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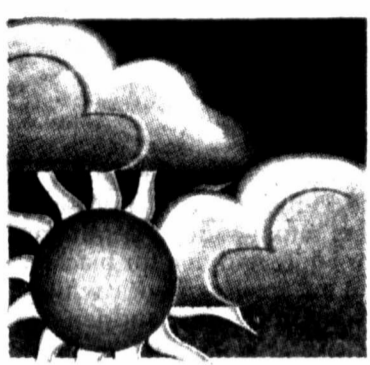
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## Gas drops two cents nationwide; holds steady in Pampa

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

The Associated Press reports that gas prices around the country have dropped another two cents on average but a quick check around the area shows no drops outside of Amarillo.

Gas can be found selling for 99.9 cents a gallon in Amarillo, but outside of the Panhandles largest city, the cheapest regular unleaded could be found at the Conway Shell in Conway.

Roger Hutchison reported gas prices were \$1.19 a gallon there and hadn't changed lately.

The most expensive found in the spot check was reported by Carey Richardson at Richardson's Texaco in McLean. Gas there was going for \$1.32 a gallon and had been at that price for some time.

Joe's Irish Service Center in Shamrock was at \$1.22 a gallon, according to Leslie Batenhorst. That was a penny less than the Ampride in Canadian. Batenhorst reported the price in

Shamrock is down a nickel from two weeks ago.

Pampa's showing several prices with the Taylor Mart's Niecy Hollingshed reporting a price of \$1.24 for the regular grade, that's a penny lower than the Texaco Service Station in White Deer.

Except for the Shamrock station no changes were reported in the last two weeks even though the prices for the lowest grade ran higher than the \$1.21 average price for all grades across the country.

Self service pumps were reporting regular gasoline at \$1.15, according to according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

Gasoline price that have been falling nationally for most of the year dropped another 2 cents in the past two weeks due to an oversupply.

"Refiners and importers keep cranking out more gasoline than we use," industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said. "There is a continued imbalance over supply and demand."

Prices have been falling nationally for most of the year, except for a temporary increase in July.

"Prices are now nearly 9 cents lower than Dec. 20, 1996 and have fallen about 12 cents between the end of August and now," Lundberg said.

At self-service pumps nationwide, regular gasoline was \$1.15 a gallon, mid-grade was \$1.26 and premium was \$1.34.

At full-service pumps, regular was \$1.56, mid-grade was \$1.64 and premium was \$1.71.

**PAMPA** -- Sign up for Pampa Optimists Club Boys Basketball will be Jan. 4, 5 and 6.

**PAMPA** -- The Gray County Commission will meet in special session Wednesday, Dec. 31, in the County Courtroom at the Gray County Courthouse.

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP) — A months-long drought in Papua New Guinea has killed 15 children in recent days and left about 700,000 people hungry and facing starvation, an aid organization said Friday.

CARE Australia said a slowdown in private food donations from Australia was aggravating the situation.

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil** (AP) — Trapped by police, the inmates who'd grabbed hostages during a prison break raised their hands in surrender.

Instead of moving in for arrests, the hostages claim police carried out a massacre. Six fugitives were shot and killed.

**PARIS** (AP) — The so-called "13th month of pay" is the common year-end bonus that many in France depend on to light up the holidays. But not the 12.5 percent of French adults who are unemployed.

As a remedy, hundreds of job seekers have occupied eight unemployment offices around the country for the past two weeks, demanding \$500 year-end bonuses for the nation's jobless.

- Herbert Brasher Sr., 82, a longtime architect and engineer.
- Kathleen Stephenson, 40, of Pampa.
- Thelma W. Andrew, 93, of Lipscomb.
- James Nolan McKean, of Pampa.
- Imogene C. Ruel, 74, sister of a Pampa resident.
- Teresa Kathryn Ginn, 41, of Pampa.
- Elnora Jewell Collins Wilson, sister of a Stratford resident.

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## Ski Pampa...



Sean Myles took advantage of Pampa's White Christmas to get in some skiing while visiting the Texas Panhandle. Myles, from Sheffield, England, was in town over the holidays with his wife, Christine Lowery Myles, visiting her relatives. "As soon as it started snowing," Christine said, "he wanted to go skiing." Friday, found Myles across from Columbia Medical Center practicing his traveling skills on cross country skis.

## Peet announces re-election bid for Gray County Judge

Surrounded by family in his home, Judge Richard Peet announced his intent to run for re-election for Gray County Judge Friday afternoon.

Peet has served the Pampa community for eleven years — two years as city commissioner, six years as mayor and three years as county judge. He said he is committing to continue the same quality of leadership he has exemplified over the last 12 years.

Peet's qualifications include a B.S. degree in political science, 24 years teaching government and constitution at Pampa High School and 22 years teaching state, local and national government and constitution at the Pampa branch of Clarendon College.

As mayor, Peet initiated and participated in the street repair and replacement program, the creation of the Pampa Economic Development Committee, the creation of Hidden Hills Golf Course, the enhancing of the cable system, getting Pampa cho-

sen as a prison site, extending the life of the Pampa landfill, developing Recreation Park and upgrading the sprinkling systems in our city parks.

In his re-election campaign, Peet said he would like for voters to know what has been accomplished in the past three years he has served as County Judge including the following:

- Consolidating the Pampa city and county jail facilities, saving the taxpayers \$10,000 - \$15,000 per year.
  - Researching better county employee health coverage at lower premium costs, saving taxpayers about \$120,000 per year.
  - Assisting the county tax collector in tax collection consolidation, saving PISD about \$29,000
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## South Pampa property donated to city for park

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

A half of a block or more of residential property in the south part of town has been donated to and accepted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as a possible, future home of a new Pampa park.

The land was donated to the parks department by a family in town in memorial of their parents, Reed Kirkpatrick, parks director recently said.

"Heirs of the trust want to put this in motion and set up a trust fund to help develop the park," said Kirkpatrick.

The land, which is located at South Zimmers on the south side of Hobart Baptist Church, is in the middle of a residential section, he said.

"We have more than we can say Grace over in terms of keeping up with parks, but I think it would be good for the community," said Kirkpatrick.

"I think we can develop this park and make it fun and functional for the kids," he said.

Kirkpatrick suggested the possibility of having the park include softball and soccer fields.

"There are never enough softball or soccer fields for kids and this would be good in the long term for the community," he said.

Upon accepting the "most generous donation," the parks board and Kirkpatrick will now recommend that the city accept the donation. The Parks board cannot make the ultimate decision, but must submit it to the city for approval.

A motion by Kathy Gist and a supporting motion made by Joe Martinez at last week's parks board meeting affirmed Kirkpatrick's request to recommend to the city that the donated land be accepted and named Robertson Park in memorial of the family donating the land.

## Sunday snapshot

**SUNDAY SNAPSHOT**  
Name: Brenda Starr Cook  
Occupation/Activities: Composition Supervisor - Pampa News  
Birth date and place: 9-22-59 in Pampa Texas  
Family: husband, Johnnie, 2 daughters Tausha and Laci  
My personal hero: my mother - she loved people  
The best advice I ever got was: Live life to the fullest, but live it with love and respect for others.  
People who knew me in high school thought: Brenda who?  
My hobby is: sewing  
My favorite sports team is: The

New Orleans Saints, whose record was even with the Cowboys this year!  
My favorite author is: Johanna Lindsey  
The last book I read was: Say You Love Me  
My favorite possession is: my memories  
The biggest honor I've ever received is: becoming a mother  
My favorite performer is: Bob Seager  
My favorite song: Turn The Page  
I wish I knew how to: play the piano  
My trademark cliché or expression is: guilt trips suck

My worst habit is: repeating myself  
I would never: skydive  
Favorite Movie: The Big Chill  
I stay home to watch: X-Files  
Nobody knows: and nobody will  
I drive a: 1977 Corvette  
My favorite junk food is: chocolate chip cookies  
My favorite beverage: Cappuccino  
My favorite restaurant is: Muelates in Lafayette, La.  
My favorite pet: Chelsea, my Persian  
For my last meal, I would choose: Boiled Crawfish and Corona  
I wish I could sing like: Whitney Houston  
I'm happiest when I'm: Listening to

Music while watching the sunrise.  
I regret: not learning to speak Cajun French from my mother  
I'm tired of: being tired  
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: heater  
The biggest waste of time is: judging others  
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Give part of the money to the nursing homes in town. To help give those people the quality of life they deserve.  
If I had three wishes they would be: free the world of hunger, violence and prejudice.  
If I could change one thing about Pampa: more entertainment.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**MCKEAN**, James Nolan - Services will be at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Graveside services will be at the Greenwood Memorial Park in Ft. Worth. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

**RUEL**, Imogene C. - Services will be at 2 p.m. at the Holmgreen Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in the Orange Grove Cemetery under the direction of Holmgreen Mortuary.

**GINN**, Teresa Kathryn - Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery under direction of the Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

**STEPHENSON**, Kathleen - Services will be at 2 p.m. in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

**WILSON**, Elnora Jewell Collins, - Graveside services will be 11 a.m. at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

## Obituaries

### Herbert Brasher Sr.

**LUBBOCK** - Herbert Brasher Sr., 82, died December 23, 1997. Services were Saturday morning at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Mr. Brasher was a longtime architect and engineer who designed schools and other buildings throughout West Texas.

His projects included Pampa's M.K. Brown auditorium in Pampa and the First Baptist Church and several additions to the city's schools.

Mr. Brasher who in 1954 founded the firm that would become BGR Architects-Engineers designed at least 200 projects during a career that spanned five decades. His first projects became Lubbock landmarks including Lubbock's First Baptist Church and St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church.

He concentrated however on schools. Among those he designed were Lubbock's Estacado High and Ed Irons and Wilson Jr Highs, Randall High and Valleyview Junior High in Amarillo; Georgetown, Levelland and Brownfield High Schools and several buildings on the campus of Wayland Baptist University, including Herral Memorial Auditorium and the Van Howling Library.

Irons Junior High won the 1990 Best of Show award from the Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of School Boards, and the Texas Society of Architects.

He also designed office buildings for numerous rural electric cooperatives as well as the Texas Department of Public Safety's regional headquarters in Lubbock and the Deaf Smith County Library in Hereford.

Brasher was a native of Monroe La., but grew up in Roswell, N.M. He graduated from Teas Tech in 1939 and was licensed to practice architecture in Texas New Mexico on a California.

He was a member of the American Institute of Architects, Texas Society of Architects, National Society of Professional Engineers and the Council of Educational Facility Planners International.

He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church, served on the board of the Red Sea Missionary Team, an international missionary organization and was also active in the Capernway Missionary Fellowship.

He married the former Marie Somers in 1941. His brother C.J. died in 1964.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Julie Duncan of Lubbock, two sons Herbert Jr. of Friedrichshafen, Germany and Philip of Falls Church, Virginia, and seven grandchildren.

### Kathleen Stephenson

Kathleen Stephenson, 40, of Pampa died Friday, December 26, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stephenson was born September 14, 1957 in Denison Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Dallas until moving to Amarillo in 1994. She came to Pampa in 1995 from Amarillo. She worked as a drafting clerk for Southwestern Bell Telephone for 17 years. She was a member of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas. She did volunteer work for the Dallas Boys Club, The Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children, and the United Way of Dallas.

Survivors include her mother, Dorothy Stephenson of Mesquite, four sisters, Janet Tucker of Scottsdale AZ, Carol Jarmon of Rockwell, Sandra Bowers of Pampa, and Paula Stephenson of Amarillo. Also by two brothers John Stephenson of Howe TX. and Larry Stephenson of Garland.

### Thelma W. Andrews

**LIPSCOMB** - Thelma W. Andrews, 93 died Thursday December 25, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday under the direction of the Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Andrews was born March 10, 1904 in Perry, Missouri to Bert and Daisy Wilson Webb. She graduated Lipscomb High School and attended West Texas State Teachers College then business school in Oklahoma City. In 1941 she married Thomas Andrews in Dallas. He preceded her in death in 1956. Mr. & Mrs. Andrews moved to Lipscomb in 1955 from Dallas. She taught school for two years and worked at the tax office in Lipscomb for several years. Mrs. Andrews worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington D.C. and Dallas for twenty years. She attended the Community Church in Lipscomb. A brother Gill Webb also preceded her in death.

Survivors include her niece Mary Lynne Schafer of Canadian and her sister-in-law Kathryn Webb of Lipscomb. Also surviving are four great nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be Saturday until 12:30 p.m. at

### Stickley-Hill Funeral Home in Canadian.

#### James Nolan McKean

James Nolan McKean, of Pampa died December 25, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor officiating. Graveside services will be at the Greenwood Memorial Park in Ft. Worth, with Rev. Linda McDermott, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. McKean was born in Lometa, Texas and attended schools in Ft. Worth. He came to Pampa in 1927 and was employed by Cabot Corporation in plant construction. In 1932 he returned to Ft. Worth to attend Texas Christian University. He came back to Pampa in 1936 and was employed by Cabot Corp. in Pampa and the Permian Basin area.

He married Anne Elizabeth (Betty) Neely in 1939 in Tulsa Oklahoma. She preceded him in death in 1978. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in 1942 serving in the Pacific in a Marine Aircraft Group during World War II. After release from the service in 1945, he entered the newspaper and advertising business in Odessa and Midland. He returned to Pampa in 1953 as manager of the Pampa Daily Spokesman. He moved to Washington D.C. in 1955 and was employed as a legislative assistant in both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. He retired and returned to Pampa in 1978.

He married Mary Ellen Davis in 1979 in Ft. Worth. He served on the Pampa Planning and Zoning Commission, assisted in organizing Clean Pampa Inc., attended the First Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Pampa Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen of the home and one sister Mrs. D.A. Scrivner of Sugar Land.

Memorials may be made to the Book of Remembrance at the First Presbyterian Church, Friends of the Library, the Salvation Army, or a favorite charity

#### Imogene C. Ruel

Imogene C. Ruel, 74, sister of a Pampa resident, died Friday December 26, 1997. Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday December 29 at the Holmgreen Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in the Orange Grove Cemetery under the direction of Holmgreen Mortuary.

Mrs. Ruel married Emil Ruel September 3, 1982 in Pampa. She was a member of the Faith Church in Orange Grove and a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband Emil of Orange Grove, one son C.T. Cain of Orange Grove, one sister Lucille Wagner of Pampa, one brother Odell Firer of Tucson Ariz, six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

#### Teresa Kathryn Ginn

Teresa Kathryn Ginn, 41, of Pampa died December 25, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Fairview Cemetery with Mr. Jack Gindorf, officiating, under direction of the Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ginn was born November 7, 1956 in Hobbs, N.M. She had been a resident of White Deer most of her life, moving to Pampa 15 years ago. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1977. She married Marc Ginn on November 9, 1982 in Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband Marc of the home, one daughter, Ashly Ginn of the home. Also by her parents Raymond and Jeri Blodgett of White Deer, one brother, Kevin Blodgett of White Deer and one sister, Lisa Petty of White Deer.

#### Elnora Jewell Collins Wilson

**AMARILLO** - Elnora Jewell Collins Wilson, sister of a Stratford resident, died Friday, December 26, 1997. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Hollis, Oklahoma. She graduated from Arnett High School near Hollis in 1935. She had been a resident of Amarillo for 35 years. She was the owner of A&S Distributing Company where she had worked as secretary, bookkeeper and office manager. She was a member of the Central Church of Christ.

Mrs. Wilson married A.L. Wilson in 1938 at Hollis, he preceded her in death in 1988.

Survivors include one son, Ken Wilson of Amarillo, one daughter, Paula Zen Colley of Amarillo, three sisters, Paula Scott of Amarillo, Opal I. Biddy of Stratford and Naomi Kellison of San Marcus, CA, and by four grandchildren.

The family will be at 1911 Carolina in Amarillo and suggest memorials be to Baptist St Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo Texas 79276-0001.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

#### Friday, December 26

Clyde Cornelius Sirles, 35, 1029 Huff, was arrested on failure to identify.

Kinalea Dawn Keeton, 38, White Deer, was arrested on a warrant from Potter County.

Anthony C. Roberts, 23, 417 Russell, was arrested for failure to appear, capias warrants, no registration, insurance, or valid inspection sticker.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Saturday.

#### Friday, December 26

11:09 a.m. - Four units and nine personnel responded to a structure fire at 1801 Hamilton.

2:49 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to an accident at Brown and Cuyler.

4:15 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a medical assist 8 miles south of the city.

5:12 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assist in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

7:54 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a report of smoke in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

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per year and the City of Pampa about \$11,000 per year.

• Developing a new system of treating county prisoner's health needs, saving taxpayer money.

• Through wise budgeting, the county was able to provide \$132,000 over a two year period to qualify for state funding of \$1.3 million to renovate and improve the Perry Lefors airport.

• Wise budgeting has also built a revenue reserve to cover unforeseen situations, such as change of venue trials and natural disasters, like the tornado of 1995.

• Convincing judges of seven other counties to contract with Gray County and use the Golden Phoenix Unit at the Pampa Columbia Medical Center, which has not only saved money for those counties, but has brought revenue into Pampa.

Peet says he spends about 60 percent of his time fulfilling his judicial responsibilities. Over the last three years, he has handled over 2,000 criminal cases, 150 civil cases, 350 probate cases, 30 juvenile cases, 80 mental commitment hearings and 30 guardianship cases.

Two Texas governors have

appointed Peet serve on committees. Gov. Bill Clements appointed Peet to the 12-member State Review Committee for Community Block Grants and Gov. George Bush has appointed him to the 43-member Texas Education 2000 Committee and as chairman of the 12-member Panhandle Regional Community Block Grant Committee.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed being your County Judge and look forward to serving the people of Gray County for another four years. I would appreciate your vote March 10, 1998 in the Republican primary," said Peet.

## Adams outlasts Short in five games of world chess championship

GRONINGEN, Netherlands (AP) - In a rapid chess battle between two Englishmen on Thursday, Michael Adams' nerves held up longer as he bested Nigel Short in the FIDE World Chess Championships.

Adams (rated 2680) now plays a four-game match against Indian Viswanathan Anand starting Friday, to decide who will challenge reigning world champ Anatoly Karpov for the FIDE title.

The two Englishmen spent Christmas Day at the chessboard because their two-game semifinal Tuesday and Wednesday ended tied after a victory apiece.

A solution to the deadlock looked far away as they first drew two 25-minute-per-player tiebreaker games, then two more with 15 minutes thinking

time each. But the rules of the \$5 million knockout tourney took the grandmasters into a sudden-death game, with four minutes for white and five for black.

Short (2660) played a Caro-Kann with white for the third time Thursday in the first sudden-death game.

But Adams comprehensively outmaneuvered him on the kingside, forcing his queen deep into Short's defenses.

Short resigned on move 35 three pawns behind and with a ruined position, but can take consolation in pocketing \$192,000 as a semifinal loser.

Anand, who has the highest Elo rating here of 2765, won himself a free Christmas day with a victory over Boris Gelfand on Wednesday.

## Titanic' tops Christmas Day box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Titanic" remained afloat as the No. 1 box office draw for a second week while Kevin Costner's post-apocalyptic epic "The Postman" found nothing but

wasteland in theaters, according to industry estimates.

Director James Cameron's "Titanic" brought in \$8.5 million with an impressive per-screen average of \$3,122, according to estimates Friday from Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks box office results.

In contrast, "The Postman," Costner's poorly reviewed film about a mail carrier in the distant future, failed to deliver with a debut gross of \$1.6 million.

The James Bond adventure "Tomorrow Never Dies" came in second and the new Quentin Tarantino film "Jackie Brown" was third. "Titanic," which cost an estimated \$200 million, has already pulled in a total of \$51.9 million since its Dec. 19 debut.

"Tomorrow Never Dies,"

which had opened behind "Titanic," remained in second place on Christmas Day with a \$5.8 million gross. Its total take so far is \$41.3 million.

"It appears to me 'Titanic' and Bond are doing significantly better business than anything did in the comparable Christmas period" last year, said Art Rockwell, an entertainment industry analyst.

But "The Postman" had a "terrible start" and probably will be a major write-off for Warner Bros, he said.

