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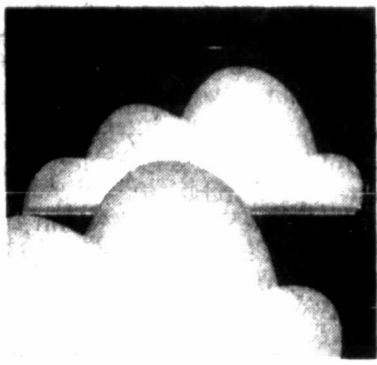
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**CLARENDON** — Clarendon College will offer the 36-hour "Bottom Line Farming" curriculum on financial management in agriculture on three weekends in January.

Each class will meet on Friday from 6-10 p.m. and the following Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The first class will be held at the Clarendon College Pampa Center at 900 N. Frost Street on Jan. 10. The location of the remaining two sessions will be decided at the first session.

Registration for this class will be conducted at the first class meeting. Spouses are encouraged to attend. This class meets the requirements for financial training of the Farm Service Agency (formerly FmHA).

If you have any questions, contact Dr. Donald L. Williams at (806) 874-2313, Clarendon College, or at your local FSA office.

**PAMPA** — A man arrested Tuesday afternoon in a hostage situation at a medical clinic remained in Gray County Jail Saturday on a total of \$40,000 bond for assault and kidnapping charges.

Caesar Reyna Fernandez, 21, of Borger, was arraigned Thursday before Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge on charges of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Prestidge set bonds of \$20,000 on each charge.

Fernandez was arrested about 1:25 p.m. Tuesday after allegedly using a loaded shotgun to hold two women hostage at the Columbia Medical Clinic, 600 W. Kentucky.

Fernandez was upset about his relationship with one of the hostages, Dawn Hensley, 17, of Borger, according to a Pampa Police Department release.

He later surrendered his weapon to one of the women, Texas Department of Health nurse Carolyn Hall, and was arrested by Pampa police without incident.

**PAMPA** — Two area banks have set up fund accounts to help the family of Richard Lamont Proctor pay the funeral expenses of the slain 18-year-old high school student.

Donations may be sent to Boatman's First Pampa Banking Center, 100 N. Cuyler, P.O. Box 781, Pampa, TX, 79066, attention Becky Scott; or First American Bank at 221 N. Gray Street, Pampa, TX 79065.

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## Gingrich case overshadows new Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overshadowed by the extraordinary spectacle of Speaker Newt Gingrich in the ethics dock, the Republican-controlled Congress convenes this week for a session likely to be dominated in the longer run by balancing the budget.

Both Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott have pledged a season of bipartisanship on spending cuts, tax cuts, the environment and other key issues. President Clinton, too, has spoken in conciliatory terms.

"I think there's a great potential for us to work together," said Lott, the Mississippi senator recently elected to his first full term as majority leader. "We're going to be intent on doing it."

For his part, Gingrich has said the Republicans have an "absolute moral obligation" to work with Clinton.

Still, partisan instincts will vie with cooperation in the 105th Congress convening Tuesday for the two years prescribed in the Constitution. Not only does Gingrich's ethics problem provide grist for Democrats who have long sought his downfall, but Republicans in both chambers are preparing to investigate allegations of Democratic fundraising irregularities in last year's campaign.

In addition, organized labor, a major Democratic ally, can expect to be pinned down in a series of contentious hearings after the AFL-CIO's efforts to topple the Republican majority in the House.

Tuesday's ceremonial opening will be routine in one wing of the Capitol. Newly elected and re-elected senators will take the

oath of office in the customary decorous Senate ceremony, after which they will adjourn to lunch.

On the other side of the Capitol Rotunda, proceedings promise to be anything but routine. Election of a speaker — second in line of succession to the presidency — is among the first orders of business; it customarily passes utterly without suspense.

But Gingrich, who admitted less than two weeks ago to violating House rules and awaits word on his punishment, has been struggling ever since to minimize erosion of fellow Republicans' support.

He got a big boost Friday with a letter of support from 12 Republicans who had been withholding formal declarations. At least 15 members are still undecided.

Since election of a speaker is along party lines, Gingrich has little margin for error.

The Republicans hold a 227-207 majority with one independent, the slenderest margin of control by either party in almost a half-century.

Without question, the budget is likely to hold center stage for much of the year once Gingrich's status is resolved and the Senate has taken confirmation votes on Clinton's Cabinet appointments.

Republican leaders have signaled they intend to stage early votes on a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. The measure cleared the House two years ago but died in the Senate. This time, Republican leaders expect a better chance of Senate success but are less certain of the outcome in the House.



(Pampa News photo by Dave Bower)

**Robert White, warden of the Rufe Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections, left, and Mary Baten, widow of Texas Ranger Bill Baten, stand on either side of a seal designating the new intermediate sanction facility (ISF) at Pampa the W.P. "Bill" Baten Jr. ISF.**

## Intermediate facility at Jordan Unit named in honor of Ranger Bill Baten

The widow of a Texas Ranger stationed in Pampa dedicated a new facility named for her husband during ceremonies Friday at the Rufe Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections.

Mary Baten thanked the crowd of law enforcement officers, including Texas Ranger Company C, her husband's outfit, for coming to the dedication on the windswept 78-degree afternoon before pulling the ribbon that unveiled the sign designating the facility the W.P. "Bill" Baten, Jr. Intermediate Sanction Facility.

"It is particularly fitting that this facility is located here next

to the Rufe Jordan Unit," said Robert White, warden of the Jordan unit, during the formal dedication of the facility.

Baten was a Texas Ranger stationed in Pampa during the time Rufe Jordan was sheriff of Gray County, White explained, and their careers often intertwined.

Janie Cockrell, representing the Texas Department of Corrections Board, said the Baten unit was the first of such facilities to be named.

The facility is designed for parole violators as an alternative to sending them to prison. The first intermediate sanction facility was built in 1989 in San Antonio. The Baten unit is the

fifth one to be constructed. Three hundred of the 400 beds available at the Baten unit are already filled.

Baten was born in 1925 in Breckenridge and raised in Hall County, officials said. He served in the army during World War II and began his law enforcement career in 1946 when he was appointed chief of police in Memphis. He later served as chief deputy in Hall County before being elected sheriff in 1954.

He resigned in 1962 to become a Texas Ranger in Company C, stationed in Pampa.

Baten retired from the Rangers in 1986. He died in 1987.

## 4-H County Livestock Show winners chosen

Sean O'Neal, Cassie Hamilton and Lindsay Price were the big winners in this weekend's Gray County 4-H Livestock Show at Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

O'Neal had the Grand Champion lamb, Cassie Hamilton had the Grand Champion steer and Lindsay Price had the Grand Champion hog.

Donald Brasham had the Reserve Grand Champion lamb, Kelby McClellan had the Reserve Grand Champion steer and Nonnie James had the Reserve Grand Champion hog.

**Lambs**

Class 1, Southdown: Nicole Bruton, first and champion.

Class 2, Finewool: Jessi Fish, first and champion; Cody Lee, second and reserve champion.

Class 3, Finewool Cross: Jessi Fish, first and champion; Royce O'Neal, second and reserve champion.

Class 4, Medium Wool: Donald Basham, first and champion; Nicholas Odom, second and reserve champion.

Class 5, Medium Wool: Sean O'Neal, first; Jessi Fish, second; Shaun Smith, third; Casey Coleman, fourth.

Sean O'Neal had the Medium Wool Champion lamb. Donald Basham had the Medium Wool Reserve Champion lamb.

Shaun Smith won Junior Showmanship. D.J. Basham won Senior Showmanship.

**Steers**

Class 1: Courtney Crawford,

first; Sean O'Neal, second; Angie Davenport, third.

Class 2: Cassie Hamilton, first; Kelby McClellan, second; Nonnie James, third.

Courtney Crawford won Junior Showmanship. Kelby McClellan won Senior Showmanship.

**Swine**

Class 1, Black OPB: Nickie Leggett, first; Shane Willett, second; Justin Hampton, third; Elizabeth Campbell, fourth; Erica Cockran, fifth.

Class 2, Black OPB: Chance Bowers, first; Andrew Johnson, second; Karra Longo, third.

Class 3, Black OPB: Tracy Tucker, first; Shane Willett, second; Bryant Smith, third.

Tracy Tucker had the Champion Black OPB. Nickie Leggett had the Reserve Champion.

Class 4, White OPB: Jake Hopkins, first; J.W. Maines, second; Kelby McClellan, third; Michael Purgeson, fourth; Nicole Bruton, fifth.

Class 5, White OPB: Jeremy Pritchett, first; Curtis Pritchett, second; Justin Thomas, third; Scotty Willett, fourth; Josh Gibson, fifth.

Class 6, Duroc: T'Andra Holmes, first; Lindsey Hampton, second; Scotty Willett, third; Elizabeth Thomas, fourth; Jake Hopkins, fifth; Kevin Smith, sixth.

Class 7, Duroc: Lindsay Price, first; Collin Bowers, second; Ben Campbell, third; Vickie Fossett, fourth.

Lindsay Price had the Champion Duroc. T'Andra Holmes had the Reserve Champion.

Class 8, Hamp: Elizabeth Campbell, first; Royce O'Neal, second; Stephanie McClellan, third; Jake Hopkins, fourth; Nickie Leggett, fifth; Karra Longo, sixth.

Class 9, Hamp: T'Andra Holmes, first; Savannah Smith, second; Lindsey Hampton, third; Jeremy Pritchett, fourth; Karli Douglas, fifth.

Class 10, Hamp: Courtney Crawford, first; Chance Bowers, second.

T'Andra Holmes had the Champion Hampshire. Elizabeth had the Reserve Champion.

Class 11, Cross: Lindsay Price, first; Cassie Hamilton, second; Nonnie James, third; Justin Thomas, fourth.

Class 12, Cross: Nonnie James, first; Meagan Craig, second; Erica Cockran, third; Cassie Hamilton, fourth; Jake Hopkins, fifth.

Class 13, Cross: Karra Longo, first; Sean O'Neal, second; Kelby McClellan, third; Collin Bowers, fourth; Ben Campbell, fifth.

Class 14, Cross: Alan Parker, first; Tracy Tucker, second; Josh Gibson, third; Stephanie McClellan, fourth.

Nonnie James had the Champion Cross. Lindsay Price had the Reserve Champion.

T'Andra Holmes won Junior Showmanship. Kelby McClellan won Senior Showmanship.

## Crowds drawn by image on building costs city

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — The crowds coming to see an image resembling the Virgin Mary on a glass office building are costing the city big bucks.

The faithful have numbered 450,000 — 4 1/2 times the city's population — over the three weeks since the image was first noticed.

And a city report put the tab at \$40,000 to deploy police to handle the crowds and direct traffic.

The document also tells of easily riled worshippers and votive candles that started fires, including one that burned a police officer.

Believers say it's a miracle — a two-story image that appeared in

rainbow hues on the side of the black-windowed building. Others say the image may have been there for months, possibly a chemical residue or discoloration.

A city panel dubbed the Miracle Management Task Force decided to scale back crowd-and traffic-control efforts.

## Hunting for worms



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Brothers Dusty Cook, 9, and Josh Cook, 11, overturn rocks while looking for worms and salamanders in the creek behind Hill Street, enjoying a mild winter day Friday while their Christmas holiday vacation winds down. Dusty is a student at Wilson Elementary School and Josh attends Pampa Middle School. Students return to school Monday from their holiday break.

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**Services today**  
**RIGSBY**, Harlen Glaze — 3 p.m., Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel, McLean.  
**Services tomorrow**  
**CARTER**, Lora Alice — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Panhandle.  
**DONNELL**, Robert E. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
**TAYLOR**, Edna G. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**WEBB**, Alice Irene McDonald — 10 a.m., Miami Church of Christ, Miami.

## Obituaries

**LORA ALICE CARTER**  
**PANHANDLE** - Lora Alice Carter, 94, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.  
 Mrs. Carter was born at Port, Okla. As a teen, she drove a horse and buggy to the Texas Panhandle from Oklahoma and had been a long-time Panhandle and Pampa resident. She married Van Henry Carter in 1919 at Pampa; he died in 1967. She was a homemaker.  
 She was a member of First Baptist Church and Friendship Circle Home Demonstration Club. She was a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as mother/adviser for the Rainbow Girls.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Helen C. Crawford of Panhandle; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to Garretson Retirement Center.

**ROBERT E. DONNELL**  
 Robert E. Donnell, 66, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 1997, at Clinton, Okla. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mr. Donnell was born May 5, 1930, at Bartlesville, Okla. He married Willie Gardner in June of 1952. He had been a Pampa resident for the past five years. He was an electrician at B&B Electric and had worked at Clark Tire Shop. He was a Baptist and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.  
 He was preceded in death by his mother, Orpha Donnell, in 1990; a brother, Orville M. Donnell, in 1991; a niece, Twila Busby; and three nephews, Scooter Shipp, Chris Ward and Randolph Busby.  
 Survivors include his wife, Willie, of the home; a stepdaughter, Penny Gardner of Pampa; his father, James M. Donnell of Pampa; a sister, Beverly Clark of Pampa; a brother, Lewis F. Donnell of Bartlesville, Okla.; two nephews, Rusty Ward and Douglas Ward, both of Pampa; a niece, LaDonna Alderson of Pampa; and a great-niece, Lisa Busby of Pampa.  
 The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa, TX 79066-2808.

**HARLEN GLAZE RIGSBY**  
 McLEAN - Harlen Glaze Rigsby, 78, of McLean, died Friday, Jan. 3, 1997. Services will be at 3 p.m. today in the Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Q.D. Beville, retired Baptist minister, officiating. The body will be cremated after the services; there will be no burial. Arrangements are under the direction of Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.  
 Mr. Rigsby was born July 5, 1918, in Wanette, Okla. He had served in the Merchant Marines. He was a retired heavy equipment operator. He was a member of BPOE Elks Local 701.  
 Survivors include three daughters, Desta Smith of McLean, Sandra Lee Shores of Tyrone, Okla., and Judy Kay Jerome of Indianapolis, Ind.; a son, Johnny Rex Rigsby of Garden City, Kan.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**EDNA G. TAYLOR**  
 Edna G. Taylor, 99, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover and the Rev. Jerry Arrington, both associate pastors, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mrs. Taylor was born May 7, 1897, in Indian Territory, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1907, moving from Comanche, Okla. She attended Wayside School north of Pampa, known as the Little Red School House. She married Homer B. Taylor on Dec. 5, 1915, at Pampa; he died Feb. 27, 1985. She was a charter member of Wayside Club and a member of Pampa Senior Citizens Center. She was a charter member of First Baptist Church, where she had been a member for 81 years.  
 Survivors include three daughters, Doris Walsh, Dora Reeves and Ida Ruth Price, all of Pampa; a son, H.B. Taylor Jr. of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.  
 The family will be at 1229 Duncan and requests memorials be to First Baptist Church or to Meals on Wheels.

**Sheriff's Office**  
 The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.  
**FRIDAY, Jan. 3**  
**Arrests**  
 Gina Rose McKinley, 26, Arkansas, was arrested on a charge of theft over \$500 and under \$20,000. She was released on bond.  
 Michael Scott Rabel, 26, 113 S. Banks, was arrested on a charge of a violation of probation. He remains in custody.  
**SATURDAY, Jan. 4**  
 Theft of a sewing machine was reported in the 1300 block of South Barnes.

## Obituaries

**ALICE IRENE McDONALD WEBB**  
**MIAMI** - Alice Irene McDonald Webb, 99, died Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, at Canadian. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Miami Church of Christ with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ of Amarillo, and George Lundberg officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mrs. Webb was born Aug. 8, 1897, in Bell County near Temple, Texas. She married Thomas Van Webb Sr.; he died in 1943. She was a rancher and a homemaker. She was a longtime member of the Church of Christ, the Miami Senior Citizens Center and the Miami Lions Club.  
 She was preceded in death by five children, Homer C. Webb, Francis E. Webb, James H. Webb, Doreen Baucom and Thomas Van Webb Jr.  
 Survivors include two daughters, Marie Gill and Joyce Moore, both of Miami; a son, Verner C. Webb of Amarillo; grandchildren, Charles Van Baucom of York, Neb., Clark H. Webb and Gaylene Grimsley, both of Pampa, James H. Webb of Austin, Rose Marie Gibson and Glenda Webb, both of Phoenix, Ariz., Jeannie Marie Fulgham and Kay Swart, both of Miami, Vickie Veszey of Houston, Elaine Wynn of Amarillo, Rita Lynn Gill of Kerrville, Larry Gill of Trent, Mark Gill of Wheeler and Bill Vuicich of Denver City; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

**Calendar of events**

**T.O.P.S. #149**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

**T.O.P.S. #41**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

**AL-ANON**  
 Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

**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.

**PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR**  
 Preschool story hour will be held at Lovett Memorial Library 10 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. Children ages three to five are welcome.

**VFW CHARITY BINGO**  
 The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

**PAMPA CHAPTER #65 OES**  
 Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold an initiation during its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 420 W. Kingsmill. All members are encouraged to attend. Officers, please wear Chapter Dresses.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
 The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in McLean at the McLean VFW Hall from 2-4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.  
**FRIDAY, Jan. 3**  
 7:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Nelson on a medical call. One patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.  
 1:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Gillespie on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.  
 3:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital.  
 5:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Starkweather on an injury report. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.  
 8:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a fire assist.  
 8:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.  
**FRIDAY, Jan. 3**  
 1:49 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 114 N. Gillespie for a medical assist.  
 7:54 p.m. - Three units and 10 personnel responded to a structure fire at 1031 N. Sumner.  
**SATURDAY, Jan. 4**  
 10:09 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a trash fire at 511 Huff Rd.

## Emergency numbers

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

## Rebels see no quick end to hostage situation

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** - Guerrillas holding 74 hostages in the Japanese ambassador's residence hoisted banners on the rooftop Saturday to tell Peru's president the crisis would not end without dialogue.  
 "Mr. Fujimori, with pretentious statement and without dialogue there can never be a solution," one sign said in Spanish, scrawled on a bedsheet and erected on the roof before dawn.  
 President Alberto Fujimori has refused to meet the Tupac Amaru rebels' demands until all the hostages are freed. Initially he had refused to negotiate with the rebels, but sent in a Cabinet minister for a face-to-face meeting a week ago. The release of 20 hostages followed it.  
 There was no sign of any progress in the talks Saturday. Friday was the first day since the crisis began Dec. 17 that Michel Minnig - the Red Cross official who has been a mediator between the government and the rebels - did not enter the residence.  
 Roman Catholic Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani, also thought to have a substantial role as intermediary, entered the building Saturday about 6 p.m. for the first time since Wednesday, the day of the last hostage release.  
 Accompanied by Minnig, he left about two hours later, apparently after celebrating Mass. Candle light could be seen in a second-story window and the hostages were heard singing religious songs. Cipriani left without making a statement.  
 Other banners read: "Peru today: 13 million in extreme poverty" and "Mothers, wives and children are also waiting for the liberty of our prisoners. Peace for all Peruvians."  
 The Tupac Amaru seized more than 500 hostages when they stormed the ambassador's residence during a cocktail party.

## Murder suspect arrested on burglary charge

**BORGER** - A 25-year-old Borger woman accused in Gray County of killing her small daughter was in Hutchinson County jail Saturday charged with burglary.  
 Tracy Lynn Aiken Morris, 25, was arrested late Thursday in connection with the burglary of a Borger jewelry store.  
 Det. Lt. Charlie Keyes of the Borger Police Department said Friday afternoon that Morris is believed to be one of five people involved in a burglary ring.  
 Morris was in Hutchinson County jail Saturday in Stinnett in lieu of a \$5,000 bond on the burglary charge and a \$25,000 bond forfeiture in connection with the murder charge in Gray County.  
 Morris was indicted in 1995 in Pampa in the death of her daughter Rashawndra Aiken. The three-year-old little girl died at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo in September 1991.  
 Morris was indicted for the murder of her daughter in October 1995, by a Gray County grand jury. She was released on a \$25,000 bond following the indictment. Court officers said the murder case is expected to go to trial in March.  
 District Attorney John Mann said the murder indictment is based on the child's death from asphyxiation based on the belief that the case involves Munchausen's syndrome-by-proxy which causes a person to harm another in order to gain attention.  
 Morris is also on probation in connection with the 1991 burglary of a motor vehicle, officers said.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.  
**FRIDAY, Jan. 3**  
 The Pampa Police Department reported a hit and run incident at 500 E. Tyng. Damage to a stop sign is estimated at \$130.  
 Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning. Items missing were a Sony CD player valued at \$200, four speakers valued at \$100, and dual cassette player valued at \$150.  
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Someone sprayed a soft drink over a 1992 pickup and trailer.  
 A 17-year-old female reported an assault by contact in the 1200 Block of Christine. Minor injuries to the left side of the victim's face were reported.  
 Burglary of a building was reported in the 200 block of Tyng. Missing were 10 sheets of brown wood paneling and five sheets of gray paneling. Paneling is valued at \$150.  
 A 27-year-old male reported an assault at 111 S. Starkweather. He reported two or three teeth were knocked out.  
 Pampa Police Officer Trevon McGill reported a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit began in the 200 block of East Francis and ended at the intersection of Hazel and Kentucky.  
**Arrests**  
 James Adrian Selvidge, 31, 221 Miami, was arrested on three warrants. He remains in custody.  
 Adam Shea Maul, 20, Pampa, was arrested and charged with fleeing in a motor vehicle. He was transferred to Gray County Jail.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Today, increasing cloudiness with a high in the low 40s and northerly winds 10-15 mph. Tonight, cloudy and cold, with a 20 percent chance of snow and a low in the low 20s. Monday, cloudy and cold with a 50 percent chance of snow and a high in the mid 20s.  
**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas - Panhandle: Today, increasing cloudiness with highs from mid 30s to around 40. Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow late. Lows from mid teens to low 20s. Monday, cloudy and cold with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs in mid 20s to low 30s. South Plains: Today, partly cloudy. Highs mid 40s to low 50s. Tonight, cloudy. Slight chance of snow or freezing rain South Plains. Lows mid 20s to low 30s. Monday, chance of snow or freezing rain. Highs mid 20s to mid 30s.  
 North Texas - Today, partly cloudy and cool. Highs 52 northwest to 62 southeast. Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the 30s.  
 South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, increasing cloudiness and cool. Highs in the 50s Hill Country to the 60s south central. Tonight, cloudy and cold with a slight chance of rain. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to near 40 south central. Upper Coast: Today, mostly cloudy and cool with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the 60s. Tonight, cloudy and cold with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 30s inland to near 50 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, increasing cloudiness, breezy and cool. Highs in the 60s. Tonight, mostly cloudy and cool. Lows in the 40s inland to the 50s coast.  
**BORDER STATES**  
 New Mexico - Today, clouds increasing and lowering. Few showers or snow showers northwest late in the day. Highs 30s and 40s mountains and north with 50s lower elevations south. Tonight, cloudy with a good chance of snow showers over the lower elevations of the south on Monday. Lows single digits and teens north with 20s to low 30s central and south.  
 Oklahoma - Today, mostly sunny. Highs 40s and low 50s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows upper teens northwest to around 30 southeast.

## City briefs

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**CHRISTMAS BILLS** - Did you spend too much for Christmas? Need temporary part-time help for Tax Return Preparation. Will train. Basic computer skills helpful. Call now 665-2033. Adv.  
**RAGG NOOK** Curtains 1/2 price. Fabric \$1.75 lb. Baskets 25% off. 2542 Milliron Road. 665-1651. Adv.  
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# Tens of thousands flooded out in regions of West

**OLIVEHURST, Calif. (AP)** — The rain stayed away from flood-ravaged Northern California for a second straight day Saturday, giving hope to tens of thousands of evacuees waiting to get back to homes and businesses.

