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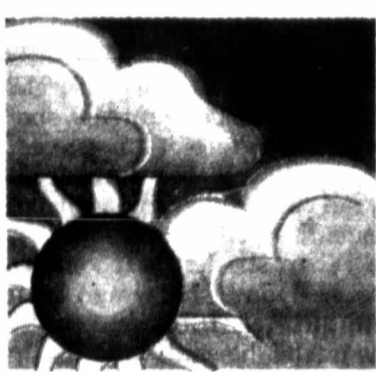
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PAMPA — The Juvenile Probation Board of Gray County will meet at 4 p.m. Friday in the Gray County Courthouse, third floor non-jury courtroom.

The only item listed on the agenda is the approval of the drug placement facility Sundown Ranch Inc.

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The Wichita Falls school district is close to ending more than a quarter-century of court-ordered supervision with a plan to desegregate schools by 2001.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall approved the plan and signed an order Friday that allows the district to ask that supervision end after three more years.

The main element in the settlement between the school district and the U.S. Justice Department is a plan that allows students to pick their schools and establishes guidelines for how many white and minority students attend junior high and high schools.

Wichita Falls schools first made an effort to integrate in 1969, after school trustees were told a lawsuit ordering integration was inevitable. That lawsuit came in 1970, and school boundaries established then remained in place — with minor changes — until last year, when elementary school lines were changed and a new elementary school opened.

During the 26 years the boundaries remained intact, the neighborhoods changed and the schools grew more segregated by race.

DALLAS (AP) — More than 500 acres southwest of Houston could become home to Texas' largest mall — a 2-million-square-foot shopping and entertainment megacentre — as soon as next year, according to a published report.

Mills Corp., an Arlington, Va.-based real-estate developer specializing in so-called mega malls, has paid an undisclosed price to buy the land from American Realty Trust Inc., a Dallas-based real-estate investment company.

Mills plans to turn the plot into a mall that would draw between 16 million and 18 million visitors per year, the *Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal* reported in today's editions.

Mills, which already is building a mall just north of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport that is scheduled to open Oct. 30, says it will decide whether to move forward with plans by the end of the year.

If it opts for the deal, the complex could be ready by 1998. The company estimates a completed mall would create 4,000 jobs.

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Ethics case tempers Gingrich's triumph

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich is rejoicing over his reelection as House speaker, but the victory will be tempered by a public airing of his ethical misdeeds and a likely House vote to rebuke his conduct.

Gingrich overcame a groundswell of opposition in his own party Tuesday to become the first re-elected Republican speaker in 68 years. Today, the House ethics committee was meeting privately, commencing procedures to punish Gingrich for bringing discredit upon the chamber.

Moments of high drama accented Tuesday's opening day of the 105th Congress: a climactic, hour-long roll call vote; an acceptance speech punctuated with apologies; and a nasty partisan spat over when the ethics case against Gingrich would end.

Hours after his victory, Gingrich was asked whether he could be sure that no more damaging information would be revealed in his ethics case.

"Of course not," he told a reporter, adding "I can't predict" what the committee's outside counsel would do.

The partisan fight came over a request by the counsel, James M. Cole, for more time to complete his work. That would have necessitated an extension beyond the Jan. 21 date the ethics committee has set for wrapping up the case.

Democrats on the ethics committee moved to change Republican-proposed rules to accommodate Cole, but Republicans refused.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., a member of the ethics investigative subcommittee, said, "I thought I would never see the day when the chairman of the ethics committee would come down to the floor and turn down the request of the special counsel ... for a couple of extra weeks to complete the case."

The subcommittee, two Republicans and two Democrats, unanimously backed the extension.

But ethics Chairwoman Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., said the Republican leadership wanted no more changes in the schedule. She did say a vote on penalties, the final action in the case, likely would be held Jan. 21.

Committee Democrats accused Republicans of seeking a vote on Jan. 20, when President Clinton will be inaugurated on the West steps of the Capitol.

Cole will make a report at a still-unscheduled public hearing on sanctions. The committee then will recommend a punishment to the House — most likely a vote to reprimand the speaker.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said he looked forward to the end of the Gingrich case so the chamber could move on to legislative business.

"That will be out of the way. We will then have no reason to have any distraction from the serious legislative work of the body, and we will, of course, go right to it," he said.

Miami Masons mark 100 years

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

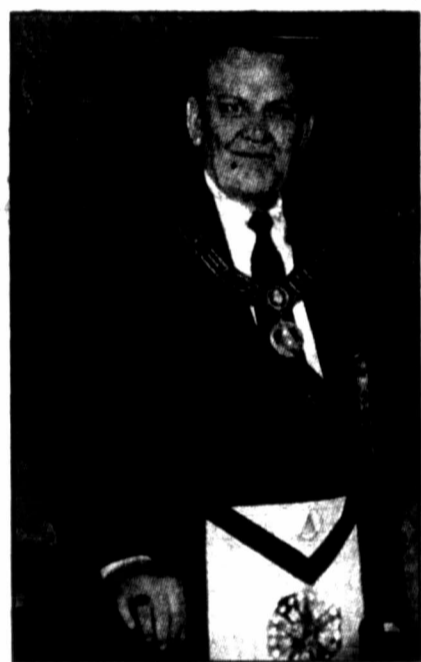
The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masonic Lodges of Texas, Joseph W. Regian of Dallas, will attend the 100th Year Commemorative Banquet for Miami's Masonic Lodge No. 805, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Thursday evening in Miami.

Regian will be the guest speaker at the historic banquet and will present Miami's Worshipful Master Ted Sullivan with a 100 Year Certificate.

The Miami Lodge brethren will meet at 6 p.m. at Miami Lodge No. 805, followed by the Open Lodge ceremony and a general meeting, before retiring to the church for the banquet, said Gene Hodges, Lodge secretary.

Other special guests attending are two past Grand Masters and past grand officers, several past commanders, present Potentate and four past Potentates, ten lodge masters or their representatives, and several past masters and brothers, Reynolds said.

Dyer's Bar-B-Que of Pampa is catering the meal, at \$5 per plate, in First United Methodist Church of Miami, 201 S. Main St., beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas, Joseph W. Regian of Dallas, guest speaker at Miami Lodge No. 805, AF&AM, 100th Commemorative banquet.

Invitations are open to the public and any Mason and his guests, according to Wylie "Butch" Reynolds Jr, chairman of the Centennial Celebration committee, and the appointed deputy Grand Master.

According to historic ledgers, the Miami AF&AM No. 805

organized Dec. 10, 1896, making it the oldest Lodge of the Texas Panhandle in District 101.

Lodge No. 805, when first organized in 1896, selected C. Coffee, W.M. Williams, B.F. Williams, S.W. and J.M. Exum, and J.W. Clark as its first officers and Clark Hall, Tiler, according to history information provided.

In the brief historical account, most of the early pioneers prominent in the community and early settlement of Roberts County were members of the Miami Lodge. The members were from Pampa, Canadian, Mobeetie and Miami and were of the well-known, well-respected citizenry, including G.W. Arrington, M.K. Brown, C.V.P. Buckler and Dave Lard.

Members of the first class were H.E. Baird, S.G. Carter, L.A. Coffee, Tas Crowson, Sam Edge, Frank Exum, J. Getzmler, A.B. Harmon, Sam Isaacs and N.E. Locke.

Past Masters of Miami Lodge No. 805 include C. Coffee, 1897-1899; S.G. Carter, 1900; J.W. Anderson, 1901; Perry LeFors, 1902-1903; N.E. Locke, 1904; W. Coffee, 1905-1907; J.A. Mead, 1908-1909; J.E. Kinney, 1910; J.K. McKenzie, 1911; Dan Kivlehen, 1912; H.E. Baird, 1913; G.M. Moon, 1914 and F.H. Snyers, 1915.

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Snow, ice blanket northern half of state

LUBBOCK (AP) — After taking a little holiday vacation of its own last month, winter has gone back to work this week in Texas.

A frigid air mass entering from the west has conspired with moist gulf air to the south, resulting in the season's first real snowfall for much of the state.

"There's not much traffic around here today," said Renee Barrois, a bookkeeper for American Huddledly Piggledy, an antiques store in the Hill Country town of Fredericksburg. "I think everybody is staying indoors."

Ice caused hazards in patches throughout the northern half of the state early Tuesday. Another snowstorm was expected in the

same region again today.

"The forecasters don't know exactly what's going to happen, but it's a pretty good idea it's not going to be terribly pleasant," said Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Alan King.

Power lines snapped under the weight of ice in the Austin area, and 16,000 electric customers were without power this morning, utility officials in the city said.

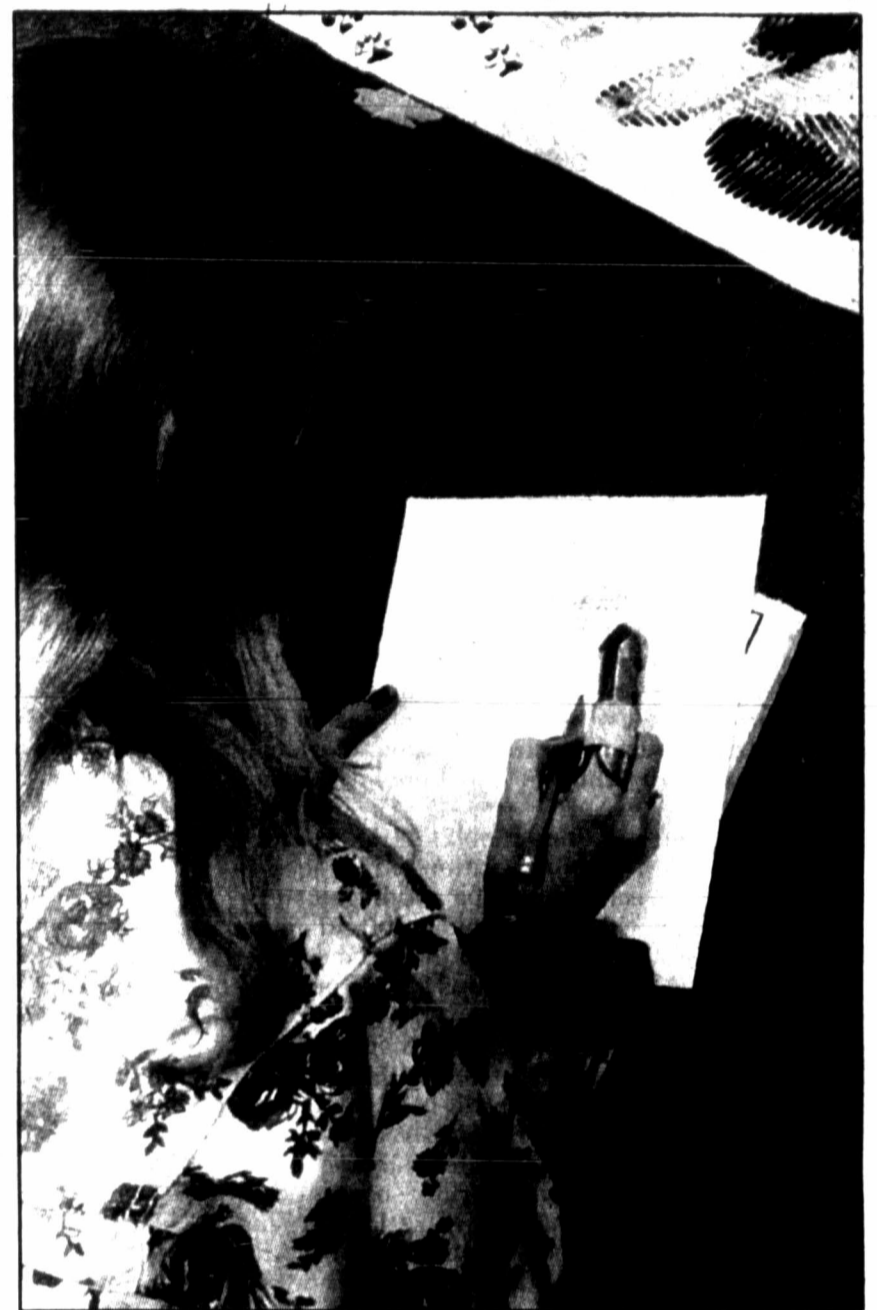
"It's the accumulation of ice on trees. So many have not been trimmed. They are so close to the line. When it builds up, they weigh down, and it just takes out the circuits," said city of Austin utility spokesman Jim Rushing.

Most of northern Texas on

Tuesday saw some kind of snow, enough to frost trees and cars but not enough to make much of a dent on roadways. The National Weather Service spent the afternoon lifting advisories, and people across the state reported cold but improving conditions.

Oliver Olivar, owner of Border Taxi Cab in El Paso, said the intermittent snow that has fallen since Sunday had ceased by Tuesday afternoon, although 3 inches or more was predicted overnight.

"We just make sure we keep our cars running up to par," Olivar said. "We keep experienced drivers out there. Some guys don't want to fool with it and just want to stay home."



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandrige)

Seventh-grader Kathy Russell works on a drawing of the crime scene for Dana Ketchersid's Mystery Festival. The students will be working to solve a fictitious murder as part of an ongoing class project.

Middle school students solving fictitious murder

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Pampa Middle School students in Dana Ketchersid's gifted and talented classes are using a hands-on technique this week to solve a fictitious murder.

The exercise is part of a continuing mystery festival which involves reading a popular murder mystery, learning the difference between inference and observation and then using forensic skills to come up with the murderer.

Ketchersid said, "This is an ongoing project. I've wanted to do something like this for a long time, and I finally came across the right resources."

She said the book she is using for the student mystery was developed by St. Lawrence schools and is very appropriate for the age group of students.

According to Ketchersid's guidebook, everything is simulated. There is no actual blood or body and no one has been designated as the killer. This is an exercise to strengthen the students' critical thinking skills and help them to still be creative.

Ketchersid said that crime scenes can provide great educational benefits and incorporates science, math, storytelling abilities and observation skills.

The students will be working on the project all week. Other than just observing the arranged crime scene, students will also be doing scientific tests on evidence. Chromatography and pH factor will be only a few of the tests done to determine the validity of the evidence at hand.

A section to the middle school library has been taped off with yellow and black police crime scene

tape. Amid the black footprints and the various soft drink cans and other bits of evidence exists the outlines of the allegedly dead Felix.

The students have been given a scenario which includes the greatly disliked victim, the possibility of the victim having been seen in the area since the murder and an array of conflicting evidence which they have to sort through to reach the truth.

Ketchersid said the purpose of the project is not to say who is guilty, but to use the same methods as the police in a realistic investigation.

Assisting the students in their search for the truth is Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Scott.

Scott provided a crime scene kit and detailed how officers actually work a crime scene.

"When we come to a crime scene, we take pictures of everything, we draw sketches and collect all the evidence. We have to be careful not to disturb the evidence and not to miss anything," Scott said.

He said that all the evidence is collected, bagged and tagged so it can be thoroughly examined at a later date.

"After all the visible evidence has been removed, technicians will come in and vacuum the area and examine all the fibers and hair from the crime scene," Scott said.

He stressed the importance of accuracy in collecting evidence as the crime scene often changes after officers leave.

Tuesday, the students spent their time viewing the crime scene and making drawings of the evidence. As the week goes on, the students will use scientific means to come up with a theory as to what really happened.

Television industry to submit its new ratings system to FCC

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government soon will be asked by the TV industry to review its system for rating shows' sexual and violent content.

TV industry executives, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were prepared to file the plan — as required by a telecommunications law enacted last February — with the Federal

Communications Commission this week, and were aiming for today.

ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and some cable networks are already carrying on-screen tags suggesting appropriate age groups for shows.

Unveiled last month, the six-tier aged-based system, similar to the one used for movies, was immediately attacked by

child advocacy groups and other critics as too vague to help parents shield their kids from excessive sex and violence.

If the FCC finds the TV industry's ratings unsuitable, it can move to appoint an independent advisory board that would create a new system. However, the government cannot require its use.

Critics and other interested parties will

have an opportunity to weigh in on the industry's system once it is submitted to the FCC.

Critics hope they can use the FCC review as a way to pressure the industry to make changes in its system. They want the ratings system to include more detailed information about the type and intensity of sex, violence and language in a given show.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DARNELL, Opal — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo.
SHAFER, Ellen C. — 2 p.m., Resthaven Chapel, Lubbock.

