written on shiny ornaments used to decorate a nine-foot flocked tree located at the Post Office. Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors donated the tree for the Post Office Tree of Love.

The lights and ornaments, available for a \$10 donation, can serve as the celebration of the birth of a child, in loving memory of a friend or relative, or in honor of someone special who lives.

Similar trees are also set up in Borger. For more information on the Tree of Love project, contact Hospice of the Panhandle at 665-6677.

## Thornberry expects productive session for new Congress

Congressman-elect Mac Thornberry said this week that he was pleased with his committee assignments in the new Congress.

He said he expected the first day of the 104th Congress to be the most productive opening day ever with a series of proposals and other reforms contained in the Contract with America to be adopted on the first day of the new Congress, Jan. 4, when Thornberry and other members of Congress will be sworn into office.

Thornberry was assigned to the National Security Committee, formerly called the Armed Services Committee, and the Natural Resources Committee.

"The National Security Committee has responsibility for what I consider the first function of the federal government — to provide for our nation's defense," he said. "I can think of no more serious responsibility than making sure that we are strong enough to meet threats around the world and making sure that the men and women of our armed forces have the tools they need to do their job."

Thornberry said the assignments will also position him well with regard to several district facilities such as Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, the Pantex Plant in Carson County and Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock.

The Natural Resources Committee will address some of the top problems facing energy and agriculture, he said.

"From talking with energy and agriculture producers from around this district, I know that there is no more important issue than protecting private property rights from an over-active, intrusive federal government. We have a chance to make sure property owners stay in control of their property and are properly compensated for any restrictions the

government puts on their land."

Among the laws on Natural Resources Committee's agenda are re-authorization of the Endangered Species Act, wetlands reform, changes in the National Environmental Policy Act and energy production on federally owned and off-shore lands.

"These assignments will give me the opportunity to play a key role in many of the top issues affecting the people of the 13th District," he said.

Thornberry also expressed his satisfaction at the results of the three-day reorganization conference for the new House Republican majority. "People can already see that we are serious about reform and will do what we said we would do," Thornberry said.

Among the proposals adopted during the three-day conference last week were limiting terms of committee and subcommittee chairs to three terms, scrapping legislative service organizations, conducting a cost-benefit analysis for selling one of the House office buildings, establishing a task force to consider greater committee reform and banning commemorative legislation such as *National Asparagus Week*.

Thornberry said scrapping legislative service organizations saved taxpayers \$5 million a year by eliminating 96 staff jobs and 16 offices. He claimed a savings of \$300,000 a year by banning commemorative legislation.

The congressman-elect said the 20 percent cut in committees and subcommittees and the first elimination of a full House committee since 1947, along with the possibility of selling one of the House office buildings, should result in staff cuts and enough other savings that it would be a clear statement to the American people of the GOP commitment to shrink the size of the federal government.

## French police arrest 40 people linked to Order of Solar Temple

PARIS (AP) — French police arrested about 40 people linked to a small doomsday cult thrust into notoriety when 53 followers, many of them bound and shot, were found dead in Switzerland and Canada.

Police released few details about the operation, which was carried out in cooperation with Swiss authorities and reportedly dealt with the finances of the cult, the Order of the Solar Temple.

Fifteen people arrested in the Vaulse region of southern France were later released. Among them was Christian-Marie Le Gall, a doctor who shared a medical office with Luc Jouret, the sect's dead guru.

It was not immediately clear if any of the 15 would be charged. Arrests were also made in

Brittany in the northwest and in the Paris region, police said.

A Swiss police official, Robert Steiner, said French police were acting in accordance with an international warrant issued by Swiss judges investigating the cult.

Investigators are still trying to reconstruct what happened in early October, when 48 cult members were found shot in charred chalets and a farm in Switzerland, and five were found dead in Canada.

Nineteen of those who died in Switzerland were French citizens. Steiner said 20 Swiss investigators had been sent to France to seek information from the victims' relatives and colleagues.

Jouret, a Belgian homeopath and guru of the cult, was among the charred corpses found in a Swiss chalet.

## Susan Smith indicted in sons' deaths

UNION, S.C. (AP) — Susan Smith is already serving a sentence of her own creation, tormented by the memory of her sons' deaths, so the fact that she now faces capital murder charges isn't her biggest concern, her lawyer said.

"The prospect of an early death is not what is causing Susan such pain right now. It is life that hurts her," attorney David Bruck said after a grand jury indicted the 23-year-old mother on murder charges Monday.

Mrs. Smith is accused of rolling her car down a boat ramp into a lake on Oct. 25, drowning her two small boys as they lay

strapped in their car seats.

The case drew nationwide attention after she claimed that 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex were kidnapped in a carjacking. She made several tearful appeals on national television for their safe return before confessing nine days later that she had drowned them.

Mrs. Smith, who was separated from the boys' father, said in her confession that she contemplated suicide before pushing the car into the lake. She said she was depressed after another man told her he was not ready for a family.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**FRANKLIN**, Willard Benjamin 'W.B.' — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**GROGAN**, Stella Ada Miller — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.  
**HUNT**, Cora B. — Graveside, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.  
**RHOADES**, Clara Lee Shewmaker — Graveside, 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
**RIDDLE**, Iva Derryberry — Graveside, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
**VINYARD**, Arther Durward — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Shamrock.

## Obituaries

**JOHNNY WILLIAM ELLINGTON**  
**EARLSBORO**, Okla. — Johnny William Ellington, 86, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994. A memorial service was held Sunday in the Parks Brothers Funeral Home in Prague, Okla. The body was cremated.  
 Mr. Ellington was born July 23, 1908 in Longview. He was a retired oilfield pumper and a farmer. He moved to Earlsboro in 1965 from Pampa. He married Gladys Clemons on April 5, 1947 in Pampa. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, his first wife, a brother and two sisters.  
 Survivors include his wife, Gladys, of the home; a son, Jerry Ellington of McCloud, Okla.; three daughters, LaJohna Nix of Paden, Okla., Zodell Swift of Wheeler and Wanda Poston of Wichita Falls; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**CORA B. HUNT**  
 Cora B. Hunt, 88, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery, with the Rev. M.B. Smith, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hunt was born Sept. 19, 1906 in Mineral Wells. She came to Pampa 50 years ago from Mineral Wells. She worked for One-Hour Martinizing for 25 years before her retirement.

Survivors include a brother, Lewis Bostick of Canon City, Colo.; and two sisters, Bamah Campbell of Hobbs, N.M., and Frances Cooper of San Pablo, Calif.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**ARTHUR DURWARD VINYARD**  
**SHAMROCK** — Arther Durward Vinyard, 82, of Shamrock, died Monday, Dec. 12, 1994, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Shamrock Church of Christ, with Paul Owen, minister, and the Rev. Floyd Haddock, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vinyard had lived most of his life in Shamrock. He began a career in oilfield work as a welder for Frenchie's Welding Works and later established Vinyard's Water Service, which he operated for many years. In addition to the oilfield service, he also was engaged in farming and ranching. He married Winnie Faye Ray on May 27, 1942 in Yuma, Ariz. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie Faye, of the home; three sons, Philip Vinyard of Amarillo and Darwin Vinyard and Paul Vinyard, both of Shamrock; two brothers, John R. Vinyard and Doris L. Vinyard, both of Shamrock; a sister, Jenel Franks of Farmington, N.M.; and seven grandchildren.

## Calendar of events

**AARP MEETING**  
 The American Association of Retired People will meet Wednesday in the Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, at 1 p.m. New officers will be installed and a program will be presented by the Post Office. Everyone will eat together at the meeting. Anyone interested in AARP is welcomed to attend. Information is exchanged on topics members are interested in such as homestead law, living trusts and Social Security. Suggestions are welcomed. The AARP meets on the second Monday on each month.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911  
 Crime Stoppers.....669-2222  
 Fire.....911  
 Police (emergency).....911  
 Police (non-emergency).....669-5700

## Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today. No arrests were reported.

**MONDAY, Dec. 12**  
 Francis Hernandez of Barrington Apartments, 1031 N. Sumner, reported criminal mischief.  
 Domestic violence - assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. No injuries were reported.  
 Laverne Devoll, 1033 S. Dwight, reported burglary of a building at 717 N. Sloan.  
 Roy Earl Denman, 2701 Comanche, reported criminal attempt (burglary of a habitation) at 720 N. Banks.  
 Roy James Parr, 715 N. Banks, reported disorderly conduct.  
 Assault - family violence was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. No injuries were reported.  
 Vera Davis of Minute Mart, 1106 Alcock, reported information.

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today. No arrests were reported.

**MONDAY, Dec. 12**  
 Don Harrison, 414 Red Deer, reported burglary of a building.  
 The estate of Paula Collier reported credit card abuse in Amarillo.

## Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

**MONDAY, Dec. 12**  
 5:04 p.m. - A 1983 Ford pickup driven by Ryan Jacob Witt, 16, 1708 Hamilton, was in collision with a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Brandon Wade Mayfield, 17, 941 Sierra, on Randy Matson Avenue. Witt was cited for backing without safety and having no liability insurance.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions Pampa**  
 James Dougless  
 Alice Sharum  
 Jessie Muns (extended care)  
 Euna Swafford (extended care)  
**Skellytown**  
 Sharndon Thomas  
**Dismissals Pampa**  
 Nancy Bell  
 Peter Berzanskis  
 Nicolette Lewis

**Lillian Skelly**  
**Darian Stanton**  
**Euna Swafford** (to extended care)  
 Alice Thompson  
 Warren Wilson

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions Shamrock**  
 Rosa Bradley  
**Dismissals Shamrock**  
 Chris Herron  
**Alanreed**  
 Juanita McKee

## Stocks

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

Wheat	3.64
Milo	3.86
Corn	4.26

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

NOWSCO	10 3/4	dn/4
Occidental	19 5/8	up/8

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

Magellan	63.47
Puritan	14.88

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

Amoco	62 1/8	up/2
Arco	103 5/8	up/3/8
Cabot	26 1/2	up/3/4
Cabot O&G	15 1/2	dn/1/8

Chevron	43 1/2	up/1/8
Coca-Cola	50 1/8	dn/1/4
Diamond Sham	24 1/4	dn/1/2
Enron	29 1/4	up/5/8
Halliburton	34 1/8	NC
HealthTrust Inc.	30	NC
Ingersoll Rand	30 1/4	up/1/8
KNE	22 1/4	NC
Kerr McGee	45 3/8	up/7/8
Limited	18 3/4	NC
Mapco	50 3/4	up/3/8
Maxus	3 5/8	dn/1/8
McDonald's	28 3/8	dn/1/4
Mobil	84 7/8	dn/1/4
New Atmos	16 5/8	up/1/8
Parker & Parsley	21 5/8	NC
Penney's	42 1/8	up/1/4
Phillips	33	up/5/8
SLB	51	up/1/4
SPS	26 7/8	up/3/4
Tenneco	39 1/4	dn/1/4
Texasco	62 1/4	dn/1/8
Wal-Mart	22 1/8	up/1/4
New York Gold	378.50	
Silver	4.75	
West Texas Crude	16.91	

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 9 a.m. today.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 13**  
 7:24 a.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded to a request for medical assistance at 315 S. Ballard.

## Correction

In a picture on Page 1 of the Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994 issue of *The Pampa News*, the name of Mary Elizabeth Allison was misspelled. *The Pampa News* regrets any inconvenience it may have caused.

## Post Office reception



The U.S. Postal Service's Pampa Post Office hosted a reception today for customers in appreciation of their service. Gathered around the reception table this morning are, from left, postal clerks Teresa Conner and Karen Schwartz, the Rev. Gene Allen, Harold Taylor, Kelly Smith (age 3), Gail Smith and Glenn Wright. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

## Russian aircraft fire on village

By CHRIS BIRD  
 Associated Press Writer

**GROZNY, Russia (AP)** - Helicopter gunships and jets attacked a village outside the capital of the breakaway republic of Chechnya today. Stunned villagers wandered the streets, scattering when they heard an aircraft approach.

"They're killing innocent people!" wailed Vera Cheborbayova, whose neighbor was carried away on a stretcher after being wounded by a rocket blast in the Russian helicopter assault on Pervomaikoye. Another woman was reported badly wounded.

Russian officials issued their first casualty report today, saying nine servicemen were killed and 14 wounded since 40,000 Russian troops poured into Chechnya over the weekend to end its move to secede from the Russian Federation. There was no comparable report on Chechen losses.

Late today, an advancing Russian armored column was halted 30 miles west of Grozny when 500 demonstrators blocked them in the village of Dovidinko. One protester's sign read: "Russian soldiers stop - Don't spill the blood of the people."

A rising death toll could create more political problems for Russia President Boris Yeltsin, who is already facing opposition at home

for his decision to dispatch soldiers to the region 1,000 miles southeast of Moscow.

The State Duma or lower house of parliament overwhelmingly passed a resolution saying the government's efforts to resolve the Chechnya crisis were "unsatisfactory."

But Moscow was not backing off. According to an ITAR-Tass news agency report citing a military source, Russian troops were ordered to seal off Grozny by the end of today.

Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev told reporters in Moscow that if Chechen units did not disarm, Russia "will be forced to use as much force as necessary to establish law and order," the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Russian and Chechen delegates meeting for a second day in Vladikavkaz, just outside Chechnya, said today both sides wanted an agreement but remained at odds over Russia's demand that Chechen forces put down their weapons. Chechnya insists Moscow withdraw its forces first.

"The fact that the Russian and Chechen sides are at the negotiating table at all is positive," said Vyacheslav Mikhailov, leader of the Russian delegation.

Chechnya, a mostly Muslim nation of 1.2 million people in southern Russia, declared independence in

1991. Russia has refused to recognize the claim and has backed Chechen forces opposed to the breakaway government.

Russian officials have offered to help rebuild Chechnya's economy, restore electricity and send food in exchange for an agreement to disarm.

But President Dzhokhar Dudayev remained defiant: "We don't have the slightest doubt about the righteousness of our cause," he said today. He claimed the future of democracy in Russia hinged on the outcome.

While the delegates talked, plumes of gray smoke rose artillery rounds fired from the snow-dusted mountains outside the village of Pervomaikoye. The blasts sent deep, low booms across the valley.

Four Russian jet fighters circled overhead while an attack helicopter dipped down from the nearby Terek Ridge. Four rockets hit a children's nursery, one puncturing the roof, and three exploding in the yard. There were no children inside.

Volunteer fighters, armed with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, dug in around the village.

Russian jets also buzzed Grozny in an apparent attempt to pressure the population, another sign Moscow was not easing up in its biggest military action since the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Variable cloudiness through Wednesday, with highs near 50. Low tonight in the middle 30s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph tonight. Wednesday's high will be near 50. Monday's high was 46; the overnight low was 36.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
**West Texas** - Panhandle: Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy and breezy. Lows from upper 20s northwest to mid 30s southeast. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 50-55. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows from mid to upper 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in mid 50s to near 60.

**North Texas** - Tonight, mostly cloudy. Scattered showers southeast, widely scattered showers elsewhere. Lows 40 northeast to 52 southeast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Showers most numerous southeast. Highs 54 to 64.

**South Texas** - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in mid 40s Hill Country to mid 50s south central. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of rain or showers. Highs in low to mid 60s. Coastal Bend: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in low to mid 60s. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of rain or showers. Highs in low to mid 70s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, cloudy

with a slight chance of rain. Lows in mid to upper 60s. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of rain or showers. Highs in mid to upper 70s.

**BORDER STATES**  
 Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in 30s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in mid 40s to low 50s.

**New Mexico** - Tonight, partly cloudy north with lingering mainly mountain snow showers until midnight, otherwise decreasing clouds. Fair skies south. Lows 10 to 25 mountains and northwest with mid 20s to mid 30s elsewhere. Wednesday, mostly fair skies. Highs in the 30s and 40s mountains and northern third with 50s to low 60s lower elevations.

## City briefs

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**THE EMPLOYEES** of Malcolm Hinkle Inc. challenge all business and organizations in Ringing Bells this year for Salvation Army. For more information call 665-7233. Adv.

**METAL DESK** and chair, 2 circular saws, 1 circular saw table. 669-6777. Adv.

**2 HOUSES** on 1+ acres land for sale. Call 835-2254 or 300 W. 1st, Lefors, Tx. Adv.

**EASY'S POP & Cheese Shop**, let us make your cheese, fruit and vegetable trays for your party or your next get together. Adv.

**GREAT GIFTS**, great prices for the golfer in your family at David's Golf Shop. Gift certificates always a great idea! Adv.

**FOR SANTA** Clause to come to your home, call 665-4105. Adv.

**25% OFF** boxed Christmas Cards, The Gift Box, 117 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

**VETERAN'S BRICKS** for Christmas, on the veteran's walkway, 669-8040. Adv.

**CAJUN FOOD**, Wednesday 14th, 6-9 p.m. Hamburger Station. Adv.

**GIVE AS** a gift or make your Christmas Dinner Special with Watkins vanilla and spices at 2325 Mary Ellen, 665-3375. Adv.

**ALL CHRISTMAS** trees on sale, Pampa Lawnmower, 501 S. Cuyler. Adv.

**EASY'S CLUB & Grill** - All You Can Eat Shrimp \$7.85. Adv.

**GREAT GIFT** idea, Elegant table runners to brighten your dining table. Call 669-6662. Adv.

**LOST MALE** puppy, brown and white, 8 weeks, in White Deer BB 1800, has health problems. 883-2261, 663-1778. Adv.

**COMMODITIES, WEDNESDAY 14th**, at National Guard Armory, east of Pampa, 9-1 only. Adv.

**PAMPA MEALS** on Wheels, 669-1007. Adv.

**GROUM MOTOR** Route available January 1st. Apply Now! Pampa News. Adv.

**EASY'S CLUB & Grill** - Ladies Night every Wednesday. All ladies meals 1/2 price. Appearing live - Pampa band Brushfire. Single ladies get in Free. Drink specials. Adv.

**CHRISTMAS TREATS** - Spiral sliced honey glazed hams, home cured hickory smoked hams, smoked turkeys and smoked briskets. Clint & Sons, 883-7831, 115 W. 3rd, White Deer. Adv.

**CARPET CLEANING**: \$5 a room, 3 room minimum. Call 665-4124. Adv.

**SEASON'S SAVINGS** from Bette's. Special reductions storewide, plus save on additional 25% off Backroom Sale Items. 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

**SURPRISE SOMEONE** special for Christmas with an engraved Granite Block from Freedom Museum USA, on sale Wednesday, December 14, at Senior Citizen's Center. Adv.

**THURSDAY SPECIAL** Sale on selected items. Some things 1/2 price at Celebrations and Watson's Christmas Shop. Open late til 8 p.m. 665-4189, 665-3100. Adv.

**LONE STAR Entertainment** - Live DJ, Wednesday, Ladies Nite. City Limits. Adv.

**MOM N Me** has added more Christmas goodies, and always has lots of unique gift ideas. Come by 318 E. Foster, Wednesday-Saturday, noon-5:30, 665-7132. Adv.

**ROLANDA'S JUST** received Christmas Melange spray-on pot-pourri oil. Adv.

**ORDER YOUR** fruit baskets early in addition to our quality fruit, we can add honey, old fashioned candy, jams and jellies and more. We also make cheese and summer sausage baskets. Watson's Christmas Shop and Celebrations. Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

## House Bank case draws guilty plea

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Carl "Chris" Perkins, a former four-term congressman from Kentucky, agreed today to plead guilty to three felony charges including kiting checks at the House of Representatives bank, the Justice Department announced.

The government said Perkins' secretary while he was in Congress, Martha Amburgey, also agreed to plead guilty in the case.

No date was immediately set for the pleas.

Perkins, 40, represented Kentucky's 7th congressional district from 1984 to 1993. A Democrat, he first won the seat after the death of his father, Carl C. Perkins, who had held the seat for 36 years. The younger Perkins did not seek reelection in 1992 after a redistricting.

These are the fourth and fifth criminal cases brought by the department's House Bank Task Force, formed in December 1992, to investigate widespread writing of checks with insufficient funds and other

improprieties surrounding the since-closed House Bank.

Perkins had been reported to have written 514 checks on the House Bank with insufficient funds to cover them. The bank covered checks for congressmen in such situations as though they had overdraft protection but did not charge them interest for the service.

Three felony information charges were filed against Perkins in U.S. District Court here.

The first count charged him with conspiring to make false statements to the Federal Election Commission. It alleges he had the Carl C. Perkins Election Committee file false reports in 1989 and 1990 listing as legitimate campaign expenses \$45,584, which was improperly disbursed to Perkins and others for his benefit.

The second count charged him with bank fraud arising from check kiting from April 1990 through July 1990 at various banks including the House Bank. It also charged him with a scheme to defraud various

Kentucky financial institutions by obtaining loans based on misrepresentations of their purpose or on submission of false financial data.

The third count charged Perkins with false statements by omitting \$946,135 in liabilities from his 1990 financial disclosure statement.

Perkins faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a \$1.5 million fine.

Amburgey agreed to plead guilty to conspiracy to file false statements with the election commission and aiding and abetting bank fraud by check kiting. She faces a top penalty of 35 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines.

Earlier, former House Sergeant At Arms Jack Russ pleaded guilty to three felonies and is serving a two-year prison sentence. Former Rep. Carroll Hubbard, Jr., D-Ky., pleaded guilty to three felonies and was sentenced to three years in prison. Carol Brown Hubbard, his wife, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and was sentenced to five years probation.

# FEC recommends Clinton campaign repay \$4 million

By RICHARD KEIL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's 1992 campaign should repay the U.S. Treasury a record \$4 million for a variety of spending irregularities, the Federal Election Commission staff is recommending.

The six-member commission will meet Wednesday to vote on the repayment figure, most of which stems from what the auditors concluded was federal funds to which the campaign was not entitled.

Overall, \$3.8 million of the repayment total was assessed to the primary campaign, while just \$254,546 in repayments was assigned to the general campaign, according to documents made available Monday.

And the vast bulk of the primary total — \$3.44 million — came in federal matching funds to which the FEC audit team concluded the campaign was not entitled.

The total recommended repayment is \$4,073,696.

Matching funds are the monies the Treasury provides, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to qualified presidential candidates for each private, individual donation up to \$250 received during the primary campaign.

Most of the money in question in the Clinton audit stemmed from contributions that did not specifically direct the contribution to the primary campaign. Ultimately, the auditors concluded, \$3,440,349 in money counted as primary receipts were, in fact, contributions to the general campaign and must be repaid.

"They say that most of this money was contributed well after the primaries were over, and well after the convention," Lyn Utrecht, an attorney for the Clinton campaign, commented. "The thought that the campaign somehow subverted the donors' wishes ... is extraordinary."

"The commission tends to make fairly significant adjustments to the auditors' recommendations, and we firmly expect that to happen," Utrecht added.

The auditors also identified almost a quarter-million dollars in what they concluded were impermissible contributions, extensions of credit and the use of corporate facilities by the Clinton primary campaign, including \$14,019 paid to a video production company owned by Clinton friend and Hollywood producer Harry Thomason.

Thomason's studio, Mozark Productions, produced a video for Clinton's campaign. Thomason and his wife, fellow producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, both vol-

unteered their services. But the auditors concluded the arrangement amounted to an impermissible extension of credit, since no down payment was required, and recommended that the campaign be told to repay the bill.

Also cited was \$120,000 paid for use of campaign chairman Mickey Kantor's Washington law offices by the campaign. Kantor subsequently became trade representative in the Clinton administration.

The FEC auditors concluded that the campaign's use of his firm's Washington office amounted to an improper use of corporate facilities, since the campaign was using office space, not receiving legal advice. A similar recommendation was reached in about \$16,000 in billings stemming from the use of office space in the New York offices of investment giant Goldman Sachs.

The remainder of the \$246,162 in recommended repayments came from the rentals of various other office space sites in Washington and elsewhere.

In addition, the campaign somehow managed to lose two rental cars valued at \$34,768, the auditors noted.

"It appeared that the campaign staff who rented the vehicles allowed them to be used by a number of persons and eventually lost track of who had the vehicle," the report

said. "In both cases, the (Clinton campaign) has not been able to determine who last had possession of the vehicles."

If the FEC approves the \$4 million total at its meeting Wednesday, it will set a record for an ordered repayment to the Treasury by a presidential campaign.

Before taking up the Clinton audit, the commission will cast a final vote on the audit of President Bush's 1992 campaign. The FEC staff recommended initially that the Bush campaign repay \$1.3 million to the Treasury, but that figure has since been revised downward. An exact final total has not been determined.

The initial \$1.3 million recommendation on Bush's campaign was the previous record for repayment to the Treasury.

Other campaigns, including Ronald Reagan's 1980 effort, have had higher repayment totals, but much of the money included refunds to individuals rather than the government.

The Bush campaign has about \$400,000 in cash on hand, according to a report filed Sept. 30 with the FEC.

The Clinton campaign, meanwhile, has more than \$3 million in cash on hand, a report for the same period shows.

# Wholesale prices up 0.5 percent in November

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation at the wholesale level shot up 0.5 percent in November as energy prices climbed at the fastest pace in nine months. But analysts insisted the increase did not show a worrisome rise in inflationary pressures.

Private economists had correctly forecast today's sharp rise in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index. They said it merely reflected a bounce back after two straight months of unusually low price pressures.

The PPI had fallen 0.5 percent in both September and October, the first back-to-back declines in wholesale prices in three years.

So far this year, inflation at the wholesale level has been rising at a very moderate annual rate of 1.6 percent.

In a second report, the government said that retail sales climbed 1.2 percent, about twice as fast as had been expected, with strong demand at hardware stores, auto dealers and furniture stores leading the way.

The Federal Reserve is closely watching the economy's movements as it prepares for its final interest-rate

meeting of the year next Tuesday.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan let Congress know last week that the economy continued to grow at a rapid rate and hinted broadly that further interest rate hikes would be forthcoming.

Cynthia Latta, an economist at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc. in Lexington, Mass., said today's reports depicted an economy that is still growing strongly with inflation under control.

She predicted that the Fed would wait until their January meeting before increasing interest rates again.

"It's not a question of whether the Fed will increase rates, but when," she said, saying the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, will be at 6.5 percent by April, a full percentage point higher than it is now.