Officials kept a wary eye on levees as rivers swelled out of their banks with water draining away after nearly a week of storms.

About 115,000 people were being kept away from their homes in California's agricultural Central Valley. Most of those evacuated were in Sutter and Yuba counties north of Sacramento, where levees broke under the pressure of high water.

Some residents, though, refused to leave.

"I am familiar with the lay of the land," said Bob Belden, who grows almonds and walnuts near the Bear River in Rio Oso, just north of Sacramento. "We're not going to get any water."

Only scattered light showers were forecast during the week-end over most of the West Coast states with drier weather next week, the National Weather Service said. No significant rainfall was reported Saturday in Northern California.

Despite the improved weather, much of the water dumped by four major storms still has to drain through the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta and reservoirs were filled to overflowing.

"We've got to get some empty space in those reservoirs in case we get another storm," said Bill Draper of the State Department of Water Resources. "Every day we have high waters, levees are at risk."

In Modesto, the Tuolumne River, gorged by water rushing

## Flooding

**CALIFORNIA**  
Up to 50,000 residents ordered to leave Yuba City and Marysville. More than 2,200 tourists and employees stranded at Yosemite. Twenty-five counties in Northern California declared disaster areas. Major roads, including Interstate 5, Highway 50, I-80 and Highway 191, closed. One storm-related death reported.

**NEVADA**  
Hundreds forced to evacuate. U.S. Highway 95, Idaho's only north-south highway, blocked by mudslides and floods. State of emergency declared in 13 western and northern counties. \$10 million in damage.

**OREGON**  
Flood threat eases. I-5 closed in southern Oregon. Three weather-related deaths reported. State of emergency declared in four counties.

**WASHINGTON**  
Twenty-four of 39 counties in state of emergency. More than 80 homes in Seattle evacuated because of landslides. Thousands of homes without power. At least 18 deaths blamed on storms.

The only way in or out of the resort town of McCall, Idaho, 90 miles north of Boise, was the airport.

"If you had to choose between toilet paper, milk or a gold brick right now, the last thing on your list is the gold," resident Peter Andrews said. "This isn't the time to be choosy."

Governors of five Western states have declared a state of emergency in more than 80 counties since being deluged with snow and rain in a series of non-stop storms that began on Dec. 26. At least 23 deaths have been blamed on the storms.

President Clinton declared northern Nevada a major disaster area Friday and the governors of California and Idaho appealed for federal disaster help.

Yosemite National Park remained closed Saturday because of damage and damaged roads. Tourists stranded inside the park by flooding were able to leave Friday.

Thousands of tourists were still waiting for a chance to leave Reno, Nev., where the rampaging Truckee River had flooded casinos and caused the worst flooding in more than 40 years. The airport had long delays after reopening Friday; it had been closed for two days by flooded runways.

Many travelers whose flights were canceled during the closure were flying standby and facing uncertain prospects.

"It's been a rotten experience," said Fred Allen of Tacoma, Wash.

"You'd think they'd bring in extra planes. Every time you phone, they (airlines) give you a different story. I just want to get home," he said.

out of the Sierra Nevada, was washing through the southern edge of the city 15 feet above flood stage.

More than 1,000 homes were flooded and evacuations were ordered for some 3,000 Modesto residents. The city's sewage treatment plant was knocked out of service, officials said.

At First Baptist Church, Jerry Bowen and his wife, Joyce Garland, said their neighborhood and the home they bought in July was submerged.

"We're scared to death," Bowen said. "We've got five kids. We've lost everything we own. We just don't know what to do."

Early Saturday, two levees broke in a rural area west of

Modesto, 78 miles east of San Francisco in the state's central valley, police spokesman Kelly Huston said. A handful of residents were evacuated from farms in the area.

And east of the Sierra Nevada, the Walker River surged out of its banks Saturday and into the town of Yerington, Nev., virtually isolating the community.

"We have evacuated the whole west side of the city," said Karen Steel at the Lyon County Office of Emergency Management.

Rivers in most areas outside California were receding, but in Idaho, thousands of residents of small communities were still cut off by landslides and washed-out highways.

## Investigators probe cleric's link to mailed letter bombs

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Investigators tracing the source of eight letter bombs are pursuing a theory that followers of a radical Egyptian cleric mailed the explosive-laden greeting cards to a prison and a newspaper office.

Three of the followers of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, imprisoned in this country for terrorist conspiracy, are inmates at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., where two of the letter bombs were found last week. A third letter bomb — also addressed to the "parole officer" at the prison — was found Friday at the Leavenworth post office.

The possibility that the blind cleric's followers in Egypt sent the letter bombs is "an important lead we will look at closely," said Chris Murray, a spokesman for the FBI's Washington field office.

"Are we going to exclude other things? No," Murray said. But he reiterated, "It's certainly something we are going to look at very closely."

Murray said the FBI could not explain why five of the letter bombs were sent to the Washington bureau of *Al-Hayat*, a respected Arabic-language newspaper based in London.

The bombs were in what Murray described as "musical Christmas cards" that were designed to explode when opened by the recipient. The letter bombs were in 5 1/2-by-6 1/2-inch envelopes with computer-labeled addresses, the FBI said. All bore postmarks from Alexandria, Egypt.

The government of Egypt has pledged its "full support and full cooperation" of the investigation, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

The letter bombs appeared to be made with Semtex, a military-grade explosive widely used in international terrorism, *The Washington Post* reported Saturday, quoting unidentified federal law enforcement sources.

Abdel-Rahman, who is serving a life sentence for conspiring to wage a holy war of terror against the United States, is the spiritual leader of Egypt's main Muslim fundamentalist opposition to the government of President Hosni Mubarak. He was convicted of trying to arrange Mubarak's assassination.

The sheik, who is blind and has diabetes and high blood pressure, is incarcerated at the special hospital for federal prisoners in Springfield, Mo.

Two of his co-defendants in the seditious conspiracy case are being held at Leavenworth along with a Muslim radical convicted of participating in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing in New York City that killed six people and injured 1,000 others.

Mohammad Salameh is serving a 240-year sentence for his involvement in the Trade Center bombing. The two other Leavenworth inmates, Victor Alvarez and Mohammed Saleh, are each serving 35 years for conspiring with the sheik and seven others to blow up the United Nations and other New York City landmarks.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sale kicks off Friday, Jan. 10

It's that time again for people with a sweet tooth and a desire to help girls in scouting activities.

Pampa Girl Scouts will be out taking orders for the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale beginning Friday, Jan. 10, at 4 p.m., when the sale officially begins.

Theme for this year's sale is "Blaze Your Own Trail," because the Girl Scout Cookie Sale embodies the resourcefulness and creativity Girl Scouting encourages in girls, according to Texas Plains Girl Scout Council officials.

Girls build self-confidence through the cookie sale as they develop skills in setting goals, meeting the public, handling money and following through on a commitment, said Paula Goff, council membership specialist.

This year the scouts will offer two new cookies — Five Worlds Cinnamon Sugar, a savory cinnamon sugar confection stamped

with Girl Scouting's Five Worlds of Interest, and Reduced Fat Iced Ginger Daisies, lightly spiced and topped with a sugar glaze. Also available are the longtime favorites Thin Mints, Caramel Delites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread and the Peanut Butter Sandwich.

Cookies are still \$2.50 per box, and girls will take orders through Jan. 27. Cookies will be delivered between Feb. 18 and March 6.

All proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookie Sale stay in the Panhandle area and are used to help fund troop activities, council programs, camps, volunteer training and materials.

Individual girls also earn "Cookie Currency," which they may spend on troop activities, council programs, camp fees, uniforms, national registration fee, handbooks and other items from the council shop.

For more information, call Paula Goff at 439-4475.

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## Chisum schedules series of meetings in area towns

State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa will conduct town hall style meetings for the citizens of various area towns on Monday through Thursday.

Chisum said he will be open to discuss anything from legislation to grandchildren, adding that he hopes the meetings will get citizens to come together and discuss concerns in their communities.

All meetings will be in central locations and open to the public.

The following is a schedule Chisum plans to follow:

**MONDAY, Jan. 6** — Lefors, 7:30-8:15 a.m., School Cafeteria; McLean, 8:45-9:45 a.m., Devil's Rope Museum; Clarendon, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Dairy Queen; Hedley, 11:30-12:15 a.m., Senior Citizens Center; Memphis, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Bank Meeting Room; Turkey, 2:15-3:15 p.m., Senior Citizens Center; Childress, 4-5 p.m., Fairpark; Wellington, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dairy Queen; Shamrock, 7-7:45 p.m., City Hall Annex.

**TUESDAY, Jan. 7** — Miami, 7:30 a.m., Wanna Be Famous

Cafe; Mobeetie, 8-9 a.m., City Hall; Wheeler, 9:15-10 a.m., City Hall; Higgins, 11-11:45 a.m., Bank; Lipscomb, 12-12:45 p.m., Lipscomb Country Store; Darrouzett, 1:15-2:15 p.m., Senior Citizens Center; Booker, 2:30-3:30 p.m., City Hall Council Room; Gruver, 4:15-5:15 p.m., Community Center; Stinnett, 5:45-6:30 p.m., Community Building.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8** — Texhoma, 8-9 a.m., LeAnn's Restaurant; Dalhart, 10-11 a.m., First National Bank Community Room; Texline, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Texline School Auditorium; Hartley, 1:15-2 p.m., School Cafeteria; Channing, 2:15-3:15 p.m., School Auditorium.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 9** — Groom, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Community Center; Panhandle, 12-1 p.m., City Hall; White Deer, 1:15-2:15 p.m., Bank.

Chisum said he will not conduct a meeting in Pampa because he doesn't want to duplicate recent meetings of State Sen. Teel Bivins. Chisum will be in his office in town for questions or comments.

## Museum closed for renovation

**BORGER** — The Hutchinson County Museum will be closed for public visitation through Jan. 24 for renovations, according to Museum Director Ed Benz.

New carpeting will be installed upstairs and exhibit refurbishment and inventory will be downstairs. The County Commissioners Court is allowing this short closure in an effort to speed up the process and to avoid any hazard or confusion to museum visitors, Benz said.

Closure for three weeks will provide staff and volunteers more time to focus on the accreditation goal, providing less distractions and possibly help

acquire some additional manpower. It also will free up the front desk help in order to assist with this work, he said.

Staff will also be cleaning, sorting and inventorying collections, and moving items upstairs to the storage wing on the north side.

The Historical Commission and Board members will be assisting during this process as well. There will be no programs or events available with the exception of the board meeting on Jan. 21. Normal museum operations will resume on Jan. 25.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 273-0130.

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## Opinion

### It's time to talk peace in Mideast

With his cautiously worded criticism of Benjamin Netanyahu's pernicious settlements policy, President Clinton began tiptoeing toward a more responsible U.S. policy toward Israel and the Mideast. The fact is that Clinton, partly for reasons relating to his own bid for re-election and partly because of uncertainty about Netanyahu's intentions, has been remarkably — and unduly tolerant of the Israeli prime minister's provocative behavior.

The reward for this tolerance has been a peace process that has had to be kick-started twice in recent months by American mediators; a buildup of tensions among the Palestinian masses to dangerous levels, and a widening of rifts among Israelis to the point where many speak seriously about the possibility of "civil war." It would be foolish and misleading to suggest that Washington can or should dictate policy to the duly elected government of a sovereign Israel.

But Washington must, for the sake of American interests and values, let the Israeli government — the Netanyahu government — know that it does not have a moral or diplomatic blank check from the U.S. to spend in any way it wishes. But that, unfortunately, is exactly how Netanyahu has been behaving.

Netanyahu came into office promising peace with security. After six months, the shaky Mideast peace has advanced not at all, and Israel is arguably less secure, not more.

Netanyahu's Likud government appears to have become tile captive of its most radical elements, those wedded to the notion of a Greater Israel that can only be diminished by making peace with the Palestinians on any realistic terms.

Thus the decision — in the wake of the cold-blooded murder of two Jewish settlers, a woman and her twelve-year-old son, by Arab gunmen — to offer new incentives to settlers. Coming in the wake of other recent settlement-expanding actions, these incentives amounted to a thumb in the eye of Palestinian peace negotiators — and of the Americans trying to midwife the birth of a wider peace.

Clinton more than understated the matter when he said that Netanyahu's settlements policy "cannot be helpful in making peace." In truth, that policy calls into question whether Netanyahu has any real commitment to peace.

Netanyahu may not, but Israel must, and so must America. It is past time for Clinton to talk turkey with Netanyahu and tell him to get with the peace program, for that is Israel's only path to security.

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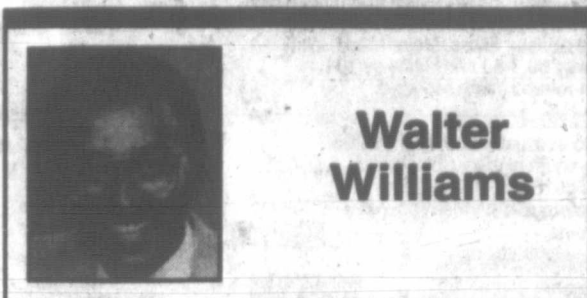
# Ebonics is not African based

Y'awl might axin me why Ah be writin dis way. Y'awl might tink ma famby didn't gib me a gud upbrirgin. Y'awl might say Ah be a no-count, woebegone yaller dawgs fit for nothin but toters and chittlins. What be wrong wid you innards and book learning, yawl might be axing?

That's what I wrote in a column that ran in fall 1995. I told you to run that paragraph by one of America's intellectual multiculturalists to get his reading. I predicted that five will get you ten he'll perk up and say, "Why, that's black English!" But it taint; it's as white of an English as you can get.

David H. Fischer, in his book, *Albion Seed*, described New Jersey-native Philip Fithian's visit to the Richmond, Va., area to teach at Nomini Hall in 1773. In his journal, Fithian wrote how Northerners said, "I am," "you are," "she isn't" and "I haven't," whereas Virginians, "even if high rank," preferred to say "I be," "you be," "she ain't" and "I hain't." Fithian discovered that the Virginian dialect even had its own vocabulary, such as "afeared" for afraid, "cater-corned" for crooked, "chomp" for chew and "disremember" for forget.

Virginians tended to add syllables to words and embellish vowels, such as "haalf" for half, "puriddy" for pretty and "wah-a-tah-mill-i-an" for watermelon. They also had a way of softening



Walter Williams

consonants: "sebem" for seven, "chimby" for chimney, "mo" for more and "wid" for with.

Virginia speech patterns were not invented in America. They were regional dialects spoken throughout the south and west of England during the 17th century in counties such as Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire, Dorset, Devon, Wiltshire, Oxford and Gloucester. By the late 18th century, these words had all but disappeared from polite usage. Fischer says, "In the 20th century, words like dis or dat were rarely heard in any part of rural England, but they persisted among poor whites and blacks in the American South."

According to Fischer, a few Africanisms crept into the English language, even words of African origin. "The major features of the Virginia accent, however, were established before African slaves

could possibly have had much impact on language.

The bottom line is the language we often hear spoken among blacks has little or nothing to do with Africa. It's as English as you want to get.

Last week, the Oakland, Calif., school board gave black English, what they call Ebonics, official recognition. Defending their position, they pointed to the wide use of "be" to denote ongoing actions, like "He be going to work." But that's precisely how ill bred Englishmen of yesteryear spoke. Englishmen suffered through the brutal "insensitivity" of people telling them they spoke incorrectly and, at the same time, demanding proper grammar and pronunciation.

Today, people are buying into the nonsense that "I be" talk is a part of a black heritage. So-called black English is simply an attempted cover-up of government school corruption and capitulation to mediocrity. If I were conspiracy minded, I'd believe that undercover Klansmen have infiltrated the Oakland school board and are trying to make Englishmen out of blacks. It's not simply a matter of "black English" being hard on the ears. Poor command of language is devastating to learning potential and reasoning skills. After all, language is how we transmit knowledge and experiences.

But don't take my word. Just ax yourself: How many successful blacks be talkin black English?

## Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Sunday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 1997. There are 360 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Jan. 5, 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

On this date:  
In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1896, the Austrian newspaper *Wiener Presse* reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Röntgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.



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## Charley Reese

The best present the federal government could give the American people in 1997 is gridlock.

Since the probability that both the legislation Clinton wants and the legislation the Republicans want will be bad legislation — that estimate is based on past performances — the ideal situation for the American people will then be no new legislation at all.

In the past, I've often suggested that the nation's capital be relocated to Fargo, N.D. That would be an economic boon to the people of Fargo, whom I suspect could always use a boon and probably deserve one. It would almost surely shorten the time members of the House and Senate would choose to stay in session. That would be a boon to the American people. We could use a boon or two these days.

The move would probably clear out a lot of lobbyists. I suspect fewer people would care to be lobbyists if they had to bundle up and fight their way through a blizzard to get to a congressman's office. Beside's it would be fun to see what a millionaire lawyer looks like attired in a parka, snow boots, mittens and a bomber's hat.

All we have to move to Fargo are the White House and the House and Senate. We can leave the bureaucrats in the District of Columbia. They can fax their budget requests to Congress. Putting some distance between the bureaucrats who actu-

ally do the work of government and the politicians would probably be more efficient, because government workers wouldn't have to spend so much time catering to congressional requests.

I know of what I speak because in my tawdry past, I was once a state bureaucrat. The only time we ever heard from legislators was when they wanted a picture for their office wall, or wanted to find a job for a campaign contributor or relative. Otherwise, they ignored us, including during the budget hearings, when they made it quite clear, by absence and inattention, that all the mounds of information they insisted we assemble were boring.

There was one eccentric legislator who used to wander over occasionally, after hours, with a tape measure and measure people's offices. I never knew why. I didn't ask. As a matter of fact, I didn't care. He didn't volunteer. But whatever he did with his measurements it never became known to us.

I believe it was the old "Iron Chancellor" of Germany, Bismarck, who said it was just as well people didn't see how their laws and sausages are made. Good advice. The only kind of person who would be favorably impressed by today's legislative

process would be a budding young opportunist.

Except for book notes and an occasional conference, I've even given up on C-SPAN, as watching my leaders in action is entirely too depressing, and I can't afford Prozac.

I will say this in their favor, however. If ever there is a great religious revival in the country, politicians will be its instigator. No one watching them in action could possibly believe in man or reason.

Even an atheist would be driven to hope, if not believe, that there is a God by the awful prospect of having to rely on those characters to solve problems and avoid disasters.

Your average professional politician today reads polls instead of history, has ambitions rather than convictions or conscience and has never met a lobbyist or a banality he didn't embrace. Some of them are so dumb they don't even have to be bribed.

It's just as well the year is over. Bill Clinton, who lives for campaigns, seems to be going into the politician's equivalent of postpartum depression. Bob Dole, who made a fool out of himself on the campaign trail, is now doing it on television, cheapening what's left of his reputation by appearing in commercials and being a foil on sitcoms.

Come back, Harry Truman, we need you.  
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# Clinton snitch doesn't exist for media

## R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

These past weeks, there must have been moments when House Speaker Newt Gingrich wished that he simply did not exist. At some chill moment, he or his advisers arrived at the decision that such were the discrepancies in testimony he had given over the years about some history course that he had taught back in podunk that now, he must come clean. A public apology would have to be made immediately.

At the moment Gingrich made that decision, surely he foresaw that all hell was going to break loose. The Democrats would shriek. Yes, the Democrats — the party of Dan Rostenkowski, Jim Wright, the Clintons, the Hubbells, the Tuckers, the McDougals and so many others — would demand probity in high places. They would call for the speaker's resignation. The media — that sanctum sanctorum of journalistic ethics that is about to enlist the peerless literary skills of George Stephanopoulos — would serve as transcontinental echo chamber for the Democrats' expostulations. That is how the media work in this great land of First Amendment derring-do.

Surely, as Gingrich contemplated the impending soap opera, he wished he could slip away into oblivion at least for a few weeks. Such a wish is not all that fantastical. There are people in American public life who, of a sudden, do not exist. Consider former White House Director of Administration David Watkins. He has been a friend of Bill Clinton since the 1970s. Throughout the 1980s, he was an important factor in the Clinton campaigns. In 1992, he was deputy campaign manager and chief of operations. He signed every check and managed bridge loans, and on the night of Clinton's election, after the governor acknowledged his victory on the steps of the Old State House, Watkins was the second person Clinton hugged and kissed. The first was Clinton's mother.

In the Clinton White House, Watkins first served his old pal the title of "assistant to the president for management and administration." In the

first few weeks of the administration, when the newly elected president got into a row with White House operators whom he suspected of listening in on his calls, it fell to Watkins to arrange a new telephone system. He also hired a pretty young woman named Catherine Cornelius, who soon attracted the president's eye, began traveling with him and suddenly (to Watkins' surprise) was being identified by the credulous press as the president's distant cousin — some distance.

Watkins became best known for firing government employees of the White House Travel Office. He was in the headlines repeatedly until he was seen using a presidential helicopter while on a golf outing. Then, the president canned him. His next appearance in public was during testimony on Capitol Hill regarding the Travel Office firings. Now, he does not exist.

This month, Watkins' revelations of what it was like to serve in the Clinton White House and to know the Clintons for 20 years have been published in *The American Spectator*. And, apparently, *The American Spectator*, with a circulation of around 250,000, does not exist either. Watkins' revelations have been available to the national media for two weeks, and neither *The New York Times* nor *The Washington Post* have even reported his break with the administration, to say nothing of commenting on his revelations. Naturally, the networks have not reported on Watkins, but then they only know what they get from the *Times* and the *Post*. Watkins does exist in Europe. The redoubtable Sunday *Telegraph* of London reported on Dec. 15, "The inner circle is beginning to crack. David Watkins ... has decided to spill some beans in the next addition of *The American Spectator*. It is the first time that a member of the so-called 'Arkansas Group' has

broken ranks and agreed to talk on the record."

According to the *Telegraph*, Watkins — in ten hours of tapes — explains that Hillary Rodham Clinton ordered the Travel Office firings, which she has been lying about to federal investigators. He talks about his friendship with Vince Foster and the strange things that went on around the White House just before Foster's death. He confirms assertions by former Clinton employees that there was a long-standing love affair between Hillary and Foster, the highest ranking suicide since Secretary of War James H. H. Watkins notes that at Foster's funeral, Hillary was separated from her husband and the Foster family during a private reception. A Marsha Scott is unveiled as yet another of the president's lovers and one with extraordinary influence in the White House.

For a few moments on Dec. 17, it appeared that David Watkins and *The American Spectator* might actually exist. That was when a reporter (probably British) at a press briefing asked White House spokesman Mike McCurry about the Watkins revelations. The president's chief censor responded, "I don't have any comment on that article." That was the last of it. Apparently, the American media deduced that the story did not exist. I know that reporters from one of the networks asked to listen to the Watkins tapes. After a few minutes, they claimed that they had heard enough. Their story would be broadcast on the evening news. It never was; probably because, as we all know, Watkins does not exist.

He does exist on talk radio, however. Rush Limbaugh, Don Imus, Michael Reagan, Gordon Liddy and scores of other talk radio hosts have been discussing Watkins' revelations for days. Millions of Americans have heard Watkins being identified as the Clintons' John Dean. But John Dean was a real person. He snitched on Richard Nixon. David Watkins does not exist, and we reporters certainly cannot ask him about how he financed all those Clinton campaigns in the past, can we? Who cares about the financing of a Clinton campaign?

# Letters to the editor

## Thanks for town that cares

To the editor:  
I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the support and care my family received from this community after the loss of our home on Dec. 17, 1996. What a privilege to live in a town that people care and will take time to share the loss with you.  
A special thank you for all the Pampa firefighters who assisted in getting the fire out that evening; each one displayed confidence and professionalism, but above that was the compassion you showed for our loss. Special thanks to Pampa firefighters Jay Henson and James Schaub, who showed quality of character by giving me support and comfort while encountering this crisis.  
For my church family of Trinity Fellowship Church, who not only love and care for us, but gathered together to pray, encourage, shelter and clothe us that evening, along with so many others we knew or didn't know. To the neighbors and friends of Comanche Trail, a part of us is gone, but the memories and friendships we made at 2722 Comanche will always remain.