"Jackie Brown," starring Pam Grier as a flight attendant caught in a money-laundering scheme, took in \$3.9 million. The movie is writer-director Tarantino's first since "Pulp Fiction."

Other Christmas Day debuts included "An American Werewolf in Paris," which took in \$3.5 million, and the cartoon-based comedy "Mr. Magoo," starring Leslie Nielsen, with \$1.3 million.

"As Good as it Gets," a romantic comedy starring Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt, sold

\$3.4 million in tickets. The film, from "Terms of Endearment" director James L. Brooks, had opened two days earlier.

A number of limited-release films also are vying for moviegoers. "Wag the Dog," a political satire with Robert De Niro and Dustin Hoffman, grossed \$32,138 on three screens in its holiday debut.

"Kundun," director Martin Scorsese's drama about the early years of the Dalai Lama, brought in \$27,513 on two screens Thursday. "The Winter Guest," actor Alan Rickman's directorial debut, played on three screens for a \$7,953 gross.

Estimated grosses for the top five movies at North American theaters on Thursday:

1. "Titanic," \$8.5 million.
2. "Tomorrow Never Dies," \$5.8 million.
3. "Jackie Brown," \$3.9 million.
4. "An American Werewolf in Paris," \$3.5 million.
5. "As Good as it Gets," \$3.4 million.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today in Pampa and windy. The expected high is 37 degrees with northwest winds.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**WEST TEXAS** - South Plains/Low Rolling Plains - Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows near 20 to the mid 20s. Sunday, windy and a little cooler. Highs 45-55. Sunday night, fair. Lows from the upper teens to lower 20s. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, fair and dry. Lows 25-30. Highs from the mid 50s to around 60.

**Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos** - Tonight, clear. Lows from the lower 20s permian basin to the upper 20s lower trans-pecos. Sunday, windy and a little cooler. Sunny with highs 45-55. Sunday night, fair. Lows from near 20 to the mid 20s. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, fair and dry. Lows upper 20s to lower 30s. Highs from the upper 50s to lower 60s.

**NORTH TEXAS** - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 26 to 35. Sunday, mostly cloudy east with a slight chance of rain in the northeast. Morning cloudiness

central, otherwise partly cloudy. Windy with highs 46 to 54.

Extended forecast, Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s. Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy and warmer. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s.

**SOUTH TEXAS** - Hill Country - Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Sunday night, clear and very cold. Lows in the mid 20s, near 20 hill country. Extended forecast, Monday, clear. Highs in the upper 50s to near 60. Tuesday, clear. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows near 40. Highs in the 60s.

### BORDER STATES FORECAST

**NEW MEXICO** - Tonight, partly cloudy north. Few high mountain flurries near the Colorado border. Fair skies south. Lows 10 below to 15 above zero mountains and northwest, teens to mid 20s east and south.

Sunday, partly cloudy east with mostly fair skies west. Highs upper 20s to near 40 mountains and north, 40s to lower 50s south.

Sunday night, fair skies and cold. Lows 10 below zero to the teens mountains and northwest, teens to 20s eastern and southern lowlands.

Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, dry with a gradual day to day warming trend. Highs Monday 30s to mid 40s mountains and north with upper 40s to mid 50s south, warming by Wednesday to mid 30s to near 50 mountains and north with 50s to lower 60s south. Lows 5 below zero to the lower 20s mountains and northwest with upper teens to lower 30s at lower elevations of the east and south.

**OKLAHOMA** - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows low 20s to low 30s.

Sunday and Sunday night, partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Windy and cooler. A slight chance of light snow north. Highs from around 40 north to around 50 south.

Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows teens northwest to mid 20s south.

Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 40s to mid 50s.

Tuesday and Wednesday, fair skies. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s. Highs 50s to lower 60s.

## City briefs

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### EMERGENCY JAIL Release.

24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

**SPEND NEW Year's Eve** at The Coyote Club, 2302 Alcock. Wild Card Band 8 p.m., \$5 per person. Adv.

**SALE - CAROUSEL** Expressions is having an After Christmas Sale, 1600 N. Hobart, 665-0614. Adv.

**FIREPLACE WOOD** pellets, 40 lb. bag for \$4 + tax at M&H Leasing, 1945 N. Hobart, 665-1841. Adv.

**SHARE THE Warmth.** Bring your used coats to Comet Cleaners, 726 N. Hobart. We will clean them and donate them to local charities. Adv.

**ONE DAY** Ring Sizing at Rheams Diamond Shop. Adv.

**END OF Year** Clearance Sales.

Starts Saturday continues thru Wednesday only at Celebrations, 1617 N. Hobart. Adv.

**DRY ICE** 1 lb. block \$4 + tax. Call Top Of Texas Ice at 665-2061 or stop by 1945 N. Hobart. Adv.

**BROGAN'S BOOZERY**, 1001 E. Frederic, now has a drive-up window for your convenience. Adv.

**END OF Year** Clearance Sale Continues. All Christmas trees and decorations, concrete statuary birdbaths, bird & squirrel feeders at Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

**25% OFF** jewelry, apparel, bows & purses. Beauty 2000. 329 N. Hobart. Adv.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING**,

Marvin Bowman, 669-3971.

Ticket dismissal - (USA). Adv. CALL 1-800-359-3131 for Weight Watchers information. Adv.

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## Fighter to legalize marijuana announces run for governor

By KARYN HUNT  
Associated Press Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One of the state's best known advocates for legalized marijuana said he will seek the Republican nomination for governor, a primary race that will pit him against the nemesis who wants to shut down his Cannabis Buyer's Club.

Dennis Peron, the 51-year-old founder of the club that supplies marijuana to terminally ill people, on Friday formally announced his intentions to run in the June 2 primary. He will be running against Attorney General Dan Lungren, who has tried to shut the club down. "I'm running against my good buddy Danny, who is essentially trying to put me in prison for life," Peron said after announcing that he already has gathered 1,500 signatures toward the 10,000 he will need to avoid the \$5,000 filing fee to enter the race. "I'm going to be your next governor," he added. "I'm the only candidate of the people. I'm the only one that's not a lawyer or rich. I'm going to get there through grass roots. I'm not

going to spend any money." Lungren and U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein appear to be leading the pack of potential successors to two-term Gov. Pete Wilson. Feinstein hasn't declared her intentions, but polls have ranked her as a favorite for the Democratic nomination if she runs for a place on November's ballot.

Following a 1996 raid in which state agents seized more than 40 pounds of marijuana from the San Francisco Cannabis Buyer's Club, Lungren got an indictment in Alameda County charging Peron and five others with the felony sale and transportation of marijuana.

Peron says his club provides medical marijuana to AIDS and cancer patients and other seriously ill people who must battle nausea and other ailments, but the state claimed marijuana was being sold without any demonstration of a buyer's medical needs.

At the request of Peron and his co-defendants, a judge in October moved the trial to San Francisco, saying there was "an appearance of improper forum-shopping" by Lungren's office.

## New baby arrives in time for Christmas



Shannon Hughes celebrated Christmas by giving birth to a brand new baby girl named Paiton. At four pounds, six ounces, Paiton was born at 2:10 a.m. Christmas Day at Columbia Medical Center. She was 17.75 inches long. Attending physicians were Dr. Dan Powell, Dr. Ann Harral and Dr. Chuong Pham.

## Cibola National Forest replaces outhouses

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — How sweet it is: Workers have been replacing foul-smelling outhouses in the Cibola National Forest with a new vented variety.

And that's a breath of fresh air compared with the traditional malodorous forest relief station.

"If you're sitting on it, you can actually feel the draft," Mike Noland, a civil engineer for the forest, said of the new sweet-smelling outhouses. "If you walk into one and they work the way they should, you don't smell anything at all."

The traditional forest outhouse is a simple 8-foot-deep hole in a block of concrete. Every couple of months, a truck pumps out the contents for transfer to a sewage-treatment plant.

The winds of change began blowing several years ago, when a worker at a center for developing better Forest Service equipment was assigned the task of coming up with a better-smelling toilet.

The worker traveled all over the United States, examining toilets and working on a venting system to get rid of foul odors.

Now outhouses feature a PVC chimney on one side. The sun heats the pipe, creating a convective current that draws cooler air from the toilet vault and blows it out the top.

The Forest Service spends about \$3,500 for each toilet and about that much for each installation.

## Vigil remembers JonBenet Ramsey, a year after her death

By ROBERT WELLER  
Associated Press Writer  
BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Dozens of people braved a cold winter chill to light candles in memory of JonBenet Ramsey, a year after the 6-year-old former Little Miss Colorado was found beaten and strangled in her home. The killing remains unsolved.

Beneath the tears, anger flashed as Boulder residents remembered the little blond girl with the dazzling smile as a child who won beauty contests but lost her chance at being a youngster. "She never had a childhood," neighbor Sharon Tuke said at the vigil Friday night outside the Ramseys' former house.

A photograph of JonBenet was placed on a lamp post. Beneath it, several poinsettia plants were arranged and to the side, a small cross had an empty Christmas stocking attached. The cross carried the initials JB and several hearts.

The killing remains unsolved. Authorities say JonBenet's parents, Patricia and John Ramsey, are a focus of the investigation. The Ramseys deny any involvement.

Police have been criticized for their handling of the case from the beginning, particularly for failing to secure the crime scene and for allowing JonBenet's father, millionaire businessman John Ramsey, to search the house

and find his daughter's body. Judith Phillips, who organized the vigil attended by about 60 people, said it was important to keep pressure on authorities to solve the case.

P.J. Christman asked why no arrests have been made, even if only circumstantial evidence is available. "They convicted Terry Nichols on circumstantial evidence."

Police walked their regular patrol Friday night past the home, where reporters and TV crews almost outnumbered the people who attended the vigil.

Many in the crowd wept. Several songs, including "Amazing Grace," were sung as people said they were praying that JonBenet would rest in peace.

It was Mrs. Ramsey who reported JonBenet missing before dawn on Dec. 26 1996, and said she discovered a ransom note demanding \$118,000.

The Tudor house that was the site of the vigil has been vacant since shortly after JonBenet's slaying. The Ramseys have since moved to Atlanta.

At JonBenet's grave in suburban Atlanta, several tourists stopped Friday to take pictures.

No one in the Ramsey family was available for comment Friday.

The family issued a statement on its Web site this week saying, "We miss her every day — not just today."

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## FBI code-breaker to examine Unabomber defendant's journal

By JOHN HOWARD  
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Unlike the Unabomber anti-technology manifesto meant to be seen by millions, a cryptic diary kept by defendant Theodore Kaczynski for two decades was never meant for anyone's eyes but his own.

Written in pencil on several hundred pages of note paper and several inches thick, the diary includes details of experiments with explosives. It was among 20,000 documents seized from Kaczynski's tiny Montana shack.

Driven by secrecy, he wrote in the journal for years — but in code. He substituted jumbles of numbers and mathematical symbols for words and letters.

The diary is the cornerstone of the government's case against the mathematics professor-turned-forest recluse, prosecutors say. It provides what they say is a remarkable, step-by-step view of years of wrongdoing — in Kaczynski's own words.

And they intend to have FBI cryptographer Michael Birch lay out his "translation" of the entire document to jurors.

"Although Mr. Birch's expertise is breaking codes, in this case the 'key' to the defendant's code was found in the cabin," the government said in its trial strategy brief. "Therefore, Mr. Birch's expertise will be directed to explaining to the jury how to apply the code to the defendant's coded writings and the admission into evidence of his completed translation."

The lead prosecutor, Robert Cleary, has said that the journal records are "the backbone of the government's case." He said the diary describes in detail the 16 Unabomber attacks from 1978 to 1995 that killed three people and injured 29.

Kaczynski, 55, is charged here with using bombs in four attacks: He is accused of killing a lobbyist and a computer store owner a decade apart in Sacramento, and maiming a geneticist and a computer professor with Sacramento-postmarked mail bombs in 1993.

Opening statements in the trial

are scheduled for Jan. 5. Kaczynski could get the death penalty if convicted. He is charged separately in New Jersey with the third fatality attributed to the Unabomber's 18-year siege.

Unlike the Unabomber manifesto, a 35,000-word treatise that depicts technology as an evil force, the coded diary was meant to stay secret.

Its contents have not been made public, although Birch's decoded version was given to the defense last year.

Sources familiar with the journal describe it as a sophisticated jumble of numbers, an intricate enigma wrapped in a riddle befitting a Harvard-trained mathematician described by one prospective juror as a "smart weirdo."

But code experts aren't so sure. They believe Kaczynski, who shunned computers and electronic devices in his cabin without electricity, may actually have cloaked the journal in a "hand code" that would have been relatively easy to break, even without the key.

Such codes vary widely, but one basic variety resembles a checkerboard or grid, numbered on the sides, with each square filled randomly with a letter of the alphabet.

The coded message is a string of numbers, which are the coordinates corresponding to the letters in the grid. To read the message, one needs to translate the numbers using the grid, or key. But typically, those numbers may be scrambled using a second code, and even a third, so that the final message is shrouded in layers of secrecy.

Although such a numeric code looks daunting to the lay person, it is no more difficult to crack than the kind of basic substitution ciphers popular in pulp fiction or newspaper word games.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Oscar's wild — gambling with Ralph Fiennes

By PATRICIA BIBBY  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A soft afternoon white winter sun is settling over Central Park and filtering through the pale curtains of Ralph Fiennes' hotel room.

This gauzy sunlight just barely meets Fiennes' eyes and, like light splintering through a crystal, changes their color from charcoal gray to brilliant green and then something in between.

Like the late-day winter sun that surrounds him, there's a certain softness about the British heartthrob, something gentle and otherworldly, almost ethereal.

It's fitting, this angelic air. Fiennes is touting his latest film, "Oscar and Lucinda," based on Peter Carey's Booker Prize-winning novel, in which he plays a 19th-century minister-in-training.

He also has an unfortunate penchant for gambling and an almost savant talent for handicapping the horses. Gawky and scrawny, he's uncomfortable in his own skin and, even as a man of God, truly a lost soul.

It's when he meets Lucinda, played by the porcelain beauty Cate Blanchett, that he is found. But there is a love that's doomed and "Oscar and Lucinda" ultimately is a tragic tale.

Coming on the heels of Fiennes' role in "The English Patient," another story of epic love lost, does Fiennes consider lasting love impossible?

"I hope it's not, but I fear it sometimes is in the end," Fiennes says, himself newly divorced from actress Alex Kingston (known to "ER" viewers as the new top British doc). He left her two years ago for actress Francesca Annis, who is 18 years his senior and played his mother in a stage production of "Hamlet."

"Death comes in the end if nothing else comes already," Fiennes says wearily. Listening to Fiennes speak is like trying to hear cotton balls drop. He speaks so softly, it seems that he's purring his words in an exquisite, extended whisper.

"Downer this!" he suddenly pronounces with a light laugh after considering love's tragic side. "I must stop being serious. Let's not be so serious!"

Serious, however, could describe most of the roles he's chosen over the years. Serious and seriously complex. Born the eldest of six children to a farmer-photographer father and a novelist-travel writer

mother, Fiennes, 35, began his studies at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, England's premier school for acting.

In 1988, Fiennes began four seasons with the acclaimed Royal Shakespeare Company. His breakthrough came when Steven Spielberg cast him as the cruelly ruthless Amon Goeth in "Schindler's List."

His performance in the film brought Fiennes — whose name is pronounced "Rafe Fines" — critical acclaim and an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor. Two starring roles soon followed: "Quiz Show," about the 1950s TV game show scandals, and "Strange Days," a science-fiction thriller. In 1995, he won a Tony for his portrayal of Hamlet on Broadway.

It was "The English Patient," however, in which he played the swarthy adventurer Count Laszlo de Almásy, that truly drove up his Drolol Rating.

So pervasive was the swooning, many women saw the film over and over, dubbing themselves "The English Patient's patients." And the image of Fiennes struggling to carry the mortally wounded Kristin Scott Thomas through the desert was one that launched a thousand — make that a million — sighs.

But don't expect that tanned hunk in "Oscar and Lucinda." As Oscar, he's a frail bird of a man with great clumps of disheveled red hair. In fact, Fiennes said he shed so much weight from his 5-foot-11-inch frame that the studio "got worried and said 'gain some more weight.'"

Still, he hardly seems robust now in his perfectly tailored Savile Row suit. He tips the scale somewhere between 160 and 170 pounds, he says.

Was the decision then to play Oscar a deliberate attempt to avoid The Hunk stereotype? "I would love to play (the so-called hunky hero, whatever that means)," he says. Even an action hero?

"Yeah. I love Harrison Ford's heroes," Fiennes says. "I love that doubling side that they have. These are wonderful qualities — not being sure."

There's something of that ambiguity at the heart of Oscar, too. He's a man conflicted by his devotion to religion and the sin of his gambling. Fiennes says he liked the issues of "moral fallibility" and the prism of ethics and the question of who sets them.

But gambling, he says, holds little lure for him.

## Rolling Stones top list of top concert draws for 1997

By DAVID BAUDER  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The time-defying Rolling Stones raked in \$89.3 million on their "Bridges to Babylon" tour this year, making them the top U.S. concert draw of 1997.

Consumers spent \$1.3 billion on concerts in 1997, the second-best year ever, but it was more an indication of rising ticket prices than a healthy industry, the concert business trade publication Pollstar said Thursday.

In an era with few acts that can consistently fill stadiums, the Stones continue to roll on. They sold more than 1.5 million tickets, Pollstar said.

Second-place U2 actually sold more tickets, nearly 1.7 million. But the Irish rockers also played to a lot of empty seats, particularly on the second leg of their "Popmart" tour when they competed against the Stones, editor Gary Bongiovanni said.

Most tickets for the Stones and U2 cost around \$60, and ranged even higher for third-place Fleetwood Mac. Less popular acts with high prices met some resistance from fans, Bongiovanni said.

"When it's a tour they really want to see, they don't bother to pause about the ticket prices," he said.

One of the year's hottest tickets was a relative bargain: Country star Garth Brooks, who earned \$25 million in 104 dates, generally keeps his prices at or below \$20.

Pollstar's annual list of top concert draws was dotted by veteran acts like Tina Turner, Jimmy Buffett, Aerosmith and Barry Manilow. The Grateful Dead heirs Phish, the British band Bush and rapper Puff Daddy were the youngest acts to crack the top 20.

The former Prince, now known as the Artist, earned \$24.6 million on a tour that will keep him partying through 1999. He could have earned more with better organization. Many of his concert dates were announced about a week in advance, Bongiovanni said.

Lilith Fair, the summer festival organized by Sarah McLachlan and featuring women artists, earned \$16.4 million. Other festivals, like Lollapalooza and the Neil Young-led H.O.R.D.E. tour, didn't fare as well.

"Maybe Neil's fans weren't interested in all of the other acts or in sitting through an eight-hour show," Bongiovanni said.

Album sales are also becoming an increasingly undependable barometer of an act's success on the road. The Rolling Stones, U2 and Tina Turner all released albums considered disappointments, but the fans came to see them perform.

The best business year for the concert industry remains 1994, when \$1.4 billion worth of tickets were sold.

## Five Questions with Calista Flockhart: Ally-oop to TV fame

By LYNN ELBER  
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ally McBeal is a loser at love. But she's won the hearts of television viewers — as has Calista Flockhart, the actress playing her in Fox's comedy-drama "Ally McBeal."

Flockhart's first name appropriately means "the most beautiful" in Greek, and her fresh-faced loveliness is one reason for her following.

But it's the way the stage-trained actress handles her TV character that seals the deal. Although lawyer Ally verges at times on yuppie whiner, Flockhart artfully keeps her vulnerable, funny and honest.

Whether she's assaulting strangers who catch her on a bad day, disrupting a funeral with a reluctant eulogy or flirting with her married childhood sweetheart, we can't help rooting for Ally.

Fan mail arrives in the "tons. It's amazing," says Flockhart, who's making her first foray into television. Aside from a few movies, including "The Birdcage" with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane, her professional roots are in the theater.

The Illinois native made an award-winning Broadway debut in 1994 in "The Glass Menagerie" with Julie Harris, and has played in "The Three Sisters," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Death Takes a Holiday" opposite Christopher Reeve.