The 0.5 percent rise in the PPI for November, the first increase since an even bigger 0.6 percent August advance, was led by rising costs for energy products, which were up 2.1 percent after having fallen for two straight months.

The energy advance, the biggest since a 2.8 percent increase in February, reflected higher prices for gasoline, up 4.5 percent in

November after having fallen 5.8 percent in October.

Food prices edged up a tiny 0.2 percent in November as beef prices were up 2.5 percent and fish prices rose 2.2 percent. The small overall increase came despite the fact that vegetable prices dropped 8.1 percent, the biggest decline since February, reflecting sharply lower costs for squash, corn, spinach and cabbage.

Fruit prices were also down, dropping 3.8 percent as the price of lemons, grapefruits, pineapples and navel oranges all fell.

Outside the volatile food and energy categories, the so-called core rate of inflation at the wholesale level was up a modest 0.1 percent.

The biggest price pressure in this area was new car prices, which were up 1 percent, after having fallen 2.6 percent in October.

Prices were also up after having fallen the previous month for prescription drugs, mobile homes, toys, newspapers and sporting goods.

However, prices fell for cosmetics, tobacco products, women's clothing and alcoholic beverages.

The overall economy through September was growing at a rapid annual rate of 3.8 percent — far above the 2.5 percent level the Fed is

comfortable with for an economic recovery now in its fourth year.

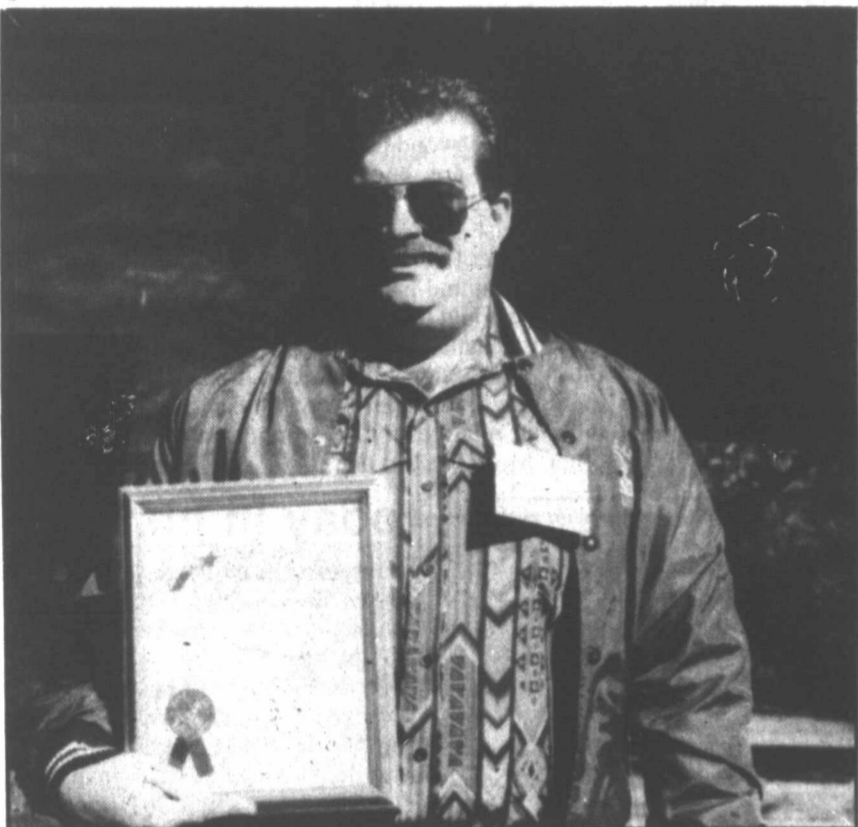
And recent reports indicate that activity hasn't slowed in the current quarter, either. The government reported that unemployment in November fell 0.2 percentage point to a four-year low of 5.6 percent.

That means that after 10 months of Fed tightening, the economy has shown few signs of the slowdown the central bank is seeking to engineer as a way to keep from having wage and price pressures set off another inflationary spiral.

The Fed's last rate hike was a 0.75 percent boost in two key rates on Nov. 15, the biggest one-time hike in more than a decade.

"The economy continues to produce evidence that growth is too hot for comfort and therefore inflationary risks are mounting," said Robert Dederick, an economic consultant at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

However, Dederick said he did not believe the Fed would move at its Dec. 20 meeting unless this week's indicators uncover some troubling uptick in inflation that requires immediate attention.



Mark Dorris, Texas Department of Transportation maintenance supervisor in Canadian, shows the plaque he received for being nominated for the Highway Beautification Award. (Courtesy photo)

## TxDOT supervisor at Canadian honored for beautification work

CANADIAN — Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Maintenance Supervisor Mark Dorris of Canadian was honored recently for his work at a Roberts County roadside park.

Dorris was nominated for the Highway Beautification Award presented annually by the Texas Department of Transportation and Keep Texas Beautiful.

TxDOT Executive Director Bill Burnett presented a plaque to Dorris during ceremonies held Nov. 10 at LBJ State Park near Stonewall.

Dorris was nominated by the Amarillo District of TxDOT for a project at the Roberts County roadside park.

The park's picnic table is made of stone and considered historically significant.

When federal mandates required

the park be accessible to people with disabilities, Dorris and his Canadian TxDOT office were faced with a challenge.

After careful planning, the crew managed to make the park wheelchair accessible while leaving the original stone picnic table untouched. Crews built another stone picnic table that met Americans With Disabilities Act requirements and matched the old stone picnic table.

The Highway Beautification Awards are celebrating their 25th anniversary. They were created by Lady Bird Johnson to recognize TxDOT maintenance personnel and district offices that have worked to beautify Texas highways and to preserve water quality, endangered species and native vegetation.

## Father accused of pouring drain cleaner down his child's mouth

FORT WORTH (AP) — The father of an 8-month-old child has been jailed after telling officers he poured industrial strength drain cleaner down the child's mouth.

Michael Perez, 20, was being held Monday night in the Tarrant County Jail on suspicion of injury to a child. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Mikey Perez, the child, was fighting for his life at Cook Fort Worth Children's Medical Center.

Police said that the baby's maternal grandmother, Jackie Castro, said the father had grown jealous of the attention his wife, Daniela, showed Mikey.

The grandmother told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Monday that she thinks that her son-in-law could harm the baby in a jealous rage.

"It's hard to comprehend. It's sad," Mrs. Castro said.

While preparing to return to the hospital Monday afternoon, Daniela Perez told the newspaper, "I feel like my heart has been ripped out of my chest."

Daniela Perez, 21, said she was lying down in the bedroom of their home Saturday afternoon when she suddenly heard her son screaming.

She ran into the living room,

where her son was strapped into a child-restraint seat and vomiting. Panicking, she said she ripped her son's T-shirt off on her way to the bathroom to spray him with water. She said she told her husband, the only other person in the house, to get her mother from next door.

Mrs. Castro said that from the moment she saw her grandson with his tongue swollen and his chest heaving, she knew he was seriously ill. She called an ambulance.

"He left here screaming and he got to the hospital screaming and his lab workup is good," Mrs. Castro, a registered nurse, said about her grandson.

A hospital spokeswoman said Mikey Perez had second- and third-degree burns on his face, mouth, throat and chest.

Fort Worth police spokeswoman Lt. Pat Knebllick said state child abuse case workers interviewed both parents.

Both parents first said they didn't harm the infant, but by late Saturday night, Michael Perez had given authorities a statement saying that he had poured a chemical he got from under the sink into the baby's mouth.

## Students occupy TWU office

DENTON (AP) — Female students seized and occupied the admissions office at Texas Woman's University, launching what they promise to be a weeklong protest of plans to admit men to all university programs.

About 50 students occupied the office for about five hours Monday. They left when the building closed at 5 p.m., but vowed to return today and extend their sit-in through the week in defense of their women-only tradition.

"If a male tries to come in here to

apply, we're not going to let him," one woman shouted to about 200 cheering supporters outside the office.

The university's regents decided Friday to admit men to all its programs. Previously, men were allowed only in graduate programs and undergraduate health-sciences programs.

"We do not expect to lose our unique niche, but we want the character of TWU to not change," said Jayne Lips, chairwoman of the board of regents.

## Postal stamp hike now official

WASHINGTON (AP) — Happy New Year from the post office: The 32-cent stamp becomes official Jan. 1.

Millions of non-priced stamps bearing the letter "G" and an American flag are en route to post offices for use until 32-cent stamps can be printed. The Love stamp being issued for Valentine's Day also will be non-priced, since it had to be printed in advance.

Also planned is a non-priced "makeup" stamp, bearing a drawing of a dove, that is worth 3 cents and can be combined with leftover 29-cent stamps to equal the new rate.

It takes about 90 days to complete printing and distribution of a stamp, so stamps bearing the 32-cent price should begin appearing after that time.

The new rates become effective at 12:01 a.m., local time, on New Year's Day under a unanimous vote Monday of the governing board of

the U.S. Postal Service.

Board Chairman Sam Winters noted that the increase of a first-class stamp from the current 29 cents is the first in four years and is below the 12.2 percent consumer price inflation for that period.

The new rates are expected to bring the Postal Service \$4.7 billion in added income in 1995. It lost \$914 million in the just-completed fiscal year and \$1.7 billion the year before.

The independent Postal Rate Commission approved the new rates in late November after nearly nine months of hearings.

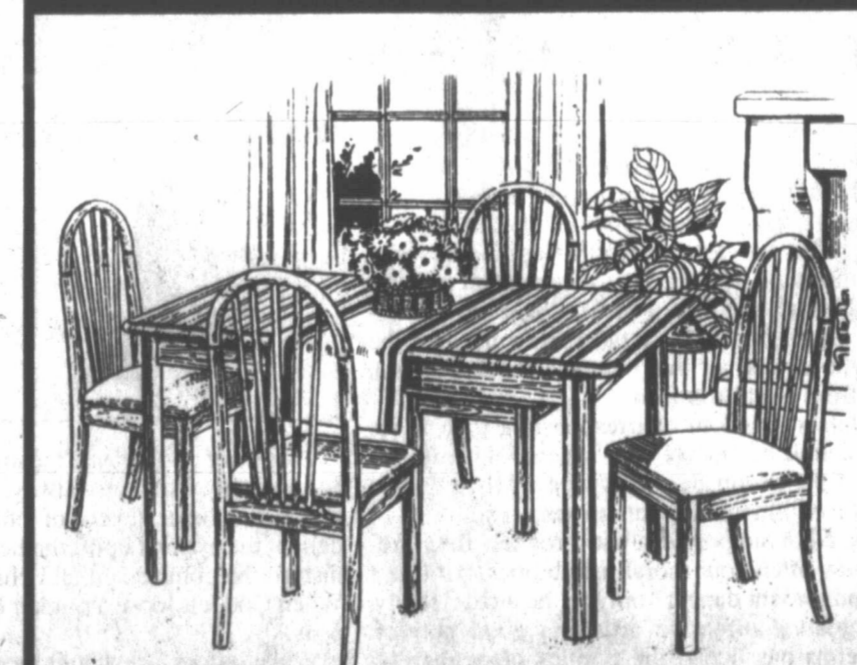
Charges for international mail will also increase, but the date and amounts have not been determined, postal officials said.

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Opinion

Corporate welfare deserves some study

The Clinton administration's labor secretary, Robert Reich, raised a stir when he suggested that as only as the Republicans were talking about reducing welfare programs, perhaps it was time to consider reducing corporate welfare. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen moved quickly to disavow Reich's idea (although, true to the disarray that seems to be this administration's most distinguishing characteristic, President Clinton also chimed in to the effect that some of Reich's ideas sounded good).

In fact, a good deal of what can quite rightly be called corporate welfare can be found in the federal budget. The problem is, Reich doesn't seem to understand what really constitutes welfare for corporations.

Reich was rather vague about just what he means by "corporate welfare." The closest he came to being specific was "a formidable list of special tax benefits for particular industries, totaling over \$111 billion over five years," compiled by the Democratic Leadership Council.

There's a fundamental problem with defining tax "benefits" as corporate welfare. The position assumes that all the money corporations earn rightfully belongs to the federal government, and any money the government graciously allows a corporation to keep amounts to welfare. While some tax "breaks" are undoubtedly hidden subsidies, others are allowances for perfectly legitimate and necessary business expenses, and some are the difference between staying in business and bankruptcy.

The only real way to eliminate tax differentials that some might interpret as "benefits" or "welfare for the rich" would be to eliminate the corporate income tax altogether, or to convert it to a "flat tax" — the same percentage regardless of the magnitude of income with only a few simple deductions.

On the other hand, many of the federal government's programs really can be legitimately classified as corporate welfare. Most agricultural subsidies, price supports and marketing orders that keep a great many agricultural products off the market to keep prices high amount to corporate welfare. Tariffs and special treatment for American companies that face competition from foreign companies are corporate welfare.

Much of the defense budget can hardly be distinguished from corporate welfare. And any semblance of an "industrial policy" in which government would attempt to pick winners and losers among emerging technologies and try to help the designated winners would be rife with corporate welfare.

