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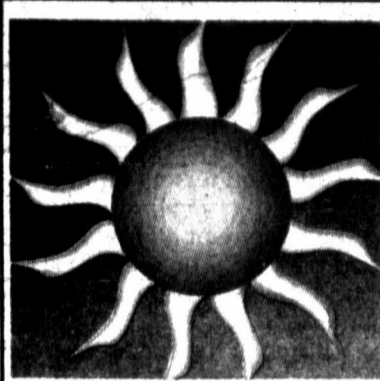
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CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 17-year-old juvenile parolee ignited a controversy when he decided to smoke a cigarette in the restroom of a Texas Youth Commission halfway house.

The youth wound up in jail, prompting questions about the application of the state's new misdemeanor law against tobacco use by minors.

"They wanted us to arrest him because he was 17," Corpus Christi police Capt. Gene Frobish told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "When we told him we wouldn't, that we generally just issue citations for things like this, they went ahead and wrote up the paperwork to revoke his parole right then and there."

The teen-ager was arrested and taken to the Nueces County Jail.

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn were: 1-11-13-31-34-43 (one, eleven, thirteen, thirty-one, thirty-four, forty-three)

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$23 million.

- Naimi Clemmons, 64, long-time Pampa resident.
- T.H. Howard, 85, retired U.S. Postal Service employee.
- Ida Blanche Jenkins, 97, Pampa resident since 1928.
- L.A. Meathenia, 76, retired employee at Cabot R&D.
- Margaret Talley, 89, former Pampa resident.

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Price, Hwy. 152 utility additions on city agenda

It's expected that city commissioners will receive preliminary plans and cost estimates for extending water and sewer services outside the city limits when commissioners meet tomorrow.

A number of business owners and representatives on Price Road and Highway 152 are seeking the service as a replacement for inadequate private water lines and septic tank systems.

Late last year, a plea for help was made before the Pampa Economic Development Commission, Gray County Commissioner's Court and the Pampa City Commission.

Commissioners will meet at city hall at 4 p.m. for their public work session where most discussion takes place, followed by the formal meeting at 5 p.m.

In other business, commissioners will consider the award of the bid for the Somerville lighting project which can be awarded in either one or two phases. Funds will need to be allocated either from contingency or commission reserves to pay for the project.

Also, commissioners will consider the award of bid for the purchase of the public siren system. The old system will be distributed to other locations in the county.

Included in the consent agenda is first reading of an ordinance to increase, by \$1, some of the fees at at Hidden Hills Gold Course. If passed, the new week day green fee will be \$9, the twilight free will be \$7 and the seniors fee will be \$7.

Firefighters say now is bad time to burn debris

Pampa firefighters have had several instances lately of people burning grass or debris and causing grass or outside structure fires. They want to remind you of a few safety and legal requirements for burning or disposing of the debris.

First Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said that burning inside the city limits is illegal and can result in a fine of \$269.25. He said that it doesn't happen very often but he has had to file one case this month.

There have been several cases of grass fires this month but most of those have been accidental according to Stevens.

"People need to take extra precaution this time of year, because everything is extra dry," he said.

Other suggestions are to be sure of the wind direction to avoid having smoke drift over roads which can cause a traffic hazard also avoid burning when the smoke will carry over into a neighbors house.

Several of these suggestions may seem self evident but the rash of recent fires may indicate people need reminders.

The fire marshal's office also suggests waiting to burn until one hour after sunrise and to stop at least an hour before sunset and to burn only when the wind is between six and 23 miles an hour.

To be really safe, the fire marshal's office suggests that as alternative to burning people could try recycling, composting landscape materials, and using a mechanical chipping or mulching machine to use either as a fertilizer or just a way to reduce the volume of waste you need to dispose of in some other way.

County savings reach \$1.5 million

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

The most recent Gray County treasurer's report revealed revenue is up and the county is doing well financially.

"The main thing is for a number of years we've been working to achieve three months forward of reserve money," said County Treasurer Scott Hahn.

As of Dec. 31, 1997, the county achieved that goal with approximately 1.5 million in the bank — an amount the commissioners court have sought to keep in reserve over the past few years.

For example, Hahn said, the county spent about \$300,000 for the Skinner trial and the question has been raised as to what the county would do if "another Skinner trial" came along.

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Benevolent legislator tends to his injured family

By DENISE GAMINO
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Texas lawmaker Kenny Marchant has been in the hospital in Dallas for three weeks with a broken heart.

Night after night, he converts a hospital couch that is surrounded by flower bouquets into a bed and tries to sleep away his sorrow.

Across the room, his namesake son lies paralyzed from the waist down. Upstairs, his wife of 23 years has a broken back, neck and collarbones. A head injury has left her mind fuzzy. His daughter, although she was expected to go home today, lies in another room with a broken back and leg.

"He would trade places with any of them," Marchant's pastor says. But he can't, so he is trying to do the impossible — be at three bed sides at once.

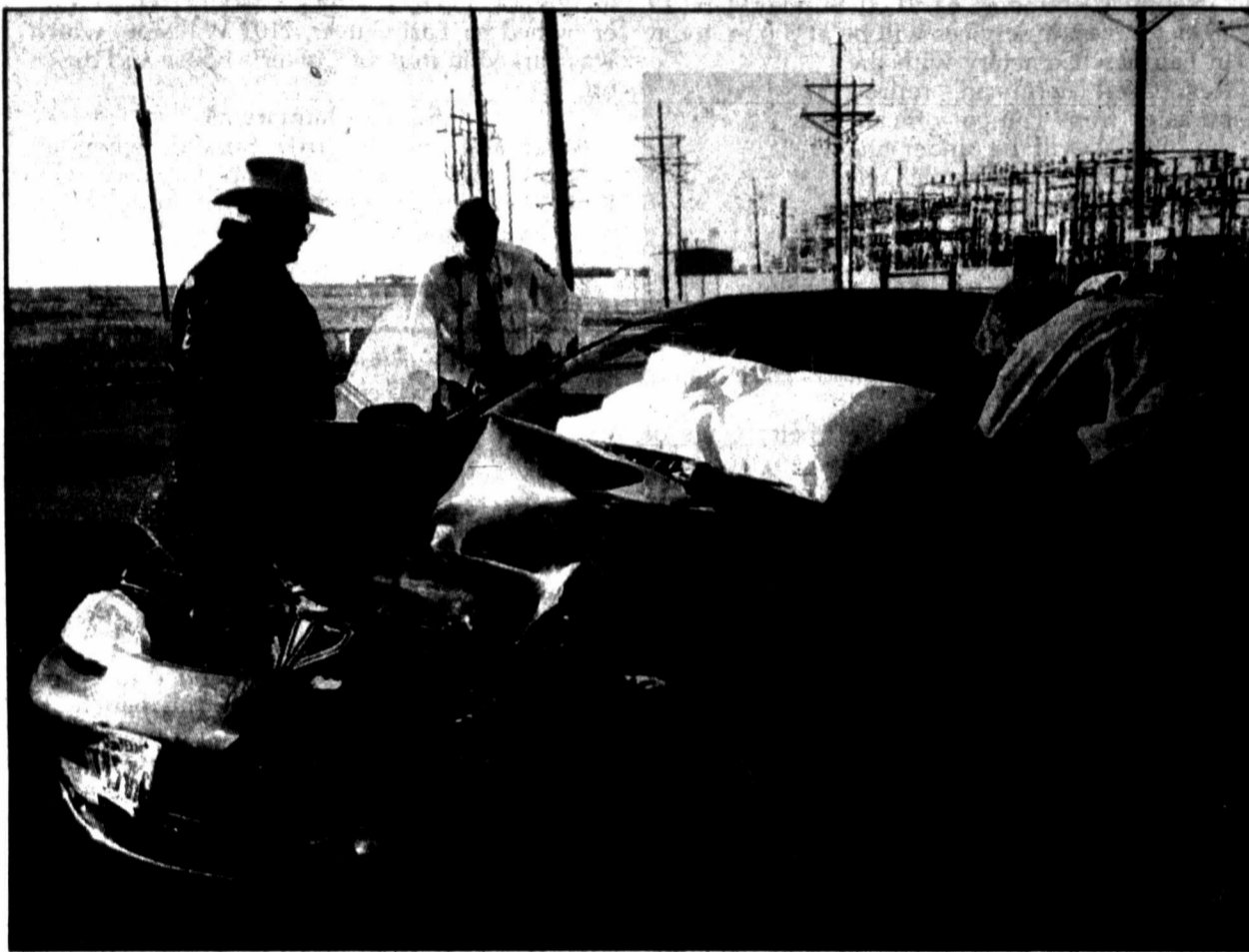
This Dallas-area state representative, a key player in the home equity loan bill in 1997, knows all about people in need. When he's away from the Capitol, he's planning church missionary trips to some of the world's poorest spots.

