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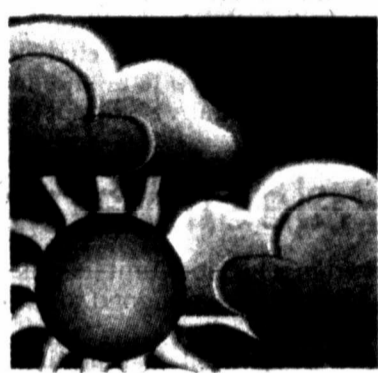
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PAMPA — The family of a Texas Ranger formerly stationed in Pampa along with Texas Ranger Company C and officials of the Texas Department of Corrections will be in Pampa Friday for the dedication of a new prison facility.

The new Intermediate Sanction Facility at the Rufe Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections will be named for the late Bill Baten, a Texas Ranger who spent much of his career in Pampa.

According to Bob White, warden of the Jordan Unit, Texas Ranger Gary Henderson of Pampa approached him with the idea while the facility was being built.

Baten and the late Rufe Jordan, a former Gray County sheriff, were old friends, White said. Since the prison at Pampa is named for Jordan, it seemed appropriate that the new facility would be named for Baten.

Ceremonies marking the dedication are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at the prison.

GAUHATI, India (AP) — A remote-controlled bomb tore through a railroad bridge in northeastern India today, two days after separatist militants in the same area allegedly attacked an express train, killing at least 38 people.

No one was hurt in today's explosion near Goreswar, 60 miles north of the Assam state capital of Gauhati, according to state police chief K. Hrishikeshan.

No group has claimed responsibility for either blast, but police blame Bodo militants, who have become more violent in recent months as rival factions compete for dominance.

The state government called in the army to help battle the militants, who have been fighting for an independent homeland for 20 years and claim their culture is being threatened by Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh.

Forensic experts recovered copper wires and batteries from the area today, indicating that a remote-controlled device had set off the explosion, police said.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Two men survived a 1,600-foot plunge today after their parachutes became tangled during a skydiving contest.

Hundreds of spectators at Corowa, 300 miles southwest of Sydney, saw the two collide just as they released their chutes.

Ropes from each parachute wrapped around the two men, preventing them from releasing their backup chutes before they hit the ground.

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Two Cowboys accused in sexual assault case

IRVING (AP) — A cosmetics worker has claimed Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin held a gun to her head while teammate Erik Williams and another man raped her, once again tarnishing the image of the football club known as America's Team.

Police said Irvin, Williams and the unidentified man could be charged in the alleged assault Thursday, three days before the Cowboys are scheduled to face the Carolina Panthers in a play-off game.

Lt. David Goelden said a videotape showing the alleged sexual activity was seized from Williams' home Tuesday. Television stations in Dallas-Fort Worth reported Tuesday night that unidentified sources said the tape showed Williams and another man having sex with the woman.

Irvin, already on probation for a drug offense after pleading no contest in July to cocaine possession charges, denied the allegations.

"I don't know anything about it," the 30-year-old former All-Pro receiver said after practice Tuesday. "I have not done anything in any way, shape or form to violate my probation. I'm tired of it."

"I've done enough bad things to my family and my teammates. But in this case I have done nothing."

Williams refused to comment. The team did not discipline the players, and Irvin and Williams will not be stopped from leaving the state while they are under investigation, Goelden said.

The allegations come as the Cowboys seek to repeat as Super Bowl champions. They have won five Super Bowls, three in the last four years.

"Well, I don't know if the latest (charges) are accurate or not but it seems like they run into trouble from time to time," said Tom Landry, who coached the team from 1960 to 1988. "It's a reflection on the whole team when it does."

"It seems like this is a different era. It just seems like the players can do whatever they want."

Goelden said the woman told police Monday night that she had been forced to have sex at gunpoint with two men at Williams' home on Sunday night.

Two friends of the woman said she told them Monday morning that the men threatened to beat her if she didn't "act like she was having fun" during the assault.

"She had bruises all over her legs and back," one of the friends told *The Dallas Morning News*.

The friends, who asked not to be identified, said the woman, who works at a cosmetics counter in a mall, met the players while doing makeup for the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

They said she visited Williams' home Sunday evening to offer holiday greetings.

Dave Overton, news director of KXAS-TV, said the woman had been a source for the station "on a couple of occasions in the past several months." She was never paid, however, he said.

Spokesmen for the National Football League and the team only would say they were monitoring the situation.

"They're going to deal with it and just go on," coach Barry Switzer said. "They had a good practice. I would say, in fact, Michael had an excellent practice."

Prosecutors said they would try to revoke Irvin's probation if he was charged. At his sentencing, the judge threatened to put him in prison for 20 years if he violated parole. The NFL also suspended Irvin for the season's first five games.

Quiet New Year's Eve



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holme)

Not everyone spends New Year's Eve attending parties, wild or otherwise. Above, Carla Allen and her daughter Stephanie, 2, check out videotapes at Albertson's Tuesday afternoon to watch as 1996 winds down, planning to spend quiet time at home. Mrs. Allen and husband John also have two sons: Brad Allen Jr., attending Pampa High School, and Cullen Allen, a freshman at Texas Tech University.

Cheering crowds welcome in New Year

By ALLYN FISHER Associated Press Writer

With tears in her eyes, Mississippi's washerwoman-philanthropist braved subfreezing temperatures to help usher in 1997 for half a million revelers in New York, while 400,000 celebrators in Las Vegas watched 1996 go out with a fireball and a cloud of dust.

Oseola McCarty helped New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani signal technicians to bring the flashing ball down a pole at Times Square for the nationally televised celebration. Now 88, Miss McCarty made headlines in 1995 when, after a lifetime of taking in laundry and living without luxuries, she donated her \$150,000 life savings to the University of

Southern Mississippi. "That's the most people I've ever seen in my life," Miss McCarty said as searchlights and laser beams lit up the sky and a crowd of more than 500,000 waved red and silver tinsel pom-poms and colorful balloons.

Amy Waha, 23, from Ingelstadt, Germany, was mesmerized as 3,000 pounds of confetti dropped from the rooftops of shops, restaurants and clubs, leaving a blanket of primary colors on the ground.

"It was unlike anything I've ever seen," she said. "The confetti was so wonderful, I didn't even see the ball drop."

Not all of the nation's celebrations were merry, however.

In Los Angeles, 31 revelers became dizzy, nauseated and

short of breath at an outdoor rock concert Tuesday and went to hospitals. Four people were in critical condition.

Police were questioning six people at the 7th Heaven concert, which about 10,000 attended Tuesday night. The concertgoers apparently became sick by drinking an orange-colored herbal stimulant passed out to the crowd, authorities said.

The mood was happier along the Las Vegas Strip, where 400,000 people watched a demolition intended to create as much noise as the throngs around Times Square.

They covered their ears as a series of explosions brought down the 11-story Hacienda Hotel, which sprawled twice the length of a football field.

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Drought, elections, land giveaway named top stories of 1996

It was another year, 1996, full of typical news events and not-so-typical.

Dominating the discussion for many residents throughout the year, as is so often the case, was the weather. But this was no typical year, with a drought in the first few months of the year being considered one of the worst in decades, only to followed by an above normal wet summer which put the yearly moisture total slightly above average precipitation figures.

Also major topics of conversation were elections, which saw a new sheriff being put in office and a heated race for the district attorney's post. Lefors also had its share of news coverage this year, with a free land giveaway offer drawing national attention and a new mayor being appointed in the fall.

A loss of public school population since the 1960s caused the Pampa Independent School District to consider consolidation for elementary schools, dropping the number to four and approving renovations to handle the increased numbers at fewer schools.

Sports also continued to be a focus of many conversations throughout the year, but with some accomplishments for the Harvester fans to really cheer about this year: two state championships and a near miss.

Following is a recap of the top 10 stories for the past year, as determined by staff members.

1. Drought. No one knew in October 1995 that Pampa and the

rest of the state were preparing to enter into a long dry period. Unusually warm winter weather continued into the early months of 1996, interspersed with a few bitterly cold and windy days that brought hard freezes but little moisture.

But as spring arrived, the dryness continued, and weather officials as well as general residents began to realize drought

was plaguing the area. January through April saw only 0.13 inch of moisture. Fields were dry and grass fires were battled by fire fighters in Pampa and surrounding areas. Winter and early spring planted crops suffered, with some farmers seeking disaster relief payments.

Then May came, and the skies opened and began providing much welcomed moisture, with

2.72 inches recorded that month. And the rain continued throughout the summer months, July unexpectedly becoming the wettest month of the year with 7.63 inches. But with the drought still officially being declared, the Gray County Commissioners Court issued a ban against the sale and use of fireworks in June, leading to the filing of a lawsuit by fireworks sellers. With the rain continuing, however, the ban was eventually lifted.

By September, it was beginning to be too much of a good fortune: fields were flooding, streams were overflowing and some playa lakes were spilling over banks. But the rains brought good crop harvests in the fall, with corn, sorghum and sunflowers seeing one of the best harvests for a long time.

2. Elections. City and school elections were relatively quiet affairs. In the county elections, most incumbents sailed through the primary and general elections.

But in the local Republican Party primary in March, incumbent Sheriff Randy Stubblefield lost to challenger Don Copeland. With no Democratic or write-in opponent, Copeland easily swept into the sheriff's office in the general elections, the third new sheriff in as many elections since the defeat of former longterm Sheriff Rufe Jordan by write-in candidate Jim Free in 1988.

The district attorney's race became a heated battle between Democrat incumbent John Mann and Republican challenger Rick Roach of Miami, Roberts County

attorney. Mann gained support from a group of Republicans calling themselves Republicans for the Right Mann. Roach criticized some of Mann's conviction rates and acceptance of plea bargains and probated sentences. Roach also said he would be a full-time district attorney instead of continuing private practice work, as Mann had done.

Roach's 1988 indictment on charges of theft of gas in East Texas became a focus for some Mann supporters, though the charges against Roach had been dismissed after what Roach called a "settlement." Republican County Chairman Tom Mechler filed a claim of an election violation against Mann for dissemination of copied documents about Roach's indictment and other matters by Mann's supporters, saying the alleged costs should have been reported as an election expense.

Mann narrowly won re-election by just over 500 of approximately 14,000 votes cast in the five-county district.

3. Lefors land giveaway. In an effort to attract more people to settle in Lefors and to return some abandoned properties to the tax rolls, Lefors city and school officials decided to offer some free lots of land to be given away in a drawing. The offer gained national television and newspaper coverage, with 581 registrants from around the state and from such places as California, Arizona, Ohio and Wisconsin entering the drawing.

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(Pampa News photo)

Gray County Judge Richard Peet draws names in the Lefors land giveaway drawing in October as Lefors City Secretary Virginia Maples writes down the names of the winners and alternates.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BALL, George William — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Stinnett.

FARRAR, Melvin Ray — Graveside services, 1:30 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

McDANIEL, Velma — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens, Cemetery.

ROBINSON, Robbie — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Quinton Cemetery, Quinton.

SMITH, G. Irene Franklin — 10:30, Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

GEORGE WILLIAM BALL
BORGER — George William Ball, 68, brother of Pampa and Skellytown residents, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 1996. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Sunset Memorial Cemetery at Stinnett with the Rev. Jerry Moon, pastor of Biblical Apostolic Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ball was born at Hereford and was raised in Stinnett and Borger. He moved to Quanah and Amarillo, returning to Borger in 1994. He was a welder and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ball of Amarillo; and seven sisters, Dorothy Clement of Pampa, Norma Bosley of Skellytown, Ruth White and Mable Massengale, both of Borger, Opal Cowan of Navasota, Nancy Campbell of Tyler and Bertha McLane of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The family will be at 1215 Cooley in Borger.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 31

7:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Nelson on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive on a medical assist. One patient was transported.

1:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of West Kentucky on a medical standby. No one was transported.

2:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 3000 block on North Perryton Parkway on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

4:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of East Scott on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1

1:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING
 Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 31

Theft of \$6 gas was reported from Taylor's Food Mar at 600 E. Fredrick.

Arrests

Caesar Reyna Fernandez, 21, McLean, was arrested at 600 W. Kentucky and charged with aggravated kidnapping. He was transferred to Gray County Jail.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1

A hit and run was reported in the parking lot of the Coronado Inn.

Criminal mischief was reported at the Landmark Club. Damage to a hollow wooden door is estimated to be \$200.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Ballard.

A Pampa police officer reported criminal mischief in the 300 block of Starkweather. Two wooden barriers were driven through.

A 22-year-old female reported an assault in the 1100 block of Sirocco. No injuries were reported.

Theft of a motor vehicle was reported from 700 W. Foster. Stolen was a 1979 blue Chevy 4-door. Also damaged was a left back window, right back window and tail lights of another vehicle.

A Pampa police officer reported criminal mischief in the 1000 block of Huff Road. Damage to the left rear passenger window of Pampa Police Unit 422 is estimated at \$500. The suspect was arrested.

A 29-year-old female reported an assault in the 1100 block of South Nelson. No injuries were reported.

A 23-year-old female reported an assault in the 400 block of Pitts. No injuries were reported.

Arrests

Lorena Wilkins, 23, 803A N. Nelson, was arrested for public intoxication and criminal mischief in the 1000 block of Huff Road. She remains in custody.

Rebecca Garza, 18, 1321 Coffee, was arrested on a capias warrant and a charge of no insurance in the 200 block of North Starkweather. She remains in custody.

Billy Hughes, 25, 241 Miami, was arrested on three capias warrants in the 700 block of North Sloan. He remains in custody.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 31

2:11 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire at 23rd and Gray Four.

4:41 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire in the alley at 638 S. Barnes.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Dec. 31

Arrests

George Allen Morse, 59, McLean, was arrested for violation of probation and driving while intoxicated. He was released on bond.

CAER, LEPC schedule training exercise

The Gray County Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) Committee and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will hold a functional exercise Thursday, Jan. 16, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

The exercise, according to Kenneth Hall, head of Pampa's Office of Emergency Management, will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the auditorium and last about two hours.

"The CAER and LEPC committees have three levels of training," Hall said.

The first level is a table-top exercise which includes participation by key players in a specific scenario. They discuss each

role and describe their response and recovery activities, Hall said.

"This is a low stress, less informal type of training," he said.

A functional training exercise, the type to be held this month in Pampa, is the second level of training. It involves giving players messages, documents and information in a timed event and having them respond on paper with how they would react to such an event.

"The very nature of the functional exercise places players under more stress and requires them to be more innovative in devising response strategy," Hall said.

The highest level of training, he said, is a full scale training exercise which requires response from personnel and equipment. Hall said a full scale training exercise is planned for the Lefors in June.

"Agencies and personnel that are required to respond to a given scenario are called into action," Hall said.

He said each level culminates in a critique to identify needs so corrective action can be taken.

The January exercise is to test the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) staff, he said.

"Because the exercise will develop around a scenario that takes place in the City of Pampa, the Pampa city manager and department directors will be key players," Hall said. "Elected city officials are invited to attend and offer administrative support to the exercise."

Israeli soldier opens fire on Palestinians

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — A soldier bent on scuttling the Israeli troop pullback opened fire with an automatic rifle in Hebron's crowded vegetable market today. Five Palestinians were wounded, two seriously.

The 19-year-old soldier, wearing glasses and a skullcap, sat down in a city square and squeezed off 10 to 15 rounds at Palestinian shoppers just yards away before Israeli soldiers tackled and disarmed him.

Passersby scrambled for cover when the shootings began, an elderly man stumbling as he ran, a young boy fleeing past a vendor's cart. Another man, struck by a bullet from the M-16 rifle, clutched his bloodied left arm.

Nine Palestinians were later injured in beatings by Israeli soldiers at the scene who were trying to keep the angry crowd at bay. Palestinian leaders appealed for calm.

The army clamped a curfew on Hebron in response but Palestinian youths burned tires and hurled stones at Israeli soldiers.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders called for a redoubling of efforts to finish an elusive agreement on the long-delayed Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron, the last West Bank city under occupation.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the soldier who opened fire — a resident of the West Bank settlement of Maale Adumim near Jerusalem — told police he wanted to halt the Hebron agreement and prevent a troop pullback. The deal, strongly opposed by many settlers, is nearly complete.

The gunman, Noam Friedman, was drafted five months ago and

served in a logistics unit in Israel. He had not been assigned to duty in Hebron.

In a phone call to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Netanyahu said the shooting was a "criminal act" that should not prevent the two sides from signing a Hebron deal.

"The delays in the negotiations only create instability and uncertainty ... and lead to situations of the type that we saw today," Netanyahu said. "No crime or violence will stand in our way to complete the job."

The shooting came just before talks resumed on the Hebron withdrawal, an agreement of which was expected to be signed within days.

"This man was trying to sabotage peace," said Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who toured the scene of the shooting.

Amarillo Boys Choirs to sponsor vocal camp

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Boy Choirs will sponsor "Vocal Camp '97" on Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Stephen United Methodist Church, 4600 S. Western, in Amarillo.

The opportunity is open to all area boys, with unchanged voices, and girls from ages 8 through 14.

Instructors will include Sarah Burke and Erma Rush, private voice teachers; Mila Gibson, Amarillo Opera founder and director; Katrina Perales, Amarillo Opera executive assistant and vocalist; Joan Weber, music educator and voice teacher; Steve Simpson, microphone technique instructor; and Jerry Perales, director of the Amarillo Boy Choirs.

Sessions will include Vocal Pedagogy, Sight Singing, Ensemble Practice, Microphone Techniques, and How to Prepare for an Audition. Fifteen minute private voice lessons will also be available, open to pre-paid registrants on a first-come basis.

The first 100 paid registrants will receive free T-shirts and will be eligible to win a free private lesson to be arranged with a vocal teacher. The registration fee of \$25 will also include lunch.

There will be an extra \$5 charge for those registering after Jan. 13.

The optional private voice lessons will cost \$10.

"Vocal Camp '97 is an outstanding, yet inexpensive, opportunity for boys and girls alike to benefit from small group instruction from some of the Panhandle's most talented and accomplished musicians and music educators," said Jan Wood, Amarillo Boy Choir president. "Participation does not require any previous formal music experience. We want those attending to learn and have fun at the same time."

Additional information is available by calling Debbie Simpson at (806) 355-6614 or Cheri Brown at (806) 622-1955.

Man faces kidnapping charge in hostage situation

A quiet New Year's Eve afternoon was marred for the occupants and clients of the Columbia Medical Clinic, at 600 W. Kentucky, Tuesday when an armed assailant briefly took two women hostage about 1:25.

According to Terry Barnes, the public relations officer for Columbia Medical Center, an employee called 911 and alerted the police a man with a gun had entered the premises and evacuation of occupants was in progress.

The employee witnessed the man and a woman enter the clinic. The man then left and almost immediately returned carrying a gun.

Upon reentering the building, Caesar Reyna Fernandez, 21, of Borger took Dawn Hensley, 17, a client from Borger, and Carolyn Hall, 50, a Texas Department of Health nurse, hostage.

Law officers arrived at the scene to find that Fernandez had

surrendered his weapon to Hall.

Fernandez was taken into custody without incident by the Pampa Police Department. He was taken to Gray County Sheriff's Office and is expected to face aggravated kidnapping charges.

During questioning, Fernandez reportedly told police he was upset about his relationship with Hensley.

Fernandez remains in custody in the Gray County Jail.

City briefs

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MILTON AND Julie Cooke, original owners of Subway, are back!! Stop in and see us! Adv.

THE LANDMARK Club, 618 W. Foster wishes you a Happy New Year, and invites you to enjoy our club during 1997. Come see us! Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - closed Wednesday. Happy New Year! Adv.

PAMPA BARGAIN Barn, 614 S. Cuyler, 665-3199. Jewel tea bowls, old plows, old iron wheels, machinist tools, antique banana boats. Adv.

Bluebonnet part of Rose Parade

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' trademark flower will be a part of the 108th Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said Tuesday.

More than 2,000 long-stem bluebonnets grown outside El Paso will be displayed on five floats sponsored by Florists Transworld Delivery, Target Stores, Country-wide Home Loans, Rain Bird and the country of Thailand. The stems average 20 to 33 inches tall.

The long-stem bluebonnets were developed by Texas A&M University System horticulturists, which was began distributing the seeds for commercial production.

Rehnquist says federal judges need pay raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal judges need a cost-of-living raise, says Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who warns that eroding salaries could wind up harming the quality of justice.

The significance of Congress' failure to provide such a raise since 1993 "cannot be overstated in terms of its effects on the morale and quality of the federal judiciary," Rehnquist said in his year-end message on the federal courts.

"In short, federal judges in this country need and have earned pay adjustments," said the nation's highest-ranking judge.

Federal trial-level judges earn \$133,600 a year, but many could be making much more as top-tier private lawyers, he said.

Rehnquist also criticized Congress for failing to create new judgeships in 1996 to handle a rising federal court caseload.

But he praised lawmakers for setting new limits on the ability of state inmates — including those on death row — to challenge their convictions in federal

court, and for enacting other administrative changes sought by the judiciary.

Rehnquist said there is a "paradox of judicial independence in the United States: we have as independent a judiciary as I know of in any democracy," yet judges depend on Congress and the president for laws to help improve the justice system.

Federal judges came under criticism during the presidential campaign, when Republican nominee Bob Dole accused some of President Clinton's appointees of being soft on crime.

The White House also briefly threatened to seek the resignation of a Clinton-appointed judge who threw out evidence in a cocaine case. The judge later reversed his ruling.

The Constitution seeks to protect federal judges from political influence by giving them life tenure and guaranteeing their salaries won't be reduced. But their pay can be eroded by inflation.

"Federal judges are under-

paid," said Jerome Shestack, president-elect of the American Bar Association. "The volume of work and responsibility is enormous and they don't begin to get the salary that any good lawyer is able to make in private practice."

"I know of very able lawyers who would be excellent judges" who refused to be considered because of the salary, Shestack said.

Federal district court judges earn \$133,600 a year, while appeals court judges get \$141,700. Congressional approval is required to grant a cost-of-living raise, and none has been approved since 1993.

Rehnquist said judges "are not expecting or requesting any major adjustment in their pay" but are seeking protection against inflation.

He said he recognized that some members of Congress believe lawmakers should not get a cost-of-living raise while the federal budget remains unbalanced. But the judiciary can do little on that issue, he said.

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New Year

Viewers scrambled for cover as a dense cloud of smoke, dust and soot enveloped the strip and the old hotel began to crumble in a 150-foot fire. All when the smoke cleared a minutes later, the building was a 30-foot pile of rubble.

Elsewhere, about 625,000 people braved 20-degree-below zero windchills to attend Boston's nonalcoholic First Night celebration.

