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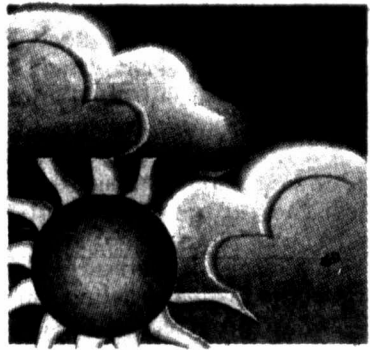
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BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Real estate tycoon Donald Trump is the target of a lawsuit by the family of a woman killed by a driver who allegedly drank too much at a party the celebrity threw.

The lawsuit was filed Wednesday on behalf of the family of Griselda Sandoval Infante of Port Isabel.

Ms. Infante, 28, was killed in August when a car driven by Noe Colunga, 32, of Harlingen, crashed head-on into her station wagon. Ms. Infante's 18-month-old daughter was seriously injured in the accident.

Colunga was indicted in November on one count of intoxicated manslaughter and one count of injury to a child.

The family's lawsuit alleges Colunga had attended a party thrown by Trump at a South Padre Island club following the Miss Teen USA Pageant last summer.

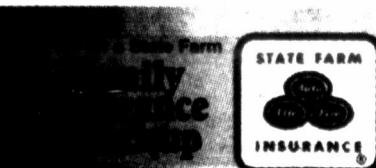
Trump owns half of the Miss Universe Limited Partnership, which produces the Miss USA and Miss Teen USA pageants. His daughter, Ivanka Trump, co-hosted the Miss Teen pageant, which Trump attended.

Brownsville attorney Ray Marchan, who represents the Infante family, said Trump threw an after-pageant party and invited all the workers who helped put on the event.

Colunga, who is not named in the lawsuit, is an independent contractor who helped construct the stage at the South Padre Island Convention Centre. The Brownsville Herald reported.

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Cuts in home health care felt

Agencies have layoffs, some services dropped

By **KATE B. DICKSON**
Associate Publisher

Layoffs of home health workers care in Pampa and elsewhere across the U.S. and cuts in Medicare services to homebound patients are beginning to be felt as new federal laws are having impact.

"Everyone is going to be touched by this," said Suzanne Wilkinson, co-owner of Pampa's Shepard's Crook's Nursing Agency and a four-state regional director for the American Federation of Home Care. "I think it's criminal we can't properly look after our elderly."

By "everyone," Wilkinson is referring to the patients and their family members who she says must struggle even harder to find the care their elderly relatives need.

"The patients are calling night and day...they don't understand," she said. "Some of them

are terrified...they call us crying on the phone."

As the results of the cuts become more evident, Wilkinson says, "I think people are going to be shocked."

Additionally, she said the loss of jobs will hurt the area economy.

The changes, which include dropping some services and lessening the number of days per year a person may receive service, are part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 that was signed into law in October.

Home health services cover a broad range from aides who pay hour-long visits to bathe patients, help with a meal and other personal needs, to skilled nursing care that can include IV therapy, physical and occupational therapy, administering chemotherapy, feeding tube maintenance and the like.

While Wilkinson won't say just

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(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)
At Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, RN Barbara Burns (left) and RN Supervisor Virginia Martinez (right) review home health records with agency co-owner Suzanne Wilkinson.

Emmert candidate for district judge

Steve Emmert announced his candidacy for judge of the 31st Judicial District Court of Texas Thursday.

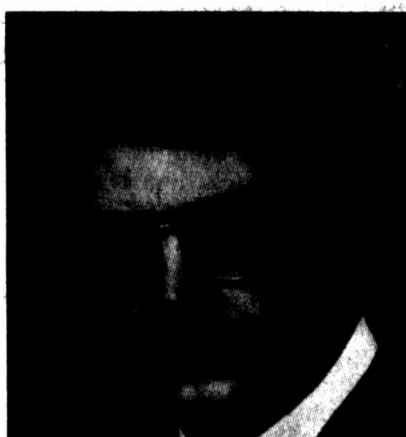
He says he is an attorney, businessman, rancher and family man. He has been married to his wife Gwen for 22 years and has three daughters, ages 13, 15, 17.

Emmert grew up on his family's ranch in Collingsworth County, and has continued to be active in the cattle business there and in Wheeler County.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas State University in 1980 and graduated from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1985. After graduation he moved to Wheeler where he has had a general law practice since 1986.

A lifelong Republican, he was elected Wheeler County Attorney in 1990 and served until resigning on Jan. 2 in order to seek the office of District Judge.

In addition to being involved in community and church activities he serves as a member of the State



Steve Emmert

Bar of Texas Grievance Committee which reviews grievances against attorneys and assesses sanctions when appropriate.

He says it has long been his ambition to serve as district judge and says he believes he has the necessary experience and common sense to provide a fair and efficient court system. Emmert says he will be a full time judge, who will insure respectability and confidence in the district court.

What happens to city post if mayor new judge?

The race for county judge is on. It involves the incumbent judge, Richard Peet, and Pampa's incumbent mayor, Bob Neslage. But what happens to the mayor's job if he is elected?

The mayor can run for another position while retaining his current elected post because the term of mayor is two years. If the term was longer he would have to resign to run.

Neslage can keep the job until the November general election even if he wins the primary in March. His term is set to expire in May of 1999. If he is elected to another post in November he would have to resign before he could assume the other position, according to state law, even if he or any office holder doesn't officially resign, a resignation is effective when they are sworn in to a new post.

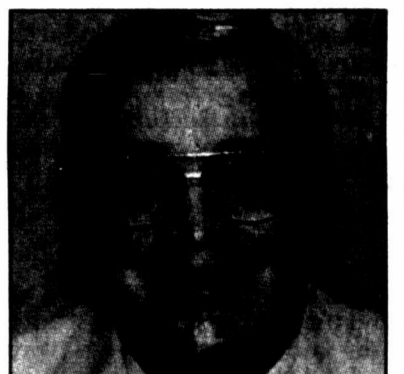
When a mayor resigns, according to the city charter and state law, the city commission may, within 30 days,

appoint a new mayor. The new mayor can be one of the commissioners but anyone with the qualifications to run for mayor can be appointed. The major requirements to run for mayor are a candidate must be a registered voter at least 18, have resided in Texas for a year, and have resided within the Pampa city limits for at least six months. The interim mayor would serve until the next mayoral election.

The commission does not have to appoint a mayor. If they choose, they can call a special election. The city charter says if the commission has not appointed a mayor within 30 days of the vacancy they must call a special election. Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary, says the charter does not specify how quickly the election must be held unless there is more than one vacancy. In that case, the election must be held within 30 days.



Judge Richard Peet



Mayor Bob Neslage

Tax-saving program completes first year

By **JEFF WEST**
Staff Writer

A program designed to save the state and taxpayers money is celebrating its one year anniversary in Pampa and its Pampa representative thinks it's doing some good.

The program is the Factual Assessment Certification Team, or FACT. The Texas Department of Human Services heralds the program's fraud fighting aspect but local representative, Ed Copeland, says making sure families get certified correctly so they get the correct amount of benefits from the beginning also saves money.

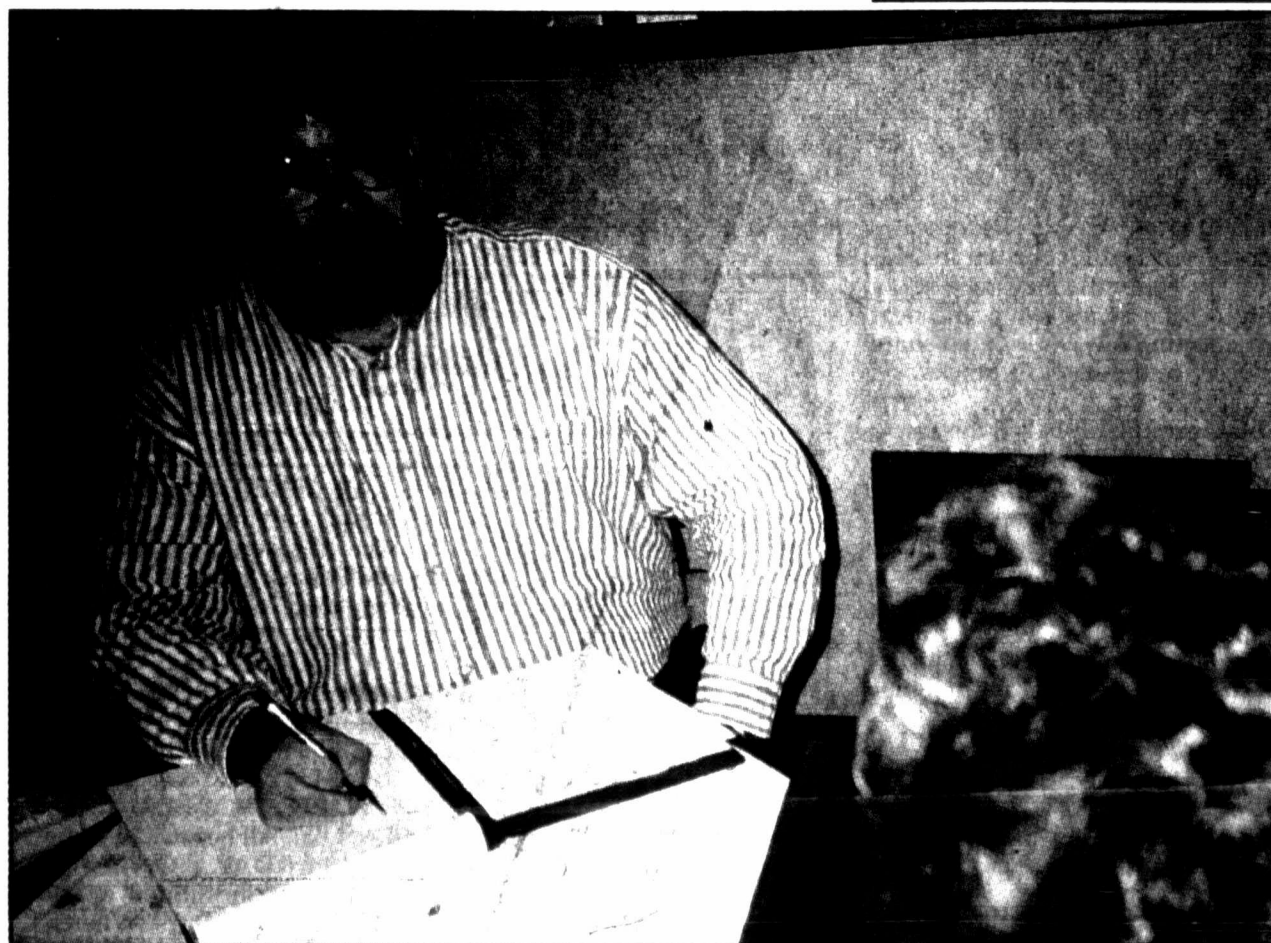
FACT pre-certifies every new application for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). One day a week Copeland, who is a full time Texas Works advisor for DHS, goes to new applicant's homes to verify information.

