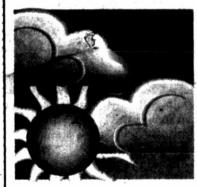


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High today upper 30s. High tomorrow 47. See weather details on Page 2.

PAMPA — Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wed. Jan. 14 at Lovet Memorial Library. The group will discuss The Up Island and other books by Anne Rivers Siddons. Visitors are wel-

**PAMPA** — The annual Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show begins Friday, Jan. 9 at the rodeo grounds in Pampa with the weigh in. Deadline for weigh-in is 6 p.m. that day. Judges of lamb divisions will begin Saturday, Jan. 10. Steers will be judged starting at 1 p.m. and barrow judging will begin Sunday, January 11 and 1 p.m.

DALLAS (AP) — An 18year-old woman shot herself to death after killing her boyfriend at the tanning salon where he worked, police said.

Sarah Lowe of Plano reportedly confronted her 26-year-old boyfriend in the parking lot of a far North Dallas shopping center Tuesday night.

Police identified him as Tucker John Soggs of Richardson.

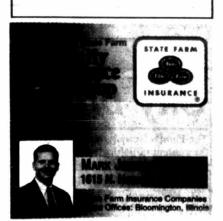
Police say a handgun was found at the scene.

Dallas homicide Sgt. Larry Lewis said the couple lived together and that police had been called to their home Monday night for a disturbance. The couple lived near the shopping center, police said.

Ms. Lowe called the tanning salon several times earlier in the day to talk to her boyfriend, employees

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News today.

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# Stores deal with new tobacco law

By JEFF WEST Staff Writer

Smoking, especially for young people is getting tougher and tougher and starting this year the State of Texas has made it even tougher on teens and some retail stores.

"Prohibits retailers or anyone else

Wal-Mart's

from selling cigarettes or tobacco that manner allows customers direct access to tobacco products," according to a pamphlet sent law. The theft of cigaout by the Texas rettes should be Comptrollers office.

Retailers also ed. have to display a sign that warns

employees and customers about move before Thanksgiving Jeff Stevens, manager at Frank's Foods in Pampa, cashiers have under the age of 27, when they time." ask for cigarettes, even if they are know to the cashier. Not doing so is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fines up

The two ways being used in Pampa to separate tobacco products and customers is to put the products under lock and key or to put them behind a counter so customers can't reach them. Stevens says Frank's originally thought they would use locks Starting this month the law but decided that a separate

would counter serve his store bet-Ron

Stevens says his products in a Lucero and Cathie store will have to eventually hire Fivek, a cashier at the one more person Pampa Homeland, just to have somethe cigarettes or agree about one one behind the counter. They are advantage of the new still in the process of finishing the counter so no one can reach around. reduced or eliminat-

Wal-Mart has opted to use a counter too, but they made the

the tobacco laws. According to according to Ron Lucero the store manager. "We slid the registers over and keep the register to ask for I.D. from anyone by the cigarettes open all the

> Lucero and Cathie Fivek, a cashier at the Pampa Homeland, agree about one advantage of

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(Pampa News Photo by Jeff West)

Store Manager Jeff Stevens hands cashier Liesa Teakell a carton of cigarettes for a customer. Only store personnel can have access to the cigarettes until the are paid for due to a new state law.

## Escapee captured quickly after walk-off from work detail

may never run out of material as long as there are sheriff said. ople like Robert Meeks around.

Meeks was a Gray County prisoner in jail for violation of probation for a theft conviction, according to Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland. He was a trusty on a work detail at the Armory when he walked away about 3 p.m. Tuesday. Wearing jail overalls he made his way to 416 Lefors St. where he got into the house and then took a jacket that was in a vehicle there. How he

The program America's Dumbest Criminals gained access is still under investigation, the

The Gray County Sheriffs Department, city police and a constable were all in pursuit when city officer Tony Wooley arrested him about 3:30 p.m., according to Copeland.

Meeks' 30 minutes of freedom will result in felony escape charges which, Copeland said, is a pretty serious no-no and will probably send him on a trip to a state prison and definitely lose him his status as a trusty.

## Lake McClellan gets set in '98 tor renovations

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Staff Writer** 

Bids can be submitted for upcoming construction at the recreation area of Lake McClellan beginning the end of this week. Proposals will continue to be taken for 45 days and the award is scheduled to be made by the first of March.

In addition to the recreation area construction, Lake McClellan, which is less than an hour south of Pampa, is scheduled for a number of renovations in 1998.

Federal Highway funds will be donated for the reconstruction and paving of recreation area roads at the lake. Plus, all major roads will be paved, according to Reggie Blackwell of the U.S. Forest

Blackwell told county commissioners last month the highway funds could amount to as much as \$600,000 for road reconstruction. Gray County must provide a letter of support to receive funding. Continued lake bed dredging could also be scheduled to begin

again this summer, Blackwell added. In spite of the threat of high water levels which could prevent the project, Blackwell said, the Forest Service would welcome the

dredging project as a "Challenge Cost Share" with the county. A challenge cost share agreement allows the Forest Service to contribute funding for lake improvements as long as the county con-

tributes in-kind services toward the improvements. "A total \$250,000 is available and if done as a challenge cost share, the county would be required to contribute \$84,000 of in-kind service," Blackwell said.

This could be equipment used, donated labor, donated materials, etc., he said. The Forest Service could reimburse for the actual costs of dredge operations and the labor county employees involved in the project.

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## Gag order keeps participants mum about Oprah beef

By MARK BABINECK **Associated Press Writer** 

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has yet to announce whether she'll move a defamation suit against Oprah Winfrey to Dallas or remove a gag order that has prevented attorneys from dis-

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson presided Tuesday over a pretrial hearing in her chambers. Because of the gag order, attorneys had no comment when they left the courthouse about 5 p.m.

The trial, if it begins as scheduled on Jan. 20 with jury selection, promises to be the most spectacular proceedings since the state's most notorious trial of all time.

Fort Worth oilman Cullen Davis was acquitted in 1979 of being the "man in black" who killed his estranged wife's daughter and live-in boyfriend at the Davis mansion.

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## Ice-storm forces more limb pickups City crews returned today to the job of col-

lecting more downed limbs that have fallen as a result of the Dec. 21 ice storm.

Street superintendent Kim Lincycomb said workers have covered the city twice to collect limbs but more remain to be picked up.

Residents are asked not to put limbs in the alley or in the street.

Today, work began in Ward I (from Willow Road to Georgia and from Lea to MaryEllen) and will progress into Ward II (from 30th to Georgia and from Hamilton to Seminole), then into Ward III (Harvester to McCullough and Cuyler to Tignor) followed by Ward IV (Kentucky to McCullough and Rider to Cuyler.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Smoke wafts across the scene of a structure fire at 914 Christine Street that had Pampa firefighters working hard at about 10:15 this morning. The fire was caused by a floor furnace and the fire department reported heavy fire damage in the hallway and smoke damage to the rest of the home.

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## **Daily Record**

## Services tomorrow

LAMB, Uial T. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

MOULD, the Rev. Douglas - Memorial services, 11 a.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Hutchinson, Kan.

SHAW, D.J. — Graveside services, 2 p.m. MST, Gardens Memory Cemetery, Albuquerque, N.M.

### Calendar of events

#### **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**

Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665. **TOASTMASTERS** 

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Coronado Inn. WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

**PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD** 

The Piecemakers will hold their regular meeting , 6:30 p.m. at Kriss Kross Wuilting, 119 Western St. For more information, call 669-0568

#### Stocks

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### **Correction**

Candidates for Gray County Clerk are Susan Winborne (R), SusanTripplehorn (R) and Patsy (Pat) Lee (D). Some information regarding this race was incorrect in a Monday article.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending

Wednesday, January 7 Jimmie Charles, 45, 1927 Evergreen, was arrested for two warrants and failure to identify.

### **Sheriff's Office**

The Gray County Sheriffs Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, January 6 Barbara Gail Hughes, 35, 315 S. Finley, was arrested on four warrants.

Wednesday, January 7 Emmitt Dewayne Beasley, 32, P.O. Box 1159, was arrested for assault.

### **Accidents**

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

Tuesday, January 6 No charges were filed in an incident when a Ford pickup driven by Amy M. Houseman, 24, 1113 Juniper, backed out of a driveway and struck a parked car belonging to Michael L Griffith, 1108 Juniper. No injuries were reported.

#### **Ambulance**

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

Tuesday, January 6 7:20 a.m.— A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of N. Hobart. No one was transported 7:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the

1200 block of N. Wells. No one was transported. 9:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of S. Nelson. No one was transported. 9:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthonys in Amarillo and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th. No one was transported. 12:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and trans-

ported one to Columbia Medical Center. 8:47 p.m — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee. No one was transported. 9:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Henry. No one was transported.

Wednesday, January 7 4:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Sumner and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

## Jury deadlock spares Nichols a death sentence

**Associated Press Writer** 

DENVER (AP) — Terry Nichols escaped a death sentence today when his jury deadlocked in the penalty phase of the Oklahoma City bombing trial and was dismissed by the judge.

Under federal law, a death sentence can only be imposed by a jury. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch gave attorneys until Feb. 9 to file motions regarding the sentencing, but set no date for it.

Defense attorney Michael Tigar said the judge gave the public an object lesson in the justice system

and "we're pleased." Nichols' former Army buddy, Timothy McVeigh. was given a death sentence by a jury after he was convicted in June of murder, conspiracy and use of a

Nichols was convicted on Dec. 23 of conspiracy and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter for the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people. But he was acquitted of first-degree murder and use of a truck bomb in the deadliest terrorist act ever on

He could still wind up on death row because Oklahoma prosecutors have promised to press for a Matsch discussed with attorneys for both sides, but death sentence when they bring him to trial on state

The federal jury had three options: issue a death sentence, send Nichols to prison for life without parole, or send the case back to the judge.

Late Tuesday, at the end of the second day of deliberations, it was clear to court observers that the jurors had grown weary. At least two wiped away tears as they listened to the judge before being sent

Matsch told the jurors today that they had done

"I do not want you to feel that you have in any way failed to meet your responsibility," Matsch said. A bank clerk on the jury cried and others looked choice in letting the judge handle it.

Nichols sat expressionless, but smiled and hugged his co-counsel, Jane Tigar, after the jury left the room. Another attorney patted him on the back.

"I guess that's what we hoped and prayed for," said Nichols' sister, Suzanne McDonnell.

Match had promised earlier that he would issue a penalty of less than life in prison if jurors put the decision in his hands. But analysts said they expected Nichols to get so many years in prison he would

Lead prosecutor Larry Mackey said he understood 'how difficult it must have been" for the jurors, although "the victims are disappointed.