Flockhart was drawn to "Ally McBeal" by the script and the reputation of its creator, David E. Kelley, one of TV's leading writer-producers with a resume that includes "Picket Fences," "Chicago Hope" and "L.A. Law."

But Flockhart, who pronounces herself "very deeply in love with the theater," was skittish about saying yes to "Ally McBeal," which meant trading New York for Los Angeles and getting caught up in a potentially long-running series.

"It was a big commitment. Somewhere in my gut I had a feeling this show would do well. I was such a big believer in the writing," she said. "It was a hard choice, and yet not hard."

Life for the single Flockhart now consists of 12-to-15-hour workdays, with free time devoted to exploring L.A. She's also

making career plans for her dog, Webster. "He looks like a Dr. Seuss character. I want to get him on 'Ally McBeal.'"

1. Why do you think your character has struck a chord with viewers?

Flockhart: For me, Ally is representative of the universal struggle. I think the scripts hit on basic human emotions: love and loss, regret, ambition, friendship. I think Ally is a woman struggling to get through the day, trying to figure everything out. I think we're all in that situation, trying to figure it out.

2. Have you figured out how the series' creator and writer, David E. Kelley, comes by such insight into female characters?

Flockhart: I'm not sure if he's Ally McBeal or he has a lot of women friends or he's just instinctive about the womanly struggle. I'm also starting to think that men and women aren't so different as we like to think they are.

3. We've seen Ally do some outrageous things, such as tripping a fellow shopper in a supermarket after losing a tug of war over a package of potato chips. Have you ever pulled an Ally?

Flockhart: I've been up in people's faces when I felt indignant and outraged, but I've never actually physically assaulted anybody.

4. As complex and odd as she is, is Ally fun to play?

Flockhart: Terrifically fun. The reason I took the part was I thought the role had such possibilities. You don't come across that many roles for women that are written so boldly. It's extremely audacious. Women are given restrictions: You can be angry, but only if you're charming at the same time. It's just garbage. When it's really honest, then people will like you.

5. So what's behind that unusual name, Calista?

Flockhart: I was named after my great-grandmother. It's Greek. And yet, we've been lead to believe my great-grandmother was named after an Irish Catholic saint or a nun.

5 1/2. How does that suit you?

Flockhart: The connection is perfect, because she was supposedly denounced. And in Greek mythology, Calista was turned into a bear for having an indiscretion with Zeus. Kind of the story of my life.

### Top five films, television shows and albums

FILMS	(From Nielsen Media Research)	ALBUMS	(From Nielsen Media Research)
1. "Titanic," Paramount	1. "Sevens," Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville)	1. "Sevens," Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville)	1. "Sevens," Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville)
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3. "Scream 2," Miramax	3. "Higher Ground," Barbra Streisand (Columbia)	3. "Higher Ground," Barbra Streisand (Columbia)	3. "Higher Ground," Barbra Streisand (Columbia)
4. "MouseHunt," DreamWorks	4. "You Light Up My Life — Inspirational Songs," Leann Rimes (Curb)	4. "You Light Up My Life — Inspirational Songs," Leann Rimes (Curb)	4. "You Light Up My Life — Inspirational Songs," Leann Rimes (Curb)
5. "Flubber," Buena Vista (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)	5. "Tubthumper," Chumbawamba (Republic)	5. "Tubthumper," Chumbawamba (Republic)	5. "Tubthumper," Chumbawamba (Republic)
TV			
1. "ER," NBC			
2. "Seinfeld," NBC			
3. "NFL Monday Night Football: Denver at San Francisco," ABC			
4. "Veronica's Closet," NBC			
5. "Friends," NBC			

## Blue Star Art Space seeks a more global canvas

By DAN R. GODDARD  
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — With her international perspective, Carla Stellweg plans to emphasize a more global view of contemporary art in her new position as executive director of the Blue Star Art Space.

Stellweg closed her gallery in New York in September to move to San Antonio. Last year, she earned a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities for art criticism at the University of Texas at Austin's Huntington M. Archer Art Gallery.

"Many of my New York friends

think I'm a little crazy to be moving to San Antonio, but I love this city," Stellweg says. "People have been very supportive, understanding and warm since I started in October. The Blue Star, like many alternative art spaces, has financial problems, but I'm feeling very positive. I guess I'm a born optimist. I think the Blue Star can shine brighter than ever."

She's already booked her first exhibit, "New American Talent: The Thirteenth Exhibition," an annual survey of 32 young and emerging artists in the United States curated by Robert Storr of New York's Museum of Modern

Art. The touring exhibit — which includes San Antonio-area artists Dange Keeout, Giuseppe Luciani, Chris Sauter and Hills Snyder — is organized by the Texas Fine Arts Association and sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc. It will be on view through March 1 at the Blue Star.

Stellweg intends to make art education and local interaction with national and international visual culture the top priorities at the Blue Star. She has removed the folk art from the Blue Star's gift shop and plans to feature contemporary art books and functional objects designed by artists.

"We will reinforce the national reputation the Blue Star already enjoys by placing ourselves as a focal point of Texas and the nation for visionary and productive ideas," Stellweg says. "This can only lead to international attention and bring the Blue Star full swing into the 21st century."

"The Blue Star will produce committed educational and specific exhibition programs that

enable the bridging of — though they are seemingly opposites — tradition and innovation. We will also coordinate creative programs and workshops that will foster new professionals in the culture industry."

Born to Dutch parents in Bandung, Indonesia, Stellweg speaks English, Spanish, French, Dutch and German.

Stellweg has a broad view of what Hispanic art is and can be.

"The Blue Star is not a community center; we don't have a political mission," she says. "I'm a little tired of people who think that Mexican art or Chicano art has to have images of the Virgin of Guadalupe and look 'Mexican.' If you go to Mexico City and look at the work of young Mexican artists, they are working in a variety of international styles. But this doesn't mean that I think artists whose work is based in the community are making bad art. It's just that contemporary art is pluralistic. There are plenty of Hispanic artists making art that is not readily identifiable as being 'Hispanic.'"

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## San Antonio scientists peg villain targeted in cancer research

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A study by San Antonio scientist suggests for the first time a link between the amount of a natural chemical in breast cancer cells and the aggressiveness of the disease.

For several years, researchers have known that telomerase — a substance that forms the tips of chromosomes but usually is absent in mature, healthy cells — often is present in tumor cells.

"What really hasn't been demonstrated to this point is that more is worse," said Dr. Gary Clark, professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center and lead author of the study.

"But we found there were differing amounts of telomerase in different women's tumors. And the actual amount was associated with worsening disease-free survival, or time to recurrence" of cancer, Clark told the San Antonio Express-News.

The new study was published in the current journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The research measured telomerase activity in tumor samples taken from 395 local women with advanced breast cancer, later comparing the results with patient records.

Telomerase is used by the body to manufacture telomeres, which

tell cells when it's time to die. Every time a cell divides, it loses a little of its telomeres. Made of DNA sequences repeated many times, telomeres are longest in sperm cells, with many thousands of repeats, and shortest in elderly people's cells.

Cells may divide 50 or 100 times, then die off after the telomeres are shortened with each division — like a pencil sharpened to its stub.

"People who were originally interested in telomeres and telomerase were the folks interested in aging research," Clark said. "The idea was, every time you go through DNA replication you're losing a little chromosomal material. If you lose too much, that cannot be very good for you."

After telomerase manufactures telomeres, it is switched off. But a number of researchers have found it in cancer cells, raising the idea that the gene that produces telomerase is somehow turned back on by cancer cells, lengthening the telomeres and preventing normal cell death.

"It turns out cancer cells are pretty smart," Clark said. Time after time we find that these tumor cells learn how to mutate themselves in a way that's to their advantage."

## Commuters in Fort Worth get audio books where they park

By JEAN McMILLAN  
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — After a long day negotiating trusts and estates, lawyer Karin Blake enjoys taking off in her Subaru Wagon and escaping from work.

She could spend her 18-mile commute advising clients on her car phone or flipping around radio stations. But she prefers to listen to newspaper publisher Katherine Graham reminisce about the sixties, or immerse herself in the haunting drama of "The Perfect Storm," the best-selling story of an ill-fated fishing trip.

Blake, 55, listens to books on tapes as she makes her way to and from the city from her suburban Carlisle home and during 3-hour weekend road trips to Casco Bay in Maine. Her schedule doesn't allow her much time to get to the library or a store to select the audio tapes, but that isn't a problem.

She signs out the cassettes when she picks up her car in the garage below her downtown Peabody & Brown law office.

Standard Parking, a Chicago-based company that operates 380 parking facilities in the United States and Canada, recently brought its Books-To-Go program to its underground garage at 75-100 Federal St. and plans to introduce it this month at its nearby garages at Post Office Square and 150 Federal St.

Michael Swartz, senior vice president for Standard, said the idea began when his wife, Penny, told him he didn't read enough. Mrs. Swartz, a librarian at a Skokie, Ill., high school, suggested he try listening to an audio book during his 45-minute com-

mute in and out of the city. Swartz, a native of Swampscott who now lives outside of Chicago, said he thought it was a great idea and decided to test it out in his company's Chicago garages. It was a hit with customers and has since been introduced to Boston, Toronto and Fort Worth, Texas.

Mike Quinn, general manager at the Federal Street building that houses Peabody & Brown and other firms, said the program is a plus for the 157 monthly parkers, many of them executives in the building.

"If we were to treat them nice, hopefully they'll treat us nice in the building and pay more rent," he said with a laugh.

Quinn also takes advantage of the approximately dozen audio tapes himself.

With 3-year-old triplets, he has no time when he gets home after his 45-minute commute to North Andover to read books.

The audio books are one of the services Standard offers to pamper its parkers. Battery starts, tire changing and friendly reminders about expiring inspection stickers are others.

The audio library in the Federal Street garage has just slightly more than a dozen selections, but parkers may have access to more when the nearby garages get on board with the program.

Blake has heard most of the available audio tapes, including "The Partner," by John Grisham. One of the only ones she has not gotten her hands on yet is the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," by Stephen Covey.

"Everybody in the building, you understand, would be interested in that book," Blake said.

## Denver Pyle, Uncle Jesse on 'Dukes of Hazzard,' dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than two weeks after he mustered the strength to attend the unveiling of his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, actor Denver Pyle has died of lung cancer. He was 77.

Pyle, a veteran of TV, played

the grizzled, good ol' boy Uncle Jesse on "The Dukes of Hazzard" after years of tackling character roles in films and spaghetti westerns.

He died Thursday at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank.

## Snow family memories melting away after White Christmas



(photo by Danny Cowan)  
Not content with a snowman, the Tim and Lisa Baker family at 1120 N. Somerville invited an entire snow family to their home to celebrate a White Christmas. They even brought the dog.

## Couple left the city to raise buffalo

By SHERRY PRUITT  
The Jonesboro Sun

SIDNEY, Ark. (AP) — Don and Sharon Carner were living the fast-paced, stressful life of a Maryland city couple with successful careers when they decided to leave it all and move to Arkansas.

Now, in a tiny place called Sidney in the southwest corner of Sharp County, they are literally home on the range.

They've been raising buffalo for five years. Before the couple established Buffalo View Farm on a gravel road in a town populated by 271, Carner was a self-employed contractor and his wife was a telecommunications supervisor for a major computer software firm.

"We gave up our careers. We felt there was more to life than being stressed out all the time," Mrs. Carner said.

She said they'd made the decision to live on a farm long before they left the East.

"We decided we wanted to have a farm. We knew that's what we wanted to do. We looked for what was profitable as a long-term industry," she said.

The Carners began raising cattle and continued for about six months gaining familiarity and comfort with livestock. Once they felt they were ready, they switched to buffalo.

They now have 25 in the herd, with the oldest at age 5, which roam 60 to 80 of their 104-acre farm. Five calves were born on the farm, and the remaining were acquired elsewhere.

The buffaloes are kept on acreage behind the Carners' home — and behind a good fence.

"They can jump six feet high

standing still," Mrs. Carner explained.

When the Carners had two or three they could go in the pen and hand-feed them, but that is no longer true.

"Bulls are very territorial and don't want you out there," she said. "There are too many of them vying for their positions."

She said it is important to keep the beasts happy, otherwise it's hard to keep them penned.

From Mrs. Carner's descriptions of the buffaloes' actions, they seem to be content.

Every afternoon, she said, they play for more than an hour at a time.

"They love to play. They run like horses. They gallop," she said. In the summer, dust will stir and a "galloping thunder" resonates. Curiosity also seems to be a trait of the buffaloes, she said.

Once the Carners placed a plastic trash can filled with feed in the pen. The buffaloes had a time tossing it in the air with their horns, she said.

The animals command a good price, she said.

A four- to six-month-old calf may sell for \$1,000 or \$2,000, and an older trophy bison may sell for \$25,000 to \$30,000.

"There's such a demand and not enough animals," she said.

That steady demand is what keeps the Carners in business selling meat and byproducts. The meat is processed at Pleasant Plains, south of Batesville, which cooperates with Buffalo View Farms.

Additionally, the farm has "the only USDA-inspected bison within a six-state area," Mrs. Carner said.

A portion of buffalo contains 3 grams of fat, whereas the same sized portion of beef contains 14 grams and chicken contains 7

## Pro-arena ad sparks debate

DALLAS — The battle to convince voters to accept a plan to build a new arena for the Dallas Stars and the Dallas Mavericks is intensifying on the airwaves.

A new pro-arena radio ad warns that Arlington will win the teams if the Jan. 17 tax election fails.

"I like Arlington as much as the next guy," Mayor Ron Kirk says in the one-minute spot unveiled Friday. "But let's not send them 200 million bucks a year in economic growth."

The latest pitch seems to mark a change in tactics by the pro-arena group called Yes! For Dallas. It explicitly highlights fears that the teams will leave town if voters reject the \$230 million project. Most of the previous pro-arena ads tout economic growth.

## Group demands action by Mexico after massacre

HOUSTON — A group of Zapatista supporters braved cold temperatures outside of the city's Mexican Consulate to protest paramilitary operations they blame for the massacre of 45 people in Chiapas.

A group of about 25 demonstrators, mainly members of the Zapatista Solidarity Movement, brought a letter stating their demands Friday.

"(Mexican President Ernesto) Zedillo paints the world a false image of what's in Mexico. You can't build a democratic future on massacres like this," said Cristobal Hinojosa, the group's spokesman.

The group was protesting the slaying of sympathizers of the Zapatista National Liberation Army in Acteal, a coffee and banana growing village about 450 miles southeast of Mexico City.

Of the 45 dead, all Tzotzil Indians, 20 were women and 18 were children. The victims were members of a group of Zapatista supporters known as Las Abejas (the Bees).

## Man has murder charges dropped in separate cases

DALLAS — In less than 18 months, Adonis Fitzpatrick Baxter has escaped two murder charges for two unrelated slayings — once because his attorney and a private investigator got another man to confess.

Baxter's attorney says his clients' fortune seems more like an episode of "Perry Mason," a fictional attorney known for solving crimes to free his clients.

"That's 'Perry Mason' where the guy jumps up in the courtroom," said attorney Mark Troy. "The blame on this case rests with the Dallas homicide unit. They did the worst job on the investigation of this murder that I've ever seen."

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"And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of oxen which I hear?" (1 Sam. 15:14.) Saul, king of Israel, had been commissioned by God, to "utterly destroy" the Amalekites and all of the possessions (1 Sam. 15:3.) This was because Amalek had fought against Israel when they came out of Egypt into the wilderness (Ex. 17:8.) God had promised Abraham that He would "bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee, will I curse;" (Gen. 12:3.) It was in keeping with this promise that God commanded Saul to destroy the Amalekites.

But Saul, and the people, took King Agag of the Amalekites alive, along with the best of the livestock and did not destroy them, but of the vile and refuse, these they destroyed. (1 Sam. 15:9.) Saul was rebuked for his error. Yet he claimed to have "performed the commandment of the Lord." (1 Sam. 15:13.) Saul tried to justify his mistake by telling Samuel that the best of the livestock were to be offered in sacrifice to God (1 Sam. 15:21.) Samuel told Saul: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." (1 Sam. 15:22.) Saul's intentions were good but he acted without God's authorization. To do more than, less than or something other than that which God's Word authorizes amounts to disobedience.

Saul's thinking was much like the thinking of many today. Instead of adhering to the written Word of God, men substitute and introduce their own ideas into the doing of God's will. Obedience by faith to the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ is that which avails (Gal. 5:6.) Anything short of this or other than this is not acceptable to God. The creed-books of men are evidence to the fact that men have substituted their ideas in the place of God's will.

- Billy T. Jones

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**FOOTBALL**  
DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Lions linebacker Reggie Brown is making slow progress from a neck injury, doctors said.

During a four-hour operation Monday, Dr. Russ Nockels fused the first two vertebrae of Brown's neck and fitted him with a neck brace — commonly called a halo — that he must wear for the next three months.

Doctors have said Brown's playing career likely is finished. Whether he will walk again, or regain normal functioning of his limbs, is unclear.

Brown was injured during the fourth quarter of Detroit's 13-10 victory Sunday over the New York Jets. His face turned blue after a collision on a tackle. A doctor gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on the field.

**BASKETBALL**  
CHICAGO (AP) — Scottie Pippen practiced with the Chicago Bulls for the first time in three weeks, then said he may have to remain with the team.

The All-Star guard and forward has not played this season while recovering from foot surgery. He also has demanded to be traded by an organization he claims doesn't respect him, although he has softened that stance recently.

**BASEBALL**  
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Infielder Alex Arias, released earlier this offseason by the Florida Marlins, agreed to a \$425,000, one-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Arias, 29, hit .247 for the Marlins last season with one homer, 11 RBIs and two errors. He has played four infield positions, mostly at shortstop. Arias was an original member of the Marlins in 1993.

**WRESTLING**  
ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — No criminal charges will be filed in the death of University of Michigan wrestler Jeff Reese, who collapsed Dec. 9 following a severe weight loss regimen, a prosecutor said after a two-week investigation.

An autopsy concluded Reese died of a severe metabolic disruption from his effort to rapidly shed pounds to qualify to wrestle at his desired weight.

## National Football League playoffs start this weekend

By The Associated Press

Denver goes into Saturday's NFL playoff game against Jacksonville with some obvious advantages.

The Broncos are playing at home and their offense is led by John Elway, who threw a career-high 27 touchdown passes this season, and Terrell Davis, who led the AFC in rushing with 1,750 yards.

So why are they a little wary? Well, for one thing Denver never thought it would be in a wild card game after beginning the season with six straight victories. They looked almost ordinary after that, going 6-4 in their final 10 games.

For another, Davis sat out last week's game with a slightly separated shoulder. And Elway, for all his TDs, was only fourth in the AFC passing statistics.

Then there is last year. This is a rematch of last season's divisional playoff game when Jacksonville, in only its second year in the league, upset Denver 30-27. Don't think the Broncos have forgotten that game.

In this weekend's other playoff games, Minnesota is at the New York Giants Saturday, while Miami plays at New England and Detroit is at Tampa Bay Sunday.

**Jaguars at Broncos**  
Both teams come in with twin 1,000-yard receivers — Rod Smith and Shannon Sharpe for the Broncos, Jimmy Smith and Keenan McCardell for the Jaguars.

Davis' ground game gave Denver the perfect accompaniment to Elway's arm and the Broncos led the NFL in total offense. Jacksonville's Mark Brunell came back from a preseason injury to share the AFC top passer rating, with Oakland's Jeff George, throwing for 18 TDs and only seven interceptions.

Despite the memory of last year's disappointment, Denver flourishes at Mile High Stadium. That loss is the only one the Broncos have had at home in the past two seasons.

**Vikings at Giants**  
New York never has lost a wild-card game, with four wins, including a 17-10 victory over Minnesota at Giants Stadium in 1994. This time, the Giants face old nemesis Randall Cunningham, who came back after a year off and threw four TD passes in last week's must-win against Indianapolis.