"It's probably the second- or third-coldest First Night I've ever seen, and I've seen 20 of them," said Boston police Capt. Albert Sweeney.

But at about 2 a.m., Boston riot

police were sent to the Westin Hotel to stop a brawl involving at least 500 people. The fight began on the dance floor of the hotel's America Ballroom, said the hotel's managing director, David King. Several people were taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

In Detroit and surrounding communities, a dangerous custom continued as people fired guns into the air to mark the new year. No serious injuries were reported, but bullets did hit a few cars, police said.

"I would say for the most part they're shooting and missing," said a Detroit officer who identified himself only as Sgt. Ryal.

While the revelers in New York had a ball, the townsfolk of

Falmouth, Pa., had a goat.

This is the fifth year that residents of Falmouth have lowered a goat to celebrate the New Year.

"Takes just about 2 minutes for him to come (down) the length of the pole," Goat Master Dave Gerber said of the animal, made of pipe and cloth with Styrofoam horns.

Miss McCarty, wrapped in a fur coat and a soft beige blanket while seated on a makeshift podium, kept wiping away tears brought on by the both the excitement and the 15-degree New York weather.

"Wonderful, wonderful, but it's so cold," said Miss McCarty, who had never heard of Times Square — or stayed up till midnight — before her invitation.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, generally clear with a low in the mid 40s. Thursday, partly sunny with a high in the mid 70s. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a low near 50. Tuesday's high was 63; the overnight low was 36.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear with lows from mid 30s to low 40s. Thursday, mostly sunny to partly sunny, breezy, with highs from near 70 to upper 70s. South Plains: Tonight, fair except patchy fog developing off the caprock after midnight. Lows 40-50. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs 75-80.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly clear west. Increasing cloudiness central and east. Lows 50 west to 57 east. Thursday, sunny west. Morning low clouds central and east, partly cloudy during the afternoon. Highs 81 west to 75 east.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy with late night low clouds and fog. Lows in mid 50s, upper 40s. Hill Country. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs in mid 70s. Upper Coast: Dense fog advisory in effect for extreme southeast. Tonight, fair skies followed by late night low clouds and fog. Lows in upper 50s inland to low 60s coast. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs in upper 70s inland to near 70 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with late night low clouds and

fog. Lows in low 60s coast to near 60 inland. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs in upper 70s coast to near 80 inland.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, increasing high cloudiness northwest and partly cloudy east and south. Lows mid 20s and 30s mountains and northwest with mid 30s to low 40s elsewhere. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a few showers or mountain snow showers north central and northwest and partly cloudy east and south. Highs mid 40s and 50s mountains and northwest with 60s and 70s east and south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Patchy areas of fog central and southeast. Lows mainly in the 40s. Thursday, sunny. Highs from mid 70s to low 80s.

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Stories

On Oct. 14, some 14 winners and 14 alternates had their names drawn by Gray County Judge Richard Peet. Any winners or alternates deciding to take the lots were expected to move onto the land and begin improvements.

4. School consolidation. With school population having declined since the mid 1960s, Pampa Independent School District trustees decided, after much deliberation, to propose a consolidation of the elementary schools: renovating and expanding Austin, Wilson, Travis and Lamar schools and closing Baker and Mann schools, though Mann would be used for other district housing needs. On Sept. 10, voters approved, by a 2-to-1 margin, an \$8.1 million school bond issue for the project.

5. State champions. In March, the Pampa Harvester varsity basketball team bested Dallas Madison 82-68 to take the Class 4A state title, the fifth state basketball championship for Pampa and the first since 1959. In November, the Harvester girls cross country team gained the state 4A title in Round Rock. The Pampa team had placed second to Canyon in district and regional competition, but outdistanced Canyon in the state meet for the title. The Harvester football team barely missed a chance for the state title, losing to No. 1 ranked Grapevine 31-14 on Dec. 7 in Kimbrough Stadium at Canyon in the 4A semifinals, the highest a Pampa football team has advanced in post-district action.

6. Library Internet policy. On Oct. 22, the Pampa City Commission approved an Internet use policy for Lovett Memorial Library. In earlier action, the library advisory board had approved on a 5-3 vote a policy allowing unfiltered access to the Internet over objections expressed by some citizens of the possibility of younger library patrons gaining possible access to pornography and other objectionable material. The city commission amended the board's proposed policy to allow for one computer with filtered access and one with unfiltered access to the Internet.

7. Lefors mayor. In November, the Lefors City Council named council member Velda Chadwick as mayor after Bob Jones resigned, citing health reasons. Jones and council members earlier had disagreed about the pur-



(Pampa News photo)

Proud Harvester fan John McGuire uses a van to show his support for the Pampa basketball team as it headed toward its Class 4A state championship title in March.

chase of a truck by Jones for city use without giving the council opportunity to vote on the matter. In other action, Utilities Superintendent Mark Kimbley also had resigned suddenly earlier in November. Chadwick, believed to be the town's first woman mayor, faces action on getting the city's sewer plant fixed, dealing with complaints over trash pickup and contending with a fine from the Texas Natural Resources Commission, saying she had a lot of work ahead for her.

8. Proctor murder. Shortly before midnight on Christmas Eve, Richard Lamont Proctor, an 18-year-old Pampa High School student, was found dead in a 1984 Cadillac, shot once in the back of the head by a large caliber handgun. Two 16-year-old juveniles have been questioned by police as witnesses. Police have been gathering evidence from the scene and interviewing other people, with a search conducted for a late model, red, extended cab Chevrolet or GMC pickup reported in the area, but no suspect has yet been arrested.

9. Canadian River dispute. In an ongoing case involving landowners, hunters and state officials, District Judge Kent Sims of Wheeler ruled that the surface and mineral rights along a 37-mile stretch of the Canadian River in Roberts and Hutchinson counties belongs to landowners whose property abuts the river. Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, in an appearance in Borger in February, vowed to appeal Sims' ruling all the way to the State Supreme Court. In January a district jury in

Wellington awarded the landowners group more than \$500,000 in attorney and surveyors fees after Sims ruled the state's actions in the continuing case were "unreasonable."

10. Police chief's death. On Jan. 6, Pampa Police Chief Charles W. "Chuck" Flemins died suddenly after an apparent heart attack. Flemins, a longtime law enforcement officer in Amarillo, Borger and Panhandle, was named Pampa police chief in July 1992. After a search for his successor, Charles Morris, then chief deputy in the Gray County Sheriff's Office, was named to the police chief post.

Other stories receiving notice were the indictment of Norman Michael Patterson on a murder charge in the nine-year-old slaying of his stepfather, Edward Patterson, in the September 1987 shooting death; the decision by a New York business, U.S. Bus, to move its bus manufacturing operation to Pampa in early 1997 thanks to efforts by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation; the complaints by Mychelle Johnson alleging misconduct in the use of a school discipline box for her son, leading to her appearances on national tabloid television shows to discuss the case; the continuing expenses and operations of the city municipal landfill in meeting federal regulations; a murder charge against Tracy Aiken Morris in the suffocation death of her toddler daughter, Rashwandra Aiken, 3, in McLean, with trial set for March 1997; the construction of a juvenile boot camp in Canadian and the delays in construction of a juvenile boot camp in Gray County; and proposals for economic development projects in McLean.

Air bag death leads to lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A wrongful death lawsuit has been filed against General Motors and a Houston automobile dealer in connection with a minor accident in which a two-year-old boy was decapitated when the car's air bags activated.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday at Wharton against the maker of the 1995 GEO Metro and Bill Heard Chevrolet in Houston. It seeks unspecified actual and punitive damages.

Lawyer John McDowell of Houston said Ruby Fields was treating two young relatives to a slow driving tour of Christmas light around El Campo on Dec. 22 when she swerved into a grassy field to avoid another car.

The lawsuit alleges that the jostle from the undercarriage of the car hitting the ground unleashed the air bags. Ms. Fields was not injured, but her grandson, Montrey Jones, had been decapitated.

Chad Cunningham, a six-year-old nephew of Ms. Fields was injured.

The lawsuit is believed to be the first of its kind filed in Texas as controversy rages nationally on the safety of the devices with young children.

The lawsuit alleges gross negligence on the part of General Motors and the automobile dealer.

"It was incredible that a child could be killed

because of what happened," said McDowell. "It was such minor impact that the car is virtually undamaged. To look at it, you cannot believe that the air bags even went off."

Officials at General Motors were on vacation and not available for comment and auto dealer personnel did not return a call about the allegations, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Wednesday.

"This is just the kind of tragedy that we've been hearing about so often," McDowell said. "This could happen to anyone."

"There needs to be warnings in every auto about the dangers. Instead, automakers made no effort to alert people to this."

Earlier this week the federal government proposed that automakers reduce the 200 mph inflation speed of air bags in cars made in the future. Other proposals called for devices which could disable the bags for young passengers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that 52 children or adults have been killed by the deployment of air bags. The agency projected that lowered bag inflation speeds could prove fatal to 1,200 more adults, while saving the lives of about 83 children.

El Campo is located about 65 miles southwest of Houston.

Texas adds 2.14 million to population

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas has added more residents than any other state in the 1990s, which means good news for businesses but could put pressure on public services, Texas A&M University's chief demographer says.

Texas even beat California, the nation's largest state with about 31.9 million people, demographer Steve Murdock of the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M said Tuesday. Texas is second biggest with about 19.1 million people.

U.S. Census Bureau estimates show Texas' population has increased by 2.14 million, or 12.6 percent, from 1990 to 1996, Murdock said. That compares with a national population jump of 6.7 percent.

"If these trends continue, we would expect that Texas will enter the 21st century with over 20 million people. That will mean that we will have increased our population substantially, almost doubling it from 1970," Murdock said.

"Growth is always a mixed bag," he said. "The growth rate that we have seen has caused a

substantial increase in the demand for public services."

However, it also translates into "increases in markets for all kinds of products and goods and services, and (new residents) bring with them new skills and new potential for the state in terms of economic growth and development."

Texas was only the 10th fastest growing state by percentage, but the nine leading states all have populations of less than 7.5 million. For example, Nevada, which was No. 1 with a 33.4 percent change, has a population of 1.6 million. It has added roughly 400,000 residents.

California, meanwhile, has grown by 2.12 million people, or 7.1 percent, while Florida, the fourth-largest state, has expanded by 1.46 million people, or 11.3 percent.

"Take any of the states with 10 million or more people, Texas grew not only more in numerical terms but in faster percentage terms," Murdock said.

And Texas' growth can be attributed to a nice mix of factors, he said. About 55 percent came from births, 23 percent

from international immigration and 22 percent from state-to-state moves.

California, which has lost residents to other states every year this decade, has depended largely on international immigration for its growth. Had it not been for that factor, California's population would have dropped in three of the last six years, Murdock said.

Factors like state-to-state moves and international immigration can determine characteristics of a population, he said.

People who move from one state to another tend to be more educated and earn more than even natives of a state, Murdock said. They therefore generate more business and produce more tax revenue. Among immigrants, some are highly-skilled and highly-educated, but most have relatively low levels of education and hold low-paying jobs, he said.

"If you look from the standpoint of a state, the balance is important in terms of bringing people with all kinds of skills and needs into your state," Murdock said.

Man accused of being Nazi shot by police

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — As reporters and photographers closed in on Michael Kolnhofer, the alleged Nazi death camp guard fired back.