"I'm extremely disappointed in my fellow man," said Marsha Kight, who lost her daughter, Frankie Merrill, in the bombing.

"I lost my daughter and 167 others lost their family members too," she said breaking into sobs.

"I just don't understand." On Monday, jurors asked Matsch to clarify his

instructions on the conspiracy charge. Some court observers said jurors appeared confused when the judge referred them to their original findings in the guilt phase. The jury posed two questions Tuesday, which

refused to reveal publicly. The judge acknowledged the strain the jurors were feeling. "Everybody who has worked on this case knows

the stress and strains that are with you," Matsch said. "We understand the difficult task that has been given you, and it is not expected there be some kind

Jim Denny, whose children Brandon and Rebecca were injured in the bombing, sympathized with the

"I mean I really think that the 12 jurors became victims in this. They saw things that we saw that day and probably more than we saw.

"I really feel for them. I think they made the right

## Weekend tickets for Diana's grave sold out on second day

**LONDON** (AP) — Callers snapped up all the weekend tickets to view Princess Diana's grave by between July 1, Diana's birthday, and Aug. 30. Tuesday, and one-fourth of all tickets available have been sold in the first two days of telephone

A spokeswoman for Althorp Park, the home of the Spencer family, said a total of 40,000 tickets this summer would be donated to the Diana, were purchased by Tuesday afternoon. All tickets Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. He has said the for the first and last day of the estate's two-month estate also will be opened in coming summers. summer tour season have been sold.

\$15.60 tickets.

Only 2,500 visitors will be allowed in each day In previous years, parts of the estate have been open to the public for two months during the sum-

mer at a price of \$10.65. Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, said profits from

Ticket holders will be able to tour the estate, stroll Callers were limited to buying a total of six of the through a museum devoted to Diana's life and view from afar the princess's grave on a lake island.

## TOBACCO

the new policy. The theft of cigarettes should be reduced or eliminated.

Fivek said, "A lot of kids had been in here and knew they couldn't buy cigarettes so they were

stealing them all the time." She said some of the customers had gotten a little irate about not being able to get their own as

a counter for some time but now the store locks up the snuff, cigars, and other tobacco products.

At Albertsons, their cigarettes have been behind

Charisse Gonzales, who works behind the cigarette counter at Albertsons, said, "A lot of people are upset about the locked cabinets, but they were used to the cigarettes behind the counter."

So with the changes, don't be surprised if you're asked for I.D. because retailers are now subject to surprise checks and stiff fines if they fail.

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they were shopping.

Blackwell also reminded commissioners on the expiration of 1997 challenge cost share agreements. The Forest Service reimbursed Gray County for \$10,947 and the county, in turn, provided \$11,727 of

"All major projects have been completed, but some smaller projects remain to be done, though

new projects could be added," Blackwell said.

About \$15,000 is available to do the rest of the work or new projects and a commitment of \$5,000 for in-kind services along with a new agreement would need to be signed, he said.

These cost share agreements have been done a number of years in conjunction with the Forest Service to allow for Lake McClellan improvements, said County Judge Richard Peet.

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## OPRAH

Amarillo is central to the world's largest concentration of cattle feeders. The issue of whether U.S. cattle feeding techniques is conducive to "mad cow disease" lies at the heart of the lawsuit.

On April 16, 1996, Howard Lyman, a consumer activist on meat issues, made comments on Ms. Winfrey's show that Amarillo cattle feeder Paul Engler considered defamatory.

Among other things, Lyman said mad cow disease in the United States "absolutely" could rival AIDS as an epidemic. After hearing some of Lyman's statements, Ms. Winfrey responded: "It has just stopped me cold from eating another burger. I'm stopped."

Engler and other plaintiffs who later joined the suit claim the show was responsible for a steep dropoff in already slumping cattle prices. Engler said his Cactus Feeders Inc. lost about \$7 million

during the spring '96 slump. The Amarillo Globe-News reported Tuesday that representatives from Winfrey's Harpo Productions have quietly researched renting space at the city's civic center and other venues, presumably to stage her talk show should the case require an extended

Harpo spokesman David Marguiles said he couldn't comment on the report.

On Tuesday, the only outward sign something unusual was going on inside the courtroom was a lone animal rights protestor who braved subfreezing temperatures to hold a placard that read "Go Oprah Go Veg."

Engler's lawsuit is based on a 1995 Texas law that protects agricultural products from slander. Twelve other states have similar laws, but Texas is the only state where Ms. Winfrey faces a challenge for the 'mad cow" show.

The cattlemen claim negative market reaction to the show cost them millions. Soon after the airing, Engler sued Ms. Winfrey, Harpo Productions, distributor King World Productions and Lyman.

"I asked questions that I think that the American people deserve to have answered in light of what is happening in Britain. We gave them (cattlemen) a chance to respond," she said in a statement at the

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has not been reported in the United States. It is a brain-destroying malady that has ravaged cattle in Britain since the late 1980s, where it is believed to have been spread by cattle feed containing ground-up sheep parts.

No definitive links have been found between BSE and a human form of the illness. Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ordered an end to feeding livestock meat and bone meal to other live-

## Fears realized about reclusive mom, daughter

EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y. (AP) - Nicholas Spagnola said. "They looked like people at con-Spagnola would rely on little things to let him centration camps. know things were OK at the home of his reclusive of people moving about inside.

her 39-year-old daughter, Carolyn — unusual, since the women were often up at night. He called that night and for the next four, never getting an

On Monday, after Spagnola and the postman found five days' worth of mail in the Estes box, authorities broke through the front door and found the body of the elder Estes; her daughter was incapacitated from malnutrition.

Authorities said the women suffered from agoraphobia, the fear of open spaces. A coroner on Tuesday said Catherine Estes died

of dehydration and malnutrition. Her daughter was in serious condition at Albany Medical

'The daughter looked like an old woman,"

After Catherine Estes' husband died nearly 20

neighbors — the mail being picked up, glimpses years ago, Spagnola said he and other neighbors tried to help the women out with simple things, On New Year's Eve, he noticed no lights were such as getting groceries or mowing the lawn. The on at the home of 80-year-old Catherine Estes and women apparently were up-to-date on paying bills and taxes.

Help from the neighbors dwindled and the women relied on groceries and meals to be delivered. Spagnola said even those deliveries stopped

"They were both very thin and hunched over," he said. "They lived on bananas, milk and cereal." The home and grounds in this suburban Albany neighborhood were in such poor condition that

police couldn't break through the back door because it was blocked by years of garbage that was never thrown out. "They never went outside," said Spagnola, who

has lived in the neighborhood for almost 40 years. (Neighbors) tried to do as much as we could do for them, but you can't force help on people."

## **Weather focus**

**LOCAL FORECAST** 

Mostly cloudy and breezy today with a 30 percent chance of light snow and a high in the upper 30s. Clearing skies tonight with a low of 25 and winds will be from the north and northwest at 10-20 mph.

**REGIONAL FORECAST** WEST **TEXAS** 

Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s to near 30. Thursday, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs upper 40s to lower 50s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. Lows 25-30. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau Tonight, decreasing clouds.

20s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows decreasing cloudiness. Lows in from the lower 20s to the lower the lower 40s coast to near 40

flood watch today southeast 60s inland. half. Wind advisory today central. Tonight, colder with a chance of light snow west. A northwest to near 40 southeast. SOUTH TEXAS — Hill

40 inland to mid 40s coast. 20s. Lows around 30. Far West Texas

— Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains - Tonight, inland. Thursday, mostly sunny NORTH TEXAS — Flash Highs near 60 coast to the lower

**BORDER STATES** NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy northwest and fair chance of rain elsewhere, with east and south. Cold with lows rain possibly mixing with snow from 5 below to 10 above mounnorth. Lows in the upper 20s tains with teens to mid 20s lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Freezing Country and South Central rain advisory west central Texas — Tonight, decreasing Oklahoma today. Tonight, scatcloudiness. Lows near 40, mid tered freezing rain or sleet. 30s Hill Country. Southeast Precipitation will begin as rain in Texas and Upper Texas Coast — north central, central and south. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a Highest chance for precipitation slight chance of rain. Lows near is in the southeast. Lows in the

## Camry top '97 seller

 ${\tt DETROIT~(AP)-- The~Toyota~Camry~won~bragging~rights~today}$ as the top-selling car in the United States for 1997

It was the first time the Japanese automaker won the title, with its Camry toppling the Ford Taurus from its five-year reign. The Honda Accord also topped the Taurus, according to year-end sales figures released today.

The Camry, which held with a 6,200-car lead over the Accord through November, sold 44,254 models in December, versus 37,893

For the year, more than 390,000 Camrys were sold. Not all automakers submitted year-end figures, but Taurus was expected to finish third.

Toyota executives, as they have in the past, played down the Dave Illingwoth, Toyota's vice president and general manager of

the Toyota Division, said that while it was nice to win the title, our primary goal was to sell every Camry we could build." Still, both automakers pushed hard in December to sell their Honda's problem was that it ran out of supply, spokesman Art

Garner said. "We sold literally everything that we had," he said. It wasn't supposed to be a tight race. The Camry had a 40,000car lead on the Accord through August. Honda officials said in September that the Accord could be the best-selling car in 1998,

but no one was talking about 1997.

## City briefs

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**ROLANDA'S SILK Flowers** Gifts inside Frank's Thriftway, Hobart received new shipment sprayon-potpourri oil, apples-nspice tidbits & more. Adv.

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"The Republicans talked about

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Clinton on Monday said he

would develop a balanced bud-

get plan for 1999, three years ear-

lier than expected. Congress and

the White House earlier had

agreed on a program to balance

the budget by 2002.

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said.

job done."

Santa Bear (Jeane Smith) tells a Christmas story over the holidays during the Angel Tree party. The Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship, expresses Christ's love to children of prisoners by providing Christmas gifts. Five local churches participated in the program: Barrett Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church and First United Methodist Church.