"Occasionally we'll come across something that they forgot to mention," he said. "A lot of times it's things they don't realize we need to know about. Vehicles, property, bank accounts, anything liquid the client use."

Statewide, the Texas Inspector General's office says they have completed over 11,000 cases of fraud and collected more than \$7 million in restitution. On a local level, Copeland says the numbers are very small.

"We'll run across fraud occasionally," he said. "We'll also take calls from the public and check into that. Basically our people are good, honest people. We only have a problem with three-to-five per cent."

Copeland says in the year he's been handling FACT cases he's looked into 25-30 cases and turned 10 over to the Inspector General's office for study. He says he doesn't get follow-up on the disposition.



(Pampa News Photo by Jeff West)
Ed Copeland with the state's Factual Assessment Certification Team program goes over the particulars with a potential client.

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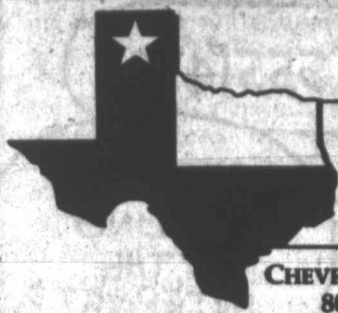
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Diamond give-away



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Missy Roye won a diamond ring from Rheams Diamond Shop during the Christmas holidays. The drawing was held Christmas Eve. Registration was from 6-8 p.m. nightly. Above are Flo Gillespie, left-right, Missy Roye, Ken Rheams and Kim Grimsley.

Big Tobacco offers to settle with state, according to report

DALLAS (AP) — The tobacco industry has offered the state of Texas \$14.5 billion in the next 25 years to settle its lawsuit, *The Dallas Morning News* reported today.

However, attorneys familiar with the case told the newspaper the proposal Thursday hit a snag over attorneys' fees during a Dallas negotiating session.

The industry completely rejected a stipulation by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales that the cigarette makers support a plan guaranteeing that the private lawyers hired by the state would be paid 15 percent of the final deal, the newspaper reported.

According to lawyers familiar with the talks, fees for the state's lawyers are the last issue to be resolved, and a final agreement could come as early as this weekend, the *Morning News* reported.

The reports of a settlement offer came as the case is nearing trial. Jury selection is scheduled for Monday in a federal court in Texarkana, Texas.

The terms of the proposed Texas settlement fall generally within the parameters of the \$368.5 billion national agreement reached last June and pending before Congress.

The state has been seeking about \$8.6 billion for reimbursement of public Medicaid money it has spent treating sick smokers.

By reaching a settlement now, Texas would be guaranteed its share of what would have been a national settlement fund even if Congress kills the national agreement, lawyers said.

About a month ago, the tobacco industry began discussing internally the possibility of settling the Texas case when it became clear the case was going to go to trial and not be postponed, lawyers said Thursday.

The *Morning News* said lawyers close to the negotiations say the settlement terms of the Texas case closely follow the terms listed in the national agreement. They said Texas would receive about \$1 billion more than it would receive if Texas were treated the same as the other states under the proposal.

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Notable quote raises ire of father's rights advocates

AUSTIN (AP) — Comptroller John Sharp and his staff need some sensitivity training, fathers' rights advocates say.

A recent collection of newspaper clippings distributed in Sharp's office included a quote from feminist author Phyllis Chesler, who in 1978 wrote: "If it were natural for fathers to care for their sons, we wouldn't need so many laws commanding them to do so."

Most state agencies collect and distribute daily newspaper clippings on subjects related to their work.

Sharp's public relations office, which assembles and distributes the comptroller's newspaper clip-

pings, said a notable quote is selected for the cover page of the clippings every day.

The quotes, press officers said, are meant to be thoughtful, compelling, and in many cases, humorous.

Hugh Nations, former editor of *Transitions*, the *Journal of Men's Perspectives*, and other fathers' rights advocates, found little humor in the selection of Ms. Chesler's quote.

"It is a stereotype. It is totally inaccurate. And it has no business in a publication distributed with state funds," Nations said Monday. "If (Sharp) is going to defend that kind of stereotype as

thought provoking, then he needs some sensitivity training."

Sharp, a Democrat running for lieutenant governor, said he has nothing to do with the selection of the quotes, adding that nearly everything is offensive to someone.

"They should take it up with Ms. Chesler," he said.

Rick Perry, the only Republican seekir the lieutenant governor's office, said Sharp was shirking his

responsibility for something offensive and divisive generated by his office.

Sharp spokesman Andy Welch said as a divorced father, he is not offended by the quote. Welch said he shares custody of his two sons.

"This is a well-known child support advocate's viewpoint," he said. "We put a quote about something from somebody on every one of those. It's thought provoking. That is all it is."

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on judicial nominees: The ongoing argument about the nomination and confirmation process took on new life late last week when Chief Justice William Rehnquist — no "liberal activist" by anyone's accounting — was outspoken in his criticism of the Senate for holding up President Clinton's judicial nominees. He was answered by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Truly, the procedure, by which presidents nominate people to be judges and to hold other federal offices, has run off the rails. There are two reasons: first, conservative Republicans are using the confirmation process to advance their own agendas and to deny this particular president part of his appointment powers; and second, it is part of the historic struggle for primacy between the Senate and the White House.

Whatever the reason, it is a disgrace — one observer calls the abuse of the process "a festering national embarrassment" — that goes beyond political rivalry and threatens to interfere with the normal constitutional working of government. Rehnquist's criticism of the Senate slowdown on confirmation hearings is based not on politics or his personal conservatism but on his belief, as the nation's top judge and judicial administrator, that the federal courts are overloaded and understaffed. "Judicial vacancies," he said, "will aggravate the problem of too few judges and too much work."

Politics always figures into the nomination and confirmation process, but not in the way it has during the last three years. The Republican majority in the Senate is not allowing nominees to be considered — not only judicial nominees but others. Nor does Hatch's argument that Clinton nominates "activist" judges hold water. Clinton understands that there is no point in offering nominees who are outside the judicial mainstream.

Senatorial courtesy, meanwhile, has been twisted into senatorial discourtesy — as when senators like Texas' Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison nix a nominee without any reason other than partisan politics, and then leave it to hired flacks to defend their actions.

According to The Associated Press, when Congress recessed a month ago, 124 Clinton nominees for various positions had not been confirmed. Forty of those were being held up by the Senate procedure called a "hold," by which any senator can block action, anonymously and without giving any reason.

Sens. Ron Wyden, D-Ore, and Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, have offered legislation that would require that senators' names be attached to holds. Their bill was put on hold, anonymously.

The Senate really is malfunctioning these days. Rehnquist is right.

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on the death penalty:

Death penalty opponents are reeling about the large number of executions in the United States in 1997. Seventy-four prisoners, imprisoned in 17 different states, were put to death last year.

It was the most since 1955, when 76 prisoners were executed, and by far the largest number in the years since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

It is predictable that critics of capital punishment would dislike the large number, but we do not feel that the figure is outrageous or unwarranted.

Consider some statistics. At the beginning of 1977, more than 3,200 inmates resided on death rows in the 38 states that have death penalty laws. The executions of 74 of them represented only about 2.3 percent of death row populations.

That means that more than 3,000 condemned inmates survived another year — which is much more than you can say for their victims.

At the rate of 74 executions a year, it would take more than 40 years to get around to all of the inmates currently awaiting executions — even if no additional inmates were added to death row populations.

That rate, if anything, sounds like a slow one to us.

Murder statistics are cause for real alarm. Of the 74 executions in U.S. prisons last year, exactly half of them were in Texas. A distant second to the 37 lethal injections in Texas was Virginia, which put to death nine of its death row inmates in 1997.

Many of the 1997 executions in Texas had originally been scheduled for 1996 but were put on hold while awaiting a ruling of a challenge filed against a state law designed to shorten the appeals process.

Thus several Texas inmates were allowed to further stall their final appointments with justice and live for another year — again, more than we can say for their victims.

Citizens who think 74 executions is an alarming number should consider murder statistics from some of our big cities. Through Dec. 14, New York City had 756 slayings for 1997, and Los Angeles had 566 murders for the year.

Both of those totals were lower than in recent years. In fact, the New York number was the lowest in 30 years, and the Los Angeles statistic was the lowest in 20 years.

Such "small" statistics — only 756 killings in the Big Apple and only 566 in L.A. — have no doubt been cause for celebration in those two large cities.

But they are still appallingly high numbers, as are the numbers in other big cities. Chicago, for example had recorded 749 homicides by late December. Detroit had 454.

Those, and murder statistics in other cities, are the figures that we find alarming. Compared to them, the executions of a relatively small number of death row inmates — who are themselves killers — does not seem outrageous in the least.



Greenspan is the man this year

Once again, *Time* has spoken. Once again, I disagree.

The magazine chose the chairman and CEO of Intel, Andrew Steven Grove, as its Man of the Year. I think it should have been the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan.

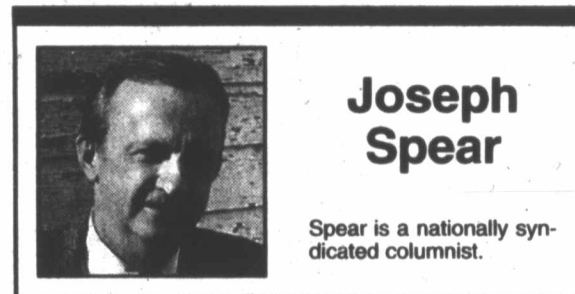
I have nothing against Mr. Grove, you understand. He survived Nazism and communism and his accomplishments have been extraordinary. His company is the leading developer and manufacturer of microchips in the world, and microchips are arguably the most important invention of the modern age.

But Alan Greenspan is a virtuoso. He tightens a string here, and he loosens one there, and he makes the American economy sing like a Stradivarius. And he does it over and over again, steadily improving his technique with each passing year.

Alan Greenspan, take a bow. I know what the naysayers say. No one person can be credited for the resuscitation of the U.S. economy, they say. Alan Greenspan just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Indeed, the economy may have recovered in spite of him.

You can believe what you choose. I am a results-oriented person, and I behold a wondrous miracle that has transpired on Alan Greenspan's watch. I credit Greenspan.

Of course, he does not act alone. He oversees a small army of economists and numbers crunchers at the independent Federal Reserve Board. Another half dozen "governors" serve on the Fed with him. They guide the economy



Joseph Spear
Spear is a nationally syndicated columnist.

mainly by controlling the supply of money. If it is advancing sluggishly, they relax controls and things heat up. If the economy is surging ahead too fast, the Fed tightens controls on money and things slow down.

The goal is steady growth. No busts and no wild booms.

Greenspan is clearly the brains behind the policies, the guru who keeps the Fed focused. He believes deep in his soul that inflation is a virus that constantly threatens our economic health. Control inflation and you will control the diseases of recession and depression. Control inflation and investors will buy bonds and industries will be developed, products will be sold, people will be employed, pensions will be secure.