Obituaries

OPAL DARNELL
 FLORESVILLE — Opal Darnell, 85, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Memorial Park Cemetery at Amarillo with Chester O'Brien of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Darnell was born at Newlin. She married Leonard Darnell in 1929 at Clarendon; he died in 1970. She moved from Pampa to Amarillo in 1937 and from Amarillo to Floresville in 1993. She was youth director at First Baptist Church for several years and had worked for churches in Florida and San Antonio.

Survivors include two daughters, Maxine Coker and Linda Federspill, both of San Antonio; a son, Tom Darnell of Flowermound; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or to First Baptist Church of Amarillo.

RUFUS L. HIGDON
 MIDLAND — Rufus L. Higdon, 81, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Larry Ashlock, of Crestview Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mr. Higdon was born June 2, 1915, at Bangs, Texas. He grew up and attended school in Wellington. He came to Pampa and began working for the movie theaters, moving to Midland in 1952. He continued to work in theaters and later retired from Albertson's. He was a member of the Paternal Order of the Eagles.

Survivors include three daughters, Camille Komyathy of Midland, Latrice Griffin of Odessa and Donna Tunell of Roswell, N.M.; two sons, Bud Higdon of Apex, N.C., and Woody Higdon of Oceanside, Calif.; two sisters, Margaret Payne and Ione Dunn, both of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Tati Higdon of Dallas, Mike Higdon and David Higdon, both of San Francisco, Calif., Arlis Komyathy and Kristina Komyathy, both of Midland, and Keith Tunell of Roswell; a great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

ARTHUR LEE HOWARD
 DENVER, Colo. — Arthur Lee Howard, 82, brother of a McLean, Texas, resident, died recently. Services were to be at 1 p.m. MST today in Aurora First Presbyterian Church. Burial is to be in Hampden Memorial Gardens under the direction of Aurora Chase Mortuary and Crematory.

Mr. Howard was born at Childress, Texas. He married Virgie W. Hall in 1940, at Sayre, Okla.; she died in 1990. He was a civil service employee, working a total of 33 years for the department of the Air Force first at Cheyenne, Wyo., Air Force Base from 1948-49 and later from 1953-57, then at Amarillo Air Force Base from 1958-67, and at Lowry Air Force Base from 1967-79. He married Joyce N. Hale in 1993 at Amarillo. He homesteaded at Powell, Wyo., near Yellowstone National Park from 1949-52. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, enlisting in 1942 at Fort Sill, Okla., and serving as technical sergeant in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. He was a member and a deacon of Aurora First Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of American Legion.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Suzanne H. DeLano.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; three daughters, Michele H. Smith of Grand Haven, Mich., Cecile H. McElroy of Amarillo, Texas, and Jeanne H. Lebsack of Parker, a stepson, Larry R. Hale of Corpus Christi, Texas, three sisters, Winifred Rice of McLean and twins Robbie Howard and Laura Lee Farley, both of Amarillo; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, 2255 S. Oneida St., Denver, Colo., 80224 or to Colorado Palliative Care Hospice, 8795 E. Tennessee Ave., Suite 250, Denver, Colo., 80224.

ELLEN C. SHAFER
 LUBBOCK — Ellen C. Shafer, 90, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Carilion Health Care Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Resthaven Chapel with the Rev. Dave Treat of Asbury United Methodist Church, officiating with the Rev. Raymond Wolf, retired minister, assisting. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Shafer was born March 22, 1906, at Fairview, Okla. She married Carl W. Shafer on Nov. 25, 1926, in Kansas; he died Sept. 17, 1976. She resided in Lubbock from 1946-52. She lived in Pampa prior to returning to Lubbock in 1976. She taught piano and directed church choir both in Pampa and Lubbock. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and Lubbock Music Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Katherine S. Leonard and Maria Evans, both of Lubbock; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING
 Tralee Crisis Center, 319 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Klempner, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

Obituaries

W.J. 'BILL' SHIREY
 PERRYTON — W.J. "Bill" Shirey, 77, a former Wheeler resident, died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Howard Stone officiating. Burial is to be in Ochiltree Cemetery.

Mr. Shirey was born in Oklahoma. He married Imogene Taylor in 1955 at Shamrock. He had been a Perryton area resident since 1955, moving from Wheeler. He had worked as an oil field operator and as an employee of Kencop prior to retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. He attended a Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Imogene; two daughters, Shirley O'Dell of Amarillo and Kelly Shapley of Dallas; three sons, Floyd Morris of Pampa, David Morris of Dille and Billy Morris of Wilton, Ark.; two sisters, Wanda Mayden of Shamrock and Rosilee Attwood of Wheeler; a brother, Buford Shirey of Shamrock; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 7
 Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner. Taken were a black wallet, various items valued at \$100.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner. Taken were a purse, credit cards, ID, valued at \$25.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 600 block of West Browning. Missing was \$27 cash.

A 26-year-old male reported an assault in the 2000 block of North Hobart. The only injury reported was a headache.

A 25-year-old female reported an assault in the 1100 block of East Francis. No injuries were reported.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Various items were taken valued at \$26.67. Suspect was arrested.

Arrests
 Teresa Riley Dinsmore, 42, 1722 Duncan was arrested at 1900 N. Hobart on a theft charge and two warrants. She remains in custody.

David Lee Ellison, 30, 605 Plains was arrested on two warrants. He remains in custody.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 7
 Gray County deputies responded to a theft under \$50 at Allsup's at Price Road and Hwy. 152.

Arrests
 Jonnie Monden, 33, Borger, was arrested for violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance. He remains in custody.

Tracy Lynn Morris Aiken, 24, Borger was arrested on a bond surrender for a murder charge. She remains in custody.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 7
 8:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of East Frederic on an injury. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

1:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transferred one patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

1:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transferred one patient to the 800 block of West 25th.

11:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anheuser Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	4.14	Chevron	67 1/4	dn 1/2
Milo	3.86	Coca Cola	53 7/8	dn 1/2
Corn	4.66	Columbia/BICA	41 1/4	up 1/4
		Entero	43 7/8	up 1/8
		Halliburton	64 5/8	dn 3/8
		Ingersoll Rand	43 3/4	dn 1/8
		KNF	38 7/8	up 1/4
		Kerr-McGee	73	up 3/4
		Limited	18 1/8	NC
		Magco	33 3/4	dn 1/8
		McDonald's	43 3/8	dn 7/8
		Mobil	126 1/2	up 3/8
		New Atmos	23 3/8	NC
		Parker & Parsley	36 5/8	NC
		Permy's	48 7/8	up 1/2
		Phillips	44 1/8	dn 1/4
		SLB	107 1/2	dn 3/8
		SPS	35 1/4	up 1/8
		Tenneco	43 7/8	dn 3/8
		Texasco	101 1/8	dn 7/8
		Ultranar	32 1/4	NC
		Wal-Mart	23 7/8	NC

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

Occidental	23 3/4	dn 1/8
Magellan	81 3/4	
Burrton	13 3/4	

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

Ameco	83 3/4	up 1/4
Arco	132 7/8	dn 1/2
Cobra	24 5/8	dn 1/8
Cobra O&G	17 3/8	NC
New York Gold	156 3/5	
Silver	4.60	
West Texas Crude	26 3/5	

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 7
 9:59 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a carbon monoxide alarm at 1806 Chestnut.

10:42 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a good intent call 7 miles east on Highway 60.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8
 6:45 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assist at 312 Rider.

Jewell: 'Money can't buy your name back'

ATLANTA (AP) — A month after he settled a libel claim with NBC, Richard Jewell said in an interview with the network today he fears he will always be known as the man once suspected of planting the Olympic Park bomb.

"What I hear all the time is, 'Well, that's the ex-suspect, that's the one they thought did it,'" Jewell said on the *Today* show. "I don't ever hear, 'That's the one that did his job and, in doing so, possibly saved lives.'"

Jewell, his mother and two of his lawyers were in New York for the 18-minute interview with host Katie Couric. Last month, NBC and Jewell reached a settlement over comments anchor Tom Brokaw made on the air after Jewell was named a possible suspect in the July 27 explosion. *The Wall Street Journal* reported the settlement was worth \$500,000.

"I don't think that Richard would have put his mom and the rest of his family through this incredible hell for any amount of money," said attorney Watson Bryant Jr.

Jewell said the settlement will never make up for his lost reputation and the 88-day nightmare he lived through.

"I just wish I could get my name back," he said. "I don't know ... money can't buy your name back."

Barbara Jewell said the ordeal hasn't ended for her. Watching a replay of her August news conference at which she tearfully pleaded for President Clinton to clear her son, she broke down in tears and said, "Every time I see it, every time I see a reporter, it all starts again."

Jewell, 34, found the knapsack that contained the pipe bomb just before the explosion that killed one person and injured more than 100 in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park.

The beefy security guard was initially lauded for alerting police and helping clear people away. But his name was soon leaked as a suspect and he became a virtual prisoner as federal agents and reporters stalked out his apartment. He was cleared in October.

Jewell said he's now trying to lose some weight so he can return to a career in law enforcement. He has turned down at least one job offer from a radio station in Atlanta.

"I hope there's someone out there ... (who) wants somebody

who's a hard worker and gives 110 percent in their job," he said. "There's somebody out there. I've just got to go find them."

Jewell and his mother also appeared on ABC's *Good Morning America* today.

In an interview with *Vanity Fair*, Jewell revealed that he and his mother were careful not to say anything; they didn't want the outside world to hear while secluded in their two-bedroom apartment during his ordeal.

He said he was convinced that the hordes of media outside his home could hear everything said in the small apartment by using sound dishes.

"If my mom and I had something we wanted to talk about that we didn't want anyone to hear, we wrote it on pieces of paper," Jewell told the magazine in an interview for February's issue.

"When she left to go to work the next day, she would take it with her, tear it up, and put it in the trash," he said.

Jewell said he suspected his telephones were tapped, although the U.S. attorney in Atlanta has maintained there were no wiretap warrants.

Control Equipment to expand facilities

Richard Allred, executive vice president of Control Equipment Inc., has announced that his company will be expanding operations at a new 7200 square foot facility on Price Road in Pampa.

Control Equipment is a sales and distribution company for oil field equipment. The company is looking at expanding the scope of its operations into automation, and the Pampa facility is a key component of future plans.

"We think enough of the Pampa area to invest in this new facility," Allred said. "We are looking forward to expanding our business in Pampa. We've already added two people to

our staff and hope to add more."

Control Equipment Inc. is based in Odessa, with branch offices in Wichita Falls and Pampa. The company currently employs a total of 25 people.

Hal West, the Pampa branch manager, stated, "Our new facility here in Pampa will allow us to more effectively complete work on a current automation project and to pursue other similar work."

The expansion for Control Equipment's operations in Pampa will be good both for the company and for the Pampa community, according to Jack Ippel, executive director of the

Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

"This company is demonstrating faith in the business climate of Pampa by making an investment here, and we are looking forward to sharing with them a period of growth and productivity," Ippel said.

Allred credited the PEDC staff for the role it played in the decision to expand in Pampa.

"The PEDC staff was extremely cooperative and we were very impressed with their helpfulness. Their hospitality made us feel very welcome and their professionalism helped us feel very comfortable with our decision to expand," Allred said.

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Masons

Others that followed were L.A. Coffee, 1916; M.M. Craig Jr., 1917; J.A. Holmes, 1918; J.M. Keffer, 1919; W.H. Craig, 1920; Lee Newman, 1921; J.A. Bell, 1922; C.A. Gilley, 1923; J.A. Mead, 1924; G.M. Moon, 1925; D.I. Barnett, 1926; J.F. Coffee, 1927; F.H. Russell, 1928; B.C. Heare, 1929; J.T. Matney, 1930; Tas Crowson, 1931; W.L. Russell, 1932; J.G. Ramsey, 1933; Horace Smith, 1934; Pitchman Counts, 1935; and R.A. Wyckoff, 1936.

Others, in the order they served, are C.F. Burnett, F.D. Walker, F.A. Drum, J.T. Cantrell,

J.H. Hoffer, Tas. Crowson, J.G. Ramsey, J.C. Williamson, T.A. Stribling, Glynn Dodson, John Seitz, Woody Pond, L.A. Maddox Jr., Leslie T. Moore, J.W. Thompson, A.J. Davis, Clyde Hodges and others, as the lodge membership grew and progressed.

The 1996-1997 officers include Worshipful Master Sullivan of Miami, Senior Warden Donald Dick of Pampa, Junior Warden Larry Lambright of Pampa, Junior Deacon Mark Tucker, Chaplain Leslie Moore, Treasurer John Brogdon and Secretary Gene Hodges of Miami, Senior Stewart Guy Foley and Junior Stewart Chris Gill of Canadian,

Master of Ceremonies Frank Heare and Tiler Rusty Early, of Miami.

Among the many accomplishments of the Miami Masons, according to lodge records of Nov. 16, 1907, a petition for a charter for the first lodge formed in Pampa was sent from the Miami Lodge to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, which recommended Brother J.T. Crawford to be the first master, C.L. Mullin, first warden, and George Thut, first junior warden. Upon examination the men were found fully competent to confer the degrees, and thus the Pampa Lodge was chartered.

Accidents

The Pampa Police reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Jan. 7
 A fire hydrant at the intersection of Dwight and Gwendolen was damaged when it was struck by a 1988 Buick driven by Robert Brian Akins, 28, 737 N.

Dwight. Akins was cited for no proof of liability.

A 1977 Chevy Blazer pickup driven by Theresa H. Wilson, 705 E. Francis, collided with a 1992 Ford Taurus, owned by Jackie L. Broadus, 1329 Starkweather, in the 400 block of Hazel. Wilson was cited for no proof of liability.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, partly cloudy and cold with a low near 20. Light northerly winds. Thursday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 40s and westerly winds to 20 mph. Tuesday's high was 33, the overnight low was 23.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, becoming partly cloudy with lows from mid teens to near 20. Thursday, partly cloudy to mostly sunny and warmer, with highs from near 40 to mid 40s. South Plains: Tonight, a chance of light snow during the evening, then decreasing cloudiness. Lows 15-20. Thursday, partly cloudy and warmer. Highs from mid 30s to low 40s.

North Texas — Tonight, snow ending west and central. A chance of sleet or snow east. Colder with lows 20 to 25. Thursday, mostly cloudy and a little warmer. A chance of snow or sleet early east. Highs upper 40s west to mid 30s east.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of rain possibly mixed with snow Hill Country. Lows from upper 20s Hill Country to near 30 south central. Thursday, decreasing clouds. Highs in upper 40s to near 50. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain south and light sleet or snow inland north. Lows near 30 inland north to mid upper 30s coast. Thursday, cloudy with a chance of rain, some rain may be mixed with sleet or freezing rain north in the morning. Highs in low 40s

Mexicans protest beating death

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican officials blame a San Antonio policeman for the death of Eli Montesinos, who died in San Antonio Tuesday after being beaten New Year's Day.

The Foreign Ministry here sent protest letters to San Antonio's mayor and police chief and to Texas state Attorney General Dan Morales.

Mexico's ambassador also sent a diplomatic note to the State Department in Washington, D.C., and a letter to Texas Gov. George W. Bush demanding an investigation, the office said in a statement issued late Tuesday.

"The diplomatic note manifests (our) indignation and energetic condemnation of this flagrant violation of the human rights of Mexican nationals," the statement said.

"It also asks for the intervention of the Civil Rights division of the Justice Department for an exhaustive investigation of the incident," the statement read.

Nuevo Leon state Gov. Benjamin Clariond Reyes also filed an official protest with Texas officials, the official Mexican news agency Notimex reported.

Montesinos was a Mexican citizen living in San Antonio. He appears to have been from Monterrey, in Nuevo Leon.

inland north to upper 40s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in upper 30s coast to low 30s inland. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in low to mid 50s.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, clearing and very cold. Lows from 10 below zero to single digits mountains and northwest with teens and 20s elsewhere. Thursday, partly cloudy north. Fair skies south. Highs upper 20s and 30s mountains and northwest with 30s to mid 40s lowlands southwest.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, mainly southeast. Lows in the teens and 20s. Thursday, decreasing clouds. A chance of snow early southeast. Highs in upper 30s to mid 40s.

High court weighs right to doctor-assisted suicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is confronting profound issues of life and death in deciding whether terminally ill people have the constitutional right to doctor-assisted suicide.

In today's oral argument, the justices were being asked to weigh states' efforts to prevent intentional killing against patients' right to avoid intolerable pain.

"The state has an interest of the highest order in prohibiting its physicians from assisting in the purposeful taking of another person's life," the Clinton administration said in court papers supporting state laws in New York and Washington that banned assisted suicide.

But doctors who persuaded lower courts to invalidate those laws insist that mentally competent, terminally ill patients must be allowed to decide for themselves when to die.