Six journalists crouched behind cars a few feet away from Kolnhofer's home Tuesday after the 79-year-old man emerged from his front door, waving a gun.

"Are you going to leave? Are you going to leave?" Kolnhofer yelled, stepping in and out of his house.

When police arrived, Kolnhofer fired at them and the reporters who wanted to talk to him about charges he worked as a Nazi concentration camp guard during World War II, authorities said. Police returned fire, shooting him at least once in the leg. No one else was hurt.

About 90 minutes before the shooting, the Justice Department filed papers in federal court seeking to revoke Kolnhofer's U.S. citizenship, which would allow the government to deport him to Germany.

Kolnhofer "concealed his Nazi concentration camp guard service from U.S. immigration officials when he immigrated to this country from Germany in 1952, and he never would have received a U.S. visa had he disclosed the truth," said Eli M. Rosenbaum, director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigation.

A neighbor who witnessed the shooting and would give her name only as Carol said Kolnhofer told her he was a retired construction worker and a widower. He said he had lived in

Florida before moving to Kansas City.

Kolnhofer's lawyer, Robert DeCoursey, said his client contacted him about ten days ago to discuss his citizenship, and denied being a concentration camp guard. He said Kolnhofer told him he was born in Croatia and enrolled in the German Army during World War II.

But Kolnhofer's niece told WDAF-TV that he had told her two years ago that he had indeed been a guard in two concentration camps, but hadn't hurt anyone. The niece was not identified.

A WDAF reporter who went to Kolnhofer's home Tuesday said he acknowledged working in a concentration camp.

Teri Schaefer, the reporter, said that when she asked whether he had worked in a camp, Kolnhofer replied "Yes" and then started shouting. It was after Schaefer left the house that Kolnhofer came out with the gun, threatening the journalists.

Kolnhofer was shot at least once in the leg and then collapsed on the front stoop, police said. He was in critical condition at the University of Kansas Medical Center early today, a hospital spokeswoman said.

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Opinion

The president's second term

In a wide-ranging interview with CSPAN's Brian Lamb, President Clinton let it drop that he plans to give a longer inaugural address to kick off his second term than he gave back in 1992.

He then offered the factoid that his inaugural address in 1992 was the third shortest in history.

Well, this president does have a reputation for long-windedness and, it being his second and last inaugural address, after all, we might bear with him if he runs on a little.

More important than the length of the speech, of course, will be its content. If he uses the extra time to load on new government initiatives, the speech will haunt us long after he's stopped speaking.

After all, the president who less than a year ago declared that big government was dead campaigned this fall by promising big helpings of "little government."

Did you like school uniforms, a vague promise of more cops, money offered to various bureaucracies to study drug free schools, targeted tax breaks for college students and the like?

Get ready for a lot more similar nibbles at taxpayers' wallets.

In recent weeks Clinton has raised the idea of:

- A national curriculum for uniform schools, as if there were a one-size-fits-all solution to education.

- A national standardized test for high school graduates.

- Beefing up his National Service program.

- Making a junior college certificate the equivalent of a high school diploma.

- Using the muscle of the federal government to encourage adoptions.

- TV ratings.

- And much more.

Does it worry you that what local schools ask students to wear to classes and tracking down burglars are items the president has no constitutional authority to mandate and little power in practice to influence? Is it enough for you that the president makes a lot of comments about respect and responsibility that are more feel-good than substance?

Do you yawn when somebody points out that starting lots of little programs means lots of potential for program growth and lots of new entitlements that will be difficult to eliminate - even if they are one day shown to be ineffective or too costly?

Then you'll love President Clinton's second inaugural address, however long it runs.

The dumbest quotes of '96

On Sept. 5, the *Chicago Tribune* issued this remarkable "correction": "In her commentary page column, Linda Bowles stated that President Clinton and his former campaign adviser Dick Morris both were 'guilty of callous unfaithfulness to their wives and children.' Neither man has admitted to being or been proven to have been unfaithful. The *Tribune* regrets the error."

Now, if that strikes you as just about the dumbest quote you've heard all year, then you would be agreeing with the panel of 57 judges who bid adieu to 1996 by selecting the Media Research Center's ninth-annual Best Notable Quotables, noting the years worst reporting. Who could forget network coverage from San Diego, where reporters struggled mightily to recreate the controversies they'd manufactured four years before in Houston? Tom Brokaw won our Chris Dodd Talking Points Award for asking rape victim Jan Lincee after her emotional address to the GOP delegates: "Do you think this is a party that is dominated by men and this convention is dominated by men? ... Do you think before tonight they thought very much what happens in America with rape?"

An ongoing mantra in the media is that tax cuts are not just irresponsible they're downright dangerous for you. Thus, the Al Gore Risky Tax Cut Scheme Award went to CBS attack dog Eric Engberg, who drew the critique of a colleague of Bernard Goldberg by proclaiming: "The flat tax is one giant untested theory. One economist suggested that before we risk putting it in, we ought to try it out some place, like maybe Albania."

Some reporters just can't get enough of, or say enough about, our first lady. The I Am Woman Award (for Hillary Rodham Worshipping) this year was awarded to John Leonard, the CBS *Sunday Morning* culture critic, for this objective assessment: "Nancy (Reagan) pushed Ronnie into



L. Brent Bozell

an arms treaty with the Russians because she wanted him to win a Nobel Prize. So, maybe astrology was healthier than whatever the rest of the nuke-Managua globo-cops were smoking in the Reagan White House. ... Our pathological fear of Hillary and any other uppity woman, whatever her politics, is a form of foot-binding as well as a species of hate radio."

Ah, talk radio, the network whipping boy. Bill Moyers won the Fear of the Competition Award on a *Today* show discussing the one year anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing: "If anything, talk radio in that part of the world is more anti-government today than ever. The airwaves are saturated with hostility. It's just an unremitting vilification of government." Moyers said relatives of the bombing victims "take it like salt in the wound. They drive around, they turn on the radio, they hear some vicious attack on government, and they think, 'You know, if you strike the government, you kill my daughter.'"

Guilt by association is a favorite weapon media liberals use to attack conservatives. The Timothy McVeigh Award (for Blaming Conservatives for Violence) was won by *Time* fulminator Jack E. White: "All the conservative Republicans, from Newt Gingrich to Pete Wilson, who have sought

political advantage by exploiting white resentment should come stand in the charred ruins of the New Liberty Baptist Church in Tyler, (Ala.), ... and wonder if their coded phrases encouraged the arsonists. Over the past 18 months, while Republicans fulminated about welfare and affirmative action, more than 20 churches in Alabama and six other Southern and border states have been torched ... There is already enough evidence to indict the cynical conservatives who build their political careers, George Wallace-style, on a foundation of race-baiting. They may not start fires, but they fan the flames."

But none of these quotes prove a liberal bias, no sirree. Just listen to *Los Angeles Times* correspondent Jack Nelson, who won the If the Bias Fits, We Won't Admit Award. He claimed that, "When you're talking about pure journalists, I mean reporters, when you're talking about reporters, not columnists, I don't think there's any liberal bias. I don't think there really ever has been."

Sometimes bias isn't the problem, of course. It's sloppiness or downright ignorance that produces such distorted copy. The Which Way Is It Award illustrates the point. On the April 23 edition of ABC's *Good Morning America*, correspondent Tyler Mathisen declared, "About 3.7 million Americans ... are paid the minimum wage or less." But that very night, on ABC's *World News Tonight*, Peter Jennings had a different number: "For 10 million Americans, (the minimum wage is) a very personal issue." The following morning, back on GMA, Bob Zelnic provided a third possibility: "Only about 330,000 employees ... today work for the minimum." That would be news to ABC's Carole Simpson, who, four days later, proclaimed: "An estimated 9.7 million Americans made the minimum wage or close to it."

It's like shooting fish in a barrel, sometimes.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 1, the first day of 1997. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.

On this date:

In 1735, Paul Revere was born in Boston.

In 1752, flagmaker Betsy Ross was born in Philadelphia.

In 1797, 200 years ago, Albany became the capital of New York, replacing New York City.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1901, the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed.

In 1945, France was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr. died at age 29 of a drug and alcohol overdose while en route to a concert in Canton, Ohio.

In 1959, Fidel Castro led Cuban revolutionaries to victory over Fulgencio Batista.

In 1979, the United States and China held celebrations in Washington and Beijing to mark the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

In 1984, the break-up of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under

terms of an antitrust agreement.

In 1990, David Dinkins was sworn in as New York City's first black mayor.

In 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect.

Ten years ago: More than 2,000 Chinese students, defying a government ban, held a pro-democracy rally in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Five years ago: President Bush became the first American leader to address the Australian Parliament, telling lawmakers the U.S. would continue to subsidize its agricultural exports, despite protests by Australia's farmers. Boutros Boutros-Ghali succeeded Javier Perez de Cuellar as secretary-general of the United Nations.

One year ago: Some 100,000 Bangladeshi women rallied to protest Islamic clerics' attacks on female education and employment. Two buses collided in northern Mexico, killing 25 people. Retired U.S. Adm. Arleigh Burke, remembered for his World War II heroics, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital at age 94.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Barry Goldwater is 88. Author J.D. Salinger is 78. Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is 75. Jazz musician Milt Jackson is 74. Actor Frank Langella is 57. Rock singer-musician Country Joe McDonald is 55. Writer-comedian Don Novello is 54. Country singer Steve Ripley (The Tractors) is 47. Rapper Grandmaster Flash is 39. Actress Dedee Pfeiffer ("Cybill") is 33.

Turn back the clock? Please!!

It used to be considered an argument winner for liberals to say of conservatives, "You want to turn back the clock." Most conservatives still reflexively deny the charge.

But why should conservatives deny it? The power of the accusation is the assumption, which all liberals share, that the march of history is the march of progress - that things move inexorably from the benighted past to the glowing future.

In his new book, *Slouching Toward Gomorrah*, Judge Robert Bork does not deny the charge. Turn the clock back? If only we could! He devotes 343 pages to the various sources of rot that are eroding the foundation of our society - radical egalitarianism, radical individualism, feminism, the decline of respect for intellect, the erosion of standards, "multiculturalism" (which includes all of the foregoing), judicial usurpation of democratic powers and the anemia of mainline churches.

With the holiday season just past, the most memorable section of Bork's penetrating book comes to mind - the lamentation over what has become of popular culture.

In December, more than at any other time of year, we are reminded of what popular culture once was: at its best, a melding of high art with lofty ideals. *The Best Years of Their Lives* was shown somewhere on cable last week. Made just after World War II, it told the moving story of several veterans, including one who had lost both of his hands in the war. This was as sensitive a portrayal of the struggle of a "hard" crippled person as Hollywood has ever produced. The actor actually played himself and won an Oscar. Yet, it was completely non-PC and with-



Mona Charen

out a shred of self pity. It was about courage and grace. (His courage, his girlfriend's grace.)

But back to Bork. He begins his chapter on the "collapse" of popular culture with two lyrics. The first, from the 1930s:

Oh, but you're lovely,
With your smile so warm ...
There is nothing for me but to love you,
Just the way you look tonight.

The next lyric, from the 1990s, is Snoop Doggy Dogg's *Horny*:

I called you up for some sexual healing,
I'm callin' again so let me come get it.
Bring the lotion so I can rub you.

Assume the position so I can f--- you.

Who doesn't want to turn the clock back?