## GOP leader says Clinton good at sounding Republican, says may effect pols at the polls

will affect Republican congres- meeting with reporters. sional candidates, who traditionally have campaigned on the er, that she believes Republicans congressional level in 1998 issue, the head of the Texas GOP

says.
"It's been difficult for Republicans lately at the congressional level to distinguish themselves from Democrats because Clinton is an expert at sounding so Republican and positioning himself on issues that have traditionally been leader Susan Weddington said

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30-member Texas congressional delegation and perhaps pick up a

Republican issues," state GOP will maintain their 13 seats in the because Bill Clinton and congressional Democrats have done exactly what they said that they would do. They deliv-State Democratic spokesman ered the first balanced budget of policy that Republicans really Rafe Bemporad said the issues in a generation, cut the deficit advocate, but they have not pushed by Democrats reflect by more than half, delivered tax done, I think, a good job making their long-held core beliefs. He cuts for middle-income families

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## Clinton proposes \$21.3 billion package of child care subsidies, tax credits for employers

move billed as the nation's plan. largest investment in child care, President Clinton today proposed a \$21.3 billion package of grants and tax breaks to help working families find affordable

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> The key element would be a major expansion of the state block grant program offering subsidies for child care. Clinton's plan would add \$7.5 billion to the program over five years, making 2 million children eligible for child care assistance by 2003, administration officials said.

> Currently, about 1 million are eligible and their families receive \$3,200 annually.

The proposal also would expand the reach of the program to lower-income families - generally those making about \$35,000 a year for a family of four, officials said. The program now largely helps Americans trying to move from welfare to

Congress would have to approve all the money for Clinton's proposals, and Republicans have resisted earlier attempts to expand social spending. The administration expects that nearly a third of the money would come from an expected settlement between the government and the tobacco industry.

Clinton, accompanied by Vice President Al Gore and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, was to this afternoon. He hoped to set a bipartisan tone, inviting several Republican governors and members of Congress to share in the announcement.

Another major component would be \$5.2 billion over five years to expand the income tax credit that parents can take for

child care expenses. Clinton also earmarked \$960 million over five years to expand an after-school program run by the Education Department and called the 21st century community learning center program. Now

receiving \$40 million a year, the

program would get \$200 million

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a annually under the president's

Another initiative calls for spending \$3 billion for an earlylearning fund, providing grants to communities and public-pri-vate partnerships for early childhood development. For example, money could be used to provide basic training for child care

The proposal would double the number of children eligible for early Head Start programs, kids up to age three. By adding \$3.4 billion to the program, Clinton would bring 80,000 children into the program within five years.

Clinton also proposed \$500 million in tax credits for businesses that build or expand child care facilities. In another area, Clinton proposed \$500 million for states to held them enforce standards for child care centers. Many states have good standards now, officials said, but lack the money to check centers.

Bruce Reed, the White House domestic policy chief, called it "a sweeping plan to help parents balance the demands of work and family by making child care more accessible, more affordable and safer."

The Senate last year passed a bill by Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., that, for a short term, would have allowed businesses to reduce their federal tax liability by \$1 for every \$2 they spent on child care for their employees.

Although it did not announce the package in a negotiations with the House, splashy East Room ceremony supporters said the Senate action bodes well for Clinton's smaller but permanent 25 percent tax credit - \$1 off a company's tax bill for every \$4 spent on employee child care.



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## Immigrant apprehensions decrease along border

Illegal immigrant apprehen- north to Kingsville. sions dropped 25 percent during the first four months of an apprehensions from September operation intended to seal the 1996 through December 1996, border to unlawful crossers, said Joe Garza, chief of the Border Patrol officials have McAllen Border Patrol sector.

Operation Rio Grande on Aug. we feel we are slowly gaining 25, deploying more agents and control of our area." high-tech equipment to the Texas-Mexico border to fight ille- while in place all along the Texasgal immigration.

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HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) - Brownsville west to Roma and

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'We're far from declaring vic-The Border Patrol launched tory," Garza said Tuesday. "But The immigration initiative,

Mexico border, has been focused In the four months since, 49,689 on the Rio Grande Valley, one of illegal immigrants have been the hottest spots in the nation for

About 230 new agents were

part of the operation, including 69 temporary agents dispatched to Brownsville, the region's main trouble spot.

There, agents have been stationed around-the-clock on the banks of the Rio Grande to deter would-be crossers. Additionally, 18 permanent lights have been installed on the river bank along with 20 portable lights.

The sector also has been armed with 30 night-vision goggles, and new low-light television cameras are on the way.

With all the added manpower and technology, Garza said apprehensions should be up. But the reductions show the operation is working, he said.

"We have the resources to where we can go and gain control of an area and stay there," he

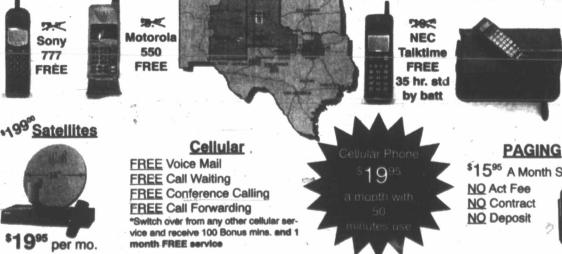
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## **Opinion**

## Science should be basis of research

"We go in, I hope, with no particular positions or biases," says John A. Benson, co-principal investigator for a year-long study into the efficacy of marijuana as a medical tool in cases of glaucoma, AIDS, cancer chemotherapy and other diseases

"We aren't there to try to rewrite laws or reschedule marijuana or challenge the Arizona or California laws. Our job is to see what the evidence is.'

Let's hope he's right. Of course, it's almost impossible to remove politics altogether when it comes to a substance the federal government has tried to ban and about which it has discouraged research in the last decade or more. But it is possible to separate valid scientific findings from personal opinions.

If that is the intention of the Institute of Medicine, a private, non-profit organization that advises the government on health issues and has been charged by federal "drug czar" Barry McCaffery with doing a study of medical marijuana, more power to them. The group is hearing public and scientific testimony.

One can question the need for yet another government investigation into marijuana's properties. Governments around the world have done at least a dozen investigations, from the British government's Indian Hemp Drugs Commission in 1894 to the Dutch government's 1995 report. All reached a conclusion much the same as the 1972 National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse, which reported that "there is little proven danger of physical or psychological harm from the experimental or intermittent use of natural preparations of cannabis ... Existing social and legal policy is out of proportion to the individual and social harm engendered by the drug.

On the medical-use front, the passage of Prop. 215 in California last year, along with the passage of Prop. 200 in Arizona, testifies to a strong desire to allow doctors to recommend the drug in situations where the doctor and patient believe some benefit is possible.

If more patients are going to be using marijuana it would be helpful to know with some precision just how helpful marijuana might be in relieving certain symptoms. Almost all the information to date has been anecdotal rather than from the kind of carefully designed double-blind studies most researchers prefer. This occurred in part because the government, which controls

until this year to release any of it to medical researchers. The Institute of Medicine project, at this point, does not contemplate doing original clinical research. Rather, it will review previous studies, analyze the anecdotal information that has emerged in recent years and perhaps recommend future clinical trials. If the study opens the gates to further legal scientific inquiries, that would be welcome.

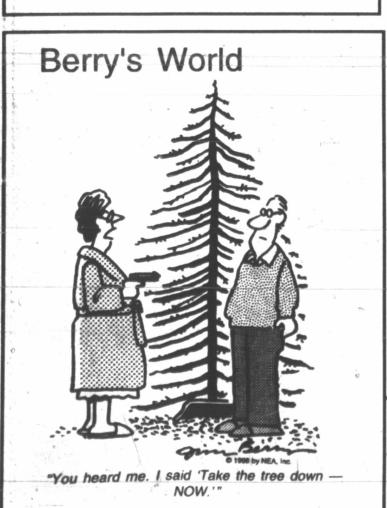
supplies of legal, research-grade cannabis, has refused

-Odessa American

## Thought for today

"Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.

Ralph Waldo Emerson





## Clinton bashers may have a point

It has been called to my attention by several readers that I maligned an entire American subculture when I referred to intractable Clinton haters as a "gaggle of excitable pols, eccentrics, flakes, loudmouths, wackos and

Alas, it is true. I did besmirch several million people in one fell swoop, and for that, I apologize. I have stayed awake nights trying to think of ways to make amends, and knowing how much these folks enjoy seeing Clinton embroiled in scandal, I hit upon the idea of suggesting additional offenses and outrages for which he should be investigated, if not impeached.

I am thinking of making this list a regular thing and naming it the Dan Burton Memorial List or something like that in honor of the Indiana congressman who was the first to ask just who the hell is paying the first cat's

knows the president just adopted a Labrador water supply; at minimum, an environmental puppy, whom he named Buddy. I think it is impact statement should have been filed with safe to assume that Buddy will be doing his the EPA. business on the White House lawn, and I hasten to inform you, there is a legal term for that. It's called "defacing federal property," and now is the time, before this mess gets any deeper, to appoint an independent counsel to

Indeed, a special counsel probably should could have been on the scene to videotape the at a Republican luncheon on Capitol Hill, and him.



Joseph Spear

Spear is a ntaionly syndicated columnist

crime as it was being perpetrated for the first time, and to collect samples of the evidence. Perhaps some thought should have been given to extending Kenneth Starr's probe. He has reportedly been checking out Clinton's love life. Analyzing dog poo, it seems to me, would not be beneath him.

Speaking of waste, what's being done with the stuff that's scooped out of Socks' litter box?

What about the McDonald's scandal? That one came to light last month when Clinton told Tim Russert on NBC's Meet the Press that, contrary to public belief, "I haven't eaten at McDonald's a single time since I've been pres-

Some intrepid reporters quickly jumped on have been named even before the mutt moved that evasion and pointed out that this was only into the Executive Mansion. Then investigators the technical truth. He had eaten McDonald's

This matter is so grave that the Washington Times devoted an editorial to it, but it has yet to be officially investigated. Clearly, an independent counsel is called for. And what about the charges that Gary

he once admitted to a group of children at the

White House that he loves Egg McMuffins.

Aldrich made in his thoroughly researched and highly regarded book, Unlimited Access. The pornographic Christmas tree ornaments? Bill Clinton's late-night hotel trysts? Where the heck has Ken Starr been on these clear violations of virtue, if not of law?

And what about the possibility that Bill was once a spook?

Didn't know about that? Yep, the Washington Times again - those guys are really on top of the Wicked Willie story – reported in June 1996, that Bill might have been spying for the the stuff that's scooped out of Socks' litter box? folks at Langley when he visited Moscow in If it's going in the trash, it could be a sanitation 1969. They bannered the story across the top of Take this dog thing, for example. Everyone violation. If it's being buried, it's tainting the the front page: "WAS BILL CLINTON A nows the president just adopted a Labrador water supply; at minimum, an environmental JUNIOR SPY FOR THE CIA?" Someday the Times is going to get the credit it is due for its sensible coverage of the Clinton years.

Well, look at me. I've devoted all my space to things that need investigating and haven't touched on things that happened on the Clinton watch that could be impeachable offenses. I will just hit a few highlights: Exorbitant salaries for professional athletes; the Latrell Sprewell saga; flavored bagels; El Nino; soaring tuition costs; grade inflation.