"The person who is dying in intolerable pain or torment faces suffering that is too intimate and personal for the state to insist that she must bear it," Harvard law Professor Laurence Tribe wrote in court papers in the New York case.

Most states have bans on assisted suicide similar to those in New York and Washington. By July, the justices will decide whether to uphold such laws or declare doctor-assisted suicide a constitutional right.

By sunrise today, scores of people braved

frigid weather to claim a place in line for admittance to the argument session. Supreme Court arguments are not open to television and radio coverage.

"These cases could really change the face of the doctor-patient relationship," said Seattle anesthesiologist Gail Van Norman, who arrived outside the Supreme Court building 4:30 p.m. EST Tuesday to be first in line.

Bob Castagna, executive director of the Oregon Catholic Conference, arrived five hours later to become second in line. "This is an issue of critical importance to our country and, I think, to the world because of the United States' leadership in law and medicine," he said.

Four University of Pittsburgh students lined up behind Castagna. One of them, Melissa Hancock, said the court had not handled a case so important to the nation since it legalized abortion in 1973. "This is a Roe vs. Wade kind of case," she said.

The two appeals are perhaps the most closely watched Supreme Court cases since 1992, when the high court reaffirmed the constitutional right to abortion. They raise similar questions about an individual's right to control his or her own body.

Terminal illness is an issue that potentially affects everyone. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist confronted it himself when his wife, Natalie, died in 1991 after a long battle

with ovarian cancer.

Justice Antonin Scalia has repeatedly said he finds no "right to die" in the Constitution. Last year — in a speech given months before the court granted review in today's cases — he said giving people the right to commit suicide was not a question the Supreme Court should decide.

The court first recognized a constitutional right to die in 1990 when it ruled that terminally ill people can refuse life-sustaining medical treatment.

But in 1995, the justices rejected a challenge by Dr. Jack Kevorkian to Michigan's ban on assisted suicide. Kevorkian, who has helped more than 40 people kill themselves, is not involved in the cases being argued today.

In the New York case, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that it was discriminatory to refuse to let terminally ill patients end their lives with medication while allowing other dying patients to refuse medical treatment.

The Washington law was thrown out by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which said that state's ban on doctor-assisted suicide violated due-process rights.

Hundreds of groups and individuals have filed friend-of-the-court briefs. Those supporting the state bans on assisted suicide include the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association and the U.S. Catholic Conference.

Woman at center of controversy says players were on cocaine

DALLAS (AP) — The woman who accuses Dallas Cowboys star Erik Williams of sexually assaulting her while teammate Michael Irvin videotaped the scene told police the players called the next day to apologize.

The 23-year-old woman also said in an affidavit released Tuesday that the players used cocaine the night of the alleged incident.

In the affidavit, released by state District Judge John Roach, the woman told police that Irvin, Williams and a third man "had been using cocaine that night."

Detectives, who used the affidavit to obtain a search warrant, have said they had found no evidence of drug use in their search of Williams' North Dallas home.

Irvin and Williams have denied the assault accusations, and no one has been charged with a

crime stemming from the alleged Dec. 29 attack. Police have not identified the third man said to have been involved.

The next day, the woman said Irvin told her, "Nothing happened; you will be OK."

She said Williams told her, "I'm sorry, I didn't mean to hurt you. Next time, if there is a next time, I'll be more gentle."

At one point during the alleged incident, Williams "began snorting powder cocaine off the bar in the room" before forcing the woman to perform a sexual act, the affidavit said.

The woman also said that after she was raped, Williams "grabbed a bag of cocaine and went downstairs with Michael Irvin and the other unknown black male."

Williams' lawyer, Peter

Ginsberg, said, "What's important is the evidence gathered by the police, and I've been informed of no evidence which is consistent with the allegations of unlawful activities."

Irvin's lawyers did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press. The former All-Pro receiver has said he hasn't been to Williams' home in more than a year; Williams' lawyer supported that claim.

Irvin is on four years' probation for felony drug charges. During sentencing last summer, state District Judge Manny Alvarez told Irvin he'd be "looking at 20 years in the penitentiary" if he reappeared in court.

Roach's court also released an inventory of items seized from Williams' house on Dec. 31. The list included a loaded revolver,

two loaded semi-automatic pistols, a video camera, more than two dozen video tapes, sexual paraphernalia and "one small package of aluminum foil containing unknown type residue."

Police took hair samples from the house and from a pool table on which the woman said she was raped.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram quoted an anonymous source on Tuesday as saying no evidence links Irvin to the alleged assault.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that Irvin didn't appear on a seized videotape that allegedly shows Williams and the woman having sex. Police sources told the paper the voices on the tape would be analyzed and that it could not be determined from the tapes whether the sex was consensual.

Grand jury indicts priest in sexual assault case

HENDERSON, Texas (AP) — A Rusk County grand jury has indicted a 58-year-old priest accused of sexually assaulting a child last year, church officials said Tuesday.

The Rev. Octavio Suarez was indicted Tuesday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault, according to a statement issued by the Catholic Diocese of Tyler.

Rusk County District Attorney investigator William Brown said that an official report from the grand jury had not yet been released, but he refused to comment further.

Suarez, who maintains his innocence, was pastor of St. Jude's Parish in Henderson last October when he was arrested on the charge.

The arrest followed an investigation by the Texas Rangers and the Rusk County District Attorney's office. Charges revolve around an incident last April, but officials have released no further details.

"We continue to feel, following a thorough investigation by diocesan officials into the allegations made in the spring of 1996, that Father Suarez will be found innocent of the charge," said the Rev. Edmond Carmody, bishop of the Diocese of Tyler.

Donation to Pampa Sheltered Workshop



Dale Knott, right, presents director Jane Goode with a check for Pampa Sheltered Workshop, representing a donation of \$2 per car wash from his business. Dale's Car Wash has been providing a monthly donation to local charity organizations as an ongoing service project for the community. The Sheltered Workshop was December's recipient.

Judge acquits Aldine teacher of charges

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has acquitted a woman who was accused of having sex on numerous occasions with two teenage boys who were her students in the Aldine school district.

Visiting state District Judge Jimmy James said the state failed to prove its case against Dorothea Eichman, 40, beyond a reasonable doubt.

The two boys claimed they had sex with Ms. Eichman over a period of two years, ending in the summer of 1995. One of the

boys, now 15, said he and Eichman had sex at least 50 or 60 times.

She was charged with 14 counts of sexual assault. She said the boys coerced her into having sex by threatening to kill her and her young daughter.

Eichman had called the police on several occasions to complain that the two boys were harassing her at her residence.

Community Calendar

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

January

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of the Texas Panhandle Inc. has an office open in Pampa. For information as a volunteer, or if you have a child who would qualify for the program, call 665-1211.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

MEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-75-0769811-0.

10-12 — TOP O' TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE, Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park. For more information, contact Gray County Extension Office, 669-8033.

13 — AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS will meet at 1 p.m. in the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Speaker will be Debbie Donley, who will discuss the Meredith House. The public is invited. For more information, contact Betty Epperson at 665-0356.

14-31 — PAMPA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBIT. Selected student art works, White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler. Tuesday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m., or phone 669-8041 for an appointment. Sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association; for more information, call 665-0343.

17-18 — GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW, Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park. For more information, contact Gray County Extension Office, 669-8033.

18 — ARLO AND ABE GUTHRIE in concert, 7 p.m., M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Tickets, \$12.50 per person, are available at Tolzien's Music in Amarillo and Tarpley Music in Lubbock and Pampa. Proceeds benefit Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie Inc., a non-profit organization.

23 — PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD will have its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, in Pampa. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 665-4268 or 665-0940.

24-26 — ACT I PRESENTS "Harvey," directed by Cheryl Shuck and Sandy Crosswhite. Pampa Mall, 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact 665-3701.

25 — FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS, 6 p.m., Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Pot luck supper. For more information, call 665-8067, 665-0190 or 665-7896.

26 — SUPER BOWL CHILI SALE. Sponsored by American Business Women's Association. \$5 per quart, we deliver. Make reservations by Jan. 18. For more information, call 669-2135 or 669-9834.

27 — PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION annual membership meeting and banquet, M.K. Brown Auditorium, Heritage Room. For more information, call 665-0343.

28 — PHS BAND SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Pampa High School cafeteria, 5-8 p.m. Tickets, \$4.50 for adults, \$2.25 for children. For more information, contact Jane Jacobs at 665-3878.

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Texans take place in 105th Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Family, friends and supporters in tow, Texas' nine newest House members officially joined the ranks of Congress on a festive day overshadowed by Newt Gingrich's ethical woes.

"It's very exciting," said freshman Kay Granger of Fort Worth, the first Republican woman elected to represent Texas in the House.

Although the day belonged equally in theory to the 100 senators and 435 House members, all sworn in Tuesday, the House was the place to be for both action and intrigue.

The typically routine election for House speaker became a messy snarl this year after Gingrich acknowledged violating House rules — throwing Republicans into a period of turmoil.

Senators themselves weren't immune to the House drama.

Shortly after being sworn in for his third six-year term, Republican Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas sauntered over to the House floor to watch whether GOP leaders had corralled enough votes for Gingrich.

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

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Opinion

Government prying disturbingly hidden

What are we to make of the news that the late Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court justice and longtime civil rights leader, seems to have cooperated extensively with the FBI, even while criticizing the agency in public, during the 1950s?

It might well be expected to set off a round of historical revisionism concerning Marshall's legacy. It should, however, first remind us that human beings are almost always more complex and ambiguous than their public images would suggest.

The new information comes from 1,300 pages of FBI files on Justice Marshall (who died in 1991) released under the Freedom of Information Act. The files suggest strongly that when he was head of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Marshall gave the FBI information about other civil rights leaders — including, for example, a North Carolina NAACP dissident — who advocated or seemed close to promoting violence.

Thurgood Marshall's son, Thurgood Marshall Jr., says the apparently cooperative relationship between the late Marshall and the late FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, adds an "ironic twist" to the history of the times.

That history included an active effort by communists to gain influence over the budding civil rights movement. The effort was largely stymied by the lack of sympathy for communism by most black Americans and the efforts of leaders like Marshall to maintain the civil rights movement as a homegrown effort rooted in American principles and the promise of the American dream.

Marshall's ties to Hoover, then, might suggest that he considered keeping the movement free of communism important enough to work with the FBI, an agency he considered otherwise hostile to his goals.

The possibility that Marshall was insulating himself from Hoover's notorious practice of compiling damaging dossiers or using the FBI to root out movement rivals is also worth considering.

The Marshall-FBI relationship also suggests something more disturbing over the long haul than the truism that people are almost always more complex than the pigeon holes into which we want to put them.

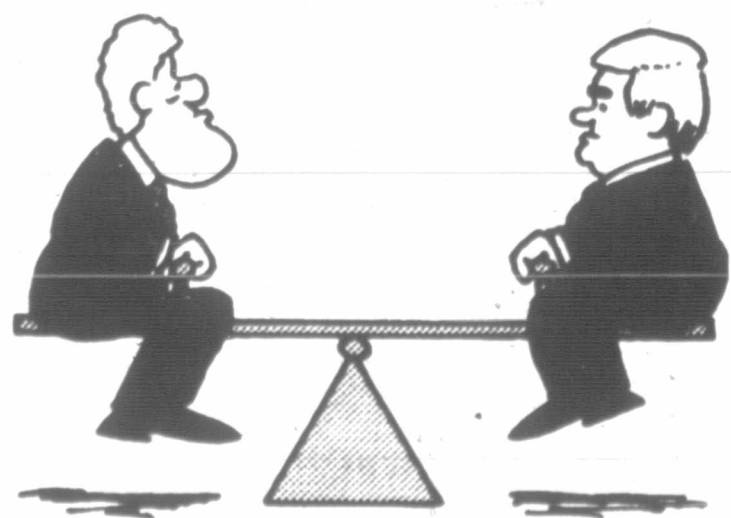
The larger insight from the revelations is to remind us that the FBI and other federal agencies have never been the disinterested enforcers of the law we would prefer to believe in. They are and have been, rather, institutions deeply involved in politics and political maneuvering.

We should be cautious, then, when we hear calls to turn over more law enforcement responsibility to the federal government. It's not because local law enforcers are always beyond political influence, but because federal agencies are more distant and even less accountable than local agencies. After all, it took 40 years for the Marshall-Hoover relationship to come to light.

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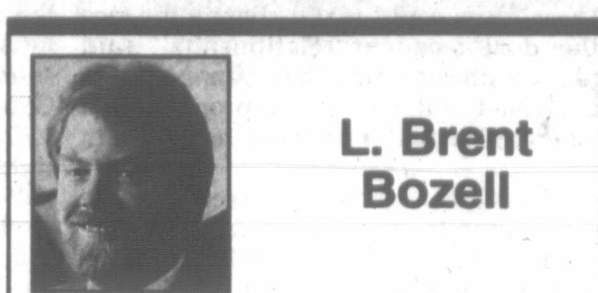
Hollywood's winners and losers

Perhaps no industry is more happy to see 1996 come to an end than Hollywood. From start to finish, the year found the entertainment world embroiled in one controversy after another, under assault for its negative impact on the cultural well being. There were some who made a genuine effort to improve Tinseltown's tarnished image, while others, the public be damned, continued to push the envelope. Herewith are Hollywood's winners and losers of 1996.

Winner: Rosie O'Donnell's new daytime talk show was cheered as a welcome relief to the slime-fests hosted by the likes of Jenny Jones, Ricki Lake and Jerry Springer. But in my book, the real winner in 1996 was the Queen of Talk TV herself, Oprah Winfrey. Sitting comfortably atop the charts, Oprah risked it all by publicly acknowledging the damage being caused by her show and changed the format to reflect more positive, family-oriented themes. After a dip in the ratings, she's back on top.

Winners: William Bennett, C. Delores Tucker and Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) The Mod Squad of family values programming has been making life miserable for those making a living off misery. First, it was the "gansta rap" community they hit with a public relations vengeance; in 1996, they trained their guns on trash talk television, invoking the politics of shame on the American public and the corporations which support them. In 1996, a second front, headed by Sen. Lieberman and Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas), made a national issue of the filth that has polluted the so-called family hour on television, the 8 p.m. time slot many parents still perceive to be a safe haven for young children. Some networks, like Fox, could care less, of course. Others, like CBS, have made noticeable efforts to return positive programming during this time, and because of this effort.

Loser: Ellen DeGeneres. The star of *Ellen* has long been rumored to be gay. These days that



L. Brent Bozell

topic is, frankly, boring. The envelope pushers needed a new angle to attract attention to the *Ellen* sitcom on ABC, and come up with one that did: Not only should and will *Ellen* announce this year that she is a lesbian, *Ellen* should and will, too. Fiction no longer reflects reality, fiction is reality.

Loser: The Sony Corporation, whose two subsidiaries, Columbia Pictures and Columbia Records, deserve (if they've not already received) a national boycott from Don Wildmon's American Family Association. The movie studio has drawn rave reviews from the envelope pushing critics with *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, the original advertisement for which featured Woody Harrelson (playing the role of the notorious pornographer) as a crucified martyr with his image superimposed over the backdrop of a nearly naked woman. The record label was even more offensive, releasing, just in time for our Lord's birthday, *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*, a Christmas album to celebrate and benefit the abortion industry.

Winner: Wal-Mart. On the other side of the corporate coin was the retail giant Wal-Mart. In 1996, it announced its stores would no longer peddle offensive material, specifically in music, and that henceforth, record companies wishing to sell products through its 1,000-plus stores would have to tone down their lyrics and cover graphics.

Some of the envelope pushers, like Sheryl Crowe, screamed censorship, McCarthyism and goodness know what other isms. Others saw the power of corporate responsibility: With more than 15% of all record sales coming out of Wal-Mart, the times they are a-changing.

Winner: Warner Brothers Television. Still in its nascent stages with only three nights of programming per week, this new broadcast network already provides more family entertainment than any other full-time web. Jamie Kellner, who heads WB, promised his would be "the family network" — and delivered.

Loser: The Disney Empire. Kowtowing to gays, it has given us the *Ellen* uproar. (Disney's ABC airs the show, which is produced by Disney's Touchstone Television.) Mau-mauing to the political left it bought the film rights to the absurd and endlessly discredited stories alleging a CIA-Contra plot to introduce crack cocaine in the ghettos of Los Angeles. Genuflecting to anti-Christian bigots, it gave us the anti-Catholic Priest and the satanic music of Danzig on its Hollywood Records label. And that's just for starters from an entertainment giant that has become the antithesis of what its founder intended and once had accomplished.