For every sign of returning sanity - my friend Michael Medved certifies that Hollywood is becoming a little more wholesome - there are intimations of continuing decline. As Bork writes, "It's not just the racism and violence of hate rock, the violently obscene and brutal lyrics of rap

music and the obscenities and wild violence of motion pictures." It's the Internet.

Computers and the information superhighway are bringing us the worst stuff yet - a torrent of words and images of unimaginable corruption and viciousness. According to Bork, there are web sites concerning pedophilia, bestiality, torture and bloodletting. There is a category called "snuff" - killing one's sex partner. Exaggeration, you say? *The Washington Times* recently carried a story of a woman in Washington, D.C., who found her sexual killer through the Internet.

In the pedophilia section, one can find step-by-step advice for those who would like to kidnap and torture little girls and boys. A researcher told Bork: "You want tales of fathers sodomizing their three-year-old daughters, or of mothers performing fellatio on their prepubescent sons, or of girls coupling with horses, or of the giving of enemas to child victims? Then you need no more than visit the newsgroup called ... and all will reliably be there, 24 hours a day, for everyone with a computer and a telephone."

Can we censor it? It might be technologically demanding, and it would certainly be culturally difficult. As Bork writes, "Standards can be reinforced by censorship but perhaps not reinstated once they have been abandoned."

But we have little choice. History is not the march of progress, as the past generation has amply demonstrated. As the new century nears, our challenge will be to rediscover that there are values higher than untrammelled personal freedom. Robert Bork has played Cassandra just when we need one.

The 2.7 million dollar cup of coffee

Welcome to San Diego, the mecca of both class-action securities fraud litigation and construction defect lawsuits. It is the fitting site to announce the winners of our first annual "Stella" awards, which honor (or maybe we should say, "dishonor") the most outlandish lawsuits of the year.

The award is named for Stella Liebeck, the Albuquerque, N.M., lady who won a \$2.7 million judgment against McDonald's last year. For those of you unfamiliar with the case, Liebeck bought a McDonald's coffee and drove off with the cup nestled between her thighs.

The hot coffee spilled, causing Liebeck great discomfort. So she did what any red-blooded American would do: She sued. And a jury actually sided with her to send a stern message to roguish corporations like McDonald's that "the coffee's too hot out there."

So, without further ado, the winners of the 1996 Stellas.

Best use of an animal to score a multi-million-dollar judgment:

After attending a party, Carol Roland went to visit Karen Shortell, a neighbor in her apartment building. While the two were having cocktails, Shortell's pit bull attacked Roland, biting her 27 times on the arms and legs. An unemployed bartender, Roland faced medical bills of roughly \$40,000. But she didn't sue her girlfriend Shortell. She went after the owners of the apartment building.

She claimed that her girlfriend's dog constituted a dangerous menace on the premises, that the owners of the apartment building knew it and that they did nothing about it. A New Hampshire jury agreed and awarded Roland \$2.1 million.

Best "the devil made me do it" claim:

Thomas Passmore was working on a construction job in Norfolk, Va., when he thought he saw



Joseph Perkins

a number 666 on his hand, the mark of the devil. Recalling the Biblical admonition, "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off," the construction worker sliced off his hand with a circular saw.

Passmore was rushed to a local hospital where surgeons tried to reattach his severed hand. But the construction worker refused consent to the surgery, saying he thought he would go to hell if he was reunited with his offending hand.

As time passed, Passmore began to miss his right hand. So he sued the hospital for \$3.3 million for failing to reattach it. The 32-year-old man says that even though he refused to consent to surgery, the doctors should have called his parents or his sister to overrule him.

Most creative explanation by a trial lawyer for why he should remain on a multi-million-dollar class-action case:

Michael Khourie was the lead attorney in a \$40 million class-action suit against United Parcel Service, claiming that the company had illegally overcharged customers.

Unbeknownst to his client, Khourie tried to cut a deal with UPS. He proposed to drop the suit and turn over all his working documents in exchange for a fee of \$8 million to \$10 million (with no pay-

ments going to the folks who signed up for the class-action suit.) If UPS refused, Khourie threatened, he would file a new class action seeking even more than \$40 million in damages.

Well, UPS went to state court in San Francisco and persuaded a judge to disqualify Khourie from the case and bar him from collecting a fee. That should have been the end of it.

But Khourie actually had the chutzpah to ask a state appeals court to reinstate him to the case. His rationale is that since UPS rejected his "settlement" offer, no one was hurt. His class-action clients should not be deprived of his counsel merely because he tried-and failed-to sell them out.

Best use of common workplace injury to hit the jackpot:

Patricia Geressy, a former executive secretary for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, claimed that she developed a chronic case of carpal tunnel syndrome - a repetitive-stress injury - from typing so much on her computer keyboard.

No dummy she, Geressy didn't bother to sue the Port Authority. She went after the deep pockets of the keyboard maker, Digital Equipment. And a New York jury came down in her favor, awarding her a \$5.3 million judgment.

It was not because the jury decided Digital's keyboard design was defective, and therefore led to Geressy's injury, but because the computer maker ought to have posted warnings on its keyboards alerting users to the dangers of typing too much.

There you have it, the winners of our first annual Stella awards. Tune in next year. We're sure there will be many other lawsuits worthy of Stellas.

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"I want to return this dress. It has food stains on the front of it."

Travolta flick tops weekend box office

By JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Madonna musical *Evita* may have played at only four theaters nationwide this weekend, but it earned a staggering average of nearly \$100,000 per location, newly released figures show.

Meanwhile, the fantasy *Michael*, starring John Travolta as a randy angel, topped the weekend box office with \$17.4 million in ticket sales, according to figures released Monday. *Michael* averaged \$8,144 at each of its 2,141 locations.

Evita, the musical drama of the life of Eva Peron, played at only two theaters in New York and Los Angeles but was the per-location leader after earning \$97,543 per location.

Two other limited-release films also fared well. *The People vs. Larry Flynt* brought in \$523,295 at 16 locations while Kenneth Branagh's four-hour *Hamlet* earned \$30,228 per theater at three locations.

Evita and *The People vs. Larry Flynt* go into wide release on Jan. 10. *Hamlet* follows on Jan. 24.

The Tom Cruise film *Jerry Maguire* was in second place with \$14 million and *101 Dalmatians* was third with \$11.4 million. The Disney tale crossed the \$100 million mark Saturday after five weeks of release.

Last weekend's box office champ, *Beavis and Butt-Head Do America*, slid to fourth place with \$10.2 million, a 54 percent drop. *Scream* was fifth with \$9.1 million.

The Christmas week release *The Evening Star*, a sequel to *Terms of Endearment*, grossed a less-than-joyous \$3.3 million to place 10th.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Michael*, New Line, \$17.4 million, 2,141 locations, \$8,144 average, \$27.6 million, one week (opened Christmas).
2. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony, \$14 million, 2,531 locations, \$5,541 aver-

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of Dec. 27-29, 1996		
All dollar figures in millions		
Rank	Title	Weekend gross
1	<i>Michael</i>	\$17.4
2	<i>Jerry Maguire</i>	\$14.0
3	<i>101 Dalmatians</i>	\$11.4
4	<i>Beavis and Butt-Head Do America</i>	\$10.2
5	<i>Scream</i>	\$9.1
6	<i>One Fine Day</i>	\$8.0
7	<i>The Preacher's Wife</i>	\$7.4
8	<i>Mars Attacks!</i>	\$6.1
9	<i>My Fellow Americans</i>	\$4.2
10	<i>The Evening Star</i>	\$3.3

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

age, \$60.4 million, three weeks.

3. *101 Dalmatians*, Disney, \$11.4 million, 2,901 locations, \$3,924 average, \$104.1 million, five weeks.

4. *Beavis and Butt-Head Do America*, Paramount, \$10.2 million, 2,379 locations, \$4,292 average, \$41.1 million, two weeks.

5. *Scream*, Miramax, \$9.1 million, 1,450 locations, \$6,259 average, \$21.3 million, two weeks.

6. *One Fine Day*, Fox, \$8 million, 1,975 locations, \$4,064 average, \$19.4 million, two weeks.

7. *The Preacher's Wife*, Buena Vista, \$7.4 million, 2,008 locations, \$3,659 average, \$27.9 million, three weeks.

8. *Mars Attacks!*, Warner Bros., \$5.1 million, 1,955 locations, \$2,596 average, \$25.8 million, three weeks.

9. *My Fellow Americans*, Warner Bros., \$4.2 million, 1,915 locations, \$2,176 average, \$10.2 million, two weeks.

10. *The Evening Star*, Paramount, \$3.3 million, 1,265 locations, \$2,614 average, \$5.3 million, one week (opened Christmas).

String of hits equals record breaking year for Hollywood

By LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Aliens and tornadoes were Hollywood's heroes in 1996 as *Independence Day* and *Twister* conquered duds like *The Cable Guy* and *Striptease* to lead the film industry to a record \$5.8 billion year.

Megahits were the key, with 13 films breaking the \$100 million mark in North American ticket sales, industry observers said.

"The momentum created by these blockbusters set the pace for the year," said Paul Dergarabedian of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks movie receipts.

The number of tickets sold also rose, reversing 1995's slight decline.

"It's been a tremendous year for the industry, even with the Olympics biting into the late-summer box office," Dergarabedian said. "It's unprecedented to have this many films over \$100 million already."

Other movies opening late in the year could go on to join the \$100 million club, making 1996 a record year for blockbusters. Right now, it shares the honor with 1994, but those dozen films include late-openers that year.

This year's projected \$5.8 billion take represents an 8 percent increase over last year.

"This is the fifth consecutive year of improved box office," said A.D. Murphy, who watches the financial end of the picture business for *The Hollywood Reporter* trade paper. "The last short-term low was 1991."

Industry history indicates a "stumble" is inevitable, but the old pattern of three years up, one down seems to have been broken, Murphy said.

Attendance for 1996, based on a \$4.40 average ticket price calculated by Exhibitor Relations, is projected to be 1.33 billion. In 1995, 1.25 billion tickets were sold, down from 1994's 1.29 billion.

The average ticket was figured by including prices for children's admissions, discount theaters and bargain matinees. In most major cities, adult tickets are \$6 or more for evening shows.

Raking in the biggest pot, as of Dec. 23, was the alien-invasion drama *Independence Day* with \$306.1 million — making it the sixth-highest grossing film domestically of all time.

It takes its place behind *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*, *Jurassic Park*, *Forrest Gump*, *Star Wars* and *The Lion King*.

Twister was second for 1996 with a domestic take of \$241.7 million, followed by *Mission: Impossible* at \$180.9 million. Those films are 12th and 28th on the all-time top

receipts list, respectively.

Other 1996 top grossers: *The Rock* (\$134.1 million); *The Nutty Professor* (\$128.8 million); *The Birdcage* (\$124 million); *Ransom* (\$124.6 million); *A Time to Kill* (\$108.7 million); *Phenomenon* (\$104.4 million); *The First Wives Club* (\$103.4 million); *Eraser* (\$101.3 million); Disney's live-action version of *101 Dalmatians* (\$104.1 million) and Disney's animated *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, just edging the \$100 million mark as of Dec. 23.

Although Jim Carrey's *The Cable Guy* grossed \$60.2 million, the movie needed bigger returns to justify the star's \$20 million paycheck and costly promotional campaign.

For Hollywood, domestic box-office receipts are far from the whole story: Of all movie tickets sold, just over half are purchased in the United States and Canada.