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Russia. Haiti. Bulgaria. Mexico. He has visited these places and others to deliver coats, jeans, shoes, antibiotics and other supplies, and to help build churches.

Now, he finds his own family in need because of injuries suffered on just such a mission.

A church van crashed in Mexico on Jan. 3. Donna
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Two women were taken to Columbia Medical Center this morning after a Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder, traveling east on Highway 60, struck a Chevy Tahoe pickup that was turning east onto Highway 60 from FM 2300. The pickup was able to be driven away but the Mitsubishi had to be hauled from the scene. Names were not available at press time.

(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)



No one's saying yet when Oprah will testify

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO (AP) — Oprah Winfrey has made her name interviewing others. When she'll become an interviewee on the witness stand is the lingering question as her beef defamation trial grinds into a second week.

One of the cattlemen suing her was to resume testimony today as defense attorneys continue trying to deconstruct the plaintiffs' case.

At issue is whether Ms. Winfrey aired knowingly false and defamatory statements about the potential U.S. threat of mad cow disease, which began ravaging British cattle herds in the 1980s.

Ms. Winfrey has showed little reaction through two days of often-dry testimony, except for signs of fatigue caused by long days at the courthouse followed by evenings of taping her talk show at a local playhouse.

Attorneys cited a gag order when asked to speculate when Ms. Winfrey might take the stand. Her name appears on both sides' witness lists.

Already slumping cattle prices fell after the April 16, 1996, show, which included an interview with

vegetarian activist Howard Lyman, a co-defendant in the lawsuit. Plaintiffs claim they lost \$10.3 million in the market plunge.

Because the feeding of rendered livestock protein to cattle — thought to have spread the disease in Europe — was occurring here, Lyman said consumers ran the risk of contracting a similar brain-destroying disease.

The feeding custom was voluntarily banned in 1996 and outlawed last summer.

"I think that any supermarket shopper after watching would be afraid of buying beef products, because they were afraid to cook it and get holes in their brain," Amarillo cattleman Bill O'Brien testified Friday.

O'Brien and Mike Engler, son of plaintiff Paul Engler, drove home to the jury last week that mad cow disease hasn't been found in the United States, that Ms. Winfrey's show was biased and that the cattle industry suffered.

Defense attorneys Charles Babcock and Barry Peterson got the witnesses to admit that there's no proof bovine spongiform encephalopathy, the disease's normal name, doesn't exist here.

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Starr's investigators prepare to quiz Clinton's friends, aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Clinton administration in crisis, a probe of an alleged presidential sexual relationship and possible coverup is picking up speed. Whitewater investigators are preparing to question aides and friends of President Clinton before a federal grand jury.

The question of when Clinton would deal with the swirl of allegations in detail hung over Washington today. "We're working this out almost hour by hour," White House communications director Ann Lewis said on NBC's "Today" show.

"Nobody wants to get the facts out more quickly and more publicly than Bill Clinton," she said. "We have to do this in a way that is appropriate."

She said Clinton was going to a public morning event on child care but was not planning a statement there about the allegations.

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr spent much of Sunday at his office amid a report by ABC News that an eyewitness saw Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky in an intimate encounter in the spring of 1996, just before Ms. Lewinsky was transferred to the Pentagon.

Former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta and former deputy chief of staff Evelyn Lieberman issued a statement denying that either had been notified by any White House aide or Secret Service agent who might have witnessed "certain sexual activities between the president and Ms. Monica Lewinsky."

Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer pressed, meanwhile, for an immunity deal for his client, pledging to "remain in Washington as long as it takes to see that the truth in every detail, wherever it may fall, comes out."

Doing a Sunday media blitz of television talk shows on NBC,

CBS and ABC, attorney William Ginsburg said he has talked to investigators about what Ms. Lewinsky, 24, will tell them in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

Clinton last week denied having any "improper sexual relationship" with the young woman or asking her to lie to investigators.

Even in rallying around the president, Clinton's advisers said the White House was limited in what it could say because of the criminal investigation.

"I'm all for a rapid response," Lewis said. But with serious charges raised, "your first priority is cooperating with investigators."

Ms. Lewinsky filed a sworn affidavit in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case denying an affair with Clinton — an assertion that is contradicted by secretly taped conversations now in the hands of Whitewater prosecutors.

Ginsburg said it would be unwise for the White House or Clinton's personal lawyers to attack Ms. Lewinsky as unstable, noting that she was aided over a long period of time by people around the president.

"How could they have helped her get jobs, including with responsible companies, large companies, if she was so unstable?" Ginsburg said.

On ABC, Ginsburg said he had made "a couple of oral attorney proffers" to Whitewater prosecutors. A proffer is an outline of what evidence a potential cooperating witness in an investigation will provide investigators.

Ginsburg did not elaborate during his television appearance, but a source familiar with the matter has said Ms. Lewinsky is willing to tell prosecutors that she had sex with the president.

Muscular Dystrophy Association to hold annual 'Lock-Up'

The Muscular Dystrophy Association will be rounding up and issuing warrants for notorious Pampa citizens Wednesday, Jan. 28, in an effort to raise funds for local patients with neuromuscular diseases.

The "jail" for the Pampa Lock-Up will be at Scotty's Mains Street Grill, 115 S. Cuyler. The arrests will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue through 4 p.m. Sponsors of the event include Scotty's and Dobson Cellular.

Upon arriving at "jail," jailbirds will be read their rights, sentenced and given a phone to begin raising their bail. The prisoners will be given plenty of "bread and water," have a mug shot taken and receive a souvenir T-shirt.

Money raised through the local lock-up helps to provide free comprehensive medical care, support groups, summer camp, funding for

research projects and more.

Some of the Pampa jailbirds are as follows: C.J. Johnston, Kathryn Killgo, Bill Allison, Wilbur Killbrow, Harold Price, Bill Carter, Sharron Braddock, John Tripplehorn, Ann Wade, Jim Davidson, Sherry Lanham, Brenda Baxter, Kim Banner, Lori Boyd, Jim Prock, Harold Hook, Patricia Farmer, James Schoonover, Diane Hillman, Linda Hawley, Paulette Paul, Greg Stevens, Homer Brewer, Cathy Potter.

Jack Hilton, Stephen Dewey, Wayne Wilson, Susan Fisher, Larry Heard, Holly Hiton, Kathryn Cota, Bill Kimble, Paul Nachtigall, Jeannie Bridges, Calvin Sage, David Whitson, Joe Reeve, Greg Boyd, Debbie Contrell, Rita Sewell, Jene Sewell, Stacey Brown, Kathryn Phillips, Bob Keller, Susan Roberson, Larry Price, Retha Jordan, Janie Palma, Larrie Brewer, Rocky Farrar, Carrie Williams, Barbra Prease, Christy Parker, Paula Goff, Brian McGraw, Roger David, Warren Chisum, Don Belaire, Ken Hinkle, Robin Manzanera, L.W. McCall, Charles Smith, Les Weatherly, Terry Carpenter and Mark Taylor.

For more information, contact the Muscular Dystrophy Association at (806) 359-3141.

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Pampa Chamber of Commerce welcomes Technical Solutions! Teresa Broese is office manager and Wayne Holder is sales and service representative for this Amarillo-based computer and telephone system company located at 4221 Southwest 21st St.

The Chamber Tourism Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building.

CINEMA		
Spice World	7:30	(PG)
Phantoms	7:30	(R)
Mouse Hunt	7:15	(PG)
Tomorrow Never Dies	7:15	(PG-13)

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Golden Nail Awards organizers seeking for nominations

Golden Nail Awards Gala planners are now seeking nominations from a 15 city area of those who have provided extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle during 1997. The Golden Nail Awards is sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Recipients of the Golden Nail Awards include individuals, businesses, and foundations which will be honored at the ceremonies held on Saturday, April 4, 1998 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Chef Flynt Payne of the Inn of the Anasazi in Santa Fe will be guest chef and will plan the dinner menu. Music will be provided by W.T. Greer, formerly of The Melrose Library Bar.

Established in 1982, the purpose of the Golden Nail Awards is to honor those who financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the Panhandle area are of such magnitude that the impact on the arts is significant.

Nominations are invited from individuals as well as organizations. Nomination forms are available at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce office, 1000 S. Polk in Amarillo or from Darlene Birkes area representative, at 665-2913. The deadline for the nominations is February 9, 1998.

The Golden Nail Award categories include the Summit, Individual, Business, Foundation, and Distinguished Volunteer. Each year, the Summit Award goes to an indi-

vidual for lifelong support to the arts. Special awards are presented when warranted. Golden Touch Awards are also presented for innovative ideas in the arts events and area activities.