Person of the Year: Martha Williamson. In 1994, she created and produced *Touched By an Angel* for CBS. Many critics dismissed it as saccharine, and the network gave it the meekest of support, bouncing the show around the programming schedule. For the '95-'96 season, it was given a firm time slot and became the fastest-growing show on CBS, the second-fastest growing show on all of broadcast television. Williamson was rewarded with the opportunity to launch a second series, *Promised Land*. It, too, has faith and family at its core. It, too, is a hit.

Martha, take a bow, and may others follow in your footsteps in the coming year.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 1997. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

On this date:

In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.

In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

In 1894, fire caused serious damage at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

In 1918, President Woodrow

Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I.

In 1959, Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."

In 1965, the Star of India and other stolen gems were returned to the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed near Paris.

In 1975, Judge John J. Sirica ordered the release of Watergate figures John W. Dean III, Herbert W. Kalmbach and Jeb Stuart Magruder from prison.

In 1976, Chinese premier Chou En-

lai died in Beijing at age 78.

In 1982, American Telephone & Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

Ten years ago: For the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25. President Ronald Reagan returned to the White House from Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he'd undergone prostate surgery. Kay Orr was sworn in as the first female governor of Nebraska.

Five years ago: President George Bush collapsed during a state dinner in Tokyo; White House officials said Bush was suffering from stomach flu.

One year ago: Federal employees who had been out of work for weeks while the government was shut down began returning to their jobs; however, along the East Coast, many government workers were idled by a huge blizzard that paralyzed the nation's capital. More than 300 people were killed in Kinshasa, Zaire, when a cargo plane crashed into a market on takeoff. Former French president Francois Mitterrand died at age 79.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 74. Actor Ron Moody is 73. Comedian Soupy Sales is 71. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 69. CBS newsmen Charles Osgood is 64. Singer Shirley Bassey is 60. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 58.

Euthanasia confronts high court

The Supreme Court will hear arguments this week on the most ominous case in American legal history. At issue is whether there is a right to physician-assisted suicide. The Ninth and Second Circuit Courts of Appeals have decided that such a right exists. But they have also opened the door wide to a right of physicians to commit euthanasia.

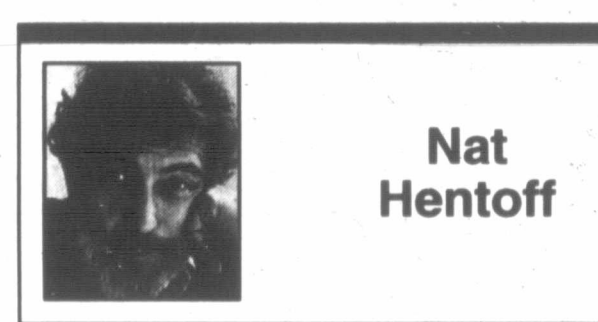
Under certain circumstances, they say, a doctor may directly administer a lethal injection to patients incapable — by themselves — of taking deadly drugs given to them by physicians to commit suicide. This is killing.

But, said the courts below, either solution is a humane right for terminally ill patients who want to end their suffering. However, as Acting Solicitor General Walter Dellinger points out in an amicus brief to the high court, "Predicting a patient's life expectancy is difficult and uncertain ... a surprising number of people have had the experience of being misinformed that they had a terminal illness."

More pervasively dangerous — and the Supreme Court decision can potentially affect everyone over time — is the range of this approach to medical "care." Dr. Nancy Dickey — a family physician in Richardson, Texas, and Board Chair of the American Medical Association — points out that if the court rules for physician-assisted suicide, "a huge number of patients" will be at risk.

Among them are "patients who have less access to good pain treatment and palliative care ... The groups at highest risk are the elderly, the poor, the less-educated and women."

Dr. Dickey, moreover, told *American Medical News* that singling out a group as having lives "not worth living" can lead tomorrow to no longer protecting patients who are not terminally ill. "Just chronically ill. Maybe just expensively chronically ill."



Nat Hentoff

Also at risk, in time, will be the severely disabled because there are no absolute limits once the state decides who shall die for their own good. And a new cadre of specialists will be trained to administer euthanasia to what the Third Reich used to call "useless eaters."

A number of people with disabilities, some of them severe, have formed a group, Not Dead Yet, to combat the surge toward legalizing assisted suicide and euthanasia: Not Dead Yet has also filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court on these cases.

Contrary to the claims of some advocates of assisted suicide, a majority of those favoring that solution are not people in fear of being permanently hooked to machines in the last stages of their lives.

According to the Oct. 28 issue of the *Archives of Internal Medicine*, researchers at Duke University surveyed hundreds of frail elderly patients and their families. Only 34% of the patients were in favor of legalizing assisted suicide, but 56% of their younger, healthy relatives wanted assisted suicide legalized.

Says Dr. Harold Koenig, the lead investigator, "Patients who oppose physician-assisted suicide present a particularly vulnerable element of soci-

ety (elderly persons, women, black individuals, and poor, uneducated persons)."

The greater approval by their families of assisted suicide "is relevant," Dr. Koenig emphasizes, "because family members are often asked to be proxies when patients become mentally incompetent." And the expensively sick, often, when competent, feel they are a burden to their families.

If the Supreme Court makes assisted suicide and euthanasia a constitutional right, it will have ignored, among other things, a telling statement in an amicus brief by the American Medical Association and 45 other medical groups: It would be "particularly ironic" if the first "treatment" to which patients had a constitutional right "was physician-assisted suicide."

In the *New York Times*, bioethicist Arthur Caplan adds to the irony: "To have the right to die before you have the right to treatment seems a little bit backward. We may end up saying: 'We've got assisted-suicide — we don't have to worry about fixing up the pathetic nursing-home system for the frail, old and disabled. They can kill themselves if they don't like it.'"

Also relevant to this grim discussion is that by the year 2000, the number of Americans who are 85 or over will have increased to 4.3 million. Depending on how the Supreme Court decides, there could then be many doctors — less rough-hewn than Dr. Jack Keivorkian — waiting to provide them with a gracious final exit.

On this fundamental due-process issue of assisted suicide and euthanasia for the vulnerable, the ACLU has transferred its past concern for the powerless to the beneficent state. The ACLU favors assisted suicide and has so told the Supreme Court.

Duhh — Who's that Shakespeare guy?

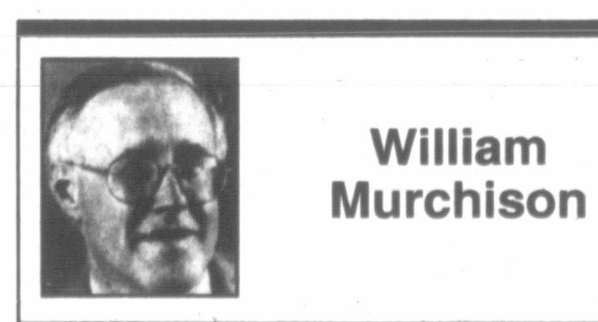
You bet the "ebonics" fuss — still buzzing in our ears, thanks to the usual late-December news dearth — is about race. It's also about the uneasy feeling that our educational institutions are standing for less than ever before and certainly less than they ought to be.

Set up "black English" as a foreign language? Equally, why not let students at elite universities study "Thinking Queer" (Bowdoin College), "Literature and Sexualities" (Duke), "Avant Pop" (Indiana University), and "Genre: The Gangster Film" (Georgetown University)? Well, they do study it — if "study" isn't too rigorous a word in this context.

About the time ebonics inflated like a blow-up Santa, the National Alumni Forum issued a report documenting not only the foregoing offenses against good sense but one offense truly emblematic of our time. You might call this one the optionalizing of Shakespeare.

The Forum's survey of 70 top-rated colleges and universities showed that "The abandonment of Shakespeare requirements is not merely a trend; it is now the norm. Of the 70 universities, only 23 now require English majors to take a course in Shakespeare. ... The remaining 47 schools allow students to graduate with a B.A. in English without studying the language's greatest writer in any kind of depth. Among the Ivy League schools studied, only Harvard requires a course in Shakespeare."

Into this disciplinary vacuum, with a great whoosh, rushes ... "cultural studies." The Forum notes some of these studies: AIDS activism, ale-



William Murchison

houses, atomic age, attitudes to marriage, big business, best-sellers, capture of the state, carnivals, CD-ROMS, cheap ballads, computer games, consumers — to regurgitate only the first three letters in the Forum's listing.

Well? Are we shocked out of our minds? Haven't we been headed this direction at least since the '60s (longer ago than that in the view of cultivated experts like Jacques Barzun)?

What we've got, here at the end of the '90s, is educational democracy — a phenomenon on which the ebonicists feast. It didn't have to come to this, but you can see how it did. Political democracy — the equality of all votes, however rational or perverse — suggested over time the need for equality in other departments of life, education among them. If all votes are equal, how about all outcomes in life? The educational levelers have kept their eyes studiously on just this goal: The denigration of talent, the watering down of the academically strenuous, the quest for

the timely (hence the generally accessible).

Shakespeare and AIDS studies, Milton and film noir — yawn, what's the difference? No difference at all, depending on what your educational objective is: training minds to razor-sharpness or certifying 22-year-olds for the job market.

The quest to lower educational standards is essentially a tearful protest against the nature of things. Even in the 20th century, not all people have the same brains. Horrors! Can't have total democracy that way!

We can do something about it, though. We can teach in a way that downplays or blurs all those differences in mental capacity and aptitude, not to mention circumstances (e.g., background) that don't necessarily reflect aptitude. Can't speak good English? Throw over the English requirement. Don't care about dead white guys? Rather watch MTV? Out with Shakespeare (despite all the new movies based on him) — and, in time, all other writers and works that have shaped the way we think. Boy, do we get equal then — equal in our gap-mouthed incomprehension.

Cheer up, though. It won't last forever. Water doesn't flow uphill, and two plus two doesn't equal five. The natural always reasserts itself. Standards will return when those capable of grasping their importance understand how the educational system has been cheating and lying to them. The problem, meanwhile, is the millions now being lied to — the pitiable victims coming slowly to fancy that — between Shakespeare and John Grisham there isn't a dime's worth of difference.

British balloonists safe following forced landing; climbed outside during descent

LONDON (AP) — Three British balloonists landed safely in the Algerian wilderness this morning after a brief and frightening attempt to circle the globe — and some heroics by a last-minute addition to the crew.

Richard Branson, the tycoon who financed and piloted the \$3 million Global Challenger balloon, credited fellow crewman Alex Ritchie with halting a dangerously rapid descent by climbing outside the capsule to jettison a one-ton fuel tank.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Alex. He saved our lives," said Branson, whose business ventures include Virgin Atlantic Airways. Ritchie, 52, had joined the crew just before the balloon's launch Tuesday, replacing a sick balloonist.

The 174-foot helium hot-air balloon, stocked with caviar and a microwave, had lifted off from a military air base near Marrakech, Morocco, on what was to be an 18-day mission to circle the globe for the first time in a balloon.

But during the first night, the craft at one point began dropping at a rate of 2,000 feet a minute, Branson told

his support crew in London.

"At one stage I was standing by the door chucking out everything movable — oil canisters, food, anything — to halt the descent," Branson said. "I thought, 'What am I doing up here? It's terrifying.'"

Ritchie, who helped design the capsule, realized that there was a problem with the mechanism designed to release the tank. He donned a parachute and was strapped to the capsule as he worked.

"We were rather keen to do it as we were making a rapid descent at the time. We were able to arrest that descent," he told journalists in London via satellite telephone.

It wasn't clear what went wrong with the balloon, which completed only 19 hours of its mission. The Global Challenger office in London, which announced early today that the record-seeking effort was being aborted, spoke only of a "ballast-versus-helium problem."

Touching down in the Algerian desert, the team detonated explosive bolts to separate the capsule from the huge balloon, which could have

dragged the capsule along.

"The Eagle has landed," Branson told his London team shortly after touching down. He said there was no damage to the capsule, but that the crew was shaken up.

"It feels like we have landed on the moon," he said. "Everyone is tired."

Britain's ambassador to Algeria, Jean-Francois Gordon, said a helicopter flew to the site to pick up the crew. The trio was to be taken to Bechar, 45 miles from the Moroccan border, and then on to Algiers.

"Everybody who was involved can hold their head up high. We will go again," said Rory McCarthy, who lost his place on the flight at the last minute because of a chest infection. Ritchie took his place.

Branson, however, was unsure about when — or if — he would contemplate another attempt at the trip. "We are obviously going to have to go back to the families," he said.

It was the second thwarted round-the-world attempt in two years for Branson, who was trying to set "the last great aviation record left on earth."

Songwriter, producer 'Babyface' Edmonds earns record-tying 12 Grammy nominations

By MARY CAMPBELL
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Producer, songwriter and recording artist Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds was nominated for 12 Grammy Awards Tuesday, tying a record set 14 years ago by Michael Jackson.

Smashing Pumpkins received seven nominations, including album of the year for *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*, while Tracy Chapman and Vince Gill were each nominated for five awards.

The televised Grammy Award ceremony will be held in New York's Madison Square Garden on Feb. 26.

Babyface, as he is known, had a role in two of the nominees for song of the year, a songwriting award. He was nominated for writing "Exhale (Shoop Shoop)," sung by Whitney Houston. He produced Eric Clapton's "Change the World," for which songwriters Gordon Kennedy, Wayne Kirkpatrick and Tommy Sims were nominated.

Clapton's "Change the World" was also nominated for record of the year, along with Ms. Chapman's comeback hit, "Give Me One Reason." Canadian chanteuse Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me," Alanis Morissette's "Ironic" and Smashing Pumpkins' "1979."

Other nominees for album of the year include the *Waiting to Exhale* Soundtrack, Ms. Dion's *Falling Into You*, Beck's *Odelay* and *The Score* by the Fugees.

In addition to the two Babyface-related songs, nominees for song of the year were "Because You Loved Me," LeAnn Rimes' "Blue" and "Give Me One Reason."

Nominees for best new artist were country singer Rimes, the Tony Rich Project, Jewel, Garbage and current

39th ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS

The 39th Grammy Award ceremony will be held in New York City's Madison Square Garden Feb. 26.

SELECTED NOMINEES

Record of the year
"Give Me One Reason," Tracy Chapman
"Change the World," Eric Clapton
"Because You Loved Me," Celine Dion
"Ironic," Alanis Morissette
"1979," The Smashing Pumpkins

Album of the year
"Odelay," Beck
"Falling Into You," Celine Dion
"The Score," The Fugees
"Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness," The Smashing Pumpkins
"Waiting to Exhale Soundtrack," Various artists

Song of the year
"Because You Loved Me," Diane Warren
"Blue," Bill Mack
"Change the World," Gordon Kennedy, Wayne Kirkpatrick and Tommy Sims
"Exhale (Shoop Shoop)," Babyface
"Give Me One Reason," Tracy Chapman

New artist
Garbage
Jewel
No Doubt
The Tony Rich Project
LeAnn Rimes

Pop vocal, female
"Un-break My Heart," Toni Braxton
"Get Out Of This House," Shawn Colvin
"Because You Loved Me," Celine Dion
"Reach," Gloria Estefan
"Who Will Save Your Soul," Jewel

Pop vocal, male
"Let's Make A Night To Remember," Bryan Adams
"Change the World," Eric Clapton
"Key West Intermezzo (I Saw You First)," John Mellencamp
"Nobody Knows," The Tony Rich Project
"Let Your Soul Be Your Pilot," Sting

Pop vocal, duo or group
"Free As A Bird," The Beatles
"As Long As It Matters," Gin Blossoms
"When You Love A Woman," Journey
"Fire On The Mountain," The Neville Brothers
"Peasecho," The Presidents Of The United States Of America
"When You Wish Upon A Star," Take 6

chart-toppers No Doubt.

Babyface's record ties Jackson's high-water mark in the Grammys. Jackson was nominated for 12 and won eight awards in 1983, the year his best-selling *Thriller* dominated the music world.

Although he's a hit-making recording artist in his own right, Babyface is better known for his behind-the-scenes work that drew such stars as Ms. Houston and Clapton to him. He's been nominated for 23 Grammy Awards since 1988, and has won six.

Clapton, Dion, producer David Foster, newcomer The Tony Rich Project and Pierre Boulez were each nominated for four Grammy Awards.

Ballots will be sent next week to the 9,000 voting members of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, who determine the award winners. Nominees for 89 categories were announced Tuesday.