Action hits like *Independence Day* take advantage of foreign markets, with the 20th Century Fox release adding more than \$427 million to its domestic grosses. (With a worldwide total of \$733 million, the movie joins the list of top international grossers, in third place behind *Jurassic Park* at \$915 million and *The Lion King* at \$755 million.)

Less stellar films also can find success abroad. *Striptease*, the Demi Moore comedy, grossed only \$32.8 million domestically but in excess of \$65 million overseas.

Old-fashioned 'Faith of Our Fathers' heads up music charts in Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Irish music charts are normally the preserve of pop stars and country crooners. Now, prayer is selling.

For two months, an album of 20 hymns from the Roman Catholic church's past has kept its godless rivals at bay.

"We've sold out twice this week," said David McGrath, an employee at a Golden Discs shop in south Dublin.

The cover of *Faith of Our Fathers: Classic Religious Anthems of Ireland* is a montage of sepia-toned portraits of the plain people of Ireland, among them a girl in First Communion dress and two silver-haired country bumpkins.

In the top-10 racks of Golden Discs, the images were featured above the body-hugging attire of the Spice Girls and the designer peach fuzz of Boyzone.

"I just think it's funny that old people's music has knocked off young people's music, because that never happens in Ireland," said Irish Times pop critic Kevin Courtney.

The album's success goes against the grain in a society where the church's hold is waning. Attendance at Mass has

fallen appreciably in the past decade and irreverent youth culture is taking over — as symbolized by Dublin's newest dance club, the Vatican.

Faith of Our Fathers strikes a sentimental chord with those who remember the 1950s-era Irish church of evening devotionals and May processions, the days when Gaelic football championships in Dublin's Croke Park began with the crowd singing "Faith of our fathers, living still / In spite of dungeon, fire and sword."

Since its release on Oct. 21, the album has sold 150,000 copies and sat for five weeks at No. 1, though it slipped to third in December.

"These hymns were inbred in us but died out with all the changes in the 1960s. They're deeply resonant for Irish people — and they were never recorded professionally before," said John Kearns.

Kearns, 36, is a Dublin insur-

ance broker who had never produced an album until the concept took shape in his head during a Mass in February.

He and a colleague, Bernard Bennett, were rebuffed by several studios before approaching Brian Molloy of Lunar Records. "Every few years in this business someone comes through your door with no experience but a good idea," said Molloy.

The trio signed up top Irish talent: Frank Patterson, Ireland's most popular tenor; soprano Regina Nathan; the Irish Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus; a Gaelic-singing youth choir; and the Benedictine monks of Glenstal Abbey.

Their goal was to sell 25,000 copies. Now they're talking about blitzing continental

Europe and the United States and going for one million.

Concerts involving most of the principal performers are set for late January in Dublin.

Most of the hymns, including "To Jesus, Heart All Burning" and "Hail, Glorious St. Patrick," were sung in an era when Sunday morning Mass was Latin chant but evening devotionals were full of song. That died out after Vatican II reforms in 1962 permitted evening Masses and more folksy music.

"Some people are unhappy with the present liturgy and feel that some of the reverence has gone out of worship," said the Rev. Pat Jones, secretary to the Catholic church's committee on the sacred arts, who was among the first to buy the album.

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New Year's Resolutions Are Met Again Each Day

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon. I am using its theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how much exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable, so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy new years.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for

my own actions. To one and all: a happy, healthy New Year!

LOVE, ABBY

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans hospitals and nursing homes.

DEAR READERS: Booker T. Washington (1856-1915), born a slave in Virginia, was the most influential African American leader and educator of his time. Washington advised two presidents on racial problems and policies — Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. His accomplishments would fill a large book.

Today I'd like to share a meaningful quote from this great man:

"I believe that any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement, if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day and as nearly as possible reaching the high-water mark of pure and useful living."

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Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997

In the year ahead, unique opportunities could enable you to explore new areas. However, try to be methodical, and do not leap from one thing to another without reaping each thing's benefits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Good luck alone will not enable you to achieve your objectives today. Elbow grease and determination will be the keys to success. Apply them generously. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker,

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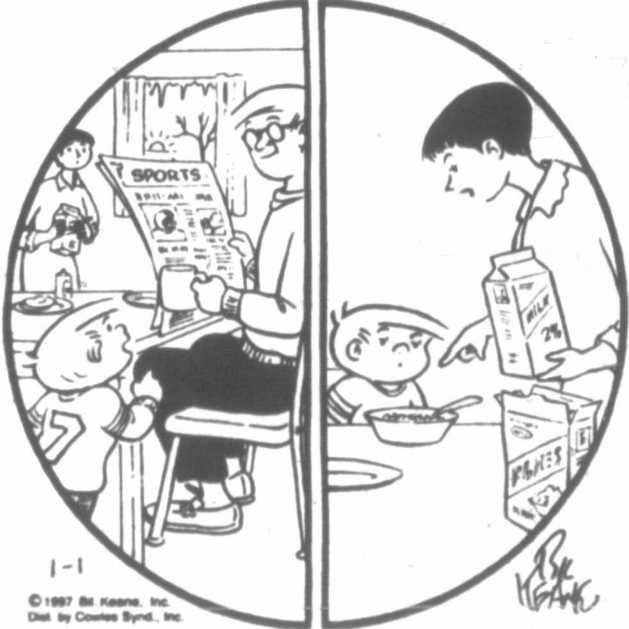
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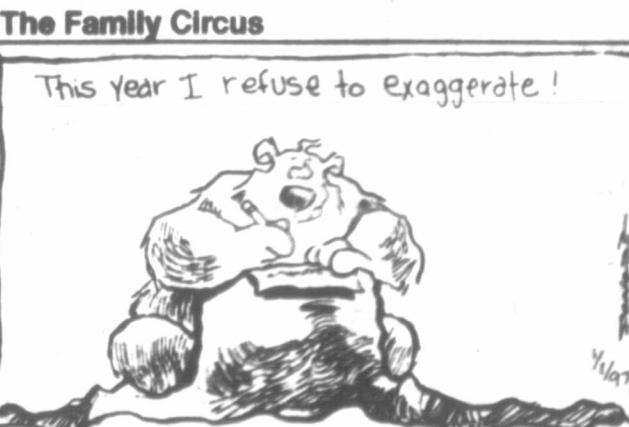


"Which bowl is first today, Daddy?"

"The cereal bowl. Eat!"



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FOOTBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police in a San Francisco suburb are investigating a woman's report that she was sexually assaulted by a Philadelphia Eagles player last weekend at the Westin Hotel.

The woman told police in Millbrae, Calif., that she was attacked late Saturday night or early Sunday, officer Colin Giovanazzi said. No charges have been filed, no arrests made and an investigation is continuing, Giovanazzi said. Neither the player nor the woman was identified.

The Eagles lost to the 49ers on Sunday in an NFC wild-card game.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP) — Record-setting freshman receiver Randy Moss is not likely to turn pro in Canada next season, lawyer Tim DiPiero said.

Reports in Huntington, where Moss led Marshall to the Division I-AA national title, have Moss already signed to a \$1 million contract to play for an unspecified CFL team. CFL spokesman Grant Garrow said Moss is on a negotiation list, but that a contract has not been signed.

MIAMI (AP) — Miami safety Tremain Mack and defensive end Kenard Lang will pass up their senior seasons to enter the NFL draft.

Mack has blocked or deflected 10 kicks in the past two seasons, and led the nation in kickoff returns this season.

California tight end Tony Gonzalez and Clemson defensive end Trevor Pryce also said they will bypass their senior years to enter the draft.

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder reached agreement on a new five-year contract, the school announced on the eve of the Sun Devils' Rose Bowl appearance.

The school said the new contract, which is subject to approval by the Arizona Board of Regents, will run through Jan. 6, 2002. Terms were not disclosed, but five years is the maximum allowed for university coaches under state law. The No. 2 Sun Devils are 11-0.

TENNIS

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Switzerland's Marc Rosset injured his back in a collision with a ball girl today, giving South Africa a 2-1 victory in round-robin play in the Hopman Cup team tournament.

Rosset led Wayne Ferreira 6-0, 2-0 when the 1992 Olympic champion collided with the girl as he tripped chasing a drop shot. Swiss teen star Martina Hingis beat Amanda Coetzer 6-1, 6-2 in the opening women's match.

South Africa improved to 2-0 in Group B, while Switzerland is 1-1. Defending champion Croatia faced the United States in a late Group A match.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Defending champion Sandra Cacic of the United States advanced to the quarterfinals of the New Zealand Classic today, beating third-seeded compatriot Linda-Harvey-Wild 6-4, 7-5.

Top-seeded Anke Huber of Germany also advanced in the Australian Open tuneup, beating Ann Grossman of the United States 6-4, 6-2.

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Fifth-seeded Alex O'Brien of the United States beat Sweden's Thomas Johansson 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 today in the second round of the Australian Hardcourt championships.

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Top-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria beat Hernan Gummy of Argentina 7-5, 6-4 in the first round of the Qatar Open. Spain's Sergi Bruguera upset fourth-seeded Michael Stich of Germany 6-3, 6-1.

Panthers loaded with playoff experience

By **JOE MACENKA**
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — When many people think about the Carolina Panthers, their first impression is of an inexperienced team making its first foray into the NFL playoffs.

Think again. Twenty-six players on the second-year expansion team's roster have been to the postseason and have taken part in a combined 118 playoff games. Twelve Panthers made it as far as the Super Bowl with other teams. Six of those players have won it all.

"It definitely makes a difference having that kind of experience," said linebacker Carlton Bailey, who was with the Buffalo

Bills for three Super Bowl appearances. "The most important thing is that you don't get in awe of the playoffs."

Bailey and the rest of Carolina's postseason veterans are taking it upon themselves to counsel some of the younger players as the NFC West-champion Panthers get ready for their first playoff game Sunday against Dallas.

"There might be a tendency for a younger player to let outside distractions get the best of you, but you can't let that happen," said cornerback Eric Davis, who will be making his sixth consecutive postseason appearance and is one of the Panthers who has played for a Super Bowl winner. He joined Carolina in the offsea-

son after spending his first six years with the San Francisco 49ers.

"Guys who have been there understand what a loss would mean," Davis said. "Nobody wants that feeling. It's a bitter, bitter taste. And nobody wants that taste this time of year. The more people you have on your squad who understand that, the better off you are."

Carolina's playoff veterans are surrounded by 20 Panthers who are either in their first or second NFL season and are making their first trips to the postseason.

The heaviest concentration of playoff experience is on defense, where 15 players have been in 83 playoff games. Nine of Carolina's defensive starters have been in a

combined 72 playoff contests.

On offense, nine Panthers have been in a total of 29 playoff games, and two Carolina special-teams players have appeared in six postseason contests.

The Carolina player with the most postseason experience is Bailey, 32, who was in the playoffs six consecutive years — five with Buffalo and one with the New York Giants.

Sunday's contest against the defending Super Bowl-champion Cowboys will be Bailey's 16th postseason game. He likens the difference between the regular season and the playoffs to the difference between the exhibition season and the regular season.

"You remember how in August you don't play every down and

then when you get to the regular season, everything kind of picks up a little bit," he said. "Well, it's the same thing now. The intensity level is higher, and that's because everybody is fighting to achieve that one thing, and that's to become world champions."

Nose tackle Greg Kragen, 34, played in three Super Bowls with the Denver Broncos. Sunday's contest will be his 14th playoff game.

