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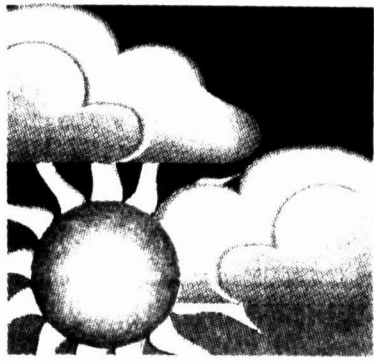
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PAMPA — The Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir is scheduled to present a free concert, sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. The choir, comprised of children ages five through 12 selected from needy children in East Africa, performs a wide variety of songs, including African tunes accompanied by drums and ethnic instrumentation. Concert tour proceeds help shelter, feed and educate more than 4,000 orphaned or deserted children from Kenya, Uganda, Sudan and Rwanda.

PAMPA — With New Year's Day falling on Monday this year, the Gray County Courthouse will be closed Friday, Dec. 29, and Monday, Jan. 1.

City of Pampa offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, as will state and federal offices. Banks and other financial institutions also will be closed Monday in observance of the holiday.

School students remain out on holiday break, with classes resuming on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket bought in Carrollton correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 3, 4, 32, 38, 40 and 49.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

Meanwhile, officials were still waiting for a player to claim \$25 million from the Dec. 23 game. The only winning ticket was sold in Bishop.

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Thornhill, who flew Air Force One for President Lyndon B. Johnson and later served as his private pilot, has died. He was 75.

Thornhill was first assigned to then-vice president Johnson's flight crew in 1962. For several years before that, Thornhill had flown government officials and foreign dignitaries as part of the Special Air Missions unit based in Washington.

Thornhill died Tuesday. He had suffered from leukemia for two years.

During his service under Johnson, Thornhill flew the president across the world, making trips as long as 28,000 miles in one week. Earlier, he served as an Air Force transport pilot during World War II.

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Warring parties pull back in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Working to meet the first deadline of Bosnia's peace agreement, the government and rebel Serbs pulled their forces back Wednesday from key areas around Sarajevo. NATO troops moved gingerly into the abandoned zones, wary of hidden hazards.

On the former front line, French troops took over a moon-scape of shell-pocked buildings, discarded weaponry, unexploded grenades and graffiti: "The Islamic Republic of Bosnia" on one wall, "Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll" scrawled nearby.

The deadline for the pullback of government and Serb troops and equipment from 38 designated areas around Sarajevo was midnight (6 p.m. CST) Wednesday, a week after NATO formally took over in Bosnia from the United Nations.

Serb and government troops began pulling out of trenches and positions earlier this week. The two sides are also to mark or remove mines.

The Wednesday deadline was the first in a series embedded into the peace agreement signed Dec. 14 in Paris.

"The operation has been successful," Capt. Jost Fohann, a NATO spokesman in Sarajevo, said shortly after the deadline. He would not elaborate.

Though flooding of key rivers hampered NATO efforts, there were other promising signs that peace was gaining momentum in Bosnia

after 3 1/2 years of bloodshed. — In the village of Porebrice, 37 miles north of Tuzla, Maj. Gen. William Nash, the commander of U.S. forces in Bosnia, brought together commanders of Bosnia's three warring factions to discuss freedom of movement and mine removal.

— U.S. forces reported cooperation from all sides in land mine removal.

— British troops entered and began setting up base Tuesday in the northwestern Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka, said Lt. Col. Mark Rayner, a military spokesman.

— U.S. engineers trying to build a pontoon bridge across the Sava River in the north were preparing to pull back from the flooded banks. In the southwest, dozens of French military tents were flooded as the Neretva River overflowed its banks.

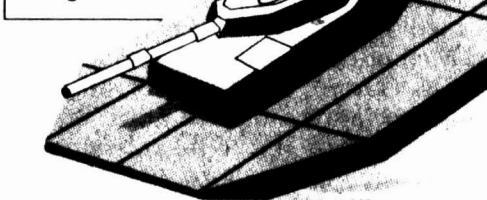
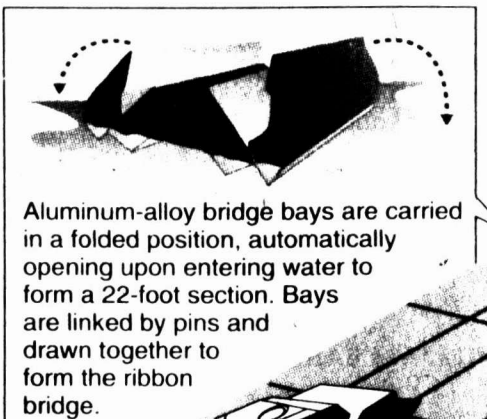
Even before U.S. soldiers finish their first bridge into Bosnia, Clinton administration officials already are saying there will be no "mission creep" in the former Yugoslavia.