The Beatles were nominated for best pop performance by a duo or group for "Free As A Bird," one of the songs resurrected from old John Lennon tapes with later vocals and instruments added by the surviving Beatles. They will compete with the Gin Blossoms, Journey, the Neville Brothers, Take 6 and the Presidents of the United States of America.

Dion, Jewel, Shawn Colvin, Toni Braxton and Gloria Estefan were nominated for best female pop vocal performance. Clapton, Sting, the Tony Rich Project, John Mellencamp and Bryan Adams were nominated for best male pop vocal performance.

The category best pop collaboration with vocals will feature some strange pairings: Frank Sinatra and Luciano Pavarotti; Natalie Cole with her late father, Nat "King" Cole; and Burt Bacharach and Elvis Costello.

Government orders probe into horse program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal wild horse protection program is under investigation to determine whether horses that are adopted are being sent improperly to slaughterhouses while some of the program's managers profit.

The Interior Department said Tuesday that it has ordered an immediate investigation over possible illegal or unethical conduct by some employees of the Bureau of Land Management who are involved in the 25-year-old program.

"If it is found that a BLM employee or other horse adopter has been involved in criminal violations, the investigation will be promptly turned over to the appropriate U.S. attorney's office," said Bob Armstrong, assistant secretary for land and minerals management.

In addition to the internal BLM investigation, the Interior Department's inspector general also is close to issuing reports on the program, including a financial audit.

The Justice Department has received a number of complaints about how the program is being run, prompting a preliminary review. At least one senator has opened the possibility of congressional hearings later this year.

The interior investigation was prompted by an Associated Press report earlier this week that documented at least 57 adopted horses being sold to slaughterhouses since September, a fourth of them under five years old. The report also showed that in some cases BLM employees could not account for

the whereabouts of horses they had adopted.

The program is administered by the BLM, primarily in Western states, to reduce the size of wild herds and find a home for horses too old or otherwise unable to survive in the wild. More than 150,000 animals have been adopted since the program began in 1973.

Armstrong said the adoption program, on which the government is spending \$16 million this year, "assures the protection of healthy wild herds, while providing homes to those animals that cannot adequately survive in the wild." He said he wanted recommendations on whether changes in the adoption policy should be made.

The reports of adopted horses being sent to slaughter, and the possibility that BLM employees have profited, brought a sharp response from Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., a strong booster for the program.

"Clearly this was not intended," he said Tuesday, promising to look into the matter. He said he might ask for hearings by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

"The idea was to move adoptable horses off the desert and put them in the hands of private owners for their use," said Thomas. "It certainly never was intended for the employees to take advantage of the program and siphon these animals off for a profit. And if that's the case, and if that's possible and apparently it has been, obviously that has to be changed. It's pretty shocking to discover that this kind of thing has been going on."

World briefs

Former Irish terrorist ordered out of Canada

TORONTO (AP) — A convicted terrorist from Northern Ireland who fears retaliation from the paramilitary group that tortured him and kidnapped his wife has lost his last legal battle to stay in Canada.

Patrick Ward, a former high-ranking officer in the Irish National Liberation Army, has been living in the Toronto area for eleven years. He came to Canada two days after walking out of an Irish prison, where he had served a three-year sentence for unlawful confinement.

The Irish National Liberation Army ordered him to kill a man and his eleven-year-old stepdaughter that he had held captive, but he refused and let them escape, Ward said outside a hearing room Tuesday.

Ward said he's probably been on the group's hit list ever since. But on Tuesday, Federal Court judge Marcel Joyal rejected Ward's application to stay in Canada.

Ward is to be sent to London.

Huge oil slick fouls Japanese shoreline

MIKUNI, Japan (AP) — For 60 years, Ayaka Konaka dove into the rocky waters off this secluded seaside town, making her living from what seaweed and shellfish she could find.

Today, Konaka and dozens of other diver women passed buckets of sludge up from those same waters, working amid a stench of grease to scoop up oil spilled from a sunken Russian tanker in the Sea of Japan.

Coast guard helicopters buzzed overhead today, dropping

chemicals to clear up the 962,000-gallon slick, one of Japan's worst oil spills ever.

Nearby, cleanup crews in helmets struggled through chest-deep waters covered with a slimy, thick oil, some trying to suck up the oil through a pipe into a truck.

About 120 local workers joined the cleanup effort after parts of the slick fouled a mile of the coast near Mikuni, a quiet town of 24,000 on Japan's western shoreline, 200 miles west of Tokyo.

Harsh European weather claims new victims

PARIS (AP) — Snow melted and then refroze in France and other European countries Tuesday, coating roads with a deadly layer of black ice. At least six more people died in the continent's deepest freeze in a decade.

France's death toll rose to 30, including five people who died Tuesday — one after breaking through a frozen pond while walking his dog.

Authorities issued travel warnings after ice-slicked highways caused numerous pileups, some fatal, and forecasters said more cold weather was expected this week.

Officials also said the cold wave was damaging crops and threatening to drive up the prices of cauliflower, carrots, artichokes, apples and other fruits and vegetables.

Across Europe, the two-week cold spell has been blamed for the deaths of more than 250 people from Spain to Russia.

International prosecution to begin in Rwanda's genocide

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Rwanda's 1994 genocide was swift.

In less than 100 days, at least a half-million people, mostly minority Tutsis, were killed from a population of nearly eight million. That's 5,000 people a day — most of them killed one by one.

Squads organized by Hutu extremists in the former government used machetes, guns and even farm tools to chop up and beat their neighbors to death from April to June 1994.

"If we take into account that it took place in just a few months, it is the worst mass killing we have seen anywhere," said Judge Lennart Aspegren.

Nearly three years after the genocide, the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda hopes to try its first suspect on Thursday.

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New Year's baby wins drawing for college tuition

AUSTIN (AP) — A six-day-old Bridgeport baby already has the money for his college education after a drawing designed to publicize Texas' prepaid tuition program.

With state Comptroller John Sharp supervising, the name of Daimeon Shawn Purgason was drawn Tuesday from approximately 250 names of babies born this New Year's Day.

Daimeon was entered by his grandmother. The win gives him an opportunity his teenage parents might not be able to afford themselves.

"I never knew there was this program" before Daimeon's name was entered, said the infant's father, 16-year-old Shawn Purgason.

The teenager's own college plans are undetermined. "I don't know if I'll make it," Purgason said.

The drawing, the second for the year-old Texas Tomorrow Fund, was to call attention to the program and its Feb. 18 registration deadline.

The program allows families to lock in the price of future college tuition and required fees at today's prices.

The Tomorrow Fund's annual registration, which is only open three months, began Nov. 18. So far this year, 1,200 children have been enrolled.

Daimeon won the Tomorrow Fund's Senior College Plan, which covers tuition and required fees for up to 128 credit

hours at any public senior college or university in Texas.

Sharp said the Tomorrow Fund had 40,000 participants last year and is on target for a similar response this year.

"I think a lot of people are waiting to see what others are doing," said Sharp. "The first two weeks in February there will be a big rush ..."

The registration period is limited to three months because the state doesn't have the funds to advertise and promote the fund full-time, Sharp said.

The fund's cost changes each year as tuition and fees change. Required fees alone increased 25 percent last year, while fees and tuition increased 16 percent overall.

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Charming Single Aunt Is Regularly Uncoupled

DEAR ABBY: I have always been close to my aunt. She's my father's sister and is in her early 40s. She's perky, gregarious, charming and very pretty. She's single and insists that she is happy that way. I'm not convinced.

In the last two years, she has dated three men — one was married, one engaged and one was recently divorced. Initially, all three seemed to genuinely care for her, but after a few weeks, they reunited with their former mates.

It would be one thing if Aunt could say, "Good riddance," and get on with her life, but this is not the case.

She visits the workplaces of their former mates, for an opportunity to drop the bomb that the guys are philandering. She also calls and pages these men at work, then makes excuses to us why they never call her back. Abby, she even drives by their homes and businesses repeatedly.

I'm beginning to dread her visits, and the tales of her activities embarrass me. There is no reason for a woman with her looks and personality to get mixed up with attached men, and carry on like this when they no longer want to see her. When family members comment on her behavior, she gets defensive and angry, but nothing changes.

Abby, is there any way to get her out of this vicious cycle? I would like to see her settled and happy with one man instead of wasting her

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

time on men who are not available. EMBARRASSED NIECE

DEAR NIECE: Aunt, with all her charm and beauty, may unconsciously not really want a permanent commitment. She needs to find out why she chooses only men who are not available. I recommend counseling for Aunt.

DEAR ABBY: Help! I have just returned from the walk from hell — one of many. All because my neighbor talks nonstop about herself. She goes on and on about her past: how wonderful she is, how wonderful her son is. (She's certain he will be the mayor of this little town one day.)

She never asks anything about me or members of my family. Abby, I try my best to be courteous and appear interested, but inside, I am ready to scream. If you have any suggestions short of running in the other direction when I

see her, I will be very grateful. I am signing my real name, but please don't use it because this is a small town, and I don't want to publicly embarrass her.

BORED TO TEARS

DEAR BORED: Look at it this way. This pathetic woman desperately needs someone to listen to her. She has probably worn out her welcome with her other neighbors. It would be an act of charity to give her an audience, but in order to preserve your own sanity, let her talk for as long as you can tolerate it; then tell her you have things to do, give her a hug and say, "We'll talk again when I have more time."

DEAR ABBY: A relative of mine got a divorce after being married for 20 years. She has not remarried, but her ex-husband did.

He died a few months ago, and now my cousin is going around wearing black and calling herself a widow.

Abby, isn't she still a divorcee?

CURIOS IN CHICAGO

DEAR CURIOUS: Yes. Your cousin is a divorcee whose former husband is deceased. A man leaves only one widow — the woman to whom he was married at the time of his death.

happen the way you've envisioned. However, avoid discussing this with others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This could be a red-letter day for you where your career is concerned. If there is something you've wanted to try, the time is now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though you might be too lavish with your praise of others today, you will be making a sound investment because of the good will you'll generate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to get directly involved today with people who have clout and can help your career. These associations could be dynamic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In-depth discussions with friends who are positive thinkers will not be a waste of time today. You can sort out their best ideas and use them constructively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might receive benefits in a number of different forms today. You could gain financially and learn something valuable at the same time.

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Horoscope



Thursday, Jan 9, 1997

In the year ahead, you could have good fortune in situations that are personally important to you. Several objectives you've been unable to achieve will be attainable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, people you deal with on a one-to-one basis will be inclined to treat you in a more generous fashion than they usually do. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An endeavor from which you hope to generate additional income is starting to look better and better. Give this enterprise as much attention as possible today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Favorable results can be achieved today over a friendly lunch or dinner. Conduct personal and important business discussions in a casual environment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your financial prospects appear to be promising at this time. Always make sure you're not overlooking opportunities of real substance.

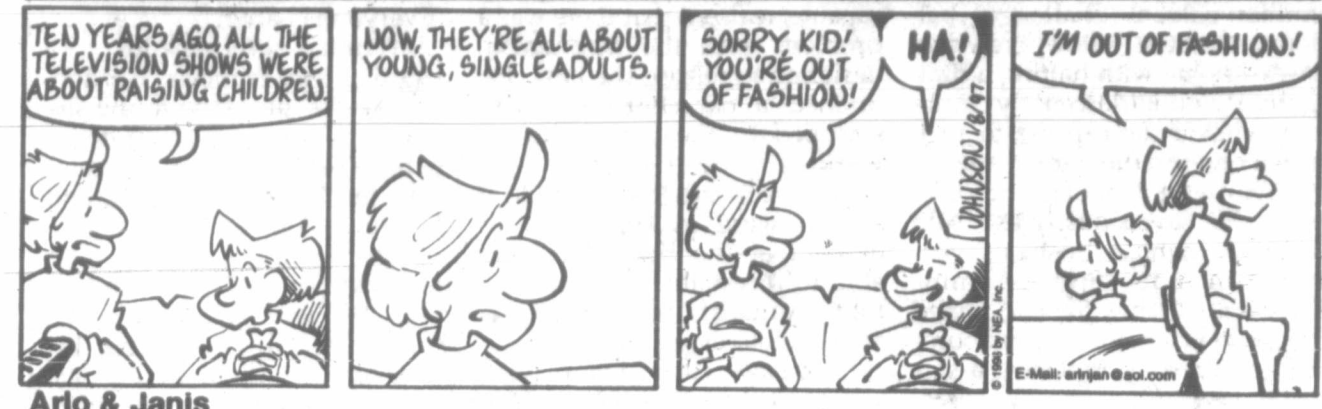
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, competitive situations will stimulate your mind. Consider challenging developments to be as manageable as paper tigers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to think big today, especially when doing business deals. Even if you don't reach your goal, you'll still be ahead of the game.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something you've hoped to achieve looks as if it will



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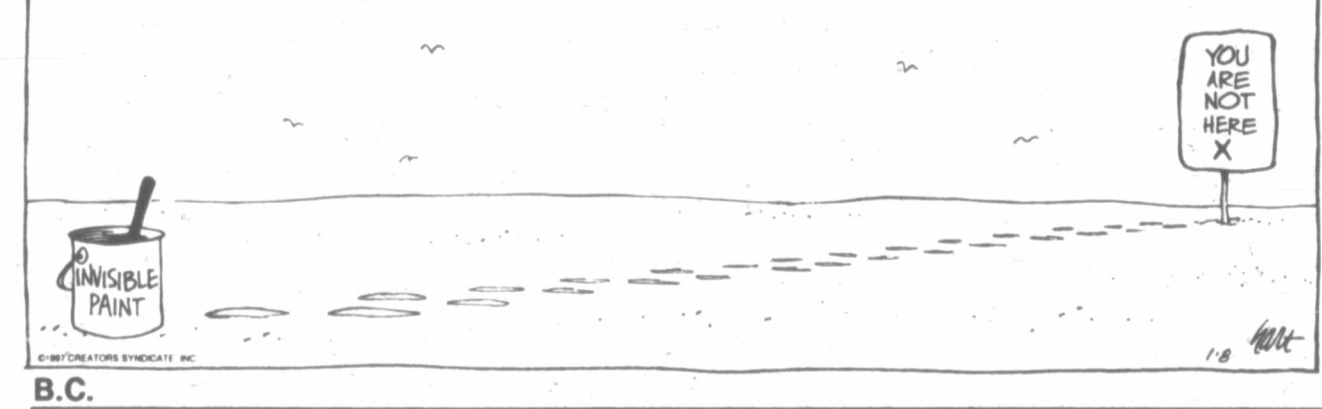
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"I'm mailing this letter to St. Paul."

"Where did you get his address?"



"Bury your bones outside, not in my flower pots."



The Family Circus



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Sports

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GENERAL

CANADIAN — Fourteen Canadian High School athletes have been named to the All-District 1-2A Academic Team.

Canadian athletes named to the Academic Team and their various sports are listed below:

Boys' Cross Country
Caleb Ashley, Trent Brunson, Tristan Carr, Josh James, Jeremiah Williams.

Girls' Cross Country
Lori Francis, Abby Hendershot, Denise Lee.

Football
Jace Baker, Lucas Farrar, Scott Lovvorn, Albert Lusby, Jesus Reyna, Taylor Tubb.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Optimist boys' basketball signups-tryouts will be held today and Thursday at the Optimist Gym.

Signup times are from 6 to 8 tonight 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.

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Texas Tech coach James Dickey has a couple reasons why he's uneasy about playing Oklahoma State tonight.

One is the setting, Gallagher-Iba Arena, where Oklahoma State is 73-7 in the past 6 1/2 years.

"I'm not looking forward to going into Stillwater after what happened in Austin," Dickey said, referring to OSU's 34-point loss to Texas last weekend. "They have a great crowd, one of the outstanding home courts in the country."

He also is anxious because the Cowboys' coach is Eddie Sutton, his longtime friend. Dickey spent eight years as an assistant under Sutton, and now Dickey's brother, Randall, is a member of the OSU staff.

"Certainly I wouldn't be where I'm at if not for the opportunities Coach Sutton afforded me," he said. "But that won't be a factor. It will be the Red Raiders against the Cowboys."

"Certainly if we had a choice we would not play against each other, but we don't have a choice. We will focus on what's important and that's getting our team ready to play."

Sutton isn't exactly thrilled about taking on Dickey. He has often said he doesn't like to play against his former assistants, but with Dickey the feeling is even stronger.

"I guess we have kept in closer contact than the others," he said. "He was with us in the glory days at Arkansas and he was with us at Kentucky the year we had problems in Lexington. I think all of us grew as people in that investigation we had to go through."