Minnesota has one of the NFL's most anonymous stars in running back Robert Smith, who set club records with 1,266 yards and six 100-yard games. But he faces a defense that was No. 3 in the NFL against the rush. The Vikings' Cris Carter had his fifth straight 1,000-yard receiving season and led the league with 13 TD catches. His 89 career TD catches is fourth best all-time.

On defense, the Vikings' John Randle became the first defensive tackle to lead the league in sacks, recording 15 1/2. Defensive end Michael Strahan led the Giants with 14.

**Dolphins at Patriots**  
If you think you've seen this game before, you have. Last Monday night, the same teams played, with New England winning 14-12 to earn the home field for the playoff opener.

New England welcomes back running back Curtis Martin, who has missed three games with a shoulder injury. Wide receiver Jerry Glenn, nursing a bad hamstring, is questionable for the game.

The Dolphins have two impressive playoff streaks going. Dan Marino has thrown a TD pass in an NFL record 13 straight playoff games and coach Jimmy Johnson has won his last six playoff games. The Patriots, however, have won four of the last five against Miami and the Dolphins haven't won a road playoff game since their perfect season of 1972.

**Lions at Buccaneers**  
In his 2,000-yard season, Detroit's Barry Sanders faced Tampa Bay twice. The first time, the Bucs held him to 20 yards. The second time, he ripped off 215 with touchdown runs of 80 and 82 yards.

Sanders' 2,053 yards was second best in NFL history and he has gained 100-plus yards in a record 14 straight games. He is not the Lions' only weapon, though. Wide receiver Herman Moore tied for the NFL lead with 104 receptions and joined San Francisco's Jerry Rice as the only players in league history with three straight 100-catch seasons.

Tampa Bay, which is sending seven players to the Pro Bowl, has a Sanders clone in undersized running back Warrick Dunn, who was the Offensive Rookie of the Year with 978 yards rushing. Bucs' quarterback Trent Dilfer was second in the NFC with a club-record 21 TD passes.

## Woods' Masters victory voted top sports story of 1997

By RON SIRAK  
AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods' overwhelming victory in the Masters, which not only broke records but shook social barriers and pushed golf to unprecedented popularity, was voted top sports story of 1997 by members of The Associated Press.

The 12-stroke victory by Woods at Augusta National Golf Club in April won out over the heavy-weight title fight in June when Mike Tyson bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear. Those two events dominated the voting.

"Cool," Woods, 21, said from his Windemere, Fla., home when told his Masters victory had been voted the top story.

Asked if he could guess the runner-up, Woods immediately said: "Tyson."

"I was at both," Woods said, referring to the fact that he was a spectator at the Tyson-Holyfield fight.

While the ear-biting incident was one of the most shocking events in the history of world championship sports, the Masters apparently won out because it impacted sports and society in so many ways.

Woods won by 12 strokes, a victory margin unsurpassed in a major championship since the 1862 British Open. And the only player in the history of the 363 major professional championships played since 1860 to equal Woods' 18-under-par total was Nick Faldo in the 1990 British Open.

Woods, in his first full year as a professional, also became the youngest Masters champion and the first non-white to win one of the four major golf titles.

The fact that Woods, whose father is black and mother is from Thailand, won so convincingly at Augusta National — until recently an all-white club and a virtual symbol of golf's exclusivity — gave the victory even more impact.

And the racial element took on added significance a week after the Masters when a videotape made the day of Woods' victory showed PGA Tour player Fuzzy Zoeller making racially insensitive remarks about Woods.

As much importance as the Masters had in the sports world, it meant perhaps even more in the Woods family, where father Earl and mother Tida saw the fruition of their dream for their son.

"You want to know the best shot of the year?" Woods said. "It was the shot of me hitting my Pop on the 18th green at Augusta."

The World Series victory by the Florida Marlins and then its fire sale of high-priced players was third in balloting by AP print and broadcast members.

Dean Smith's retirement as North Carolina basketball coach and the victory by the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl rounded out the top five.

The auto accident involving three members of the Detroit Red Wings after a party celebrating their Stanley Cup victory was sixth, followed by the Chicago Bulls winning their fifth NBA championship.

Ken Griffey Jr. and Mark McGwire chasing Roger Maris' home run record finished eighth in the voting, followed by inter-league play in baseball and the Marv Albert sex scandal.

Woods' Masters victory was the clear winner, receiving 987 points to 759 for the Tyson-Holyfield fight. The Marlins were a distant third with 585 points.

No golfer ever entered the professional ranks with as much hype as Woods and it seemed virtually impossible that he would live up to his advance billing. What he did at the Masters surpassed even the wildest expectations.

The tournament did not start out like Woods was going to dominate. Clearly nervous and paired with defending champion Faldo, Woods played the first nine holes in a shaky 4-over-par 40.

"We get nervous just like everyone else," Woods said. "It was a slow developing kind of zone," he said of the incredible level his play reached that week in April.

Rising to the challenge as he, has at every stage of his career, Woods played the next 63 holes in an astounding 22-under par and never once three-putted on the treacherously fast Augusta greens.

"I've always been better on fast greens," Woods said. He also drove the ball masterfully, averaging 323 yards off the tee, despite the fact that he came into the tournament with doubts about controlling his driver.

"I was fearful on my tee shots," Woods said. "I was fighting a hook leading up to it." A major reason why Woods putted so well at the Masters was the fact he played his iron shots — the crucial shots at Augusta — with the precision of a 21-year veteran, not a 21-year-old kid.

"I kept the ball below the hole and I missed the greens in the right places," he said. "My distance control was great."

Asked if he would ever be able to do better than the 18-under par he shot at the 1997 Masters, Woods considered the question carefully, then said: "If I hit the ball that well and putt that well ..." his voice trailing off, "it can be done."

And as to whether he could ever win the Grand Slam — sweeping the four major professional golf championships in the same year, a feat never accomplished — Woods has said: "It can be done. You just have to win the right four. Hogan won three of four. You have to be lucky."

And you have to be good — as good as Tiger Woods was in the 1997 Masters.

## LaFrentz breaks bone in finger

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas forward Raef LaFrentz broke a bone in his right index finger during practice Friday and is expected to miss at least six weeks.

The injury is a major blow to

the second-ranked Jayhawks (14-1), who are in Hawaii for the eight-team Rainbow Classic.

LaFrentz, a 6-foot-11 senior projected by some to be the No. 1 overall pick in next June's NBA draft, is averaging 21.2 points

and 11.4 rebounds per game.

"Raef went up for a shot inside," Kansas coach Roy Williams told the Kansas City Star. "Eric (Chenowith) reached across and fouled him. It was a clean play, but he came down hard on (LaFrentz's) right hand. Raef walked off the court, holding his hand. I knew he was hurt because he doesn't do that."

An orthopedic surgeon diagnosed the injury as a break between the knuckle and the tip of the right index finger.

"Right now we're not going to send Raef back early," Williams said. "The finger is in a cast. They don't anticipate any surgery."

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## OSU expects lots of Boilermaker passes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons knows full well that 17th-ranked Purdue brings the nation's seventh-best offense into Tuesday's Alamo Bowl game with the No. 24 Cowboys.

"I know you're going to see some balls in the air," Simmons said. "It's a team that ranks No. 1 in the Big Ten; they've got some weapons, and they know how to put points on the board and put points on the board fast."

The Cowboys will have to stop running back Edwin Watson, Purdue's fourth-best all-time rusher who ran for 886 yards and scored 80 points this season, and wide receiver Brian Alford, Purdue's all-time leader in receiving yards and touchdowns. He caught 59 passes for 1,167 yards this year.

Oklahoma State, meanwhile, ranks 14th nationally in total defense, allowing 302 yards per game. The Cowboy defense has been on the field for 678 plays this season, fewer than any of their 12 opponents, including Purdue.

The Boilermakers rank 78th nationally defending the run and 89th in total defense.

"Everybody wants to talk about Purdue's defense giving up this and giving up that," Cowboy offensive coordinator Les Miles said. "But daggon it, I'm one of those guys who say, 'You know what, if we come out and play like we're capable, we can get after them.' That's what we're shooting for. I think our kids are looking forward to it."

Oklahoma State's offense will stick with the ball-control game plan that has served it well during the season. It's a patient approach, counting on its running game to wear down a defense. The Pokes have been fortunate this season with a five-man offensive line that has remained healthy.

"Yeah, and we've gotta stay that way, gotta fight like heck," Miles said.

# Down in the depths of the league, year is ending ugly

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Basketball Writer

It's downright ugly at the bottom of the NBA, and it sure wasn't getting any prettier Friday night.

The gruesome Denver Nuggets turned a performance that could truly be called offensive, but that might be a misnomer. That's because their 81-69 loss to Golden State featured their lowest point total and worst shooting performance of the season.

All that, and it gets worse, too. It was the second straight game that the Nuggets had faced another of the league's lowlifes — the 7-19 Warriors — and Denver lost by 12 points both times.

"I think we are starting to get a little more respect around the league, and I don't think we can be considered the worst team any more," Golden State forward Joe Smith said.

No, they can't. Especially not with the Nuggets (2-24), Toronto Raptors (3-24) and Clippers (5-24) around.

And then there are the Dallas Mavericks (5-23), whose current losing streak puts to shame what the others have done lately.

Dallas dropped its 11th straight, in part because it couldn't execute a simple inbound pass late in the fourth quarter of a 97-95 loss to Washington.

The Mavericks have lost 23 of their last 25, and their current 11-game streak has come since the franchise made a coaching change with Don Nelson replacing Jim Clemons.

"I was not displeased with the effort, that was terrific," Nelson said, repeating a line he has used often in the past three weeks. "Any time we're in position to win the game, that's a positive. But the decisions made by the players aren't always what you want them to be."

Not all the teams that played Friday night were bad, even though it sometimes seemed that way.

The Los Angeles Lakers were extended to overtime by the Clippers before coming away with a 118-114 victory, and the Atlanta Hawks, who have been leading the Eastern Conference all season long, dropped their fourth straight — 99-94 in overtime to Milwaukee.

In other games, Indiana crushed Orlando 107-81, Charlotte downed Cleveland 96-88, Miami beat Detroit 88-74, Minnesota drubbed New Jersey 116-96, San Antonio defeated Boston 101-86, Seattle topped Sacramento 112-95 and Phoenix beat Vancouver 118-100.

**Warriors 81, Nuggets 69**  
At Denver, Erick Dampier matched his career-high with 19 points as the Warriors completed a holiday-interrupted, back-to-back sweep.

Joe Smith added 14 points, Bimbo Coles had 10 and Donyell Marshall grabbed nine rebounds for the Warriors, who won for the fifth time in their last 10 games.

Amid talk about breaking the NBA's all-time record of fewest victories (9-73 by the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers), Smith said. "We've been out of that situation for a month or so by winning five in a row at home."

Golden State outrebounded the Nuggets 56-45 in winning for only the second time in 15 road games.

**Wizards 97, Mavericks 95**  
At Dallas, Calbert Cheaney scored a season-high 21 points and stole an inbound pass at midcourt, leading to a clinching layup with 10 seconds left that gave Washington its sixth straight victory.

"The pass was right there," Cheaney said. "In a situation like that, you don't have that much to lose. So you go for the ball and hope for the best. It worked out for me."

Juwan Howard and Tracy Murray added 20 points each and Chris Webber had 17 points for the Wizards.

**Lakers 118, Clippers 114, OT**  
At Inglewood, Calif., Nick Van Exel scored 30 points and Rick Fox added seven of his 20 in overtime.

Lorenzen Wright scored a career-high 32 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the Clippers, who led for most of the game.

"This was a typical Clipper game," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "They held the lead in the fourth quarter and basically found a way to lose."

**Bucks 99, Hawks 94, OT**  
At Milwaukee, the Bucks prevented Atlanta from setting an NBA record for consecutive overtime victories.

The Hawks had won 11 consecutive

overtime games, a streak that dated back to the 1994-95 season. It tied the record set by San Antonio from Nov. 13, 1979, to Feb. 8, 1983.

Glenn Robinson scored 28 points, Tyrone Hill had 14 points and 16 rebounds and Elliot Perry, playing in place of the injured Terrell Brandon, had 17 points and shot 8-for-13.

**Pacers 107, Magic 81**  
At Indianapolis, Rik Smits took advantage of the absence of Rony Seikaly and scored 15 of his 20 points in the first quarter.

Fred Hoiberg added a season-high 20 points — 15 coming in the fourth quarter when the outcome was already decided.

**Hornets 96, Cavaliers 88**  
At Charlotte, David Wesley scored six of his 20 points in the final 3:36 and had five assists and two steals as the Hornets won for the seventh time in 10 games.

Glen Rice led Charlotte with 26 points and Vlade Divac had 23 points and 11 rebounds.

**Heat 88, Pistons 74**  
At Auburn Hills, Mich., the Heat extended their record 3-point streak to 320 consecutive games.

Miami made nine 3s — including five toward the end of the second and third quarters that helped the Heat pull away.

**Timberwolves 116, Nets 96**  
At Minneapolis, Stephon Marbury keyed a 16-0 run in the fourth quarter, scoring six of his 22 points and forcing Sam Cassell to foul out. He bowed to the fans as he left the court.

**Spurs 101, Celtics 86**  
At San Antonio, David Robinson reached 15,000 career points, scoring 34. Tim Duncan had 23 points, 15 rebounds and a career-high eight blocked shots and Monty Williams added 16 points.

**SuperSonics 112, Kings 95**  
At Sacramento, Vin Baker had 26 points and 16 rebounds, Gary Payton had 22 points and 12 assists and Seattle held Mitch Richmond to one field goal over the final 14 minutes.

**Suns 118, Grizzlies 100**  
At Vancouver, Cedric Ceballos matched his season high with 22 points and Jason Kidd had 13 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists as the Suns won their fourth straight.

## Sales of travel packages to Sun Bowl down

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Hawkeye fans aren't following their team like they used to. Sales of travel packages to this year's bowl game in El Paso, Texas, are down.

"This year, it's been more difficult for us," said Dave Lange, general manager of Tri-State tours of Galena, Ill. Tri-State's Cedar Rapids office managed to fill only 17 of 47 spots for a bus trip and had to cancel its trip.

So far, Iowa has sold about 2,200 of its 8,000 ticket allotment for Wednesday's Sun Bowl against Arizona State.

Travel agencies say El Paso is not a popular tourist destination, and many fans have already been there when the Hawkeyes went to the Sun Bowl in 1995.

The University of Iowa Alumni Association sold out its trip to about 150 Hawkeye fans, but that number is down from past holiday bowl trips, said Chris Bavalock, the association's executive director.

One travel agency however said its benefiting because of slumping sales.

"There is no competition," said Terry Tegen, sales manager for Winebrenner Red Carpet Travel. "When there's nobody else in it, it's not bad."

Tegen said his agency has managed to sell 362 of 380 packages as of Christmas Eve.

## Holiday Mass helps "Fighting Irish" feel at home

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A Catholic church in Shreveport opened its doors to the Notre Dame football team and staff, making them feel welcome on Christmas Day with a special holiday Mass.

Notre Dame plays LSU in the Independence Bowl on Sunday night and the team spent Christmas about 750 miles from home while preparing for the game.

The purpose of their visit was evident, even during Mass at St. John Berchmans Cathedral. A green folder labeled "Bowl Game Notes" lay on a pew. Altar boys in Irish baseball caps sought autographs after the service.

"The people here are so nice. The hospitality has been incredible," said Ivory Covington, starting right cornerback for the Irish.

Rev. Charles Glorioso welcomed the Irish's staff and team, and invited them back for another Mass while they're in Shreveport.

Father Bill Beauchamp, executive vice president of Notre Dame, who celebrated the Mass, told the worshippers that the service was a "very special opportunity."

## Weather makes Notre Dame feel right at home

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — The wind was gusting, the rain falling and the temperatures dropping as Notre Dame headed for the practice field. Ah, just like home.

With temperatures in the low 40s and the forecast calling for sleet, it looked more like South Bend, Ind., than Shreveport on Friday as the Irish practiced for Sunday's rematch with No. 15 LSU in the Independence Bowl.

"They've been very hospitable to us, and I see that hospitality is continuing because they brought some of our weather down here to make us feel at home," Irish coach Bob Davie said, laughing.

LSU opted to practice inside a hangar at Barksdale Air Force Base instead of braving the elements. Notre Dame could have gone inside, too, but Davie wouldn't hear of it.

Instead, the Irish practiced for two hours on a muddy field at a local high school field.

"I don't think we're going to play that game in that hangar," Davie said. "We're used to practicing and playing in these elements. I think our team would have been disappointed if we'd gone inside today."

The only concession the Irish made to the weather was how they dressed. The team was layered in sweatshirts, sweatpants, running tights, long T-shirts and hats.

Everyone, that is, except for offensive coordinator Jim Colletto, who wore his customary outdoor outfit of shorts, a jacket and a knit hat.

"Colletto's a man," Davie said. "The only thing with Colletto is, he has shorts on, but he has 16 tops on. If he ever falls down,

we'll never get him back up because he's so top-heavy."

**LAST GAMES?**  
The Independence Bowl may be the last game for two LSU underclassmen.

Junior tailback Kevin Faulk, the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher (1,144 yards) despite playing just nine games, seems almost a sure bet to go pro after this season even though he has said little about his future.

"It'll happen when it happens," Faulk said. "I really don't know. Right now, I'm concentrating on Notre Dame."

But Faulk is almost certain to go in the first round of next April's draft if he decides to leave LSU early.

For junior offensive lineman Alan Faneca, his draft status is uncertain because he plays a position that most NFL personnel believe needs more seasoning. But he is ranked the No. 2 guard in the country by several scouting services behind Nebraska's Aaron Taylor.

"I'll decide sometime before the deadline to declare," Faneca

said. "I don't think it's been a distraction. You just have to put it out of your mind and go play football."

Two years ago when LSU played in the Independence Bowl, it proved to be the last game for junior receiver Eddie Kennison.

**NO DAY AT THE BEACH**  
Outside of the handful of team meetings and practices, LSU coach Gerry DiNardo had no restrictions on his players until a midnight curfew on Friday night.

While the players have had quite a bit of freedom in Shreveport, it has been no vacation for DiNardo and his coaches.

"We're at it very early in the morning until late at night," DiNardo said Friday. "If we have a bowl function, that takes three hours out of your work day, but you still have to get that work done. So typically, coaches work longer and harder during bowl weeks than the regular season."

That was even the case as DiNardo served as offensive coordinator during two Orange Bowl appearances. "Never

touched the pool, my feet never touched the sand" in Miami, the coach said.

Whether it's a major bowl like the Orange, or the Independence Bowl, DiNardo said coaches are "literally in meetings or bowl functions every minute of the day."

**FAMILY TIME**  
While the Notre Dame and LSU players took part in a Christmas night function of their own, the Irish coaches spent the rare, few hours off with their families.

Father Bill Beauchamp, executive vice president of Notre Dame, who celebrated the Mass, told the worshippers that the service was a "very special opportunity."