After the final wall has come down and the foundation has been swept, my thoughts are reflected on my family and friends, but most of all my heavenly Father, who preserved and kept us in the shelter of his love. As we begin a new year, our hopes and dreams are not only for our family but for the community of Pampa, to arise and shine with more love and unity than ever before. The best is yet to come and it starts with you and me.

God Bless You All in 1997  
Tommy and Becky Smith  
Austin, Bradley, Taylor and Trevor  
Matthew 25:40 - And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

## Jesus preached tolerance

To the editor:  
In a letter to the editor dated December 29, 1996, I noticed this grand title "Nation of Morality." As I began to read the article, it appeared that the author was Christian, and trying desperately to be patriotic.

In reading the full article, one finds instead that this person is only full of hate and judgment and will not be satisfied in a world that is not crafted exactly the way he wants. Jesus never taught these principles, rather He taught tolerance. I believe that if Jesus walked the Earth today that there would not be any group of people that he would push away. Do you remember the tax collectors? Do you remember the woman at the well? Do you remember the lepers?

Also, if you take a second, closer, look at the majority of those people who founded this great country you would see that theologically they were quite different from what the writer espouses. If they weren't agnostics, they only accepted part of the scriptures as truth. (Thomas Jefferson, author of the Constitution, only accepted the first five books of the Bible as truth).

So what if there were people who were "different" in our military. They served our country with honor and they deserve to be remembered honorably for who they really were.

Do you also believe as an American that "same rights" equal "special rights"? I do not! This is America after all. Aren't basic civil rights the foundation of our Constitution? The last time I checked, it was a guarantee.

I do agree with some of the closing thoughts of the writer, though. Yes, may the Lord God bless this country and bring His peace to the entire world. Thank you for your time.

Jeff Hinkle  
Dallas

## Why take the wreath?

To the editor:  
On Christmas Eve my daughter and I put a beautiful wreath on my husband's grave. My daughter wired it to the stone with fine copper wire. On Saturday, I went back to get the wreath and replace it with red roses.

I was really shocked to see that it was gone. It's not the price of the wreath that bothered me. It was the sentiment of the thing.

We are very hurt and can't understand why someone would do this. I believe in forgiveness and I know God will forgive you if you ask.

Grace Randolph  
Pampa

## Dutch enjoy bitter cold by going on 124-mile skating trek

LEEUWARDEN, Netherlands (AP) — Celebrating the bitter cold rather than fighting it, more than 16,000 skaters took off in the pitch dark Saturday to join a uniquely Dutch event: the 124-mile Eleven Cities Tour.

While Europe is suffering its coldest winter in a decade, the weather has created perfect conditions for the traditional skating race-winter party across the Netherlands' frozen lakes and canals.

After 11 frustratingly temperate winters in which the tour was not held, the skaters braved frigid winds Saturday morning to begin the grueling trek. They were cheered on by hundreds of thousands of fans who lined the way.

"This is the highlight of the year for me," said Evert van Benthem, who won the last two tours in 1985 and 1986, but was racing today for fun instead of victory.

Some 300 racers set out at 5:30 a.m. in this provincial capital, followed by 16,000 non-competitive skaters completing a clockwise loop through the flat northern province of Friesland.

"We have more competitors than the Olympics," provincial governor Loek Herman told the *De Telegraaf* daily.

About seven hours later, Henk Angenent, racing in his first Eleven Cities Tour, beat four other skaters in a sprint to the finish. Favorite Erik Hulzebosch took second.

Angenent's time of six hours 49 minutes was just off the race record of six hours 47 minutes set in 1985 by Evert van Benthem.

"This is absolutely fantastic, the public was fantastic," Angenent said as he was mobbed at the finish line by supporters.

The event pays no prize money, so participants take part for the love of skating. So do the fans lining the course, who down the local Beerenburg liquor and toast the winner.

**The Dutch run the Elfstedentocht (Eleven towns tour)**

Watchmen from each of the 11 cities on the race course measure the ice's thickness. When the ice is six inches deep along the course, the race may be held.

This race has been held just 14 times since 1909.

The Dutch have developed a form of ice transplanting to ensure solid ice throughout the course. They cut away blocks of ice from side canals, and drag them across the ice to the open water, usually under bridges.

The transplant is not strong enough to handle all 15,000 racers. An elite group of competitive skaters will be allowed to skate the whole course. The others must exit the ice at these weaker points and get to the solid ice by bus, by walking on carpet or straw paths, or by crawling on all fours.

Map Detail:  
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40 km

Locations on map:  
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Lestwarden (SEVEN)  
Harlingen (116 km)  
Sneek (22 km)  
IJlst (26 km)  
Sloten (40 km)  
Staveren (66 km)  
Hindeloopen (77 km)  
Worster (86 km)  
Polward (99 km)

AP/Terry Kola

The course provides picture postcard views of Holland, taking skaters across narrow city canals spanned by drawbridges, into the lowlands and along century-old dikes dotted with windmills.

While conventional speedskating is like cycling on a smooth wooden track, natural ice skating is like cycling down a rough cobblestone street. A perfect gliding technique is of little use.

And if skating in the dark isn't challenging enough, the Eleven Cities Tour course is gouged by cracks, holes and fissures, which participants must navigate around with only a mine lamp on their caps. Freezing winds also instantly turn sweat into ice.

Racers Saturday faced a fierce wind chill on top of temperatures dropping to 14 degrees. It was so cold Friday the penguins at Amsterdam's Artis zoo were taken inside.

Racers typically start with strong northern gusts at their backs but then turn into the wind for a long strength-sapping stretch.

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# Happy New Year!!

*If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should never grow old.*  
— James A. Garfield

As you read this column, we are entering a brand new year. It means that we are another year older and hopefully a little wiser. It also means that we are blessed with new opportunities.

My dictionary defines opportunity as "a combination of circumstances favorable for the purpose." To me, opportunity has even deeper meaning. An opportunity is a chance to accomplish, achieve or gain something of great value.

As the years pass swiftly by, I find my perception of value is changing. When I was younger, my dreams were filled with wealth and material things. I wanted a big house, expensive automobiles and lots of money. I wanted people to think of me as a successful and terrific person.

Now that I have lived through many new years, I'm realizing that a big house does not make a happy home if there are no loving and caring relationships inside. I'm also beginning to see that the price and make of the car folks drive has little to do with the owner's character, integrity and personal success. And money, well, it can slip through our fingers like grains of sand.

So, what exactly am I saying? I'm trying to say that this new year brings each of us an opportunity. A fleeting, difficult to grasp, chance of success.

**A New Way to Look at Success**  
Truett Cathy, author of *It's Easier to Succeed Than to Fail*, wrote, "We make a living by what we get ... but we make a life by what we give." As I look at those quiet folks I've grown to respect and admire, I find that they are all givers. They give of themselves as well as their resources. Their success comes from their giving, not from what they've gained.

I often read on the front page of the newspaper where an individual or family donates \$10,000 or \$100,000 to this or that worthy cause. Of course, many worthy organizations need and appreciate these funds. However, I often question the motivation of such giving. Was the money given because of the need or because of the desire for recognition?

The issue of giving makes me think of the Biblical account of the widow's mites. In Mark, Chapter 12, a widow put two mites — mites were the smallest coin used by the Jews, and two mites would be less than a penny today — into the offering for the temple. All around her wealthy people were throwing large sums into the treasury. However, it was the widow's mites that caused Jesus to speak to his disciples. Christ explained that the widow did more with her two mites than all the rich with their large amounts. He explained that she gave all she had, while the rich gave only a pittance of their wealth.

This principle of sacrificial giving really is a new way to look at success. This I know for certain: Life is a fleeting moment. None of us have any guarantee that this year won't be our last. I encourage each of you to make 1997 a year that will count.

My wish for each of you this new year is that you will have your most successful year ever. I hope you will measure your success by what you give rather than what you get. I want every one of you to be happy and prosperous. I want you to understand the joy and peace that comes with learning it is more rewarding to give than to receive.

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## 'Soccer mom' voted top word of '96

CHICAGO (AP) — Politicians and pollsters liked it, and now the term "soccer mom" has the blessing of linguists, even though it's a joke acceptance.

"Soccer mom" was voted Word of the Year for 1996 by the American Dialect Society. It beat out "alpha geek" in Friday's balloting at the group's annual meeting here.

"You'd have to ask Bill Clinton or Bob Dole why it is so important," said Allan Metcalf, the society's recording secretary and an English professor at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. "We are merely recognizing its importance."

"Soccer mom" was a political buzz-term during the presidential campaign, referring to the demographic group of suburban women seen as a key voting bloc.

"Alpha geek" refers to the person in any office who's known as a solver of computer problems.

The official race started in 1909

and Saturday was only the 15th running. But its roots date to the 17th century, when skates were as ubiquitous as cars are now.

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Business

# Society of Petroleum Engineers announces 13th Annual Drilling Conference to be in Amsterdam

In a program departure from previous years, the 1997 SPE/IADC Drilling Conference will include Plenary Sessions on each of the three days that will address the "bottom line" in drilling/completion economics.

More than 1,000 oil and gas drilling specialists are expected to attend the 13th Annual Drilling Conference to be held March 4-6, 1997, at the Rai Congress Centre in Amsterdam. The conference, which also includes an exhibition featuring technical displays of equipment and services, is sponsored each year by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC).

A total of 16 sessions will feature more than 100 technical presentations that will deal with improving economics through such innovations as new drilling equipment, new well management tools, wide-ranging environmental safeguards and advances in drilling/completion techniques.

According to Andre van Strijp of Shell International E&P B.V., chairman of the Program Committee, the new mid-day Plenary Sessions will be held each day, featuring panels of specialists from each of the key stakeholders in the drilling/completion cycle-service and supply, contract drilling, and producing. Each panel will discuss 'The Contribution of Drilling Technology to the Bottom Line' from the

point of view of their respective industry segments.

Facilitator for all three Plenary Sessions will be Joseph E. Warren, chairman of Frontier Resources Inc.

Among issues to be examined at Plenary Sessions are:

- The future outlook for market developments;
- Staffing, including skill competencies and outsourcing;
- Common needs to address the bottom line;
- How contractual relationships influence the development and application of technology;
- Views on joint prospects/technology developments;
- The impact of HSE regulatory bodies on technology development;
- Views on both short- and long-term development opportunities; and
- Examples of technology applications that contribute significantly to the bottom line.

At past conferences, van Strijp explained, formal luncheons were held, each with a scheduled speaker.

"The conference will continue to host daily luncheons; however, they will follow the Plenary Sessions, and will have no formal program," he said. "This will maximize opportunities for conference delegates to engage in informal networking."

Among noted speakers at the conference - either at Plenary Sessions or during Technical Sessions - will be 1997 SPE President T. Scott Hickman and IADC Chairman Frits van Riet. Hickman also will present the 1996 Drilling Engineering Award to Tommy M. Warren of Amoco Production Co.

In addition, several multiple sessions will be devoted to both drilling rigs and special drilling operations.

An increasingly popular feature of the Drilling Conference, the Exhibition, will be held continuously during each of the conference's three days. It will provide delegates with opportunities to view new and improved products and services, resulting in an increasingly more efficient transfer of technology.

The Society of Petroleum Engineers is a nonprofit, technical and professional association whose 52,000 members from more than 100 countries are engaged in energy resources development and production. SPE collects, distributes and exchanges information on techniques and operations related to exploration, drilling, production and management of energy resources.

The IADC represents the vast majority of the companies who own the world's offshore drilling and well-servicing fleet, as well as land drilling contractors, producing companies, petroleum service firms and equipment manufacturers. More than 1,000 companies hold membership.

# Edward D. Jones unveils new World Wide Web site

Roger D. David of the Pampa office of the financial-services firm Edward Jones has announced the unveiling of the firm's new site on the World Wide Web.

Visitors to this interactive Internet site, at <http://www.edwardjones.com>, can track the performance of their favorite stocks, locate the nearest Edward Jones branch location, determine how much they need to save for retirement, calculate future college costs and much more.

"Every day, more and more individuals are using the Internet for information," David said. "Edward Jones researched the needs of our clients and has created a site that reflects those needs and is easy to use. This is just another example of our commitment to quality customer service."

The Edward Jones Web site has a unique branch office locator. Not only can users find a local office, but each individual investment representative's personal page offers a wealth of customized information including a photo, local interests, upcoming events and more. Visitors also have the option of entering their address so that a Jones representative can contact them.

"We are really excited about the neighborhood branch category," David said. "Members of our community can access stocks of local interest, including market analyses updated twice each day. A schedule of my upcoming customer satellite broadcast will also be posted here. This category will personalize the site for Pampa."

David said the new site will

offer additional categories, including investment solutions, market updates and stock prices, career opportunities, and Edward Jones philosophy.

When users select the investment solutions category, they can calculate personal information such as income and current retirement savings. In the market update and stock category, users can input their own stocks on an interactive page and monitor the companies progress.

Josh Bachmann, the firm's managing principal, said Jones chose to establish a Web site for several reasons.

"We are the only financial-services firm that serves individual investors exclusively. With so many individuals on the Internet, we felt it was important to be there, too," said Bachmann.

"Today, about 24 million people in the United States and Canada are online. That number will be nearly 200 million by the year 2000. We want those people to know what we have to offer and that access to the latest financial information is through a name they have come to trust - Edward Jones."

With more than 3,300 offices in 50 states, Edward Jones is the largest financial-services firm in the nation in terms of locations. Plans are under way to expand to 10,000 offices in the next decade. Jones offers a variety of investments including certificates of deposit, taxable and tax-free bonds, stocks and mutual funds. The firm traces its roots to 1871, and today serves more than 2 million customers.

## Business briefs

### Nation's manufacturing economy improves

NEW YORK (AP) - The nation's manufacturing economy grew faster than expected in December, the latest in a recent batch of numbers showing surprisingly strong growth.

The National Association of Purchasing Management index also included signs of inflation that prompted selling in stock and bond markets.

In another sign of growth, the Conference Board reported that its help-wanted advertising index rose in November. However, first-time claims for unemployment benefits advanced to the highest level since summer.

### Profits dismal for second Christmas shopping season

NEW YORK (AP) - Early reports from the nation's retailers show the holiday buying season may have been a disappointment.

Shoppers watched their wallets at J.C. Penney and Dayton Hudson Corp., and at CompUSA, the companies have reported.

Store owners had been upbeat about this Christmas after suffering through a dismal season a year ago, but the optimism failed to hold.

Steep levels of credit-card debt, foul weather and five fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas contributed to the slowdown.

### Study: Women's role still not equal to man's in workplace

WASHINGTON (AP) - Women are making slow headway toward parity with men in the workplace, say the authors of a new study.

The study, *Women, Work and Family in America*, showed women brought home 72 percent of men's wages in 1994 compared with 59 percent in 1970.

However, the study also found that in some cases women had to work more hours and that some gained only because men's wages were relatively stagnant.

The study, also noted that women remain responsible for most housework and child care.

## Chamber Communique

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and staff wish to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

The Chamber Retail Committee will be holding a planning session from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Nona Payne Conference Room in the Pampa Community Building. All retailers are invited to attend.

• Meetings:  
Monday - 12 noon, Membership Committee  
Tuesday - 7 a.m., Retail Committee

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### FAA orders Boeing 737 pilots to get special instruction

WASHINGTON (AP) - With investigators still puzzling over two Boeing 737 crashes, the government ordered pilots who fly the jetliner to get new instructions on how to handle unexpected rudder swings.

Rudder problems are suspected, but not proved, in deadly crashes involving 737s near Pittsburgh in 1994 and Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1991.

### Kiwi International Air Lines cuts back number of flights

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Kiwi International Air Lines said it will resume regularly scheduled flights Jan. 20, flying between Atlanta, Chicago, Newark and West Palm Beach, Fla., with less than half the number of flights it had before filing for bankruptcy protection.

Bolstered by a \$5 million loan,

Kiwi's new schedule of about 26 flights daily, using seven jets, will allow it to recall about 500 of its 1,200 workers, airline spokesman Rob Kulat said.

### Ben and Jerry's Homemade Inc. announces new CEO

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. - Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. has scooped up another chief executive, Perry Odak, 51, to lead the eclectic ice cream maker. His appointment comes less than two years after the company hired an outside CEO to introduce a more professional management culture.

Odak has held a number of management jobs, including a year as president of video game maker Atari's consumer products group. He oversaw marketing for Dial soap, advised machine-tool maker Sudbury Inc. and most recently worked for U.S. Repeating Arms Co., a sporting goods company.

### Internal Revenue Service sends income tax packages

WASHINGTON (AP) - Talk about a post-New Year's let-down. With Americans' mailboxes barely cleared of Christmas cards, the Internal Revenue Service is sending its own holiday greetings.

Most of the 65.5 million Americans due 1996 income tax packages started receiving them Thursday, although some postmasters itching to rid their warehouses of the documents jumped the gun on the delivery date.

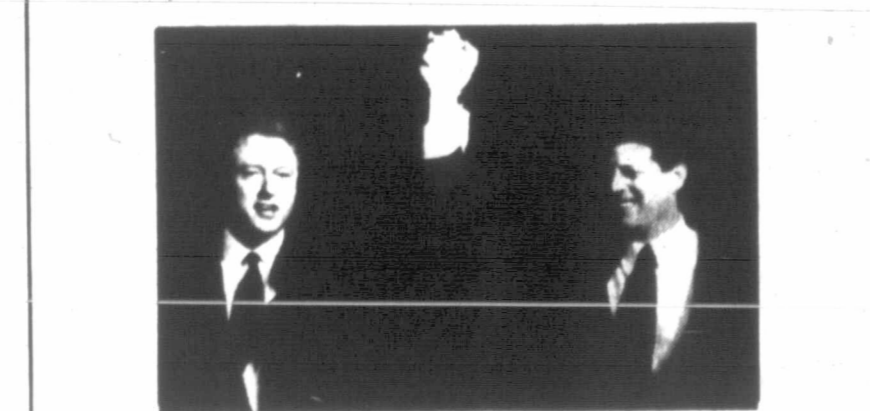
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### THE YEAR IN REVIEW (10 points for each question answered correctly)



1) President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore celebrate after their reelection in November. The two got ... per cent of the popular vote.  
a-45 b-49 c-53

2) O.J. Simpson was in court again, this time as the defendant in a (CHOOSE ONE: criminal, civil) case involving the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

3) Russian President ... underwent apparently successful heart bypass surgery, and by year's end had resumed some of his duties.

4) Arnoldo Aleman defeated Daniel Ortega to become the new president of (CHOOSE ONE: Guatemala, Nicaragua).

5) The Treasury Department began issuing new \$100 bills in order to thwart counterfeiters. The bills bear the picture of ... an important figure in the Revolutionary War.

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| 2-circumvent | b-threaten      |
| 3-negotiate  | c-revolutionary |
| 4-elect      | d-choose        |
| 5-fulminate  | e-avoid         |

### PEOPLE/SPORTS (5 points for each correct answer)

1) The Summer Olympics, held in Atlanta, Georgia, marked the 100th anniversary of the modern games. More than (CHOOSE ONE: 5,000, 10,000) athletes from around the world competed in the games.

2) Minnesota Twins baseball star ... was forced to retire because of glaucoma.

3) Tennessee's 83-65 win over Georgia in the NCAA women's basketball championship gave Vols' coach Pat Summitt her ... national championship.  
a-3rd b-4th c-8th

4) The discount chain store Wal-Mart refused to sell a CD by singer ... because of lyrics that refer to gun purchases at its stores.

5) Jazz legend ... dubbed "the first lady of song," died at the age of 78.

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## Fires destroy three Mount Carmel buildings

WACO (AP) — Suspicious fires destroyed three small buildings at the former Branch Davidian compound where cult leader David Koresh and 75 followers died after their 51-day standoff with federal agents.

No one was injured in the fires at the Mount Carmel site 10 miles east of Waco.

The blazes leveled the home of Amo Bishop Roden, former common-law wife of one-time Branch Davidian leader George Roden, and two museums she used to chronicle the group's history, including the deadly 1993 standoff.

"There was no wind and it had been damp. It's hard to believe an electrical fire or other accidental fire could have spread to all three buildings," said

Terry Fuller, a detective with the McLennan County Sheriff's Department.

Officials did not have any suspects in the fires that occurred late Wednesday or early Thursday, Fuller told the *Waco Tribune-Herald* on Friday.

A sheriff's department dispatcher said Saturday that no one was available to discuss the case.

A man living in a van on the property reported awakening early Thursday to find the buildings and a car parked nearby burned. The man called cult member Clive Doyle, who called the sheriff's department, Fuller said.

The man in the van apparently had permission from Ms. Roden to stay on the property, Fuller said. However, deputies were unable to locate him.

## Sharp expects little growth in state revenues

AUSTIN (AP) — State Comptroller John Sharp is expected to warn lawmakers that a lean two years lie ahead for state revenue, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Citing unidentified sources, the newspaper reported in its Saturday editions that Sharp is expected to predict an economic slowdown that will limit state revenue growth and threaten new initiatives.

Gov. George W. Bush has put two initiatives — property tax relief and reading programs — at the top of his program for the 1997 Legislature, which convenes Jan. 14.

The newspaper's sources said Sharp is expected to project state revenue growth of a modest \$2 billion. Also, the state is likely to end the two-year period with as much as \$1.8 billion in its coffers, bringing total revenue growth to less than \$4 billion.

In the past two years, state revenue increased by \$4.5 billion. In 1992-93, it rose by \$5.7 billion.

"The economic growth over the last couple of years has been fairly strong," said Mike Reissig, the state's chief revenue estimator. "We expect growth to be a little slower, in keeping with national trends."

Sharp provides lawmakers with an outlook on how much money the state is likely to earn during the next two years from various sources, including fees and taxes. He has published economic forecasts projecting growth of 2.6 percent in 1997, 2.5 percent in 1998 and 3.2 percent in 1999.

State budget writers will unveil their spending plans on Monday with a preliminary budget that is expected to be conservative.

The preliminary 1998-99 budget includes \$83.2 billion in state and federal money, or about 4 percent more than the current \$79.9 billion budget. In recent years, growth in spending has been considerably higher, ranging from 27 percent in 1990-91 to slightly more than 7 percent in 1996-97.

"I think our numbers are in the same range as Sharp's. If we are off, it won't be by much," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, one of the budget writers.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said the budget is only a starting point.

"This is nowhere near a final budget," Ratliff said. "I hope we can do the governor's plan, but I think a lot of people will be looking at the money that is available."

Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said the governor had not seen the preliminary budget but he plans to release his ideas on the shape the budget should take shortly after the Legislature convenes.

The four major spending areas in the preliminary budget would increase current spending by:

- \$1.74 billion for public education, including \$200 million to ensure fair funding of each school and \$228 million for the teacher pension plan.

- \$356 million for health and human services, including \$126 million for elderly and disabled legal immigrants and children with disabilities who are losing benefits under federal welfare reform.

- The increase also includes \$289 million for community care programs and pay increases for their workers who make minimum wage.

- \$197 million for corrections and public safety.

- \$175 million for higher education.