The investigation led to Sutton's resignation and resulted in Kentucky being placed on probation. After a year out from coaching, Sutton returned to his alma mater in 1990 and has been at Oklahoma State ever since.

No. 20 Texas Tech (9-2) opened league play with an 86-75 victory over Baylor. Led by center Tony Battie and guard Cory Carr, the Red Raiders have gotten off to a good start after losing four starters from last year's 30-2 team.

Sutton believes his team (7-4, 0-1) will be able to shake off the effects of its 92-58 loss to Texas. The margin was the widest of Sutton's six-plus years at Oklahoma State.

"I think they can get it out of their system quicker than coaches," he said. "Young people recover much quicker than older people. They realize we have two tough games coming up but fortunately we have them at home."

The Cowboys play host to Missouri on Saturday.

Frigid weather gives Packers the edge

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — After watching Carolina beat Dallas on a 65-degree night, Gilbert Brown, Green Bay's 325-pound nose tackle, was glad he doesn't have to leave frigid Lambeau Field for Sunday's NFC title game.

Brown is one of the few Packers on record as actually liking cold weather. He figures the fatigue factor is less.

But what about things like frostbite? "You can deal with that," Brown insisted. "But you can't turn the heat down."

More important, tight end Mark Chmura said, it's hard for opponents to simulate Wisconsin's icy weather.

"You can prepare for warm weather, you go inside and crank up the heat," he said. "When it's cold, you can't find a meat locker big enough to prepare."

Coach Mike Holmgren, who is holding practices at the team's indoor facility this week, just as he has every day since Nov. 1, agreed

there's really no way for opponents to prepare for the chill that greets them in Green Bay.

"There is no way to simulate that sensation," he said.

And there's not many ways to deal with it, either, defensive end Sean Jones said. Sit by the heaters, gulp hot liquids, wear special clothing, it doesn't matter.

"Cold is cold," Jones said. "You can't escape it, no matter what anyone tells you. People do all this stuff, come out there with no sleeves on and all this other macho stuff."

"But I think mentally, people handle it differently," Jones added. "And I just believe it's just three hours out of your life and if wearing that gold on your finger is real important to you, then I can handle it for three hours."

Center Frank Winters couldn't believe it when he watched the Panthers (13-4) beat Dallas in short sleeves and sunshine on Sunday.

"It was 65 degrees," Winters said. "And they were sitting on heated benches!"

Which explains some of the wicked chortles in the Packers' locker room.

"I want cold Sunday," split end Antonio Freeman said. "I want chest-burning type of cold Sunday."

Coming right up.

The long-range forecast for Sunday's NFC championship at Lambeau Field calls for a temperature of 10 degrees at kickoff, with a wind-chill below zero and a 30-percent chance of snow.

The Packers (14-3) have won all 10 of their home playoff games in franchise history, including the fabled "Ice Bowl," against the Dallas Cowboys on Dec. 31, 1967, considered the coldest game ever played in the NFL.

Packers quarterback Brett Favre has added to the Lambeau lore.

He's 18-0 at home when the temperature at kickoff is 35 or below, including Saturday's 35-14 rout of San Francisco in a rare January rainstorm that chewed up the field and forced groundskeepers to try to replace the sod this week.

Although some Panthers played in cold conditions before joining the team, Carolina has played just twice with temperatures 35 or below in its two seasons of existence.

The Panthers played San Francisco on Dec. 10, 1995, at Clemson (S.C.) Memorial Stadium in 34-degree temperatures and a wind-chill of 15. They lost 31-10.

They played at Washington's RFK Stadium two weeks later, when it was 35 degrees and they lost 20-17.

Packers receiver Don Beebe, who played for the Panthers last year after several seasons in Buffalo, said those two games were relatively balmy.

"It really wasn't that bad, believe me," Beebe said. "Saturday here made that look like Palm Beach. And it's going to be worse this week. None of those players this year or last year have seen anything like what it's going to be like on Sunday."

Carolina wide receiver Willie Green is a former member of the Detroit Lions, so he used to play at Lambeau every year.

"You get off the plane and you feel the cold wind," he said. "You walk out of the hotel and you feel the cold wind. You put on as much as you can in the locker room and you walk out on the field, and you still feel it. And then you look up in the stands and the first thing you see is some guy without a shirt."

Preparing was the key for Carolina equipment manager Jackie Miles.

"We're going to pack the house," he said. "We're going to pack everything imaginable to prepare for every condition."

As evidence that the intense cold affects the visitors, Beebe recalls the 1990 AFC championship while he was with the Bills.

"When we played the Raiders, it was like 10 or 20 below wind-chill, and those guys didn't even come out for pregame, they just came out when the game started," Beebe said. "Those guys didn't even want to be there, and we beat them 51-3. So it's something that is an advantage."

Canyon slips by Pampa, 44-41

PAMPA — Canyon slipped by Pampa, 44-41, in a District 1-4A boys' basketball game Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Canyon is 14-9 for the season and 3-1 in district play. Pampa is 7-15 overall and 1-3 in district.

It was a close contest most of the way. Pampa came from nine points down in the first half to trail by only one, 27-26, at halftime. Pampa's biggest lead was four.

The Harvesters were ahead, 35-33, going into the fourth quarter and the lead changed

three times in the final minutes before Canyon went ahead to stay on Taylor Robinson's basket with 2:19 remaining. The Harvesters were hurt by eight missed foul shots in the final period.

Robinson was high scorer for Canyon with 14 points while August Larson led Pampa with 18.

The Harvesters did hold a 24-19 rebounding advantage with Kaleb Meek's 9 boards high for Pampa. Pampa had 14 turnovers and Canyon 8.

Matt Harp scored 17 points as Pampa defeated Canyon, 70-55, Tuesday night in the junior varsity game.

The Harvesters host Dumas at 7:30 Friday night.

Pampa 44, Canyon 41
Pampa — August Larson 18, Devin Lemons 9, Lynn Brown 7, Kaleb Meek 7; Three-point goals: Larson 3, Brown 1.

Canyon — Taylor Robinson 14, Stephen Bentley 7, Cliff Martin 6, Kyle Joy 6, Keith Sparling 5, Jaime Montez 4, John Ayers 2; Three-point goals: none.

PHS girls fall to No. 1 Lady Eagles

PAMPA — Four players scored 10 points or better as the top-ranked Canyon Lady Eagles defeated the Pampa Lady Harvesters, 66-28, Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

It was the 53rd consecutive win for the Canyon girls.

Valaree Valdez sparked Canyon's scoring attack with 15 points. Candi White followed with 13 points while Brooke Moore and Lindy Lombard had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Canyon held a 31-12 halftime lead.

The Lady Eagles are the defending Class 4A champions.

They improved to 21-0 overall and 6-0 in the district standings. The Lady Harvesters are 9-11 and 2-4.

Jennifer Jones and Chandra Nachtigall led Pampa in scoring with 6 points each.

Valdez also led Canyon on the boards with 7 rebounds as the Lady Eagles collected 21 rebounds as a team. Pampa had 17 rebounds and Jones, Kristi Carpenter, Faustine Curry and McKinley Quarles were the leading rebounders with 3 each.

Canyon is ranked No. 3 in the nation by USA-Today. The Lady Eagles are the winners of 99

straight district games. Pampa hosts Dumas at 6 Friday night in more district action. Dumas beat Borger, 54-42, last night.

Canyon 66, Pampa 28
Canyon — Valaree Valdez 15, Candi White 13, Brooke Moore 11, Lindy Lombard 10, Courtney Sims 9, Tara Sherrod 4, Kaysha Clunk 2, Sarah Trospen 2; Three-point goals: White 1, Moore 1.

Pampa — Jennifer Jones 6, Chandra Nachtigall 6, Faustine Curry 5, Tina Dwight 5, Kristi Carpenter 4, McKinley Quarles 2; Three-point goals: Nachtigall 2.

Streaks come to end in college hoops

By The Associated Press

It wasn't a good night for unbeatens. It was a great night for the all-time non-winner.

Fourth-ranked Iowa State and No. 12 Xavier dropped from the ranks of the unbeatens Tuesday night, leaving Kansas, Wake Forest and Oregon with that distinction.

Meanwhile, Rutgers-Camden, which took losing to a level no other team ever approached, finally left the court a winner for the first time in almost five years, a span of 117 games.

Marquette beat Iowa State 67-64 and Dayton downed Xavier, Ohio 98-91, leaving them 116 games from tying Division III Rutgers-Camden's record streak that ended with a 77-72 victory over Bloomfield College.

"We're on a one-game winning streak," freshman Dawan Boxley said after the Pioneers (1-9) won for the first time since beating Ramapo College on Jan. 18, 1992.

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday night, it was No. 3 Kentucky 90, Mississippi State 61; No. 5 Clemson 86, No. 10 Duke 82 in overtime; and No. 23 Boston College 94, Syracuse 83.

Senior Craig Bell, who had 14 points, was optimistic Rutgers-Camden's winning streak would continue.

"This is not it. We hope to keep this going," he said. "I want to tell the guys not to think this is all we need to win."

The previous record for a losing streak was 47 games by another branch of New Jersey's state university, Rutgers-Newark, from 1963 to 1985. The Division I record of 37 straight losses was set by The Citadel from January 1954 to December 1955.

When the game with Bloomfield (5-11) ended, about 100 fans rushed the court to celebrate with the players.

Bloomfield coach Mike Mancino told his players: "If this is the worst thing that happens to you in your life, you've got a pretty good life." It's only basketball.

No. 3 Kentucky 90, Mississippi St. 61

Derek Anderson scored 10 of his 26 points during a 12-2 second-half run that led the Wildcats (13-1, 2-0 SEC) to their 13th straight victory. Horatio Webster had 17 points to lead the Bulldogs (7-8, 1-1), who committed a season-high 31 turnovers. Mississippi State was the last team to beat Kentucky in Rupp Arena (Feb. 14, 1994).

Marquette 67, No. 4 Iowa St. 64

Aaron Hutchins scored 20 points to lead the visiting Golden Eagles (10-2), who held Iowa State (10-1) without a field goal for 8 1/2 minutes during a 12-2 run that gave them a 62-54 lead.

Kenny Pratt, who scored nine of Iowa State's final 10 points, pulled the Cyclones within one with 1:16 remaining. Marquette missed a shot on its next possession, but Mike Bargan and Anthony Pieper double-teamed Dedic Willoughby and Pieper knocked the ball loose, was fouled and made both free throws with 6.7 seconds left. Willoughby, who finished with 23 points, missed a hurried 3-point shot just before the buzzer.

No. 5 Clemson 86, No. 10 Duke 82

The Tigers (13-1, 2-0 ACC) set a school record by making 22 of 23 free throws. Terrell McIntyre of Clemson made two free throws to tie the game 76-76

with eight seconds left in regulation. Greg Newton of the visiting Blue Devils (11-3, 2-1) was left alone under the basket, but fumbled away a pass from Steve Wojciechowski with 2.8 seconds to go.

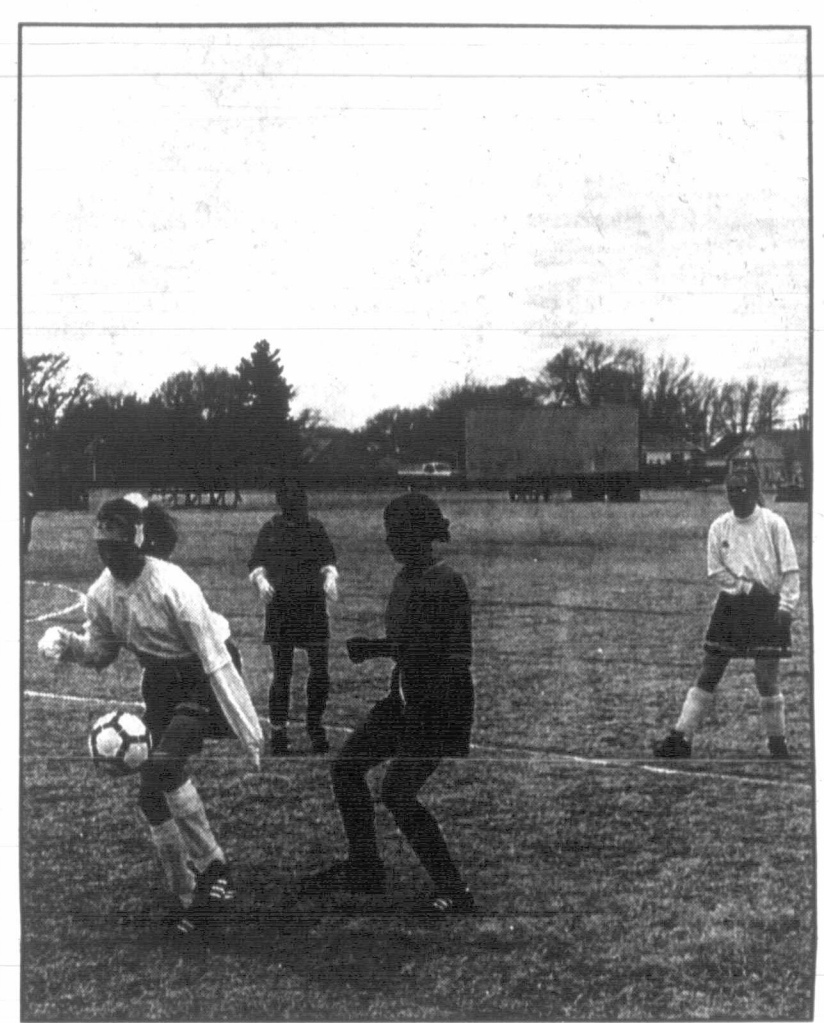
Wojciechowski opened the overtime with a 3-pointer, but the Tigers went on an 8-0 run for their ninth straight victory while ending Duke's six-game winning streak. McIntyre finished with 17 points and Trajan Langdon had a career-high 25 for Duke, but he scored only one point over the final 10 minutes of the game and missed three 3-pointers in the overtime.

Dayton 98, No. 12 Xavier, Ohio 91

Darnell Hoskins scored a career-high 30 points and Mark Ashman and Rodney Horton each had 20 points for the Flyers (6-4, 1-1 Atlantic 10). Lenny Brown had 29 points for Xavier (10-1, 1-1), which was off to the best start in school history and moved this week to its highest ranking in 38 years. The Musketeers pulled within five points with 33 seconds remaining, but Gary Lumpkin missed a 3-point attempt, and Hoskins made two free throws to seal it.

No. 23 Boston College 94, Syracuse 83

Danya Abrams had 28 points and 16 rebounds as the Eagles (9-2, 4-1 Big East) held off a late rally after leading by 18 points in the second half. Jason Cipolla had a career-high 28 points for Syracuse (8-6, 0-4), including a layup that made it 85-81 with 1:59 to go. But Abrams made four free throws and Andy Bedard converted two more to seal it. The 0-4 Big East start is a first for the Orangemen, who lost at home for the third time this season.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's Jessica Maddox controls the ball in soccer action Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Tascosa spoils soccer openers for PHS teams

PAMPA — Tascosa swept Pampa in high school boys' girls' soccer openers Tuesday at the Harvester complex.

Kyle Brooks and Aaron Wylie led Tascosa with two goals each as the Rebels blanked Pampa, 4-0, in the boys' match.

"We were able to dominate the first half. We had 10 shots on goal and they had four, but we came out flat the second half. We just weren't mentally prepared," said PHS head coach Warren Cottle.

The Rebels led 2-0 at halftime.

Chris Welch had an outstanding match for the Harvesters, Cottle said.

"Chris went above and beyond what was expected of him," Cottle said.

Tascosa also won the girls' match, 9-0.

Jessica Gutierrez and Courtney Massie scored two goals each for Tascosa.

The Lady Rebels led 5-0 at halftime.

The Pampa teams play Lubbock Monterey at 2 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock. Monterey boys opened the season with a 3-0 loss to Caprock.

In other area matches Tuesday, Palo Duro defeated Borger, 3-0 in boys' action. Amarillo High beat Canyon, 3-0, and Borger blanked Palo Duro in the girls' division.

The next home matches will be next Tuesday against Amarillo High. Starting time is 4:15 p.m.

Both the Pampa teams will be involved in tournaments later this month. The Pampa boys are entered in the Odessa Tournament on Jan. 17-18. The Pampa girls compete in the Lubbock Tournament on the same dates. There will also be a junior varsity boys' tournament in Amarillo on Jan. 17-18.

R.I. door open to Patriots

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The Rhode Island Patriots? Probably not, but Gov. Lincoln Almond wouldn't mind having the New England Patriots keep their name and move to Rhode Island.