There's just so much, Clinton bashers. Go get

### **Today in history**

By The Associated Press seventh day of 1998. There are 358

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presi-

dential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, Fred Ott was filmed sneezing. chose George Washington to be the nation's first president. On this date:

In 1610, the astronomer Galileo

Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's

In 1800, the 13th president of the announced in his State of the members of the Supreme Court. Today is Wednesday, Jan. 7, the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1894, one of the earliest motion picture experiments took place at the Thomas Edison studio in West Orange, N.J., as comedian

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London. In 1942, the World War II siege of

Bataan began.

Union address that the United States had developed a hydrogen

In 1955, singer Marian Anderson made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera."

In 1959, the United States recognized Fidel Castro's new government in Cuba.

ataan began. William H. Rehnquist were overall American support for Israel In 1953, President Truman sworn in as the 99th and 100th remained "unshakable."

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government. In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of

Japan died at age 87; he was succeeded by Crown Prince Akihito.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State George P. Shultz, seeking to smooth a rift caused by a United In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and Nations vote, told reporters that

## Pols ready election year agendas

Agenda-setting is the order of the month, the first round of the political salvos that will mark the election-year Congress and shape the coming campaign.

So President Clinton is previewing his, featuring a shrunken deficit now and a 1999 balanced budget, while warning Republicans he will fight attempts to spend a theoretical surplus on GOP-flavored tax cuts.

He's seeking a health insurance break for the not-quite-65 generation, a bonus Republicans say Medicare can't afford. It will be a politically popular-offer to people retiring at 62, since they'd be able to buy Medicare coverage for far less than private health insurance costs.

Underlining the political point, Clinton's spokesman, Mike McCurry, said "if the Republican Congress decides not to do it, it

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, meanwhile, was outlining his GOP agenda, including a suggestion that the total tax take in peacetime should gradually be cut to no more than 25 percent of anybody's income. He said federal, state and local taxes now take up to 38 percent.

He's already advocated annual federal tax reductions, including, in 1998, relief from the marriage tax hit, in which many two-income couples pay higher rates than they would singly, and another lowering of inheritance

On taxes, Medicare and Social Security, they're drawing lines for debate in the congressional session that begins in three weeks, and the off-year elections nine months hence.

Walter R. Mears AP Special Correspondent

news," Clinton said Monday. He said the deficit this budget year will be under \$22 billion, far smaller than the \$90 billion projected when the deal to balance the budget by 2002 was reached only last summer. And for an encore:

"The budget that I present to the Congress in February will be a balanced budget for 1999."

Clinton credited his economic policy, although Republicans insist they were the budget balancers before he was. Indeed, Gingrich said the GOP "management team" that took over Congress in 1995 shaped the economic rate tax breaks

Each side can claim evidence.

Clinton's 1993 economic program included targeted tax increases and spending curbs that began biting into deficits, and it was enacted against unanimous. Republican opposition. Indeed, they used it against Democrats in capturing Congress the next year. But then, in 1995, GOP demands prodded the White House into successive budget revisions that projected eventual balance.

Now it is almost at hand, and there already are GOP tax-cut claims on the projected surpluses ahead. It sounds a bit like the theoretical peace dividend that was supposed to free fed-"We can begin the year with some good eral dollars from defense after the Cold War,

curbing deficits and providing money for other purposes. That evaporated in an economic downturn.

"I want to caution everyone that I will do everything I can to prevent anyone from using a projected future surplus as a pretext for returning to the failed policies of the past," Clinton said – by which he means the policies of the Republican administrations that preced-

The 1998 Republican game plan includes election-year tax cuts, a law to erase the current tax code by 2001, and debate, if not decision, on a revised system of flat or flatter taxes, or a national sales tax to supplant the income tax.

Clinton wants more modest tax breaks, targeted for child care deductions and environmental protection, totaling about \$25 billion over five years, to be offset by curbing corpo-

Gingrich talked of "a generation of goals" in strengthening education - and requiring English literary by the fourth grade - and antidrug programs.

"We're on the edge of surpluses in the 80, 90, 100 billion-dollar-a-year category, which means that we will have the resources to start looking at saving Social Security and start looking at modernizing defense and science and transportation, to start looking at annual tax cuts,"

Clinton's advisers talked of a "slight sur-

plus" in his new budget.

And of setting the agenda now to build momentum for what he wants done in 1998 and beyond.

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# South Korean economy:

## South Korean workers face tough battle against layoffs, companies given permission to downsize

simply to keep their jobs.

The government, with rare bipartisan support from both the ruling and opposition parties, is pushing to pass a bill through Parliament next week allowing mass layoffs for the first time.

In exchange for its record \$57 billion bailout of the South Korean economy, the International Monetary Fund stipulated that industry be given the freedom and flexibility to downsize.

That means layoffs, big layoffs - and it doesn't sit well with workers who became accustomed during South Korea's boom years to the idea of lifetime employment.

"Our position is simple and firm. We cannot accept the argument that layoffs are the only way to save the economy," said Yoon Young-mo, a spokesman for a maverick labor group that forced the government to kill a similar proposal in early 1997.

Confederation of Trade Unions, has a membership of 500,000 in major industries including auto, steel and shipbuildwide strikes next week, when a special session of Parliament will convene to consider the bill.

The mainstream Federation of Korean Trade Unions claims 1.5 million members, mostly white-collar and small-business employees. While the union also opposes layoffs, it remained on the sidelines during the other union's protests against the layoff proposal last year.

South Korea's political establishment, in a rare show of unity, appears ready to National University. approve the new layoff measure, even if it brings workers onto the streets in violent act," he added. replays of wage clashes of the 1980s.

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cessor-in-waiting, Kim Dae-jung, a former champion of labor rights, met nation's wealth, and a militant labor force donate their fortunes to save their trou-Tuesday to discuss the issue and later fighting for bigger benefits.

bled companies," said Yoon of the labor spoke with one voice: "Workers must President-elect Kim said he would form confederation. "They just want to take

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - For years, "Without layoffs, foreigners will not government, labor and industry to forge a South Korean workers fought for one invest in South Korea. Without foreign "social contract" on how to share the burgoal: more money. Now, they are fighting investment, our economy will face a full-

scale crisis," their joint statement said.
Workers demand that the government

Plant closings and layoffs had been rare in South Korea's fast-growing economy until financial turmoil hit the country last year. Unemployment insurance was established only two years ago, and it offers scant benefits. Job retraining is virtually non-existent, because lifetime employment has been considered a given.

ing. It is threatening to organize nation- or chaebol - the family-owned industrial giants they claim are largely responsible for today's economic problems.

will take office in February, has declared not waste time in restructuring." that he will be a neutral supervisor and see to it that workers and conglomerates share the pain equally.

"Layoffs are inevitable. What we see right now is rather a power game the conglomerates. between labor unions and chaebol," said Lee Ji-soon, an economist at Seoul beef up the government's \$823 million

South Korea's meteoric economic rise President Kim Young-sam and his suc- spawned two opposing forces: a dozen

a committee with representatives of the easy measures and fire workers."

den of salvaging the economy.

Strict prescriptions of the IMF appear certain to trigger more bankruptcies and first overhaul the nation's conglomerates, force as many as 1 million layoffs annually for the next three years. Workers ask: "Why should we suffer alone?"

Plant closings and layoffs had been rare in South Korea's fast-growing economy until financial turmoil hit the country last year. Unemployment insurance was established only two years ago, and it offers scant benefits. Job retraining is virtually non-existent, because lifetime employment has been considered a given. South Korean conglomerates are so big and powerful that the top 40 now generate 80 percent of the country's industrial output, churning out cars, television sets, ships, microchips and other products.

In the past, they also have siphoned off most of the money banks had available to loan, leaving little left to lend to smaller enterprises.

Eight of those financially weak conglomerates have collapsed in the past year, leaving more than a dozen banks with huge amounts of non-performing loans and fueling a currency crisis.

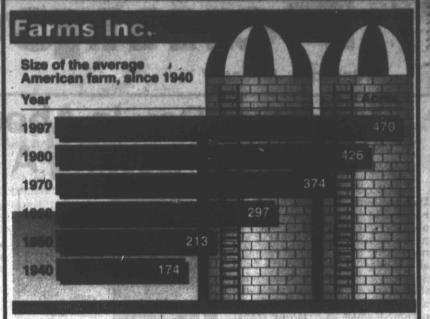
"Businesses must share the responsibility," the president-elect, Kim, said. "Time Sandwiched, the president-elect, who is running out, and the businesses should

> Kim is pushing bills that will ban crossfunding and cross debt-payment guarantees among chaebol subsidiaries - a step that experts say will eventually dissolve

In return for layoffs, Kim promises to unemployment insurance fund by \$3.1 bil-"For the government, it's a balancing lion this year and provide job retraining.

But workers prefer freezing wages and shortening work hours to layoffs.

"Above all, we want to know how much corporate giants that control much of the money chaebol own. They must first



As the number of family-run farms in America has dwindled, the average size of farms in the United States has ballooned. The average U.S. farm is now more than two-and-a-half times the size it was on the eve of World War II.

## Arbor Day Foundation to give away ten free trees during national membership drive

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1998. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's

Trees for America campaign.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Golden Raintrees, two Washington Hawthorns and two American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers -and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds.'

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6-to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31, 1998.

## Audit finds Georgia family abusing SSI

allegedly mentally retarded and collecting disability benefits, did

couldn't hear questions about her hearing. But she had no trouble hearing other queries.

A right-handed girl used her left hand during developmental skills tests to see if she should remain on the disability rolls.

All three people came from the same huge extended Georgia family; 181 of some 300 members were receiving federal Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Ninety family members collected more than \$1 million in disability benefits before the government discovered they did not qualify, the inspector general for the Social Security Administration said in an

The report put part of the blame on a local doctor who may have been approving dubious disability claims and part on local officials for using him.

Several members of the Georgia family, which was not identified, faked ailments when their cases were reviewed, the inspector general found. But investigators could not prove they lied to get on the rolls in the first place, and they declined to prosecute.

While unusually large, this family was not an isolated instance, the inspector general said, citing interviews with Social Security officials from several states. "These representatives cited many instances where similar abuses were occurring nationwide," the report said.

But Susan Daniels, Social Security's associate commissioner for disability, countered that this sort of abuse is rare.

"I think this is a fairly isolated example of a family who may have been in cahoots with an unethical health care provider," Daniels said Tuesday, adding that some families may have many disabled members due to genetic disposition to certain diseases.