The entire regulatory regime, in fact, with its mountains of paperwork and legions of bureaucrats, amounts to welfare for large companies and a huge deterrent to smaller, often more innovative businesses.

If this is the kind of corporate welfare the secretary of labor wants to attack, more power to him.

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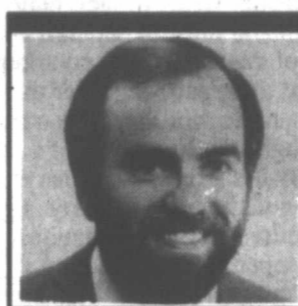
Go ahead, have another piece of pie

Recently, you were probably contemplating the prospect of a huge Thanksgiving meal and, if you were in tune with the anxieties of the age, feeling guilty before you had even taken a bite. But altruism is a virtue to be cultivated on occasions such as these. Consider the possibility that by stuffing yourself full of artery-clogging treats, you are making an unselfish contribution to the well-being of humanity.

It is ordinarily taken as depressing news that heart disease lurks unseen in even a comparatively restrained holiday feast — no seconds, I mean, which may sound not restrained but brutally ascetic to you. Nutritional experts, whose idea of rollicking excess is a heaping portion of brown rice, hoped to discourage enjoyment of the season by informing us that a modest Thanksgiving dinner provides more than 2,000 calories, 206 milligrams of cholesterol and 88 tons of saturated fat — no, sorry, make that 88 grams. As I understand it, this is enough to sustain an entire herd of swine for three months.

Zach Sabry, an obesity expert at the university of California at Berkeley, conjuring up calamity if we do not mend our ways, recommends such alluring alternatives as replacing stuffing with fresh fruit. (Put a pineapple in a turkey while it cooks, maybe?) And, while you're at it, eat less. "No one," he announces with scientific certitude, "needs to eat a whole piece of pie."

I have news for Dr. Sabry: No one needs to eat a single bite of pie, any more than anyone needs to listen to Mozart, watch *Melrose Place* or name their kid Zach. It is an intractable peculiarity of human beings that they do some things purely because they like to.



Stephen Chapman

And, perhaps, because they are guided by powerful ancient impulses that promote the survival of the species. One of the bewildering discoveries of a few medical studies is that when you lower your cholesterol, you reduce your chance of dying from heart disease — but raise your risk of dying from accidents, violence, trauma or suicide.

I don't know about you, but I'm not thrilled by the idea of sparing myself a quick, efficient coronary in my sleep so that I can take a fatal fall off the roof or get pumped full of lead in a traffic dispute — particularly if it means my last meal will be a tossed green salad with fat-free dressing instead of barbecued ribs and potatoes au gratin. Scientists should not be surprised to find that a steady regimen of green salads can also make some people susceptible to the temptation to jump off a tall bridge.

Some scientists insist that any apparent connection between such tragic misfortunes and free-running arteries is illusory. But others have found that monkeys fed low-fat, low-cholesterol diets are more likely than others to engage in such anti-social behavior as slapping, biting, punching and grabbing.

This may make perfect sense. *The Economist* magazine of Britain notes that, according to one theory, humans are genetically programmed to stuff themselves so as to avoid starvation, which is even worse for the species than an expanding waistline.

"So humans beings might have evolved a tendency to regard a low or falling cholesterol level as a signal of a deterioration diet," it reports. "In such straightened circumstances, competition for food with other members of the species is likely to intensify. More aggressive behavior would therefore be necessary." Low cholesterol may lead to low levels of a chemical called serotonin in the brain, which may in turn lead to aggression, violence and thermonuclear war.

If you want to help mankind avoid this fate, you will be comforted to know that one way to keep up your serotonin is to eat lots of turkey. And all the fat and cholesterol you ingest today could likewise produce a kinder, gentler and more peaceable you. Politicians may promise to crack down on criminals, but if all Americans gorged today, they might do more to curb violence than a dozen federal crime bills.

You may wonder if world peace and domestic tranquility are enough to compensate you for adding unsightly pounds and having to let out all your pants. As football players say, sometimes you have to sacrifice your body. If the choice is lean and mean or fat and happy, it's no choice at all.

And it could be there is yet another ingenious survival mechanism at work here. The calm-inducing fat and cholesterol in the traditional Thanksgiving meal may be the only way we can all get together with our relatives for an entire day and not kill each other. More pie, anyone?



Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 1994. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
Fifty years ago, on Dec. 13, 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser *Nashville*, the flagship of an invasion fleet headed for Mindoro Island in the Philippines, was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze suicide attack which claimed 138 lives.

On this date:  
In 1577, Sir Francis Drake of England set out with five ships on a nearly three-year journey that would take him around the world.

In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat at the hands of the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work *An American in Paris* had its premiere at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Separation of church and state

Charley Reese

I don't usually comment on the comments of religious leaders, but the Catholic bishops have come up with such a novel — no, revolutionary — interpretation of Christianity that I will make an exception.

"The state has an obligation to care for those who cannot take care of themselves," the Rev. John H. Ricard, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore, said in criticizing plans to reform welfare.

Bull.  
He doesn't like what he calls the "bumper sticker approach" to government. I don't care for the bumper sticker approach to religion.

Because I grew up in a fundamentalist church, I have read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and I guaran-damn-ty you there is nothing in there which says government has the responsibility to care for the sick and the poor.

Jesus of Nazareth did not stand around telling people to go see the Roman government if they were hungry or ill. He did not lead a political movement to reform the government in Rome. He did not advocate a Roman welfare state.

No, Bishop Richard, the flaming responsibility is yours as a Christian. It is time to say to the good bishops and others of his ilk that if the churches are getting out of the Christianity business and into the political reform business, then they must forfeit their tax-exempt status. Instead of grousing about

the outcome of an election, why don't you follow the advice of Christ and sell your possessions and give the proceeds to the poor? In a pig's eye you will. Republicans were not the only hypocrites meeting in Washington last month.

Bishop Richard says children will be adversely affected if welfare benefits are cut. I'd say some of the church's priests have done more than their share in the adversely-affecting-children category, and if the present church cares so much about children, quit covering up for the pedophiles and rout them out. Why did it take 10 years of bad publicity and lawsuits before you discovered that an adult should not be allowed to exploit a child?

I think I speak for a lot of taxpayers when I say we're fed up — fed up with pseudo-Christians who expect us to do their Christian duty at our expense; fed up with pseudo-environmentalists who expect us to foot the bill for their peculiar agenda; and fed up with pseudo-liberals who expect us to fund their so-called compassion for everybody they've seen on their big screen TVs.

If you wish to be a Christian, be one. It has nothing

to do with government. If you are compassionate, dig in your own wallet. If you are an environmentalist, fund your own projects. If you support the Muslims in Bosnia, go over there and fight with them. If you are a Zionist, go to Israel. If you think foreign countries need American dollars, send them yours. If you are concerned about refugees from Rwanda, go feed them. But stop trying to use government to coerce the rest of us.

You people who think government should be your private leg-breaker to enforce your personal agenda are a royal pain in the region of the gluteus maximus. Spare us your hypocrisy and get your hand out of our pockets.

When a religion is reduced to sloganeering and acting like a political party, it's a dead religion. A religion which cannot effect change in the lives of people without the help of the government is a dead religion.

I have great respect for religion and for genuinely religious people — people who validate their beliefs by living them. But sometimes it seems that America is becoming a nation of phonies. There are Christians who don't believe in Christianity; conservatives who don't believe in conservatism; liberals who aren't liberal, etc.

We should follow the advice of the late comedian, Dave Gardner, who said, "If you think the world is wrong, then right your own self."

Helms and the NEA both deserve a voice

Of course Jesse Helms should be chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mindless logorrhea doesn't revoke his freedom of speech.

Helms' statement that Clinton "better have a bodyguard" if he came to North Carolina shocked many Americans. But the First Amendment protects his jocular threat to President Clinton's life as dutifully as it protects the National Endowment for the Arts' right to fund art that outrages the Republican senator from North Carolina.

But Helms' freedom of irresponsible speech has another double advantage — his senatorial invulnerability and the Secret Service's investigative double standard for influential Southern senators.

As for NEA-supported artistic rogues, their creativity may offend our moral sensibilities, but it is a "clear and present danger" only to the artists' sanity.

Scapegoating offensive artists is good politics. Jesse Helms has honed the politics of outrage by building up a legion of supporters who help him fit the definition of a demagogue: "A man who can rock a boat and convince everybody there is a storm at sea."

The storm of this year's Republican landslide may do more than rock the National Endowment for the Arts' boat. The conservative-dominated 104th Congress will either try to scuttle it or confine it to drydock.

For 12 Reagan-Bush years, the NEA was a convenient punching bag for conservatives. Some of their disenchantment was merited. What passes for art in a few quarters is little more than some psychotic's onanistic adventure.



Chuck Stone

That's not to suggest a means test for art requiring acceptability. Art must always challenge us to rise above the baser levels of our nature. Art should delight the eye and uplift the heart. But it also should disturb the complacent and challenge the orthodox. When God lets loose a thinker on the planet, art happens.

When it does, art should face only one test to survive for posterity — the marketplace of public opinion.

Protected by the First Amendment, the marketplace has always cherished different strokes for different strokes for different folks. How YOU behold beauty in the Platonic mind and ask, "Why?" is different from how "I dream things that never were and ask, why not?"

When America was founded, we were a quill-and-paper, horse-and-buggy symphony of farms contained in 13 states where 3.9 million people read newspapers and drank a glass of warm milk before retiring early. Art was boring in its simplicity.

Today, we are a computerized, jet plane cacophony

of skyscrapers, ghettos and suburbs sprawled across 50 states where 248 million people read newspapers, watch television, listen to radio, go to the movies and eat a late-night pizza. Art is exciting in its complexity.

In that global scheme of things, government has had to play a much bigger role in our lives. Art, including NEA-subsidized art — reflects the happy turbulence of those changes.

For years, Republicans and conservatives have claimed to be the rightful protectors of capitalism's individualism. Yet, when it comes to art, the Republican-conservative axis shares more allegiance with dictators than with artists.

One of the greatest American families produced the only father and son to become president, John and John Quincy Adams; America's first feminist, Abigail, and a long line of distinguished scholars.

In a letter to Abigail, John capsuled in one paragraph democracy's imperative for freedom of speech and the richest diversity of artistic expression:

"I must study politics and war that my sons may have the liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, naval architecture, commerce and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry and porcelain."

In today's complex world, the National Endowment for the Arts keeps an artistic faith with the democratic legacy of the Adams family.

**Berry's World**

**KING OF THE MOUNTAIN**

Lifestyles

A mid-morning thanks



Lewis James, circulation manager of *The Pampa News*, tries out some of the appetizers at a mid-morning reception the Friends of the Library held in honor of retiring *Pampa News* publisher Louise Fletcher. The reception was to thank her and the staff of *The Pampa News* for help in the microfilming project in which copies of *The Pampa News* were copied over to microfilm. The Friends of the Library also wanted to thank Fletcher for coverage the newspaper has provided for projects the Friends of the Library sponsored. (*Pampa News* photo by Melinda Martinez)

Concrete can be made to look elegant

By POPULAR MECHANICS  
For AP Special Features

Most people see concrete without noticing it. To them it's ubiquitous and, worse yet, boring. They couldn't care less about its looks because it's not supposed to look good.

Architects, engineers and homeowners choose it for its strength and durability. It's the material of choice for highways, dams, sidewalks and skyscrapers. It's a municipal and handy material, but many people who are not familiar with its possibilities certainly think: Mass it has, but grace and presence, no.

At first, it's hard to believe that concrete can be elegant. That's a lot to ask — that something works just as well in the Hoover Dam as it does underfoot at an outdoor cocktail party. Where building materials are concerned, however, it's true — concrete has grace under pressure.

Worked by skilled hands, it can be finished in a variety of patterns, colors and textures, even to the point of looking like something else, including flagstone, brick and

slate. This versatility expands anyone's design options for that pool deck, patio or walkway.

Why not use brick, stone or slate? Each of these is a fine material, but natural materials (and to a lesser extent, brick) dictate the color and shape you must work with, and not all options are available in all areas. Also, concrete is generally less expensive than quarried materials, which often must be shipped over long distances.

Decorative concrete is more expensive than regular concrete, of course, and its cost varies greatly by location and even among contractors in the area. Remember, get several bids and avoid those that seem drastically low.

For instance, regular concrete may cost \$2.50 per square foot in the northeastern states, with decorative concrete costing from \$4.50 to \$8 per square foot.

Finishing concrete to make it look like brick, slate or stone is not a typical do-it-yourself project. You would have to invest in the tools and finish quite a bit of experimental concrete before you pour the main pavement.

It takes experience and the right tools to make concrete look like something it's not, so it makes more sense to hire a masonry contractor for the job.

The basic process, however, is not complicated. Masons pour and place the concrete like they would for regular concrete, using a 3,000-pound to 4,000-pound psi mix, the typical concrete for outdoor pavements. At this point, there are several methods that cement masons use to shape the concrete to look like brick, stone or slate.

In one method, they press strips of building paper or a paper stencil into the wet concrete using a float. For faux stone, the masons cut out strips of building paper. And for a brick pattern, they buy a ready-made paper stencil.