## Colorado ski report

Latest Colorado skiing conditions as supplied by Sno Country Worldwide. (Note conditions are subject to change due to weather, traffic and other factors. Be aware of changing conditions):

Arapahoe Basin — powder 33-34 base 19 trails 5 of 5 lifts 35% open

Aspen Highlands — powder 31-33 base 82 trails 8 of 8 lifts 85% open

Aspen Mtn — 1- new powder 23-29 base 62 trails 8 of 8 lifts 90% open

Beaver Creek — packed powder 22-33 base 65 trails 13 of 14 lifts

Breckenridge — packed powder 26-32 base 75 trails 20 of 21 lifts 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — powder 21-22 base 41 trails 7 of 7 lifts 95% open

Copper Mtn — packed powder 24 base 73 trails 18 of 21 lifts 72% open

Crested Butte — 3- new packed powder 29 base 11 of 14 lifts sm 9a-4p

Cuchara Mountain Resort — 1- new packed powder 54 base 24 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open

Eldora Mtn — 1- new powder 37 base 10 of 10 lifts

Howelsen — hard packed 14 base 2 of 3 lifts 11a-6:30p

Keystone — packed powder 26-28 base 81 trails 18 of 20 lifts

Loveland — packed powder 28 base 52 trails 10 of 10 lifts 8:30a-4p

Monarch — powder 41 base 54 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open

Powderhorn Resort — packed powder 28 base 3 of 4 lifts

Purgatory — 1- new packed powder 33-36 base 71 trails 11 of 11 lifts 99% open sm 9a-4p

Silver Creek Resort — packed powder 22 base 20 trails 4 of 5 lifts

Ski Cooper — powder 30 base 4 of 4 lifts

Snowmass — 2- new powder 30-38 base 60 trails 17 of 20 lifts 58% open

Steamboat — hard packed 26-36 base 107 trails 21 of 21 lifts

Sunlight — packed powder 24 base 4 of 4 lifts

Telluride — packed powder 34-36 base 64 trails 12 of 12 lifts 99% open

Vail — packed powder 22-30 base 85 trails 25 of 30 lifts 8:30a-4p

Winter Park — hard packed 34-41 base 108 trails 20 of 20 lifts 76% open 8:30a-4p

Wolf Creek — 2- new powder 53-57 base 50 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open 9a-4p



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4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who played last season need to sign up on Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> from noon till 6:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders who did not play last year will need to sign up and try-out Monday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will need to sign up Tuesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-ups will be limited, so be early. Coaching spaces available.  
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## Iceland-chartered plane packed with Christmas gifts lands in Iraq

By WAIEL FALEH  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Santa Claus was late, but arrived with Christmas gifts for Iraqi children and medicine, too.

In the second U.N.-approved humanitarian aid flight this week, the Santa — an unusual sight in this mostly Muslim country — stepped off the plane Friday with a sack of gifts and the message: "Stop killing my children."

The aid plane was chartered by the Icelandic charity Peace 2000 Institute and an Italian group called Bridge to Baghdad.

Referring to the U.N. trade embargo against Iraq that has resulted in extensive malnutrition, Thor Magnusson, head of the Icelandic charity, said world leaders must "stop harming the children, because children are not a political weapon."

The Iraqi government says the sweeping U.N. sanctions imposed after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait have caused the death of hundreds of thousands of children. A recent U.N. report said malnutrition is widespread.

The plane landed at al-Habbaniya air base, 40 miles west of Baghdad. It originally was scheduled to arrive Thursday, but was delayed en route because of technical fail-

ures. A Russian plane carrying 5 tons of medical supplies arrived in Baghdad on Thursday.

Both flights obtained U.N. clearance. Although the sanctions do not bar Iraq from importing food and medicine, all imports of humanitarian goods have to be approved by the world body's sanctions committee.

The U.N. Security Council says the sanctions — which ban the sale of oil, Iraq's main export — will not be lifted until Iraq eliminates all its weapons of mass destruction.

Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council and the ruling Baath Party issued a statement Friday saying the United States is likely to attack the Iraqi president's palaces with chemical and biological weapons.

The statement, carried by the official Iraqi News Agency, accused the United States of "spreading rumors" that Iraq was hiding chemical and biological weapons.

At the White House, a spokesman for President Clinton said Friday the Iraqi claim was so "absurd and ridiculous" that it was unworthy of official comment.

U.N. weapons inspectors suspect that evidence of weapons is being hidden in the palaces. Iraq has refused to let them search the sites.

## Dissident complains of police harassment following labor appeal

By ELAINE KURTENBACH  
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese dissident who has urged millions of his unemployed countrymen to unionize says authorities are harassing and spying on him, according to a letter released today by a Hong Kong-based human rights group.

Veteran activist Qin Yongmin, who recently issued a nationwide appeal for independent labor unions, said police have cut his phone line and stepped up surveillance in his central Chinese hometown of Wuhan.

China has a single nationwide trade union, controlled by the government, and no independent labor organizations are allowed. Many activists, including Qin, have urged the tens of millions of workers left unemployed by defunct state-run factories to organize.

After Qin publicized his appeal through the international media and human rights groups, his mail was seized and his phone line cut, he said in a letter to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, provided by the Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China.

Qin complained of increased police surveillance and said his neighbors had been coerced into spying on him.

Calls for better human rights protection have been galvanized in part by China's decision to ratify a 20-year-old U.N. covenant

on social, economic and cultural rights.

In addition to his call to workers to organize, Qin sent a letter to China's President Jiang Zemin earlier this month, urging the government to allow protests by laid off workers and draft stronger civil liberties laws.

Hundreds of protests have broken out across China as the pace of layoffs increased this year.

The state-run media rarely reports such news and information is sketchy, but police appear to have tolerated many disturbances, although some resulted in arrests and other official retaliation.

When asked about the protests, Jiang has said that China's constitution allows freedom of assembly, speech and demonstration, but he said those rights did not give license to "create chaos."

Qin spent eight years in prison in the 1980s for pro-democracy activities. He spent two years in a labor camp after being arrested in 1993 for his role in the "Peace Charter" movement.

In a separate appeal to Jiang, sent today, former autoworker Leng Wanbao urged authorities to refrain from charging workers who engage in protests.

"The state enterprise reforms are bound to result in many layoffs. The unemployed should be allowed to organize independently to sort out their problems," he said in letter to Jiang, also supplied by the human rights group.

## South Korea's stock market inches up amid continuing uncertainty

By SANG-HUN CHOE  
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Despite persistent fears that many debt-ridden companies will fold in the weeks ahead, South Korea's benchmark stock index closed up today, if only slightly.

An announcement that housing giant Chong Gu Group filed for special court protection after defaulting on \$9.9 million in maturing debts led to a sharp drop early in the session. But, after Thursday's 6.7 percent — or 23.7 point — rise, the benchmark index rebounded to finish the half-day, final session of the year up 1.16 points to 376.31.

While blue chips kept the index up today, overall market sentiment was down, said Kim Seung, an analyst at Seoul's Dongwon Securities Co.

"Investors wonder whether the companies they have invested in will still be operating when the market reopens on Jan. 3," said Kim. Many companies have to meet maturing short-term debts early next week.

Some 250 issues rose today and

622 declined, two-thirds of them by the 8 percent daily permissible low.

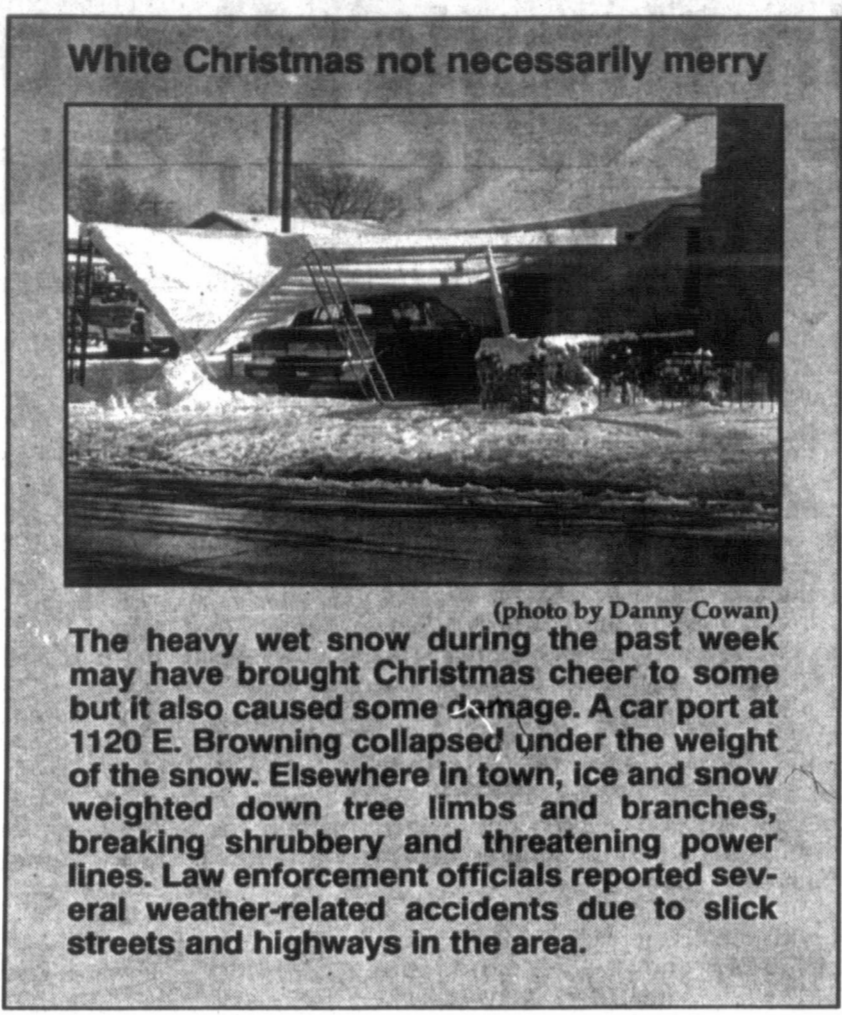
Thursday's strong market showing followed news that the International Monetary Fund and the Group of Seven industrialized countries will provide \$10 billion in emergency loans to Seoul by early January.

When the IMF agreed to a record \$57 billion bailout earlier this month, it ordered South Korea's heavily indebted banks to improve their financial structure by April or face liquidation.

"With the banks scurrying to collect maturing loans, the situation isn't expected to improve much in early January when the stock market reopens," said Na Min-ho, head of research at Daishin Securities Co.

Both South Korea's currency and stock prices have lost half of their value this year, making South Korean companies cheaper on the stock market — and a potential target for foreign takeover.

That could bring in American and other foreign firms looking for bargain rates among debt-ridden companies in the electronics, steel, paper, and auto parts industries.



White Christmas not necessarily merry

The heavy wet snow during the past week may have brought Christmas cheer to some but it also caused some damage. A car port at 1120 E. Browning collapsed under the weight of the snow. Elsewhere in town, ice and snow weighted down tree limbs and branches, breaking shrubbery and threatening power lines. Law enforcement officials reported several weather-related accidents due to slick streets and highways in the area.

(photo by Danny Cowan)

## Egyptian court sentences three militants to death for killing police

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A court sentenced three Muslim militants to death today for killing 26 police officers. Two of the men were sentenced in absentia, however, and will have to be retried if they are captured.

The sentences must be approved by Egypt's senior Islamic cleric, the Grand Mufti, largely a formality. Executions in Egypt are usually carried out by hanging.

The state security court sentenced Hassan Khalifa, Rifaat Zeidan and Abdel-Hamid Osman to death for the 1992-93 killings of the officers and for plotting to kill 46 other police and civilians.

Khalifa, who was wounded in a shootout with police, sat in a wheelchair as the judge read the

sentence. Zeidan and Osman, who remain at large, are leaders of al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, Egypt's strongest militant group. The organization is fighting to overthrow the secular government.

The three were tried with 30 other suspects in proceedings that took 10 months and included testimony from 50 witnesses. Sentences for the other 30 were postponed until Jan. 27.

Members of the militant group are also accused of opening fire on a bus with Romanian workers in the southern province of Assiut and attempting to blow up a train carrying tourists to Luxor, site of many of Egypt's most spectacular Pharaonic attractions.

## Hamas leaders call for attacks on Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Cries of "God is great" and calls for a holy war against Israel rang out at the 10th anniversary of the Islamic militant group Hamas.

More than 12,000 people crammed into Gaza City's Palestine Stadium to mark the anniversary, chanting "Allahu Akbar," or "God is great."

Abdel Aziz Rantisi, one of the leaders of the Islamic militant group responsible for more than a dozen suicide bombings in Israel since 1994, said, "We will continue our struggle and resistance until we uproot the occupation from our land."

## Doctors discover antibodies in some exposed to Hong Kong's 'bird flu'

By DIDI KIRSTEN TATLOW  
Associated Press Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Doctors have discovered antibodies to the mysterious 'bird flu' virus in the blood of nine Hong Kong people who never became seriously ill, health officials said today.

Only one or two of the nine remember having had any flu symptoms, indicating that human resistance to the virus, which until recently only affected poultry, is not always as feeble as had been feared.

The presence of antibodies means a person has been exposed to the virus, and has developed resistance.

Among 11 people known to have developed full-blown flu from the virus, three have died. Eleven other people who have fallen sick are suspected of having the virus, and one of them has died.

Two of the 11 suspected cases were disclosed today. The 1-year-old boy and 72-year-old man were hospitalized in satisfactory condition, according to a government statement.

Investigators tested blood from 473 people who may have been in contact with the first known victim, a 3-year-old boy who died in May, or who may have been exposed to the virus in a laboratory or hospital.

They also tested 29 poultry workers and 419 people who had no contact with the boy or with chickens.

Hong Kong health officials and doctors from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told reporters that the blood tests did not answer the key question of how humans are contracting the virus.

Five of the nine positive cases were poultry workers, the officials said, supporting the theory that the virus' main transmission route is from birds to humans.

However, the other four were a health worker who cared for the 3-year-old boy, a laboratory worker, a neighbor, and a member of a sample group of staff, students and students' parents from the boy's school.

None of the people unconnected to the boy or chickens tested positive. "Undeniably, the fact that a

health care worker has tested positive for antibodies means we have to be very concerned about it," said Dr. Margaret Chan, Hong Kong's health director.

Human-to-human transmission is necessary for the virus to spread widely and cause an epidemic, she said.

"The data leave open the question of whether there is human to human transmission. I think they certainly don't close the door on that," said Dr. Keiji Fukuda of the Centers for Disease Control, which analyzed the blood samples.

However, Chan said the positive tests among poultry workers means that measures to clean up chicken farms are more important than ever.

Although mainland China says it has not found any trace of H5N1 infection in chickens on its farms, Hong Kong's top farm official, Lessie Wei, said he believes infected chickens found in local markets came from mainland China.

China usually exports 75,000 chickens a day to Hong Kong, accounting for 80 percent of Hong Kong's chicken supply. Hong Kong halted the shipments Tuesday, pending further investigation and better testing.

Officials from both sides say they will rigorously control the poultry trade and are establishing a system of registration and testing.

The World Health Organization is organizing a team to go to mainland China to investigate whether people there also have antibodies to the virus, said Chan. She had no information on when or where they would go.

Fukuda said the long-term scenario for the flu's development remains uncertain, in part because influenza viruses are capable of mutating.

"Right now we're all in a period of uncertainty about what is going to happen to these infections in Hong Kong," Fukuda said.

He said the findings did not change three scenarios doctors have sketched out: that the virus could fizzle out, remain in the population at a low level, or explode into a global pandemic.

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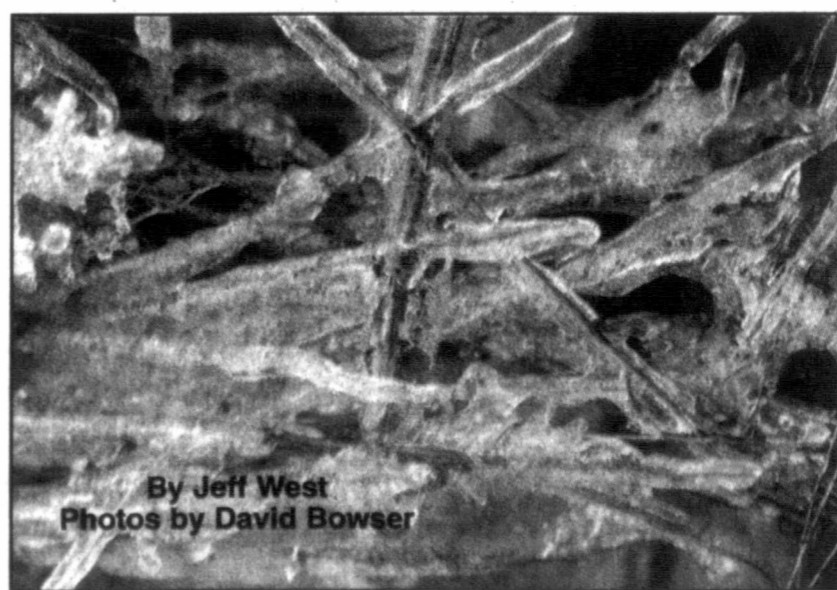
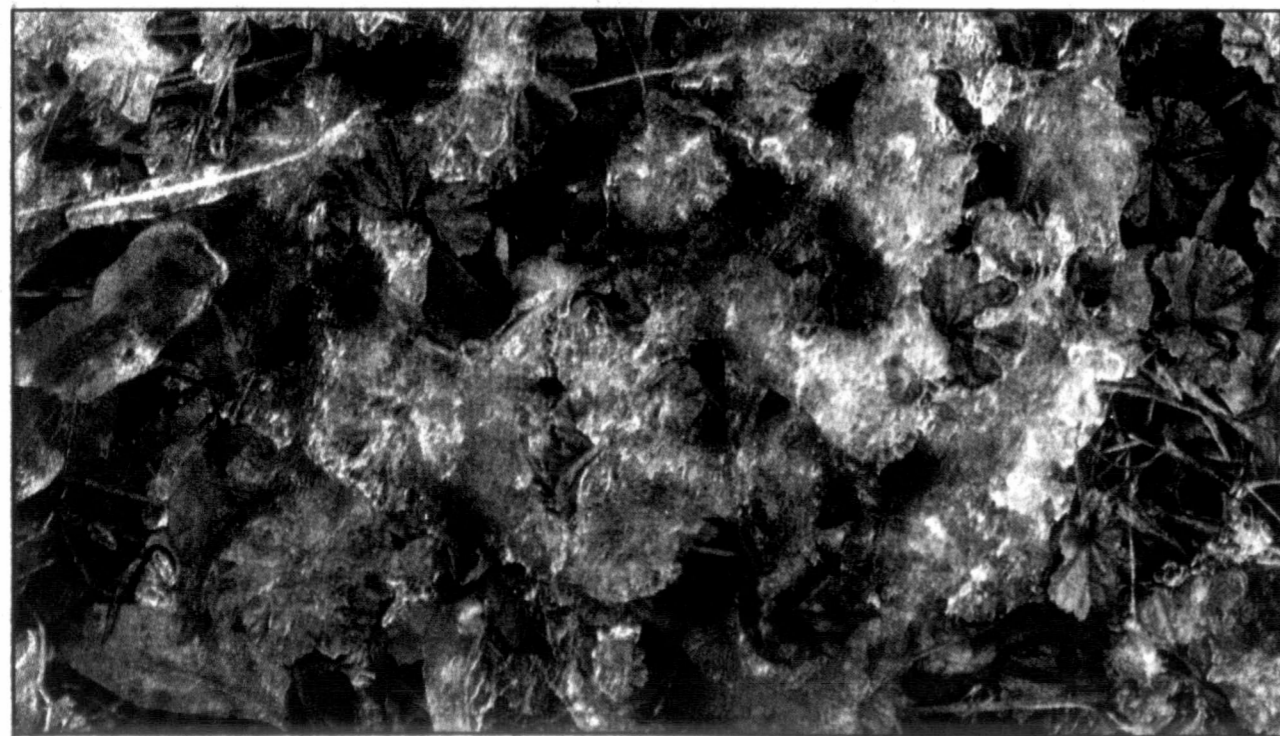
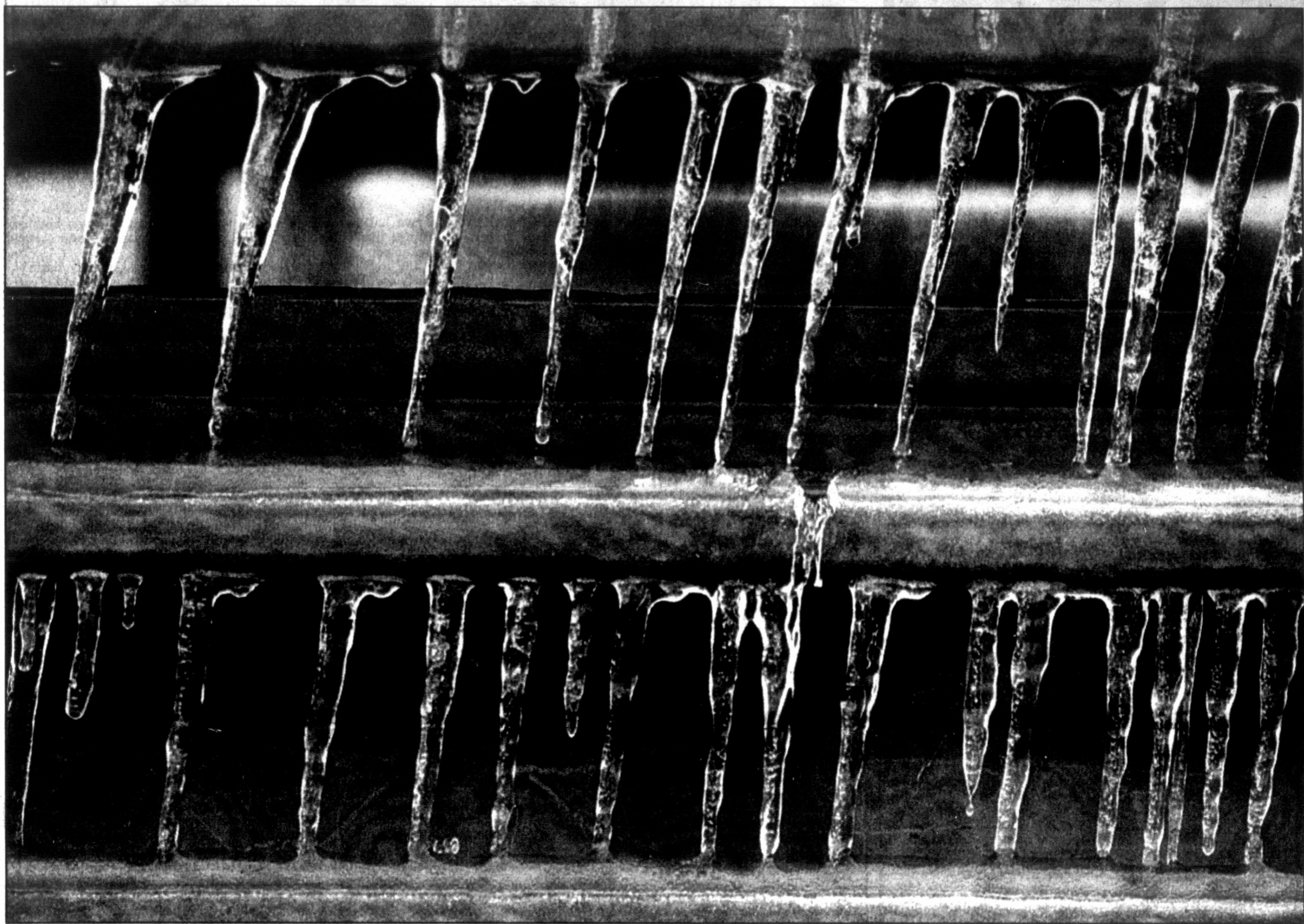
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## LIFESTYLE

...*may your days be merry and bright...*



By Jeff West  
Photos by David Bowser

Winter wonderland doesn't exactly describe it. Unless you wonder what happened to the land. A quick call around the area Monday afternoon showed just how far reaching the winter blast had gone.