Still, she was dismayed by the report. "It makes all the others guilty by association," she said. "It really bothers me that families that have legitimate claims will be thought to be fraudulent."

Although administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI, a welfare program, is separate from Social Security disability benefits, which are financed by payroll taxes.

Allegations of fraud in the Supplemental Security Income program prodded Congress to tighten eligibility for children and

WASHINGTON (AP) - A boy, immigrants in the 1996 welfare Security officials to their promise not clear how many are on SSI. overhaul.

And officials have spent the last manuals and training. several months responding to Kenneth Apfel concluded that many mistakes were made.

Sen. Charles Grassley, whose Aging Committee oversees Social Security, said he was pleased that the administration seems to be responding to the problems.

problem just in Georgia," said Grassley, Ŕ-Iowa. "This is a problem nationwide."

to give workers better instruction

The Georgia case came to inves-A woman, also on disability and charges that they were cutting off tigators' attention in 1992, when off benefits to 84 of them. After supposedly deaf, told a doctor she too many children. After a review, local administrators noticed the newly installed Commissioner large number of claims from a single family. They suspected members were faking their disabilities.

In Georgia, SSI pays up to \$494 per month to poor children and adults who meet income and disability guidelines.

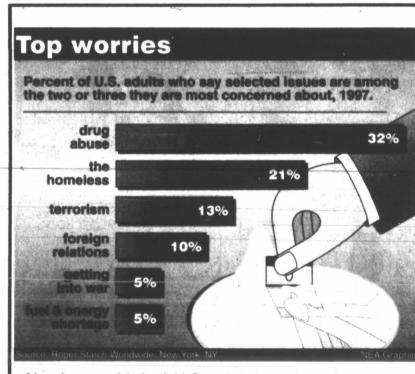
By March 1996, investigators "The study indicates this isn't a had found about 300 family members in four generations, including 181 SSI recipients. Since then, 200 other family members He said he would hold Social have been identified, though it's

In 1995, investigators began reviewing the 151 SSI recipients under age 55, ultimately cutting finding more family members, officials cut off six other people



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## **Veterans Day Is About More** Than Just Getting A Day Off

**DEAR ABBY: Another Veterans** Day has come and gone, but if the response of America's business community was any indication, you never would have known it. I am not talking about not celebrating it as a holiday; I recognize in the business environment we have today that often isn't possible. I'm talking about a complete lack of recognition. I work at a major credit card company, and it didn't even acknowledge Veterans Day or Memorial Day.

Abby, your column is read by everyone, including our business leaders. Please remind them that these two days are sacred and should be recognized within the workplace, regardless of whether they give their employees the day off or not. All they need to do is put out a short memo reminding everyone of what these days stand for. I don't feel this is too much to ask of our business leaders - to simply honor those who have served and especially those who have fallen.

MIKE SMITH, WILMINGTON, DEL.

P.S.: Yes, I am a veteran: Active, Reserve and Desert Storm.

**DEAR MIKE: Though it's well** after Veterans Day, your letter is certainly worth space in my column. The people of this country owe a great debt to the men and women who have served us so courageously and so well. At the very least, their

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year ahead, you'll be able to spend more

meet through your involvements will be

important.



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sacrifice should be acknowledged in some way or other

than a 15-hour sale.

DEAR ABBY: You did it again you passed on another lie: that 4,000 women are killed by their spouses each year. This lie emanated from Rep. Eva Clayton, D-N.C. The FBI Uniform Crime Statistics, compiled from law enforcement reports from around the U.S., puts

the number between 1,200 and

One simply cannot rely on information provided by battered women's shelters or feminists; they have the bad habit of making up figures in order to facilitate the notion that women are victims and men are the major abusers. They have done this again and again, and if you unwillingly aid and abet these

iars, that makes you a liar, too. In Montana, only 20 women have been killed in the past 10 years by their spouses; however, if

the supposed rate of 4,000 per year applied, the figure should be about

I ask you to make a written apology to your readers for willfully passing out erroneous information and denigrating men.

JASON LARIX, MISSOULA, MONT.

**DEAR JASON: The figures I** printed came from the National Center for Violence Prevention, St. Louis, Mo. They claim that the 4,000 figure is conservative. (Not all murders are necessarily recorded as homicides - some might be classified as "hunting accidents," "boating accidents" or "cause of death ... undetermined.") The true number may never be known. However, I will stand corrected if I hear from

other reliable sources. I have never knowingly lied to my readers. If I have made a mistake, I correct it at the first opportunity. Taking a stand against battering (which is an issue that crosses gender lines) is not about women conspiring against and/or denigrating men. The majority of men are as concerned about battering and violence as I am. You obviously fail to see the importance of addressing and intervening in this societal epidemic. As the old song goes, "How many deaths will it take 'til they know, that too many people have died?" Think about it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It behooves you

a dramatic shift in circumstances today regarding a troublesome arrangement. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In ways that

may not be immediately evident, you could be rather fortunate today. What unfolds will be engineered by someone other than yourself.

should run more smoothly than usual where your material interests are concerned. Do something to improve your lot in life today.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Business and pleasure should make a compatible mix for you today. If you have a development today. Your opponent will commercial contact with whom you'd like to cut a deal, do it over a friendly meal. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail and appealing. This can be used socially \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station,

New York, NY 10156. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

something romantic; wine and candles Horoscope could fill the bill

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your popularity is ascending at this time. Even people you thought never noticed you might start casting glad-to-see-you glances

If you handle your agenda properly in the ARIES (March 21-April 19) The motivation you'll require today will not be of the time on pleasurable pursuits. People you bread-and-butter variety. You will be focusing on sumptuous targets of great personal worth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might find yourself in a competitive career count on who he or she knows, while you'll bank on what you know GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have the

ability today to transform outmoded dilemmas into something more functional and commercially

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Special friends with whom you share strong emotional ties aren't apt to deny your strive to be more attentive than usual to requests today. If you need a favor, make that special someone in your life. Do your wants known.

to be cognizant of people working on your behalf today. Your acknowledgment could inspire them to do more than they

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A romantic rendezvous could be your brightest event today. It might be with someone with whom you've had an ongoing relationship, or even someone new LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There might be

The change could liberate you from your

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Things



"Mommy said to tell you she's tryin' to sing us a lullaby."

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FAVORITE

The Family Circus

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"I'm reading your horoscope, Daddy. It says you'll have a severe downer experience today.

THAT CLOUD OF DUST AHEAD OF US! IT'D TAKE QUITE A HERD OF VARMINTS T'KICK THAT UP!

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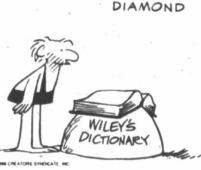
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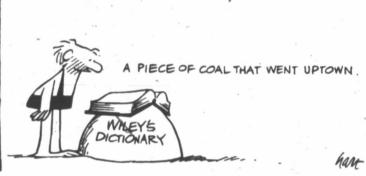
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The Born Loser

TV'S GOT ENOUGH SOAPS--WHAT THEY NEED IS SOME DISINFECTANTS 1-7-98 THAVES





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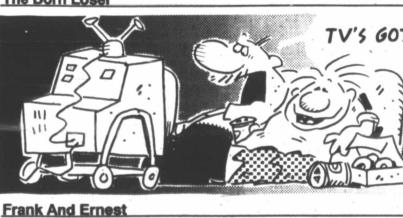


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## SPORTS

## Notebook

BASKETBALL

CANYON - The West Texas A&M University men's basketball team climbed up three spots to No. 11 in the NCAA Division II national basketball poll released this week.

The Buffs, 11-0 on the year, have been ranked in the national poll for the past five ranking periods. WT hosts Midwestern State University on Thursday, starting at 8 p.m., to begin its Lone Star Conference schedule.

Former Pampa standout Coy Laury is a member of the Buffs' team. In 20 minutes of playing time in WT's 91-56 win last weekend over Southwest Assemblies of God, Laury scored three points and had two rebounds, two steals and two assists.

Donnell Harrison and Sean Harrison each had 14 points to lead the Buffs in scoring.

WT's best-ever start to a season was 12-0 in 1941-42. Prior to this year, the Buffs had never been ranked higher than 18th.

Cal. State-Bakersfield (12-1) is the No. 1 ranked team.

PAMPA — The City of Recreation Pampa Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Men's Competitive, Recreational and Women's Open divisions will be offered.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. and the season will begin on Jan. 21.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$200 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of 10 players.

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

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

### **FOOTBALL**

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — For the third time since 1995, the Oakland Raiders are searching for a new coach.

Joe Bugel, who led the Raiders to their worst record in 35 years, was fired Tuesday after one season. Oakland went 4-12 under Bugel and lost five straight to finish the

Bugel, who has one year remaining on his contract, was promoted to the head job after two seasons as assistant head coach for the offense. His predecessor, Mike White, was fired on Christmas Eve 1996 after two seasons as coach.

"We felt it was necessary to make a change," Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said. "The record speaks for itself. We live in a society that does grade people on their record.

Allen said the Raiders have not yet begun interviewing for a replacement, but said the team contacted the New York Jets seeking permission to talk to defensive coordinator Bill Belichick about his availability for an assistant's job in Oakland.

### BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) The Texas Rangers scheduled what they called a major announcement as word spread that Dallas Stars owner Tom Hicks has finalized a purchase of the club.

A source who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press that an investment group led by Hicks ironed out details Tuesday night to buy the Rangers.

"Things finally came together early this evening," the source said. "I can confirm that the final details with all the parties that make decisions in things like this appear to be resolved.

Controlling interest of the club, sold by Eddie Chiles nine years ago for an estimated \$46 million, is believed to be worth three times that amount now.

## Elway-Stewart clash pits comeback masters

Stewart, once the second best- of the comeback. known quarterback in the state where John Elway is king, spent five years at the University of comeback.

"Yeah, I kind of patterned myself after him," Stewart said. "Any quarterback in Colorado looks up to John Elway."

Now Stewart, the Pittsburgh Stewart said. Steelers' quarterback, is looking just like Elway - especially in the fourth quarter.

been more dangerous with a deficit than Elway, who has directed more than 40 successful fourth- greatest comeback in team history quarter comebacks. But he will be 38 in June, and every playoff game Terry Bradshaw would have been potentially could be his last — proud of, throwing for three maybe even Sunday's AFC championship game in Pittsburgh.

When he retires, and that day

To find him, he might not need look further than to the opposing sideline Sunday, to the quarter-Colorado watching the Denver back whose unflappable compo-Broncos' star lead comeback after sure and boundless confidence have put him one victory away from taking his team to the Super Bowl in his first season as a starting quarterback.