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Early Registration: December 2, 1996

General Registration: January 7, 1997

Evening Registration: January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00

Classes Begin: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1997

Classes End: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1997

| TIME             | DAY  | DPT   | NBR  | SEC | CLASS DESCRIPTION       | HRS | INSTRUCTOR |
|------------------|------|-------|------|-----|-------------------------|-----|------------|
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | T    | Acct. | 2302 | 01  | Accounting II           | 3   | Hubbard    |
| 2:00-4:50 PM     | T    | Arts  | 1316 | 01  | Drawing I               | 3   | Shelley    |
| LAB 2:00-4:50 PM | T    |       |      |     | Drawing I               |     |            |
| 2:00-4:50 PM     | T    | Arts  | 1317 | 01  | Drawing II              | 3   | Shelley    |
| LAB 2:00-4:50    | T    |       |      |     | Drawing II              |     |            |
| 2:00-4:50 PM     | W    | Arts  | 2316 | 01  | Intro To Oil Paint      | 3   | Shelley    |
| LAB 2:00-4:50    | W    |       |      |     | Intro To Oil Paint      |     |            |
| 2:00-4:50 PM     | W    | Arts  | 2317 | 01  | Oil Painting            | 3   | Shelley    |
| LAB 2:00-4:50    | W    |       |      |     | Oil Painting            |     |            |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | T    | Biol. | 1322 | 01  | Nutrition               | 3   | Sullivan   |
| 4:00-6:50 PM     | TH   | Biol. | 1411 | 01  | Botany                  | 4   | Lowrie     |
| LAB 7:00-9:50    | TH   |       |      |     | Botany                  |     |            |
| 9:00-11:50 AM    | TH   | Biol. | 1413 | 01  | Zoology                 | 4   | Windhorst  |
| LAB 9:00-11:50   | T    |       |      |     | Zoology                 |     |            |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | W    | Biol. | 2402 | 01  | Human A&P II            | 4   | Windhorst  |
| LAB 4:00-6:50    | W    |       |      |     | Human A&P II            |     |            |
| 4:30-6:50 PM     | T    | Biol. | 2420 | 01  | Microbiology            | 4   | Lowrie     |
| LAB 7:00-9:50    | T    |       |      |     | Microbiology            |     |            |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | W    | Busi. | 1304 | 01  | Bs. Communication       | 3   | Crow       |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Busi. | 1307 | 01  | Personal Finance        | 3   | Staff      |
| 2:00-4:50 PM     | W    | Busi. | 1301 | 01  | Business Law            | 3   | Dorsey     |
| 6:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Cosc. | 1301 | 01  | Intro. To Computers     | 3   | Reeve      |
| LAB 6:00-9:50 PM | T    |       |      |     | Intro. To Computers     |     |            |
| LAB 6:00-9:50 PM | T    |       |      |     | Intro. To Computers     |     |            |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | W    | Crij. | 1307 | 01  | Crime In America        | 3   | Jeffrey    |
| 6:00-9:50 PM     | M/W  | Elec. | 2001 | 01  | Digital Fundamentals    | 4   | Ford       |
| LAB 6:00-9:50 PM | TBA  |       |      |     | Digital Fundamentals    |     |            |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Engl. | 0308 | 01  | Preparatory English     | 3   | Thornton   |
| 8:00-8:50 AM     | MWF  | Engl. | 1301 | 01  | Eng. Comp./Rhetoric I   | 3   | Thompson   |
| 9:00-10:20 AM    | T/TH | Engl. | 1301 | 02  | Eng. Comp./Rhetoric I   | 3   | Scoggin    |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | W    | Engl. | 1301 | 03  | Eng. Comp./Rhetoric I   | 3   | Wilson     |
| 9:00-9:50 AM     | MWF  | Engl. | 1302 | 01  | Eng. Comp./Rhetoric II  | 3   | Thompson   |
| 10:30-11:50 AM   | T/TH | Engl. | 1302 | 02  | Eng. Comp./Rhetoric II  | 3   | Scoggin    |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | T    | Engl. | 1302 | 03  | Eng. Comp./Rhetoric II  | 3   | Thompson   |
| 1:00-3:50 PM     | M    | Engl. | 2307 | 01  | Creative Writing        | 3   | Thompson   |
| 1:00-3:30 PM     | T    | Engl. | 2311 | 01  | Technical Writing       | 3   | Scoggin    |
| 10:00-10:50 AM   | MWF  | Engl. | 2332 | 01  | World Literature I      | 3   | Thompson   |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | TH   | Engl. | 2333 | 01  | World Literature II     | 3   | Scoggin    |
| 10:30-11:50 AM   | T/TH | Govt. | 2301 | 01  | Amer. Constitution      | 3   | Tibbets    |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | T    | Govt. | 2301 | 02  | Amer. Constitution      | 3   | Tibbets    |
| 1:00-2:20 PM     | T/TH | Govt. | 2302 | 01  | Texas Government        | 3   | Tibbets    |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Govt. | 2302 | 02  | Texas Government        | 3   | Peet       |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | TH   | Hist. | 1301 | 01  | U.S. History To 1865    | 3   | Rapstine   |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Hist. | 1301 | 02  | U.S. History To 1865    | 3   | Rapstine   |
| 10:00-10:50 AM   | MWF  | Hist. | 1301 | 03  | U.S. History To 1865    | 3   | Williams   |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | W    | Hist. | 1302 | 02  | U.S. History To Present | 3   | Staff      |
| 11:00-11:50 AM   | MWF  | Hist. | 1302 | 03  | U.S. History To Present | 3   | Williams   |
| 1:30-2:50 PM     | M/W  | Hist. | 1302 | 04  | U.S. History To Present | 3   | Staff      |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | T    | Huma  | 1315 | 01  | Intro. To Humanities    | 3   | Juengerman |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | TH   | Math  | 0307 | 01  | Beginning Algebra       | 2   | Baker      |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | TH   | Math  | 0308 | 01  | Beginning Algebra       | 3   | Stewart    |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | TH   | Math  | 0308 | 01  | Intermediate Algebra    | 3   | Stewart    |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | T    | Math  | 1314 | 01  | College Algebra         | 3   | Baker      |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Math  | 1324 | 01  | Finite Mathematics      | 3   | Howard     |
| 12:00-1:20 PM    | T/TH | Mdt   | 113  | 01  | Medical Terminology     | 3   | Windhorst  |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | TH   | Musi  | 1301 | 01  | Music Fundamentals      | 3   | Juengerman |
| 10:30-11:50 AM   | T/TH | OFAD  | 1311 | 01  | Beginning Keyboard      | 3   | Johnson    |
| 9:00-10:20 AM    | T/TH | OFAD  | 2304 | 01  | Beginning Keyboard      | 3   | Johnson    |
| 6:30-9:20 PM     | W    | OFAD  | 2304 | 02  | Word Processing I       | 3   | Haynes     |
| 6:00-7:00 PM     | M    | Psyc  | 0090 | 01  | Orientation             | 1   | Staff      |
| 6:30-9:20 PM     | W    | Psyc  | 2301 | 01  | General Psychology      | 3   | Landwerth  |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Psyc  | 2301 | 02  | General Psychology      | 3   | Vinson     |
| 8:00-9:20 AM     | T/TH | Psyc  | 2301 | 03  | General Psychology      | 3   | Landwerth  |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | TH   | Psyc  | 2308 | 01  | Child Psychology        | 3   | Vinson     |
| 9:00-11:50 AM    | FRI  | Psyc  | 2308 | 02  | Child Psychology        | 3   | Landwerth  |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Read  | 0306 | 01  | Reading Fundamentals    | 1   | Staff      |
| 2:00-4:50 PM     | W    | Soci. | 1301 | 01  | Intro. To Sociology     | 3   | Wilson     |
| 9:00-11:50 AM    | SAT  | Soci. | 1306 | 01  | Social Issues           | 3   | Wilson     |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | W    | Spch  | 1315 | 01  | Public Speaking         | 3   | Hale       |
| 7:00-9:50 PM     | M    | Spch  | 1318 | 01  | Interpersonal Speech    | 3   | Staff      |

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### BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — Optimist boys' basketball signups-tryouts will be held Tuesday through Thursday at the Optimist Gym.

Signup times are from 6 to 8 Tuesday and Wednesday night, and from 6 to 7 on Thursday night.

There will be two leagues: third and fourth grades; fifth and sixth grades.

Cost is \$35 per player.

Call Rusty Gallagher at 669-7179 if more information is needed.

### FOOTBALL

**PAMPA** — Tickets for the Pampa Harvester Football Banquet go on sale Monday through Wednesday from 11 to 5 at the PHS Athletic Office.

Tickets are seven dollars for the banquet, which will be held at 6:30 Saturday night at McNeely Fieldhouse.

No tickets will be sold at the door on banquet night. Attire is Sunday dress.

The 1996 Harvesters became the first Pampa football team to advance to the state semifinals.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Houston Oilers coach Jeff Fisher fired offensive coordinator Jerry Rhome with one year remaining on his contract Friday and chose receivers coach Les Steckel as his replacement.

The Oilers ranked 18th in the NFL in total offense, 21st in passing and sixth in rushing this season under Rhome, who also had the job of tutoring former 1995 first-round draft pick Steve McNair.

"Over the last two seasons we've developed some philosophical differences with regards to our offensive system, and I have elected to go in another direction," Fisher said. "Jerry is a good coach and he will have no problem finding another position in the league."

The Oilers had one of the best running attacks in the league, keyed by rookie of the year Eddie George. But the offense was criticized as being too predictable.

### GOLF

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)** — Greg Norman vs. Hisayuki Sasaki was little more than a walkover. Scott Hoch against Sam Torrance took longer.

In the end, though, the inevitable happened Saturday in semifinal matches of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf.

Norman, the white-thatched Aussie who has won more PGA money than anyone in history, needed 14 holes to defeat Sasaki, the Japanese champion, 5 and 4.

He ended the match with typical brilliance, chipping in from a bunker about 18 feet from the pin for his seventh birdie. The ball arced, bounced twice and hit the stick and dropped into the hole.

Hoch beat Torrance, a Scot who won the European section, 4 and 2, with his seventh birdie in a round that also included an eagle. He was 9-under when the match ended two shots shy of a full round.

Norman and Hoch will play a 36-hole match Sunday, with the winner pocketing \$1 million for winning the tournament in its second year. Sasaki and Torrance have an 18-hole match for third place.

Barry Lane of England beat South Africa's David Frost in the final last year, but neither made it out of the qualifying round this time.

The \$3.65 million event offers golf's largest purse, with \$2.28 million already distributed to contestants and winners of Japanese, European, United States and International sectionals last spring and summer.

Sasaki birdied the first hole, but Norman won the next four with a birdie-birdie-par-birdie series while Sasaki had three pars and one bogey. Norman's 2-foot birdie putt on No. 5, a 153-yard par-3, lifted him to a three-stroke lead.

# Jaguars shock Broncos, Green Bay Cruises

By The Associated Press

The Jacksonville Jaguars, a second-year team, may have pulled off the biggest playoff upset in 28 years Saturday when they beat the Denver Broncos 30-27.

But Green Bay, the other favorite, had few problems in the NFC game, routing San Francisco 35-21.

Jacksonville, which upset Buffalo last year and went into the game at Mile High Stadium as a two-touchdown underdog, overcame a 12-0 first period deficit as Marc Brunell threw for two touchdowns and Natrone Means rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

Jacksonville's victory may have been the biggest upset since the New York Jets, 19-point underdogs, beat the Baltimore

Colts 16-3 in the 1969 Super Bowl. Quarterback Joe Namath "guaranteed" a victory before the game and the Jets came through.

For Denver, it was a frustrating end to a year in which it lost only one game that meant anything. The final two losses in a 13-3 season came after the Broncos had clinched the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

But home field turned out to mean nothing.

"It's a big disappointment. Any time you have home field, you expect to win," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said.

"But you have to give them all the credit. They deserve it."

The Jaguars now move on to the AFC title game to play the winner of Sunday's game between Pittsburgh and New

England at Foxboro, Mass. The other expansion team, the Carolina Panthers, also remain alive with the Panthers hosting the defending champion Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

Green Bay's win was sparked by a Jacksonville castoff, Desmond Howard, who gave the Packers a 14-0 first-period lead by returning one punt 71 yards for a touchdown and another 46 to set up a second score.

The 49ers, who won last week at home in the mud, couldn't handle the slippery turf at Lambeau Field.

Their only scores came after special teams mistakes by the Packers within a 40-second span at the end of the first half and the beginning of the second.

But they never really recovered from Howard's returns on their

first two punts, which put them down 14-0 before the Packers even had a first down.

And once they closed to 21-14, Green Bay just ground out yardage despite the bad footing. Wide receiver Antonio Freeman fell on Edgar Bennett's fumble in the end zone at the end of a 72-yard drive to make it 28-14 and the Packers forced four turnovers in the second half.

Sunday's Dallas-Carolina game has been overshadowed by a woman's allegations that Michael Irvin and Erik Williams of the Cowboys forced her to have sex.

But Williams and Irvin will play and Dom Capers, who earned coach of the year honors for leading the Panthers to the NFC West title in just their second season, thinks the continu-

ing Dallas problems may help them.

"Sometimes things like that can unify a team for a common purpose," Capers says.

Pittsburgh, last year's AFC champion, will take a unique two-quarterback alignment into New England — using Kordell Stewart as an option-running changeup to the more traditional Mike Tomczak. The big question for the Steelers, who routed Indianapolis last week, is the groin injury that could slow down Jerome Bettis, their top rusher.

For New England, which has been in the league for 37 seasons, this is only the second home playoff game ever. But the Patriots made it to the Super Bowl in 1985 by winning three games on the road.

## Pacers advance at Fort Elliott

**BRISCOE** — Pampa Academy downed Fort Elliott, 64-57, Friday in the second-round of the winner's bracket at the Fort Elliott Invitational.

Avery Taylor and Brooks Ferguson led the Pacers in scoring with 17 points apiece.

Pampa had to come from behind to win after trailing, 38-32, at halftime.

Curt Smith had 22 points to lead the Cougars while Clay Zybach added 17.

Wheeler defeated McLean, 82-40, in the consolation round.

Aaron Dunnam was high scorer for Wheeler with 18 points while Travis Stevens added 15.

Ike Hanes topped McLean with 20 points.

In the girls' division, Amanda Shields scored 21 points to lead Fort Elliott past Wheeler, 56-46, in the winner's bracket.

Wheeler held a 20-19 lead at halftime.

Cassidy Wallace had 16 points and Mika Goad 9 for Wheeler.

Stacey Dukes clipped in 11 points for Fort Elliott.

McLean won over West Texas Christian, 58-35, in the consol-

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shaley Stalls was high scorer for McLean with 16 points while Dean led West Texas Christian with 18.

GROOM — Clarendon swept Groom in a boys-girls double-header Friday night.

Dean Stanzione and Roy Williams scored 18 points apiece as Clarendon won the boys' game by a 76-52 score.

High scorer for Groom was Brad Sustaime with 14 points. Trae Kempley followed with 7 points.

Kasi Ashcroft scored 21 points to lead Clarendon to a 61-52 victory in the girls' contest.

Mary Hutsell had 14 points and Jessica Stapp 8 to lead Groom.

Alexander added 10 points for Clarendon.

Groom hosts Shamrock on Friday night. Groom boys are 4-8 for the season while Groom girls are 7-8.

**CANADIAN** — Jared Neighbors scored 32 points to lead Miami past Booker, 78-65, in the Canadian Invitational on Friday.

Shane Mitchell added 17 points for Miami in the pool play format.

The Warriors built a 16-point bulge (44-28) at halftime.

Travis Woodard was high scorer for Booker with 16 points.

Booker defeated Miami, 67-51, in the girls' division.

Booker's high scorer was Tracy Wynn with 16 points.

Lindsay Gill led Miami with 19 points while Mindy McConnell added 11.

Canadian girls advanced to the championship game with a 57-43 win over Booker.

Tatum Rankin had 23 points and Hilary Brown 13 for Canadian.

Canadian held a 29-24 lead at halftime and increased it to 11 (44-33) going into the fourth quarter.

Brandi Godino had 11 points to lead Booker. Lindsey Brooks followed with 9.



(Pampa News photo)

Groom's Jessica Friemel launches a shot against Clarendon.

## Zach Alert: He's still in Miami

**PAMPA** — All of those Zach Thomas followers who believe the Miami Dolphins' rookie linebacker is running around the Pampa area can put that fairy tale to rest.

Since the Dolphins' season ended, rumors have been circulating that Thomas has returned to his hometown and has been keeping a low profile. His mother, Bobby Thomas, says those stories are simply not true.

"It's hilarious. I'm almost afraid to answer the phone anymore," said Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas said Zach was still in Florida and is currently involved in the filming of a commercial for an auto dealership. He's also going through workouts at the Dolphins' training center in preparation for the 1997 season. The Dolphins compiled an 8-8 record and failed to make the playoffs.

"We heard one story that Zach had returned home to bail a friend out of jail. I just hope Zach

doesn't have any friends who are in jail," joked Mrs. Thomas. "One boy called and said he saw Zach wearing a jersey with the number 54 on it. I can guarantee you if Zach was home, he wouldn't be wearing no. 54."

Thomas did attend the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio when Texas Tech played Iowa State, but he hasn't been home since last summer, Mrs. Thomas said.

"Zach's been homesick. He's really looking forward to coming home and we're going to leave our Christmas tree up for him to see," she said.

Thomas will be in Pampa and Lubbock around Jan. 12 or Jan. 15 and he'll be combining business with pleasure, following a strict schedule of off-season workouts and drills.

"When he goes to Lubbock he'll be staying with his brother Bart and working out at the Texas Tech facility," Mrs. Thomas said.

"When he comes to Pampa, he'll either be at the high school or the

youth center."

Thomas, a Pampa High graduate, left his mark as one of the National Football League's promising young stars. A Texas Tech All-American, Thomas was drafted by the Dolphins this season and worked his way into the starting lineup at training camp.

He led the team in solo tackles (131) and total tackles (178) and also had two fumble recoveries, two sacks and three interceptions. He also had two fumble recoveries, two sacks and three interceptions. He returned one of the interceptions 26 yards for a touchdown in a 23-20 victory over the Houston Oilers.

Thomas finished second in the voting for Association Press NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors behind Arizona end Simeon Rice.

He was a two-time All-American for the Red Raiders. Thomas was a fifth-round pick in the NFL draft and was the 154 pick overall.

## Young scores 11 in Red Raider win

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — An icy cold front that headed into Texas this weekend made an early appearance Saturday at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Cory Carr scored 25 points and Tony Battie had 24 as No. 23 Texas Tech battled through a late shooting freeze to beat Baylor 86-75 in their inaugural Big 12 game.

Texas Tech coach James Dickey said he had expected a tight game against the upstart Bears.

"When you are tossing it up in January, you are playing for a ring," said Dickey, whose Red Raiders (9-2) won the final Southwest Conference title last March. "Everything changes. I thought the intensity level was much higher today. I certainly felt it."

The Red Raiders led 70-56 with 9:39 left in the game after running off a 21-9 streak in which they appeared to race up and down

the court at will.

The Bears (11-2), off to their best start in 51 years, clawed back. After Damond Mannon sank an acrobatic layup with 2:41 left, the score remained stuck at 78-72 for nearly two minutes.

"They went out ahead of us and we fought back and had a chance to get things done, especially late in the ball game," Baylor coach Harry Miller said. "We came up the floor about six times and didn't score."

Texas Tech made eight straight free throws over the last 52 seconds to finally blunt the Bears. Carr made four of them and was 12-for-12 from the foul shots despite going 6-for-16 from the field.

The Red Raiders made just one field goal over the final six minutes — an alley-oop dunk by Battie off a no-look pass from Duce Jones. Texas Tech shot 38 percent in the second half, while the Bears shot only 34 percent.

Diminutive Patrick Hunter led

Baylor with 18 points, many coming on flying layups around Texas Tech's big men, while Brian Skinner added 16 points.

Skinner, Baylor's force on the inside, scored just four points in the first half, a victim of tough interior defense and two early fouls that hampered his play.

"It's just a tough way to start a ball game," Miller said of Skinner's foul troubles.

Gionet Cooper, Stan Bonewitz and Rayford Young each scored 11 points for Texas Tech, which won its 35th consecutive home game. Cooper had 16 rebounds.

Baylor and Texas Tech battled on even terms for the game's first five minutes until the Raiders went on an 11-2 run. The Bears rallied to tie it at 29 at the 6:08 mark.

From then on, each time the Red Raiders threatened to pull away, Baylor found an answer. Two free throws by Hunter in the waning seconds closed Texas Tech's halftime lead to 45-43.

## PHS varsity wins soccer scrimmage

**PAMPA** — Pampa varsity defeated the Pampa alumni, 4-2, in a boys' soccer scrimmage Saturday afternoon at Harvester Stadium.

Randall Odom led the varsity attack with two goals. David Odom and Lucas Jaramillo added 1 goal each.

Pampa opens the season at home Tuesday against Amarillo Tascosa. The match begins at 4:15.

### 1997 Schedule

- Jan.
- 7 - Amarillo Tascosa, 4:15 home; 11 - Lubbock Monterey, 2 away; 14 - Amarillo High, 4:15 home; 17-18 - Odessa Tournament (varsity boys); Lubbock Tournament (varsity girls); Amarillo Tournament (junior varsity boys tournament); 21 - Lubbock High, 4:14 away; 25 - Lubbock Coronado, 2 home; 28 - Palo Duro, 4:15 away.
- Feb.
- 1 - Randall, 2 away; 4 - Caprock, 4:15 home; 8 - Borger, 2 away; 15 - Canyon, 2 home; 18 - Randall, 4:15 home; 22 - Caprock, 2 away; 28 - Borger, 4:15 home.
- March
- 4 - Canyon, 4:15 away.

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# Scoreboard

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**College Basketball Major Scores**  
 Cornell 60, Bucknell 46  
 Dartmouth 81, Middlebury 61  
 Princeton 54, Marshall 49  
 Louisville 93, Ala.-Birmingham 79  
 Marshall 88, Delaware 78  
 Texas Christian 80, Liberty 68  
 Idaho 80, Lewis-Clark St. 60  
 Weber St. 104, Montana 96  
 Colorado 79, Northern 73  
 Portland 81, Cal Poly-SLO 72  
 Texas Tech 88, Baylor 75

## TEXAS TECH 88, BAYLOR 75

**BAYLOR (11-2)**  
 Brandt 5-9 0-0 13, Morris 3-9 0-0 7, Skinner 7-18 2-2 16, Hunter 6-11 5-8 18, Miller 2-5 0-0 8, Jones 1-4 0-0 3, Mannon 2-13 1-4 5, Kendrick 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 4-8 0-0 8, Perkins 0-0 0-0 0, Ramirez 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 30-80 8-12 75.  
**TEXAS TECH (8-2)**  
 Carr 6-18 12-12 25, Cooper 3-4 5-8 11, Battle 10-17 4-8 24, Jones 0-4 2-3 2, Bonswick 4-9 0-0 11, Young 5-8 0-0 11, Averi 0-1 0-2 0, Owens 1-3 0-0 2, Myers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-80 8-12 75.  
**Halftime—Tech 45, Baylor 43. 3-Point goals—Baylor 7-24 (Brandt 3-4, Jones 1-3, Hunter 1-4, Miller 1-4, Morris 1-5, Mannon 0-4), Tech 5-12 (Bonswick 2-5, Young 1-1, Carr 1-4). Fouled out—Brandt, Miller, Rabourds—Baylor (Mannon, Skinner 5), Tech 45 (Cooper 10). Assists—Baylor 14 (Miller 4), Tech 21 (Jones, Bonswick 7). Total fouls—Baylor 24, Tech 14. A—7,428.**

## FOOTBALL

### NFL Playoffs

#### At A Glance

By The Associated Press

#### Wild Cards

Saturday, Dec. 28  
 Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27  
 Dallas 40, Minnesota 15

#### Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 4  
 Green Bay 35, San Francisco 14  
 Jacksonville 30, Denver 27

#### Sunday, Jan. 5

Pittsburgh at New England, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)  
 Dallas at Carolina, 4 p.m. (FOX)  
**Conference Championships**  
 Sunday, Jan. 12  
 Dallas-Carolina winner at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)  
 Jacksonville at Pittsburgh-New England winner, 4 p.m. (NBC)  
**Super Bowl**  
 Sunday, Jan. 26  
 At Miami  
 Dallas-Carolina—Green Bay winner vs. Jacksonville—Pittsburgh-New England winner, 6:18 p.m. (FOX)  
**Pro Bowl**  
 Sunday, Feb. 2  
 At Honolulu  
 AFC vs. NFC, 8 p.m.