"Everything was pretty iced over, breaking limbs and stuff like that. It snowed about an hour here," said Misty Smith working at Mitchell Family restaurant of Shamrock.

"We had no snow at all. There was some sleet and a lot of freezing rain," said Terry Palmer at the Canadian Pizza Hut in Canadian.

Nancy Lister in Miami had a problem with power lines.

"My house is out in the country. My lights were out all night (Sunday). They didn't get them back on until ten this morning. We didn't have any snow at all but a lot of ice. Elm trees are losing their limbs. There are limbs everywhere."

"There was a lot of rain and then ice," said Gary Chamberlain, working at the Sparlin Restaurant of Wheeler put it. "We only got a little snow. It didn't make any difference."

By Monday afternoon, Rita Crawford who works for the city of McLean hadn't had power restored.

"There's a lot of ice and a lot of trees broken," she said. "The city employees are out gathering tree limbs now. I live five miles out of town and there's still no power (Monday afternoon). Tree limbs are still falling."

By Friday, the skies were clearing, but there had been more snow and ice falling around the area. Friday was the first day above freezing in a while and all highways in the Texas panhandle were reported clear.

In Pampa, the city streets were in better shape, but the high snow ridges in the middle of many of the roads made walking

across the street or trying to turn into a parking space go from difficult to impossible in spots.

At least one mobile home had snow drifts that turned to ice so high that using the north facing front door was impossible.

A quick survey around the area led to hope for a better weekend when the temperatures are supposed to rise into the lower 50's by today. Driving between sun

down and mid-day might still cause problems especially on side streets where melting snow in the day will refreeze in the dark causing slippery conditions to continue for several days to come.

For those who were hoping for white Christmas and weren't traveling then this year's weather may well go down as a picture postcard kind of year.





Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Parker

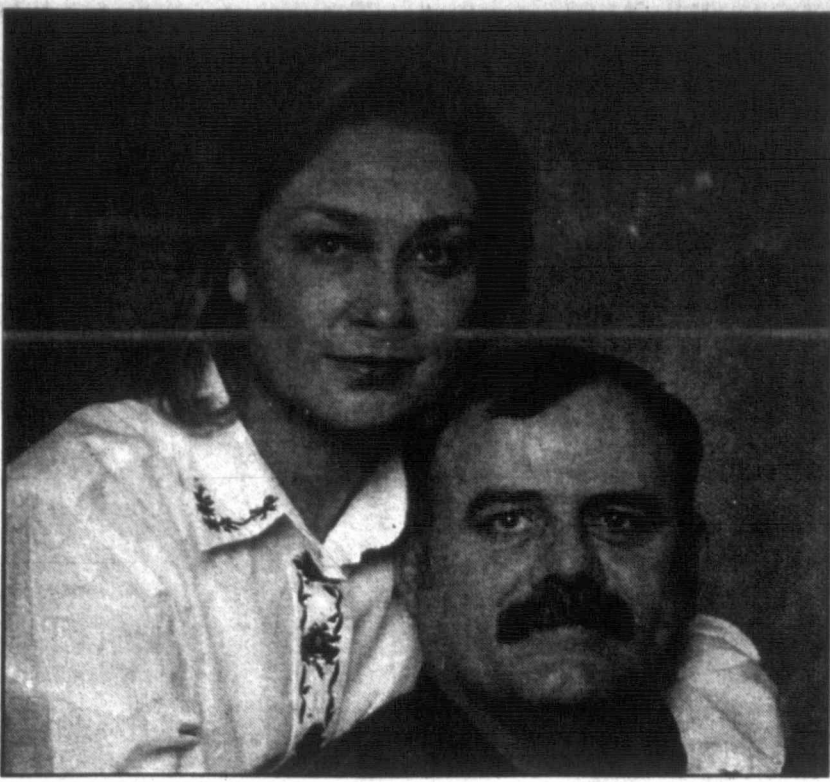
## Parker anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Parker of McLean will be celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on January 4, 1998.

R.C. Parker and the former Martha Lou Hogan were married in Mobeetie on January 4, 1948. The Parkers are longtime residents of McLean where he was an officer for the Department of Public Safety for over twenty-nine years. Following his retirement from the state, Mr. Parker served Gray County as Justice of the Peace for eight years and then served the 223rd District Court as bailiff. Mrs. Parker served the City of McLean as librarian for twenty-three years. The Parkers are active members of the First United Methodist Church of McLean.

A reception honoring the couple will be hosted by their children and grandchildren in McLean at the Devil's Rope Museum on Saturday, January 3, 1998 from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends of the couple are invited to attend.

The Parkers are the parents of Bryan Parker of Euless, Brad Parker of Canyon, Michele Bell of Pampa and Ken Parker of Aptos, CA. They have ten grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. John and Sue Carroll

## Carroll anniversary

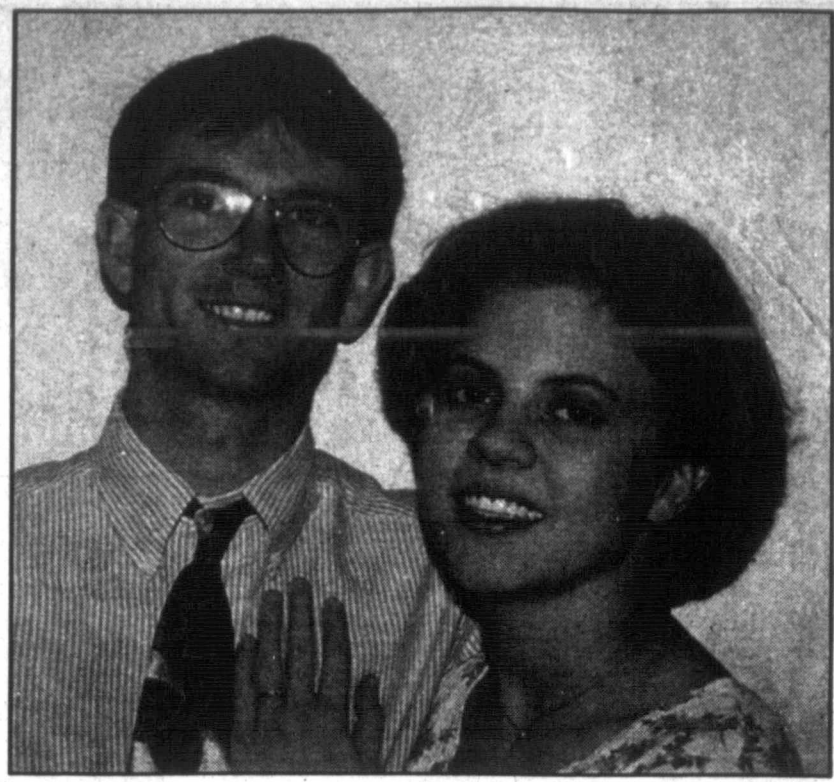
Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 10, 1997.

John Carroll and Ellen Sue Swonger were wed Dec. 20, 1972, at Newton, Kan. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 25 years and are members of Bible Church of Pampa.

Mr. Carroll worked for Flint Engineering for 22 years and is presently employed with Curtis Well Services, where he has worked for the past four years.

Mrs. Carroll works for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and is presently employed at the Jordan Unit.

Children of the couple are David Carroll of Oklahoma City, Okla.



Earnie Baten and Ava LaDawn Brooks

## Brooks - Baten

Ava LaDawn Brooks and Jerry Earnest (Earnie) Baten both of Pampa, plan to wed February 14, 1998 at the Celanese Pampcel Hall in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Don Bartz of Perryton. She is a 1997 graduate of Perryton High School and is currently a business major at Amarillo College. She is now employed as a HUD Housing Clerk for Panhandle Community Services of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Baten of Pampa. He graduated in 1990 from Pampa High School and graduated in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from West Texas A & M University. He is currently employed as a senior teller for Amarillo National Bank.

## Ross - Brenham

Christina Rene Ross of Frisco and Marvin Ray of Brenham plan to wed Feb. 28, 1998, at Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip J. Ross of Frisco and is the granddaughter of Maxie Smithwick of Arlington and the late Howard Smithwick and the late Mr. and Mrs. Finis Ross of Olney. She is a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University and is a registered massage therapist, formerly employed at Diagnostic Testing and Rehan Consultants in Grand Prairie.

The prospective groom is the son of Melvin and Glenda Thrasher of White Deer and the late Nancy Dial Thrasher. He is employed at Seminole Pipeline Company at Brenham.

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## Money matters an important issue when couples first get married

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP)

Love and passion propel the couple to the altar, but they don't pay the rent. "Marriage is a business relationship as well as a love relationship," says Violet Woodhouse, author, attorney and financial advisor. "Although marriage can be romantic, it is not about romance. It is a partnership, and finances are an important part of the equation. Unfortunately, most couples avoid talking about money — a critical and potentially explosive mistake when you consider that money is one of the most commonly known problems in relationships."

It may not be a romantic exercise to exchange financial information before exchanging vows, but it can save a lot of grief later on, she suggests. Woodhouse recommends exchanging tax returns, check registers, financial statements, pay stubs and similar items for the past three years. Also get and exchange credit reports; when you marry you'll inherit your spouse's credit history.

Next, compare expenses, previous income tax obligations and liabilities, credit card debts, student, car or other loans and any other monetary obligations.

Then, compare employment benefits, including retirement plans and health insurance. Woodhouse recommends the couple develop and commit to a budget plan to set the stage for the financial side of marriage. Hold "money meetings" to plan strategy, set personal and financial goals and agree to the sacrifices each will assume to meet those goals.

You'll also need to set up your financial partnership arrangement for sharing or dividing financial responsibility. These plans will take into account lifestyle choices, personal needs, savings and spending habits, credit card use and whether to maintain separate or joint checking accounts. You should agree on a savings plan and how much to set aside for a home, car, taxes, and other big-ticket items.

If you're marrying for the second time, you have a different set of money issues, Woodhouse says. Those who remarry are usually older and have spent years building financial assets, she observes. "It's natural to want to protect what you've worked so hard to build." Children from previous marriages and other financial obligations also have to be considered.

Woodhouse recommends prenuptial agreements. "A prenuptial agreement is a means of communication. The document, although not legally enforceable, forces people to make decisions while their ability to give and take is at its highest."

A "prenup" should be considered if one spouse is wealthier than the other; if one gives up income for marriage (spousal support, pension, social security, retirement benefits); to head off the possibility of future claims of one against the other; to protect the children.

The agreement can cover everything from real estate to stock holdings (including designation of a portfolio manager); it also can address issues such as how children will be cared for, who will be responsible for their upbringing, who will work outside the home.

Those in second or later marriages need to look at their debts, assets, what each person owns or owes and analyze the estates and sources of income for each. Financial protection of the children or stepchildren needs to be taken into account — establishing trusts, wills, custodial accounts, insurance, outright gifts, and so on.

## Where newly weds likely to nest

NEW YORK (AP) — Where are the best places for the newlyweds to settle down? Editors of Bridal Guide magazine analyzed cities around the nation in terms of cost of living, transportation, job opportunities, education, and recreation, and came up with these "Top Ten Cities for Newlyweds," featured in the

January-February issue: Atlanta, Chicago; Dallas; Denver; Detroit; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Philadelphia; Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz.; and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash. Runners-up were Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, Ohio; Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif.; New York City; St. Louis; and Salt Lake City-Ogden, Utah.

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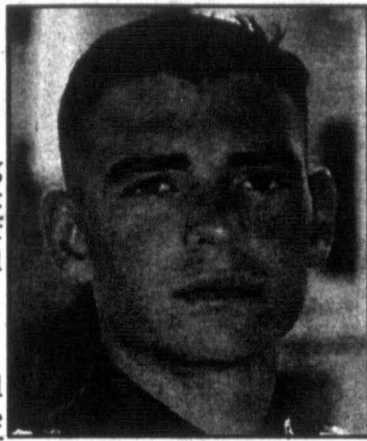


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## Newsmakers

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Marina Ramirez of Pampa was among 68 Southwestern Oklahoma State University students at Oklahoma State University recently named in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.



Brian Easley

Brian Easley, son of Ron and Katie Easley, was recently named to the Ross Volunteer Company at Texas A&M University. The company, formed in 1887, is the oldest organization in the State of Texas. Membership is limited to the top 72 upperclassmen in the Corps of Cadets who adhere to the motto, "Soldier, Statesman, and Knightly Gentlemen." Easley is majoring in architecture at Texas A&M.

FORT WORTH — Karie Bailey Hill, Miami High School graduate and daughter of Wiley and Barbara Bailey and granddaughter of Verla Faye Holland, all of Miami, was recently nominated Outstanding Art Educator for the State of Texas during the National Art Educators Association's state meeting in Fort Worth. Hill is a middle school art teacher at Monning Middle School employed with Forth Worth ISD. She was nominated for her involvement and dedication to art at all levels. She graduated from Texas Christian University.



Karie Bailey Hill

NORFOLK, Va. — While most Americans are celebrated the holiday season at home or with family, Navy Seaman John D. Dawson, a 1990 Pampa High School graduate, spent the holidays forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan, aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Dubuque.

Dawson is one of more than 65,000 sailors, marines and coast guardsmen who served their country separated from their families and loved ones during Christmas. Dawson is working abroad to preserve peace as part of our nation's forward defense forces. Dawson joined the Navy in January 1996.

## Know the dos and don'ts on the wedding scene and prevent pre- and post-marital headaches

NEW YORK (AP) — For both bridal couple and wedding guests, blunders happen — and someone's embarrassed and someone else suffers hurt feelings.

Most goofs are easy to avoid, says Cele Lalli, editor-in-chief of Modern Bride magazine. Here's her list of the most common blunders, and their antidotes:

— Noting on the wedding invitation that cash is preferred. Don't do it, Lalli says. Most of the people you know well enough to invite will know money is the most practical and appreciated gift.

— Enclosing anything about gift registry with the wedding invitation. This information should be included only with shower invitations.

— Expecting the bride's parents to pay for everything, or assuming the groom's parents will pay half. Neither is a given, says Lalli. Soon after the engagement, a budget and who will pay for what should be discussed and agreed on. This will keep you from setting your heart on an unrealistically expensive wedding.

— Inviting friends to be bridal attendants without discussing costs they'll be expected to cover. Friendships can be destroyed if the bride assumes attendants will pay for anything she wants, Lalli says.

— Bringing anyone not named in an invitation to the wedding. The people named on the inside envelope are the people invited. If it's "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," the children are not invited. If a single person's invitation doesn't include "...and guest," the person's date is not included.

— Sending formal invitations to the ceremony to a wide circle of friends and relatives but limiting the number invited to the reception. If the reception is to be limited, then invitations to the ceremony should be extended only personally and

verbally, says Lalli. That should make it clear that you would like them to witness the wedding but that the invitation doesn't include the reception. This will keep them from feeling obligated to send a gift.

— Waiting too long to acknowledge gifts. Thank-you notes should go out as soon as possible for all gifts, including money. All gifts should be acknowledged with a hand-written note within three months.

— Failing to do a sufficient vendor search and reference check. Meet with at least three vendors for each service to compare services, prices, and personal styles. Then try to see their work at a wedding, or at least check references with former customers.

— Overlooking air-conditioning during warm-weather outdoor weddings. Tents should have cooling facilities.

— Forgetting that music should appeal to guests of all ages. Choose music from a variety of styles and eras, and hold down the amplification system to preserve everyone's hearing.

— Choosing near-strangers as attendants. Casting for a flower girl or ring bearer because they are cute isn't appropriate, Lalli says. Don't ask someone you barely know to be a bridesmaid or usher just to even the numbers. Equal numbers aren't necessary.

— Having a cash bar. Tacky, says Lalli. If you need to limit the bar tab, set up a system to control the flow. For example, you could limit the open bar to one hour of cocktails, with champagne or wine for toasting. Or serve wine and beer throughout the reception, with champagne just to toast the couple. Or serve only champagne punch — a festive but economical alternative.

## Holiday sales slump for third year in a row this Christmas

By RACHEL BECK  
 AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Is holiday hype killing Christmas?

For the third straight year, Christmas sales have failed to meet expectations at many of the nation's stores, forcing retailers to rethink the holiday that used to provide as much as 50 percent of their business.

Among the questions being raised is whether the shopping season — with Christmas advertising starting well before Halloween — is just too long.

"The countdown to Christmas used to be 20 days. Now, it's 60 days. That really takes the thrill out of the holidays," said Leonard Grossman, from New York City. "The holidays start way too early. The retailers just want to try to make more money. It's over-commercialized."

Susan Greene, also a New Yorker, is also turned off by two months or more of Christmas hype: "You go in the stores and hear Christmas songs when it's still warm out. I get sick of Christmas before it's even Christmas."

Coming up with a plan to lure shoppers year-round is going to

be a top priority for many store-owners. Already, holidays like Valentine's Day and Mother's Day bring in shoppers, but hardly enough to supplant Christmas.

"Christmas used to bail out retailers for the year, and now we see that can't work anymore," said Jeffrey Feiner, managing director at Lehman Brothers Inc. "They need to balance the year in a better way."