I never get nervous — ever,"

It shows.

comebacks, one that even Elway has No NFL quarterback has ever been unable to match this season: -Down 21-0 in Baltimore on

Oct. 5, the Steelers equaled the proud of, throwing for three touchdowns and running for two in a 42-34 victory.

-The Steelers trailed by 10 likely will come sooner than later, points against Indianapolis on Oct.

yet Stewart led comeback victories each time.

-In arguably the NFL's game of the season, Stewart made an astonishing fourth-down throw to Yancey Thigpen to keep a fourthquarter drive alive in New England on Dec. 13. Stewart then hit Mark Bruener for the touchdown and Thigpen for the 2-point conversion as the Steelers rallied from eight points down with two Just check out this collection of minutes to go to win 24-21 in overtime — a victory that ultimately clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"We don't give up because of No. 10 (Stewart)," Pro Bowl runas Stewart fashioned a game even ning back Jerome Bettis said. "We know he's special and that anything is possible with him. He's shown us time after time and game after game he can make things happen."

Stewart showed the Broncos

PTTTSBURGH (AP) — Kordell Elway must abdicate to a new king 12 and again Oct. 26 against on Dec. 7, rallying the Steelers in the second half after he redis-sewart, once the second best- of the comeback. 12 and again Oct. 26 against on Dec. 7, rallying the Steelers in the second half after he redisquarter, again by throwing for three touchdowns — all to and 14 interceptions in the first half, Thigpen — and running for two. It is his running, coupled with the interceptions in the second half. pounding the lineman-sized Bettis puts on opposing defenses, that gives an the Steelers an added and

> dimension. "I'm a guy who's capable of get-ting out of the pocket and making things happen," Stewart said.

extremely

difficult-to-defend

Like Saturday, when Stewart's 40-yard tightrope walk of a touchdown down the sideline on the Steelers' opening drive proved the difference in their 7-6 playoff victory over New England.

Stewart's only deficiency, other than his tendency to sometimes force the ball into coverage, is his growing reliance on comebacks. The Steelers repeatedly fall behind because of Stewart's first-half inconsistencies, only to surge back he's performed pretty well."

"It's too early to start nicknaming him, like Elway," Thigpen said. "Kordell's a second-half guy." Elway has been doing it for years. Kordell, he's a one-year guy.

Yeah, but what a year it's been. "The one thing about Kordell is you're not going to rattle his confi-dence," coach Bill Cowher said... "We talk about it all the time. If you're going to do the things we are talking about him doing, he can't be afraid to take chances and he isn't.'

Sounds like a guy named Elway. "I've seen the kid play and I've seen the look in his eye in big games," Cowher said. "We've layed big games down the stretch; Denver and New England, and

## Pampa boys drop soccer opener to Amarillo Tascosa

AMARILLO — Tascosa, which returns 10 starters from a strong team last year, downed Pampa, 4opener at Rebel Field.

effort against a very good team," said Pampa head coach Warren Cottle. "We spent most of the second half on their side of the field."

Tascosa led 2-0 at the half and Pampa players.

Nick Smiles. Cottle said Pampa Bryan Johnson and Adam year's girls' team."

growing at this point. Give us a girls' matches. couple of months of playing And one of their goals was a gift." noon.

Danny Lopez scored two goals for the Rebels.

In other matches Tuesday, 1. Tuesday in a high school soccer Canyon won over Amarillo High, 2-1, in a shootout while Borger "I felt like we had a good team downed Palo Duro, 3-2, and Monterey blanked Caprock, 2-0. In the girls' division, Pampa

was blanked by Tascosa, 6-0. Tascosa jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first half.

"I felt like we went out the secone of the Rebel goals came when ond half and played some soca corner kick went off one of the cer," said Pampa coach Matt Gantz. "We played well enough Pampa's goal was scored by to close down an incredible Tascosa team for 40 minutes. We received outstanding play from didn't quit like they woud have Brian Sprinkle, Jason Vance, last year. There's no quit on this

Amarillo High shut out "I thought we showed a lot of Canyon, 2-0, and Monterey heart. We're still progressing and defeated Caprock, 4-0, in other

Both Pampa teams host together and we'll be a hard team Lubbock Monterey at 12 noon to beat," Cottle said. "Tascosa Saturday at Harvester Stadium. beat us 4-0 last year, so I feel like District 5 play starts Ian. 31 we've made some improvement. when Pampa hosts Randall at 12

"I may not have a decision

until around the end of

Allen, who moved to left

tackle from right guard late in

the season, was paid tackle

man in the history of the foot-ball," Jones said before refus-

ing to divulge Allen's salary. Marvin Demoff, Allen's agent,

was traveling and couldn't be

reached for comment, his office

Allen was believed to be ask-

ing for \$4 million annually because of his move to left

tackle, which protects quarter-

back Troy Aikman's blind side.

The Cowboys called his bonus,

believed to be around \$6 mil-

lion, "significant." No other

making more than \$3.5 million

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Is Super Bowl — or even later —

Barry Switzer in or out? His before he addresses the coach-

tenure as coach after four years on a change or a non-change

ence to announce a six-year money.
deal for franchise offensive "He's the highest-paid line-

of ceremonies for this. I didn't offensive lineman in the NFL is

boss isn't saying, but signs are ing situation.

Switzer, in apparent limbo February," he said.

pointing to an end to Switzer's

after the team's worst season

since 1989, was notably absent

from Tuesday's news confer-

The contract, reportedly

Owner Jerry Jones offered no

explanation for Switzer's no-

show, and appeared somewhat

"I don't know what you can

"I don't have anything to say

need anybody else up here." making mor Jones said it will be after the per season.

read into it that hasn't already

about coaching. I'm the master

been read into it," Jones said.

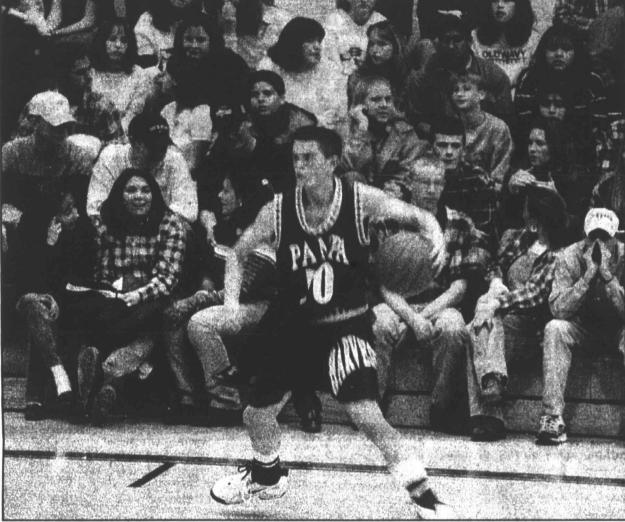
worth \$4 million per year, makes Allen the NFL's highest-

with the Dallas Cowboys.

lineman Larry Allen.

paid offensive lineman.

irritated by the question.



With Hereford's student body in the background, Pampa's Jesse Francis brings the ball down the floor against the Whitefaces.

### Harvesters fall to Herd in OT Is Switzer in or out?

By MATT HUTCHISON **Sports Writer** 

Tuesday night as the Harvesters fell just short in overtime, 46-43.

made their way to the line.

In all, Hereford attempted 42 recover points Hereford sunk at free throws the entire evening, a the line. significant number when paired

the Hustlin' Harvesters and are contributed with three steals.

so for good reason. Hustle is was thwarted by the free throw contest, coach Robert Hale had to mounted at the line. line and the Hereford Whitefaces look to the bench for players to pick it up, and that's exactly how From the start, Hereford's reserve guard Bobby Holmes is a squad made it clear that the congood example. Although not Pit Friday night. The Harvesters test was going to be fought on used to playing more than five the free throw line and at times minutes at a time, Holmes filled utilized somewhat questionable the position on the floor nicely could find themselves tied for calls that turned into easy points and was even able to capitalize first place. whenever a member of the Herd on a layup late in the game when Pampa began struggling to

Those who witnessed the conwith Pampa's meager 7 attempts test might say that this was the from the line. The Harvesters most team oriented game Pampa were able to keep pace with the has played all year, and the num-Herd early, partly because of bers prove it. Lynn Brown's Hereford's poor shooting from team-leading 14 points was nicethe line. The Herd made less than ly complemented by Shawn half of their attempts from the Young's 10 points as well as line (22 of 42) and allowed Tyson Alexander's 8 and Jesse Pampa to battle into contention. Francis 6. Alexander led the team Pampa's cagers are nicknamed with 8 rebounds and Brown also

Had Pampa been able to get to exactly what the squad did to the line more often they no doubt stay toe-to-toe with the Herd all wouldn't have faded out HEREFORD — A valiant effort evening. Battling foul trouble towards the end. But as the Herd by the Pampa Harvester cagers almost from the outset of the proved, any lead can be sur-

Hereford also has one loss in district action as Pampa falls to 1the bench responded. Junior 1. The only team without a loss is Randall, who will travel to The will seek to even out the District 1-4A standings and with a win

> Hereford defeated Pampa, 77-27 Tuesday night in a District 1-4A girls basketball game.

Catie Betzen was high scorer! for Hereford with 23 points while Julie Rampley followed with 15.

Lisa Dwight had 10 points and Faustine Curry 8 to lead Pampa!

The Lady Harvesters host Randall on Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

## Sutton may be the last of 300-game winners

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Sutton Maddux (32 in April) with 184. is a 300-game winner, one of 20 in the 127-year history of professional baseball leagues. When he looks around the major leagues these days, he doesn't see any more candidates for the club.

because I don't think it will be as important as it was to us," the newest Hall of Famer said Tuesday, a day after his election. "There are 10 or 15 who could. I don't think we're going to see too many 40-year-olds pitching 230 innings in the future.'

Roger Clemens, 36 next August, leads active pitchers with 213 victories. Dennis Eckersley (43) is second with 193, followed by Greg eran starters who go through admiring him. Sutton, a broadcast- many home runs," said Sutton, who time.

sticking around long enough to

win 300 "You have to be ... a unique personality," Sutton concluded, someone who will want to spent mid-

"I doubt very seriously there February to September or October will be another 300-game winner away from home much of the time even if they already have millions of dollars in the bank. When Sutton started in 1966, the

average salary was about \$19,000. This season, it figures to top \$1.5 "You can be financially secure

with two, three good years," he said. "Why make a sacrifice?" Sutton gazed into the future and

predicted early retirement for vet-

mediocre stretches. Why pay \$2 er for the Atlanta Braves, has seen allowed 472 during 23 seasons. Sutton doesn't see most pitchers million to a 12-game winner, he Maddux's 80-pitch complete said, when a rookie can do the games from up close. same for under \$200,000.