### College Bowl Games

#### At A Glance

By The Associated Press

#### All Times EST

Thursday, Dec. 19  
 Las Vegas Bowl  
 At Las Vegas  
 Nevada 16, Ball State 15

Wednesday, Dec. 25  
 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 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 17, Michigan 14  
**Gator Bowl**  
 At Jacksonville, Fla.  
 North Carolina 20, West Virginia 13  
**Citrus Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Tennessee 48, Northwestern 28  
**Cotton Bowl**  
 At Dallas  
 Brigham Young 19, Kansas State 15  
**Rose Bowl**  
 At Pasadena, Calif.  
 Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
 At Tempe, Ariz.  
 Penn State 38, Texas 15

Thursday, Jan. 2  
**Sugar Bowl**  
 At New Orleans  
 Florida 52, Florida State 20

Saturday, Jan. 11  
**East-West Bowl**  
 At Stanford, Calif.  
 West vs. East, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18  
**Senior Bowl**  
 At Mobile, Ala.

## PRO BASKETBALL

### National Basketball Association

#### At A Glance

By The Associated Press

#### Eastern Conference

**Atlantic Division**

| W            | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|--------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Miami        | 24 | 7   | .774 | —      |
| New York     | 22 | 8   | .733 | 1 1/2  |
| Washington   | 15 | 16  | .500 | 8 1/2  |
| Orlando      | 11 | 17  | .393 | 11 1/2 |
| New Jersey   | 8  | 21  | .276 | 15     |
| Philadelphia | 8  | 22  | .267 | 15 1/2 |
| Boston       | 6  | 23  | .207 | 17     |

#### Central Division

| W         | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|-----------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Chicago   | 28 | 4   | .875 | —      |
| Detroit   | 23 | 7   | .767 | 4      |
| Cleveland | 20 | 10  | .667 | 7      |
| Atlanta   | 17 | 11  | .607 | 9      |
| Charlotte | 17 | 13  | .567 | 10     |
| Milwaukee | 15 | 14  | .517 | 11 1/2 |
| Indiana   | 14 | 15  | .483 | 12 1/2 |
| Toronto   | 10 | 20  | .333 | 17     |

#### Western Conference

##### Midwest Division

| W           | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|-------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Houston     | 24 | 7   | .774 | —      |
| Utah        | 22 | 8   | .733 | 1 1/2  |
| Minnesota   | 13 | 18  | .419 | 11     |
| Dallas      | 10 | 18  | .357 | 12 1/2 |
| San Antonio | 9  | 20  | .310 | 14     |
| Denver      | 8  | 23  | .259 | 16     |
| Vancouver   | 6  | 26  | .188 | 18 1/2 |

##### Pacific Division

| W             | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|---------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| L.A. Lakers   | 24 | 9   | .727 | —      |
| Seattle       | 23 | 11  | .676 | 1 1/2  |
| Portland      | 17 | 15  | .531 | 6 1/2  |
| Golden State  | 12 | 18  | .400 | 10 1/2 |
| Sacramento    | 13 | 20  | .394 | 11     |
| L.A. Clippers | 11 | 19  | .367 | 11 1/2 |
| Phoenix       | 10 | 21  | .323 | 13     |

#### Friday's Games

Minnesota 94, Boston 84  
 Atlanta 95, New Jersey 85  
 Indiana 117, Phoenix 104  
 Chicago 110, Orlando 89  
 San Antonio 93, Denver 91  
 Seattle 108, Vancouver 94  
 L.A. Lakers 100, Sacramento 93  
 Golden State 122, Philadelphia 114, OT

#### Saturday's Games

Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.  
 New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.  
 Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.

#### Sunday's Games

L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Sacramento, 9 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

#### Monday's Games

Utah at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

### BASEBALL

#### American League

AL—Announced the retirement of Vic Voltaggio, umpire. Named Gary Cederstrom umpire. Named Kimberly J. Ng director of waivers and records.  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES**—Named Fred Dallmore pitching coach and Dave Cash field coach for Rochester of the International League. Joe Ferguson manager, Larry McCall pitching coach and Ben Figueroa field coach for Bowie of the Eastern League, Dave Hilton manager for Frederick of the Carolina League, Tommy Shields manager, Larry E. Jaster pitching coach and Michael G. Myers trainer for Delmarva of the South Atlantic League, Bobby Dickerson manager for Bluefield of the Appalachian League and Butch Davis manager for the Gulf Coast League Orioles.  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Signed INF Mike Busch to a minor-league contract.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**BOSTON CELTICS**—Placed G Dana Barros on the injured list. Activated G Dee Brown from the injured list.  
**NEW JERSEY NETS**—Activated F Reggie Williams from the injured list. Placed F Xavier McDaniel on the injured list.  
**PHILADELPHIA 76ERS**—Placed F Mark Hendrickson on the injured list. Activated F Don MacLean from the injured list.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**HOUSTON OILERS**—Fired offensive coordinator Jerry Rhone. Promoted wide receivers coach Les Steckel to offensive coordinator.  
**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Signed LB Chad Reeves to the practice squad.  
**PITTSBURGH STEELERS**—Placed WR Yancey Thigpen on injured reserve. Signed DB Kirk Pritchard from the practice squad.  
**SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**—Announced the resignation of Bobby Ross, coach.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**NHL**—Suspended Keith Primeau, Hartford Whalers center, for two games for slashing Washington Capitals center Joe Jurena in a game on Jan. 1.  
**BOSTON BRUINS**—Recalled LW Cam Stewart and G Scott Bailey from Providence of the AHL.  
**FLORIDA PANTHERS**—Recalled RW David Nemirovsky from Carolina of the AHL.  
**HARTFORD WHALERS**—Recalled LW Hnat Domenichelli and C Steve Martins from Springfield of the AHL.  
**NEW JERSEY DEVILS**—Recalled LW Vadim Sharifianov from Albany of the AHL.  
**VANCOUVER CANUCKS**—Returned D John Nemesinkov to Syracuse of the AHL.  
**WASHINGTON CAPITALS**—Recalled Jaroslav Svelkovsky and C Anson Carter from Portland of the AHL.  
**OLYMPICS**  
**United States Olympic Committee**  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS DIVISION**—Named Gal Dent assistant director for public information and Erica Hutchinson assistant general manager for the visitor center.  
**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
**LOS ANGELES GALAXY**—Named David Bolton director of stadium operations, Luis Garcia media relations manager, Alex Solis public relations assistant, C. Patrick O'Brien director of corporate sales, David Orndorfer ticket operations manager, and Veronica Alva event marketing manager.  
**National Professional Soccer League**  
**MILWAUKEE WAVE**—Traded F Mark Manganello to Columbus for F Emeke Moneme, a second-round 1997 draft pick and cash. Signed F Dan Donigan to a one-year contract.

## TEXAS TECH'S DANIELS GOING PRO

By MARK BABINECK  
 Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The sands of time were flowing a little too fast for Tony Daniels to play his senior season at Texas Tech.

The junior defensive end announced Friday that he's making himself available for this spring's NFL draft, becoming the second Red Raiders junior this week to jump ship.

Star tailback Byron Hanspard said God's will inspired him to turn pro on Monday. Daniels can thank Father Time.

"I'm 24 years old, and I didn't want to be about 30 and going in to the NFL," said Daniels, an Odessa Permian product who sat out what would have been

his first season because of academic ineligibility, then missed the 1995 season with a knee injury sustained in a diving accident.

"These years are precious, and I feel like I need to take advantage of them as much as I can."

Daniels took advantage of his junior year for the Raiders, his only season as a full-time starter. Daniels said he wants to bulk up his 6-foot-5, 250-pound frame as the scouting combines approach next month.

Daniels had seven sacks last season and 73 total tackles for the Red Raiders, who finished 7-5 after their 27-0 loss to Iowa last Sunday in the Alamo Bowl.

Sophomore Taurus Rucker and junior Keith Cumby are expected to compete for Daniels' spot this spring. Montae Reagor, the other starting end, will return for his junior year.

"He'll be a good NFL prospect," Reagor said of Daniels, who was unavailable this morning. "I hate to see him leave. I'd love to play with him another year."

Coach Spike Dykes, who accompanied Daniels at an afternoon news conference at Jones Stadium, called Daniels an "inspirational leader" for his tireless rehabilitation of a torn right patella tendon he suffered in June 1995 while diving into a pool.

"He's run that hill out there (in the stadium) until there isn't any grass on it anymore," Dykes said.

## 9th grade girls begin second half of play

PAMPA — The Pampa 9th grade girls' basketball team reopens play with three games on the schedule.

Pampa played Randall on Saturday, then go against Canyon on Monday and Dumas next Saturday.

Going into the holiday break, the 9th graders won one tournament championship and placed fourth in the tough A.I.S.D. Tournament in Amarillo just

before Christmas. 9th grade team statistics in the first 13 games are as follows:

Defensive rebounds: 137; Offensive rebounds 121; Assists 76; Steals 162; Turnovers 229; Free throw attempts 245; Free throws converted 94; Opponents' free throw attempts 212; Opponents free throws converted 98.

The 9th grade team scored 608 points in 13 games while the

## Panthers wary of distracted Cowboys

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys' latest off-field problems could be too much of a distraction as they prepare for today's NFC semifinal against Carolina.

The Panthers aren't biting. "We know better," Carolina quarterback Kerry Collins said. "They deal with this stuff all the time. They'll show up. They'll be ready. So will we."

A 23-year-old woman alleged Tuesday that Dallas wide receiver Michael Irvin and tackle Erik Williams held her at gunpoint and forced her to have sex.

Irvin and Williams have denied any wrongdoing. The continuing police investigation has led to a circus-like atmosphere at the Cowboys' practice complex as various allegations and rumors are aired through the media.

"Those types of things can work for you sometimes," Carolina coach Dom Capers said, "because they can become a rallying point."

Distractions are nothing new for the Cowboys, who have had several players targeted in criminal investigations, but still have won

three of the last four Super Bowls. "We've handled things like this before, so I'm sure we'll be ready to play," coach Barry Switzer said. "It's just another day around the block with these guys."

Switzer said he's more concerned with Carolina's dominance at Ericsson Stadium, the \$187 million facility the team opened this season in downtown Charlotte.

The Panthers are 8-0 in their new home and have allowed just 56 total points there, including 13 in the second half. Five of Carolina's visiting opponents have been held scoreless in the second half.

"That's incredible," Switzer said. "We've got our work cut out for us."

That's not the only factor working in Carolina's favor in the franchise's first-ever postseason contest.

Sunday's game comes 14 days after the Panthers last played. Twice this season, they've had more than a week to prepare for visiting opponents, and both times, Carolina responded with lopsided victories.

The Panthers opened the season

## Opponents scored 376.

In five district games played there were 208 total points scored by Pampa and 189 total points scored by the opponents.

Playing for Pampa are Candace Cathey, Levenne Evans, Emily Curtis, Kristi Walling, Amanda Jenkins, Mary Grace Fields, Emily Waters, Teresa Brown, Anne Gaddis, Jordanna Young and Jessica Conner.

## Bobby Ross resigns

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers are now a one-Bobby team.

Coach Bobby Ross resigned Friday because he couldn't settle his philosophical differences with general manager Bobby Beathard.

The departure, coming just two seasons after Ross led the Chargers to their only Super Bowl, was mutually agreed upon.



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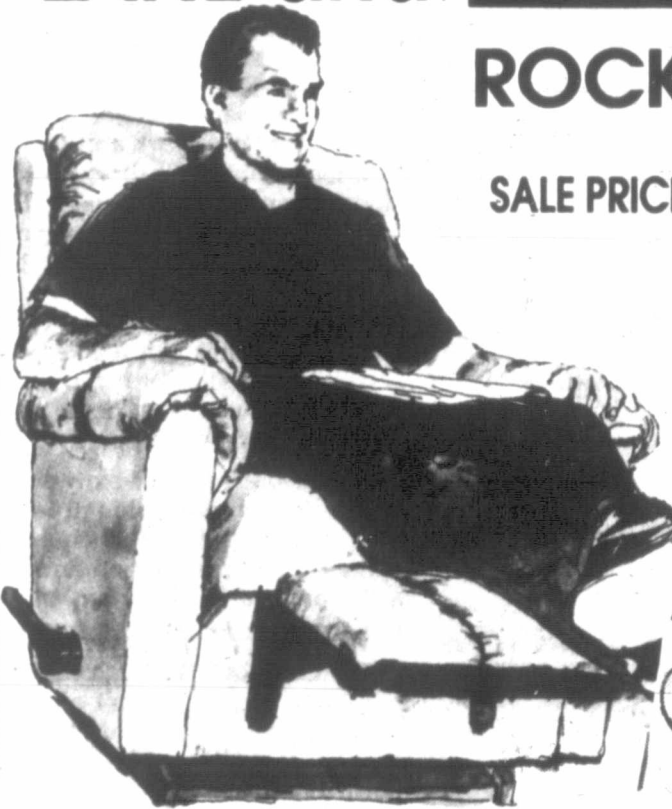
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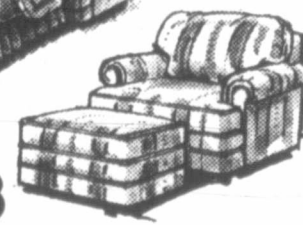


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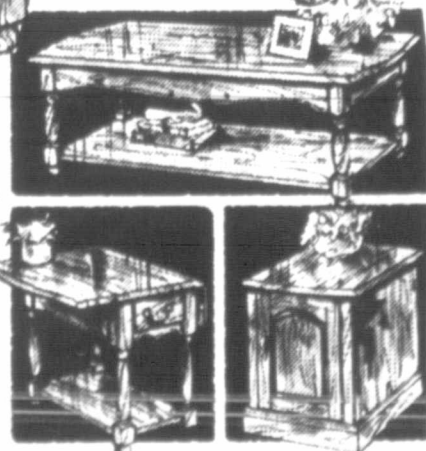
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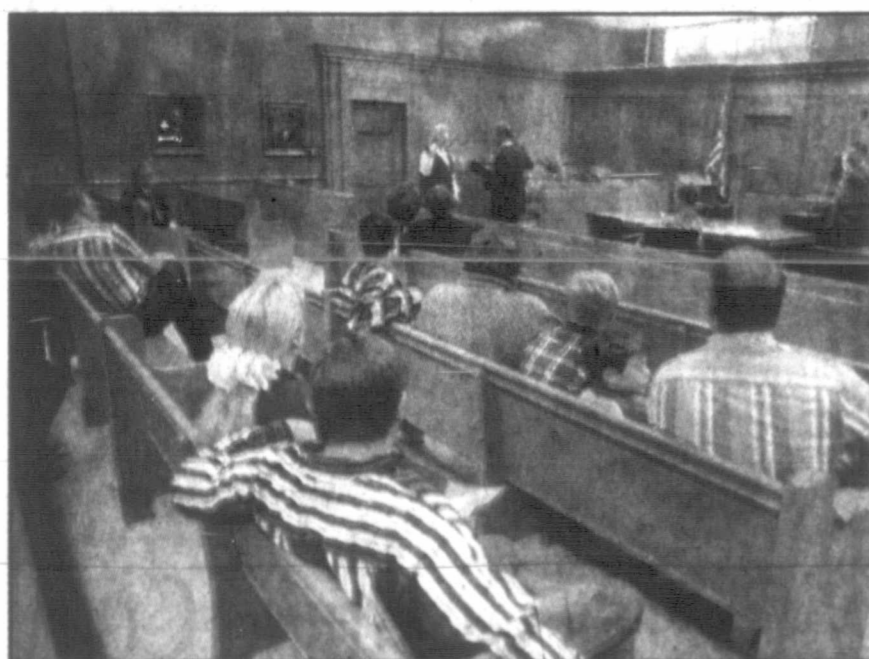
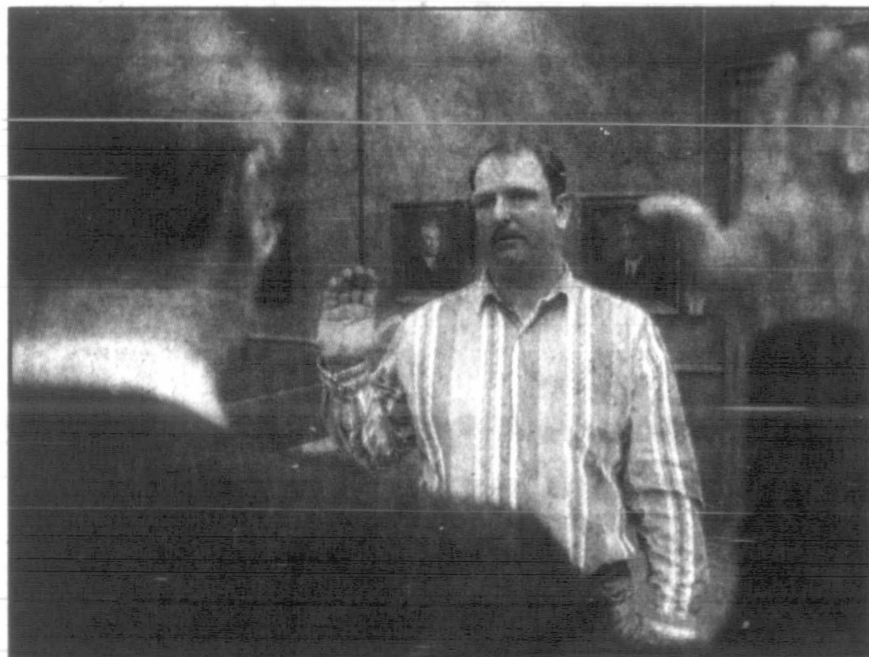
# Taking the oath of office



Joe Wheeley, above left, is sworn in as county commissioner for Precinct One during New Year's Day ceremonies, while Gerald Wright, above right, is sworn in as county commissioner for Precinct Three.



Judge Lee Waters of the 223rd Judicial District administers the oath of office to tax assessor deputies, above, during ceremonies at the Gray County Courthouse New Year's Day. Below left, Frank Sparling is sworn in as constable for Precinct Four. Sammie Morris, below center, is sworn in as county tax assessor/collector and, below right, Todd Alvey is sworn in as county attorney.



Family and friends of the county officials taking the oath of office New Year's Day gathered in the 223rd District Court courtroom for the ceremonies.

**A**cross the State of Texas New Year's morning, county officials gathered in local courthouses to be sworn in following last fall's election to office.

Gray County was no different as elected and appointed office holders gathered in the 223rd District Courtroom on the third floor of the Gray County courthouse to be sworn in by Judge Lee Waters.

Shortly after 9 a.m., Jan. 1, 1997, a crowd of officials and their family and friends gathered for the ceremonies and Judge Waters began administering the oaths.

Gerald Wright was sworn in as county commissioner for precinct 3. Joe Wheeley was sworn in as county commissioner for precinct 1. Sammie Morris was sworn in as the county tax assessor, and Frank Sparling was sworn in as precinct 4 constable. Todd Alvey was sworn in as county attorney.

Also sworn in were the deputy tax assessors.

The swearing of Elaine Morris as newly appointed county auditor was delayed until paperwork had been received from the state capitol, although Judge Waters, who served on the panel of district judges that appointed her, introduced the young lady.

With the exception of Frank Sparling, most of the others were veterans of such New Year's Day ceremonies. Most viewed it not so much as a new beginning but a continuation of policies they felt had served the county well.

"Our main priority is to manage Gray County in the best manner possible, keep county taxes down and keep Gray County debt free," said County Commissioner Gerald Wright. "Ours is one of the few counties in the state that is debt free."

"Any time county operations run

smoothly and we work together successfully, it's a good year for Gray County," said Commissioner Joe Wheeley.

Both agreed that for them the maintenance and improvement of county roads would be a continuing concern in 1997.

But Wheeley pointed out that there was more to the county than roads.

Two other areas that people forget, he said, are law enforcement and record keeping. Law enforcement and the judicial system are important aspects of county government, Wheeley said.

"This is grass roots law enforcement," he said, "and it takes money to carry out the law."

Through tax money, Wheeley said, the county commission has a responsibility to see capable officers are hired and kept.

Perhaps not as exciting, but no less important is maintaining pub-

licrecords, he added.

Wheeley said he was looking forward in 1997 to seeing more work being done at Lake McClellan.

"This is an on-going project," Wheeley said, crediting its inception to fellow commissioner Wright.

The county got a grant, he explained that would allow for additional dredging and wildlife work at the lake south of Pampa.

Work by Interior Department wildlife specialists is already underway, Wright said.

But in addition to the Lake McClellan project, Wright said he was looking forward to seeing the airport renovation project move forward.

That project includes revamping the runways and taxiways of Perry Lefors Airfield northwest of Pampa.

Newly elected sheriff Don Copeland was sworn in in a special ceremony at midnight at his home.



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McPhillips

## McPhillips anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McPhillips will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 18, 1997. No reception is planned.

Raymond McPhillips and Margaret Faye Delver were married Jan. 18, 1947, in First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The couple had been Pampa residents for 37 years, moving to Oklahoma twelve years ago.

Mr. McPhillips served as Postmaster in Pampa for two years and had been a letter carrier for 30 years, retiring in December of 1972. He was employed with Ingersol Rand for eight years. He is a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Pacific theater of World War II. He is a member of Mount Scott Racing Pigeon Club of Lawton.

Mrs. McPhillips worked at Worley Hospital, Pampa Hospital and Coronado Hospital in Pampa for a total of 25 years. She served in the U.S. Navy at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif., for 17 months.

Children of the couple are Larry McPhillips of Bartlesville, Okla., and Mark McPhillips of Wichita, Kan. They have five grandchildren.

## Lifestyles policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding, and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at

least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more, and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198.

## Club news

### Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild held their annual Christmas party Dec. 12, 1996, in the home of Carol Hervey. Twenty-eight members were present. Members exchanged hand-made gifts following the dinner.

Twenty-four members participated in the quilt block drawing consisting of a fourteen inch background square on which members applied a Christmas design of their choice. The blocks will be divided into two groups of twelve to be doled out amongst the winners — Martha Hadley and Susan Carter!

Show and tell items included an angel wall hanging titled "Angels Among Us" made by Jean McCarley plus a complex star setting quilt toiled by Hervey as a gift for her son.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23, at the Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Visitors are welcome.

### Top O' Texas Cattlewomen

The Top O' Texas Christmas Party was held Dec. 10 in the Hughely House Bed and Breakfast in Pampa with President Darendra Begert presiding. Amelia Sims gave the invocation, followed by the reading of the minutes which were approved as corrected. Louise Coulter presented the treasurer's report.

Carolyn Buckingham moved to award ten \$10 Beef Gift Certificates to Tralee Crisis Center, the motion was seconded then passed.

It was announced that the Ivomec Merck will be giving three \$1,000.00 scholarships to students majoring in agricultural fields. Among scholarship recipients were Joe Dan Ledbetter of Wheeler, sponsored by Yellow Rose in Amarillo; Travis Cook of Wheeler, sponsored the Top O' Texas group; and Katie Cornett of Canadian, sponsored by Palo Duro group.

Some of the subjects discussed during the Christmas party were: Christmas is a Thousand Things, two instructions for a good Christmas; Reflections by Annie Glancy Chase of Milwaukee, Wis.; The Oxen, Why

the Poin's Breast is Red, then two more instructions for a good Christmas; All I want for Christmas and A Christmas Tree; two more instructions for a good Christmas; The Christmas Spirit, Give me an Old-fashioned Christmas, God Bless your Christmas and two more instructions for a good Christmas.