Past Golden Nail winners from Pampa include Lilith Brainard, Gerald Sanders, Marian Stroup, and Darlene Birkes. Golden Touch awards have been made to the Elementary Chorus productions by Wanetta Hill, Woody Guthrie tributes by Thelma Bray, "Gray County Adventure" video, and ACT I. Business awards have been made to Cabot Corp., Cree Companies, Citizens Bank and Trust Co., other award winners are M. K. Brown Foundation, FOCUS magazine, and The Pampa News.

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THE PAMPA NEWS

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

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

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Opinion

Taking a judicious look at the courts

The partisan process of appointing federal judges has long been a problem, but some nominees simply are not acceptable.

During the last half of George Bush's presidential term, the Democratic-controlled Senate did everything possible to delay his appointments to the federal bench. The reason was clear: Senate leaders were hoping a Democrat would be elected president and nominate far more "acceptable" justices.

Given their lifelong tenure and the great power federal judges have, it was understandable that Democrats would use every political weapon to influence appointments. Perhaps that's why the nation's media paid scant attention to GOP cries of unfairness.

The situation is now reversed. Our Democratic president complains of a Republican-controlled Senate playing politics by delaying his federal judicial appointments. The media are outraged Republicans would resort to such tactics.

But battles over judicial appointments are nothing new. This was one of the few serious topics debated during the Clinton-Dole presidential campaign. Even after the election, some conservative House Republicans threatened to impeach Clintonite judges who put liberal ideology over the letter and spirit of the nation's laws.

The latest skirmish began New Year's Eve when Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, a Republican appointee, complained about the oppressive caseload federal courts must handle. He called on Congress to pass limits on certain types of civil lawsuits that he believes should be state, not federal, matters. He also criticized the Clinton administration for being too slow in sending judicial nominees to the Senate. But he saved his most pointed criticism for Senate Republicans, whose inaction has left a nearly 10-percent vacancy rate in federal courts.

Rehnquist made some reasonable points. Clearly, Congress should assure the federal court system has enough judges to keep cases from being backlogged.

And he also is right that it would be far better if the Senate showed the courage of its convictions and rejected excessively liberal or unqualified nominees. But the Senate's instincts are correct in putting the brakes on some questionable choices.

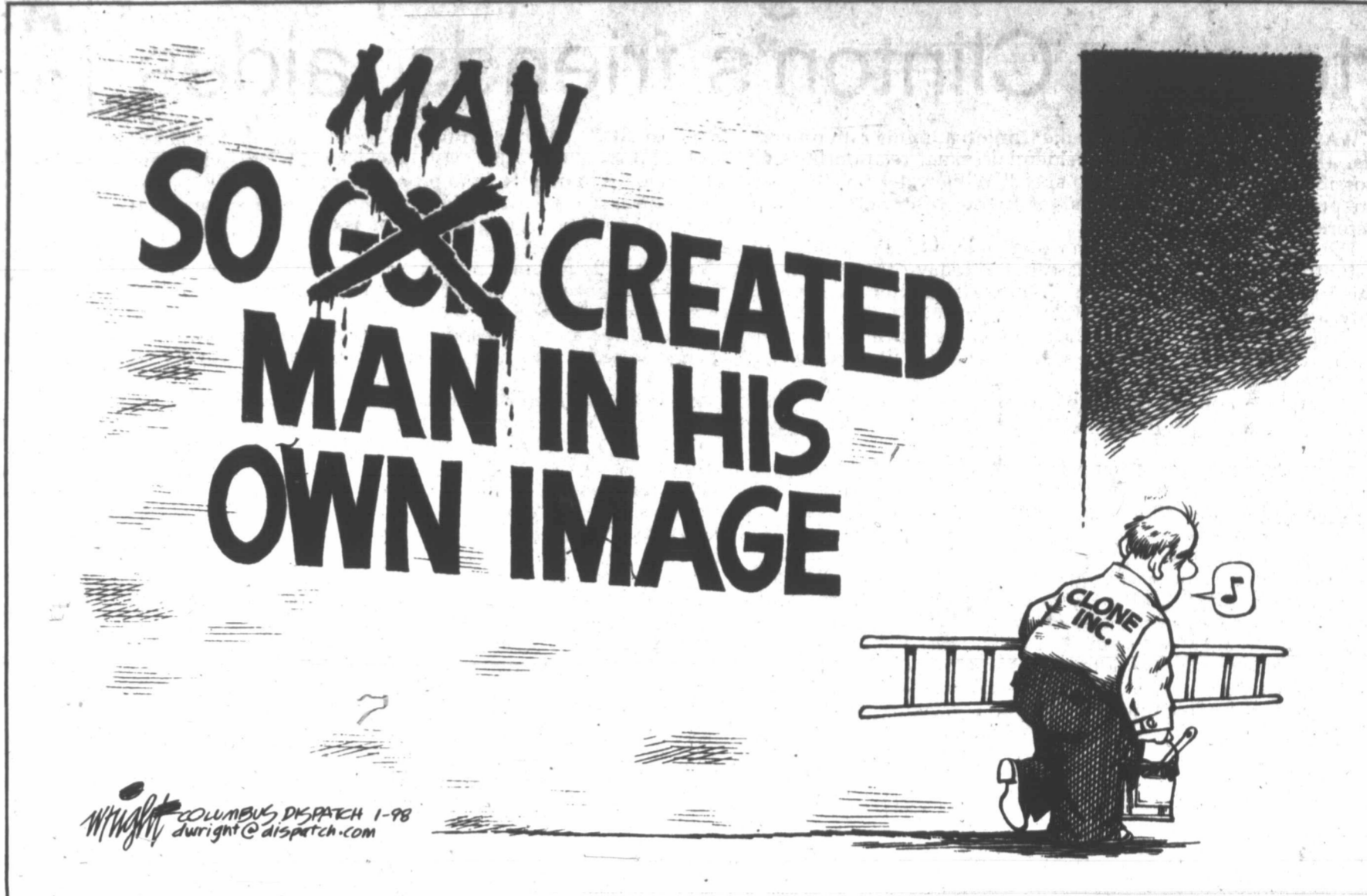
In a recent editorial, the Wall Street Journal describes one appointee that may reveal what the Clintonites are up to. The judge is Frederica Massiah-Jackson, and Clinton has appointed her to serve on the federal court for eastern Pennsylvania.

Massiah-Jackson's actions on a Philadelphia court were so outrageous some fellow Democrats have started what the Journal calls "a grassroots rebellion to stop her nomination." Massiah-Jackson is so lenient toward criminals and so hostile toward prosecutors that "defense attorneys love having cases assigned to her and often waive the right to a jury trial so the judge becomes the fact finder in the case."

She has purposefully blown the cover of undercover drug agents and has found every manner of excuse to allow killers to escape punishment, the Journal says. In one incident, a man with 19 previous adult convictions ran down a pedestrian, left her by the side of the road, then beat the victim's relative. According to the Journal, the judge gave him two years probation because "he had merely been involved in a car accident."

If these are the types of nominees the Senate is delaying, Americans should be thankful for its efforts.

—Odessa American



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Does capital case reflect bias?

If the death penalty could ever be justified, it would appear to be in this case. The killer murdered two people by bludgeoning them with a pickax. The murderer never denied having committing these crimes and even reported, feeling a sexual surge while striking the blows.

And indeed, the defendant in this case was sentenced to death. But 14 years later, there are many who now say that this killer's life should be spared. Calls to overturn the death sentence of Inmate 777 of the Mountain View Unit in Gatesville, Texas, have been heard throughout the nation. Even more interesting is the unusual mix of people who are calling for mercy — a group that includes a sister of one of the victims, a former juror on the case and televangelist Pat Robertson.

"I think compassion should overrule the so-called sense of justice," Robertson told the TV news program "60 Minutes." "There's a certain amount of punitive right that a society has against killers, and I support that. I'm not against the death penalty, but in this case, I think (Texas Gov. George W. Bush) should commute the sentence."

Why this sudden rush of compassion for someone who so clearly murdered in cold blood? Well, Robertson and others say it's



Sara Eckel

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because the inmate found God, converting to Christianity and becoming — by all reports — one of the nicest people death row has ever seen. But many others believe something more insidious is happening. Many believe it's sexism.

You see, Inmate 777 is Karla Faye Tucker, an attractive 38-year-old white woman who has curly brown hair and stands 5-foot-3-inches tall. She is a woman who is dedicated to a prison-based ministry that tries to keep young people from becoming criminals. Who fell in love with and married the prison chaplain. Who is so trusted by the prison staff that she is allowed to move between buildings without wearing handcuffs.

The argument in Tucker's defense is that she has seen the error of her ways since she com-

mitted those horrible crimes. That she has matured into a good, God-fearing Christian woman.