It sounds like sensible policy to me. Greenspan is also a genius of understatement. He dresses in somber suits and muted ties. He affects a mild demeanor, speaks in circumlocutions and never raises his voice. It is a persona that belies the man's resilience and fortitude.

Supply-side conservatives, who preach that

untrammelled growth is the answer to everything from deficits to poverty to chilblains, get on Greenspan's case because his monetary policies restrain rapid expansion. Liberals trounce him because they want full employment and damn the inflationary consequences. There's a pervasive suspicion, also, that if Wall Street is prospering, the little guy is somehow getting screwed.

Twice a year, Greenspan goes before Congress and gently deflects the jibes of pugnacious pols who cannot abide economies that are simply stable. They want sizzling economies, the better to win elections with. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., has displayed cartoons lampooning Greenspan as a Gloomy Gus. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., once claimed the Fed governors "masquerade as a bunch of chaste economic monks" but in fact worship Wall Street.

Greenspan listens, quietly suffers the insults, takes out his violin and plays the music precisely as he thinks it should be played. In 1997, he delivered the performance of his life.

At the same time the economy expanded at a rate of 3.7 percent, inflation hovered around the two percent mark. Wages shot up four percent — the greatest hike in 20 years. Corporate profits were up. The Dow Jones stock market index hopped over the 8,000 mark several times. And best news of all: Unemployment was at 4.6 percent, the lowest level in a quarter century.

Thank you, Alan Greenspan. And now, a few encores.

Please.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 1998. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1968, the Surveyor VII space probe made a soft landing on the moon, ending the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew, between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United

States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister.

In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said Clifford Irving's purported biography of him was a fake.

In 1980, Saudi Arabia beheaded 63 people for their involvement in the November 1979 raid on the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

Clinton's legal fund not the first

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

President Clinton's legal defense fund turned out to be a bust, far short of the safety net other politicians have found in using the same system to pay their lawyers.

Indeed, a conservative Republican in trouble a decade ago made his legal fee fund into a bonanza and the beginning of a vast fund-raising network.

Still saddled with some \$3 million in legal bills, and with more to come in the Whitewater, Democratic fund-raising and Paula Jones cases, Clinton is looking for a way to try again, free of the restrictions that applied to the fund shutting down now.

When he set up the legal defense fund 3 1/2 years ago, he was the first president ever to create one. But not the first office holder. The device has been used at least a dozen times by senators and House members facing ethics investigations or criminal cases.

Richard Nixon had a legal defense fund, but only after he resigned the presidency in 1974.

Oliver North, the retired Marine lieutenant colonel embroiled in the Iran-Contra scandal, had a legal defense fund set up in 1988, and it raised more than \$13 million before it was ended in 1992. By the time he ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in Virginia in 1994, he had built a national political fund-raising operation.

Clinton's fund was restricted by limits he set on donations, and by ethics rules that barred it from actively soliciting funds, a problem even before it was embroiled in one of the cases that was running up the bills in the first place, the congressional investigation of Democratic fund raising for 1996.

From the outset, his fund limited contributions to \$1,000 a person, and ruled out donations from political action committees, unions, and corporations.

Those are the sources that have bankrolled congressional legal defense funds, which have far greater leeway in seeking money. Individuals can give as much as \$10,000 to a senator's defense fund, \$5,000 to a House member's. For political action committees, the ceiling is \$10,000.

The congressional beneficiaries are subject to a rule requiring that they make contributions to their funds themselves, but that can be covered with a token; \$10 will do.

The first donations to the Clinton fund were \$1,000 each from the president and first lady, but in their case, that personal stake made the fund subject to tighter ethics restrictions than would have been the case had they let others do it.

An arms-length fund, set up by supporters so as to be — or seem to be — independent of Clinton wouldn't be so limited as his first attempt. The Office of Government Ethics OK'd the Clinton fund, but with strings, permitting it to accept donations but not to solicit them.

Then the defense fund got snarled in the broader fund-raising controversy after Democratic donor, and Clinton friend, "Charlie"

Yah Lin Trie tried to deliver \$639,000 in cash stuffed into manila envelopes. The money was declined but it led to congressional and grand jury investigations — and to legal fees.

In shutting down the fund, Michael H. Cardozo, the executive director, said the notoriety that brought had a chilling effect on contributions.

And its latest 1997 report showed that the fund spent more than it raised.

It has paid \$766,134 in Clinton legal bills, and personal liability insurance he bought before he became president paid \$890,000 in the Jones sexual harassment case, coverage now ended and in dispute. Conservatives, incidentally, set up a legal defense fund for Jones.

There may be another way out of legal debt for Clinton, depending on what happens in the Whitewater case, which accounts for about \$2.7 million of his unpaid bills. Unless they are indicted, the Clintons will be eligible to seek government reimbursement for their costs in dealing with the investigations of special prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr. That's the rule in independent counsel cases.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the total cost of defending Clinton comes to more than \$6 million. Then again, the Whitewater independent counsel investigations have cost much more, about \$35 million.

And the president isn't the only one with a stack of legal bills. At least 37 of his aides have them, too, some running to six figures, in cases stemming from their jobs.

All of which adds up to the only certainty in the whole business. A lot of lawyers are making a lot of money.

Clinton authorizing revision of Indonesia bailout plan

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration and the International Monetary Fund, alarmed by Asia's deepening economic crisis, are sending top officials to Indonesia to help right a faltering bailout effort.

Both the White House and the IMF emphasized that their emissaries would underscore to Indonesian President Suharto the urgent need for his government to adhere to the reform pledges it made in November to qualify for a \$40 billion rescue package.

President Clinton made a personal appeal to Suharto in a 20-minute phone call Thursday night from Air Force One, the White House said.

"The president made it quite clear that the IMF program needs to be followed," said a senior administration official, who



President Clinton

spoke on condition of anonymity.

Suharto pledged his support to Clinton for IMF-backed reform, a senior minister said in Jakarta today.

"Indonesia is serious about car-

rying out the plan," Indonesian State Secretary Minister Mardiono told reporters following a meeting with Suharto.

Earlier, the IMF had called for Suharto's government to accelerate "much needed reforms already agreed upon." While warning of the consequences of failing to live up to the IMF reform program, both the White House and the IMF held out the promise of accelerated assistance to Indonesia if Suharto's government shows renewed resolve.

The statements from Washington helped to bolster the Indonesian currency, one day after it had plunged to a record low over market unhappiness with a new budget put forward by Suharto.

The White House said Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, the administration's point man on the Asian crisis, would lead a U.S. delegation this

weekend that also would include officials from the State Department and the National Security Council.

Defense Secretary William Cohen also was leaving Saturday on a previously scheduled trip to the region to discuss the implications of Asia's economic woes on potential weapons purchases by Asian armies.

The IMF statement said Managing Director Michel Camdessus, a Frenchman, and Stanley Fischer, his American deputy, would leave for Asian capitals this weekend on their second trip there in less than two months.

White House spokesman Barry Toiv told reporters traveling with Clinton on a trip to New York and Texas that the president also had spoken with Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong. Singapore is one of the countries that has provided individual sup-

port to back up the IMF rescue packages.

The IMF said Fischer would head directly for Indonesia, while Camdessus was expected to travel first to South Korea for a meeting in Seoul with President-elect Kim Dae-Jung and other officials. South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand all have received IMF rescue packages in recent months as the 182-nation lending agency has scrambled to halt a widening currency crisis that struck Asia last year.

After Kim pledged to fully implement the IMF program, the IMF, the United States and other countries announced the weeks ago they were accelerating disbursement of South Korea's \$57 billion bailout package in what proved a successful effort to halt a free-fall in the Korean currency. The plunge of an Indonesian currency this week was triggered by release of a proposed govern-

ment budget that financial markets viewed as falling short of the commitments Indonesia made to the IMF.

Many economists said the exchange, inflation and economic growth rates used to prepare the budget were unrealistic.

Fischer told CNN on Thursday night he was confident that after talks with Indonesian leaders, "we'll be back on track."

He said Suharto's budget was "not as bad as it was portrayed in the press" and he appealed for patience.

An IMF rescue plan "takes a while," Fischer said. "People are shell-shocked, they don't know what hit them."

As expected, the IMF's executive board Thursday approved the latest \$2 billion disbursement that is part of the South Korea's bailout, indicating the board feels Seoul is on track in carrying out economic reforms.

Unabomber case: Kaczynski under suicide watch, trial in total chaos

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Theodore Kaczynski is in the Unabomber's vision of hell—hooked to an electronic heart monitor in a cell for the suicidal, a camera watching his every move.

Kaczynski's mental health—the issue he has fought so hard to avoid—is at center stage in his strange case, a day after authorities say he tried to hang himself with his underwear and then sought permission to defend himself at a murder trial where he is accused of being the anti-technology Unabomber.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys were to confer today with psychiatrists who will examine Kaczynski. They must report to the court on whether he is competent to stand trial at all and whether he can represent himself.

Experts say that process could take up to two weeks. The trial that was supposed to have opening statements on Monday is on hold after a bizarre week of surprises from the 55-year-old professor-turned-hermit.

Only minutes before the presentations were to start again on Thursday, Kaczynski said he would rather defend himself than submit to his attorneys' mental defect defense. He delayed the trial Monday by trying to fire the lawyers.

Outside court, defense attorney Judy Clarke denied her client was sabotaging the trial.

"That is absolutely not the case," she said. "This is an unbearable situation for him. He has lived with this fear all his life. This is not manipulation, this is not cunning, this is not an attempt of someone to escape legal process."

If U.S. marshals are correct, Kaczynski apparently reached the depths

of despair sometime Wednesday night at the Sacramento County jail. He had been on a partial suicide watch since Monday when marshals warned deputies that Kaczynski was depressed, Undersheriff Lou Blanas said.

He had been a model prisoner for 18 months. But when Kaczynski arrived at court Thursday morning and changed from his inmate coveralls to dress clothes, marshals noticed that he wasn't wearing underwear.

He also had a red mark on the right side of his neck. Deputies found the briefs in a plastic bag in Kaczynski's cell. Blanas said they were in a "stretched condition," like they had been used to hang something.

Defense lawyers refused comment and it was unknown whether they knew about the apparent suicide attempt before the hearing. Prosecutors didn't learn about it until later and a source who spoke on condition of anonymity said U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. also learned about it afterward.

Anthony Bisceglie, who represents Kaczynski's brother David and mother, Wanda, said he had no doubt the act was a suicide attempt.

"The family is just devastated," said the attorney, who has called the prospect of Kaczynski defending himself "federally assisted suicide."

"It's pathetic," Bisceglie said. "I don't know what to compare this to." The apparent suicide attempt grabbed the most attention, the true disruption of the trial came when Kaczynski agreed to undergo psychological tests to prove he is competent to handle his own case. He had resisted for weeks government efforts to have him examined by psychiatrists.

Bond dealer, county official charged in corruption scandal

MIAMI (AP) — A founder of what was once the nation's leading minority-owned municipal bond firm and his aide are the latest charged in a widening probe of public corruption in Miami.