### Preceptor Chi

Preceptor Chi met recently in the home of Irvine Riphahn with Norine Greer presiding.

Members discussed the upcoming state convention to be held June 27-29. Ways and Means Committee members made plans to sell Beta Sigma Phi Cookbooks.

Joy Brown presented a program on reflexology, an Egyptian practice.

The next meeting will be in the home of Terry Harrison.

# Goal setting is key to keeping resolutions

Happy New Year! Yes, 1997 is here and it gives us all a chance to start a new year with a clean slate. Many people start the year with a set of resolutions that they set unreasonably high and thus, never follow through to completion. Goal setting, however, has been proven effective in helping individuals accomplish what is important. Let's look at some guidelines for successful goal setting.

Goals are a purpose toward which an endeavor is directed. They could also be described as objectives or the finish line of a race. Goals are something we set and plan to reach. Goals help us determine where we are going. They give direction and purpose to living. Goals are not static, but instead are action-oriented. We make them happen.

As we determine the goals we want to set for 1997, we may need both short-term and long-term goals. A short-term goal could be described as one that can be achieved this week or maybe even this month. A longer term goal may take several months or even years to achieve.

## Homemakers' News Donna Brauchi



Another consideration when setting goals is to determine if goals are needed for specific areas of your life. For instance, goal categories might include family, education, career, health, and finance.

After determining the type of goals needed, it is time to look at the steps to successful goal setting.

- Determine the benefits of reaching your goal. What will be the payoff?

- Be realistic - set goals you have a good chance to attain. Avoid setting goals which are too high which causes frustration or too low, which does not enable you to reach your full potential.
- Consider your resources. Your personal resources may

include time, talent, family, brain power, personal energy, and community resources.

- Write down your goals and keep them visible. People are more likely to reach their goals if they are written and if they are reviewed daily (short-term goals) or weekly (long-term goals).

- Break your goals down into steps to accomplishment.

- Set target dates for reaching goals. Not accomplishing goals does not mean failure. Just re-evaluate and set a new target date.

- Share goals with someone. By sharing your goals with someone, you are more likely to follow through to completion. They can ask you about them

periodically, provide encouragement, and help identify resources that may help you accomplish the goal. The "someone" you share your goals with could be a family member or a friend.

- When you've reached a goal, check up on yourself a final time. Ask yourself these questions: "Am I satisfied with the result? What, if any, changes would I make? What have I learned that will help me make future decisions?"

- Then, congratulate yourself for a job well done!

Goal setting is definitely a challenge. As you start the new year with the challenge of new goals to reach, remember these words of Max DePree, "We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are."

For more information on personal development and management, contact your Gray County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

## 4-H Futures & Features

### DATES

Jan. 6 - 4-H Shooting Sports Project  
7 - E.T. 4-H meeting, 7 p.m., Courthouse Annex; 4-H Shooting Sports Project  
10 - Top O' Texas Stock Show weights turned in by 6 p.m., Bull Barn  
11 - Top O' Texas Stock Show - Sheep, Steers, Heifers and Rabbits  
12 - Top O' Texas Show - Swine

### BOBWHITE BRIGADE

The Bobwhite Brigade is an outstanding wildlife and ecology program featuring intensive field and laboratory experience and using Northern Bobwhite as a featured animal and focus of the educational experience. It is a great opportunity for older 4-Hers interested in hunting and wildlife as well as for youth interested in biological sciences, environmental education, natural resources conservation, wildlife science, wildlife management, and similar careers.

Youth who are incoming sophomores and juniors in 1997 are preferred. The closet camp will be June 22-26 at Krooked River Lodge near Haskell.

Applications are due in San Angelo no later than April 1, 1997. D.J. Basham from McLean and Brian Brauchi from Pampa have attended the Bobwhite Brigade. Basham is available to do programs for 4-H Clubs.

Call us and let us know you are interested. We will provide you with necessary information.

### RECREATION TEAM TRAINING

Calling all teen 4-H members who like to have FUN! and want to strengthen their leadership skills. Recreation Team training will be conducted Feb. 28-March 2 at the Texas 4-H Center near Brownwood. Recreation teams from all over the state will meet to learn games, ceremony ideas, party and recreation planning, puppetry and clowning.

This is a great weekend! Registration is due by Feb. 1. A \$20 deposit per person is required! Chaperons will also be needed.

Recreation team members will return to Gray County and plan recreation for county events and do programs for clubs.

### 4-H AEROSPACE TRAINING

The Texas 4-H program, as a part of a continuing partnership with the educational division of NASA, will provide an agent, teacher and volunteer aerospace training on Feb. 12-14. The training will be at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston. The training is limited to 20 people. Registration is due by Feb. 1. Contact our office for more information.

### STOCK SHOW DATES

Top O' Texas Show - Jan. 10-12  
Jan. 10 - weights turned in by 6 p.m.

Jan. 11 - Sheep, Steers, Heifer, Rabbits  
Jan. 12 - Swine  
Gray County Stock Show - January 16-18  
Jan. 16 - Weights turned in by 6:00 p.m.  
Jan. 17 - Lambs and Steers  
Jan. 18 - Swine and Gray County Sale  
Fi. Worth Stock Show - Jan. 27-31  
Jan. 29 - Weigh in and Classification  
Jan. 30 - Show English & 4 Classes of Exotic  
Jan. 31 - Remainder of Exotics (4 4-Hers entered)

El Paso Show - Feb. 1-4

Feb. 2 - Weights turned in  
Feb. 3 - Swine and Steer Show (12 4-Hers entered)

San Antonio Show - Feb. 10-14

Feb. 11 - Weigh and Classify Lambs

Feb. 12 - Weigh and Classify Hogs

Show Lambs

Feb. 13 - Show Lambs

Show Swine

Feb. 14 - Show Swine

(21 4-Hers entered)

Houston Show - Feb. 19 - March 1

Feb. 21-23 - Brenham Sift

Feb. 25 - Show Swine

Feb. 26 - Show Swine

Weigh in and Classify Steers

Feb. 27-28 - Show Steers

(27 4-Hers entered)

Good Luck with your projects this winter!

## Miss Lake Meredith Scholarship Program to be held this month

BORGER - The 1997 Miss Lake Meredith Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Borger Chamber of Commerce, will be conducted Jan. 18, 1997, in the Frank Phillips College Auditorium.

Entry blanks are being accepted now at the Chamber office, 613 N. Main, Borger or by calling the director at 274-2379.

The program is open to young women between the ages of 17 and 24, who reside in the state of Texas or attend a college therein.

Each contestant must also fulfill all the rules and regulations of the Miss

Texas/Miss America Organizations. The Miss Lake Meredith pageant will be conducted consistent with the high standards of the Miss Texas/Miss America system.

As in the Miss America, there will be four areas of competitions: personal interview, talent, physical fitness in swimsuit and on-stage expression in evening wear. No fee, of any kind, is charged to enter the Miss Lake Meredith Scholarship pageant.

The program also includes opportunities for youth development for young ladies between the age of 3 and 17, in the follow-

ing Divisions: Teen Miss Lake Meredith, ages 14 thru 17; Junior Miss Lake Meredith, ages 10 thru 13; Miss Minnow, 7-9; and Mini Miss Minnow, 3-6. There will be an entry fee charged for participation in the Youth program.

The Miss America organization is the largest provider of scholarships for women in the world. In 1996, the Miss Texas Organization and participating colleges and universities, awarded over \$1.5 million in cash and in-kind tuition scholarships. Scholarship funds are contributed by corporate and individual sponsors who commit their sup-

port to the professional advancement of young men and women.

The Miss Lake Meredith is conducted by a team of local volunteers. In 1996, through the volunteer efforts of the Scholarship Chairmen, Donna Murray and Beth Rapiet, Miss Lake Meredith 1996 Heather Wilson received \$1,000 cash scholarship plus \$8,500 in scholarships from seven universities. Heather also received \$700 from Miss Texas organization for placing in the top 20 during the Miss Texas competition and another \$200 for receiving the Most Talented Musician Alpha Award.

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# Newsmakers



**Katie Green**

**RADCLIFF, Ky. — Army 2nd Lt. H. Clay Lyle, 1991 Pampa High School graduate and son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lyle of Pampa, has completed the armor officer basic course at Fort Knox, Radcliff.**

The course covered branch training in armor for newly commissioned officers with special emphasis on the duties of tank and reconnaissance platoon leaders. Their training included instruction in automotive principles and maintenance, communications, weapons, and tactics.

Lyle received a bachelor of business administration degree in 1996 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



**Kelli Green**

must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Katie has been selected jointly by University of North Dallas and Sheffield-Hallam University in Sheffield, England, for participation in Study Abroad Exchange Program. Students are chosen for this program on the basis of written essays and interviews conducted by an International Exchange Review Committee. Katie will be leaving for England Jan. 19, and will be taking courses in her major and minor this spring. She will tour Europe during spring break and return to the states at the beginning of June.

Kelli recently completed a trip to New York, N.Y., during the Thanksgiving holidays, touring the city and visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Rockefeller Center. She also took in *Les Miserables* and attended the Macy's Day Parade.

**WASHINGTON, D.C. — Steven Gregory Adelman of Pampa and a student at Amarillo High School has been nominated by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.**

Successful nominees will be admitted to the freshman class of the academy. Completion of the strenuous four-year course of study results in a bachelor's degree and commission as an ensign in the Navy.

Appointments to the U.S. Naval Academy are highly competitive and nominees must meet and surpass rigid physical and academic standards set by the military, which makes the final selections from among the nominees.

**INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Morris, 1971 Pampa High School graduate and son of Elma Morris of Pampa, has deployed on a temporary duty assignment to the Middle East for participation in Operation Provide Comfort Incirlik Air Base, Adana, Turkey.**

The operation flies combat missions from Turkey into northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort which provides security, food, shelter and medical care for Kurdish refugees in Turkey and northern Iraq.

Morris is a crew chief, normally assigned to the Tulsa Air National Guard in Tulsa, Okla.

**DENTON — Kelli Green and Katie Green, both daughters of Kent and Linda Olson of Pampa, were recently named to the Dean's List at the University of North Dallas in Denton for the fall semester 1996. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student**

# Liven up football games with Cajun jambalaya

NEA Writer MARIALISA CALTA

I know there are lots of women out there who love football (my own mother, for example.) I just don't happen to be one of them. I'd take a good book over a football game any day. Heck — I'd take a BAD book over a football game.

I am nevertheless aware that there are legion of you — men and women alike — who will be glued to the tube for many hours over the next few weeks, watching those giant men tossing that tiny ball around, shouting yourself hoarse and losing your shirts in the office betting pool. You will need sustenance, and by that I mean more than a six-pack and a bowl of chips. And while I can't join you in your folly, I can offer some tips to sustain you during the games ahead.

Somehow, the flavors of Louisiana seem to fit the idea of a football party. Easy cooking, hearty eating; the jambalayas and bean soup below are just the ticket. They all come from that inspired New Orleans chef and restaurateur Emeril Lagasse, who has written two fabulous cookbooks: *Emeril's New Orleans Cooking* and the newly published *Louisiana Real and Rustic*. You could even eat these dishes while reading a good book.

**Andouille and Chicken Jambalaya**  
 1/2 cup vegetable oil  
 3 cups chopped onions  
 1 cup bell peppers  
 3 teaspoons salt  
 1-1/4 teaspoon cayenne  
 1 pound andouille, chorizo or other smoked sausage, cut crosswise into 1/4 inch slices  
 1-1/2 pounds boneless white and dark chicken meat, cut into 1-inch cubes  
 3 bay leaves  
 3 cups medium-grain white rice  
 6 cups of water  
 1 cup chopped green onions (scallions)

Heat the oil in a large cast-iron Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onions, bell peppers, two teaspoons of the salt and one teaspoon of the cayenne. Stirring often, brown the vegetables for about 20 minutes, or until they are caramelized and a dark brown in color. Scrape the bottom and sides of the pot to loosen any browned particles. Cook, stirring often, for ten to 15 minutes.

Add the sausage and cook, stirring often for ten to 15 minutes, scraping the bottom and sides of the pot.

Season the chicken with the remaining one teaspoon salt and remaining 1/4 teaspoon cayenne. Add the chicken and bay leaves to the pot. Brown the chicken for eight to twelve minutes, scraping the bottom of the pot to loosen any browned particles.

Add the rice and stir for two to three minutes to coat evenly. Add the water, stir to combine, and cover. Cook over medium heat for 30 to 35 minutes, without stirring, or until the rice is tender and the liquid has been absorbed. Remove the bay leaves.

Stir in the green onions and serve. Yield: 10-12 servings.

— Recipe from *Louisiana Real and Rustic*, by Emeril Lagasse (William Morrow, 1996).

**Shrimp and Ham Jambalaya**  
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
 1-1/2 cups chopped onions  
 1/2 cup chopped bell peppers  
 1/2 cup chopped celery  
 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined  
 4 bay leaves  
 1 pound boiled ham, cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
 1 14-1/2-ounce can whole tomatoes, chopped, with juice  
 1 tablespoon chopped garlic  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme  
 1 cup long-grain white rice  
 1/4 cup chopped green onions (scallions)

Heat the oil in a large cast-iron Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onions, bell peppers and celery and saute for seven to eight minutes, or until golden and soft. Add the shrimp and bay leaves and saute until shrimp turn pink, about two minutes. Add the ham and saute for two to three minutes. Add the tomatoes, with their juice, the garlic, salt, cayenne and black pepper, and thyme. Cook for about ten minutes, stirring often. Add the rice and stir to mix. Cover and cook over medium heat for 25 to 30 minutes, or until rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed.

Remove from heat and let stand, covered, for about five minutes. Remove the bay leaves. Stir in the chopped scallions and serve.

Yield: 6 servings.  
 Recipe from *Louisiana Real and Rustic*.

**Tuesday's Red Bean Soup**  
 For Emeril's Creole Seasoning:  
 2-1/2 tablespoons paprika  
 2 tablespoons salt  
 2 tablespoon garlic powder  
 1 tablespoon black pepper  
 1 tablespoon onion powder  
 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper  
 1 tablespoon dried oregano  
 1 tablespoon dried thyme

For soup:  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 1/2 cup diced bacon  
 1-1/2 cup chopped green bell peppers  
 1 tablespoon minced garlic  
 4 bay leaves  
 6 ounces andouille, chorizo or other smoked sausage  
 1 small smoked ham hock (5 to 6 ounces)

2 cups dried red kidney beans, soaked over night, and drained  
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
 2 quarts chicken stock  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1-1/2 cups cooked long grain white rice, warm  
 6 tablespoons chopped green onions (scallions)

Make the seasoning: Combine all ingredients thoroughly and store in an airtight container up to three months.

Yield: 2/3 cup.  
 Make the soup: Heat the oil in a large pot over high heat. Add the bacon, and saute two minutes. Add the onions, bell peppers, garlic, bay leaves, sausage, and ham hock, and cook, stirring, for two minutes.

Add the beans and cook for two minutes. Stir in the Creole Seasoning, Worcestershire sauce, and stick, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, and cook for one hour, stirring occasionally. Add the salt, cover the pot, and cook for 15 minutes. Turn off the heat and allow pot to sit, covered, for about 20 minutes. Discard the ham hock.

To serve, ladle a generous cup of the soup into each of six bowls. Top each serving with 1/4 cup of rice and sprinkle each with one tablespoon of green onions.  
 Yield: 6 servings  
 — Recipe from *Louisiana Real and Rustic*.

# Menus

Jan. 6-10

| Pampa Schools          |  | en chow mein over rice, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, green beans, navy beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, Boston cream pie or tapioca, hot rolls or cornbread. |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b>          | Breakfast: Waffle sticks, syrup, fruit or juice, and choice of milk.<br>Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, English peas, pineapple, hot roll, and choice of milk. | <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots or butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad; cherry cobbler or coconut creme cake, hot rolls or cornbread. |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>         | Breakfast: Oatmeal; toast, fruit or juice, and choice of milk.<br>Lunch: Pig in a blanket, blackeyed peas, macaroni & cheese, peaches and choice of milk.              | <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Swiss steak or baked ham with fruit sauce, twice baked potatoes, turnip greens, squash, beans slaw, tossed or jello salad, chocolate pie or ugly duckling cake, hot rolls or cornbread.          |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>       | Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, fruit or juice, and choice of milk.<br>Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, pinto beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, and choice of milk.                 | <b>FRIDAY</b>  | Fried cod fish or meatballs and spaghetti, potato wedges, California medley, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or custard cups, bread sticks, hot rolls, cornbread.                   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>        | Breakfast: Toasts, jelly, fruit or juice, and choice of milk.<br>Lunch: Spaghetti, meatballs, green beans, pears, bread sticks, and choice of milk.                    | <b>Meals on Wheels</b>   |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>          | Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, and choice of milk.<br>Lunch: Hamburger, oven fries, burger salad, pickle slices, cookie, and choice of milk.                | <b>MONDAY</b>  | Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, rice Krispies treats.   |
| <b>Senior Citizens</b> |  | <b>TUESDAY</b>   | Pizza, green beans, macaroni salad, pears.   |
| <b>MONDAY</b>          | Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos with cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets or pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad.                                  | <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | Baked ham, hominy casserole, yam patties, jello.   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>         | Liver and onions or chick-   | <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Beef patties, sliced potatoes, tomatoes, pudding.  |
|                        |  | <b>FRIDAY</b>  | Catfish, ranch beans, potato salad, peaches.   |

# Lawyers association donates to shelter

**AUSTIN — The Texas Young Lawyers Association of the State Bar of Texas donated more than \$11,000 this month to 15 shelters for battered women and other victims of domestic violence.**

The money was raised during a "Wear Down" Domestic Violence Campaign held in conjunction with the Texas Association of Legal Secretaries. Law firms and other businesses throughout the state were encouraged to participate in the campaign by allowing employees to dress casually one day in exchange for a contribution.

Proceeds from the project help provide legal services and basic necessities to occupants of local women's shelters.

Since the project's implementation three years ago, more than \$40,000 has been raised. The fund-raising project is coordinated through TYLA's Prevention of Domestic Violence Committee.

This year's "Wear Down" Domestic Violence Day was held Oct. 25, coinciding with the declaration of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" by Gov. George W. Bush.

# Promised Land Network to sponsor annual Southern Plains Conference

**AMARILLO — The Promised Land Network will sponsor the 8th Annual Southern Plains Conference on Jan. 11 in the Grand Plaza of the Amarillo Civic Center.**

The conference theme "Living on the World's Flattest Mountain: The Llano Estacado as Place, Home and Personality" will focus on the history, geography, spirituality and stewardship of the Llano Estacado.

The event will include opening ceremonies by Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen, chief shepherd of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo, music by area singers and a landscape slide presentation by Louis Daniel.

Dr. Frederick Rathjen, retired history professor from West Texas A&M, and J. Michael Harter, history teacher at Austin Middle School in Amarillo, will present a historical overview on the effects of environmental conditions and resident human cultures and how they have shaped one another.

Other speakers will include Cathy Teague, press secretary for Sen. Teel Bivins, and Sister Mary Hawkins, OSB, prioress of St. Benedict's Monastery, in Canyon.

The afternoon sessions will be a panel discussion of the Mexican American culture on the Great Plains and exploration through the artists' eyes of how art and culture have made the area what it is today.

On Friday, Jan. 10, the Polk St. Methodist Church will hold a concert featuring western ballad singer Rick Brumley, singer-songwriter Andy Wilkinson and vocalist Latronda Maines.

Along with music and speakers, approximately 40 exhibit booths will be on display with ready information concerning land stewardship and sustainable agriculture and arts and crafts.

Registration is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, and \$5 per student including refreshments and the noon meal. Concert tickets are \$10 per person. Preregistration and concert tickets may be purchased by mail. Send checks to Southern Plains Conference, P.O. Box 1844, Hereford, TX 79045. For more information, call Lydia Villanueva at 806-364-4445.

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| Sugar spoon        | <b>SALE PRICE</b>     | <b>12.50</b>   | <b>10.75</b> | <b>7.75</b>  | <b>5.50</b> |
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| Tablespoon         | Mfr's suggested price | 36.50          | 29.50        | 22.00        | 15.50       |
| Pierced tablespoon |                       |                |              |              |             |
| Serving fork       | <b>SALE PRICE</b>     | <b>18.25</b>   | <b>14.75</b> | <b>11.00</b> | <b>7.75</b> |
| Gravy ladle        |                       |                |              |              |             |
| Casserole spoon    | Mfr's suggested price | 43.50          | 37.25        | 28.00        | 19.25       |
| Dessert server     | <b>SALE PRICE</b>     | <b>21.75</b>   | <b>18.63</b> | <b>14.00</b> | <b>9.63</b> |

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## Ten Commandments Provide Powerful Words To Live By

DEAR ABBY: I read in a newspaper that a poll was taken in which 1,500 people were asked if they could quote the Ten Commandments. Only a few could come up with three, or four at the most. Many of those questioned said there was no way they could remember all of them.

Abby, will you please print the Ten Commandments? You may use my name.

LINDEL SEXTON,  
OCEANSIDE, CALIF.

**Abigail Van Buren**  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

witness against thy neighbor.  
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from Mr. Harry C. Williams Jr. of Nashville, Tenn., who refuses to shake hands with people he visits in the hospital for fear of transmitting germs.

As a professional health-care chaplain in a hospital setting, I too am very conscious of the spread of infection through person-to-person contact. However, studies have shown that people are starving for the caring touch of another human being. An appropriate touch such as a gentle handshake, or holding the hand of someone who is ill can be healing to that person.

Frequent hand washing is a

must for anyone who touches others, especially in a hospital or other health-care facility, but to forgo all contact of skin with skin is not conducive to the healing of the spirit, which is vital to overall good health.

So let's continue touching as appropriate, and practice good hand-washing techniques.  
CHAPLAIN BOB BURNS, FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN, EUSTIS, FLA.

DEAR CHAPLAIN BURNS: I was touched by the number of health-care professionals who wrote to defend the practice of gently holding the hand of a person in a health-care facility. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While it may be true that inadequate hand-washing is a common cause of spreading infection, this should not prevent visitors or doctors from shaking or holding a patient's hand.

Most patients feel isolated, and denying them what little physical contact they receive is not the answer. A far better solution would be to touch the patient, then wash your hands before touching your face, or another patient.

Patients would rather see you wash your hands after a visit than be treated as an untouchable.  
A HEALTH-CARE WORKER  
IN COLUMBIA, S.C.

- DEAR LINDEL: According to the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments were given to the Israelite leader Moses on Mount Sinai. They are as follows:
1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
  2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
  3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.
  4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.
  5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
  6. Thou shalt not kill.
  7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
  8. Thou shalt not steal.
  9. Thou shalt not bear false

## Horoscope



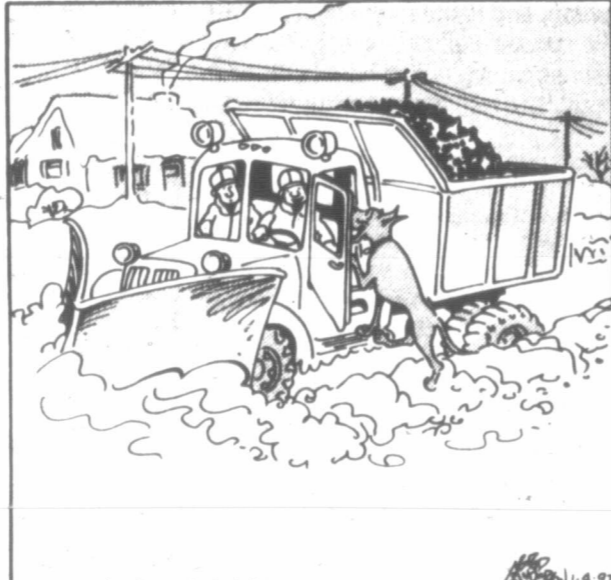
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An ambition you've harbored secretly might be realized in the year ahead. This will be due in part to help from some new friends. You will repay the favor later.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You will be more effective today if you try to maintain a low profile and stay in the background. Too much exposure will be bad. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station.