But the problem with this rationale is that religious conversions on death row are not uncommon. Many men have found God after being sentenced to death, but no celebrity preachers came to their defense.

Unfortunately, justice has not been blind when it comes to the death sentence. Justice has been all too aware of both the gender and the race of the convicted. Since the Supreme Court opened the door for capital punishment in 1976, we have executed 432 felons, only one of whom was female. Women make up one in eight of those arrested for murder, but only one in 70 of the inmates on death row. Meanwhile, blacks comprise 12 percent of the total population, but they are 37 percent of those executed.

This is not to say that I believe Tucker should be executed. I agree with Robertson that her exemplary behavior behind bars should allow her to live. However, this privilege should not be the sole province of good-natured white women. It should extend to all of those on death row who have made sincere changes in their attitudes and their lives — be they man or woman, black or white.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 1998. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

On this date:
In 1784, in a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin

expressed unhappiness over the eagle as the symbol of America. He wanted the turkey.

In 1802, Congress passed an act calling for a library to be established within the U.S. Capitol.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1841, Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

In 1861, Louisiana seceded from the Union.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1911, the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" premiered in Dresden, Germany.

In 1942, the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon, but the probe missed its target by some 22,000 miles.

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

Home health patients need relief

Kelly Beavers, RN
Guest column

There is a lot of good and bad information floating around our communities about Medicare cuts in the area of home health. It is true that benefits are being cut. Without going into a lot of detail about laws and bills that are hard to understand, we can boil it down to a few simple facts. You will notice that I support my opinions with facts from recent reports, and that, in every case, there are solutions being studied and enacted.

◆ Congress is rightfully concerned about fraud and abuse of the Medicare System. Plans to include computer technology are already being looked at as a way of preventing and detecting fraudulent practices.

"Close collaboration with our partners in the law enforcement arena is one way we can maximize our success ... When we find bad apples among our many good providers, we must take enforcement action against them. In fiscal year 1995, every dollar spent by our Medicare contractors yielded a \$14 return." This according to a report by Bruce Merlin Fried, director, Center For Health Plans and Providers, Sept. 29, 1997. This committee is to be applauded since detection of fraud should be the focus for the upcoming year, rather than cutting benefits to our elderly population.

◆ Waste needs to be cut and money needs to be saved, but the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 has made cuts so drastic that even the most needy of our patients will not have care past Feb. 5, 1998, unless we bombard Washington with letters, personal and professional, that the venipuncture qualification issue should be studied intensely.

Quoting Linda A. Ruiz, director of Program Integrity, Health Care Financing Administration, "No Home Health Benefits Based Solely On Venipuncture ... Previously, venipuncture qualified as skilled nursing care

and enabled a beneficiary to meet the eligibility criterion for intermittent skilled nursing services under the home health benefit ... Effective 2/5/98, if venipuncture for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample is the only skilled service that is needed by the beneficiary, that individual will not qualify for all the benefits under home health."

This eliminates a huge number of beneficiaries who need basic care with hygiene needs, skin care, incontinence care, and other services that are cost effective provided by home health aides act as a vital link between the patient and skilled nurses — then the physicians — thus often keeping patients out of the hospital or emergency room, which is more costly. In many situations, these elderly people cannot leave home for routine blood work to monitor for therapeutic levels of cardiac medications or response to blood thinners.

◆ Despite the perception of uncontrolled growth, home care spending increased just four percent in 1997, according to Eli's Home Care Week. The home health industry has been under attack for ballooning costs during the 1990s due to an increase in both the number of beneficiaries and visits per beneficiary.

However, new data suggests that those costs deemed "out of control" by many are actually well under control by the home health industry. From the HCFA press office on Jan. 13, 1998, "The growth rate for home health was just 5.4% in 1997, which is down from rates that exceeded 25% from 1990 through 1995. Our work to prevent fraud and abuse

accounts for an important part of that reduction in growth."

Again, plans are in effect to control growth and fraud and abuse — the price should not be paid by our precious elderly people who are vulnerable to the changes and don't have a strong voice.

◆ HR 2912 is a bill before the House of Representatives proposed to reinstate venipuncture as a qualifying home health skill. It was written by Rep. Rahall, and is intended to rescind the portion of the Balanced Budget Act that refers to venipuncture. It is a valid service, provided by law to homebound elderly who cannot leave their homes unless they are in an emergency situation.

Rep. Rahall has asked for a year in which to study and research this matter. Under HR 2912, the Secretary of Health and Human Services would be required to study potential fraud and abuse under the Medicare program. It is our hope as providers that each of you reading this column will take a few minutes to write letters to our representatives and our senators, so that they will know that the effects of this act are devastating and far-reaching.

It affects families of patients, doctors and employees of home health agencies. Please write a short note to the following people to let them know that this issue concerns all of us. Fax numbers are included, so that you may be assured that your communication will be received in the appropriate offices by Jan. 27 when Congress reconvenes. Be sure that you ask that your representative support HR 2912 when writing.

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MEDICAL

Legacy of advances in heart care: Bad hearts kill slowly

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

Not so long ago, bad hearts usually killed quickly. But medical progress has changed that.

More and more, bad hearts kill slowly. A generation of breakthroughs in heart care — the new medicines, the bypass operations, the angioplasties — have saved millions from swift and certain death from heart attacks and high blood pressure.

Now the beneficiaries of this care are living with the consequences: Their damaged hearts still beat, but not strongly enough.

The unintended result of better cardiac care is an unprecedented increase in a chronic, debilitating disease called heart failure. Some say it's a virtual epidemic.

"Heart failure is a product of our success in dealing with heart disease and hypertension," said Dr. Michael Bristow of the University of Colorado. "Patients don't die catastrophically from these diseases but go on to develop something more insidious and subtle."

This has also transformed heart failure, once a backwater of cardiac research, into a hot area of investigation. The goal is to understand the basics of what goes wrong and to translate this into new treatments. Already on the horizon are a variety of new drugs that may undo some of the damage of heart failure, implantable pumps that can give the heart a boost and operations that make it work more efficiently.

Heart failure is not what happens when the heart stops beating, as many people mistakenly believe. Rather, it is often a gradual ebbing of the heart's power to pump blood and supply the body with oxygen.

It can be a slow, uncomfortable death. Because the heart fails to beat strongly enough to move blood properly, fluid seeps into body cavities, including the lungs, making breathing difficult. Sometimes victims wake up terrified because they cannot catch their breath.

Their legs and feet swell up. They feel faint and dizzy. And because the body is getting too little oxygen, they are drained of energy.

An estimated 4.9 million Americans have heart failure — up from 3.4 million eight years ago. Eighty percent are over age 65.

Victims are often hospitalized repeatedly. Indeed, heart failure is the most common reason to be hospitalized. There are twice as many admissions for heart failure as for all cancers combined. And since one admission costs an average of \$11,000, heart failure is the single most expensive item that Medicare covers.

Once symptoms develop, about three-quarters of the patients die within six years. According to the American Heart Association, heart failure killed 43,000 Americans in 1995 — double the 1980

number. Some estimate that it contributes to perhaps five times that many deaths.

"Hospitalization rates and mortality from heart failure are galloping forward at an unrestrained pace," said Dr. James Young of the Cleveland Clinic.

Coronary artery disease and high blood pressure, complicated by the effects of aging, are the major underlying causes of heart failure.

The failing heart triggers a logical but ultimately ruinous cascade of hormones and chemicals as the body tries to compensate for its inadequate circulation.

"We now recognize that it may be the body's response to the heart damage — not the damage itself — that kills people," said Dr. Jay Cohn of the University of Minnesota.

One of these responses is adrenaline, the hormone that makes your heart work harder in times of stress. While in short spurts this stimulation works fine, years of it actually destroy the heart.

Doctors long thought that a steady supply of adrenaline, though ultimately harmful, was essential to keep the failing heart ticking. Now, however, they are finding that blocking this hormone actually makes the heart improve.

Drugs that do this, called beta blockers, are already a mainstay of treating coronary artery disease. Studies involving about 13,000 patients are under way to see if beta blockers keep heart failure victims living longer.

The body also reacts to a failing heart as though it has been injured. One of its misguided repair attempts is production of a chemical messenger called tumor necrosis factor, or TNF. As with adrenaline, a short burst may be helpful, but constant exposure is a disaster, causing the heart to enlarge dangerously. Drugs that block TNF are being tested in heart failure patients and showing early promise.

Enlarging the heart is one of the body's primary means of compensating when it cannot pump enough blood, but this eventually makes heart failure worse. One solution is to "shrink" the heart to a normal, efficient size with a scalpel, cutting out sections and then stitching it back together. Dr. Randa Batista amazed heart surgeons when he pioneered this operation four years ago in Brazil.