For years, Americans overloaded on Christmas. They scoured stores in search of electronics, clothes and toys to fill long holiday lists. Then came the 1987 stock market crash and the 1990-91 recession.

Many shoppers remain tight-fisted even now. Moreover, many people now forgo gifts for family vacations or other indulgences, like a day at a spa or a new dishwasher. Money is also diverted to savings or investments, including mutual funds and stocks.

"There isn't a sense of a holiday spirit anymore, with people running around buying gifts for everyone," said Mark Slosberg, a partner at KPMG Peat Marwick in New York.

"Times are changing for retailers around the holidays and they need to deal with that."

Carl Steidtmann, chief economist at Management Horizons, the consulting unit of Price Waterhouse, said: "You can't promote Christmas in September and expect consumers to stay interested in it through December."

According to a survey of 1,003 people by Charleston, S.C.-based America's Research Group, 21 percent of respondents said they were spending less on gifts than they did 10 years ago.

"I think we're just in the mindset to be more economical this year," said Nora Alejandro of Rio Rancho, N.M. "We're watching our budget closely."

Getting retailers to recognize the problem may be the first order of the business.

"We, as retailers, might be in denial," said Ed Carroll, executive vice president at Milwaukee-based Carson Pirie Scott department stores. "Christmas is not what it used to be."

## Menus

DEC. 28 — DEC. 31

### Senior Citizens

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#### TUESDAY

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#### WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, corn, broccoli, blackeyed peas and okra, slaw, tossed or jello salad, peach and pineapple cobbler or chocolate chip cake, hot rolls or cornbread.

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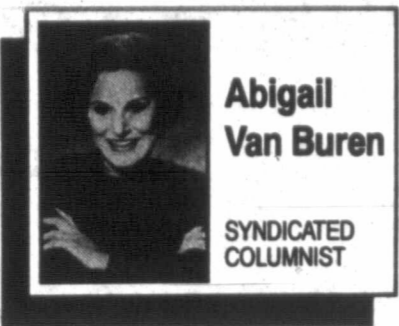
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# Kindness Of Strangers Creates A Christmas To Remember Still

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to the letter you printed from Calvin S. Holm, Thiensville, Wis., referring to people who succeed in spite of the fact their parents could not afford to help them with finances for schooling or much of anything else. I, too, was a Great Depression child. I have a true story that I hope you will print in order to pass along the message that help is out there if you pray and hope:



**Abigail Van Buren**  
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

**MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS**  
 It was December 1932. In those days, \$1 was a lot of money, and \$5 was a fortune. We lived on a farm in the Colorado Rockies, 5 1/2 miles north of a small village called Divide.

The town consisted of a combination post office, general store, filling station, and an upstairs residence for the owner's family. There was one other filling station, perhaps five or six houses, a schoolhouse, and a community hall where neighborhood meetings, country dances, etc. were held.

The schoolhouse was a two-room building with two teachers. One room was for grades one through five; the other was for grades six through 10. There was a barn where we could tie up our horses, with a feed box in each stall for a lunchtime oats snack for the horse. There was also a watering trough nearby.

I rode horseback to school every day, with my kid brother on the back of the saddle. It was cold at

brother. There were also small blankets for my baby brother, and to top it off, toys for each of us.

My parents were elated, and my mother forgave me for stealing the postcard. She said, "I think God knew what he was doing."

In addition, the two teachers at school had procured, at their own expense, a present for each kid in the school: a pair of lace-up boots for each boy, and a pair of fur-lined overshoes for each girl.

So, Abby, that's the story of the best Christmas I can remember — thanks to a very benevolent group of people and two generous school-teachers.

RETIRED ENGINEER,  
 KIRKLAND, WASH.

**DEAR RETIRED ENGINEER:** I couldn't get your letter in before Christmas, but thought my readers would enjoy it even a few days later. Thank you for sharing your touching story, and for the reminder that most of us can make the holidays a little brighter if we choose to. Since sometimes their parents are unable to do so, many children depend on it.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

times.

Christmas was coming and things looked very bleak. I knew there was a benevolent organization in Colorado Springs called the "Mrs. Santa Claus Club" that gave warm clothes to poor people. So I stole a penny postcard from my mother's stationery (yes, a prepaid postcard cost 1 cent at the time). I addressed it to the Mrs. Santa Claus Club and told them about our cold horseback rides to school. I asked if they had any warm clothes, shirts, pants or jackets for my 6-year-old brother or me. I told them I was 9, and said if they happened to have some toys for my 1-year-old baby brother, they would be very much appreciated.

The day before Christmas, we got a notice from the post office that there was a large box addressed to me. Dad picked it up. It was from the Mrs. Santa Claus Club. When we opened it, I could not believe what was inside: warm jackets, pants, shirts, underwear — all the right size for me and/or my kid

state your zodiac sign.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If you put more stock in the opinions of others than you do in your own ideas, you could be doing yourself a disservice. Do not penalize yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Be very selective today as to whom you lend things. It might be safer to say no than to risk not getting back what was borrowed.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Today is likely to be frustrating. You can achieve your objectives if you avoid reading negatives into situations where they don't exist.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Do what you can to be helpful to others today, but don't let individuals who should fend for themselves overload you with their burdens.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Do not jump into new involvements today without first considering all of their ramifications. Operating in haste could cause you to trip over your own feet.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You will operate with greater efficacy today if you're able to perform at arm's length

from others. Even well-intentioned allies could prove disruptive.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you lack faith in your ideas today, minor setbacks could cloud your mind with negative thoughts and entice you to quit instead of assert yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Guard against inclinations to alter arrangements that are running rather well. The adjustments you'll implement could penalize your progress.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you're willing to make sensible concessions today, associates are likely to do the same. However, they will act only upon the cues you give them.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** A disgruntled co-worker might try to involve you in his or her problems today and create trouble for you. It is best to steer clear.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Today, you might get involved in something that could turn into a good deal, but it may not seem so initially. Look for ways to enhance developments.

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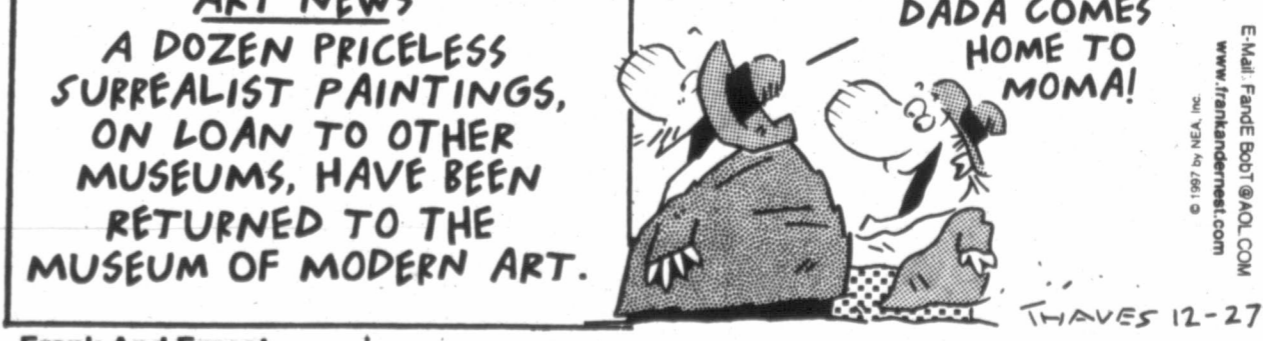
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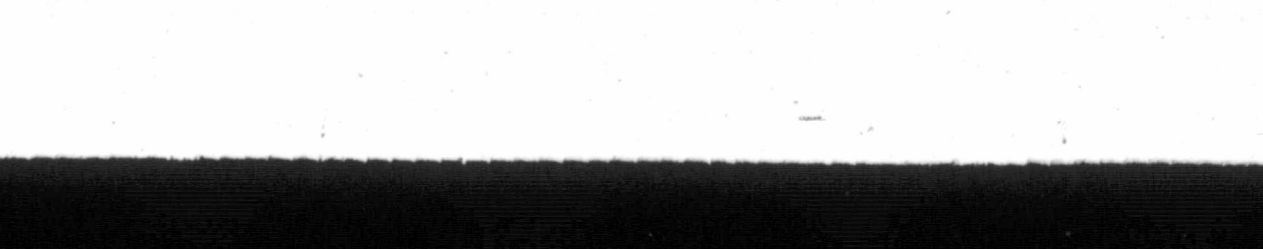
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## Horoscope



Monday, Dec. 29, 1997

Something enormous might develop in the year ahead that could cause you to alter your social and commercial outlook. The revisions will enable you to operate better in both areas.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Things could work out to your ultimate advantage today if you have staying power. It could be a test of wills in which you will be the victor. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to



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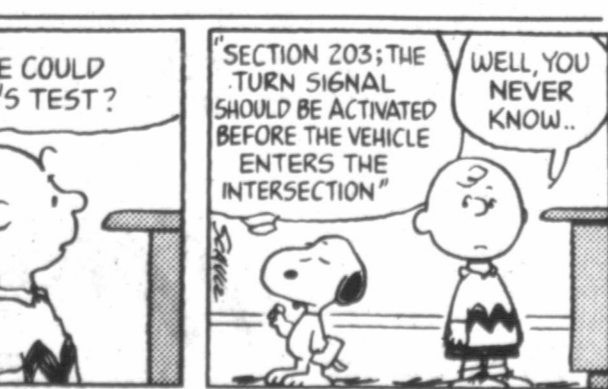
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# AGRICULTURE

## The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

### WHEAT (BULL)

**Outlook:** The past year can be termed "normal" when talking about price volatility; there was something for everyone. The bulls had their classic "weather scare" in April, which ran the Chicago futures into the mid-four dollar range. Kansas City and Minneapolis ran even higher. As can happen with bullish news, this marked the high for the year. Crop damage never turned out to be as bad as advertised. As we end the year, prices remain uncharacteristically low, with price levels generally seen only in July during the thick of harvest. What now? World wheat stocks have grown this past year, since China, Russia, Europe, Australia and Argentina all produced respectable crops. The odds for excellent crops everywhere in the world once again is probably small. Already there reports of dryness in China. While the 1998 US winter wheat crop is off to an excellent start, it is far from "in the bin," yet prices do not need rally much if the crop continues to develop normally. On the other hand, prices are now low enough to enliven export interest, and this is picking up despite currency devaluations in Asia. My longer term view is bullish, basically because most of the negative news appears to be discounted in price at this time. The unexpected news will feed the bull!

### Strategy:

**Hedgers:** This year, our hedge clients avoided financial suffering by selling their cash wheat at harvest, and owning wheat on paper. Call options set a pre-defined downside floor for price risk, while allowing a producer to maintain ownership. This is a strategy we will continue to use in the future, because it makes sense.

**Traders:** With Chicago futures now under \$3.45, and Minneapolis below \$3.80, the market appears to be in a value area. I would look to be a buyer. Be prepared to risk 25 cents on the trade.

### CORN (BULL/BEAR)

**Outlook:** Corn prices ranged from about \$2.40 to \$3.20 this past year, a far cry from five dollar corn first (and last) seen in 1996. Unlike '96, the US experienced a huge crop, and China, an importer of corn that year, was a major exporter in Asia this year. As we approach the New Year, the former bulls seem worried about Asia. Steep currency devaluations make our farm commodities more expensive. Yet, El Niño looms ahead of us, and already

South Africa, a major corn producer, is experiencing dry conditions. I believe the USDA overestimated the 1997-98 corn crop and we could see a downward revision in the January (final) report. Also, look for an announcement from China, coming soon, restricting corn exports. I see no more than 10 to 15 cents additional downside from the current \$2.70 futures. Upside remains above \$3, sharply above, if (and only if) weather problems affect a major growing region.

### Strategy:

**Hedgers:** Our corn hedging advice worked well, and was much the same as wheat. When you sell your crop, you can use the cash received now to pay down debt or earn interest income. Your upside potential remains open for the longer term. Unlike storage, you risk is limited.

**Traders:** Traders are long March futures form under 272. Risk 15 cents for an initial profit objective of \$3 by February.

### SOYBEANS (BULL)

**Outlook:** El Niño could make the 1998 soybean market one for the record books. This year El Niño raises the odds for adverse weather, both south of the equator as well as in the USA this summer. The Pacific posted a new record reading, up 8.8 degrees Fahrenheit, late in 1997. Is this just a bunch of hype? Time will tell, however, consider this: in the last El Niño year, world crops were adversely affected and prices soared. We have never seen real crop adversity in a year with supplies as tight as they are now. Demand, meanwhile, keeps chugging along for soybean products and is at a record pace. The US really has not experienced drought conditions for 10 years now. Nobody knows exactly what the weather will bring, but I do think the odds have increased, and the stakes raised for the year to come.

### Strategy:

**Hedgers:** I still feel it makes sense to maintain ownership of beans in one form or another to take advantage of any upcoming

weather scare rallies. The best way to do this is not by owning cash bean, but by owning March call options. This way you can benefit if prices go up, but have a predetermined risk if prices don't.

**Traders:** We remain long the futures at 632. The stop remains 680 which locks in a nice profit (worst case). Continue to leave the upside profit objective open at this time.

### CATTLE (BULL/BEAR)

**Outlook:** One good bet for 1998; it most likely will be an easier go for the cattle feeder than 1997. As the year draws to a close, cattle feeders have been facing losses as much as \$50 per head, and in some cases up to \$100. The culprit was not feed costs, which have been at normal levels, rather high priced feeder cattle. The tight availability of feeders did not result in high priced fat cattle, and feedlot inventories appear large at year end. This coming year should mark the first in a series of decreases in fed cattle numbers. Prices look to bottom soon and should rally into the spring. Once prices inch back into the seventies, which they should by spring at the latest, they look as if they could stay there for quite awhile.

### Strategy:

**Feeders:** Current futures price appear oversold, and I have trouble recommending hedging at a loss. If you can survive this year, the outlook for next and beyond to the year 2000, looks brighter.

**Cow/calf operators:** At some point, cow/calf operators will look to rebuild inventories. This will tighten an already tight feeder market via the holding back of heifers. The outlook for feeder prices is brighter than the current board price might suggest.

**Traders:** If you took our recommendation to buy April futures at 7130, you were stopped out at 6930. This is only the third time in the past 16 years the Aprils did not follow the normal seasonal tendency to rally into February. Look to repurchase under 6830 and be prepared to risk a close under 6665.

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## Hunters of deer and quail finding high-quality game

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — This year's weather conditions have produced excellent quail and deer hunting without last year's fear of low-quality game, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Don Steinbach of College Station, Extension program leader for wildlife and fisheries sciences, said the quality of quail and deer has broken the declining trend over recent years.

"It has been several years since we had a good quail crop," Steinbach said. Also, this year, H.P. Appling from El Campo killed the biggest deer entered in the Muy Grande Contest in La Salle County.

According to Steinbach, hunters can thank favorable weather.

"We have had good quality deer and quail primarily due to good rains," he said.

Extension wildlife specialist Dr. Dale Rollins of San Angelo said quail hunting has been the best since 1991.

"Covey numbers are up, as is covey size," Rollins said.

He said populations of scaled or blue quail, in particular, have rebounded nicely from recent years.

Rollins commented that quail hunting reports have shown that quail hunting has increased everywhere, but some areas have shown significantly stronger numbers than other areas.

"Quail hunting has been the strongest in areas west of a line from Wichita Falls to Del Rio," he said.

He said that deer size has increased 10 percent across the board.

Steinbach said good quality

game has sparked a renewed interest in hunting.

"License sales are up and public hunting areas are being used more," he said. "The youth hunting program of the Texas Wildlife Association has many young people out getting their first hunting experience."

Despite promising overall conditions, Steinbach said that high forage quality in some areas has affected hunting.

"The acorn crop in East and Central Texas has caused deer not to feed on bait (corn), and has made hunting a little harder from stands," he said.

Rollins said dry conditions since late summer have delayed winter weed and some small grain growth.

Steinbach said that the size of this year's deer cannot be fully determined until the Texas Big Game Awards Program entries have been tabulated.

District Extension director Tony Douglas for the East Texas region said livestock are doing well despite grazing conditions.

"Winter pastures are improving and they are offering limited grazing," Douglas said.

"However, livestock are fair to good with active calving and

steady market prices."

Scott Durham, district Extension director for the West Central region, said most wheat crops are in fair condition considering recent weather.

"Most wheat has emerged, but crops in general need rain," Durham said. "One or two fields have been sown early and could be grazed in two weeks."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

**PANHANDLE:** soil moisture short to adequate. Ranges fair to good. Cattle good with supplemental feeding under way. Cotton harvest halted by rain. Wheat fair to good with mustard weed problem, persistent in some fields.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges benefitting from rains. Livestock in condition good. Cotton harvest nearing completion. Wheat planting nearing completion; crops benefitting from recent moisture.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges fair. Cattle good; supplemental feeding under way. Cotton harvest nearing completion.

## Sharp: Farmers, ranchers recovering from 1996 drought

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — While most of Texas suffered through devastating droughts in 1995 and 1996, this year has been a time of recovery for many Texas farmers and ranchers.

And although prices for many agri-products remain low, farmers and ranchers can look forward to a better 1998, Comptroller John Sharp said this week.

"This year, Texas producers knocked off the dust from the '96 drought," the comptroller said. "Most were blessed with much-needed rain, and prices began to return to profitable levels."

According to state officials, the drought cost ranchers and farmers some \$2 billion. More than half of the state's 254 counties were declared disaster areas because of the drought and the state's economy lost about \$5 billion.

Sharp said prices soybeans and

beef cattle rose from 1996 to 1997, but prices for corn, cotton, sorghum, rice and wheat fell.

Farmers, from 1996 to 1997, increased their production of wheat and soybeans but cut down on acreage used for cotton, sorghum, corn and rice.

Farm Bureau publications director Mike Barnett warned that he was still concerned about economic conditions for Texas farmers and ranchers. "They are still facing some issues," Barnett said. "Prices may be a little higher, but they aren't high enough."

He added that while beef cattle prices have gone up, many Texas ranchers sold off their herds last year when the cost of shrinking feed supplies was high.

Sharp said while rain levels were up in 1997 — and appear good for 1998 — farmers will have to contend next year with cuts in federal subsidy and conservation programs.

The National Weather Service on Wednesday said rain levels

over most of the state are up this year. For example, as of Tuesday, the Brownsville area in South Texas had received 35.99 inches of rain, nearly 10 inches more than normal.

Rainfall levels as of Tuesday, and the normal rainfall leaves for other areas of the state include:

— Abilene: 26.83, normal 24.16  
— Amarillo: 24.85, normal 19.46

— Bryan-College Station: 42.01, normal 38.38  
— Dallas-Fort Worth: 44.83, normal 33.30

— El Paso: 9.49, normal 8.70  
— Houston: 60.19, normal 45.19  
— Lubbock: 22.40 inches, normal 18.57

— Midland: 17.07, normal 14.86  
— San Antonio: 33.39, normal 30.64

Barnett said while rain appears plentiful now, it is too early to know if enough — but not too much — will fall next year.

"Right now, we're optimistic," he said.

## Hardy African cattle promise better beef for Mexican tables

By BILL CORMIER  
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Casey Anderson wants to give Mexican consumers more and better beef — by providing ranchers here with a breed of cattle that has survived thousands of years in harsh, hot African terrain.

Called Tuli, the African breed is the product of 5,000 years of adaptation and survival in rugged Zimbabwe. High-tech genetics now means the cattle that were barred by disease from leaving that continent are on their way.

Anderson, a livestock manager and consultant, also said the cattle provide a tender, tastier cut of meat than many of the herds currently in Mexico. Recently he has been crisscrossing Mexico whetting ranchers' appetite for the new breed.

"The Tuli will do very very well in the hot, dry climate, which is the majority of Mexico. Southern Zimbabwe is very much like the highlands of Mexico," said Anderson, president of AgManagement Inc. of Kansas City, Mo.

Anderson is starting with embryos and semen of the Tuli cows that have been genetically cleansed of diseases to take them out of Africa.

Mexico, along with China and Russia, are three nations with the most potential to sharply improve herds and beef quality, he said.