New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You will achieve the results you desire if you don't take yourself too seriously today. You should be conscientious, but be wary of too much self-criticism.  
**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** In competitive developments today, your resourcefulness and ingenuity might surprise you when you play to win. Try it and see for yourself.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not let your companions establish the agenda for you today, because your priorities might be different. Select the activities yourself.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Someone who brought you good luck in the past might be fortunate for you again today. Listen very carefully to the ideas she espouses. One might be a winner.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Usually it's unwise to put too much stock in snap judgments, but today could be an exception. You can trust your instincts.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** In order to

be productive today, you must get involved in projects that stimulate your imagination. Do not select assignments just to keep busy.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Risky situations might work out better than usual today. However, make sure to calculate their potential accurately.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An arrangement that has been a source of irritation can be improved to your satisfaction if you make it a priority today. Clear things up and move ahead.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Take time to establish a good network today if you're involved in a situation that requires good communication.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Today, you might acquire something you have wanted for a long time. A person you have worked with before might come through for you again.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You will be more productive today if you are properly motivated. If not, you will not accomplish much of your agenda.  
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"In the old movies, why did people only wear black and white and gray?"



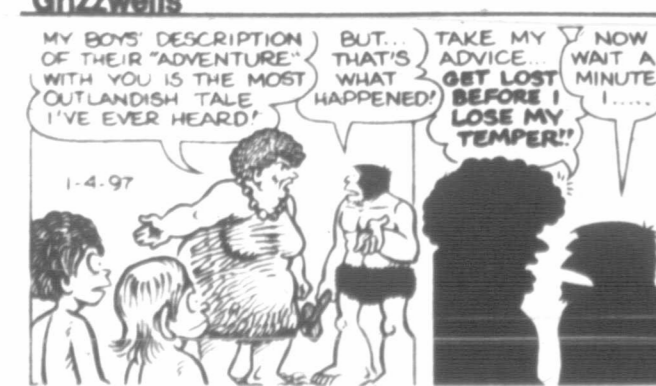
"It's my navigator. He knows where all the fire hydrants are."



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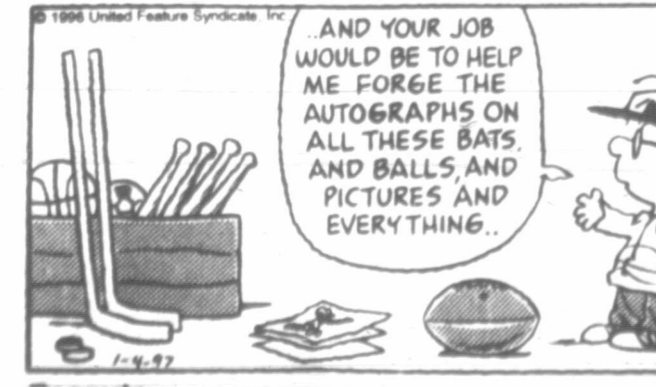
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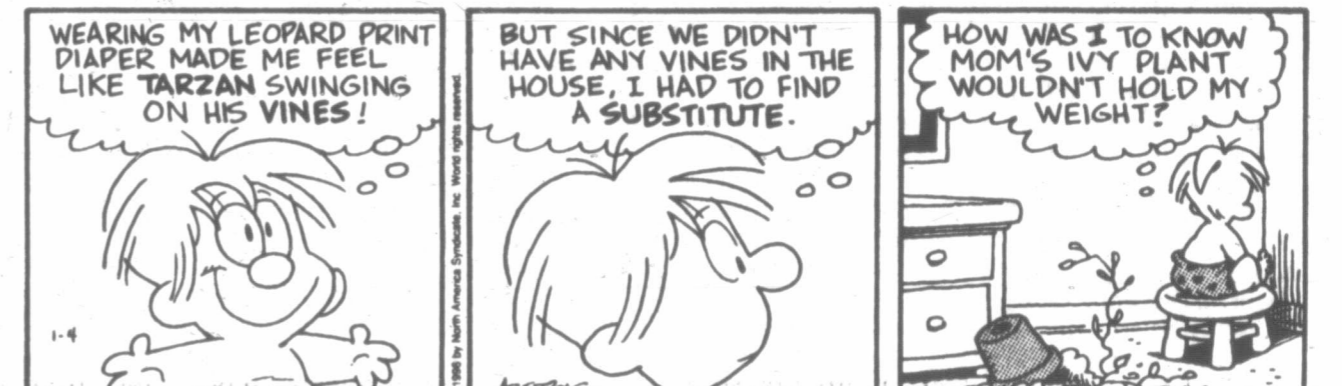
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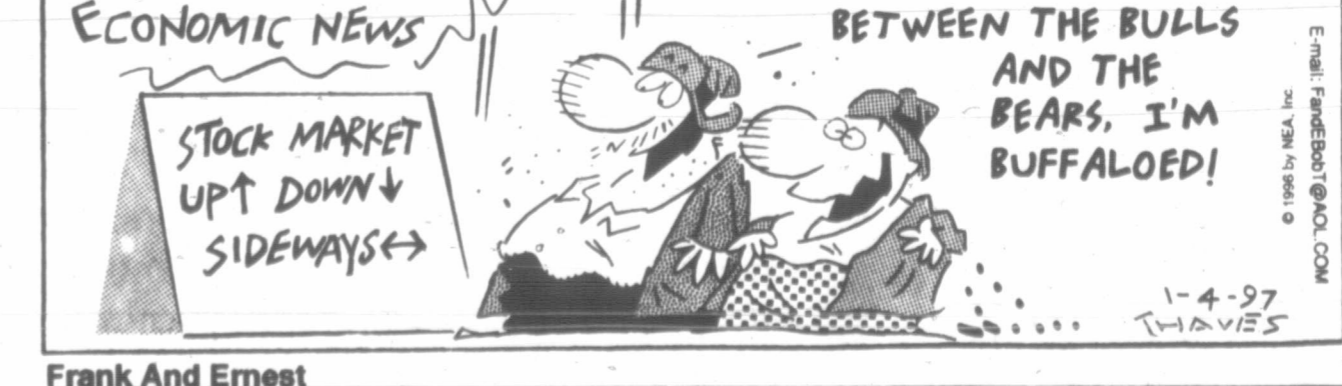
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Entertainment

# Matt Lauer takes charge at 'Today'

By FRAZIER MOORE  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Monday will be the biggest day of Matt Lauer's life, his dream come true, as history is made at the venerable *Today* show and a new chapter in morning television begins.

On the other hand, Lauer would prefer that *Today* viewers not go blowing things all out of proportion.

Fact: Monday at 7 a.m. EST, Lauer will officially succeed Bryant Gumbel, the *Today* host who took office early in the Reagan presidency and now leaves NBC's 45-year-old program in its best shape ever (including its 54-weeks-and-counting ratings dominance over ABC rival *Good Morning America*).

And then? "It's not so much a matter of how the audience reacts to Matt, because Matt's been there," says Matt. "It's a matter of how they react to Bryant's NOT being there" (an absence that commenced with a final "goodbye" on Friday, then a new job, as yet undisclosed).

"For the moment," Lauer sums up, "I'm the footnote to the story."

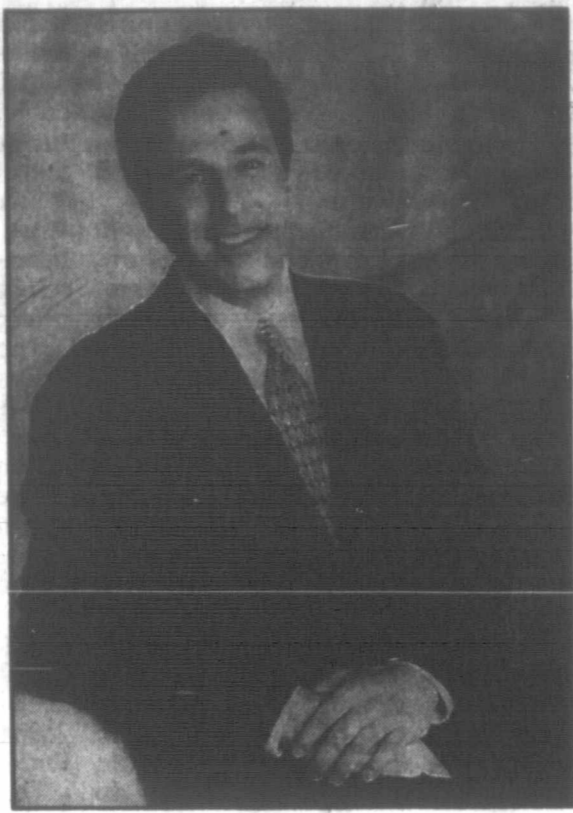
That may sound gracious to a fault, but he has a point. By now, he is a known quantity to *Today* viewers.

He first substituted as host four years ago and since then has filled in scores of times for Gumbel (most recently, one week last month) as well as for co-anchor Katie Couric.

He became an official member of the team in January 1994 as news anchor, which calls for reciting headlines, conducting the occasional interview, and swapping jovial quips with his *Today* conferees on a daily basis.

Self-described as "a quick study and a cool head," Lauer, who turned 39 last Monday, has consistently displayed on-air polish and a prismatic appeal that seems to transmit to each viewer the appropriate color (pal, brother, boyfriend, son).

Such skills were honed during years in TV



(AP photo/NBC)

Matt Lauer will take over the news anchor spot for NBC's 'Today' starting Monday morning.

news and talk at the local level. But it was a career that seemed prematurely at its end in 1991 when he was dismissed as host of an interview program on New York City's WWOR. Weeks later, with bills to pay, he applied for a job near his Westchester home as a tree surgeon.

But before he got his hands on a chain saw, he was hired as anchor of a WNBC newscast. The *Today* show, with its national audience, was just a few floors away.

A year ago, when Gumbel announced he was stepping down from *Today* on his 15th

anniversary, Lauer seemed a shoo-in as successor. As the months passed and no other candidate emerged, his promotion seemed all the more a slam-dunk.

Finally, making no more news than if it had confirmed Clinton's re-election, NBC News two weeks ago officially named Lauer as co-host, joining Couric. Weathercaster Al Roker remains on board of course, and a replacement news anchor will be announced later.

Now that it's all out in the open, let there be no doubt that Lauer is psyched.

"I probably have not been so vocal about it up to now, simply because I didn't want to sound like, 'Hey, Bryant, I'm gunning for your job,'" Lauer says of the role-model-turned-friend with whose family he has spent the past three Christmases. "But I've always thought he had the best job in TV."

Starting Monday that job is Lauer's, as he claims the chair Gumbel filled so well for so long, and begins, a bit gingerly, the process of replacing the irreplaceable.

"I don't know if you can downplay how deeply woven Bryant Gumbel is into the fabric of this show," Lauer says, "and I think there'll be a time when his absence will be greatly noticeable and maybe my emergence might not be so noticeable."

"I would imagine that *Good Morning America* would take this opportunity to make some changes, and come after us very hard," he adds.

"But the important thing for me is not to go on the air and force it, not to say, 'I've arrived,' but just to take it slowly, to let it evolve."

"Six months from now, people are going to wake up and say, 'You know, the *Today* show has changed in tone.' I'm not sure which direction it's gonna go. But it will be a different show."

But that's a bunch of todays from now. Come Monday, said Lauer, doing what he can to rein in expectations, "a member of the family will slide over a chair."

# 'Millennium' frets about the end of the world

By FRAZIER MOORE  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Once upon a time, *The Twilight Zone* hatched eerie little parables of human frailty. Along with a dependable chill, each episode was designed to give the viewer meaning, closure, even the prospect of redemption.

Although clearly its descendent in TV's metaphysical menagerie, *Millennium* is way past twilight. By now, night has fallen. Darkness rules.

On *Millennium*, which airs Friday nights at 8 p.m. CST on Fox, it's always raining. And no one is about to let a smile be their umbrella.

Least of all Frank Black, for whom a smile seems as unlikely a contortion as tucking his heels behind his head. Played by Lance Henriksen, whose face suggests something left to spoil in the refrigerator, Black is a retired FBI agent haunted by the hideous cases he handled at the bureau.

So he has transplanted his loving, long-suffering wife (played by Megan Gallagher) and their winsome little daughter to a new town, where he hopes to find healing for his tormented soul.

Why couldn't he have picked a sunny spot like Palm Springs and taken up golf? Instead, his family resettles in Seattle, where, when it rains, it pours on Frank, who just can't tear himself away from the psycho-chasing game.

And no wonder. He's so cut out for it. He can get inside the minds of the killers he tracks, and see what the killer sees. Talk about over-identifying!

Frank hooks up with a shadowy consultancy whose name, the Millennium Group, reflects its associates' belief that as the year 2000 approaches, things are getting wiggier and

awfuller. These guys figure they've got to do more to prepare than stock up on Moët & Chandon.

As Black might say, "The easy thing to do here is overlook the complexity. There's an act of hubris at work here, a perverse calculus." That is, he might say it when he isn't muttering about "red rain falling in the face of the beast" or quoting Nostradamus.

In a world as truly unforgiving as Frank thinks this one is, such sotto voce sourness would trigger comebacks like "lighten up, dude" or "speak English!" from those within earshot. But no. They eat Frank with a spoon.

*Millennium*, a first-season nightmare of nihilistic bogeymen created by Chris Carter, basks in the irreconcilable, not unlike Carter's smash-hit *The X-Files*, now in its fourth year mocking Scully and Mulder with answers as unreachable as mirages.

Cosmic helplessness is what these shows trade in. A government agency is after you. Aliens are in your neighborhood. A sweating, wild-eyed serial killer has you on his things-to-do list.

And to give it all a weighty feel, the dialogue is sparse and the action even sparser. This isn't a drama. It's a sick tease.

Now if you think *Millennium* makes good on Carter's pledge that it's a serious exploration of good and evil, you probably consider *Baywatch* a weekly update on the elastic properties of modern man-made fibers.

Or maybe you don't think

much of anything about *Millennium*. After a delirious reception by viewers when it debuted in October, its household ratings have plunged by more than one-third.

Perhaps some retooling is in store. A recent *Millennium*, which dealt with a troubled youth who just couldn't resist the funerals of strangers, seemed to back off from the show's usual apocalyptic piffle and concentrate on two things

that, until then, had been of minimal concern: story and characters. It was a marked improvement.

But *Millennium* has mostly been satisfied to reduce evil-doing to gruesome specificity, and evil-doers to sweaty, wild-eyed stereotypes bent on grossing the viewer out.

*Millennium* is as fatuous as it is despairing, and as grisly as it is self-righteous. It should be sponsored by 2,000 Flushes.

## Best sellers

### Publishers Weekly Best Selling Books

#### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. *Airframe* by Michael Crichton (Knopf)
2. *Executive Orders* by Tom Clancy (Putnam)
3. *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans (Simon & Schuster)
4. *Silent Honor* by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
5. *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

#### HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. *A Reporter's Life* by Walter Cronkite (Knopf)
2. *My Serget: A Love Story* by Ekaterina Gordeeva with E.M. Swift (Warner)
3. *Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook* by Scott Adams (Harper Business)
4. *Simple Abundance* by Sarah Ban Breathnach (Warner)
5. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt (Scribner)

### MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. *The Rules: Time-Tested Secrets to Capturing the Heart of Mr. Right* by Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider (Warner)
2. *The Lost World* by Michael Crichton (Ballantine)
3. *The Horse Whisperer* by Nicholas Evans (Dell)
4. *The Cry of the Halidon* by Robert Ludlum (Bantam)
5. *The Final Judgement* by Richard North Patterson (Ballantine)

### TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul* by J. Canfield, M. Hansen, Jennifer Hawthorne, Marci Shinoff (Health Communications)
2. *The English Patient* by Michael Ondaatje (Vintage)
3. *The Book of Ruth* by Jane Hamilton (Doubleday/Anchor)
4. *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison (Plume)
5. *Chicken Soup for the Soul* by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor, eds. (Health Communications)

## Superman gets another makeover

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a bird. It's a plane. It's ... wait a minute, who's this geek in the white and blue tights?

After 60 years of wearing the same red, yellow and blue costume, Superman is getting a makeover with a white-hot and blue outfit that will debut in March, *The New York Post* reported.

And Great Caesar's Ghost! The crusader from Krypton will no longer have a cape.

"The costume is electrical looking," DC Comics executive editor Mike Carlin told the *Post*. "He

still wears an 'S' on his chest but it's not the one we're used to."

The angular 'S,' and jagged stripes resembling lightning bolts, are in keeping with Superman's new "energy-based" powers.

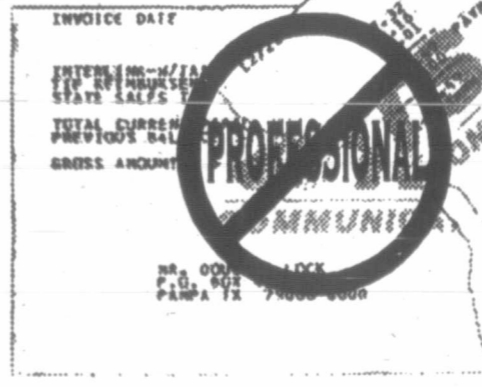
"Bullets don't bounce off him anymore," Carlin said. "They go right through him. The first few times that happens, it causes some problems."

It's hardly the first time Superman's persona has been tinkered with. For one, they killed him off in 1992, before reviving him nine months later.

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Agriculture

# High Plains Irrigation Conference, Trade Show scheduled in Amarillo

AMARILLO - The 29th annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show has been scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the Civic Center, Third and Buchanan Streets, Amarillo.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with a host of industry service companies. Leon New, agricultural engineer with the Extension Service coordinates the event each year.

"We strive to offer growers concise and timely information to help them manage water and crop production," New said.

The conference theme 'Programmed to Help' encompasses a broad array of topics to be addressed by technical and production experts from Texas and other states where irrigation is practiced.

Producers can see the latest technology in equipment and services at the Trade Show. Conference registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. A registration fee of \$7 covers the cost for lunch.

Two continuing education units (CEUs), approved Texas Department of Agriculture, will be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators completing the day's program.

Potter County Extension agent Jim Allison will serve as moderator of the morning program

which starts at 9:25 a.m. Ken Glenn, general manager of Big T Pump Company of Hereford, will discuss what's next for idled pumps and wells on CRP lands.

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Service economist and specialist in farm management from Amarillo, will address issues involving equitable tenant-landowner agreements.

Advances in satellite remote sensing technology to monitor crop growth patterns, including strategies for irrigation will be reviewed by Quentin Rund, regional leader for Resource 21, from Mansfield, Ill. A brief question and answer session includes each presentation throughout the day.

The noon break features a catered lunch and allows time for trade shows tours.

The afternoon program, moderated by Jim Bob Reynolds, Hutchinson County agent, will resume at 1:30 p.m.

Managing irrigation capacity to fit crop water use will be discussed by New, a Texas A&M professor of agricultural engineering and Extension irrigation specialist, from Amarillo.

Karl Johnson, a grower from Hutchinson County, will describe his operation located near Morse and how he manages crop production with current technology.

Extension agent Seth Ralston of Hartley County will moderate the final afternoon segment. Dr.

Brent Bean, associate professor and Extension specialist in agronomy and weed science from Amarillo, will address opportunities to use new herbicide tolerant varieties for corn, soybean and cotton production.

Dr. Carl Patrick, professor and Extension entomologist, will present information on insect resistant crops. Patrick, also from Amarillo, will review the most recent studies involving genetically engineered crops, specifically BT corn and BT cotton, which were monitored in the field with Gaucho treated sorghum seed. He also will discuss future plans for insect resistance trials.

The Industry Trade Show will feature the latest technology and products from Agri Inject Inc., American Technical Services, Brooke Pipe and Supply Inc., Cimarron Marketing, Cobb Sales Company, Energas Company, Equipment Supply, Great Plains Meter, Inject-O-Meter, Nelson Irrigation, Oil-Vac Inc., Pivot Products, Rain Bird Agri-Products Co., T-L Irrigation, T-Systems International Inc., Waterman Industries, Watermaster Industries, Wolf Irrigation Inc. and Wylie Manufacturing Company.

For more information, contact your local county agent or call Leon New, irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at (806) 359-5401, or use e-mail: lnew@tamu.edu.

# Wheat team honored for research work

AMARILLO - A team of Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists, developers of a new hard red winter wheat resistant to Biotype E greenbug, were honored recently for their work by Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association members during ceremonies at the TWPB Symposium and annual meeting.

The organization holds its meeting annually in conjunction with Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show. Members of the team being recognized for exemplary service to the wheat industry are David Worrall, a wheat breeder with the Texas A&M Center at Vernon, and Amarillo Experiment Station scientists Kenneth Porter, emeritus professor of agronomy; Mark Lazar, wheat geneticist; Gerald Michels, entomologist; Brent Bean, agronomist; and Gary Peterson, agronomy research associate.

D.G. "Bill" Nelson, executive vice president of the TWPB headquarters in Amarillo, recognized team members on behalf of the organization. Nelson manages the Producer One Cent Check-Off Program, making investments in this and similar research and education programs.

"Some of the first dollars committed for research when producers check-off program began some 25 years ago went toward better equipping Experiment Station laboratories to do disease and insect resistance work," Nelson said.

The development of TAM 110, with Biotype E greenbug resistance built in, marks a major achievement toward lowering producer produc-

tion costs and reducing the need for chemical treatments to control a major wheat pest, added Nelson.

"High Plains growers definitely have another choice to consider in wheat varieties for the future," said TAES research director, John M. Sweeten of Amarillo.

Sweeten also praised the scientists efforts to work as a team, bringing several disciplines to bear on the research and successfully deliver a return on the long term investment made by producers.

The wheat improvement team is part of a state research effort led by scientists from Texas A&M's departments of soil and crop science, entomology and plant pathology.

"Their mission is to help the wheat industry address the challenges of high cost production and the threats continually posed by insects and disease," Sweeten said.

The variety is expected to adapt well in the entire High Plains winter wheat region from Texas north to western Nebraska or South Dakota.

TAM 110 is available through Texas Foundation Seed Service, 11914 Highway 70, Vernon, Texas 76384, telephone Dale Williams at (817) 552-6226. Orders also are accepted by fax at (817) 552-5524.

For more information, contact D.G. "Bill" Nelson, Executive Vice President, Texas Wheat Producers Board and Producers Association, 2201 Civic Circle, Amarillo, Texas 79109, (806) 352-2191; or by e-mail at TXWheat@am.net.

# Proposal would give flexibility to poultry labels

WASHINGTON (AP) - Manufacturers could interchange specific amounts of poultry in their products without changing the labels under a proposed new federal rule.

The Agriculture Department wants to allow the interchangeable ingredients when two kinds

of poultry each makes up at least 30 percent of the poultry and together total at least 70 percent of the product.

The new rules would allow the two products to be listed together on ingredient labels.

For instance, if a product contained both chicken and turkey, the

same label could be used whether that particular package included 30 percent chicken and 40 percent turkey or 30 percent turkey and 40 percent chicken. It would just indicate that turkey and chicken together comprise 70 percent.

The public has until Feb. 25 to comment on the proposal.

# United Soybean Board elects new officers

The producer-directors of the United Soybean Board (USB) elected David Winkle of Sumter, S.C., as the 1997 chairman during USB's annual meeting held Dec. 13-17 in St. Louis.

"The United Soybean Board and its producer-directors are committed to the growth of the U.S. soybean industry and to maximize the benefits of the national soybean checkoff to soybean producers," says Winkles.