"I'm kind of in a comfort zone," he said. "I've been here before in this situation, so I know not to get too high or too excited too soon. You just go about business as usual and get ready to play on Sunday. Hopefully, the younger guys see that and it catches on."

Cornhuskers claim Orange Bowl win

By **STEVEN WINE**
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — This season, the Nebraska Cornhuskers had to settle for a trip to the Orange Bowl. Next season, it will be the goal.

The Huskers capped a disappointing year with an impressive showing Tuesday night, scoring on their first four possessions in the second half to beat Virginia Tech 41-21.

The victory was a consolation prize for the sixth-ranked Cornhuskers (11-2), whose bid to win an unprecedented third consecutive national title ended with an upset loss to Texas in the Big 12 championship game.

A year from now, the top-ranked team in the bowl alliance will play in the Orange Bowl.

"The plan is definitely to come back here next year for the championship game," junior defensive tackle Jason Peter said. "We will be ready."

Peter sparked the victory over Virginia Tech by returning a fumble 31 yards for a touchdown. Damon Benning rushed for 95 yards, including touchdowns of 33 and 6 yards, and was voted the Huskers' most valuable player.

The game, sponsored by FedEx, was the first Orange Bowl played in December and the first held at Pro Player Stadium, and the departure from tradition hurt attendance. The crowd of 51,212 was the smallest in 50 years.

The Cornhuskers earned their third consecutive bowl victory and reached 11 victories for the fourth year in a row. But they wanted more.

"These were difficult circumstances," coach Tom Osborne said. "At times it almost felt like a non-game because of the interest and lack of intensity, and I feel sorry about that."

No. 10 Virginia Tech (10-2) lost despite Jim Druckenmiller's three touchdown passes and Ken Oxendine's 210-yard effort. Oxendine, voted the Hokies' MVP, rushed for 150 yards in 20 carries and added 60 yards on three receptions.

Hokies coach Frank Beamer billed the bowl as the biggest game in school history.

"When you get into games like this, you'd like to win them against the best in the country," Beamer said. "It's a journey. Sometimes you climb that moun-

tain, and sometimes you don't make it and take a couple of steps backwards.

"But you keep going. We're going to keep going with this program. We'll be back. You haven't seen the last of us."

Nebraska, a 17-point favorite, wore down Virginia Tech in the second half. The Huskers finished with 279 yards rushing, went 11-for-16 on third down and committed no turnovers.

"Everybody asked if we were going to come to play, and how we were going to get motivated," Benning said. "It was ridiculous. When you come from a program like we come from, you always come prepared, especially for the Orange Bowl."

Nebraska struck for 17 points in a 10-minute span in the second quarter, including one score by the defense when Tech tried to run the option on third-and-37.

Druckenmiller was about to pitch when he was hit by Mike Rucker, and the ball squirted free. The 285-pound Peter picked it up and ran 31 yards untouched for the touchdown.

"I wanted so bad to start high-stepping," Peter joked. "My speed was so unbelievable, I was in the end zone before I knew it."

The Cornhuskers led 17-14 at halftime, then cranked out scoring drives of 74, 61, 76 and 55 yards in their first four possessions of the second half.

Scott Frost, making his first start in a bowl, threw for 136 yards and added 62 rushing, including touchdown runs of 5 and 22 yards.

"He really did a nice job running the offense," Osborne said. "This was probably his best game."

Kris Brown kicked field goals of 25 and 37 yards for the Huskers, who snapped Tech's seven-game winning streak.

Druckenmiller threw touchdown passes of 6 yards to Shawn Scales, 19 yards to Marcus Parker and 33 yards to Cornelius White. The senior quarterback completed 16 of 33 passes for 214 yards.

"We put in some hard times together," Druckenmiller said. "That's the hard part. The memories will always be there. Knowing you're not going to sweat with those guys again is hard."

"We had a terrific season. I just wish we could have capped it off."

B.D.C.I., Firefighters win girls' basketball crowns

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Girls Basketball Leagues finished up its season recently when B.D.C.I. defeated Dos Caballeros, 18-17, in a playoff game to capture the fifth-sixth grade title.

Both teams ended league play with 11-1 records, forcing a playoff.

In the final minute of the game, Stefani Goldsmith hit two pressured-filled free throws to put Dos ahead, 17-16. Abbi Covalt took the game into her own hands as she went coast to coast against Dos's fullcourt press and hit a driving layup to put B.D.C.I. ahead for good.

Covalt and Casey Fisher led B.D.C.I. with 8 and 6 points, respectively. Dos was led by Goldsmith with 5 points and Brittany Brazille and Chelsea Davis, 4 each.

Firefighters won the A division of the third-fourth grade league with a 7-1 record. Their only setback came from second-place West Texas Ford.

The B division was won by Dr. Walsh with a perfect 4-0 record. Fifth-Sixth Grade results and leading scorers are as follows:

B.D.C.I. 33, Williams 9
B - Casey Fisher 12, Teryn Stowers 8; W - Jennifer Pena 3.

Dos Caballeros 30, First Bank Southwest 12

D - Stefani Goldsmith 10, Kendra Raber 8; F - Sarah Porter 8.

Mid-America 23, W.O. Operating 10

M - Christina Rodriguez 15; W - Lindsey Ledbetter 7.

Dos Caballeros 25, Bow-With-It 24

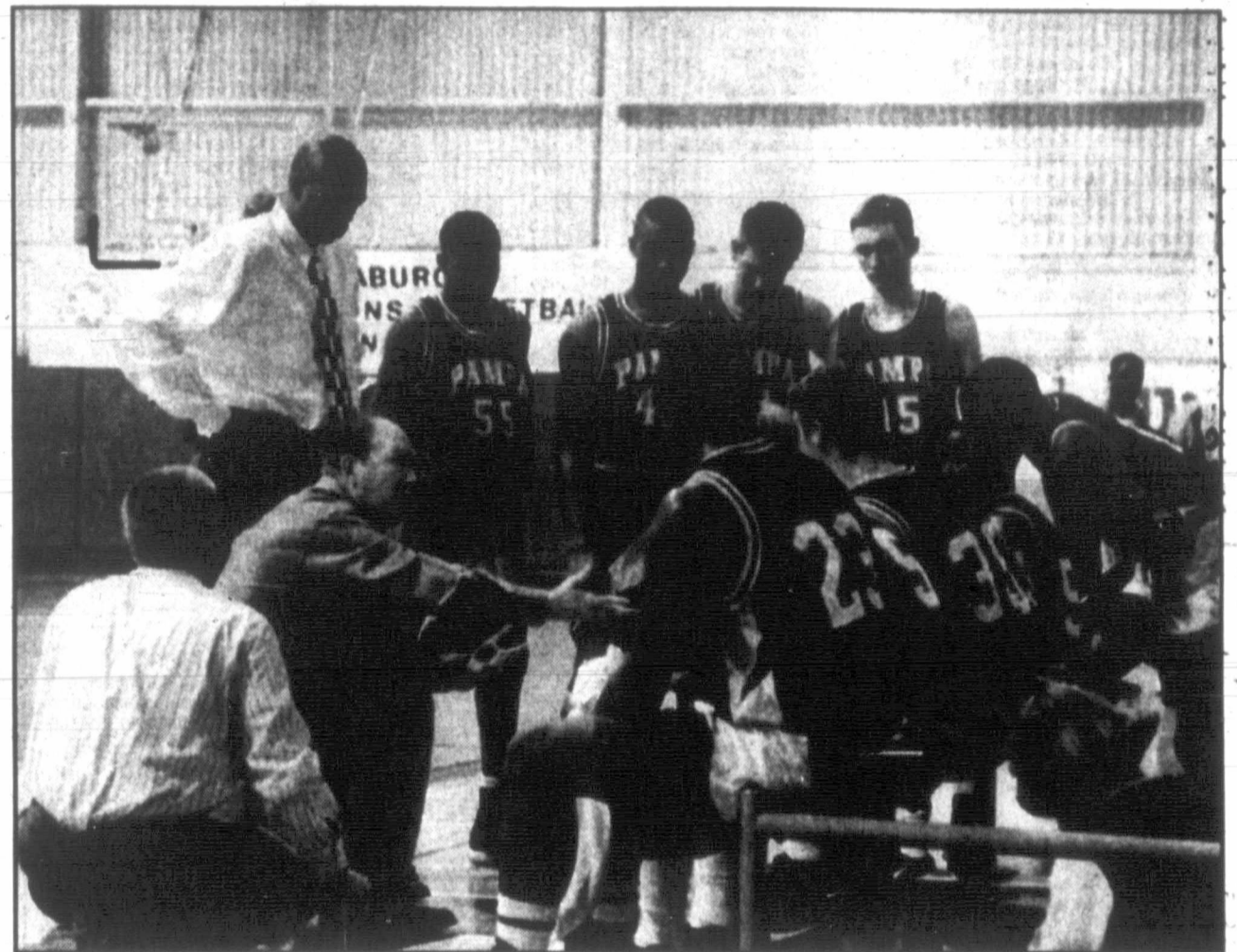
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(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa head coach Robert Hale talks to the Harvesters during the Lions Club Tournament held last week in Fort Worth. The Harvesters take on Hereford Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa cagers open 1997 against Hereford teams

PAMPA — After finishing up weekend tournaments, both Pampa boys and girls teams can now concentrate on the District 1-4A basketball races.

Pampa hosts Hereford Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse with the girls game starting at 6, followed by the boys game at 7:30.

The Harvesters won one of three games in the annual Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament for a 7-12 overall record. However, Pampa is 1-0 in district after trouncing Borger, 66-53, on Dec. 17.

Hereford is 1-1 in district, including a 68-60 win over Borger. The Whitefaces reached the consolation finals of the ABC Caprock Holiday Tournament last weekend, losing to district foe Canyon, 79-75.

Hereford's guard-oriented offense is led by 6-0 seniors Isaac Walker and Jonathan Keenan. Walker had 27 and 26 points in the final two games of the Caprock Tournament while Keenan hit for 12 in each contest. Bryan McNutt, a 6-3 junior, gives Hereford some height and scoring punch inside.

For Pampa, 6-3 senior August Larson (20 ppg), 6-0 sophomore Shawn Young (13 ppg) and 6-3 senior Devin Lemons (11 ppg) are carrying most of the scoring load.

Time running out for Broncos' Elway

DENVER (AP) — Time is running out for John Elway, who, at 36, has three Super Bowl losses on his resume.

Does the Denver Broncos quarterback feel a sense of desperation?

"No, because I know the sun is going to come up tomorrow and the day after," Elway said Tuesday as his Broncos held their first full-scale practice in preparation for Saturday's divisional playoff game against the upstart Jacksonville Jaguars.

"I would like to get it done, sure. That's our goal. But we can't be looking that far down the line. We have to take them one at a time

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

On Saturday night, the Harvesters travel to Randall for a district meeting with the Raiders.

The Pampa girls are off to a 2-1 start in district and face a crucial test against Hereford, who are 3-1 in 1-4A play. The Lady Whitefaces' only district loss was to defending Class 4A state champion Canyon.

Julie Rampley, a 5-9 junior, and Catie Betzen, a 5-8 junior, lead Hereford's attack. Rampley was a first-team all-district pick and a member of the Amarillo Globe-News Super Team last season.

The Lady Harvesters are 9-8 for the season after facing some Texas powerhouses in the highly-competitive Slaton Tournament last weekend. The Lady Harvesters defeating Childress, 47-35, while playing well in losses to Class 4A's No. 2 ranked Levelland, 54-33, and Class 1A's No. 1 ranked Nazareth, 34-33.