Beef herds in Mexico have been depleted by drought and economic crisis this decade that forced many Mexican farmers to sell off cattle. But a recovery is in swing.

"If Mexico in the next few years increases its beef herd — which it will — but does it with quality breeds like Tuli, then Mexico will not be a beef importer but also has the potential of being a beef exporter," he said.

"The real winners are Mexico's beef consumers. The average consumer will be able to buy a much better, much tastier and tender portion of meat for the same money they are buying other meats now."

He said Mexicans long accustomed to a Brahman type of cattle originally from India will be pleased by Tuli's tastier, tender meat.

"Tuli cattle have the attributes of the tropical and semi-tropical Brahman cattle in that they are disease, parasite and heat-resistant," he said. "But the Tuli breed doesn't have the shortcomings of the Brahman."

Unlike Brahman, he said, the Tuli are easily han-

dled and breed quickly.

But will Mexican cattle ranchers bite? Everardo Gonzalez Padilla, professor of veterinarian medicine at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, said Tuli introduced to semi-tropical areas could do better than European breeds.

"British breeds such as Angus are more susceptible to several tropical diseases and do not adapt as well to heat stress and humidity," he said. "I would say that most tropical areas can benefit from the Tuli."

He said beef consumption in Mexico — now about 30 pounds a year per person — is growing.

Anderson said Hidalgo state's government will begin a Tuli program in January with the purchase of enough semen to produce more than 700 calves. Calls have come in from ranches all over Mexico, he said.

Embryos were first brought out of Zimbabwe via Australia. Genetically washed of any viruses or diseases, the embryos were implanted in female animals and the calves, once born, were quarantined until it was determined they were free of the plagues afflicting African herds.

From Australia, the Tuli embryos were brought to Canada and then into the United States.

Startup can be expensive.

Embryos flown in from Australia in frozen tanks — or from the United States — can cost up to \$1,500. Anderson said he is looking for government or outside investors who can put down a minimum startup of at least \$150,000 to produce a purebred Tuli herd.

In Texas, the animals seem to be doing well, according to Ray Record, president of the North American Tuli Association.

"They seem to withstand the heat and humidity we have in Texas really well," he said. "The tougher the conditions they better they do. That's because they were bred for centuries to survive in alternating droughts and floods in Africa."

Larry North, a Lubbock, Texas, rancher working with Tuli said he has seen them thrive in the harsh Australian outback where "the ants are as big as your fingers and the cows have to walk for miles just for a blade of grass."

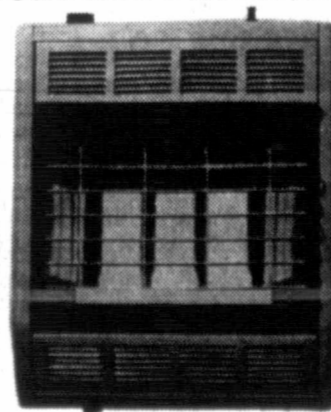
"In the harshest climate, the Tuli always outdo anything else," he said. "This is the first breed in 30 years that I've seen that I believe will have an impact on the beef industry."

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— Lubbock rancher Larry North

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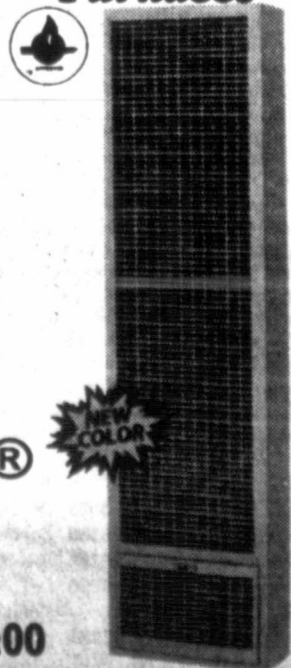
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# Putting the Peace Corps principle into American classrooms

By ROBERT GREENE  
AP Education Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Nine years ago, a senior at Princeton got the idea that the best people to teach in challenging schools might be non-teachers: idealistic college graduates willing to accept low pay in places where turnover is high and qualified teachers are scarce.

Now her program puts 500 temporary teachers in schoolrooms for two years before many go on to become lawyers or doctors or join other professions. But not without controversy. A critic says schools don't need temporary faculties of young dilettantes looking for a "feel-good" experience.

Arden Ewin has been teaching just four months in the program, but already she has mastered the look, just short of a scowl, that makes a distracted sixth-grader

settle down and do his math work.

"I didn't ever think I had a teacher look, but now I find all my friends saying, 'Stop giving me the teacher look,'" she said.

Booker T. Washington Middle School, where she teaches, is housed in a landmark, but run-down, building. One of her classroom doors is broken and the clock stays at 9:05 a.m. Kids with runny noses get a tissue from a classroom roll of toilet paper.

In college, Ms. Ewin, a 23-year-old native of San Diego, wrote a senior thesis on chaos theory, which studies the disorder of formless matter and infinite space. Now she deals with chaos in another dimension: She holds it to a manageable simmer in a classroom of two-dozen inner city youngsters.

The same missionary drive that sent her to Hong Kong for a year of teaching English instead of to

graduate school has brought her to the classroom of poor black children.

"Teach for America," founded in 1989 by Wendy Kopp when she was at Princeton, recruits enthusiastic college graduates to teach in rural and urban schools where turnover is high and positions would otherwise go unfilled because of low pay and poor working conditions.

The recruits, selected from about 2,000 applicants a year, make a two-year commitment to teach, and get a few weeks of intensive training before being thrust into the classroom. Though many go on to law school, medical college or other graduate work, others switch course and get teaching degrees.

"We have been equally driven by our desire to provide students with excellent teachers and to create this ever-expanding force

of people who really understand the realities of urban and rural public schools and are committed to changing them," said founder Kopp, 30.

Since 1990, "Teach for America" has placed about 4,000 people at schools in 13 regions, from Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area to Louisiana and the Mississippi Delta to Baltimore and New York in the east. Besides contributions from corporations, foundations and individuals, it gets about \$1.5 million from the federal government each year. Teachers are paid local salaries by local school districts.

But the program has generated fierce criticism. Advocates of conventional teacher training and rigorous credentialing say the members lack what it takes to work in difficult teaching situations.

# Eli Wallach best remembered for role in Batman

NEW YORK (AP) — Eli Wallach's acting career has included dozens of films and plays, but there's one role people can't seem to forget.

"I played Mr. Freeze on one episode of 'Batman' on television, and they paid me \$350," Wallach said in Friday's New York Times. "But you know, I still get more mail for that one episode of 'Batman' than just about anything else."

Wallach, 82, stars in the off-Broadway play "Visiting Mr. Green," about an elderly man's relationship with a young executive forced to look after him. Wallach said he has no plans to leave the stage.

"What else am I going to do?" he said. "I love to act."

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**ACROSS**

1 Assert  
5 Stratford's river  
9 Pole  
12 Laughter sounds  
13 Comedian  
14 Jay - Follow  
15 Bullfight cry  
16 Charity gift  
18 Egress  
17 Nothing  
18 Teacher, at times  
20 Robinson  
22 Noun suffix  
23 Poetic time  
24 Projectile  
28 Of grand-parents  
32 Picnic pest  
33 Stain  
34 Wood sorrel  
35 Female deer  
36 Young man  
39 Astronaut's ferry  
40 Grafted, in heraldry  
42 Wood lice  
44 Dachshund or pug

**DOWN**

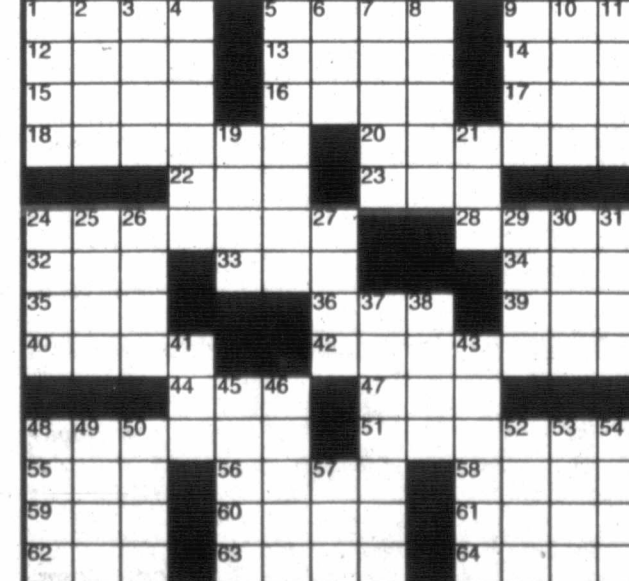
1 At the drop of  
2 Space between hills  
3 Units of resistance  
4 Squanders  
5 Watchfully  
6 Annoy  
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8 - Dame  
9 Howard and

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CATCALL NOPE  
ARIA ISABELLA  
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TAKE STET NAY

Reagan (sl.)  
10 Medley  
11 Editor's direction  
19 Novelist  
21 Actress  
24 Produced  
25 - the ground floor  
26 Order reversing  
11-Down  
27 Skinny fishes  
29 Meadow mouse  
30 Maple genus

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37 Resident of  
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38 Clammy  
41 Anglo-Saxon letter  
43 German  
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## Not as rough as the original

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. (AP) — The surprise assault on New Jersey was running smoothly Christmas Day, even with a hobbled George Washington.

As 12,000 spectators cheered, Robert Gerenser donned a wig and uniform to transform himself into the Revolutionary War general, leading some 250 people depicting the famous crossing of the Delaware River on Dec. 25, 1776.

In 1776, the real Washington began the trip at 6 p.m., leading some 2,400 soldiers, 200 horses and 18 cannons the 30 miles from Bucks County, Pa., into Titusville, N.J.

The only surprise this year came during a rehearsal about an hour before the event. Gerenser sprained his knee falling off his mount. He was forced to limp through the rest of the ceremony.

Considering the hardships Washington's men endured that winter, Gerenser said, "I'm not going to let a little personal pain interfere with fulfilling my duty."

## When is that?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Can't a Hoosier trust a calendar?

Some 36,000 state employees in Indiana had Friday off in observance of George Washington's birthday. Next year, they'll celebrate the same holiday with Christmas Eve off.

Huh? Wasn't Washington born in February?

State law allows the holiday shuffling. Indiana has 12 state holidays, and they can be observed on any other day of the year. For example, residents annually celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on the day after Thanksgiving, even though the 16th president's birthday falls in February.

## They dreamt of a White Christmas

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — The Karczewski kids didn't just dream of a white Christmas — they made it happen.

Mike Kaul filled a pickup truck full of snow at Crystal Mountain on Christmas Eve, then rushed 65 miles home to unload it.

When Nathan, 18, brother Jake, 16, and sisters Heather, 14, and Jessica, 12, awoke Christmas morning, they found a yard full of inches-deep snow — and four sleds.

"We all wanted a white Christmas. We've got everything else we need," Nathan said.

Before anyone turned to the sleds, the kids had a snowball fight.

"Then my sister (Heather) made a big ol' hill in the front yard and was sliding down it," Nathan said.

## A photo is worth a thousand words, but not cash

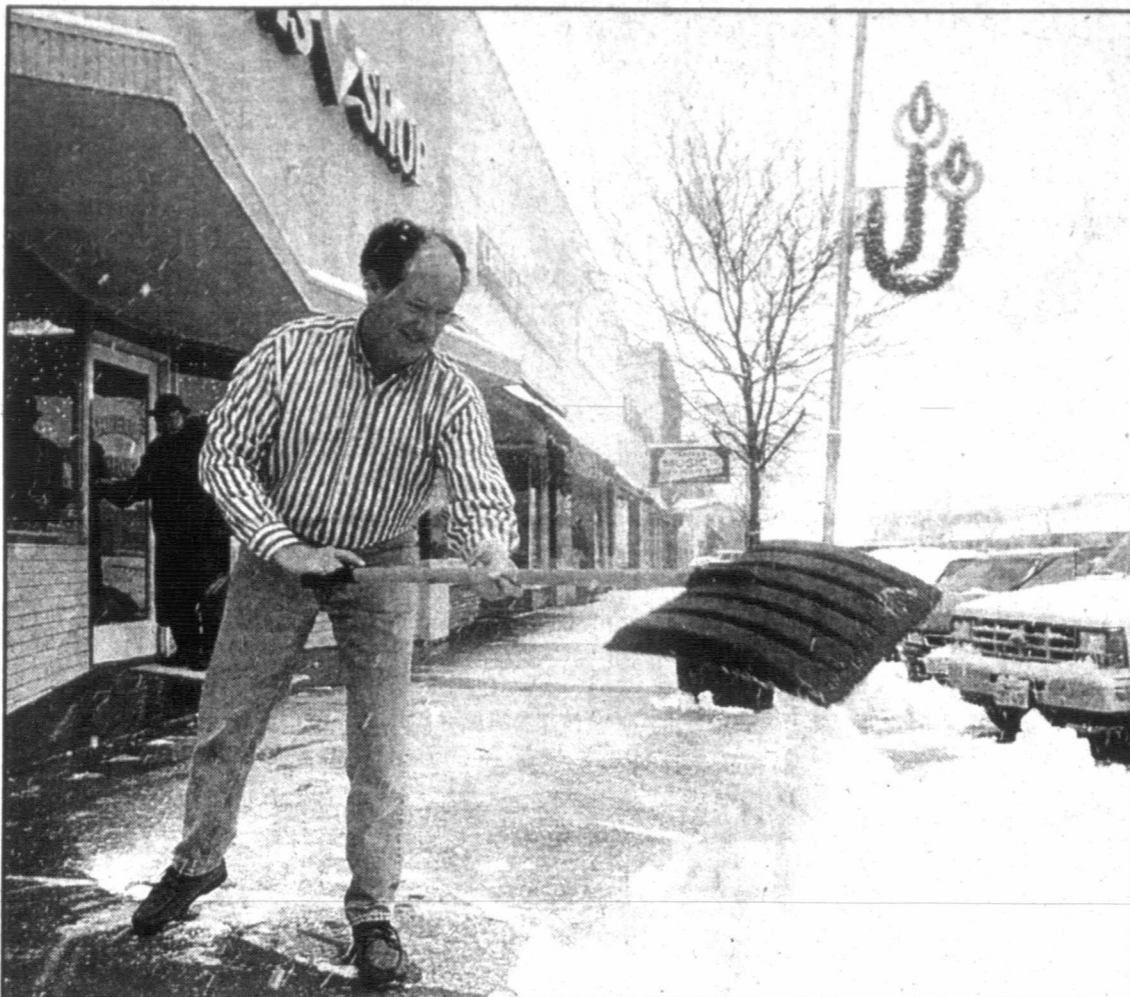
LONDON (AP) — A speeding motorist caught by a roadside camera tried to play a little joke when police sent a penalty notice.

The notice included a photograph of the car, the date and the speed, and demanded payment of a \$65 fine. The motorist sent a photograph of a check, Superintendent Deryck Farmer said in a holiday message to a newspaper in Crewe, in north-west England.

Police sent back a photograph of a pair of handcuffs.

The motorist, who was not identified, got the message: He mailed a check.

## What a difference a few days make



It was Christmas Eve when downtown merchant Ken Rheams fought to keep the sidewalks of Cuyler clean for last minute shoppers. By the day following Christmas, the sun was shining and the eight inches of snow that Pampa received for the week was melting away. What started out as an ice storm last weekend, turned to snow with heavy flakes by Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve snowfall lasted until early Christmas morning. By Friday, clear skies brought colder temperatures until the winter sun began working its magic and making the snow of Christmas disappear. National Weather Service officials said 1997 saw the heaviest holiday snow in 80 years.

## Corporations are now the big sponsors of the arts

By CARL HARTMAN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It used to be kings and potentates who were big patrons of the arts, but in 20th century America private companies lead in supporting music and painting. It's good business.

Judith A. Jedlicka, president of the Business Committee for the Arts Inc., estimated that gifts and other corporate arrangements will amount to more than \$1 billion by year's end. Still, most of the total \$9 billion spent annually to support the arts in the United States comes from individual contributions.

The U.S. government, unlike in many other countries, is less generous.

Congress gave The National Endowment for the Arts \$98 million to spend in the year ending Sept. 30. Art supporters from both the Democratic and Republican parties blocked yet another attempt by the GOP House leadership to kill the NEA, which hands out federal monies to arts groups.

Governments of 56 states and territories together spend about \$300 million a year to support local arts projects, while nearly 4,000 local governments have put up as much as \$700 million.

Spending by companies reduces earnings, but it saves taxes, helps the corporate image and improves staff morale. Individuals making donations also enjoy tax deductions.

The market itself can't be relied on to favor genius. Shakespeare ended up a prosperous investor

in his native Stratford, England, though command performances for royalty and noble patrons also helped. But Mozart, just as popular in his time, died poor at 36, cadging loans from his friends.

"A lot of artists starved in Italy even when the Medicis supported the arts," said Joseph J. Krakora of the National Gallery of Art. "They just subsidized a few artists to work for them personally."

"What we have now is partnership of government and business," he added.

The Medicis ruled Florence for 300 years, supporting Michaelangelo, Raphael and other great artists.

In America, GTE, the big telecommunications company in Stamford, Conn., spends \$2 million a year on the arts and publishes an illustrated report to show what it does. GTE gave the Black Dance Theater in Dallas the biggest gift it ever got so its staff can teach children in places like Grapevine, Texas.

Maureen Gorman, vice president of the GTE Foundation, said it also finances seminars at New York's Carnegie Hall, where performers and composers get together to develop their work.

Businesses help in two main ways, both tax-deductible.

Arts organizations prefer to get direct contributions, so their staff has the greatest freedom to decide on spending, but then businesses don't receive direct credit for such projects.

Sponsorships and other arrangements may be more important.

## Stores slash prices to spur post-Christmas sales

By RACHEL BECK  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Shoppers found big after-Christmas bargains Friday as the nation's stores tried to clear shelves and make the best of a disappointing holiday season.

Some shoppers had even waited until Christmas was over to begin their holiday shopping, while others used their Christmas gift certificates for maximum advantage.

"Money's tight this year," said Ann Alicea, who came to Filene's in Boston for her daughter's holiday gifts. "I really didn't do much shopping before Christmas."

A robust U.S. economy and high consumer confidence failed to translate into strong holiday sales. Instead, many people stuck to a budget or spent on nontraditional gifts such as vacations and trips to spas.

That's left store shelves brimming with holiday merchandise, which merchants now hope to clear out.

At the Target in Lincoln, Neb., employee Mark Evetovich said: "You can't see the tile anymore. People are packed in right now." Shoppers at the Foley's department store in North Dallas raced up the down escalators to get dibs on the discounted items.

"I hate malls. I hate shopping," said Carl Siegrist, who was in The Grand Avenue mall in Milwaukee. "But some things I feel like I need to have, and if I can get them for 50 percent off the day after Christmas, I'll do it. It's a pure economic decision."

Vandella Shaw went to Macy's

in New York for a Jones New York coat that dropped from over \$500 to \$250. Rowena Mills was at the Town Center Mall in Charleston, W.Va., looking for some discounted Hallmark Christmas cards.

"It's the only way I can afford them," she said.

Big savings led many people to use the gift certificates they received for the holidays. Mall operator Simon DeBartolo saw a 26 percent rise in gift certificates sold at its 118 shopping centers this Christmas compared with a year ago.

With a gift certificate in hand, Nicole Kearn arrived at Filene's in Boston early. "I'm here to do a little bit of returning and to check out the sales," she said.

Also filling stores were people returning gifts.

Adrian Odoms waited for a Milwaukee Radio Shack to open to return his mother's present. "I bought my mom a cell phone and my dad bought one too, so I'm going to pick her up something different," Odoms said.

Shoppers, however, should be aware of new return policies and fees at some stores.

Circuit City and Best Buy, two large electronics chains, charge 15 percent of the price on some items if the box has been opened. Many department stores won't accept returns on dresses with certain tags cut off.

While crowds packed stores, retailers still worried about their profit margins, which shrink with each price cut or return.

"It's a real big day in sales if we can keep it on sales and not on refunds," Ken Foreman, manager of a Wal-Mart in Pascagoula, Miss.

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