Cam Grigsby is accused of arranging \$350,000 in kickbacks for Miami County Commissioner James Burke and Burke's former aide, Billy Hardemon.

Prosecutors said a system for rating the county's bond business was modified at the insistence of Burke, who secretly steered business to Grigsby.

Grigsby, a flamboyant financier, major Democratic donor and co-founder of the defunct Grigsby Brandford & Co. of San Francisco, pleaded innocent to the 12-count indictment Thursday.

Burke and Hardemon delayed entering pleas until another hearing Feb. 10. Bail was set at \$1 million for Grigsby and \$500,000 each for Burke and Hardemon. Each could get up to 50 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Gov. Lawton Chiles suspended Burke shortly after he appeared in court.

The men are charged with money laundering, fraud and bribery conspiracy.

The charges filed Thursday involved a \$180 million refinancing of a recycling plant, a \$210 million bond issue on a sports arena on Biscayne Bay and talk of an expressway bond issue.

Burke and Hardemon allegedly shepherded through a change in a county ordinance covering the selection of bond underwriters to give Grigsby a bigger role.

Burke, one of 13 county commissioners, and Grigsby were caught on an FBI videotape in a San Francisco hotel suite allegedly discussing a \$300,000 kickback for steering county business to Grigsby's firm.

FAA orders inspection of Boeing 737s

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fasteners missing from the tail of an airliner that crashed last month in Indonesia have prompted the Federal Aviation Administration to order inspections of 211 Boeing 737s.

The FAA said the plane lacked 26 fasteners on its horizontal stabilizer, the wing-like structure on both sides of a plane's tail. The fasteners, similar to flat-head machine screws, bind the rounded, leading edge of the stabilizer to the structure's forward spar.

"It is possible that the fasteners were missing because they had not been installed during manufacture," the FAA said Thursday in its order. "If such a quality control failure occurred on this airplane, it may also have occurred on others produced at approximately the same time."

The airworthiness directive issued by the FAA requires a visual inspection of the horizontal stabilizers on Boeing 737s in the 300-, 400- and 500-series models. The order directs airlines to look for missing fasteners and check that all bolts connecting hinges are secured properly within 24 hours or five flights. Inspection results must be reported to the FAA within five days.

U.S. companies affected by the order are Alaska,

Bouliou Aviation Services, Continental, GE Capital Corp., ILFC, Pro Air, Southwest and Western Pacific.

The order was prompted by a preliminary investigation into the Dec. 19 crash of a Singapore-owned SilkAir Boeing 737. The jet crashed onto the island of Sumatra during a flight from Jakarta to Singapore, killing all 104 people aboard.

FAA investigators believe a bolt from an elevator attachment fitting on the SilkAir jet also may have been missing when it crashed. The elevator is on the trailing edge of the horizontal stabilizer.

"There is, as of yet, no evidence linking these missing or loose fasteners to the cause of the accident," the FAA said.

The agency already has received one report of a loose fastener during an inspection. However, it reported no problems with a recent inspection of all 737 horizontal stabilizers now in production or ready for delivery within the United States.

In Seattle, Boeing spokesman Russ Young said the company welcomes the inspections. "The smart thing to do when you have a question like that is to go take a look," he said.

Young said Boeing had received no reports of any other missing fasteners.

IRS: Annual tax filing season approaching

DALLAS — The beginning of a new year also signals the start of the annual federal tax filing season. More than 3.3 million North Texans are now finding tax packages in their mail boxes, a reminder that it's time to file their income tax forms again.

This year's tax forms look a lot like last year's forms despite a huge number of tax law changes. For example, Form 1040 has just two new lines — one for the medical savings account deduction and the other for the adoption credit, both provisions resulting from 1996 legislation. Most of the changes in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 will not start until 1998.

According to the IRS, most taxpayers file their taxes between the last few days of January through the first three weeks of February. That's the IRS' "peak filing period."

"Once people receive their W-2 earnings statements from their employers, they usually don't waste any time in filing their annual tax return because they're expecting a tax refund," said Ellen Murphy, IRS North Texas acting district director. About seven out of every 10 North Texas taxpayers will receive tax refunds this year. For most people, the annual chore is an easy one. All the help they need is explained in their tax package.

If people still need help, they

can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS has expanded its telephone hours to six days a week, 16 hours a day. IRS customer service representatives can be reached by telephone from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

For people who prefer to do business "on-line" without standing in line, they can access the IRS HomePage on the Internet. It has free tax forms, publications and other helpful information. The IRS Internet address is: www.irs.us/eas.gov.

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Rushing Wind Emmaus meets Saturday

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet in Perryton Saturday at the First United Methodist church at Fourth and Baylor.

An agape meal will be served at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall followed with a service of praise, worship and communion in the sanctuary. A nursery will be provided.

Emmaus, which develops Christian leaders is ecumenical and members, friends and families of all churches are welcome. Rushing Wind includes area churches in Kansas, Oklahoma and the Northeast Texas Panhandle.

Get It Straight In '98 youth revival

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 East 23rd St., will host a youth revival at 7 p.m. Jan. 9-11. "Get It Straight in '98" will feature illusionist/comedian Mark Matlock.

The program will focus on problems facing youth in America today and will illustrate how to learn from life's experiences.

Solomon Sincere, a music group from Wayland Baptist University, will also be performing during the revival. For more information, check CBC's web page at www.calvarybaptist.pampa.com.

First Pentecostal hosting gospel sing

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will host Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 11. This popular monthly event attracts musicians and singers from a variety of churches in Pampa and the surrounding area. A growing group of musicians provide instrumental accompaniment to the congregational singing of favorite Gospel songs and hymns.

Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal extend a welcome invitation to all who wish to attend.



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

GET IT STRAIGHT IN '98 — That's the theme chosen by the youth group at Calvary Baptist Church for its youth revival to be held under the supervision of Rev. Lyndon Glaesman. The revival starts at 7 tonight and goes through Sunday night. Everyone is invited.

Some churches bar straight marriages to protest ban on gay weddings

By VICKI BROWN
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Suzanne Prince married Hunter Allen at a friend's home. That wasn't the plan, but the couple had no choice because their church — Edgehill United Methodist — doesn't allow marriage ceremonies.

The Edgehill congregation decided that until the United Methodist Church allows gay marriages, no marriage ceremonies of any kind will be performed in their chapel.

"If the United Methodist Church wasn't going to allow gay people to get married in the church, I agree that straight people shouldn't either," said Prince, who's been married nine months.

Similar acts of protest have been reported elsewhere. The Rev. Jan Nunley, rector at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Providence, R.I., will preside over church weddings for straight couples. But she won't sign marriage licenses for them.

"I was in considerable anguish over the fact that I can create a legal relationship for mixed-gender couples, but couldn't do that for same-gender couples who've lived together for 25 years," she said.

She complies with her bishop's wishes by conducting gay weddings off church property.

The National Council of Churches has no information on

how many individual churches perform gay marriage ceremonies, or refuse to allow traditional marriages to protest bans on gay marriages.

Southern Baptist Convention spokesman Herb Hollinger said he knows of no Southern Baptist churches that recognize gay unions or have refused to allow traditional weddings. Theology is left to local churches, but convention principles prohibit promoting or affirming homosexuality, he said.

The United Church of Christ allows individual churches to set their doctrines, so gay marriages can be performed. Any church that opposes such unions may bar them, said Hans Holzmagel, a public relations officer for the church.

The Roman Catholic Church does not allow priests to perform gay marriages, while the Episcopal Church is less clear.

The Rev. Robert Warren Crome of Trinity Episcopal Church in San Francisco performs gay weddings, though his bishop opposes them.

"I don't obey a bad law," he said.

The United Methodist Church bars its ministers from performing gay weddings, and they can face discipline if they do not comply.

Edgehill's policy was drafted when a pastor in Atlanta was disciplined for blessing a homosexual couple's wedding, said

Kathryn Mitchem, who chaired Edgehill's Administrative Council which adopted the policy.

"We didn't feel we were taking something away, more that we were making a public witness to the denomination," she said.

Deen Thompson, a gay congregant at Edgehill, prizes the support of fellow parishioners.

"It's a feeling that the church is making a statement about a wrong within the church," he said.

Before 1996, some Methodist ministers conducted weddings for gay members. The 1996 church general conference adopted a prohibition against ministers conducting same-sex unions in Methodist churches.

"By every standard we know, marriage is a union of male and female, made valid in the sight of God by blessing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit," said the Rev. Riley Case, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Kokomo, Ind.

Case is a member of the United Methodist Church Good News, a group that supports traditional scriptural views.

The Rev. Jeanne Knepper of Portland, Ore., a spokesperson for Affirmation, a United Methodist ministry of outreach to homosexuals, disagrees with the church's policy on gay marriages. But she does not believe individual churches should bar all marriages as a protest.

"My sense would be not to take from those who can, but to give to those who can't," she said.

GIFT continued

Mrs. Kimrey, who married at age 47, spent much of her time caring for her ailing parents and doing church work. When her parents died, they left their estate to her with one condition: She would will it to the church upon her death.

She died March 2, 1996, and left 80 percent of her estate to the church and 20 percent to her stepson, Rod, who lives in Miami.

When the estate was settled, the church received \$1,839,739.74.

"I was stunned," Worthy said. The church board has spent some of the money to pay off debt on the parsonage and to pave the church parking lot. The rest has been placed in a Methodist foundation, earning the church about \$150,000 a year in interest. The remaining capital won't be touched, Worthy said.

Up to a third of the interest will go for church upkeep and a third for charities such as a Greensboro soup kitchen. The church is looking at creative ways to give away the rest.

Send us your church news by 5 p.m. Wednesdays!

Church stunned by gift

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Lib Kimrey was remembered around Centenary United Methodist Church for small acts of generosity — a gift of African violets, a new carpet for the pastor's office.

Now she'll be remembered for a \$1.8 million bequest to the church she considered part of her family.

Mrs. Kimrey, who died in March 1996, drove a Buick sedan, lived in a three-bedroom house, and squirreled away a fortune during her 83 years even though she never worked outside the home.

It wasn't until last November that the church learned the magnitude of her gift — 80 percent of her estate, or more than three times the annual budget for the church on a manicured campus in an upper middle-class neighborhood.

"It's really amazing that somebody would love the church so much that they would want to give so much to it," said Centenary pastor, the Rev. Carl Worthy. "But whether its \$100 or a million, you're grateful."

Church members counting their blessings are trying to determine how best to use the bequest for God's glory. It came with no strings attached.

"I think whatever is done with it will be done tastefully," said Mildred Rives, who knew Mrs. Kimrey for 35 years.

Longtime members recall her as someone who symbolized all that is good about Centenary. She had a zest for life, a broad smile, eternal optimism, and a subtle sense of humor. She enjoyed gardening and antiques.

And she was always ready to give a hand — or a check — when a need arose.

When Centenary had to replace its aging mimeograph machine, she paid for a new copier. And when the floor of the pastor's office looked shabby, she offered to buy new carpet.