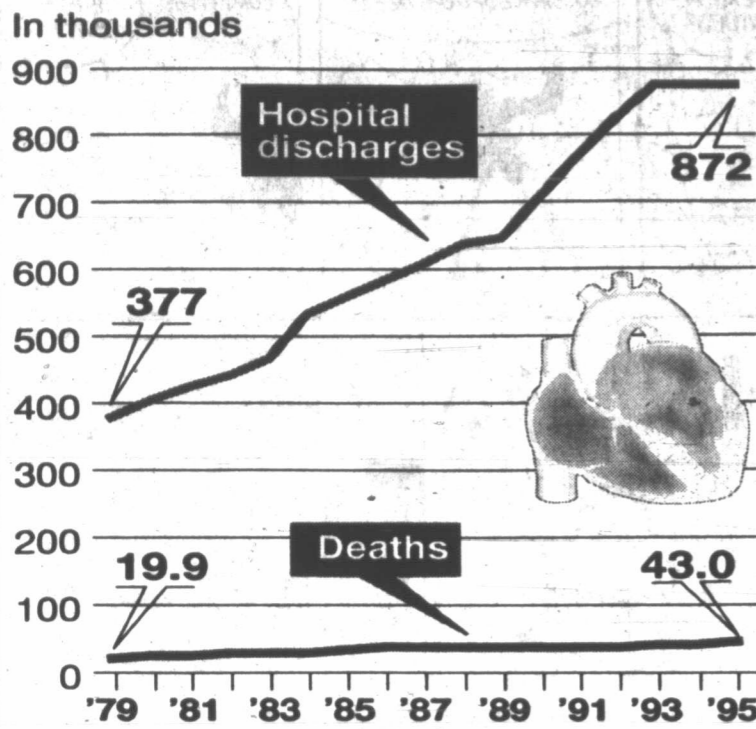
Among those who went to watch was Dr. Patrick McCarthy of the Cleveland Clinic. "We didn't understand the science," he said. "But what we did know is that sometimes it works."

Some of Batista's patients who were near death are now playing soccer. However, no one kept track of how many improved or died.

McCarthy's team in Cleveland has now done about 60 of the operations, the largest number in the United States. After one year, about 60 percent of the patients appear to be doing well. Still, these doctors caution against doing the operation routinely until they sort out why it works in some and fails in others.

Heart failure

There are twice as many admissions for heart failure as for all cancers combined. A look at hospital discharges and deaths from heart failure:



Source: American Heart Association

AP

Neutralizing specific protein helps patients suffering heart failure

HOUSTON — Blocking the protein known as tumor necrosis factor can relieve problems caused by heart failure.

Cardiology researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston observed improvement in heart-failure patients given a drug that neutralizes TNF.

Weak hearts produce an excess of TNF, a protein that turns on the immune system. In small amounts, TNF helps the body defend itself against injuries and infections. But large amounts are toxic and worsen such heart-failure symptoms as shortness of breath, water on the lungs, fatigue and abnormal heart beats.

"In the early 1990s we linked TNF with heart failure, which was completely unexpected," said Dr. Douglas Mann, Baylor professor of medicine and VAMC chief of cardiology. "And now we've discovered a way to lower the amount of TNF circulating in the blood."

Mann and colleagues tested the safety of a drug called TNF:Rc in patients with advanced heart failure. The drug acts as a decoy, luring TNF away from natural receptors in the body. The inactivated TNF does not circulate in the body.

"Although our study was intended to evaluate whether the drug was safe, we found that within two weeks of the TNF:Rc injection, patients were able to walk farther without running out of breath, their hearts beat more strongly and they felt better," said Mann, principal investigator for the double-blind study. No participants showed signs of drug toxicity.

Twelve of the 18 study participants received one of three doses of TNF:Rc. People with the highest dose showed the most improvement, usually within three days. The six volunteers who received a placebo showed no significant improvement.

Mann hopes to begin a multi-center study of the drug this year at universities and VAMC hospitals around the nation to evaluate morbidity and mortality in heart-failure patients. The Immunex Corporation of Seattle, which makes TNF:Rc, is sponsoring the studies.

"Heart failure is reaching epidemic proportions in the United States," Mann said. "More than 4.7 million Americans are affected by this problem, which is the most frequent cause of hospitalization." If the TNF:Rc treatment continues to produce positive results, Mann expects it to be used in combination with — not in place of — standard drug therapy for heart failure.

Study supports kidney transplants from cadavers

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors may be able to increase greatly the supply of kidneys for transplants by using organs from dead people whose hearts have stopped beating, rather than relying solely on brain-dead donors with beating hearts.

Because of a shortage of organs considered suitable for transplants, many victims of kidney failure never get the transplants they need.

In the United States, transplant surgeons have relied on organs taken from people who are brain dead but whose hearts are still beating. These organs were thought to offer the best chance of success.

In Europe and Japan, doctors have started using kidneys from newly dead people whose hearts have stopped beating. Several small reviews in the United States have also suggested these might work well.

Now, Dr. Yong W. Cho and others from the University of California at Los Angeles have published the results of a large study suggesting that kidneys taken from donors whose hearts have stopped beating are an acceptable alternative.

In a report in a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, they compared the outcome of 229 of these transplants with 8,718 that used kidneys from people with beating hearts.

After one year, they found that

83 percent of those who got kidneys from people whose hearts had stopped beating were still alive, compared with 89 percent of those who got kidneys from people with beating hearts.

At the end of 1996, more than 34,000 Americans were awaiting

kidney transplants. Only about 8,600 kidneys were transplanted from dead donors that year.

The researchers said using kidneys from donors whose hearts have stopped beating could mean a two- to five-fold increase in the supply of kidneys for transplants.



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Sailors Overseas are Thankful For Holiday Goodies And Cards

DEAR ABBY: I am an active-duty member of the U.S. Navy stationed aboard the USNS Laramie, a Navy refueling oiler that supports the fleet. I have recently spent my first holiday away from home — in the Mediterranean Sea, to be exact.

My crew members and I applaud all of the individuals who worked so hard to make Operation Dear Abby a success this year. Abby, many of us have tried to respond to each person individually. Unfortunately, with the hundreds of cards, boxes of cookies and candies, and other items that were sent to "Any Service Member, Operation Dear Abby," I'm not sure every person will get a reply. So, on behalf of my fellow shipmates and other military members stationed away from home, I would like to say, "Thank You, America!" We may not have been home for the holidays, but we know that our sacrifice has not been in vain. Your kindness is appreciated!

I know that I speak for all members of the military when I say we wish everyone all the best during the coming year.

DONNA A. EVANS, YEOMAN
FIRST CLASS, U.S. NAVY

DEAR DONNA: It is with pleasure that I'm transmitting your message to the patriotic Americans who participated in Operation Dear Abby. Although our servicemen and women may be far away, they are in our



Abigail Van Buren

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hearts and never far from our thoughts.

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to the daughter-in-law who was upset about her father-in-law's new relationship. Having recently lost my wonderful husband, friend and companion of 29 years, I, too, found solace in the companionship of a widower friend who was in the same situation. This relationship has not replaced the love for my husband, but it has permitted me to experience life and joy again.

My husband and I discussed these matters, and this was his wish as well as mine. Those who have not experienced such grief and loss should be the last to condemn those who have.

GRIEVING BUT LIVING
IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR GRIEVING: Well put. Those who have not experienced a comparable loss should

withhold judgment before condemning the wounded.

DEAR ABBY: I am making a speech to a local professional secretaries group next month. My topic is "beauty."

Is there a specific minimum number of jewelry pieces and accessories that a woman can wear? Also, are white shoes limited to weddings and debutante parties? If you can add some pointers on "beauty," it would be greatly appreciated.

YOUNG SECRETARY,
NORTH FORT MYERS, FLA.

DEAR YOUNG SECRETARY: White shoes are not limited to weddings and debutante parties, and there is no specific rule concerning minimum jewelry and accessories a professional woman should wear.

My rule of thumb is: When in doubt — leave it off.

'Tis said, "Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder." The plainest woman can light up a room when she wears a smile.