> Only 14 pitchers threw more than artist," Sutton said. "All he does is 230 innings last season. A generaget people out. Wally Cox will play more, off Charlie Puleo in 1987. tion ago, aces regularly topped 300. Phil Niekro, elected to the Hall by the writers last year, did it four times in the '70s.

But this is the era of the closer seven or eight good innings and the starter is on the bench while fresh heat comes in from the bullpen.

Maddux, the greatest pitcher of the '90s, was 19-4 last season with just five complete games. That, a strike or swing for a hit. however, doesn't keep Sutton from

"He's the most amazing artist And the game has changed, too. I've ever seen pitch. He is an first homer of his major league him in the movie.

> Like Maddux, Sutton kept the ball over the plate. He said the advice came from Henry Roper, the teacher who in the sixth grade taught him how to pitch. If you throw strikes, according to Roper's philosophy, only four things can happen and "three of them are good." They are swing and miss; swing and hit into an out; take for

One of his most memorable was

an Aug. 12, 1980, when Nolan Ryan connected off Sutton for the career. Ryan would get just one

Sutton recalled the players who. gave him trouble.

"Roberto Clemente was the best player I've ever played against," Sutton said. "Anything between the on-deck circles was a strike to him. I've seen him double on knock-down pitches."

Bill Buckner, Bob Watson, Rico Carty and Bill Madlock also hit Sutton well. Wade Boggs and Hank Aaron were the stars he "Maybe that's why I gave up so remembers getting out most of the

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL Women's Top 25 Fared By The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll fared this Tuesday: this Tuesday:
No. 1 Tennessee (16-0) best South Carolina
94-52. Next: vs. No. 12 Florida, Saturday.
No. 2 Old Dominion (11-0) best North
Carolina-Wilmington 78-46. Next: vs. George

Mason, Friday.

No. 3 Connecticut (13-1) best Providence
126-48. Next: at St. John's, Thursday.

No. 4 Louisiana Tech (10-2) did not play. Next:
vs. Southwestern Louisiana, Thursday.

No. 5 Texas Tech (8-2) did not play. Next: vs.

No. 6 Vanderbilt (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Wednesday. No. 7 Washington (10-0) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.

No. 8 North Carolina (11-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thuraday. at Georgia Tech, Thursday.

No. 9 Virginia (10-2) did not play. Next: vs.
Marytand, Thursday.

No. 10 Arizona (8-2) did not play. Next: vs.
Washington State, Thursday.

No. 11 Illinois (10-4) beat Ohlo State 81-57.

Noxt: vs. Minneageta Eriday.

No. 12 Florida (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Georgia, Wednesday.
No. 13 Southwest Missouri State (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Thursday.
No. 14 Stanford (5-4) did not play. Next: at

California, Friday. No. 15 Wisconsin (11-3) lost to No. 23 Purdue No. 15 Wisconsin (11-3) lost to No. 25 Purdue 70-65. Next: vs. Indiana, Friday.
No. 16 Nebraska (12-3) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Wednesday.
No. 17 North Carolina State (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.
No. 18 Aubum (11-1) did not play. Next: at Alabama.

Alabama, Wednesday.
No. 19 Western Kentucky (12-3) beat George Washington 78-53. Next: at South Alabama,

Thursday. No. 20 Georgia (9-3) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Florida, Wednesday. No. 21 Florida International (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Mercer, Thursday

No. 22 Utah (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Prigham Young, Saturday.
No. 23 Purdue (9-4) beat No. 15 Wisconsin 70-65. Next: at Michigan, Friday.
No. 24 Tulane (10-2) did not play. Next: at Alabama-Birmingham, Friday. No. 25 Duke (10-4) did not play. Next: at No. 8

#### **Tuesday's Major College Scores** By The Associated Press

Fairfield 92, Loyola, Md. 84 Massachusetts 73, Fordham 55 Rhode Island 83, St. Joseph's 68 Temple 67, Penn 58 Villanova 68, Boston College 65, OT

SOUTH Belmont 72, Winthrop 58 Kentucky 90, Georgia 79 Louisville 73, St. John's 67 iami 76, Connecticut 67 VMI 68, UNC-Greensboro 65

Bradley 63, SW Missouri St. 62 Dayton 74, St. Bonaventure 59 Indiana 80, Michigan 62 Pittsburgh 72, Notre Dame 61

## Scoreboard

Detroit 15

San Antonio

Houston

Minnesota

L.A. Lakers Phoenix 20

L.A. Clippers Golden State

Monday's Games Houston 120, Toronto 96

Washington 113, New York 106

eland 100, Houston 70

Sacramento 105, L.A. Clippers 89 Wednesday's Games Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Toronto, 7 p.m. New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.

Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games

**HOUSTON (70)** 

**CLEVELAND (100)** 

Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m. Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Rockets-Cavaliers, Box

Atlanta at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Orlando at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Indiana at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers 100, Vancouver 87

Chicago 90, Boston 79 Dallas 108, Denver 90 Utah 98, Philadelphia 95, OT

Seattle 102, Charlotte 81

San Antonio 74, Orlando 69

Milwaukee 98, Portland 92

Tuesday's Games Phoenix 81, Indiana 80

Portland

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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American Leegue
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with
2B Carlos Garcia on a minor-league contract.
Sold RHP Travis Driskill to the Yakult
Swallows of the Japanese Central League.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with
RHP Ricky Bones on a minor-league contract.
Named Randy Popple strength and conditioning coach and Hector Otero Puerto Rico area
soout.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Larry Davis head trainer and Stephen Sayles assistant TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract

of RHP Jeff Zimmerman from Winnipeg of the Northern League.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with LHP Pedro Borbon on a one-year contract.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with
OF Derrick May on a minor-league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Purchased the

contract of 1B David Kennedy from St. Paul of the Northern League and assigned him to Nashville of the PCL. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kent Bottenfield on a one-year con-

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NEW JERSEY NETS-Waived C Jack Haley and F Xavier McDaniel. NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed G-F Anthony Bowie. Waived G-F Pete Myers. TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed F Bob McCann and G Lloyd Daniels to 10-day con-

National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed OL Larry Allen to a six-year contract.

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HOCKEY National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled LW Darryl Laplante from Adirondack of the AHL. Assigned RW Alexandre Jacques to Toledo of **EDMONTON OILERS—Claimed C Tony** Hrkac off waivers from Dallas.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned G Frederic Chabot to Houston of the IHL. NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled C Sergei Brylin from Albany of the AHL.
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## Everman ranked nationally, stand No. 1 in Southwest

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point guard Melvin Miller answered the phone then handed the No. 1 ranking. it off to Tim Lightfoot. "You've got to tell him, he doesn't believe me," Miller said into the phone.

whooping and exulting.

"You for real?" he asked. The caller was.

On Monday, the Everman boys basketball team broke into the National Prep Boys Basketball Poll at No. 25. The Bulldogs (20-0), win-Class of the Whataburger/West Side Lions Holiday Tournament, also were Lightfoot's excitement. ranked No. 1 in the Southwest regional poll. o

EVERMAN, Texas — Everman poll, said he believes this is the first Melvin said. "Before every game, oint guard Melvin Miller time a Class 4A team has garnered we say that we want to stay No. 1

"It's a big honor to be ranked lose," like that as a 4A team," said Mexico. "We're just hyped. I didn't expect to be ranked like this as a 4A team, I was hoping for it."

Miller, who anchors an offense that is scoring an average of 79 points a game, and forward John Turntine, the second-leading scorer with 16.1 points a game, share

That's all we've been talking about all year long — being ranked Tom Rogers, a local basketball in the nation — think about all the for consideration in the national

in the state and to do that, we can't

Said Turntine: "It's a real big deal Lightfoot, who is scoring a team- because we work hard in practice. When he heard the news, leading 21.2 points a game and When the season started, we knew Lightfoot started velling and already has signed a national letter we were good but we knew we of intent to play basketball at New had to work together ... all the hard work from playing together is paying off."

Everman is only the second Fort Worth-area team to gain the No. 1 ranking in the Southwest. Dunbar, which won the Class 5A Whataburger/West Side Lions bracket, was ranked No. 1 earlier this decade.

Rogers, who recommended Everman for the No. 1 ranking and guru who helps with the national teams there are in the nation," poll, said the accolades are well

"I think that 1/8the poll 3/8 gives them a certain recognition," Rogers said. "I think they've got great, great athleticism and I think they've matured a lot."

Everman, which is 2-0 in District 13-4A, has been ranked No. 1 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll all season.

"I haven't seen the poll vet, but it's exciting and it's a neat thing for our kids," Everman coach James Duncan said. "It's something to be proud of ... it's neat recognition for our players, our school, our community. I feel like we've earned some of it now — the preseason polls are just based on potential but now, we've played well and we feel like we deserve some recognition."

## **Bulls restore some** order to NBA world

**AP Sports Writer** 

CHICAGO (AP) — The first time these two teams met, the promise.

It was Oct. 31, opening night in Boston. Dennis Rodman was already bored. Scottie Pippen's return was being marked in months instead of weeks. The two-time, defending champion Chicago Bulls opened a 20-point time, turned out to be absolutely

Packed with kids from coach Rick Pitino's sojourn in the college ranks at Kentucky, the green sidelined. Celtics caught the Bulls, passed They danced on the old parquet Penny basketball's premier Mr. Fixit.

off 11-0 from one coast, Los their adjustments. Angeles did the same from the other, and Chicago was struggling just to hang around .500. Whichever direction you turned, the NBA suddenly looked flush to the established order.

But that was then. Boston showed up Tuesday in the night was over, it was clear has been restored. With no muss, no fuss and relatively little from Michael Jordan, the Bulls still managed to wind up on the right end of a very easy, Whatever else the Bulls have become — older, slower, more contentious — they are still the measuring stick.

"It took us a quarter to adjust to their style of play again," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "It's a very unusual, very strange style of play they have."

team setting off on a run of four for improvement." contests in five nights. Jackson York. But he likely won't be disappointed. The fact that the **Bulls won comfortably Tuesday** this ballclub.

those fresh legs and eager faces once the freshness of a new season wore off and the road and already.

the schedule became a grind. Then, Jackson predicted, everybody else wouldn't seem so young and his guys wouldn't seem quite so old. And then the NBA season held such anarchic real business of winning another championship would really begin.