Next, the masons spread colored granules over the concrete to give it the desired shade of brick or stone. They work the granules, known as dry-shake compound, into the concrete. Incidentally, dry-shake compound also increases the surface hardness of the concrete.

In the case of paper strips, the granules are carefully scraped off before the strips are lifted from the concrete. With paper lattice, the surface area is too large to do this, so the lattice is carefully peeled from the concrete after the dry-shake compound has been floated in. The area underneath the paper appears as mortar joints, while the area between the strips is colored to look like slate, stone or brick.

To achieve the faux finish of dry-laid stone (without contrasting-color mortar joints), the masons use stamps, rollers and mats to press a shape into the concrete.

In this case, a sheet of polyethylene plastic is spread over the concrete. This prevents the concrete from sticking to the stamp or roller. It also gives nicely rounded edges to each stamped shape.

To achieve faux mortar joints with this method, the masons spread mortar over the slab and scrape off the excess, so it fills in the joints between the stamped patterns. Afterward, they use a rotary floor polisher to remove mortar residue from the slab's face.

Newsmakers



Sona Solano (right), the 20-year-old daughter of Jan and Gil Solano of Pampa, was crowned Miss Amarillo Area 1995 at the Miss Amarillo Area Scholarship pageant. She is a sophomore at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Solano also received the evening gown and talent awards. Solano is also a singer. She is pictured above with her brother, Gil Jr., and her mother Jan. (Courtesy photo)

Navy Lt. Donald H. Braswell, a 1981 graduate of Pampa High School recently completed a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf, Western Pacific and Indian oceans with Strike Fighter Squadron 25.

Braswell was one of 7,000 Sailors and Marines with the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which supported the international sanctions against Iraq,

and participated in several multinational naval exercises during the deployment. Based at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., Braswell's squadron flies the F/A-18 Hornet, a twin-engine supersonic strike fighter, capable of providing protection against enemy aircraft, delivering ordnance on targets ashore and at sea, and providing close air support for troops on the ground.

He joined the Navy in May of 1986. Braswell is a 1986 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., with a BSEE degree and a 1987 graduate of John Hopkins University at Baltimore, Md., with a MSEE degree.

Army Pvt. Rachel L. Grimsley has completed basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Grimsley is the daughter of Charles L. and Gaylene Grimsley of Pampa. She is a 1994 graduate of Pampa High School.

Air Force Airman Paul D. McHenry, homeported in San Diego, Calif., left last June for this deployment. Prior to participating in the Iraqi crisis, the ship supported the United States Humanitarian relief effort in Rwanda, Operation Support Hope.

Grimsley, 20, is the son of Charles Grimsley and Margaret Martin, both of Pampa.

Corey Alfonsi of Pampa has been accepted for admission to Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. Alfonsi, a senior at Pampa High School, is the son of Aaron and Peggiani Combs. He is a recipient of an Academic Achievement Scholarship from Northwestern for his outstanding scholastic record.

Stephanie Nicole Stout of Pampa, is among the candidates for degrees this fall from the University of Oklahoma Norman campus. Stout will receive a bachelor's of science degree in education.

Marina Ramirez of Pampa was recently among 22 coeds initiated into the Sigma Sigma Chi social sorority at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.



Ramirez

Choking — an ounce of prevention

By PAMELA BRAWER  
New York University Medical Center  
For AP Special Features

Choking is one of the leading causes of death and injury among young children. But taking a few precautions and being prepared in the event of an emergency can help parents prevent many of these dangerous incidents.

Choking is caused by airway obstruction. This obstruction can take two forms: partial or complete closure of the airway.

Children whose airway is partially closed generally can breathe, talk, cough or cry, but often will wheeze in between breaths. In most cases, unless breathing is extremely difficult, parents should not interfere or attempt to relieve the obstruction. Children usually are able to bring up the object or food causing the problem on their own without medical intervention.

However, immediate intervention is required when children cannot bring up the object, or if the airway is completely obstructed. Knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or the Heimlich maneuver may enable a parent to save a child's life.

Procedures for the Heimlich maneuver and CPR vary according to the child's age, so parents should learn the appropriate form for their children.

But, as the old adage goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Children are less likely to choke if they chew their foods thoroughly, eat slowly and do not laugh, talk, run or play while eating.

This rule is especially important if children are eating hard candies, which can be swallowed whole and lodge in the windpipe.

Infants between the ages of 8 to 12 months, who are beginning to walk or crawl, often put small items in their mouths. The most common items that cause airway obstruction are usually toys, small parts of toys and balloons.

Choking hazards can be limited by removing all ribbons and cords on toys before allowing children to play with them. In addition, be sure that toy parts, such as a doll or stuffed animal's eyes, and rubber wheels on cars, are securely fastened to the toy.

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## Telling mom to smoke outside puts chill in family's holiday

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have just completed our dream house. Where we live, the days are warm and sunny, but it can get downright cold in the evenings.

Here's my problem: We have invited my sister, her family, and my mother for Christmas. Mother will be staying with us, and I have told her that she may not smoke in our house. This has created a real furor.

My sister thinks I'm being unreasonable because Mother has emphysema, congestive heart failure and bleeding ulcers — and she's an alcoholic and weighs about 90 pounds. She also uses a walker.

We have an outside fireplace on the patio that emits a great deal of heat, and we'd gladly light it for her while she smokes outside.

Abby, am I unreasonable to forbid smoking in my home? My sister and mother have put a real guilt trip on me.

**SMOKELESS IN ARIZONA**

**DEAR SMOKELESS:** In view of your mother's condition, it's unrealistic to expect her to huddle by an outdoor fireplace to smoke. Perhaps her physician would prescribe nicotine patches to tide her over during her visit with you. Obviously, your mother is very frail, so enjoy her while you can.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

signed "Bugged" from the reader who resented having to chip in for the boss's Christmas gift.

Well, Abby, I am the boss, and I have a message for my employees:

Please skip the collection this year. I am already rich because I have a competent staff who makes my job a pleasure. Just give me a card with your good wishes for me and my family — and spend your money on your loved ones!

The only gift I want is another year of "bossing" such generous people, and I will consider myself blessed indeed.

Please sign my name. I want these great people to know I mean them.

**PAM KOCH, LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J.**

**DEAR PAM:** What a lovely idea. It's a first. (And something tells me it won't be the last!)

aren't speaking, and I need some unbiased advice.

Our 24-year-old daughter got herself arrested and is sitting in jail because she couldn't come up with her bail. The judge gave her 90 days.

She has been calling, begging us to come down and get her out. She broke a restraining order and will be in jail for Christmas.

My husband and her brothers and sisters all say she needs to learn her lesson, but every time she calls me crying, I get so upset I go to pieces and do whatever it takes to rescue her.

Abby, how can a mother enjoy the holidays knowing her daughter is sitting in jail? Mind you, she has been in trouble many times, but this time, she couldn't get off.

Have you any words of wisdom for me?

**STRESSED-OUT MOM**

**DEAR MOM:** Yes. One of her problems was knowing that her family would always come to her rescue. Let her sit.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I read the letter

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I

## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1994

In the year ahead, you will establish relationships with idealistic and compassionate persons. The collective goodwill of your social circle may be raised to new heights.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your intuition can provide insights into financial dealings today that escaped your logic. However, use both. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals

which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Solutions to difficult problems might come more easily to you than to your associates today. Be confident in your answers even if they aren't.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You can work wonders today doing charity work. Before reaching out to strangers, though, take a good look at your family to see who needs a little extra help.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Getting out and circulating today will make you feel better, but leaving your easy chair may prove no easy task.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You might be in store for some pleasant surprises today, especially materially. Without having to be a Scrooge you may end up with a bundle.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Thinking imaginatively or philosophically will be tremendously rewarding today. Use your mental faculties to the fullest.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Friends will repay your past kindness by helping you through a difficult situation. It's a matter of give and take.

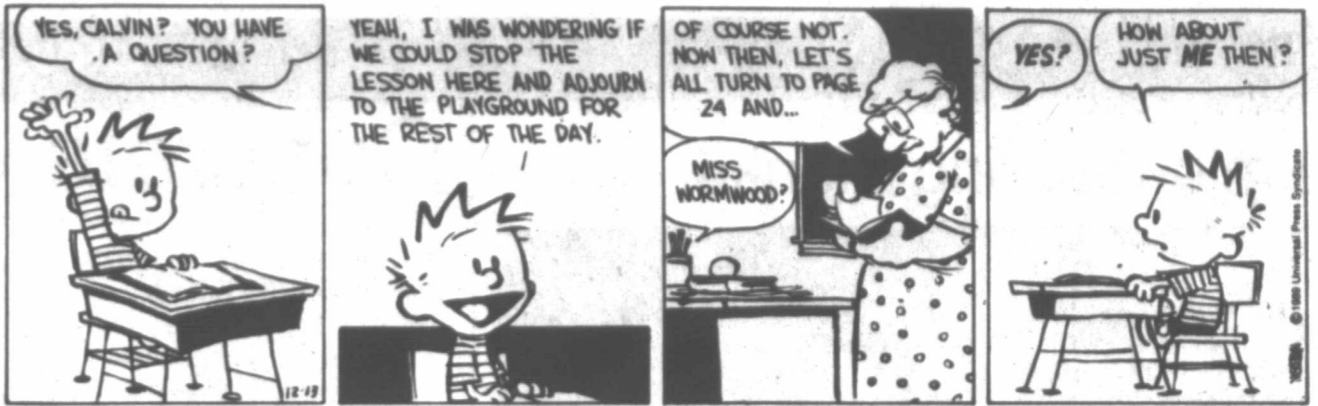
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Today you'll feel more comfortable with sensitive friends than you will with aggressive types. You are too vulnerable at this time to be with self-serving people.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Deviating from your ideals today as you work toward a goal will not expedite matters, it will invite failure.

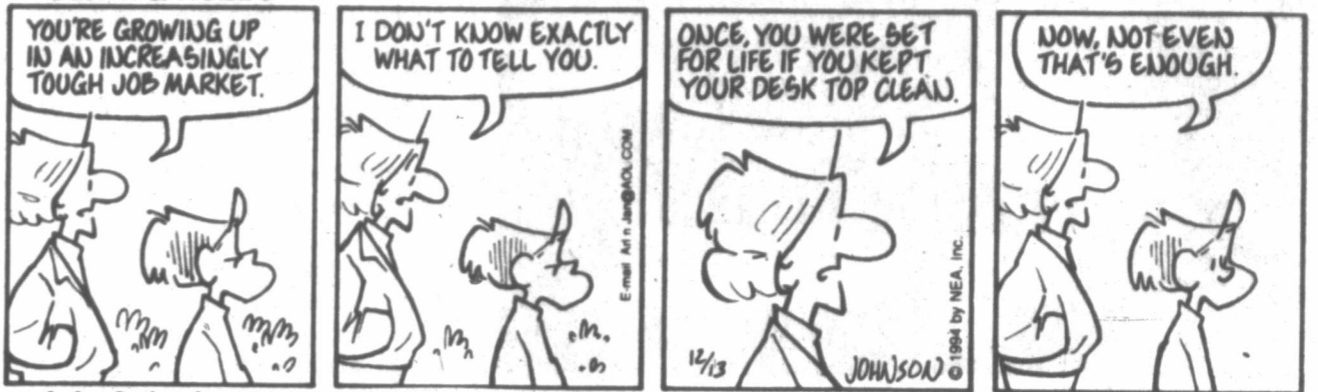
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You will seem very charismatic today. The attention you receive will be unusually keen, regardless of where you make an appearance.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Today your creative touch will be quite evident in even your most mundane endeavors. Others will easily discern your efforts from imitators.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** One of your best assets today is your ability to interpret the true intentions of others even when they say one thing and mean another.



**Calvin & Hobbes**



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"That police car has its Christmas lights on."



"I'll address your Christmas cards after I do mine."

### The Family Circus



### Marmaduke



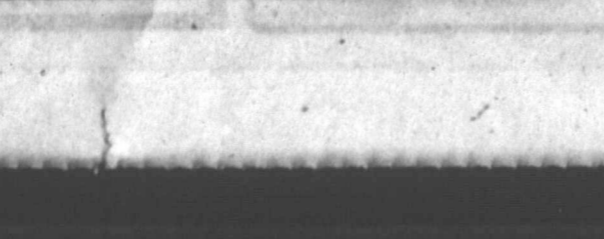
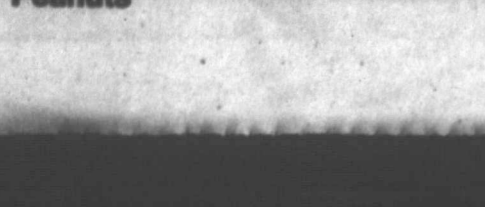
### Grizzwells



### Alley Oop



### Peanuts



## Sports

## Notebook

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

**PAMPA** — Pampa hosts Borger tonight in a high school wrestling match in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The junior varsity match between the two schools gets under way at 6:30 p.m., followed by the varsity match.

Pampa won a close struggle last year against Borger and PHS head coach Steve Kuhn looks for more of the same.

"It went right down to the heavyweight match last year before it was decided. Borger has a new coach (Lanny Davidson), who coached at Oklahoma University, so they're looking for good things in their program. It could be another nip and tuck match between us," Kuhn added.