P.S. Good hygiene and neatness are cardinal rules for well-dressed women — and men.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



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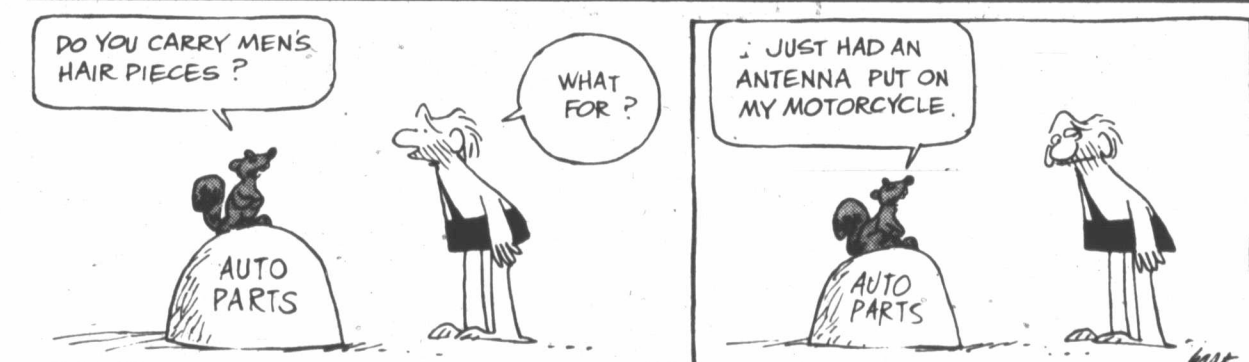
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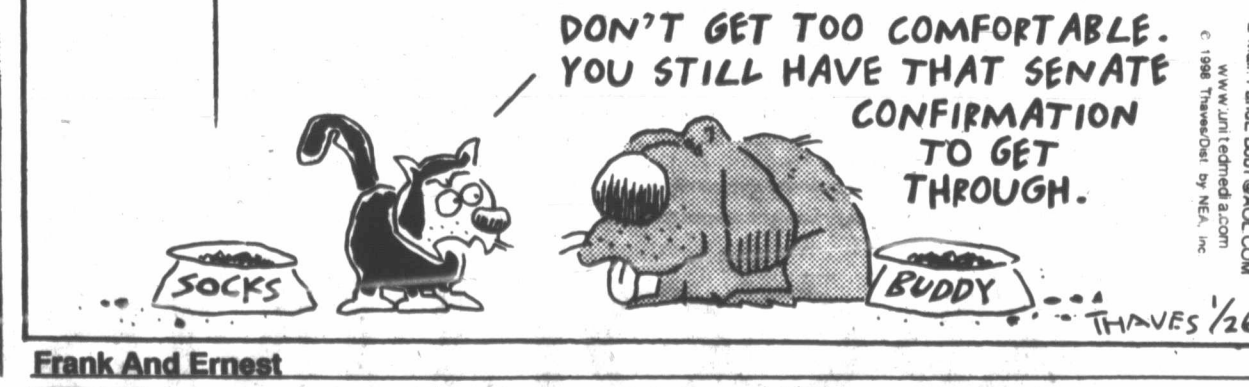
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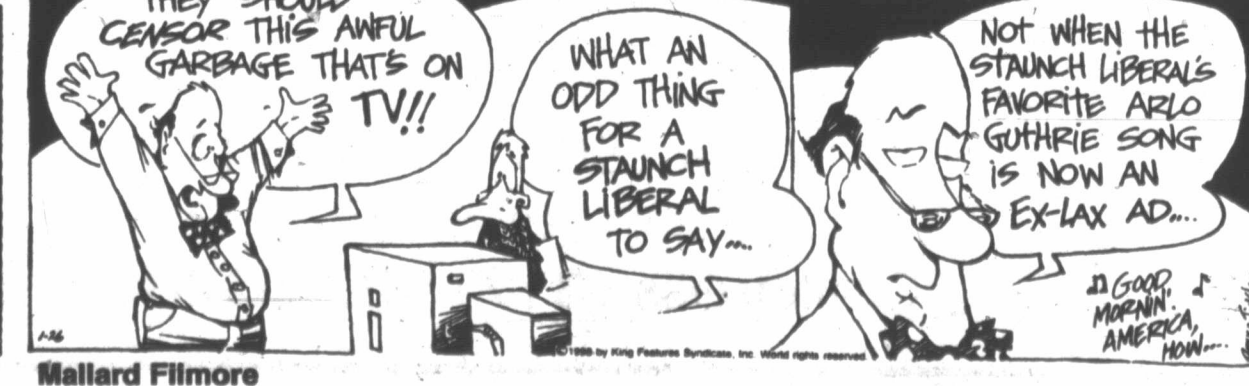
Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank and Ernest



Mallard Filmore

Horoscope



Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998

Partnership arrangements not formed for material purposes will greatly enrich your life in the year ahead. Three in particular might be definite standouts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The more difficult the challenge today, the greater the gratification you'll experience overcoming it. You know your limitations as well as your abilities. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your peers perceive you as reliable today. They will

know that when you give your word, you'll follow it through to a constructive conclusion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Sharing time with old friends and adhering to familiar routines will gratify you today. You are not likely to find the same pleasure with new acquaintances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are better equipped to handle tough assignments today than you may realize. You will emerge from the projects unscathed and appreciative of the experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Special knowledge you've acquired through personal experience can be used advantageously today. Let your instincts direct your mode of application.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone for whom you've done a thoughtful deed recently may be able to reciprocate today. The affection with which this is done will be touching.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Desirable results are in the works today pertaining to matters in which you and your mate are in accord. Harmony of purpose is the secret

for success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Ambitious objectives are achievable today if you have the fortitude to do so. Put everything else on the back burner and place these priorities first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Business and pleasure should blend well today. If there is something important you want to discuss with a client, do so in convivial surroundings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Serious issues can be concluded satisfactorily today. You might doubt your abilities, but once you face issues, this impediment will dissipate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your best gift today is your ability to keep everything in proper perspective. Even when dealing with serious issues, you won't be overwhelmed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a good day to go shopping because you'll be sensible in your purchases. The items you buy could remain your favorites for a long time.

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"Daddy, could you buy a new metal detector? I dropped my quarter in the snow."



"He's quite a role model for the young."

The Family Circus



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Peanuts



Peanuts

Kubiak, Lewis, Jones' top picks for coach talks

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has not received permission from the Denver Broncos and Green Bay Packers to interview their offensive coordinators for the vacant Dallas coaching job.

The Dallas Morning News reported today that Jones, who had said he wanted to interview one of the candidates after Sunday's Super Bowl game, had not asked either team for permission by Sunday night.

Jones is reportedly interested in interviewing Gary Kubiak of the Broncos and Sherman Lewis of the Packers in his search to fill the vacancy created when Barry Switzer resigned Jan. 9 after the Cowboys went 6-10 and failed to make the NFL playoffs.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today that Jones is expected to ask the Packers for permission to talk to Lewis. Lewis said Sunday night that he knew of Jones' interest, but had not been contacted.

"I can't say I expect to," Lewis told the Fort Worth newspaper Sunday night. "I'm going to be spending time with family and friends and won't be sitting in my room, but I will be available."

A Packers executive also said Jones had not asked for permission to talk to Lewis.

"He has told everyone in the league that he wants to interview Sherman, which to most would certainly be tampering, but he hasn't called me yet," said Green Bay general manager Ron Wolf. "I don't know if I'll hear from him, but I hope he does call."

"We would give Sherman permission to talk to them," Wolf told the Dallas newspaper.

"I don't know what I'd do if he called Sunday night, but I couldn't see myself doing an interview," Lewis said.

Jones has not contacted Denver owner Pat Bowlen to ask for permission to interview Kubiak, Bowlen said.

Kubiak was also in the dark following the Broncos' 31-24 victory over Green Bay at San Diego on Sunday evening.

"I don't know anything right now," the former Texas A&M quarterback said. "I'm just going to enjoy this championship night and see what happens."

The Dallas owner interviewed former San Francisco coach George Seifert last Friday and a source says he met with former UCLA coach Terry Donahue in Dallas earlier.

COMING SOON...
PAMPA PRIDE '98

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 25, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Duke(47)	18-1	1,724	1
2	North Carolina(18)	20-1	1,586	2
3	Utah(2)	17-0	1,527	4
4	Stanford(2)	18-0	1,511	5
5	Kansas(1)	22-3	1,474	3
6	Arizona	17-3	1,450	6
7	Kentucky	18-2	1,389	7
8	UCLA	15-3	1,169	8
9	Connecticut	17-3	1,128	8
10	Purdue	17-4	1,084	12
11	Princeton	13-1	1,050	11
12	Mississippi	14-2	985	13
13	South Carolina	13-3	932	14
14	New Mexico	14-3	772	17
15	Arkansas	16-3	739	18
16	Iowa	15-4	637	10
17	West Virginia	17-3	528	23
18	Cincinnati	15-3	502	21
19	Michigan	15-5	483	16
20	Syracuse	15-4	341	15
21	Rhode Island	13-4	284	22
22	Michigan St.	13-4	266	—
23	Maryland	12-6	250	—
24	Xavier	12-5	173	19
25	Indiana	14-5	153	—

Others receiving votes: George Washington 134, Florida St. 120, Texas Christian 82, Massachusetts 36, Oklahoma 28, Clemson 24, St. John's 23, Ball St. 21, Hawaii 21, Washington 18, Illinois 12, Colorado St. 11, Florida 11, Missouri 10, Georgia 9, Oklahoma St. 9, Tennessee 8, Murray St. 7, Saint Louis 7.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Weekend Sports In Brief
By The Associated Press

FOOTBALL
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Former Cincinnati offensive tackle Anthony Munoz and Chicago linebacker Mike Singletary were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility Saturday.