Almond phoned Patriots owner Robert Kraft on Tuesday to offer the state as the possible site of the new stadium Kraft desires. No specifics on cost or location were discussed. The call simply was to assure Kraft that if options for a new stadium in Massachusetts fall through, Rhode Island officials would be ready to talk, Almond said.

"My door has always and will continue to remain open to the Patriots as far as the possibility of building their stadium in our state," Almond said.

"I made it clear to Bob that I

want the New England Patriots to stay in New England. Bob knows that should his interest focus on Rhode Island, I am more than ready to discuss options with him."

State senate majority leader Paul Kelly volunteered to be part of any negotiations with Kraft as long as the owner is serious about looking at Rhode Island and not using it as leverage for his efforts in Massachusetts.

"If it's economically feasible in any way to bring an NFL team into Rhode Island, I think we should be very much interested," Kelly said.

Kraft, who did not return a phone call seeking comment on the discussion with Almond, has said Foxboro Stadium is outdated, and he needs a modern facility to compete with other teams.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Major College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST
Boston College 94, Syracuse 83
Drexel 102, Towson St. 72
Georgetown 70, Notre Dame 57
Hartford 76, Maine 53
Hofstra 81, Delaware 70
Rhode Island 79, Temple 72, OT
Vermont 77, New Hampshire 65

SOUTH
Clemson 86, Duke 82, OT
Delaware St. 67, Md.-E. Shore 60
Hampton U. 78, S. Carolina St. 58
Kentucky 90, Mississippi St. 61
Liberty 80, Montreat-Anderson 52
Memphis 60, South Florida 59
N. Carolina St. 75, Texas-Pan American 25

MIDWEST
Colorado 87, Missouri 78
Dayton 98, Xavier, Ohio 91
Evansville 80, S. Illinois 75
Iowa 59, Purdue 56
Marquette 67, Iowa St. 64
Wichita St. 64, Bradley 59, OT

FAR WEST
Sacramento St. 69, Portland St. 61

TRANSACTIONS

Milwaukee 86, Detroit 78
Indiana 95, Cleveland 90
Houston 104, Minnesota 95
Seattle 94, Miami 85
Denver 109, Sacramento 96

Wednesday's Games
San Antonio at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

BRIEFS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rusty Maccham to a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Named Alex Smith player-development assistant, and Dave Birckel, Joel Grampietro, Doug Harris and Greg Whitworth territorial scouts.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed LHP Noe Najera.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Released OF Mike Kingery.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed LHP Fernando Valenzuela to a one-year contract. Waived 1B Jason Thompson.

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated F Tyrone Corbin from the injured list. Waived F Willie Burton and F Darrin Hancock.
BOSTON CELTICS—Waived C Brett Szabo.
DENVER NUGGETS—Signed G Elmer Bennett to a 10-day contract.
INDIANA PACERS—Activated C Rik Smits.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Activated F David Benoit from the injured list.

Lions officials about their vacant coaching position. Ross, 60, resigned as coach of the Chargers on Friday. The Lions are searching for a replacement for Wayne Fontes, who was fired last month.

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Oregon defensive back Kenny Wheaton, a second-team All-America, has decided to skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft. Southern California defensive tackle Darrell Russell, a two-time All-Pacific-10 selection, also is leaving a year early for the NFL.

BASEBALL
SAN DIEGO (AP)—Fernando Valenzuela, coming off his best season in a decade, agreed to a one-year, \$1.85 million contract with the San Diego Padres. The 36-year-old left-hander was 13-8 with a 3.62 ERA last year when he made \$500,000 in base salary and \$500,000 in performance bonuses.

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Outfielder Mike Kingery, scheduled to be the Pittsburgh Pirates' third highest-paid player, was given his unconditional release.

If another team does not sign Kingery, the Pirates are responsible for his guaranteed \$750,000 contract. If he signs elsewhere, his new team would be responsible for only \$150,000, with the Pirates picking up the rest.

BASKETBALL
BOSTON (AP)—Boston Celtics forward Dino Radja, expected to miss the rest of the season because of a left kneecap injury, was to undergo arthroscopic surgery today. The Croatian star, injured Thursday night at Detroit, is averaging 14.0 points and 8.4 rebounds in 25 games this season.

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)—Detroit Pistons forward Rick Mahorn's injured right foot will require surgery, sidelining him for more than two months. Mahorn, 38, will undergo surgery today or Thursday.

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP)—An anti-cholesterol crusader is launching an ad campaign urging Tiger Woods not to pitch McDonald's products, but the golfer's spokesman says there is no agreement with the fast-food chain.

Woods, playing in the Mercedes Championships this week, denied he would sign an endorsement deal with McDonald's. Phil Sokolof of Omaha, Neb., said he is taking out ads in today's editions of newspapers in Las Vegas, Denver and Houston, and in USA Today on Thursday.

BOXING
WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Heavyweight Andrew Golota pleaded guilty to beating up a young man during a 1990 disco brawl, but denied pointing a gun.
Golota, a U.S. resident who twice was disqualified for repeated low blows in fights he was winning against former champion Riddick Bowe, returned to Poland last week to stand trial in his hometown of Wloclawek.
Prosecutors charged that during the 1990 brawl, Golota beat a young man who had torn the boxer's jacket. Golota also allegedly pointed a pistol at the man and took his shoes and jeans.

HOCKEY
TORONTO (AP)—San Jose left wing Tony Granato and Detroit defenseman Viacheslav Fetisov were added to the Western Conference all-star team as NHL commissioner Gary Bettman's "special selections."
Granato, 32, returned to the NHL this season after undergoing brain surgery in February. Fetisov, 38, is an eight-year NHL veteran who came to North America after a 15-year career in the Soviet Union.

COLLEGE
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The NCAA has accused Grambling State of major violations that could lead to penalties including limiting

Knicks stun Mavericks

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Not since their home opener had the New York Knicks had a game like this. That was also the last time they were in first place in the Atlantic Division.

New York put a 102-72 beating on the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night, and combined with Miami's loss at Seattle, it gave the Knicks a share of first place.

This is the latest in the season since 1994 that the Knicks have been atop their division, and they got there in convincing fashion with the type of game their coach craved.

"We said it at the shootaround today. Why not a blowout on our homecourt? Why not get up by six, then 12 at the half, then 18, and keep going?" coach Jeff Van Gundy said.

Actually, it was even more lopsided than that.

New York led by 14 after the first quarter, 26 at the half and 39 after three quarters. By the time it was over, the Knicks had their largest margin of victory this season—even bigger than the 113-86 romp over Charlotte in the home opener.

Van Gundy "was relentless in his pursuit of the perfect game. Tonight he wanted a blowout—and he got a blowout," Buck Williams said.

John Starks led the Knicks with 21 points, Patrick Ewing had 18 points, 10 rebounds and seven blocks and Allan Houston had 14 points. Even seldom-used center Herb Williams reached double figures with 10 points, his first double-digit game in 366 days.

It was the 11th straight home victory for the Knicks, their longest such streak since 1991-92. And it came despite the absence of starters Larry Johnson (strained hamstring) and Chris Childs (back spasms).

"We played freelance, so to speak, and we took full advantage of that," Starks said. "We tend to relax when we get big leads, but we didn't relax tonight. We kept the pressure up and continued to be aggressive."

For the Mavs, the lowlights included a nine-point first quarter in which they missed their final 17 shots, a 19-point second quarter in which they fell behind by 30 points and a 14-point third period in which the deficit reached 41.

Greg Dreiling saved the Mavs from breaking the franchise record-low of 68 points when, in the final 32 seconds, he made a putback and the third 3-pointer of his 10-year career.

At the end of the third quarter, it seemed Dallas would have a shot at matching or surpassing the NBA record low of 57 points.

"At the end of the third quarter I told the guys we needed points," Dreiling said. "I said we better get enough to avoid the dang record. I wanted the guys to know you don't want to be in the record books for that."

"I didn't know about the team record, but I didn't want any part of that other record," Dreiling added. "I was already part of a 13-win season in Dallas. That was enough for me."

The Mavs didn't make a basket over the final eight minutes of the first quarter, and New York used an 18-1 run for a 23-9 lead. The Knicks committed 10 turnovers in the quarter, but even that was no match for Dallas' 14 percent shooting.

The second quarter featured more of the same. New York had runs of 10-1 and 18-2 while Dallas seemed content to brick one 3-point attempt after another. The Mavericks made only eight field goals in the half.

"Like I told the team at halftime, Stevie Wonder, Roy Orbison and Ray Charles could have hit some of those shots—or at least come close," coach Jim Clemons said. "We acted like 12 people who were dropped down from outer space, put uniforms on and played like we had never seen one another before."

It was 54-28 at halftime, and the Knicks added on a 25-8 run to go ahead 81-40.

The fourth quarter was garbage time, but Dallas' output of 30 points matched its total for the first 26:10 of the game.

Rockets get 'ugly' victory

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—It wasn't a pretty game for the Houston Rockets, not even a pretty fourth-quarter rally. It was just a win, and that's all they really needed, anyway.

After losing two straight at home against teams they should have beaten, the Rockets started a four-game road trip with three

sloppy quarters Tuesday night before sealing their 104-95 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves at the foul line.

Houston hit 17 of 19 at the line in the final period, while the Wolves got only two attempts as they saw their four-game Target Center winning streak end.

National Basketball Association At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	24	9	.727	—
Miami	24	9	.727	—
Washington	16	15	.516	7
Orlando	12	17	.414	10
New Jersey	9	21	.300	13 1/2
Philadelphia	8	24	.250	15 1/2
Boston	7	23	.233	15 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	4	.879	—
Detroit	24	8	.750	4 1/2
Cleveland	21	11	.656	7 1/2
Atlanta	19	11	.633	8 1/2
Charlotte	18	14	.563	10 1/2
Milwaukee	16	16	.500	12 1/2
Indiana	15	16	.484	13
Toronto	10	22	.313	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	25	8	.758	—
Utah	23	9	.719	1 1/2
Minnesota	14	19	.424	11
Dallas	10	20	.333	13 1/2
San Antonio	9	22	.290	15
Denver	9	23	.281	15 1/2
Vancouver	6	27	.182	19

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	25	10	.714	—
Seattle	24	11	.686	1
Portland	19	15	.559	5 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	19	.424	10
Sacramento	14	21	.400	11
Golden State	12	19	.387	11
Phoenix	10	23	.303	14

Monday's Games
Chicago 102, Utah 89
Portland 88, L.A. Lakers 84
Charlotte 109, Golden State 101

Tuesday's Games
L.A. Clippers 87, Toronto 80
New York 102, Dallas 72
New Jersey 90, San Antonio 74
Orlando 109, Philadelphia 88
Atlanta 105, Phoenix 103, OT

Tuesday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rusty Maccham to a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Named Alex Smith player-development assistant, and Dave Birckel, Joel Grampietro, Doug Harris and Greg Whitworth territorial scouts.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed LHP Noe Najera.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Released OF Mike Kingery.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed LHP Fernando Valenzuela to a one-year contract. Waived 1B Jason Thompson.

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated F Tyrone Corbin from the injured list. Waived F Willie Burton and F Darrin Hancock.
BOSTON CELTICS—Waived C Brett Szabo.
DENVER NUGGETS—Signed G Elmer Bennett to a 10-day contract.
INDIANA PACERS—Activated C Rik Smits.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Activated F David Benoit from the injured list.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed K Aile Larsen to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
NHL—Suspended Boston Bruins F Troy Mallette and Toronto Maple Leafs F Mike Craig for two games without pay and fined them each \$1,000 as a result of separate incidents.
BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled RW Jean Yves-Roy from Providence of the AHL.

Tuesday's Sports In Brief

By The Associated Press

FOOTBALL
NEW YORK (AP)—Fox Broadcasting said all 29 minutes of commercial time for the Jan. 26 Super Bowl has been sold out for several weeks.
Jon Nesvig, president of sales for Fox, said the network got as much as \$1.3 million for a few 30-second ads, but the average amounted to about \$1.2 million, surpassing what NBC got a year ago.

DETROIT (AP)—Former San Diego Chargers coach Bobby Ross met with Detroit

scholarships, postseason play and possible probation.

The NCAA notified the school that it found eight violations, including a lack of control over its football program headed by Eddie Robinson, college football's career victory leader.

TENNIS
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Rested after a five-week break, top-ranked Pete Sampras beat Germany's Michael Stich 4-6, 7-5 today in the Colonial Classic exhibition tournament.
Germany's Boris Becker also won his opening round-robin match, beating Ukraine's Andrei Medvedev 7-6 (7-3), 6-1.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League At A Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	26	12	4	56	140	103
Florida	21	10	9	51	118	92
N.Y. Rangers	22	16	6	50	153	122
New Jersey	21	15	3	45	105	101
Washington	17	20	4	38	109	110
Tampa Bay	14	20	5	33	113	127
N.Y. Islanders	12	20	8	32	102	118

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	22	15	4	48	153	130
Buffalo	21	15	4	47	122	107
Hartford	17	16	7	41	122	131
Montreal	16	18	8	40	136	144
Boston	15	19	6	36	116	143
Ottawa	12	20	7	31	107	119

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	23	15	3	49	118	100
Detroit	20	13	7	47	125	85
Phoenix	18	14	4	40	110	130
St. Louis	18	21	4	40	122	141
Chicago	15	21	7	37	111	120
Toronto	17	25	0	34	126	150

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	24	10	7	55	144	98
Edmonton	19	19	4	42	141	129
Vancouver	19	20	1	39	126	136
Calgary	15	22	5	35	106	124
Anaheim	14	21	5	33	113	126
San Jose	14	21	5	33	102	126
Los Angeles	14	23	4	32	110	140

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 3
Montreal 5, Hartford 4
Colorado 2, N.Y. Rangers 2, tie
Vancouver 5, Anaheim 1
Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 7, Boston 3
Edmonton 5, St. Louis 2
Calgary 4, Toronto 3, OT
Los Angeles 6, Vancouver 2
Buffalo 1, San Jose 1, tie
Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Florida at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Hartford at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Big country music festival to be unveiled at Texas track

DALLAS (AP)—Consummating a marriage that was bound to happen, the country music world is coming to Texas' new auto racing track.

Fruit of the Loom Inc. officials were expected to announce today in Nashville, Tenn., plans for a concert and festival that could be one of the nation's

biggest music events. CountryFest '97, a daylong event at the Texas Motor Speedway—the soon-to-be opened oval outside Fort Worth—will bring nine of country music's top artists to one stage.

If it lives up to expectations, the event would surpass the 240,000 people who showed up for the Chicago-

based apparel maker's first country music wingding, last summer in Atlanta.

Company officials picked the speedway because it's the nation's second-largest spectator facility, surpassed only by the Indianapolis Speedway.

Texas Motor Speedway, which can hold 150,000 for auto races, is expected to fit

more than 250,000 for the concert.

The \$115 million asphalt oval, built by Speedway Motorsports Inc., Concord, N.C., was christened late last year and will host its first auto race in April.

CountryFest '97, slated for June 14, is part of a larger country-music promotion by Fruit of the Loom

intended to appeal to its core customer, whom the company has found to be a loyal country-music fan.

Along with CountryFest, Fruit of the Loom is sponsoring a 60-city concert tour beginning in February that includes a traveling country-lifestyle festival similar to alternative rock's Lollapalooza tour.