Senior guard Jennifer Jones scored 52 points in three games and was named to the all-tournament team. Jones along with Canyon's Courtney Sims and Valaree Valdez are listed among the state's top 105 high school

players published in *Texas Women's Sports*. The Lady Harvesters take on Randall at 6 Saturday night in Randall.

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott hosts a boys and girls basketball tournament Thursday through Saturday at the Briscoe gym.

The invitational tournament tips off at 1 p.m. Thursday with Pampa Christian Academy going against Samnorwood in the boys' division. Higgins and Samnorwood girls follow at 2:30.

The championship finals are scheduled for Saturday at 5 p.m. (girls) and 6:30 p.m. (boys). Other teams entered in the tournament include Shamrock, McLean, West Texas High, Fort Elliott and Wheeler.

McLEAN — McLean split a basketball twinbill with Hedley Monday night.

McLean girls, with 22 points from Shaley Stalls, defeated Hedley, 52-37.

Woodard was Hedley's top scorer with 17 points.

In the boys division, Hedley posted a 96-66 win.

Potts scored 28 points to lead Hedley's scoring attack. Purcell was high scorer for McLean with 15 points.

McLean girls have a 7-6 record while McLean boys are 5-8.

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Scoreboard

FOOTBALL
College Bowl Games
At A Glance
All Times EST
Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
 Nevada 18, Ball State 15

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
 Blue 44, Gray 34

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
 Navy 42, California 38

Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
 Syracuse 30, Houston 17

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
 Miami 31, Virginia 21

Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
 Wisconsin 38, Utah 10

Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
 LSU 10, Clemson 7

Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
 Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
 Colorado 33, Washington 21

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
 Howard 27, Southern U. 24

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
 Stanford 38, Michigan State 0

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
 Auburn 32, Army 29

Orange Bowl
At Miami
 Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
 Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
 North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Trus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
 Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
 Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rice Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
 Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
 Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
 Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

NFL Playoffs
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 28
 Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27
 Dallas 40, Minnesota 15

Sunday, Dec. 29
 Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14
 San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
 San Francisco at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
 Jacksonville at Denver, 4 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday, Jan. 5
 Pittsburgh at New England, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
 Dallas at Carolina, 4 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
 TBA

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At New Orleans
 TBA, 8:18 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
 TBA, 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
At A Glance
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	7 .767	—
New York	21	8 .724	1 1/2
Washington	15	14 .517	7 1/2
Orlando	10	18 .385	11
New Jersey	8	19 .296	13 1/2
Philadelphia	8	20 .286	14
Boston	6	21 .222	15 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	4 .871	—
Detroit	22	7 .759	4
Cleveland	19	10 .655	7
Atlanta	18	11 .593	9
Charlotte	16	13 .552	10
Milwaukee	15	14 .517	11
Indiana	13	15 .464	12 1/2
Toronto	10	19 .345	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	6 .800	—
Utah	22	7 .759	1 1/2
Minnesota	12	18 .400	12
Dallas	10	17 .370	12 1/2
San Antonio	7	20 .259	15 1/2
Denver	8	22 .267	16
Vancouver	6	25 .194	18 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	22	9 .710	—
Seattle	21	11 .656	1 1/2
Portland	16	15 .516	8
Sacramento	13	18 .419	9
Golden State	11	18 .379	10
L.A. Clippers	11	19 .367	10 1/2
Phoenix	10	19 .345	11

Monday's Games
 New York 98, New Jersey 86
 Charlotte 101, Washington 92
 Cleveland 108, Minnesota 96
 Detroit 97, Orlando 85
 Chicago 81, Indiana 79
 Houston 99, Seattle 91
 Boston 104, Denver 102
 Phoenix 100, Sacramento 88
 San Antonio 95, Vancouver 88
 L.A. Clippers 115, Utah 101

Tuesday's Games
 No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
 No games scheduled

Tuesday's Major College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
 Fairleigh Dickinson 59, Manhattan 55
 Hartford 70, Holy Cross 67
 Providence 74, Texas 66

SOUTH
 Georgia Tech 85, N.C.-Greenboro 40
 Kentucky 74, Louisville 54
 Mississippi 91, Morgan St. 67
 N. Carolina St. 83, Ark.-Pine Bluff 23
 Tennessee 64, E. Tennessee St. 40
 Tulane 88, Tulsa 74
 Vanderbilt 81, St. Louis 81

MIDWEST
 Marquette 59, Wisconsin 52
 Minnesota 94, Marcor 53
 S. Illinois 64, Bradley 63, OT

SOUTHWEST
 Baylor 87, Drake 55

FAR WEST
 Fairfield 78, S. Utah 51
 San Diego St. 89, Brigham Young 86, OT
 Wake Forest 70, Utah 59
 Wyoming 83, Denver 74

TOURNAMENTS
 Pepsi Onsite Bingo & Casino Classic Championship
 St. Joseph's 64, Wis.-Green Bay 59
 Third Place
 Austin Peay 58, Peppardine 54
 Puerto Rico Holiday Classic Semifinals
 Cincinnati 84, Nebraska 73
 SW Missouri St. 76, Bowling Green 73
 Consolation Bracket
 Mississippi St. 82, Fresno St. 60
 Old Dominion 74, SE Missouri 61

TRANSACTIONS
By The Associated Press

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed C Robert Werdann.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed G Robert Hughes and DE Josh Taves to the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 NHL—Suspended San Jose defenseman Greg Hawgood for two games and fined him \$1,000 for a slashing incident against Edmonton's Boris Mironov on Dec. 26.

BUFFALO SABRES—Named John Isherwood director of communications.

DALLAS STARS—Released F Sergei Makarov. Assigned D Dan Keczmer and F Marc Labelle to Michigan of the IHL. Recalled D Sergey Gusev and G Roman Turek from Michigan.

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Kidd injured

PHOENIX (AP) — Phoenix Suns guard Jason Kidd, acquired last week from Dallas in a six-player deal, was placed on the injured list Monday after tests revealed a hairline fracture to his right collar bone.

Kidd, is expected to miss four to six weeks, also reaggravated a previous injury to the sterno-clavicular joint in the first half of Saturday's 103-98 win over the Vancouver Grizzlies. The match was his first game in a Phoenix uniform. Kidd had six points, nine assists and seven rebounds in 20 minutes before being hurt on the final play of the first half.

Kidd, guard Tony Dumas and forward center Loren Meyer were shipped to the Suns on Dec. 26 in exchange for Michael Finely, A.C. Green and Sam Cassell.

With Kidd on the shelf, the Suns activated forward Wayman Tisdale, who had missed the last 17 games with tendinitis in his left shoulder. Tisdale has averaged 10.5 minutes, 4.2 points and 1.4 rebounds in 10 games with the Suns this year.

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Japan's New Year traditions on the wane

By PETER LANDERS
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Years ago, Soichiro Sugimura wouldn't have dreamed of opening his seaweed shop on the first few days of the New Year.

Those days were sacred, the one period of the year when all of Japan shut down, sat around the family hearth and enjoyed special foods such as pounded rice cakes and herring roe.

But Sugimura's store will be open Jan. 1, and so will thousands of supermarkets around Japan. Roast ham, not dried fish, will adorn many Japanese tables, and a million people won't even be at home, hoping off to vacations in places like Hawaii instead.

What used to be Japan's most important holiday of the year "is no longer a special day," said Masayo Ogiso, a spokeswoman for the Mycal supermarket chain, which is opening most of its stores.

An increase in days off during the year has diluted the importance of the New Year's holiday — once the only major time to stay home and rest. National holidays have been on the rise, and work weeks in many sectors have decreased from six days to five.

The New Year's celebration has its origins in a religious rite to welcome the god of the

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new year, and just about everyone still goes to a temple or shrine during the Jan. 1-3 national holidays to pray for prosperity.

But other customs are waning — for example, "osechi ryori," food served only at the New Year.

Because all stores used to be closed for the first three or four days of the year, osechi ryori consists of foods that keep well, such as dried herring in coarse seaweed — "kobumaki" — and black beans.

In the past two years, though, the number of supermarkets open on Jan. 1 has surged. Japan's biggest chain, Daiei, will keep 366 stores open. Japan also now has nearly 50,000 convenience stores, many of them open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Stores say they are simply answering consumer demand by staying open on New Year's Day.

"Customers' lifestyles are changing," said Daiei spokeswoman Kazuyo Nishimura. "For this year's (1996) New Year's Day, we

got as many customers as we would on a Sunday in December."

And so, said Sugimura, the seaweed shop owner, "Now that the supermarkets are open, there's no need any longer to buy up food ahead of time. Whether that's good or bad, I don't know."

And many foods once considered delicacies of the season are now nothing special, he added: "You can buy mochi (pounded rice cakes) any time of the year."

Those mochi, incidentally, account for a dark side of the old-style New Year's celebrations: Each year, a dozen or more elderly Japanese choke to death on the sticky cakes.

One place where the traditions still live is Tokyo's Ameyokocho district, the area around Sugimura's shop, where Japanese flock this time of year.

On Monday, largely older crowds packed the narrow streets until it was barely possible to move, buying foods for the holidays — large octopuses steeped in vinegar, hunks of fatty tuna, shiitake mushrooms.

"This really makes me feel nostalgic," said Takehiko Nogiwa, 61, a retiree who traveled 1 1/2 hours from his home in the suburbs to buy an octopus for \$13.

Elsewhere, said Nogiwa, "the customs and atmosphere of the New Year — now they're not much different from any other time."

Studies: Exercise can aid sleep and relieve arthritis

CHICAGO (AP) — A little exercise can help older people sleep better and relieve their arthritis, researchers reported Tuesday.

The two studies do more than confirm conventional wisdom — they suggest a low-cost means of cutting the nation's health expenditures, Dr. David M. Buchner of the University of Washington said in an accompanying editorial.

The studies were published in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

One study, led by researchers at Stanford University, involved 43 sedentary, healthy adults 50 to 76 years old with mild to moderate sleep problems, such as taking longer than 25 minutes on average to fall asleep and sleeping an average of only six hours a night.

Half the participants underwent 16 weeks of aerobics, each week consisting of two hour-

long low-impact classes at a YMCA and two 40-minute sessions of brisk walking or stationary cycling at home. The other half did nothing.

At the end of the study, the subjects who exercised reported that they fell asleep about 15 minutes faster and slept about 45 minutes longer than before. Those who did not exercise showed little or no improvement.

In the other study, people with osteoarthritis who walked briskly or worked out with weights for three hour-long sessions a week could climb stairs, get out of cars and perform other activities more easily and with less pain. The 18-month study involved 349 people age 60 or older.

"It probably doesn't matter what you do as long as you do it," said the lead researcher, Dr. Walter H. Ettinger Jr. of Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C.



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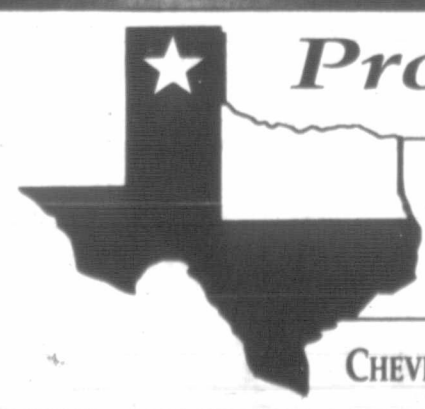
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