She often tucked cash into birthday and Christmas cards she sent to friends.

Mrs. Kimrey spent her final years in a nursing home. Her husband, Vernon, a clothing salesman, died in 1991.

"The saddest part to me is that on the Sunday the gift was announced in church, 98 percent of the people didn't know who she was," said Judy Milligan, 66, whose earliest memories are of Mrs. Kimrey.

See GIFT, next column

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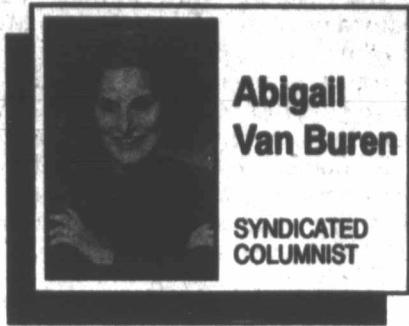
Seniors Should Take Charge Before Others Are Forced To

DEAR ABBY: What is it with people who do not want to go to a nursing home when they get old? I often read about the anguish families go through when an older person can no longer live independently. Younger family members have their own ordeals, but old folks seem to hang onto houses they can't keep up and mountains of accumulated "treasures" of questionable value. They see only two options: Stay put, or have the kids take them in.

My aunt, however, was another story. She wasn't wealthy, but had a little money and was smart with what she had. She was widowed at 50, worked until retirement, then set about to enjoy herself. One fine day in her 70s, she informed me that she had visited two retirement homes and knew where she intended to move when she needed looking after. She bought the dress for her funeral, picked out the casket, chose the hymns and helped the preacher write her eulogy. "Now," she proclaimed, "I'm just going to enjoy life until the end." What an inspiration!

Abby, most people are far too attached to material things for their own good. I suppose giving up my material things will also be difficult, but the hardest thing for me would be giving up my dogs. But then, why would I want to be schlepping out to walk a pooch every morning and evening when I am old and feeble?

As for insisting on dying at home (as if that's some tender and senti-



Abigail Van Buren

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mental thing to do), it's unfair to saddle loved ones with such difficult and depressing circumstances.

I recently read that about 30 percent of people would choose suicide over a nursing-home! Are they nuts? Give me clean, pleasant surroundings for my final days.

While my attitude may strike some as insensitive and cold, actually I love life and intend to live it to the fullest, like my aunt who never made it to the nursing home. At age 83, she had a massive stroke while boarding a tour bus and died almost immediately.

Why is it that so many who say, "I don't want to be a burden," do everything to become one by imposing on relatives or forcing decisions on others when they are no longer able to live alone?

I know this is long, but I think it bears an important message.

LIVING IT UP 'TIL THE END

DEAR LIVING: Your aunt is the kind of role model we all

aspire to be, active and vital to the end — and you are not far behind. However, please don't be so judgmental of those who are hesitant to give up their independence and familiar surroundings. Many people fear the unknown, and as they age, become less able to adjust to new situations. Few are eager to surrender control of their lives — and that is what a nursing home symbolizes to many.

Assisted-living facilities that offer varying levels of care for seniors while permitting them to continue pursuing their interests and activities are far more attractive alternatives. Residents can maintain their independence assured that should they become ill or need long-term care, they will have access to health-care services while remaining in a familiar environment.

Seniors should carefully investigate all the options before making decisions about their "December" years.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



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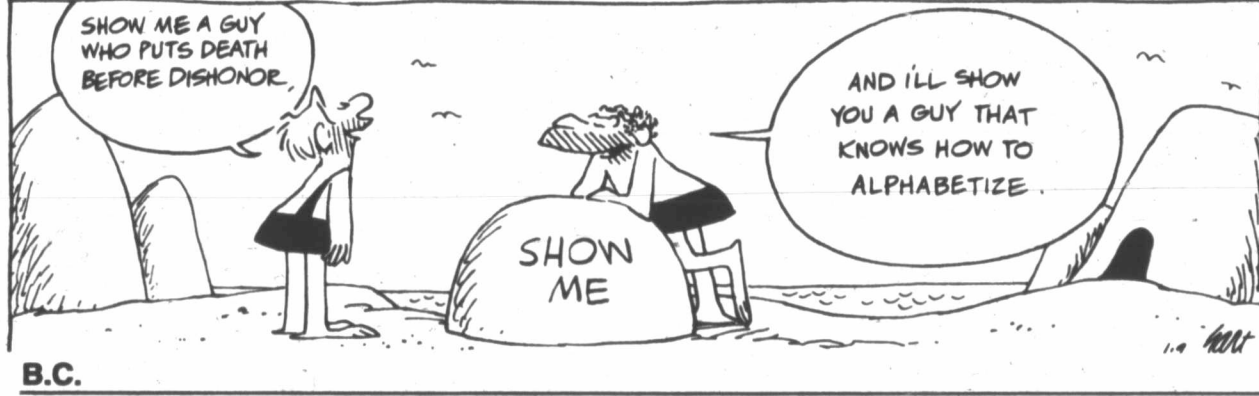
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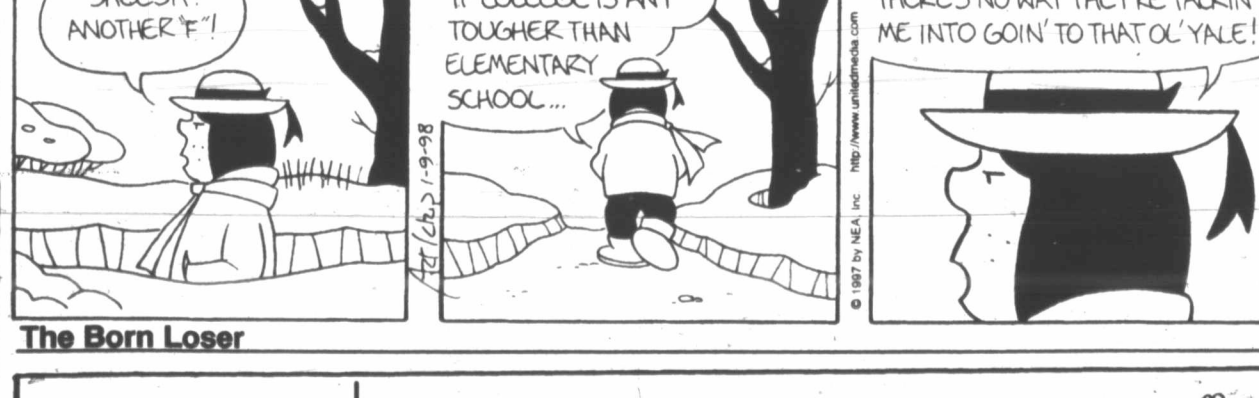
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The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



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Horoscope

Your Birthday
 Sunday, Jan. 11, 1997

Several impressive new associations will be formed in the year ahead. They will involve people with whom you have much in common and be of a lasting nature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be cooperative today with people who cooperate with you. However, don't embarrass yourself by trying to patronize those who aren't. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Show

proper gratitude today to people who go out of their way to help you. If they aren't acknowledged properly, they won't be there next time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In financial matters today, let your prudent instincts prevail. Watch how you spend your money; it's the small outlays that could weaken your budget.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually you treat your guests in a gracious manner, but you might not be yourself today and cause others to feel uncomfortable. Lighten up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, don't worry about things that may never happen. Instead, maintain a positive, hopeful attitude as you direct your own destiny.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have been good about paying your part of the tab in your involvements with friends, but today could be an exception. Do not step out of character.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Ambitious urges are aroused easily today, but you might waste efforts on the wrong objectives. Prioritize so that you don't spin your

wheels.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Suffering in silence won't help matters today. If others do things that disturb you, bring them out in the open so that they can be resolved and erased.

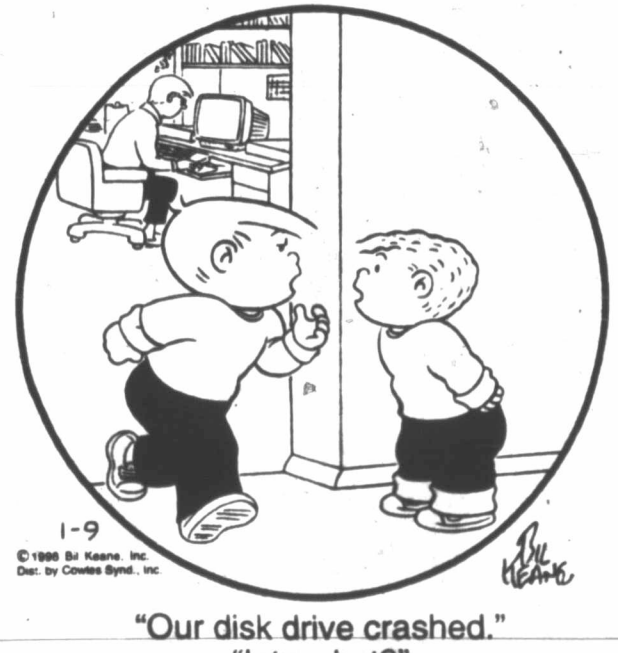
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It could prove unwise today to immerse yourself too deeply in the problems of a close friend. Your input might complicate matters, actually.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In significant matters today, be prepared to fend for yourself. People who usually function as your back-up may not be available when you need them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guilty feelings could spoil your day today if you fail to take care of responsibilities that need your attention. Do not neglect your duties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be extra cautious in your commercial affairs today. There is a chance you might do business with an individual who isn't as forthright as you are.

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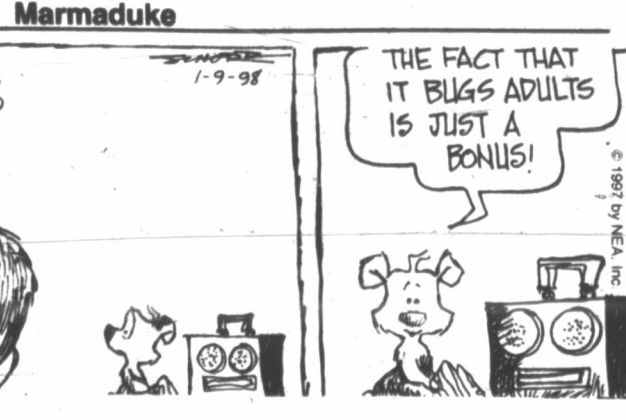
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SPORTS

Switzer pays the price for dismal season

Notebook

FOOTBALL

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson of Michigan, as expected, announced today that he is giving up his final year of eligibility and will enter the NFL draft.

"It was a tough decision for me. Something I really needed to think about," Woodson said at a news conference on the campus.

Woodson helped the Wolverines win a share of the national football championship with a 21-16 Rose Bowl victory over Washington State on New Year's Day. Michigan (12-0) won The Associated Press title on a vote of writers and broadcasters, while Nebraska (13-0) was No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

Woodson, a defensive back, last month became the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman. He also was used as a receiver and punt returner for the Wolverines.

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — All-American linebacker Anthony Simmons said today he would pass up his final season at Clemson and enter the NFL draft.