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7 Auctioneer	14i General Repair	14w Spraying	53 Machinery And Tools	76 Farm Animals	102 Business Rental
10 Lost And Found	14j Gun Smithing	14x Tax Service	54 Farm Machinery	77 Livestock	Property
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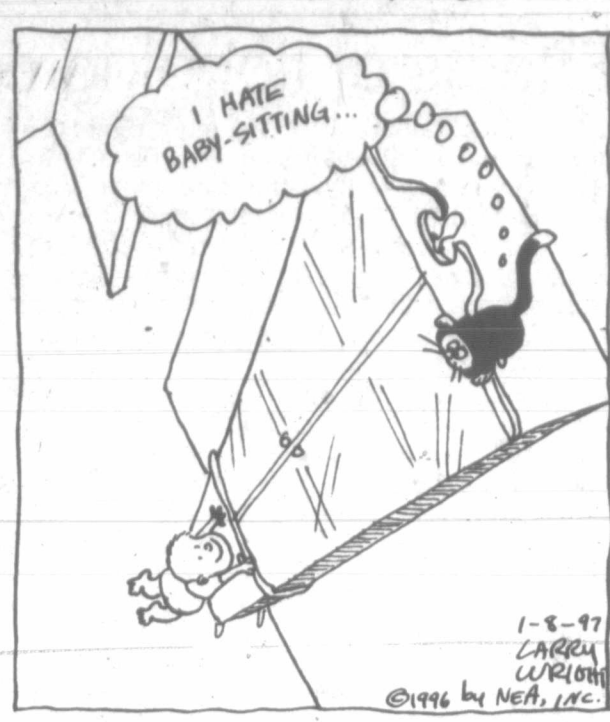
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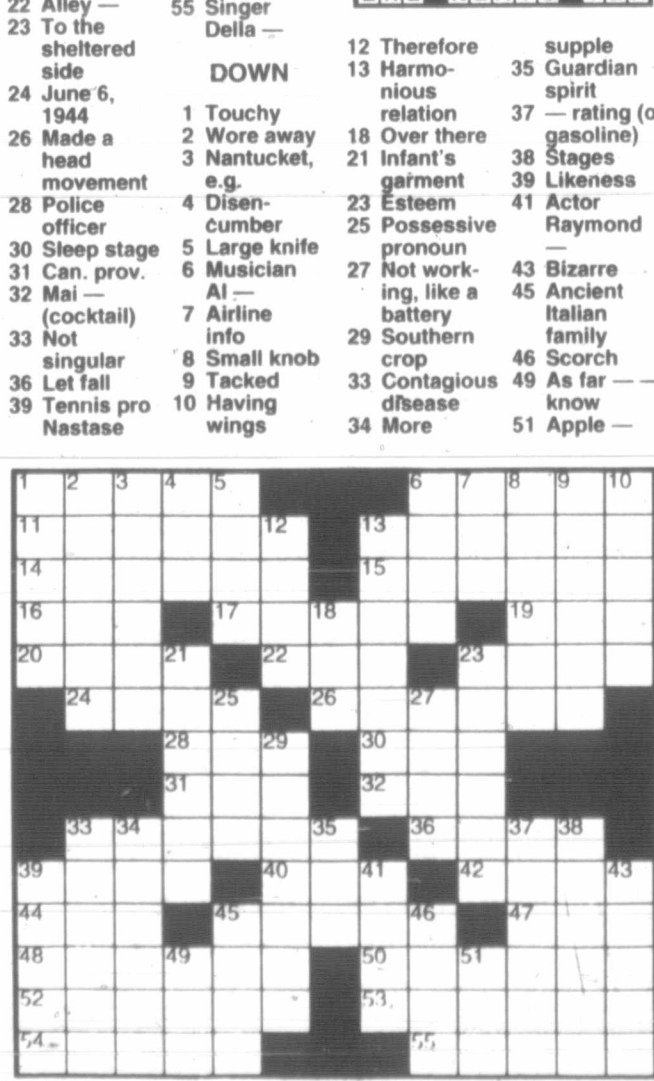
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'Michael,' 'Jerry Maguire' battle it out at box office over weekend

By LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Happy endings continued to dominate the post-holiday box office, with *Michael* and *Jerry Maguire* winning the top two positions at the weekend box office.

Michael, the John Travolta film about an angel who helps mortals find happiness, earned \$12.1 million to edge *Jerry Maguire*, the story of a sports agent who rethinks his life and ethics. *Jerry Maguire* earned \$12 million.

The horror film *Scream* was in third place with a \$10 million take.

Scream, with young stars Drew Barrymore and Neve Campbell among the imperiled, had been steadily building its audience based on word-of-mouth and good reviews. It had a fourth-place, \$6.4 million debut on Dec. 20.

Both *Michael* and *Jerry Maguire*, meanwhile, demonstrated box office durability.

In its fourth week, *Jerry Maguire* saw just a 14 percent drop from last week. *Michael* dropped off 30 percent in its second week; film grosses typically can slip by half from the debut figure.

There were no new films. A weekend without openings is rare but makes sense after a flurry of debuts timed to exploit holiday audiences, said John Krier of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks box-office figures.

"There wouldn't be much excuse to open a film this week, with kids going back to school and vacations over," Krier said.

In limited release, *Evita* grossed \$1.1 million on 22 screens. It played on just two screens last week.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by stu-

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of January 3-5, 1997	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Michael</i> , 2,181 screens	\$12.1
2. <i>Jerry Maguire</i> , 2,531 screens	\$12
3. <i>Scream</i> , 1,737 screens	\$10
4. <i>101 Dalmatians</i> , 2,702 screens	\$7.3
5. <i>One Fine Day</i> , 1,988 screens	\$6.2
6. <i>Beavis and Butt-head Do America</i> , 2,417 screens	\$6.8
7. <i>Ghosts of Mississippi</i> , 1,268 screens	\$5.8
8. <i>The Preacher's Wife</i> , 2,001 screens	\$4.9
9. <i>Mars Attacks!</i> , 1,901 screens	\$3.4
10. <i>My Fellow Americans</i> , 1,865 screens	\$3.3

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

dio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations:

1. *Michael*, New Line, \$12.1 million, 2,181 locations, \$5,569 average, \$52.7 million, two weeks.
2. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony, \$12 million, 2,531 locations, \$4,753 average, \$83 million, four weeks.
3. *Scream*, Miramax, \$10 million, 1,737 locations, \$5,766 average, \$39.1 million, three weeks.
4. *101 Dalmatians*, Disney, \$7.3 million, 2,702 locations, \$2,717 average, \$121.8 million, six weeks.
5. *One Fine Day*, Fox, \$6.2 million, 1,968 locations, \$3,160 average, \$32.2 million, three weeks.
6. *Beavis and Butt-head Do America*, Paramount, \$5.8 million,

2,417 locations, \$2,381 average, \$54.1 million, three weeks.

7. *Ghosts of Mississippi*, Sony, \$5 million, 1,268 locations, \$3,956 average, \$5.8 million, three weeks.

8. *The Preacher's Wife*, Buena Vista, \$4.9 million, 2,001 locations, \$2,461 average, \$38.7 million, four weeks.

9. *Mars Attacks!* Warner Bros., \$3.4 million, 1,901 locations, \$1,806 average, \$33.8 million, four weeks.

10. *My Fellow Americans*, Warner Bros., \$3.3 million, 1,865 locations, \$1,786 average, \$18 million, three weeks.

11. *The English Patient*, Miramax, \$2.7 million, 582 locations, \$4,695 average, \$28 million, eight weeks.

12. *The Evening Star*, Paramount, \$2.3 million, 1,268 locations, \$1,796 average, \$10.1 million, two weeks.

13. *Ransom*, Disney, \$2.2 million, 1,076 locations, \$2,062 average, \$129.1 million, nine weeks.

14. *Daylight*, Universal, \$1.8 million, 1,217 locations, \$1,500 average, \$29.1 million, five weeks.

15. *Star Trek: First Contact*, Paramount, \$1.76 million, 1,001 locations, \$1,758 average, \$89.1 million, seven weeks.

16. *Shine*, Fine Line, \$1.6 million, 207 locations, \$7,798 average, \$6.7 million, seven weeks.

17. *Jingle All the Way*, Fox, \$1.56 million, 1,405 locations, \$1,108 average, \$57.2 million, seven weeks.

18. *Space Jam*, Warner Bros., \$1.4 million, 1,201 locations, \$1,148 average, \$85.4 million, eight weeks.

19. *The Crucible*, Fox, \$1.3 million, 344 locations, \$3,835 average, \$4.7 million, six weeks.

20. *Evita*, Buena Vista, \$1.1 million, 22 locations, \$48,394 average, \$2.2 million, two weeks.

'Practice copy' of ransom note found, papers report

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Part of a "practice" ransom note was discovered by police in the home of the six-year-old beauty queen found strangled in her basement, according to newspaper reports.

The *Rocky Mountain News* and The *Denver Post*, citing unnamed sources, also reported today that the author of the actual three-page handwritten ransom note — which demanded \$118,000 in exchange for JonBenet Ramsey — appeared to try to disguise the handwriting at first.

But as the note goes on, the author appears to abandon any attempts to disguise his or her penmanship, the sources said.

The practice and actual notes were both written on paper taken from a legal pad found within the home, according to the reports. The sources did not provide more information about the practice note, part of which police discovered somewhere in the home.

JonBenet's body was found Dec. 26 in the basement of her family's expensive home about eight hours after her mother,

Patricia Ramsey, says she discovered the ransom note in the house and summoned police.

The blond former Little Miss Colorado had been strangled and her skull fractured. JonBenet's killer placed duct tape over her mouth, a white cord around her neck and sexually assaulted her, Denver newspapers have reported.

Meanwhile, Boulder police searching the Charlevoix, Mich., vacation home of Mrs. Ramsey and her husband, John Ramsey, looked for evidence of threats against the family, Denver television station KUSA reported.

The search warrant allowed police to look for "any and all tapes from answering machines, any and all caller I.D. devices, evidence of threats to any member of the Ramsey family," and examine "mail, correspondence or other documentation from any person, group or faction."

Investigators have also interviewed relatives and friends in suburban Atlanta, where the Ramseys lived

before moving to Boulder in 1991.

Boulder police on Tuesday also said they had removed a homicide detective from the team investigating the slaying of JonBenet.

City spokesman Kelvin McNeill would not say why the detective, Sgt. Larry Mason, was taken off the high-profile murder case. But authorities suggested he had strayed from the investigation's tight focus.

Meanwhile, a judge said the police's court-approved search warrant and affidavit to search the Ramsey home in Boulder would remain sealed for 30 more days.

The Ramseys have hired lawyers, a media consultant and their own detectives to investigate their daughter's death. They are offering a \$50,000 reward.

The Ramseys were cooperating with investigators, who still were trying to set up face-to-face interviews with them, police spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm said Tuesday. The parents were allowed to answer some questions in writing.

Nation briefs

Researcher explores hazards of wearing glasses

CHICAGO (AP) — A researcher who struck prescription eyeglasses with baseballs, tennis balls, lacrosse balls and golf balls found that four out of five pairs were not strong enough to withstand everyday hazards even though they met government standards.

Reliable data on how many people are injured each year by shattered eyeglasses is not available, but Vinger said he bets "there are a couple thousand a year."

Of the four materials commonly used for eyeglass lenses, only polycarbonate plastic has high-impact strength, Vinger found in a study published in today's edition of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Polycarbonate is used in an estimated 18 percent to 20 percent of prescription glasses.

Texaco witness said to be cooperating with prosecutors

NEW YORK (AP) — The former Texaco Inc. executive who turned over secret recordings for a racial discrimination lawsuit against the oil giant hopes to reach a plea bargain with prosecutors, *The New York Times* reported today.

Richard A. Lundwall, the central figure in the Texaco scandal, has begun cooperating with federal prosecutors in their investigation into possible wrongdoing by company executives,

the newspaper said.

Lundwall turned his tapes over to the plaintiffs after he was forced out of his job as senior coordinator of personnel services for Texaco's finance department.

Prosecutors have been trying for months to get the cooperation of Lundwall, whose taped recordings include Texaco officials degrading minorities and talking about destroying the documents.

Heidi Fleiss sentenced to 37 months in prison, \$400 fine

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before she was sentenced to 37 months in prison, Heidi Fleiss tearfully told a federal judge she was remorseful for cheating on her taxes, laundering call-girl profits and conspiring to hide her crimes.

"I wish I had the words to tell you how very sorry I am," Ms. Fleiss said Tuesday, sobbing. "I'm so sorry. I'm a different person now. I was young. I made terrible choices and mistakes."

U.S. District Judge Consuelo Marshall also ordered Ms. Fleiss to pay a \$400 fine and an undisclosed amount on taxes, forfeit more than \$550,000 from the sale of her Beverly Hills home, serve three years probation and 300 hours of community service, and attend a substance abuse program.

The defense had asked for a 2 1/2-year sentence. Ms. Fleiss will be given credit for about four to five months she has already

served at a drug rehabilitation center, her attorneys said.

Lionel Hampton apartment fire injures 27 near Lincoln Center

NEW YORK (AP) — A five-alarm fire that swept through Lionel Hampton's high-rise Manhattan apartment injured 27 people, but did not harm the legendary jazz musician.

The 83-year-old Hampton, who was home when a falling lamp sparked the Tuesday fire, was rescued by two attendants working in his 28th-floor apartment. Hampton has been in a wheelchair since 1995, when he had two strokes.

Fifteen civilians, eleven firefighters and one medical worker were injured in the fire, which sent smoke billowing through the 42-story skyscraper across from Lincoln Center. None of the injuries were life threatening.

Two women trapped in a neighboring apartment were saved when a firefighter was lowered down from the 29th floor and slipped each of them an oxygen mask. The women were taken down after the flames were out.

The fire started around 2:30 p.m. when a halogen lamp tipped over and ignited some bedding, Fire Department spokesman Frank Gribbon said.

More than 200 firefighters turned out, creating massive traffic tie-ups on surrounding streets for the two hours it took to put out the blaze.

Effects of flooding continue in California

MANTECA, Calif. (AP) — As raging rivers continued to inundate California's drenched Central Valley, communities where the water has receded dealt with closed roads, contaminated drinking water and damages that topped a billion dollars.

Although skies were clear and sunny Tuesday, California was still feeling the effects of storms that have caused floods, landslides and avalanches across the West since Dec. 26. The statewide damage toll climbed past \$1.6 billion, and many counties still haven't reported estimates.

At least 29 deaths have been blamed on the Western storms and three women remained missing in California's Yuba County. Thousands of homes and businesses have been swamped in California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington in some of the worst flooding in decades.

And workers were scrambling to prevent more flooding that could affect the drinking water of two of every three Californians.

The floods have crippled the region's tourism industry, closing Yosemite National Park until at least Jan. 17. Because of roads blocked by mudslides and washouts, skiers can't reach Sierra Nevada resorts and many gamblers can't get to casinos in Nevada.

In Reno, Nev., where floodwaters raged through downtown last week, the Comstock Hotel-Casino reopened to sparse crowds Monday after closing for four days. General Manager Ralph Albright estimated the damage at \$500,000.

On Tuesday, Yosemite National Park finally began the long-delayed evacuation of 500 concession employees stranded by floods that damaged many cabins and campsites beyond repair.

Flooding also washed away much of California's winter wheat and fruit crops and damaged walnut orchards and vineyards. Officials say it's too early to assess crop damage, but the loss of farm machinery could be even worse.

"A lot of farmers are going to have really severe problems restoring their property and getting back in business," said California Farm Bureau spokesman Dave Kranz. "Property damage is going to disrupt lives for a long time to come."

Meanwhile, crews worked feverishly in the Central Valley and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to shore up key sections of northern California's 6,000-mile network of levees.

Levees broke Tuesday along the San Joaquin River near Manteca, flooding more than 25 square miles and damaging as many as 400 homes. About 4,000 residents were evacuated.

Fan club leaders gather to celebrate Elvis' birthday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Fan club leaders gathered for Elvis Presley's 62nd birthday today still love him tender. They want their hero remembered for his generosity, not his excesses.

"He liked to share. He was known for that," said Gigi Ballester of Flushing, N.Y.

She and leaders of more than 80 other Elvis fan clubs are in Memphis to celebrate the birthday of the man who changed the taste of pop music and gave a legion of American youngsters their first taste of rebelliousness.

More than 400 fans were expected for a birthday banquet tonight. And though it seems unlikely the world is about to forget Presley any time soon, the fan clubs say they're working hard to keep his memory alive.

"There are some days I might spend eight to ten hours typing and answering mail, especially when I'm working on a newsletter," said Priscilla Parker, president of the "We Remember Elvis" club of Pittsburgh. "It's just heart warming to keep all this going."

While in Memphis, the fan club officers meet with Graceland's staff to discuss the latest doings in the world of things Elvis and plan club events for the coming year, particularly fund raisers for charity.

Presley's reputation for supporting Memphis charities is a favorite topic for the clubs.

Ballester helped organize the "Teddy Bear Project," which collects money from Presley fan clubs to buy teddy bears,

clothes and other items for a Memphis shelter for women and children.

Parker's club, with 1,000 members in 47 states and abroad, collects several thousand dollars a year for a hospital burn unit in Pennsylvania and a trauma center in Memphis.

"If we didn't do it for Elvis, we'd probably be doing it for something else, but Elvis' generosity shows us the way," said Parker, whose first name, by coincidence, is the same as Presley's ex-wife's.

Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss., on Jan. 8, 1935, and lived most of his life in Memphis. He died of heart disease at age 42 in 1977. His health was weakened by years of drug abuse and other excesses.

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