The Harvesters have looked sharp in matches this month. In a quad held at McNeely Fieldhouse, Pampa defeated Randall, 51-18, and River Road, 41-30, losing only to Vernon, 45-18.

Pampa later lost a close decision to Palo Duro, 40-33, which Kuhn felt the Harvesters should have won. "That's one we let get away from us," Kuhn said. "We've got a pretty tough schedule this year and I think that's really helped us."

## CITY BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — The city of Pampa Recreation Department is sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up next year.

Entry deadline is Jan. 18 and the season begins on Jan. 25.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$180 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of seven players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office, located at 816 South Hobart.

For more information, contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## OPTIMIST BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — Signup for the Pampa Optimist Boys Basketball Program will be held on the following dates and times: Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1-3 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, 2-4 p.m.

The basketball program is for fourth through the sixth grade.

Two tryouts are mandatory for new players and will be in conjunction with signup dates.

A final tryout will be held Monday, Dec. 19, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

There will be a \$35 player fee. All players from last year's teams must also sign up. Signups will be limited.

The first games of the season are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 14, with all teams seeing action on that date.

## BASEBALL

**RYE BROOK, N.Y. (AP)** — Baseball players found the owners' latest tax proposal unacceptable, leaving the teams likely to impose a salary cap Thursday.

Talks recessed at 1:05 a.m. EST Tuesday, about 6 1/2 hours after they began. A person in the meeting, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the union will decide Tuesday morning whether to come back with another counteroffer.

Union head Donald Fehr didn't say much, but union officials privately said the tax offer that owners made Sunday would act like a salary cap.

"We've never been bashful about informing the other side of our opinion and we aren't now," Fehr said.

Management negotiator John Harrington said players had not yet formally rejected the offer.

"We have adjourned until 10:30 a.m.," Harrington said. "Our request for a response has been delayed until that time."

Fehr said the talks lasted until past midnight because of the owners' threat to impose a cap later this week.

"It's kind of just open, trying to find something," Detroit's Cecil Fielder said.

As the strike entered its fifth month, the union and its economists in Washington spent Monday studying the plan, which they received Sunday night.

The proposal, while calling for an initial tax rate of 4.64 percent, contained escalators that could produce marginal tax rates of 55 percent, according to information that management's bargaining team gave the union. The high rates, union officials and players said, would make the plan function as a cap after several years if teams continued to spend more than half their revenue on players.

"It's designed to put some drag" on salaries, Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris said. "There's no deception to that. It's to get the level down to a 50-50 share."

The proposal was so complex, according to one source, that the spread sheet explaining it was more than 100 columns wide. One union lawyer, asking to remain unidentified, called it a "Rube Goldberg contraption."

"This makes my head hurt," Fielder said during Sunday night's bargaining session, according to a source.

Owners have scheduled a meeting Thursday in Chicago, and Harrington has said they will impose their June 14 salary cap proposal unless there's a deal by then. On Nov. 28, management lawyers sent information to general managers about the cap, a package entitled: "Club Operation Under The Clubs' Collective Bargaining Proposal."

On Nov. 17, management proposed an escalating tax, which would have begun at 112 percent of the average payroll and gone as high as 77 percent using 1994 figures. For Detroit, the club with the highest 1994 payroll in the owners' new accounting system, the marginal rate would have been 300 percent, meaning adding a \$1 million player would have increased the Tigers' tax by \$3 million.

A chart given the union by Philadelphia Phillies co-general partner David Montgomery showed the new plan could have a 55 percent marginal rate, which means a \$1 million would increase a team's tax by \$550,000.

"At first blush, it appears their new proposal contains virtually all the elements of the salary cap," union head Donald Fehr said Sunday night.

The tax rate would increase as long as the percentage of money going to players was more than 50 percent. There would be three transition years.

As part of an example Montgomery gave the union, if players got 62 percent of the money this year, the target for 1996 would be 59 percent, so the tax rate would increase to 7.64 percent.

## Freshmen "Pups" spark Tech offense

By JEAN PAGEL  
Associated Press Writer

**LUBBOCK (AP)** — Early games against teams like Nebraska and Oklahoma made the freshmen-heavy Texas Tech offense look erratic and clunky.

But the Red Raiders found a groove by midseason and outscored their last five opponents 161-47.

The Cotton Bowl matchup Jan. 2 against Southern California provides Tech's teen-age standouts with another chance to demonstrate their progress.

Coach Spike Dykes dubbed his

young offense "the Pups."

"They overcame a lot of things. They were not very cohesive," Dykes said. "Before long they developed into a pretty good unit."

Such improvement was especially gratifying for a team that lost eight offensive starters from 1993.

The departure of such players as quarterback Robert Hall, who set 16 school records, and I-back Byron "Bam" Morris, who won the Doak Walker Award, left Tech devastated, Dykes said.

"We felt like we had good young prospects, but they had

never played," he said. "You feared the worst, that you wouldn't be very competitive."

Four freshmen start on an offense that turned inexperience and error tendencies into a scoring force.

Zebbie Lethridge of Lubbock Estacado won the Southwest Conference's consensus newcomer of the year honor after completing 132-of-261 passes for 1,596 yards. Lethridge ousted another redshirt freshman, Tony Darden, from Tech's starting quarterback job after three games.

I-back Byron Hanspard of

DeSoto ran for a team-high 761 yards on 173 attempts and broke James Gray's 1986 rushing record for Tech freshmen.

Wide receivers Sheldon Bass of Odessa Permian and Stacy Mitchell of DeSoto lead the Red Raider receiving corps.

Those four freshmen accounted for 16 of 36 total touchdowns. "All of us on the team have strived to get better, and it showed every week," Lethridge said.

"It's been a big improvement since two-a-days," he said. "In the spring we didn't know what our offensive team was capable of."

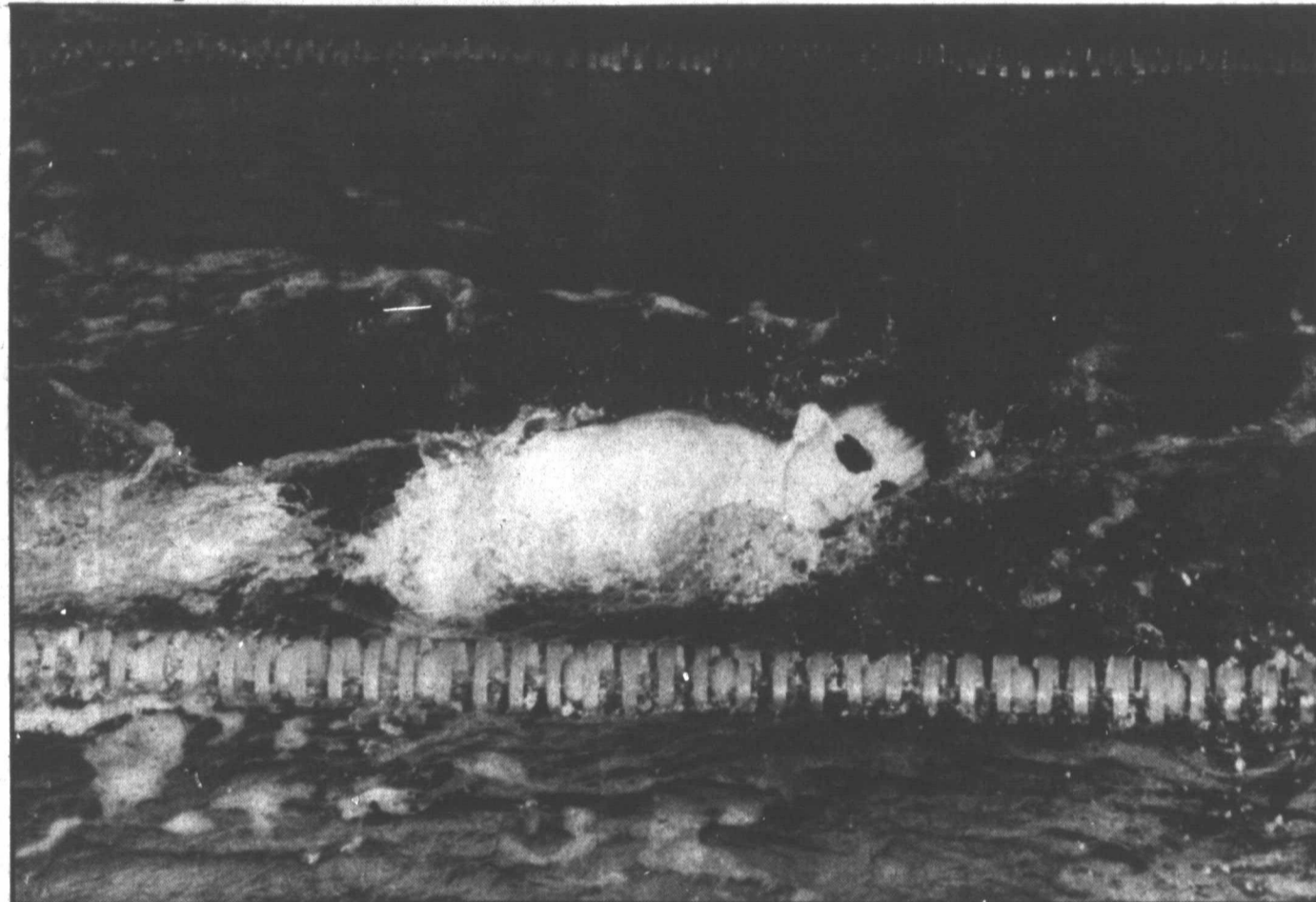
The freshmen talk about a bonding process that stretched off the field from classes to the dorm cafeteria.

"We're all pretty close-knit outside of football," Hanspard said. "We're pretty much good friends, and I feel that is a great part of our success."

Bass said the young offense has great potential now that everyone knows the playbook and has adjusted to each other's style.

"We're capable of anything," Bass said. "There's no telling what this offense can do. It can explode at any time."

## First-place swimmer



Pampa swimmer Jakob Bullard (above) won the 100 breaststroke last weekend at the West Zone Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Meet held in Lubbock. He was the only PHS swimmer to claim a first-place medal. "All of our swimmers are improving, but Jakob is coming on like crazy," said Pampa head coach Cody Huckaby. "And he's only a sophomore. That's what so promising about him." The Pampa teams compete in the Lubbock Relays Jan. 7. (Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

## PHS girls drop district opener

**HEREFORD** — Hereford spoiled Pampa's District 1-4A girls' opener Monday night, defeating the Lady Harvesters, 56-35.

Hereford held just a five-point lead at the end of both the first and second quarters, but the Lady Whitefaces broke the game open in the third quarter to go ahead by 15 (41-26) going into the final quarter.

Catie Betzen had 14 points and Julie Rampley 13 to lead Hereford in scoring. Betzen had two 3-point goals for Hereford.

Misty Scribner was Pampa's leading scorer with 9 points, followed by Jennifer Jones with 8, Jane Brown and Serenity King, 6 points each; Tashia Wilson, 4, and Kristi Carpenter 2.

Hereford is now 9-5 overall and 1-0 in district play. Pampa, 4-8 overall, 1-0 in district, plays at West Texas High Saturday night in a non-district game.

In other district games Monday night, Canyon defeated Borger, 56-37, and Randall downed Caprock, 55-36.

The Lady Harvesters play at home next Tuesday night against Dimmitt.

Hereford won last night's junior varsity contest, 47-34.

## Pampa-Tascosa game moved to 6

Because of a schedule conflict, the Pampa-Tascosa boys' basketball game tonight has been changed from 7:45 to 6 at the Tascosa Activity Center.

The Tascosa girls host Lubbock Coronado following the boys' game.

The Harvesters, ranked No. 8 in Class 4A by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches take a 10-2 record into the contest. Tascosa, a Class 5A school, has an 11-2 mark.

The two teams split two meetings last season. Pampa beat Tascosa, 60-53, in a regular-season tilt and Tascosa turned the tables with a 59-53 win in the Fantasy of Lights Tournament.

Pampa has two games at home, Friday against Amarillo High and next Tuesday vs. Dimmitt, before entering the Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament.

## Big Eight teams on impressive run

By DOUG TUCKER  
AP Sports Writer

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Big Eight basketball coaches are starting to believe that from top to bottom, the league may surpass preseason expectations.

Led by No. 3 Kansas, the Big Eight barreled into this week with a 40-7 mark against outsiders, an .851 winning percentage.

The most impressive Big Eight team has been the Jayhawks, whose early seasons victims include then-No. 1 Massachusetts and then-No. 6 Florida. Last weekend, the Jayhawks vanquished North Carolina State in front of the Wolfpack's first sellout in several years.

"We didn't play as well at times as we'd like," coach Roy Williams said. "But I think our team's playing much better than it was nine days ago."

Iowa State's victory at Iowa and Nebraska's upset of then-No. 15 Michigan State added to the Big Eight's luster.

"Kansas has to be the school that right now you have to be really impressed with," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Coming from the Pac-10, I played against a No. 1 team five times. Kansas looks to me like a No. 1 team. There's great size, great guard play. They've got kids coming off the bench who can raise the level of play on the floor."

Another notable win was Colorado's victory at Wyoming — the Buffs' first road win in 29 games.