He is the second Clemson defensive star to jump to the pros in as many years.

Simmons led the Atlantic Coast Conference with 144 tackles this season, winning him a first-team spot on the Associated Press All-America team.

"It was a tough decision, but after talking I wasn't sure whether I'd have this chance again," said Simmons, who consulted with family, friends and coaches following the Peach Bowl.

Simmons said his family was split on the move.

POWERLIFTING

PAMPA — The fourth annual Pampa Powerlifting Classic will be held in the MPAC building (west of Harvester Stadium) on Jan. 17.

The Harvesters have won the meet the previous three years, but were heavily challenged by the Dumas team in last year's contest.

The meet is comprised of the Squat, Bench Press and Deadlift. A team is made up of eleven athletes and each school usually enters two teams in a meet.

Schools entered in this year's contest are Borger, Canyon, Randall, Dumas, Hereford, Perryton, Panhandle, Clarendon and Highland Park.

GOLF

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Casey Martin, suing the PGA Tour for the right to use riding cart in competition, shot a 6-under-par 66 in the first round of the Nike Tour's Lakeland Classic.

Martin, who has a congenital condition that reduces blood flow in his right leg, won an injunction to ride in the PGA Tour qualifying tournament, and the tour agreed to allow him to ride in the year's first two events.

Jay Overton opened with a 65, while half the 144-man field was unable to complete the round because of a long rain delay.

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) — Outfielder Deion Sanders and right-hander Jose Rijo returned to the Cincinnati Reds, agreeing to minor-league contracts.

Sanders, however, is not expected to pay baseball this season. The deal calls for the two-sport star to receive \$5,000 per month. Rijo, who has undergone five operations in two years on his right elbow, is guaranteed just \$72,000, but could earn up to \$3.7 million.

NEW YORK (AP) — Darryl Strawberry, saying he's in the best shape of his career, returned to the New York Yankees with a one-year contract that guarantees him \$850,000. Strawberry, 35, 11th among active players with 308 homers, had only 28 at-bats last season because of a knee injury.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Barry Switzer is paying the price for the Dallas Cowboys' 6-10 season.

Switzer, 61, has reached an agreement with team owner Jerry Jones to step down as coach, a source within the organization told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The team scheduled a news conference for 1:30 p.m. EST today regarding the coaching situation. Jones was flying back from New York to attend.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Switzer and Jones came to the agreement this week. It was not clear whether Switzer will remain with the team as a consultant.

He still has at least two years left on a contract at \$1 million per year, and he recently bought a home in the area and owns a restaurant.

Switzer took most of the blame for the Cowboys' failure to make the playoffs for the first time in seven years, although he brought them a Super Bowl title just two years ago.

Jones was not immediately available for comment because he was in New York for NFL meetings, and Switzer did not answer his home telephone.

Sources told The Daily Oklahoman on Thursday in a copyright story that Switzer and Jones have reached a pact regarding the remaining years on his contract.

Switzer, who replaced Jimmy Johnson four years ago, had said that he would not stand in the way if Jones — a longtime friend — is eager to make a change.

The fact that Switzer was not present for a major news conference earlier this week when Jones

announced the signing of offensive lineman Larry Allen to a six-year contract was a signal that Jones' good friend was no longer a member of the inner circle.

Another indication that Switzer wasn't coming back was when quarterback Troy Aikman, who complained openly about a lack of discipline on the team this year, announced before the regular season ended that would come back in 1998.

Critics of Switzer pointed out that Aikman wouldn't have made such a statement unless he knew that Switzer's fate was sealed.

Fullback Daryl Johnston was interviewed last week and said one of the reasons the team collapsed this year was because of lax discipline, such as Switzer allowing players to report late for practice.

Switzer himself even said after

the Cowboys' final game, "I told Jerry he ought to fire the whole damn bunch of us."

Jones, however, didn't take Switzer's advice. Instead, he came to an agreement with Switzer much as he did with Johnson, who got a \$2 million goodbye package and thanks for winning two Super Bowl rings.

Switzer leaves with one Super Bowl ring in his four-year stint with the team and a record of 40-24. The Cowboys were 17-17 in Switzer's last two years.

Candidates to replace Switzer include George Seifert, who left the San Francisco 49ers under strained circumstances a year ago.

Seifert's contract with the 49ers expires in early February, and Jones said this week he wasn't going to do anything about the Cowboys' coaching situation until February.

Other possible hires include Terry Donahue, former UCLA coach; Jon Gruden, offensive coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles; and perhaps even someone from Switzer's own staff such as defensive coordinator Dave Campo.

Jones has said he plans to do some coaching himself next year, and the new candidate would have to accept having Jones looking over his shoulder. In fact, Jones has already drawn up plans for a 3-4 defense and other items he thinks might help get the Cowboys back into playoff contention.

The Cowboys had been in the playoffs six consecutive seasons before this season's power failure, when the offense came apart from failure to score inside the 20 and constant mental mistakes and penalties.

Seniors hold golf scramble

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a 3-man scramble Thursday.

The team of Bill Washington, Richard Abbott and Glen Downs won first place.

Results are as follows:
First place: Bill Washington, Richard Abbott and Glen Downs 67.

Second place: Oscar Sargent, John McGuire and Ralph Ridgway 70.

Third place: Harvey Malone, Bill Harwood and Bob Brandon 70.

Closest to the hole: Harvey Malone, No. 15.

Hidden Hills Seniors play every Wednesday, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, the seniors will play either Thursday or Friday.

Call the golf shop (669-5866) for more information.

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — John Cook has a daughter only five years younger than Tiger Woods. Nick Price played in the British Open when Woods was only 2.

But it was clear after Thursday's first round of the Mercedes Championships at La Costa that Cook and Price came into the new PGA Tour season with the enthusiasm of youth.

Perhaps it is a response to the competitive challenge posed by Woods or perhaps it is an awareness that the highest-ranked players in the world stand to get very rich when the new World Golf Championships start in 1999.

Or perhaps it is just an awareness that time is passing.

"I know how much time I have left," Cook said after shooting a 7-under-par 65 for a 1-stroke lead over Price. "And I want to commit to the game."

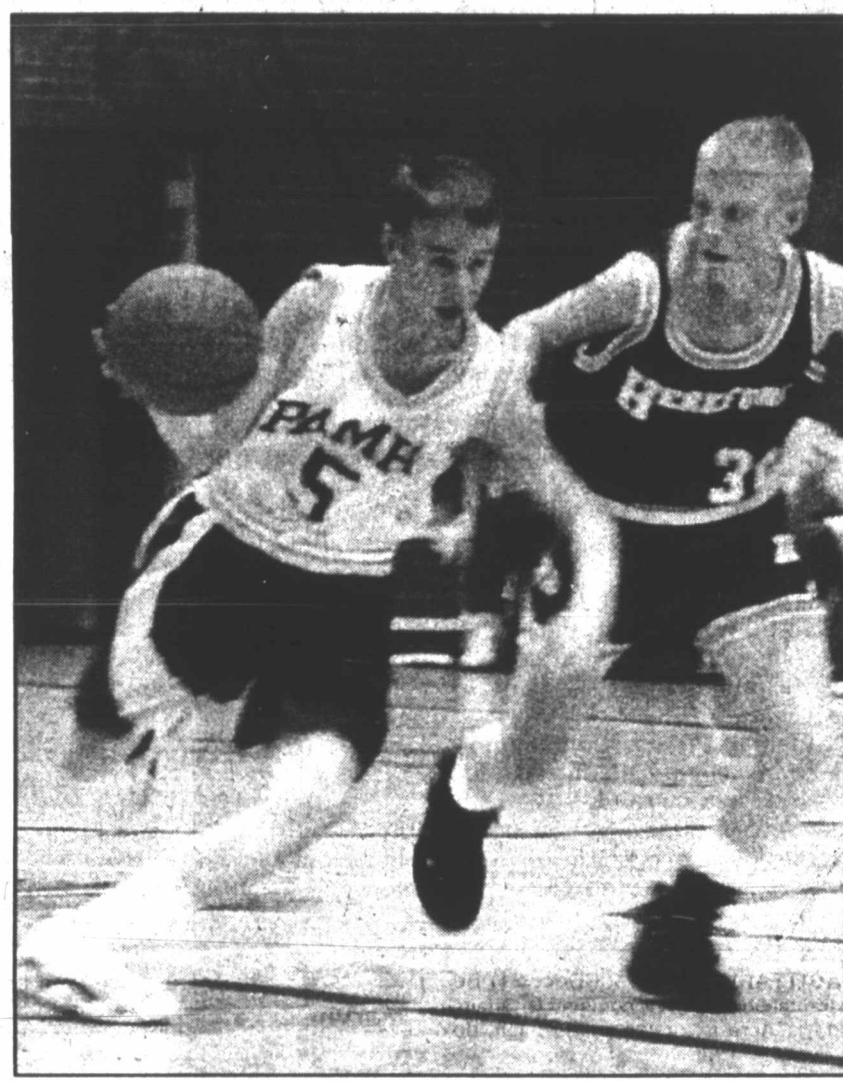
Asked how much time he has left, Cook, who turned 40 in October, laughed and said, "Not much."

That's not how he played on Thursday.

Hitting his irons with pinpoint precision, Cook missed only one green and made six birdie putts inside 12 feet.

On the only green Cook missed — No. 13 — he chipped in from 20 feet for a birdie.

"It's a pretty nice way to start," Cook said.



(Pampa photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Kevin Schaub drives to the basket in a freshmen game against Hereford Thursday night. Hereford won, 56-45.

Pampa 7th graders defeat Hereford

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Canyon, 40-24, Thursday night in a 7th grade boys' basketball game.

Ryan Zemanek was high scorer for Pampa with 12 points. Jordan Klaus and Clay Trimble added 9 points each.

Pampa also won the B team game, 27-21. James Silva and Jared Snelgroes had 8 and 6 points, respectively.

In the 8th grade division, Canyon won over Pampa, 40-32.

Matt Driscoll was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points, followed by Adam Rogers 7.

Canyon won the B team game, 24-22.

Greg Easley had 6 points and John Knipp 5 to lead Pampa scorers.

Pampa and Canyon played Thursday night in middle school girls' action.

Results are as follows:
7th Grade

Canyon A 63, Pampa A 17
Pampa high scorer: Valerie Velez 7.

Canyon B 32, Pampa B 12
Pampa high scorer: Christina Rodriguez 7.

8th Grade
Canyon A 51, Pampa A 21

Pampa high scorers: Misti Northcutt 4, Randa Morris 4, Micki Petty 4.

Canyon B 25, Pampa B 22
Pampa high scorer: Ashley Jordan 8.

The Pampa teams play at Hereford on Monday.

Hereford defeated Pampa, 29-23, Thursday night in a 9th grade girls' game.

Mandy Rains had 8 points and April Shorter 5 to lead Pampa in scoring.

Schilling had 8 points while Baker and Sanchez had 6 each to lead Hereford.