Also elected were Byron Lemoine, Hamburg, La., as vice chairman; Bob Eilts, Central City, Neb., as treasurer; and Rex Miller, Smithville, Ohio, as secretary.

Additionally, the chairs of each of the major program areas and support committees were elected at the board meeting. Those elected were Richard Borgsmiller, Murphysboro, Ill., Audit and Evaluation; Jay Franklin, Vanita, Okla., Producer Communications; Earl Hendrix,

Raeford, N.C., Production; Doug Magnus, Slayton, Minn., International Marketing; Jerry Scocum (immediate past USB chairman), Coldwater, Miss., Domestic Marketing; Yvonne Wente, Waverly, Iowa, New Uses; and Robert Williams, Poseyville, Ind., Trade Analysis.

"For the seventh year in the past ten, soybean demand has exceeded supply. Despite the late planting season for many producers, 1996 was the second largest production year in history with 2.4 billion bushels of soybeans," explains Winkles. "This would not have been possible without the support of the nation's soybean producers, researchers and state soybean boards. The United Soybean Board will continue to work closely with state soybean boards on coordinated and complementary efforts."

Winkles indicated USB increased its effort in 1996 towards developing more open partnerships with industries. Over the next year, he says, USB wants to continue to grow those relationships and tap into the knowledge those industries have to share.

New directors appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to serve on the USB and sworn in at the meeting are Gerald Day, Sturgis, Ky.; Bryan Hieser, Minier, Ill.; E. Glenn Holland, Pocomoke, Md.; Bruce Johnson, West Point, Va.; Thomas Rotello Jr., Navasota, Texas; David Schmidt, Iowa City, Iowa; and Ronald Sterler, Sanborn, Iowa.

The United Soybean Board is made up of 59 producer-directors who oversee the investments of the national checkoff on behalf of all U.S. soybean producers.

# Gray SWCD still taking orders for seedlings

The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is still accepting orders for tree seedlings. These seedlings are offered at a nominal cost with the aim of the program being to protect cropland, feedlots and buildings, and to control erosion and enhance wildlife.

Several species are available. Potted conifers offered include Afghan Pine, Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Colorado Blue Spruce, White Pine, Scotch Pine and Pinon Pine. Several species of bareroot

hardwoods are also available including Aromatic Sumac, Catalpas, Desert Willow, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Honeysuckle, Mulberry, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Shumard Oak, Ash, Caragana, Cotoneaster, European sage, Golden Willow, Hybrid Cottonwood, Lacebark Elm, Lilac, Lombardy Poplar, Native Plum, Sand Cherry, Siberian Elm and Flameleaf Sumac.

Wildlife Packets are also available. The packets include 25 seedlings each of four different species, and are designed to

enhance quail and pheasant, turkey, deer, and squirrel populations.

The trees will arrive at the District Office at the end of March. District representatives suggest that tree orders be placed early as many species sell out very quickly.

The deadline for ordering the trees is March 12. Anyone interested may obtain an order form at the Gray County SWCD Office located in the Gray County Courthouse Annex on East Frederic (Highway 60), or by calling the District Office at 665-1751.

# Ag briefs

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) - High grain prices have driven farmland prices up in recent years, but with grain prices easing, land prices could even out, a University of Kentucky economist says.

Corn, soybean and wheat prices in 1997 are expected to be lower than this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Corn and wheat prices hit record highs in 1996.

"High grain prices will not last forever," said Richard Trimble, UK extension agricultural economist.

Farmland values continued their upward climb in 1996, a trend seen since 1987.

Farmland values went from an average of \$878 per acre in 1987 to \$1,377 per acre for 1995, said William Brannen, deputy state statistician for the Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service.

GILBERT, S.C. (AP) - Holiday shoppers and retailers aren't the only people who get stressed out this time of year. Farmers who grow collards are plenty busy too.

New Year's in the South means eating collards for luck, and for the Rawl family farm, that means work - and lots of it - while other families are resting during the holidays.

Trucks and wagons loaded with collards lumber down the road from the hilly Lexington County fields nearby. The greens are cleaned at a packing house and then shipped to warehouses, which send them to grocery stores in eight states.

About a dozen relatives work various parts of the farm; many live on the same narrow road near Gilbert. Twelve-hour days are not unusual as the family produces about 50,000 boxes of collards for market during the last 10 days of December.

Southern lore says eating collards on New Year's Day will bring prosperity in the year ahead.

"Christmas Day, we stop to catch our breath, have time for the family and give thanks," said Susan Clifton, granddaughter of the late Walter P. Rawl. "Then

we've got to be ready to go again the next day."

One recent fall day, the family shared its way of doing business with a Russian farmer who toured the 70-year-old farm and a packing house. The Rawls then invited him for lunch at the family homestead.

The meal naturally included collards, prepared the way 91-year-old matriarch Ernestine Rawl has cooked them for decades. The Rawls say the key to good collards is to soak them properly, then splash in vinegar and salt.

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# New biography chronicles first Mexican-American federal judge

By JESSICA DeLEON  
The Monitor (McAllen)

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — When Louise Ann Fisch decided to write her master's thesis on the life of federal Judge Reynaldo Garza, the judge wasn't so sure it was a good idea.

"Louise," Garza told her, "you're not getting much of a thesis."

But when Ms. Fisch's professor at Tulane University in New Orleans saw the finished product, the professor told her, "You ought to write this man's biography."

After all, the biography of the 81-year-old Garza may be one of the most fascinating stories of a Mexican-American in the 20th Century. The son of Mexican immigrants, Garza became the first Hispanic to be appointed to a federal judgeship when President John F. Kennedy made the selection in 1961.

His shadow and influence have loomed large ever since — both in the legal profession, where many young Hispanics have followed his footsteps, and in a Rio Grande Valley community where he is a revered figure. Garza's portrait hangs in South Texas federal courthouses. Elementary schools in Brownsville and McAllen bear his name.

"He really is a presence," said U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa of McAllen. "He holds court whether he's in the courtroom or outside the courtroom."

Garza's admirers say he has worn the role model tag with dignity and grace for nearly four decades. It is a responsibility Kennedy made clear in 1961 when the young president conferred with Garza in the Oval Office.

"I remember President Kennedy when I was at the meeting," Garza said, as he imitated Kennedy's finger pointing. "He said, 'It's up to you to do a good job so others can follow you.'"

Garza did the job so well over his 18 years on the federal bench in Brownsville that President Jimmy Carter appointed him to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans in 1979. But Carter previously had seen Garza taking an even bigger role — offering him the opportunity to join the president's Cabinet as the nation's attorney general.

Garza turned Carter down. The federal judge did not want to give up his lifetime appointment, or to be taken away from his beloved Brownsville for any extended period of time.

Garza's story is one of accomplishment, and by his own admission, luck in meeting the right people at key times in his life. During his days as a law student at the University of Texas, Garza came across a gangly and energetic young politician whose ambitions would take him to high places.

Lyndon B. Johnson made an immediate impression on Garza, and the friendship forged between the two men over several decades would play a critical role in Garza's historic 1961 appointment.

Now Fisch, a Brownsville native, has documented this life story in the newly released biography, *All Rise: Reynaldo G. Garza, the first Mexican-American Federal Judge*, published by Texas A&M University Press.



(AP photo/The Monitor, Larry W. Chubb)

**Federal Judge Reynaldo Garza sits at the desk in his office at the Federal Building in Brownsville. The son of Mexican immigrants, Garza became the first Hispanic to be appointed to a federal judgeship when President John F. Kennedy made the selection in 1961.**

For Fisch, who now works as a writer for a non-profit research institution in Washington, D.C., Garza's success stems from his ability to retain his Mexican roots and still succeed in American culture.

"I felt there was a void in American history because no one had written about this historical figure," Fisch said.

For all he has seen and achieved, Garza downplays his achievements.

"I was a very lucky man," he said. "I got on the right horses."

The milestones of Garza's life can be seen in his office.

His commissions for federal judge and circuit of appeals judge, given by Presidents Kennedy and Carter, hang behind his desk. Pictures of his family decorate the top of a cabinet to his left.

Family pictures include a sepia-tone photo of his father, Ygnacio, and mother, Zoila, who were originally from Matamoros, Mexico. His father worked at a bank in Brownsville, and 10 days after he married Zoila, they moved across the border.

Garza, who was born in Brownsville in 1915, was the sixth of eight children. He grew up during the Depression and worked his way through the University of Texas-Austin. At the university, he met fellow students who eventually would play influential roles in Texas politics.

Future congressmen Henry B. Gonzalez and J.J. Pickle were among Garza's acquaintances at UT-Austin, as was future Gov. John B. Connally. But

none made a greater impression than a candidate seeking to represent Austin and much of Central Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"One Sunday afternoon, this tall, lanky fellow came in," Garza said. "I didn't have a chair for him. He sat on my bed."

It was Garza's first encounter with Lyndon Baines Johnson — at the time a young congressional aide seeking his first elected position in a political career that eventually would take him to the White House.

Garza had a friend who was Johnson's roommate at Southwest Texas State College. His friend recommended Johnson contact Garza to see if he could help with the congressional campaign.

Garza decided to take Johnson to Mass at his church in east Austin.

"I'll have a microphone," Garza told Johnson. "I'll introduce you there."

Of the 1,395 votes cast in that east Austin precinct, 1,385 of them would go for Johnson.

"He and I became very good friends," Garza said.

Garza established his law career in Brownsville after finishing school in 1939. Brownsville had few attorneys back then, and Garza would become a school board member and city commissioner.

After 20 years of building a successful law practice, Garza received a call in 1961 from Robert Kennedy — the U.S. attorney general and brother of the president. A vacancy had come up in a federal judgeship covering much of South Texas.

Kennedy wanted to know if Garza would accept the position.

"I remember telling him, 'That's something. I have to talk over with my family,'" Garza said.

Federal judges made only \$22,000 at the time, a significant pay cut from what Garza was making in private practice. When he talked to his wife, Bertha, she reminded him Texas Gov. Allen Shivers once had offered him a state district judgeship and Garza turned down the offer.

Garza recalled his wife saying, "Take it. Money doesn't mean anything. I think she lived to regret it."

When Garza accepted the appointment, he flew to Washington to meet with President Kennedy and his old friend, Johnson, who was now vice president. A White House photographer took a picture, which now hangs on Garza's wall, of the three men talking in the Oval Office.

It was a defining moment for a son of Mexican immigrants.

"It's something few people get to do," Garza said.

But the burden of being a trailblazer at times has worn on Garza. At a recent ceremony, a speaker introduced Garza with the long string of "firsts" the judge has accomplished in his life.

"I feel like a freak," Garza remembered saying at the ceremony. "Everything is first."

Prominent McAllen attorney Ruben Cardenas is among those who have been touched by Garza's example.

"He's been a definite role model for all of us in South Texas that are in the legal profession and even outside the legal profession," said Cardenas, who has known Garza since the 1950s. "He's exhibited the type of leadership qualities you look for as a parent, lawyer and as a federal judge."

"He is outspoken and very clear of his convictions," Cardenas said.

Garza has needed the strength of those convictions to get through some difficult times on the bench. His tenure as federal judge began just as the civil rights movement of the 1960s was heating up. Garza said he never thought of his Hispanic roots as he worked his way through segregation cases.

"A real federal judge has to be color blind," he said. "I have no likes or dislikes. Everybody is the same to me."

In 1979, Garza decided to accept an appointment to the New Orleans-based federal appeals court. He is now on "senior status," in which he handles a reduced workload. He goes to New Orleans about five weeks out of the year, and hears about 20 cases each time.

Garza now spends much of his time in his home town, enjoying his grandchildren and watching the careers of his five children blossom.

U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela succeeded Garza on the bench in Brownsville.

"He is the type of individual that fits in every scenario," Vela said. "Wherever he goes, regardless of what the setting is, he's comfortable in the barrios or the highest settings."

As always, Garza remains modest about the big steps he has taken — for himself and his community.

"I did what I thought I was right," he said.

## Federal program to protect wild horses sends them to slaughter

By MARTHA MENDOZA  
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A multimillion-dollar federal program created to save the lives of wild horses is instead channeling them by the thousands to slaughterhouses where they are chopped into cuts of meat.

Among those profiting from the slaughter are employees of the Bureau of Land Management, the federal agency that administers the program.

These are the conclusions of an Associated Press investigation of the U.S. Wild Horse and Burro Program, which has rounded up 165,000 animals and spent \$250 million since it was created by Congress 25 years ago.

The program was intended to protect and manage wild horses on public lands, where they compete for resources with grazing cattle. The idea: Gather up excess horses and offer them to the public for adoption.

However, nothing in the law prevents the new owners from selling the horses to slaughterhouses once they take title to them. It is common for horses to go to slaughter when they grow old or fall lame, but nearly all former BLM horses sent to slaughterhouses are young and healthy, according to slaughterhouse operators.

Under the program's rules, anyone can adopt up to four horses per year, paying \$125 for each healthy, government-vaccinated animal. If the adopters properly care for the horses for one year, they get legal title to them in the form of handsome BLM certificates bearing individual identification numbers that are freeze-branded into each horse's hide.

"We're working toward helping people develop pride in their horses," said Deb Harrington, a BLM spokeswoman in Oklahoma. "These titles are suitable for framing."

Using freeze-brand numbers and computerized public records, the AP traced more than 57 BLM horses that have been sold to U.S. and Canadian slaughterhouses since September. Eighty percent of those horses were less than 10 years old and 25

percent were less than 5 years old. Ten years is not considered old for horses, which are often ridden well into their 20s.

At the Cavell West slaughterhouse in Redmond, Ore., for example, proprietor Pascal Derde pulled a sheaf of BLM certificates from a folder and explained that they were for horses he recently processed at his plant and sent to Belgium for human consumption.

Nearby, the carcass of a BLM horse dangled on a hook while butchers sliced the lean meat into packageable cuts.

"Killed on Friday, processed Monday, Thursday we load the truck and then it's flown to Europe," said Derde. "Monday it's sold in Belgium, Tuesday eaten, Wednesday it's back in the soil."

"The sad thing," said Pete Steele, a former BLM employee living in Montecello, Utah, "is you've got a bunch of wild horses rounded up and nobody wants them except for some folks who see there's some money to be made here."

Asked about the AP's findings, Tom Pogacnik, director of the BLM's \$16 million-a-year Wild Horse and Burro Program, conceded that about 90 percent of the horses rounded up — thousands of horses each year — go to slaughter. Has a program intended to save wild horses as a symbol of the American frontier evolved into a supply system for horse meat?

"I guess that's one way of looking at it," Pogacnik said. "Recognizing that we can't leave them out there, well, at some point the critters do have to come off the range."

Clifford Hansen, a former U.S. senator from Wyoming who introduced the bill to create the program, now wishes he could remove his name from the legislation.

"The law was intended to recognize the significance of wild horses and burros, but talk about a waste of public funds," said Hansen, now 84. "It's become the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of."

The government spends an average of \$1,100 to round up,

vaccinate, freeze brand, and adopt out a horse. Adopters pay \$125 for each healthy horse, and can get lame or old horses for as little as \$25, or even for free. After holding the horses for a year, the adopters are free to sell them for slaughter, typically receiving \$700 per animal.

The government spends \$1,100. The adopter can make \$575 or more.

The sellers find no shortage of horse meat buyers. The demand for American horse meat has long been strong in Asia and Europe, where few share the common American compunction about eating the animal.

Today, demand is up in Europe because of fears of mad cow disease, said Luc Van Damme of Zele, Belgium, whose 100-year-old Velda horse meat business owns the Cavell West slaughterhouse.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 42 million pounds of horse meat were exported in 1995 at an average price of 62 cents per pound. In 1996 prices were up to 80 cents a pound and rising. France and Belgium were the biggest buyers, with others including Japan, Switzerland, Italy, Netherlands, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, New Zealand, Austria, Russia, Bahrain, Argentina and China.

While nothing in the law prevents sending an adopted horse to slaughter, government officials offer conflicting opinions whether it is legal or ethical for BLM officials to adopt and sell horses.

The Associated Press matched computer records of horse adoptions with a computerized list of federal employees and found that more than 200 current BLM employees have adopted more than 600 wild horses and burros.

Some of these employees, when contacted by the AP, could not account for the whereabouts of their animals. Others acknowledged some of their horses were sent to slaughterhouses.

In Rock Springs, Wyo., the BLM corrals are run by Victor McDarment, whose crew rounds up horses from open ranges in Wyoming, freeze brands them and arranges adoptions. It's a job that gives them access to thousands of horses.

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## Arkansas may be losing war against fat citizens

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In the state Health Department's war on fat, fat is winning.

State Health Director Dr. Sandra Nichols says Arkansas will probably not meet its goal of reducing the percentage of its overweight residents to 20 percent by the year 2000. The number has actually gone up since the goal was established.

"It is very disturbing," Ms. Nichols says. "We focused on the issue, but we went in the wrong direction."

When the U.S. Public Health Service published its 10-year health objectives for the nation in 1990, the state established its own health promotion and disease prevention plan.

At the time, 23 percent of Arkansas adults were overweight. At the end of 1995, the figure was up to 30 percent, state figures show.

In subgroups, 44 percent of black women are overweight, as are 40 percent of low-income adults. Among men, 37 percent are overweight, compared to 31 percent of all women.

"We started an awareness program, pointing out health issues... psychotherapy, anything that would normally make adults want to increase their exercise," Nichols said. "None of it, obviously, has worked."

Obesity can be linked to diabetes, heart disease and hypertension, Nichols said. She estimates that 35 percent of all cancer deaths and up to 30 percent of heart disease deaths can be related to diet, especially fat.

The weight problem can eventually become a drag on the health care system and the state's economy, she said.

"Anybody with health problems is going to leave a burden on the health system," Nichols said.

With the new year, Nichols hopes the traditional rush to health clubs and diet plans — with a doctor's checkup first — will help the state slim down, along with a vow to eat better.

"Probably 50 percent of our citizens' health problems come from behavior that can be better controlled," Nichols said.

H.B. Willis, who owns the Blood, Sweat and Tears gym in Fort Smith, said potential customers already have been calling, many about how to lose the extra 10 to 50 pounds they've been carrying around.

"I would say we have a 75 percent success ratio. It's definitely not 100 percent. I just try to get them to come in 30 minutes a day three times a week," he said.

He said he wasn't surprised to see obesity figures up because there's little criticism of overeaters, especially when compared to previous criticism aimed at reducing smoking.

"It's now socially unacceptable for someone to use tobacco, but not socially unacceptable to stick a Ding Dong in your face. It's not unacceptable to stick a McDonald's bacon, egg and cheese biscuit in your face," Willis said.

In North Little Rock, the Arkansas Athletic Club expects its January membership to be its highest ever. In addition to offering exercise, it also offers nutrition education and motivational training, and put on a low-fat cooking seminar before the holidays.

"For a few people, doctors have referred them here," said owner Doyle DeWoody. "Half the people already have a healthy lifestyle, and almost a third are making a commitment to change."

## Property tax relief heads legislative agenda

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — In 1995, new Republican Gov. George W. Bush wowed even some critics as the Legislature endorsed all four of his top priorities. In 1997, he's focusing on a new one — property tax relief.

But finding a way to ease the \$10 billion a year burden of local school property taxes won't be easy.

As Bush's own tax study committee reported, without recommending a remedy: "Identifying problems is easy; solving them is hard."

Bush started the ball rolling 18 months ago.

Riding high after passage of bills to increase local control of schools, reform welfare, toughen juvenile justice laws and restrict civil lawsuits, Bush said he would turn his attention to property taxes.

The governor formed the study committee, which traveled the state and heard from hundreds of Texans. The committee concluded that property taxes are too high and people are upset, but it found no agreement on an alternative to replace the much-disliked levy.

A group of gubernatorial and legislative staffers offered three options: higher sales taxes; a new gross-receipts tax on business revenue; and a new business-activity tax, which would tax the difference between the sales and costs that a business incurs.

Lawmakers have suggested some combination of those levies might be the way to go.

Whatever the eventual path, the governor voices increasing confidence that relief is on the way.

"I believe the plan that will emerge will include a swapping

of other forms or revenue in return for substantive, real property tax relief," Bush said in an interview.

Lawmakers "agree it needs to be addressed," he said. "I'm optimistic something will happen for the good of Texas, for the good of Texas families."

Bush said he worries about the negative impact of high property taxes on young Texans trying to buy first homes and on elderly Texans whose tax payments today top their original mortgage payments.

Several powerful lawmakers have joined the search for an alternative.

But as Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, observed, changing tax laws can be a minefield. "There's any number of things that could send property tax reform into the trash can," he said.

Bush has proposed what he calls a \$1 billion down payment generated from higher-than-expected state revenues and lower-than-expected spending.

"It's really important for Texans to understand that we have lean government and that they will share in the benefits of leaner, more efficient government," he said. "That is ... a very critical first step toward a property tax relief plan."

The looming struggle has political overtones, too.

Bush, if he chooses to run, faces re-election in 1998. Both state Comptroller John Sharp and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro are counted among likely Democratic candidates.

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bill White has said the governor needs to deliver on his property tax pledge. "He'll either succeed or fail, and I think to a large extent that's going to determine the governor's race," White said.

And for the first time in 125 years, the Republican Party controls one of the two legislative chambers. The GOP won 16-14 control of the Senate in last year's elections.

While property taxes will occupy much of the 1997 Legislature's time, it's not the only item on the lawmaking plate.

First, a two-year state budget must be written.

As House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, points out, approving a government spending plan "is the whole, total reason why we are here."

The current two-year budget totaled \$79.9 billion. Revenue growth is projected to be about \$3 billion, according to a report by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's office.

A booming economy has pumped additional money into the state treasury, as has a popular state lottery. And the comptroller's office has completed its fourth top-to-bottom audit of state government, recommending hundreds of cost-cutting measures that could save \$1.2 bil-

lion over the next two years.

But there are other demands for spending.

State government employees, who haven't gotten an across-the-board pay increase since December 1992, want a raise.

Public school enrollment is rising, and state spending on schools will too. The costs of running the state's larger prison system are going up. The state's colleges and universities want more.

Apart from money concerns, the list of legislation to be considered is lengthy. Lawmakers are expected to debate:

— Limiting or ending local governments' use of property tax breaks as an economic development incentive.

— Imposing restrictions on abortions in Texas.

— Meeting the increased demands for water, a problem emphasized during last summer's severe drought.

— Changing the state's concealed handgun law, including determining where guns may be carried.

### IN CONFLICT WITH THE WORD OF GOD

"And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe." (1 Thess. 2:13.) The Thessalonian brethren differed from many today in that they had a much higher regard for the word of God than they did for the word of men. That there has always been a conflict between the word of God and the word of men is an obvious fact.

An example of a conflict between God's word and man's word is seen in what a person has to do to be saved. "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned." (Mk. 16:15-16.) This is what God's word says. Man's word says, "He that believes is saved and shall be baptized." This is an obvious conflict between God's word and man's word.

Another obvious conflict is that man says there are many faiths. God's word states that there is "one faith" even as there is "one body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one baptism and one God" (Eph. 4:4-6.) Paul wrote: "and He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." (Eph. 1:22-23.) And so, man says there are many churches, while Paul says there is one body, the church, and Jesus Christ is head over all things to it.

Another conflict between what man says and what God says is found in James 2:24, where James writes: "Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith." Man says that a person is justified by faith only. Certainly, God's word states that faith justifies (Rom. 5:1.) But nowhere does God say that a person is justified by faith only. We should always have the same regard and respect for God's word that characterized the Thessalonians.

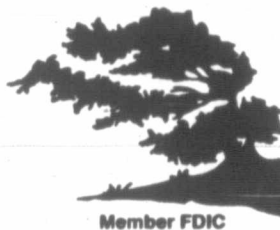
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