"To say it was a big win for the Big Eight may be overstating it a bit," coach Joe Harrington said. "But it was a very good win. It was the first time in 31 years that Colorado won at Wyoming."

"How big a win for us? I don't know. We'll know later in the season."

Iowa State's victory at Iowa makes the Big Eight 9-3 vs. the Big Ten in the past two years.

"I kept hearing it was going to be a transition year (in the Big Eight)," said Tim Floyd, Iowa State's first-year coach, "and that there were a lot of great players who had left the different institutions, and with (three) new coaches the league was going to take a step back because of transition. But I'm not seeing it at all."

## NHL season close to being wiped out

By KEN RAPPOPORT  
AP Hockey Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — NHL players will have to make a better offer to the league if they hope to salvage the season.

That's essentially what NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a news conference following Monday's emergency meeting of the board of governors.

"What the players have proposed has not addressed the problem," Bettman said.

As a result, the NHL could become the first sport to have an entire season wiped out.

"I told the owners at the start that if they went down this path they would have to be prepared to lose the season," Bettman said.

To that end, the board voted 26-0 Monday to give Bettman the authority to cancel the season if a new labor agreement can't be worked out with the union.

He would not give a "drop-dead date," however.

"It's impossible to set a firm date," Bettman said when asked when he thought a season would no longer be feasible. "We will re-evaluate day by day and consult with the schedule-makers."

The season is already officially down to 60 games following the cancellation of 24 for each of the teams. Realistically, it's probably closer to 50, given the time

limitations between now and the end of June and the availability of arenas.

And 50 is the magic number, as far as the league is concerned.

"It lends legitimacy," said Harry Sinden, general manager of the Boston Bruins said of the 50-game season.

Monday's news conference only re-emphasized the owners' position of solidarity. It was similar to the Sept. 30 meeting in New York when the owners announced the season would be postponed for two weeks so the sides could try to work out a new collective bargaining agreement.

That Oct. 15 deadline passed with no agreement, further delaying the start of the season.

Both sides have remained rigid in their resolve since, despite a series of negotiations that brought them closer on some issues.

"They've told us that they have given us all they had to give," Bettman said of the union negotiators. "They had nothing left in their back pocket. That was even before we put the tax on the table."

The so-called luxury tax is the main stumbling block in the negotiations. The owners want to tax teams that spend more than the league average in salaries and distribute the money to small market teams who don't.

The players had made recent proposals in the areas of a rookie salary cap, free agency and arbitration, but stayed

away from the contentious luxury tax issue.

Bettman said the players' latest offer was unanimously rejected at Monday's board meeting.

"This is not about a league fighting with a union, this is about a league fighting for its future," Bettman said.

Bettman said he sent a letter to union boss Bob Goodenow requesting the resumption of negotiations. The last time the sides met was in Chicago last Tuesday.

Goodenow, in a news release from the NHLPA, acknowledged receiving Goodenow's fax.

"I have not spoken directly with the commissioner, but I will be in contact with him in the not-too-distant future regarding further negotiations," Goodenow said. "The commissioner has said he wants to take a problem-solving approach toward the stumbling blocks we have encountered."

"I agree that such an approach would be helpful for purposes of reaching an agreement before the entire season is cancelled."

Bettman was still hopeful of a settlement.

"We still believe we can make a deal and have a season," Bettman said.

Edmonton Oilers owner Peter Pocklington, for one, was glad that no "drop-dead date" was issued Monday.

"Baseball had a 'drop-dead date' and look what happened — they dropped dead," Pocklington said.

## Philadelphia next coaching stop for Johnson?

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie says it's inappropriate for anyone to speculate about Jimmy Johnson and the team's coaching job, since it's not open.

Lurie, who bought the Eagles for \$185 million in May, said he's heard stories linking his team with the former Dallas Cowboys coach, "but it's always been the case that I'm not going to comment on our coaching situation."

Johnson, now working as a television commentator, is expected to announce Sunday whether he will return to coaching next season or remain a broadcaster.

The Dallas Morning News, citing an unidentified source, reported Sunday that Johnson has narrowed his choices to coaching the Eagles or remaining at the Fox network for another season.

Lurie said Monday it's too early to talk about a possible coaching change. "I've said from the very beginning that nothing would get decided until after the season, and that's absolutely the way it is."

Johnson, who led the Cowboys to victory in the last two Super Bowls before leaving following a feud with owner Jerry Jones, said recently that his attorney, Nick Christin, was talking to representatives of three teams: the Eagles, the Los Angeles Rams and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Christin did not return a call seeking comment.

Eagles coach Rich Kotite, his position precarious after five straight losses dropped his team to 7-7 and seriously jeopardized its playoff chances, said he isn't concerned about reports concerning Johnson.

"What can I say? I hope he makes the right decision, whatever that is," Kotite said.

Lurie refused to talk about Johnson's chances of coaching the Eagles, and said he doesn't think other people should, either.

"I don't think there's a reason for anybody to make any comments about our

organization," he said. "We're going to do what's best for the Philadelphia Eagles. Right now, it's very focused on winning the next two games."

Kotite, with one year left on his contract, said he didn't have a problem with Johnson's announcement.

"Listen, I like Jimmy. Jimmy's a friend of mine," Kotite said. "It takes all kinds of people. He's a good guy. He's an honest guy. He's a great football coach."

Lurie met with Johnson earlier this year, but Lurie said he simply wanted to get Johnson's opinions on how to build a successful football team. He said that he never discussed the Eagles coaching job with Johnson, who is said to be seeking \$4 million annual salary to return to coaching.

Lurie said immediately after buying the team that he would use this season to evaluate all aspects of the organization, from the players to the front office, and that he would make no serious changes until that evaluation was finished.

# Raiders have outside shot at AFC West championship

By JOHN NADEL  
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — After the Los Angeles Raiders started 2-4, those who predicted they would go to the Super Bowl had to re-evaluate their opinions. Now, the Raiders have won six of eight, and Art Shell hopes it's only the beginning. "We haven't gotten anywhere yet," the Raiders' coach said Monday, a day after Los Angeles beat Denver 23-13 to raise its record to 8-6. "We're still fighting, we're still pushing. This team believes in each other. It doesn't surprise me that they've responded, because they're a tough group. They have a lot of pride. "We have to play better. We played pretty well yesterday. We have to take bet-

ter advantage of our scoring opportunities. Our defense is playing well, but they can play better. Everything has to pick up at this time of year." The Raiders scored only one touchdown against the Broncos, but Jeff Jaeger kicked a team-record five field goals. And the defense continued its outstanding play — no Raiders opponent has scored more than 21 points in a game since San Diego beat Los Angeles 26-24 on Sept. 25. The Raiders defense seemed to get a break because Denver quarterback John Elway missed Sunday's game due to a strained muscle behind his left knee. Shell, however, wasn't so sure. "It wouldn't have mattered who they played at quarterback," he said. "We would have found a way to win."

Thanks to the win over Denver and a 24-17 victory over San Diego six days earlier, the Raiders not only have a good chance to make the playoffs, they have a shot at the AFC West championship, something that seemed out of reach most of the season. In fact, the Raiders could be seeded anywhere from second to sixth in the playoffs. Or, they could miss out entirely. "All I know is, we've just got to win, just win," Shell said. "We just want to get in, that's all." Victories over Seattle at the Kingdome next Sunday night and Kansas City at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Dec. 24 would take care of that, clinching at least a wild-card berth. The Raiders will be facing two teams they lost to earlier this year; Seattle beat them 38-9 at the Coliseum on Sept. 11 and

the Chiefs beat them 13-3 at Arrowhead Stadium on Nov. 6. It's possible the Raiders could split the two games and make the playoffs, but it's also possible they could split and fail to qualify. "They're all playoff games, we've been in a playoff mode for quite a while now, about six weeks," Shell said. The Raiders trail San Diego (9-4) by one game in the AFC West standings, but the only way they could win the division title is to finish ahead of the Chargers because San Diego is assured of a superior division record. So if San Diego beats the New York Jets on the road next Sunday or Pittsburgh at home Dec. 24, the Chargers win the division crown. "We're just taking it one game at a

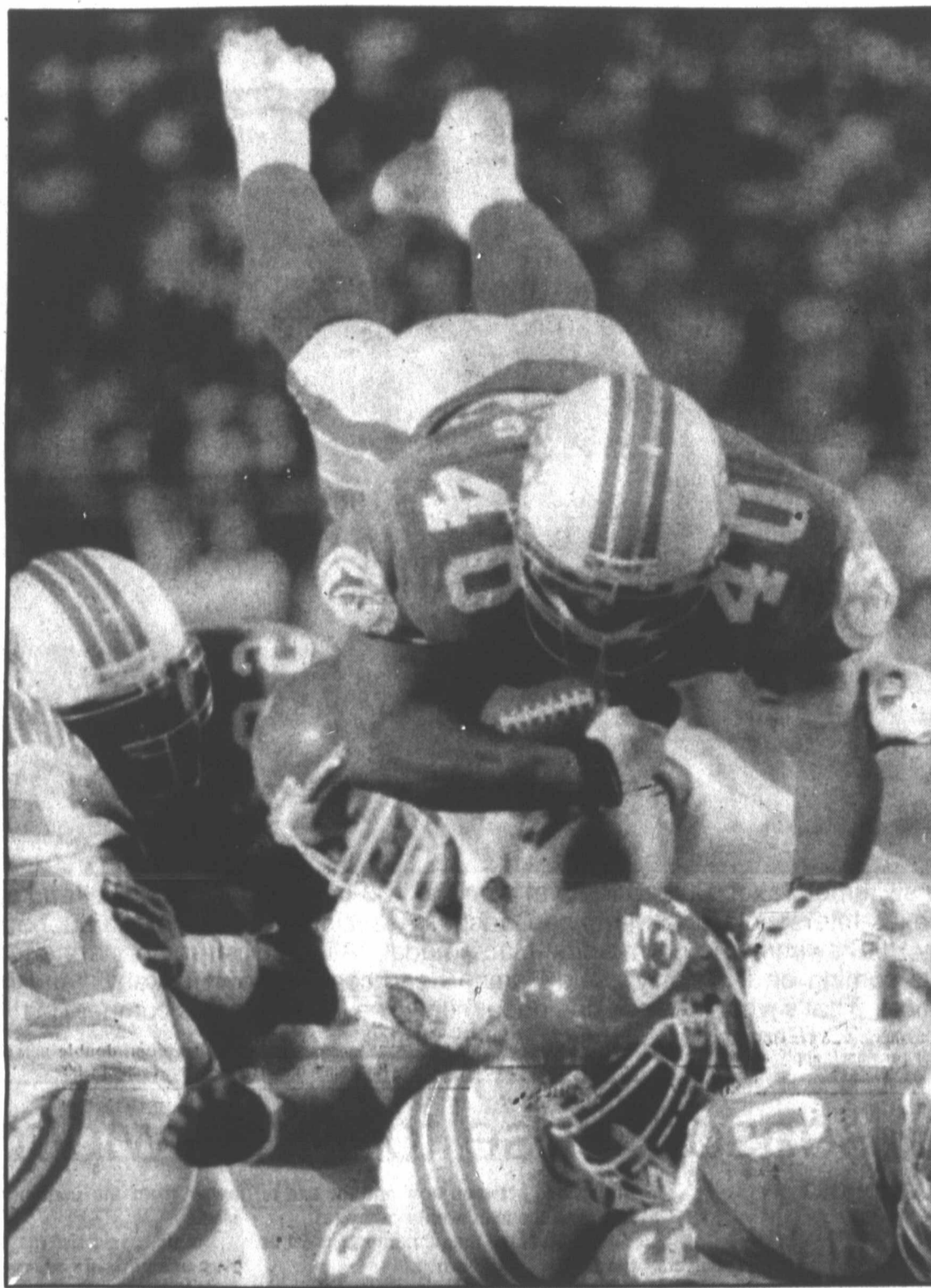
time," backup quarterback Vince Evans said. "San Diego still has two pretty tough opponents left. But our main focus is just to take care of what we have to take care of." The Raiders have made up a lot of ground on San Diego and other AFC playoff contenders by winning six of eight games. The Chargers have lost two in a row and four of their last seven after starting 6-0. But as guard Steve Wisniewski pointed out, the Raiders have clinched nothing. "This is not the time to congratulate each other," he said. "We haven't done anything yet. If we just get into the playoffs, everything starts from scratch. It's nice to know we don't have to count on anybody but ourselves."