In the boys' game, Hereford posted a 56-45 victory.

Pampa's record is now 1-3 in district and 3-8 overall.

Kevin Schaub was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points. Kirk George followed with 11.

Hereford also won the B team game, 43-34.

Adam Wright was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points while Jonathan Munn added 8.

Pampa plays at Randall on Saturday with the B team game starting at 10 and the A team game at 11:30.

Somebody out there likes the visitors

By **DAVE GOLDBERG**
AP Football Writer

There's already one rarity in Sunday's conference championship games: The home teams aren't favored, although historically home field has meant more in the playoffs than during the season.

In other words, a lot of people are looking at a Denver-Green Bay Super Bowl.

The Broncos are 1-point favorites going into Pittsburgh for the AFC title and Green Bay and San Francisco are pick 'em at 3-Com Park in the NFC.

That makes a certain amount of sense.

For most of the season, the Broncos and Packers were the two best teams in the league. They may still be, but they stumbled just enough during the season to lose home field for the playoffs.

Now, at least to the oddsmakers, that doesn't seem to matter.

Denver (minus 1) at Pittsburgh

The Broncos started as an underdog after beating Kansas City, but someone obviously plunked enough money down on Denver to turn around the odds.

Certainly, the Broncos have a good shot.

But only three times has a team that's had to play three games made it to the Super Bowl — Oakland in 1980, New England in 1985 and Buffalo in 1992.

The Broncos compare favorably with all — had they not lost in Kansas City on Pete Stoyanovich's 54-yard field goal, they'd be home for this game. And their record (14-4) is better than Pittsburgh's (12-5).

Still, last week's win was their first playoff road win in a decade. Moreover, Terrell Davis' bruised ribs made him tentative last week.

And Jerome Bettis is likely to do more on the ground against them than the Chiefs' running back by

committee. In the first meeting this season, a 35-24 Pittsburgh win, Kordell Stewart threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more.

A hunch — this is the game where the Broncos will feel the loss of home field. Yes, the Broncos won in Kansas City, an inordinately tough place to play.

But Three Rivers can be even tougher and, unlike the Chiefs, Pittsburgh is used to winning in the playoffs.

STEELERS 20-19
Green Bay (pick 'em) at San Francisco

An item that's not good news for the 49ers:

Since 1990, the home team in the NFC Championship game has lost twice and both times it was San Francisco — 15-13 to the Giants in the 1990 season and 30-20 to the Cowboys two years later.

The Niners also lost a second-round game at home — 27-17 to these same Packers, the only time this decade the No. 1 and No. 2

seeds didn't play in this game.

The 49ers remember that one well.

Since then, the Packers have beaten them twice more, once in overtime at Green Bay in the 1996 regular season, then again last January 35-14, the game in which Desmond Howard's punt returns set up two quick touchdowns.

Much is being made of the fact that the 49ers didn't beat anyone — the NFC West, where the Niners got eight of their 13 regular-season wins, didn't have a team over .500. Denver and Minnesota (twice) are the only playoff teams San Francisco has beaten.

But that's not as important as a simple fact: The Packers are better.

PACKERS, 24-16
LAST WEEK: 3-1 (spread) 3-1 (straight up)

PLAYOFFS: 4-4 (spread) 6-2 (straight up)

REGULAR SEASON: 117-113-10 (spread); 155-83-2 (straight up)

Pacers hold off Rockets, 87-80

HOUSTON (AP) — The Indiana Pacers didn't have to play well to defeat the injury-depleted Houston Rockets.

"There is a tendency to slack off when the other team's big guys are out," Reggie Miller said after Indiana gave up a big lead and held on to win 87-80 Thursday night.

The Rockets were without injured stars Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley and Clyde Drexler. Reserve Eddie Johnson also wasn't available because of an injured right elbow, leaving Houston with only nine players.

"It's like the wounded animal scenario," explained the Pacers' Jalen Rose, whose 18 points topped Indiana. "Houston was missing three of the top players of all time, but they battled back."

Indiana, off to its best start in the NBA under rookie coach Larry

Bird and winning for the 11th time in 14 games, pulled within a half-game of Central Division-leading Chicago.

Kevin Willis had 32 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who have lost seven of 10.

"Without our primary offensive players, we had to run some alternative plays," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Our shots just weren't falling."

The Rockets average a league-best seven 3-pointers per game, but missed their first 15 attempts before Brent Price converted with 7:55 left in the game and the Pacers ahead 71-66.

"There is no such thing as a moral victory in this league, but I thought we played hard though we were overmatched," said Price, who finished with 12 points.

Indiana took advantage of Houston's injury situation early, pulling away to an 11-point lead in

the first quarter when the Rockets made only four of 23 shots from the field.

Rose then scored 13 points in the second quarter as the Pacers led by as many as 17 points in the period.

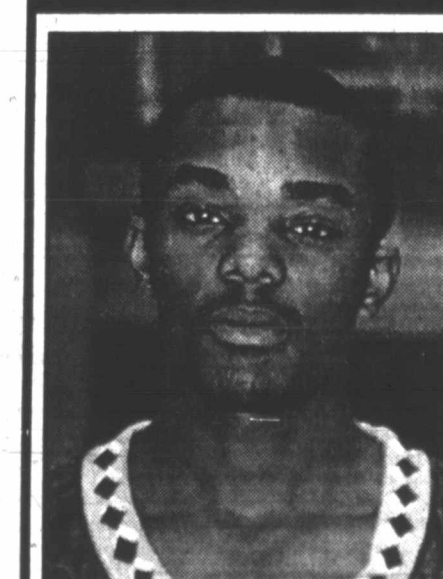
"I just want to play," he said. "I got some shots tonight and they were falling. That's the important thing to me, not who was out there for the other guys."

Bird agreed, saying the Rockets' injury problems made no difference in his game plan.

"We play whoever is on the floor," he said. "Jalen gave us the boost."

"Coach talked to us before the game about not relaxing, since all of their guys were out," said Derrick McKey, who finished with 10 points for Indiana. "We had to be professional and go out and get the job done. We played our game and eventually things worked out our way."

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



LYNN BROWN

Son Of Lynn & Mary Brown

Pampa Harvester Basketball

Lynn is the Harvesters' floor leader. He uses his quickness and ballhandling ability to penetrate the defense. He scored 13 points in Pampa's district opening win over Borger. Despite his 5-8 size, Lynn is also one of the team's leading rebounders.

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Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 27
Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22
Denver 42, Jacksonville 17
Sunday, Dec. 28
New England 17, Miami 3
Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Pittsburgh 7, New England 6
San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22
Sunday, Jan. 4
Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7
Denver 14, Kansas City 10

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Denver at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 4 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At San Diego
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. (NBC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ABC)

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Conner, RHP Chris Curtis, LHP Gavin Osteen, LHP Rick Kiley and OF Duane Washington on minor-league contracts.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with LHP John Cummings, RHP John Ericks, RHP Jason Grimsley and RHP Jamie McAndrew on minor-league contracts.

Detroit Tigers—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Worrell on a one-year contract. Signed RHP Eddie Gaillard, RHP Brian Powell and OF Gabe Kapler.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with OF Darryl Strawberry on a one-year contract. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Mike Quade manager of Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League. Jeffrey Leonard manager, Bert Bradley pitching coach, Dave Joppie coach and Brian Thorson trainer of Huntsville of the Southern League.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with RHP Andy Starikiewicz on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with OF Deion Sanders and RHP Jose Rijo on minor-league contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with C Tim Lincecum on a minor-league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with 2B Quilvio Vera on a two-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA—Named Adam Silver president and CEO of NBAE, Bob Crispien senior vice president of finance, Brian McIntyre senior vice president of communications and Steve Mills senior vice president of basketball development.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed C Jack Haley and F Xavier McDaniel to 10-day contracts.

PHOENIX SUNS—Agreed to terms with P. J. Ross on a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL—Fined Denver Broncos OT Gary Zimmerman, OG Brian Habib and OG Mark Schlereth \$5,000 each for violating league policy by having a slippery substance on their arms in a Jan. 4 game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Announced the retirement of George Young, general manager, to accept a position as senior vice president of football operations for the NFL. Named Ernie Accorsi assistant general manager and Rich Donohue assistant general manager.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

FLORIDA PANthers—Signed D Joey Tatarone. Assigned G David Lemanowicz to Tallahassee of the ECHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed RW Randy McKay to a multi-year contract extension. Traded LW Reid Simpson to the Chicago Blackhawks for a 1998 fourth-round draft pick

and future considerations. OTTAWA SENATORS—Returned C Derek Armstrong to Hartford of the AHL. PHOENIX COYOTES—Reassigned the suspension of C Chad Krier after he accepted reassignment to the minors.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned RW Chris Kennedy and D Lior Zabransky to Worcester of the AHL.

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
At A Glance

All Times EST
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	21	11	.656	—
New York	19	14	.578	2 1/2
New Jersey	18	15	.545	3 1/2
Washington	19	17	.528	4
Orlando	18	17	.514	4 1/2
Boston	16	16	.500	5
Philadelphia	9	23	.281	12

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	23	11	.676	—
Indiana	22	11	.667	1/2
Atlanta	20	12	.625	2
Cleveland	20	12	.625	2
Charlotte	20	13	.608	2 1/2
Detroit	15	18	.455	7 1/2
Milwaukee	15	19	.441	8
Toronto	4	30	.118	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	22	11	.667	—
Utah	22	11	.667	—
Houston	17	14	.548	4
Minnesota	16	16	.500	5 1/2
Vancouver	10	25	.286	13
Dallas	6	28	.176	16 1/2
Denver	2	30	.063	19 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	28	6	.824	—
L.A. Lakers	26	8	.765	2
Phoenix	21	10	.677	5 1/2
Portland	19	13	.594	8
Sacramento	15	20	.429	13 1/2
L.A. Clippers	9	25	.265	19
Golden State	7	23	.233	19

Wednesday's Games

Washington 110, Boston 108

Orlando 83, Toronto 81
New York 89, New Jersey 86, OT
Miami 90, Chicago 72
Phoenix 92, Minnesota 77
San Antonio 96, Denver 89
Charlotte 81, Portland 89
L.A. Clippers 110, Vancouver 102
L.A. Lakers 114, Milwaukee 102
Atlanta 106, Golden State 86

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 89, Orlando 87
Seattle 105, Cleveland 84
Sacramento 103, Dallas 92
Indiana 87, Houston 80
Utah 116, Milwaukee 109

Friday's Games
Seattle at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Grand Valley St. 85, Mercyhurst 88
Grove City 45, Hiram Col. 44
Haverford 76, Albright 81
Howard U. 98, Hampton U. 79
Hunter 85, Medgar Evers 58
Indiana 65, Marist 49
La Salle 83, Fordham 57
Mass.-Lowell 78, New Hampshire Coll. 70
Massachusetts 69, Temple 56
Misericordia 60, Alentown 59
Phila. Textile 74, Adelphi 51
Rosen 93, Cabrini 54
Rutgers 73, Seton Hall 49
Sacred Heart 90, Bridgeport 65
St. Peter's 75, Rider 71
Stonehill 72, Pace 59
Syracuse 76, Georgetown 60
Vermont 56, Northeastern 52
Wheeling Jesuit 76, W. Virginia St. 70
Widener 61, Muhlenberg 60