He was right. Whatever else age has diminished, it has not affected the Bulls' desire for revenge. Just as they dismantled the Celtics, the Bulls slapped the Knicks, beat the Heat, humiliatlead in the first quarter and ed the Lakers and helped send then, like wine served after its the Hawks into a tailspin from which they have yet to recover. And Pippen, still at least two weeks from practicing full-time, is no longer the only major star

The Knicks' Patrick Ewing is them and held on to win 92-85. lost for the season. Orlando's Hardaway floor that night like it was the Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon Bulls' grave, then went on the are still MIA. The Lakers' next few weeks and did little to Shaquille O'Neal is gingerly damage Pitino's reputation as making his way back. Everybody is trying to cope, but Atlanta, meanwhile, pushed the Bulls have already made

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Rodman, instead of being bored, is leading the league in rebounding and temptations resisted. Jordan, who started off shooting poorly and shot free with feverish, young challengers throws even worse, is gradually rounding back into form. Toni Kukoc, Ron Harper and Luc Longley have made up only half Chicago as Game No. 33 on the of Pippen's 20 points-per-game Bulls' schedule, and by the time average, but the Bulls have covered up for the lack of the others just how certainly the old order by giving up fewer to oppo-

Strangely enough, the person who clamors most for Pippen's return is assistant coach Tex Winters. He devised the triangle very professional 90-79 decision. offense that has become famous during the Bulls' championship runs, and he winces watching others try to make it go - at least from a theoretical standpoint.

"Scottie was the guy who could handle the ball, see the possibilities and initiate so much," Winter said. "We've It may not have been an been picking up some of the entirely satisfying win, not for a slack, but there's a lot of room

Jackson caught bits and pieces already said publicly he wants of the conversation. Asked to to win three of those, almost cer- name the one element he tainly pointing toward "mes- thought most responsible for the sage" games in Miami and New turnaround, he smiled and replied, "Conditioning."

It's that simple. "Pretty much. We played in night despite playing miserably Paris before we came back here - they shot 42 percent and com- to start the season. We were mitted 18 turnovers — showed behind the 8-ball for a while. We just how sure a grip he has on couldn't get anything going in our practices. We had nowhere In the midst of the Bulls' tur- to go but up," he said. "I didn't bulent start, Jackson counseled know when, but I figured the patience. He said he would see rest of the league would come

back to us at some juncture." The scary part is they have

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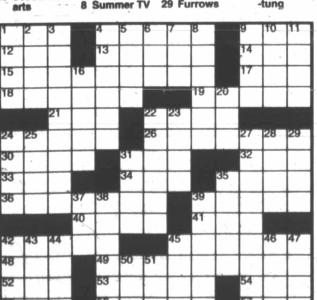
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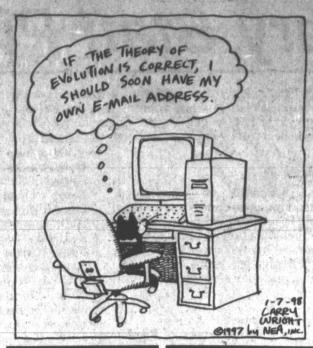
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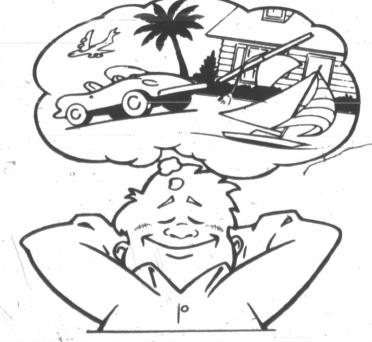
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Citizen Soldiers by Stephen E. Ambrose

The well-known historian and biographer takes up where his New York Times, best-seller, D-Day left off, continuing the story of the ordinary men of the U.S. Army from the day after D-Day until the bitter end of World War II. From the battles of Normandy, to the Battle of the Bulge, to the overrunning of Germany, the author draws on hundreds of interviews and oral testimonies to reveal the experiences of the enlisted men and junior officers who fought, suffered and overcame their fear and inexperience to win the war.

Another City, Not My Own, A Novel In The Form Of a Memoir by Dominick Dunne

Drawing on his widely read, behind-the-scenes coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial for Vanity Fair magazine, the best-selling author presents a dramatic, chilling novel that crisscrosses the line between fiction and reality. Told in the form of a memoir by Gus Bailey, a character from the author's previous novels, the book combines the real names and places involved in the Simpson trial with the personal trials Bailey suffers as he faces his own mortality. At stake in both cases are the configurations of guilt and innocence in America today.

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A Certain Justice: An Adam Dalgliesh Mystery by P.D. James

In her first novel since Original Sin, the reigning queen of English whodunits draws her detective, Commander Adam Dalgliesh, into the tangled web of the law, where justice is more breached than honored. A distinguished criminal lawyer, Venetia Aldridge agrees to defend a young man charged with brutally murdering his mother, seeing the case as merely another opportunity to exercise her forensic brilliance. Within weeks, Aldridge is found dead at her desk. As other murders follow, Dalgliesh and his team try to find a method in the madness, but what they discover is the force of unreasoning passion.

Survival of the Fittest by Jonathan Kellerman

An edge-of-the-seat follow-up to The Clinic pits psychologist Dr. Following on the heels of his best-selling thrillers, Primal Fear and Alex Delaware against a maniacal killer who preys on the disabled Show of Evil, the series continues with the third chilling showdown and believes he has science on his side. The 15-year-old daughter of between attorney Martin Vail and psychopathic killer Aaron the Israeli consul in Los Angeles is the first victim, followed by three

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## Government rejects international inquiry into violence; more Algerians continue to flee

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - Despite some of the worst butchery of the slaughtered - Algeria has rejected a U.S. call for an international inquiry.

The latest reports from survivors and hospital sources indicate. armed men killed 20 people Monday night in Bakhoucha, 40 miles west of the capital, and a family of seven in Laghouat, 190 miles south of Algiers. Most recently, reports Tuesday said about 200 people were slaughtered Sunday in mountain villages.

Many of the victims were hacked to death, and bodies were mutilated or burned, survivors said.

Various Algerian newspapers put the death toll in the mountain attacks at 150-300. The latest killings bring the number of deaths to more than 1,000 since the Dec. 30 start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, a time of prayer and fasting. Muslim militants are suspected in the attacks.

Terrified villagers have fled their homes, flooding big-city public squares to seek a safe haven from the attacks.

The Algerian government made clear in a statement Tuesday evening by the state news agency that it would not accept any international inquiry into the violence. European and American diplomats said they wanted to help, but were pessimistic about the possi-

"There seems to be very little one can do in concrete terms," said Klaus van der Pas, chief spokesman for the European Commission.

The government of this North African nation, which has insisted six-year Islamic insurgency - with reports today of 27 more people that only "residual violence" remains from the Islamic insurgency, was silent about the various weekend attacks revealed Tuesday.

But it rejected remarks by State Department spokesman James Rubin urging Algiers to allow international inquiries into the violence. The United States has proposed involving nongovernmental organizations or U.N. human rights experts in reviewing human

The U.S. ambassador, Cameron Hume, was summoned by the Algerian Foreign Ministry for an "explanation" of Rubin's comments, the official Algerian news agency reported.

Later, the news agency issued a statement saying the ambassador had been "reminded of the categorical rejection by Algeria of any idea of an international commission of inquiry, no matter where it comes from or whatever its form or nature.

Algeria long has bristled at what it considers attempts to intervene in its domestic policy.

Survivors of the bloody attacks in five mountain villages made their way to Chekala, the county seat about 150 miles west of Algiers, taking refuge in mosques and stores. Forty miles north of Chekala, 412 people were reported killed on the first day of Ramadan.

Survivors questioned by The Associated Press said the attacks Sunday in the Chekala region, killing some 200, took place in the isolated mountain hamlets of Dahmania, Beni Moussa, Kelaa, Oued Maamar and Somara.

## Chicago physicist to try human cloning despite controversy

CHICAGO (AP) - A Chicago sci-mal. Micro-manipulators would be tion to using newly developed tech- cloned. niques on humans.

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"It is our objective, it is my objec-G. Richard Seed said in an interview carried Tuesday by National Public Radio.

He brushed aside skeptics who say human cloning is unnecessary and not yet technologically possible.

"I've said many times that you can't stop science," Seed told NPR. "... God made man in his own image. God intended for man to become one with God. ... Cloning and the reprogramming of DNA is the first serious step in becoming one with God."

Seed said he planned to adopt the

entist says he is determined to used to remove the DNA from a begin work on cloning a human woman's egg and replace them being despite widespread opposi- with DNA from the person to be

Once fertilized, the egg would grow to 50 to 100 cells, and the tive to set up a human clone clinic embryo would then be transferred in greater Chicago here, make it a to a woman. If the technique works, profitable fertility clinic," physicist a baby clone would be born nine months later.

"My target is to produce a twomonth pregnancy in a female within a year and a half's time," Seed told the Chicago Sun-Times.

Seed declined to comment today to The Associated Press.

A genetics researcher said today he thinks it is unlikely - but not impossible - that Seed can accomplish the task within his stated time

"We're still in a relative state of ignorance" about how to make this work, said Dr. Robert H. Foote, a techniques used by Scottish scien-reproductive physiologist at tists in 1996 to clone the adult sheep Cornell University. "We don't know Dolly, the first such cloned mam- it can even be done in humans."

## **Amarillo Boy Choirs to conduct Vocal Camp**

AMARILLO - Amarillo Boy Choirs will conduct Simpson; Vocal Camp '98 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 24 at St. Stephen United Methodist Church, 4600 S. Western. The camp is open to girls and boys age 8-14 and will feature music instruction, a pizza lunch, door prizes and the opportunity to examine many possibilities for future participation in the

Sessions will include Ensemble Practice, Singing for Stage, Right on Rhythm, Right on Pitch, Cracking Karaoke and How to Sing, levels I and II.

Harris; Amarillo Boy Choir director, Jerry Perales; private voice teacher, Erma Rush; Linda Hughes of Amarillo College Theatre School for Children; pastor of worship at Trinity Fellowship Church, Steve

assistant/vocalist, Katrina Perales; accompanist, Nicole Atkins; and music educator/private voice teacher, Kim Miller.

Fee for the camp will be \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. In addition to group classes, a limited number of private voice lessons will be available for \$10. Such lessons will be assigned to pre-paid registrants on a first come basis. A free T-shirt will be given to all who register and pay by Jan. 15.

racking Karaoke and How to Sing, levels I and II. "Vocal Camp '97 attracted students from as far Instructors will include Amarillo Opera director away as Lubbock," said Amarillo Boy Choirs and founder, Mila Gibson; music educator, Lela Publicity Chairman Gene Bitner, "and we knew right away it was something we wanted to make an annual event for area boys and girls."

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