## Tar Heels stay on top in college hoops

By JIM O'CONNELL  
AP Basketball Writer

For the third straight week, there are no new members of the AP college basketball poll, and for the second week in a row North Carolina is on top. The Tar Heels (5-0) took over the top spot last week and beat then-No. 24 Villanova 75-66 in its only game since assuming the No. 1 ranking. North Carolina received 52 first-place votes and 1,631 points from the national media panel to easily outdistance UCLA (3-0), which held second with five first-place votes and 1,508 points. Kansas (5-0), which won three games last week, including a 69-63 victory over then-No. 6 Florida, moved up one spot to third, just five points behind UCLA. The Jayhawks were tabbed No. 1 by six voters and were 25 points in front of Arkansas (6-1), which dropped one spot. The defending national champion and preseason No. 1 pick received the other three first-place votes. Massachusetts, No. 1 for one week after beating Arkansas, held fifth with a solid, but foul-plagued win over Maryland at Baltimore and was followed in the Top Ten by Kentucky, Arizona, Florida, Duke and Connecticut. There are six unbeaten teams in the Top 25, ranging from the top three to No. 14 Georgia Tech. Tenth-ranked Connecticut and No. 11

Minnesota are the other ranked teams without a loss. Michigan (4-3) is the only team in the rankings with more than two losses. The 25th-ranked Wolverines, who have been beaten by Arizona State, Arizona and Duke, have lost three games faster than in any of coach Steve Fisher's six seasons at Ann Arbor. The quickest three losses came before was in 11 games in 1990-91. Minnesota and Maryland switched places from last week and were 11th and 12th. They were followed by Arizona State, Georgia Tech, Georgetown, Syracuse, Cincinnati, Michigan State, Ohio University and Wisconsin. The final five in the rankings were Wake Forest, Villanova, Virginia, New Mexico State and Michigan. The biggest jump of the week was Wake Forest's improvement from 25th to 21st after road victories over Canisius and Richmond. Four schools — Arizona State, Georgia Tech, Georgetown and Syracuse — each moved up three places. The biggest drop was Wisconsin's fall from 14th to 20th after losing 92-76 to Eastern Michigan, the Badgers' first loss of the season. Cincinnati dropped from No. 13 to No. 17 after losing to Canisius 72-69 in the opener of its Bearcat Classic before rebounding with a 110-56 win over Tennessee-Martin in the third-place game.



The Dolphins' Irving Spikes goes up and over for a touchdown during the fourth-quarter against the Kansas City Chiefs Monday. The Dolphins defeated the Chiefs, 45-28, to clinch a playoff spot. (AP photo)

## Dolphins down Chiefs to clinch playoff berth

MIAMI (AP) — Thanks to the nifty running of Bernie Parmalee, two wily defensive backs and even Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins charged into the playoffs. The Dolphins scored three touchdowns during a six-minute span Monday night to beat Kansas City 45-28 and clinch just their third playoff berth since 1985. First-place Miami (9-5) can win the AFC East with a victory in one of its final two games against Indianapolis and Detroit. "We've clinched," coach Don Shula said. "Now we're looking toward these next two games and the best possible situation we can have in the playoffs." Kansas City (7-7), playing again without Joe Montana, was eliminated from the race for the AFC West title. The Chiefs have lost four of their past five games and could miss the playoffs for the first time since 1989, but they still have a shot at a wild-card berth. "I think we're probably all in shock," said Montana's replacement, Steve Bono. "Nobody expected it to be this way at the start of the season." Miami cornerback Troy Vincent and safety Gene Atkins combined on a dazzling 76-yard interception-lateral-touchdown to help break the game open. Parmalee rushed for 127 yards and scored twice, while the gimpy Marino surprised the Chiefs on a 4-yard touchdown run.

The Dolphins' point total was their highest since 1986 and the most allowed by Kansas City since 1984. "We're disappointed as hell that we didn't play better, especially defensively," Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "It's bewildering to all of us why we're not playing well." Montana remained sidelined by a sore left foot. Bono directed touchdown drives of 83 and 81 yards on the Chiefs' first two possessions, but those were their only offensive points until the final 3 1/2 minutes. Shula improved to 1-0 when coaching from a golf cart. Shula, recovering from surgery last week to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon, kept his leg elevated as he was driven up and down the sideline by an aide. "It was a little different," Shula said. "That might not be a bad way to go, though." When asked to rank the team's performance, Shula took a shot at critics who have recently suggested he should retire. "We had some strong games early in the year — before the game passed me by," he said with a smile. The game turned when Miami outscored Kansas City 21-7 during a wild stretch at the end of the third quarter to take a 35-21 lead. The sequence included Vincent's touchdown, Jon Vaughn's 91-yard kickoff return for Kansas City and a 47-yard touchdown run by Parmalee.

## Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL										
Eds: Tied teams order based on playoff probabilities.										
National Football League										
By The Associated Press										
All Times EST										
AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
y-Miami	9	5	0	.643	356	297				
New England	8	6	0	.571	297	292				
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	314	305				
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	248	275				
Indianapolis	6	8	0	.429	287	305				
Central										
y-Pittsburgh	11	3	0	.786	288	190				
y-Cleveland	10	4	0	.714	298	178				
Cincinnati	2	12	0	.143	236	348				
Houston	1	13	0	.071	193	311				
West										
San Diego	9	5	0	.643	323	286				
LA Raiders	8	6	0	.571	277	292				
Denver	7	7	0	.500	300	324				
Kansas City	7	7	0	.500	289	280				
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	282	271				
NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
x-Dallas	11	3	0	.786	300	217				
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	248	282				
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	201	250				
Philadelphia	7	7	0	.500	327	259				
Washington	2	12	0	.143	282	374				
Central										
Minnesota	8	5	0	.615	316	289				
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	296	296				
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	241	281				
Green Bay	7	7	0	.500	327	251				
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	215	303				
West										
x-San Francisco	12	2	0	.857	449	286				
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	302	355				
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	290	358				
LA Rams	4	10	0	.286	252	314				
x-clinched division										
y-clinched playoff spot										
Saturday's Games										
Detroit 18, New York Jets 7										
Cleveland 18, Dallas 14										
Sunday's Games										
Green Bay 40, Chicago 3										
New York Giants 27, Cincinnati 20										
New England 28, Indianapolis 19										
Tampa Bay 24, Los Angeles Rams 14										
Minnesota 21, Buffalo 17										
Pittsburgh 14, Philadelphia 3										
Los Angeles Raiders 23, Denver 13										
San Francisco 36, San Diego 15										
Seattle 16, Houston 14										
Arizona 17, Washington 15										
New Orleans 28, Atlanta 20										
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Denver at San Francisco, 4 p.m.										
Sunday, Dec. 18										
Atlanta vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.										
Los Angeles Rams at Chicago, 1 p.m.										
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## Orange County financial woes aren't over yet

By ROB WELLS  
AP Business Writer

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — The financial chaos in Orange County is far from over, a major Wall Street credit rating agency warns.

Moody's Investors Service, in a much-awaited review of the county's finances, said Monday that \$1.29 billion in bonds issued solely for a risky investment strategy "are extremely vulnerable" to future losses.

The county said when it became the nation's largest municipality to seek bankruptcy protection last week that it had lost \$1.5 billion because of a risky wager using a potent brew of bonds and excessive borrowing.

Analysts said losses climbed to more than \$2 billion over the weekend, and Moody's report indicates the actual damage may be far greater.

Also, the Orange County Water District, which provides drinking water to the nation's fifth-most populous county, said it could be forced to default on its bonds if a bankruptcy judge doesn't let it pull \$34 million from the county's shriveling investment fund over the next 90 days.

No hearing date has been scheduled on the district's request, which was expected to lead to the first showdown among the county's creditors over which one gets access to what's left in the fund.

The water agency is one of 187 local government agencies that invested in the \$20 billion investment fund, which is run by the county treasurer's office and is a crucial source of financing for public services ranging from schools to sewers.

The U.S. attorney's office has begun investigating the investment disaster, focusing on whether the ousted county treasurer, Robert L. Citron, used the mail or wires to defraud investors, the *Los Angeles Times* reported today.

"This thing is so big and so shocking that we have to look into it," the newspaper quoted an investigator as saying.

Orange County, while the most dramatic example of investment problems, is not alone. Withdrawals from a Texas municipal investment pool that made similar investments reached \$1 billion in two days. And in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which includes Cleveland, officials last week decided to cut 11 percent from next year's budget after losing \$115 million on a similar strategy.

Moody's, an influential firm that rates the creditworthiness of bonds, said there's considerable uncertainty about the extent of Orange County's losses and how they will be shared, due to the lack of accurate records and the unknown outcome of the bankruptcy. Particularly vulnerable are the \$1.29 billion in special tax-backed bonds, it said.

Standard & Poor's Corp. said it's uncertain whether the county will meet payroll this week. But S&P reported one encouraging development: The county now estimates that incoming property tax payments have raised the county's total of cash and easily sellable securities by \$150 million to \$500 million.

That good news paled in the face of overall loss estimates in the fund, which grew over the weekend from \$1.5 billion to more than \$2 billion.

## Fertilizer plant blast kills four

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — An explosion rocked a farm chemical plant south of Sioux City today, killing at least four people, officials said.

One person was reported dead at a Sioux City hospital and three were dead at the Terra Industries plant, authorities at the scene said. The plant, about 10 miles south of Sioux City, is the largest producer of nitrogen-based fertilizers in Iowa.

The explosion caused numerous injuries and knocked out four nearby electricity generating stations. As a precaution, hundreds of people were evacuated from an Indian casino about 10 miles away.

"The word that I heard was 'devastated,'" said Keith Wilkins, director of 911 services in Woodbury County. "It is a refinery-like complex. It has multiple buildings in this complex. My understanding is that it was extremely serious." He said, however, that there were no reports of toxic materials leaking.

Authorities at an impromptu command post said at least 30 people were injured when an explosion destroyed the north building at the plant about 6:15 a.m. The blast was felt as far away as 30 miles.

"We've transported now approximately a dozen people to the hospital," Wilkins said. He had no detail on their condition.

Gov. Terry Branstad gave the go-ahead for local officials to call in National Guard troops from Sioux City to help.

## Homeless Christmas



"Merry Christmas" reads a storefront decoration in downtown Frankfurt, Germany, where two homeless men, their meager belongings stored on a cart, hope for small donations from passersby on Tuesday. (AP photo/Karsten Thielker)

## Cubans must be out by March 6, Panama says

NUEVO EMPERADOR, Panama (AP) — Five days after Cuban refugees rioted in camps here, Panama's president has announced that all 8,500 of them must leave the country by March 6.

"I want to reiterate what was a promise to the Panamanian people," President Ernesto Perez Balladares said Monday evening after arriving from the Summit of the Americas in Miami.

"It was six months and it will be six months," Perez Balladares said,

referring to the length of time he told President Clinton the refugees could remain in Panama.

He added that none of the Cubans would be allowed to stay.

"We didn't invite them to Panama. We lent them our territory to save them from what would have been certain death on the high seas," he said.

His comments came as 630 more U.S. soldiers from two battalions arrived to reinforce troops guarding the camps where 1,000 Cubans riot-

ed last Wednesday and Thursday.

The soldiers arrived late Monday night to bolster 2,000 troops guarding four Cuban encampments, said U.S. Army Capt. John Leggett, spokesman for the refugee operation.

"There are children playing baseball but you can feel tension in the atmosphere," Leggett said.

Last week's rioting was the worst violence since Clinton ordered U.S. warships to begin intercepting Cuban refugees at sea in August.

## State lawmakers push changes in education

By PEGGY FIKAC  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Education proposals filed by lawmakers for the upcoming legislative session touch on high school football, taxes and sex.

Richard Kouri, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, said Monday, "It makes you wonder what's going to happen when the session actually starts" in January.

Among measures already put forth by lawmakers are proposals to:

— Abolish school district property taxes and dedicate all lottery revenue, some sales taxes and "certain other statewide taxes" to education. The bill by Rep. John Shields, R-San Antonio, contains no further detail. His staff says he's still working on the measure.

— Ease the no-pass, no-play rule, which prevents students who fail a class from participating in extracurricular activities such as football. The bill by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, would bar a student from extracurricular activities if his or her grade average in academic classes was lower than 70 on a 100-point scale.

— Require school districts to teach students that abstinence from sex outside of marriage is the only sure way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The measure by Rep. Ted Kamel, R-Tyler, would allow school boards to decide which grade levels would be taught.

— Prohibit sale or distribution of condoms on school property. This bill also is by Kamel. The Texas Education Agency doesn't collect information on whether condoms currently are sold at any schools, according to department spokesman Joey Lozano. "It would be, I guess, a local decision" currently, he said.

— Require a moment of "quiet reflection" by students at the beginning of the school day. The bill by Rep. John Cook, D-Breckenridge, says the moment may not be conducted as religious exercise. Rep. Tom Ramsay, D-Mount Vernon, also has filed a measure to require a moment of silence.

— Create a pilot program allowing low-income students to have tuition paid at a private school with public funds. This measure is a bipartisan one sponsored by Wilson, Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, and Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington. They say the measure would give disadvantaged students the same opportunities as middle-class pupils.

Gov.-elect George W. Bush — who made reforming education to increase local control of schools a centerpiece of his campaign — hasn't reviewed the legislation, according to his spokeswoman, Karen Hughes.

But she said he supports creating a pilot program on school vouchers; allowing school districts to decide for themselves on establishing a voluntary moment of prayer, and on adjusting the no-pass, no-play rule if they believe it will help their students; dedicating lottery money to education as a complement to less potentially volatile funding sources; and working to reduce education's reliance on school property taxes.

"I think overall what you'll find during this legislative session is that one of his top priorities, and one of the reasons he was elected, was to de-control schools, to reduce state regulatory authority over local school districts," Ms. Hughes said. "So I think what you'll see is a push toward new freedom for local schools to determine what works best in local classrooms."

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