SOUTH
Auburn-Montgomery 77, Mount Senario 22
Bellarmine 77, Ky. Wesleyan 40
Belmont 79, Winthrop 71
Coastal Carolina 77, Charleston Southern 68
Coker 48, Erskine 48
Cumberland, Tenn. 80, Greenville 69
Davidson 83, Wofford 69
Delaware St. 59, Norfolk St. 49
Dillard 74, Loyola, N.O. 63
Elizabeth City St. 81, Columbia Union 55
Fla. International 80, Mercer 34
Francis Marion 69, Armstrong Atlantic 53
Ga. Southwestern 71, Savannah Art & Design 55

Jacksonville St. 81, Campbell 75, OT
Johnson C. Smith 79, St. Paul's 67
Kentucky St. 67, Miles 49
Lynchburg 77, Freed-Hardeman 68
Lynchburg 73, Campbellville 58
Longwood 82, St. Andrew's 51

Louisiana Tech 100, SW Louisiana 50
Memphis 81, Southern Miss. 61
Mississippi Col. 87, Dallas 47
Morris Brown 68, N.C. Central 54
N. Carolina St. 73, Clemson 51
N. Kentucky 54, Indianapolis 43
NW Louisiana 68, McNeese St. 65
North Carolina 99, Georgia Tech 48
North Georgia 87, Piedmont 70
Queens, N.C. 85, Mount Olive 78
Radford 81, N.C.-Asheville 80
Roanoke 71, Lynchburg 54
Samford 73, Coll. of Charleston 68, OT

Tenn. Wesleyan 76, Les 65
Troy St. 87, Stetson 78
Virginia 86, Maryland 60
W. Kentucky 86, South Alabama 80
Webber 69, Worcester St. 66
Xavier 63, Virginia Tech 74
MIDWEST

Bowling Green 85, Toledo 80
Cent. Michigan 74, Akron 62
Dakota St. 71, Dakota Wesleyan 55
Dortch 79, Huron 64
Duquesne 87, Dayton 74
Evangel 78, Graceland 66
Ind.-Purdue 81, Ashland 67
Kent 92, W. Michigan 63
Lewis 72, Wis.-Parkside 64
Michigan Tech 85, Hillsdale 70
Mo.-Kansas City 56, NE Illinois 50
N. Illinois 84, Marshall 68
N. Michigan 71, Findlay 39
Notre Dame 75, Miami 47
Ohio U. 70, Ball St. 58
Rio Grande 83, Midway 57
SIU-Edwardsville 74, S. Indiana 66
SW Missouri St. 71, Akron 52
Saginaw Val. St. 78, Wayne, Mich. 58
Spring Arbor 70, Siena Heights 52
Walsh 73, Malone 63
Wis.-Milwaukee 61, Butler 59

SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 95, Texas A&M-Kingsville 85
Austin Col. 70, McMurry 54
Hardin-Simmons 98, U. of the Ozarks 78
S. Nazarene 97, St. Gregory's 67
SW Oklahoma 76, E. Central U. 60
Stephen F. Austin 84, Texas-San Antonio 71
Texas-Arlington 71, SW Texas St. 60
W. Texas A&M 83, Midwestern St., Texas 65
Youngstown St. 77, Oral Roberts 69

ARIZONA ST. 77, Washington 76
CS Northridge 67, Montana St. 65
Colorado St. 66, New Mexico 63
E. Washington 72, Sacramento St. 69
Gonzaga 71, Loyola Marymount 59
Montana 79, N. Arizona 64
Oregon 79, Southern Cal 65
Pepperdine 64, Portland 62
Texas Christian 90, San Jose St. 88, OT
UCLA 76, Oregon St. 72
Valparaiso 88, S. Utah 82
Washington St. 64, Arizona 61
Weber St. 66, Idaho St. 59

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday's Women's Basketball Scores
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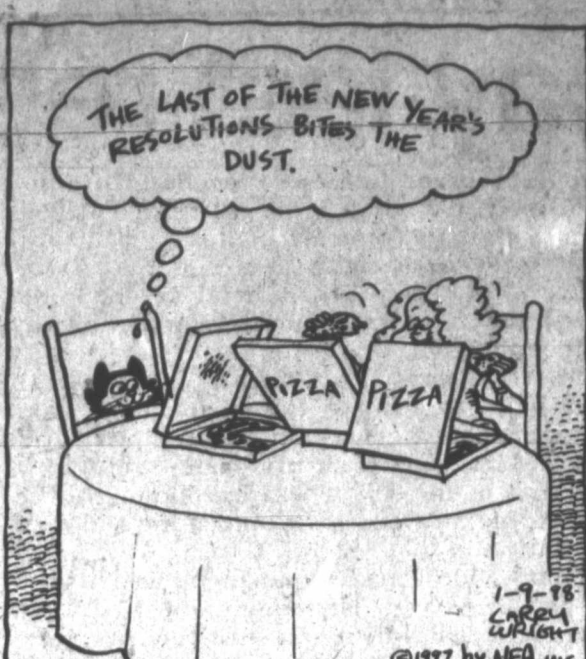
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Hundreds pay last respects to Sonny Bono

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — They knelt and whispered prayers at his flag-draped coffin, hundreds of them, including his widow — mourners who filed into the little church for hours.

It would have been a somber scene in all respects if not for the presence of Sonny Bono.

In one of his life's many incongruities, a big-grinning image of the songwriter/comic-turned-conservative congressman radiated from a large color portrait behind his mahogany casket.

It wasn't too long ago that Bono shared billing with a diminutive actor known as Tattoo, or took a guest spot on "The Love Boat." But as the nation pays its respects to an unlikely icon, the guest list at St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church was strictly political A-list.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich was among the politicians expected today at the funeral of Bono, who died Monday in a skiing accident at age 62. Dozens of members of Congress planned to attend the service, as did California Gov. Pete Wilson and a

Cabinet representative of President Clinton.

Fittingly, it was all to be on national television, with Bono commanding his biggest audience since his days with Cher. After the service, police were to escort the funeral cortege to the burial site at Desert Memorial Park in nearby Cathedral City.

The two-term Republican congressman died at Heavenly Ski Resort in South Lake Tahoe, where he was on vacation with his wife, Mary, and their children — daughter, Chianna, 6, and son, Chesare, 9. Bono plowed into a pine on an intermediate slope and died instantly.

Bono's widow made an unannounced visit to the four-hour vigil Thursday night. Wearing a long black coat, Mrs. Bono knelt before the casket and clasped her hands in prayer before going back to a pew, where she sat for about 10 minutes.

As she left with family friend Bruce Herschensohn, a conservative commentator who ran against Bono for U.S. Senate, Mrs. Bono embraced, kissed and shook hands with mourners outside.

They began lining up outside the church more than two hours before the vigil. Some people drove three hours to this desert resort, 100 miles east of Los Angeles.

Clutching Sonny and Cher dolls, Donna Berry of Victorville said she used to enjoy watching "The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour" during which the droopy-mustachioed Bono played the blumling sidekick to his sharp-tongued, striking wife. The variety show ran from 1970 to 1974.

"It was her glamor, his sense of humor, the way they worked together," said Berry.

"I followed him through his changeover into politics. I can't believe he was successful in politics," said Eldon Diner, 62, of Simi Valley. "But people talk real good about him. ... (Ronald) Reagan did it, I guess he could do it, too."

At the site of Bono's star embedded on Palm Canyon Drive, a small shrine of statuettes, candles and balloons swelled as tourists and residents visited, some adding their own tributes.

"I was so sorry to hear about this," said

Sylvia Waters, a Tennessee native who has owned a condominium in the area for 15 years. "After he took office, there was such a change. Things have picked up so much."

Clinton sent a letter that was read at the opening of the Nortel Palm Springs International Film Festival, which Bono founded when he was the city's mayor, a job he won in 1988 and held until 1992.

"I join you in paying tribute to the memory of Congressman Sonny Bono, who did so much to bring this festival to reality and to ensure its continued growth and success," the president wrote.

Bono was elected to Congress as a Republican representing the Palm Springs area in 1994.

Though the politician had gone a long way toward shedding his comical TV image, his down-to-earth qualities endured from Hollywood to Washington.

"He was such a nice man," said Jeannie Stone, 44, of Los Angeles, who attended the vigil. "I grew up with his music, and I've watched him grow as a person."

Researchers say universe will expand forever as 'big crunch' theory collapses

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five teams of astronomers using different research techniques have arrived at a common conclusion: The "big bang" will not be followed by the "big crunch."

Based on the research, said Ruth Daly, a Princeton University astronomer who headed one team: "It is quite clear now that the universe will expand forever."

The astronomers, in effect, were trying to determine if there was enough matter in the universe to force it to stop its current expansion one day and start collapsing inward. Their findings, presented Thursday at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society, support the idea that there never will be a grand crunch.

Most astronomers now accept the idea that the universe began with a "big bang," a moment about 15 billion years ago when a superdense point exploded in the most gigantic bang imaginable. It is believed that since that moment, all matter in the universe has been expanding outward. The controversy among astronomers is whether the universe is "closed" or "open."

In a closed universe, the expansion

would continue until gravity from the mass of matter canceled the outward force and the motion reversed directions. In effect, the idea went, the universe then would collapse inward and come back together until it was all crammed into a single point of unimaginable density. Hence, "the big crunch."

But astronomers from Princeton, Yale, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Harvard-Smithsonian Astrophysics Institute reported Thursday that all their studies show the universe is "open." In effect, they found that the universe will continue to expand, and even accelerate, forever.

Neta Bahcall, working with a second Princeton team, said her studies of the largest structures in the universe — immense clusters of hundreds of galaxies, each with billions of stars — show the universe is too lightweight to ever "crunch."

"It has only about 20 percent of the mass needed to close," she said.

Peter Garnavich of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Saul Perlmutter of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Bradley Schaefer of Yale studied supernovae, which are exploding stars, to measure the rate of

expansion of the universe. By looking deep into the universe, the astronomers were able to measure the rate of expansion early in the universe history.

Speed of the expansion over time is essential for estimating the density of matter in the universe and, thus, determining if the expansion will continue.

Garnavich said his team is at least 95 percent certain now that the "density of matter is insufficient to halt the expansion of the universe."

Some of the supernovae studied by the astronomers are the farthest stellar explosions ever sighted.

Daly used still another system, measuring the distance and motion of radio "hot spots," intense sources of natural radio signals that emit from very hot stars.

She said her data, using this independent measure, agreed with the others: The universe is open and will expand forever. That, however, does not mean nothing will change, said Daly.

She said that eventually all the fuel in the stars will burn out and the universe will become cold and dark "with nothing left but rocks."

But relax, said Schaefer. That frozen future will not happen for another 100 billion years, give or take a few billion.

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