Minnesota safety Paul Krause also was selected along with Miami center Dwight Stephenson, and Tommy McDonald, a receiver with Philadelphia and four other teams from 1957-68.

SKIING
KITZBUHEL, Austria (AP) — The Austrian team returned to its dominating form Sunday, with Olympic champion Thomas Stangassinger and Thomas Sykora finishing 1-2 in a World Cup slalom. Stangassinger, who edged Sykora by 0.08 seconds, gave Austria its 19th title in 26 races this season.

On Saturday, Kristian Ghedina won the Hahnenkamm downhill Saturday to become the Italian to winner on the Streif track. Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt won the combined event in the Saturday-Sunday races.

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP) — Germany's Martina Erni won a women's World Cup giant slalom Sunday, edging teammate Katja Seizinger.

On Saturday, Seizinger won a super-G for her seventh victory of the season. Also, former World Cup champion Anita Wachter of Austria sustained a knee injury in a fall, ending her Olympic chances.

BASEBALL
SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Doug Blosser, Kansas City's third-round pick in the 1995 draft, was killed in a one-car accident that also left a close friend dead and injured two young women. Blosser, a 21-year-old first baseman, was driving a Mustang when he lost control of the vehicle Saturday.

AUTO RACING
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Tony Stewart won the IRL's season-opening Indy 200 on Saturday, avoiding the perils that caused nine crashes and 10 caution flags in the 200-mile race. Stewart, who took the lead on the 196th lap, and edged Jeff Ward by 8.579 seconds.

TRANSACTIONS
Weekend Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
National League
NEW YORK METS — Signed LHP Ervin Santana to a minor-league contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW JERSEY NETS — Activated F Chris Gatling from the injured list. Waived F Xavier McDaniel. HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended San Jose Sharks LW Tony Granato for at least one game for high-sticking of Edmonton Oilers D Drew Bannister on Friday night.

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS — Assigned D Pavel Trnka to Cincinnati of the AHL.

FOOTBALL
Super Bowl Summary
By The Associated Press
At San Diego
Super Bowl Stats

Team	Yards	TDs	Ints	Penalties
Green Bay	7	7	3	7
Denver	7	10	7	7

First Quarter
Denver 7, Green Bay 0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Green Bay, Levens 19-90, Brooks 1-5. Denver, Davis 30-157, Elway 5-17, Hebron 3-3, Griffin 1-2.
PASSING — Green Bay, Favre 25-42-1-256. Denver, Elway 12-22-1-123.
RECEIVING — Green Bay, Freeman 9-126, Levens 6-56, Chmura 4-43, Brooks 3-16, Henderson 2-8, Mickens 1-6. Denver, Sharpe 5-38, McCaffrey 2-45, Davis 2-8, Griffin 1-23, Hebron 1-5, Caswell 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS — None.

Weekend sports shorts...

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GOLF
PHUKET, Thailand (AP) — Tiger Woods overcame an eight-stroke deficit Sunday to win the PGA European Tour's Johnnie Walker Classic, beating Ernie Els with a 14-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a playoff.

Woods, who earned \$218,661, closed with a 7-under 65 to match Els at 9-under 279. Els, the 1997 winner, shot 74-73 in the final two rounds. Woods' mother, Kultida, is a native of Thailand.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Sweden's Jesper Parnevik won his first PGA Tour title after five runner-up finishes, shooting a 4-under 67 on Sunday for a three-stroke victory in the Phoenix Open.

Parnevik, who earned \$450,000, had a 15-under 269 total, the same mark he had last year when he finished 11 strokes behind Steve Jones. Tom Watson, Tommy Armour III, Steve Pate and Brent Geiberger tied for second.

KOHALA COAST, Hawaii (AP) — Raymond Floyd won an unprecedented fifth consecutive Senior Skins-title Sunday, holding off a challenge by Hale Irwin and making a winning birdie putt on the first extra hole.

Floyd won 11 skins and \$300,000 in the two-day event. Irwin made \$210,000, Arnold Palmer \$300,000 and Jack Nicklaus was shut out.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Sweden's Helen Alfredsson won The Office Depot on Sunday, closing with a 1-under 71 for a two-stroke victory over compatriot Liselotte Neumann. Alfredsson, who earned \$90,000, had an 11-under 277 total. Neumann shot a 68.

TENNIS
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Defending champion Martina Hingis advanced to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open today, routing Indonesia's Yayuk Basuki 6-0, 6-0 in 38 minutes.

Hingis will face 1997 finalist Mary Pierce of France, a 6-0, 6-0 winner over Slovakia's Henrieta Nagyova. In men's play, Spain's Alberto Berasategui beat 1995 winner Andre Agassi 3-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, and Chile's Marcelo Rios defeated France's Lionel Roux 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

In fourth-round matches Sunday, defending men's champion Pete Sampras beat Morocco's Hicham Azzi 7-6 (11-9), 6-4, 6-4, and American teen star Venus Williams defeated Switzerland's Patty Schnyder 6-4, 6-1.

BASKETBALL
NEW YORK (AP) — Kobe Bryant, the 19-year-old reserve for the Los Angeles Lakers, will be the youngest starter ever in the NBA All-Star game.

Before Bryant, the youngest All-Star starter was Magic Johnson of the Lakers, who was 20 in the 1980 game. Chicago's Michael Jordan topped the voting for the Feb. 8 game in New York, the NBA said Sunday.

Jordan was selected to the East lineup along with Orlando's Penny Hardaway, Detroit's Grant Hill, Cleveland's Shawn Kemp and Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo of Atlanta. Hardaway, who is injured, will not play. Bryant will start for the West along with Lakers teammate Shaquille O'Neal, Seattle's Gary Payton, Utah's Karl Malone and Minnesota's Kevin Garnett.

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12 Made a loud sound
14 Author Truman
15 Congenitally joined
16 French summer
17 Negative word
19 Actual being
20 Written communication
23 Type of bulb
26 Long fish
27 Future bks.
30 Large arteries
32 Elaborately ornamental
34 Disturb in a way
35 Forested
36 WWII area
37 German one
39 Songs for two
40 Adopt (a cause)

DOWN

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2 Law-student's test (abbr.)
3 Cry of pain
4 Comedian Phillips
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6 Ancient
7 Hindu queen
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9 Gels
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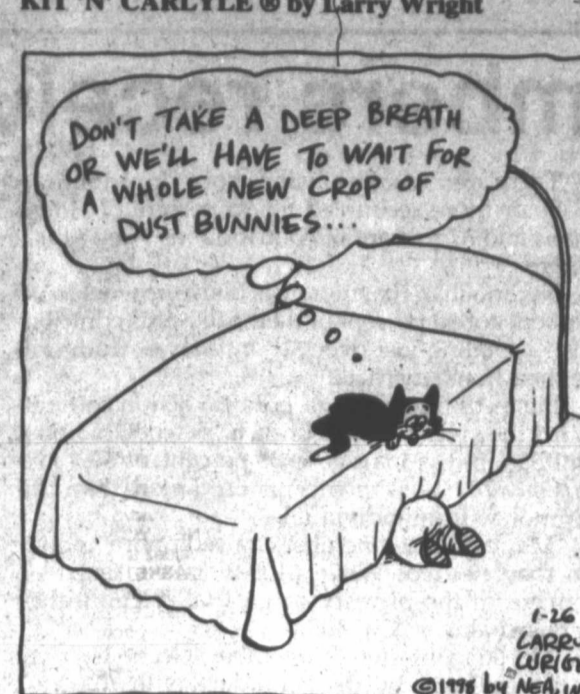
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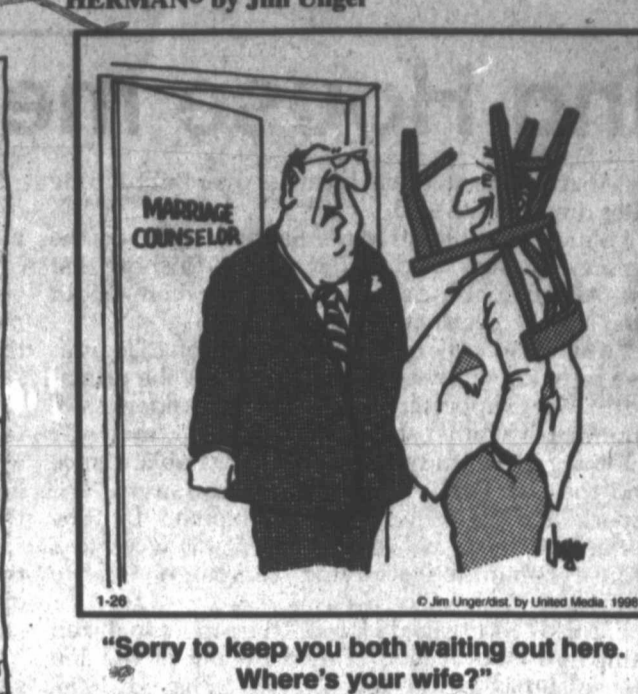
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Most House members got their money in big checks that came from outside their home districts, says the study conducted by three consumer groups.

Just nine of the state's 2,618 postal ZIP codes were the mailing addresses for more than \$6 million of the total. And \$4.4 million came from only three Austin ZIP codes — home of many lobbyists and industry groups.

"Money wins in campaigns," said Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen, one of the groups conducting the study.

"The special interests are paying the piper and calling the tune, and the Texas Legislature is dancing with them that bring them. That's why the poli-

cies in this state favor big business over Bubba, time after time," Smith said.

Political consultant Mark Sanders, told of the report's findings, said, "They just go to show that the Austin lobby cares a whole lot more about who's in the Legislature than voters do."

"Anyone who's ever paid any attention to legislative races knows that the Austin lobby is the primary financial supporter of politicians," Sanders said. "But that is a rather staggering amount of money."

Joining in the study were Texans for Public Justice and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. The report, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, will be presented this week to a House committee studying campaign finance reform.

Entitled "Mortgaged House," the report analyzed campaign finance reports filed by 149 of the 150 House members from July 1, 1995 to Dec. 31, 1996. (One House member later was elected to the state Senate.) Among the findings:

— There aren't many small donors. Contributions of \$100 or more accounted for 95 percent of House money, and 37 percent of contributions were \$1,000 or more.

— Not much of that money is homegrown. House members got 80 percent of their \$100-plus contributions — totaling just over \$10 million — from outside their home districts.

— Business interests and political action committees led the giving, contributing 62 percent, or about \$9 million. Individuals gave 38 percent, or \$5.4 million. Only 28 House members raised more than half their money from individuals.

— Many House members raised more money than they needed. While 61 lawmakers faced no opponent in the primary or general election, they still raised almost \$3.6 million.

— Of 66 contested November elections, only seven were won by the candidate with the least money. And only two of those seven losers were incumbent House members.

"There's a small, elite — the lobby, the corporations, the organized PACS — who fund the Legislature," said Craig McDonald of Texans for Public Justice.

"It's not consumers, it's not voters, it's not the average Texan who's paying to play the game. And they're locked out," he said.

Incumbency attracts lots of extra money, McDonald added, and a big war chest scares away potential opponents. "They don't raise it because they need it. It scares off competition," he said.

Janet Woodrome, spokeswoman for House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, noted that Laney has ordered two House committees to study campaign finance issues.

"The whole trend in financing political campaigns is disturbing," Ms. Woodrome said. "It appears that average citizens are losing interest in the political process. Their contributions are playing a smaller and smaller role. We need to find ways to encourage political participation."

Texas politics:

Gubernatorial hopeful Gary Mauro standing by President Clinton

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Gary Mauro says he'll be asking President Bill Clinton to campaign on his behalf despite recent allegations of sexual improprieties.

"I will invite Bill Clinton to Texas," Mauro said last week.

Already, Mauro fund-raisers headlined by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton are scheduled Feb. 19 in Dallas and Austin, the campaign announced Thursday.

"The president and first lady are my friends. I believe and support them," said Mauro, who ran Clinton's presidential campaigns in Texas.

Mauro blames political enemies of the president for allegations that Clinton had an affair with a White House intern and then urged her to lie about it.

"I don't think it's reputable. I think when all the yellow journalism comes to an end, you're going to find no substance."

Clinton has denied the accusations, which independent counsel Kenneth Starr is investigating.

Mauro has been a friend of the

Clintons since they worked together for Democrat George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign.

"The legal process is now engaged, and we ought to let it take its course," Mauro said.

Aides to Republican Gov. George W. Bush and other GOP officials previously have tried to capitalize on Mauro's ties to Clinton, who did not carry Texas in his two presidential runs.

Bush himself said Friday he was "deeply troubled" about the accusations against Clinton.

"When I first heard the story, I was deeply troubled because if the allegations are true, this is bad for our country," Bush said. "I would caution people to let the facts speak, but it's troubling times."

Another Republican leader from Texas, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer of Houston, declined to take any partisan shots in an appearance on "Fox News Sunday."

"The best thing for us to do, particularly Republicans, is to

stay out of this, and not be making comments because a lot of people will think it is politically generated," Archer said.

Texas GOP leaders have said they hope Mauro does bring the president into the state to campaign for him and to try to raise money.

"It was good for Republicans before all this and it is that much better for Republicans considering the cloud of impropriety Clinton is under again," Robert Black, a spokesman for the state GOP, told The Dallas Morning News.

"If he comes to Texas to campaign for Garry Mauro, I hope he makes clear to those who will be giving money whether the money is going to the Mauro campaign or Clinton's legal defense funds," Black said.

Texas Democratic Party chairman Bill White said he does not believe the allegations against Clinton will hurt Mauro or other Democrats running for office this year.

"Most Texans will vote based on who will do a better job for our families, not scandal-mongering in Washington," White said.

Bird Club seeking students for field trip

GALVESTON — Galveston Bird Club is looking to locate a dozen deserving high school students for an upcoming field trip.

For one month this summer, the club will take a group of high school students interested in a life science career out west. The students will be taught through hands-on experience in zoology, geology, ecology and marine biology. During the trip, students will camp at various

national parks including Yellowstone, Glacier, Sierra, Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Olympic National Park, do some hiking and travel in vans.

The costs of the trip is \$2,500. Some scholarship money has accumulated as well.

For more information, call, write or e-mail: Route 1, Box 185C, Galveston, TX 77554; (409) 737-4081; <snakeman@phoenix.net>.

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FPC to sponsor AIDS Awareness Week

BORGER — Frank Phillips College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will sponsor AIDS Awareness Week Jan. 26-29. All events are open to the public. Phi Theta Kappa hopes to encourage students, faculty, staff, administration and community to be more compassionate, understanding and better educated about this devastating disease.

Scheduled events are as follows:

—Monday — A tombstone with information about AIDS and its victims will be on display on the lawn of the Fine Arts Building Cafeteria. In addition, posters will be hung around campus and in the community. At 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, a representative from P.A.S.O. will be speaking about AIDS and delivering the AIDS Quilt to Phi Theta Kappa. The quilt will be on display in the Gallery Room of the Fine Arts Building throughout the remainder of the week.

—Wednesday — Wednesday will be the official AIDS AWARENESS DAY. All members of Phi Theta Kappa will wear red and

will host a Brown Bag Seminar in the Student Union Building from noon until 1 p.m. Carolyn Hall from the Texas Department of Health will be the guest speaker. All attending will be presented with an AIDS ribbon sticker.

The week will conclude with a program at half-time during the Plainsmen Basketball Game. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in FPC Borger Community Activity Center Gym. Information brochures will be distributed at the event. Following the game at 10 p.m., Phi Theta Kappa will co-sponsor an AIDS Awareness Dance at the Student Union Building. The Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa will be collecting cans of non-perishable food items and individuals with four cans will be eligible for door prizes. Admission to the dance will be \$10 for FPC students with a valid college ID and \$3 for non-students accompanying an FPC student.

For more information, contact Gina Marie Morris, Phi Theta Kappa sponsor, at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 750.

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TDA accepting comments on possible boll weevil zone

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting public comment from Jan. 30 until March 2 on a proposal to create a new boll weevil eradication zone for the Northern Rolling Plains, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

The proposed zone, the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, would consist of about 237,000 acres of cotton in 14 counties — Childress, Clay Collingsworth, Cottle Donley, Foard, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, King, Wheeler, Wilbarger, Wichita and a portion of Archer.

The zone's boundary lines were recommended to the commissioner by the Northern Rolling Plains Interim Advisory Committee on Boll Weevil Eradication. Committee members include Eddy Helms representing Donley County and Gary Hardcastle representing Wheeler County.

The proposal made by the Interim Committee would simply create a zone but would not put an eradication program in place.

Those wishing to submit written comment can write to Katie Dickie Stavinoha, special assistant for Producer Relations, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711. Written comment must be received by March 2.

Comment on the proposed zone will also be accepted at a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the City Auditorium in Childress.

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