A top Pentagon general said Wednesday that the placement of U.S. radar units in the French-protected Sarajevo area is temporary and represents no expansion of the U.S. role.

Lt. Gen. Howell Estes also gave assurances there will be no active pursuit of accused war criminals, although they will be arrested if U.S. or other forces happen upon them.

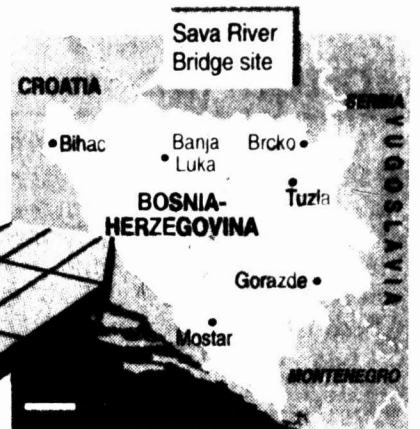
Bridge into Bosnia

Bosnian peacekeeping troops erected a ribbon bridge to cross the flood-swollen 965-foot-wide Sava River.



Ribbon bridge facts:
■ Up to 200 vehicles can cross in an hour.
■ In optimum conditions, a bridge can be assembled in two hours.

Source: Department of Defense



Ribbon rafts can be swung to bridge a river by anchoring one end onto the shore and having boats push it upstream into position. The 26-foot-long rafts are jet propelled and can function in less than two feet of water.

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Recycling Christmas cards



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Local residents wishing to recycle their Christmas cards may deposit them in a box like this at FirstBank Southwest. Posing here with the box are Bonner Green, co-director of Clean Pampa; Paula Goff, Clean Pampa volunteer; Larry Orman, FirstBank Southwest president; Pam Green, co-director of Clean Pampa; Donna Crawford, bank administrative assistant; Sharon Strickland, bank administrative assistant; and Bill Kindle, bank senior vice president. Boxes are also located at National Bank of Commerce and Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center.

Negotiators try to resolve budget impasse

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional negotiators are inching closer to new talks on resolving the federal budget impasse, but the prospect of serious progress seems to be at least a day away.

More than 280,000 federal workers remained off the job today, as did most of the people charged with getting the budget disagreement settled.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Capitol Hill and White House staff met today for lengthy discussions. He said they were preparing a report to leaders of both sides on where budget agreement exists, where the sides are close and where they are far apart.

President Clinton, meanwhile, was described as prepared to veto the defense authorization

bill. McCurry said the White House objects to its call for the purchase of costly weapons systems the Pentagon does not want as well as its insistence on a Star Wars missile defense system.

McCurry said such a system would abrogate the existing Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and deal a serious blow to arms control efforts.

With federal workers increasingly restive and morale plunging, McCurry said Clinton "is very anxious to break this impasse and get the services of government restored."

Clinton has been following the staff discussions closely and has been in "fairly regular contact" with Alice Rivlin, director of the Office of Management and Budget, McCurry said.

The president, House Speaker

Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole were not expected to meet until Friday.

An administration official doubted enough progress could be made to get all federal employees back on the job by the opening of business next week.

"It's not impossible, but hard. There are a lot of issues to be addressed and there's not much time," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Dole, R-Kan., gave this week's efforts a mere "50-50 shot" at resolving budget differences to reopen the government, partially shuttered since Dec. 16.

"Hopefully, by Saturday, we'll have a framework — or we'll know we can't put it together," Dole told a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, town meeting while campaigning for the GOP presidential nomination.

Sarpalius says he won't seek election to old job

Former Texas Panhandle congressman Bill Sarpalius has announced that he would not seek election to the 13th Congressional District, citing pending business opportunities as reasons not to pursue his former congressional seat.

"It has been an honor to serve the people of the 13th Congressional District and the 31st State Senatorial District," Sarpalius said. "I have no regrets and will be eternally grateful to my constituents who gave me the opportunity to serve as an elected official. Maybe someday in the future that opportunity will come my way again."

Sarpalius served as chairman of the General Farm Commodities Subcommittee in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Small Business Subcommittee that dealt with international trade. He also served as the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee

in the Texas Senate. Having grown up at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch near Amarillo, Sarpalius said he had a special interest in children and family issues.

"Promoting agriculture, business and opportunities for our young people will remain my life's work no matter what career I pursue in private life," said Sarpalius.

Sarpalius is president of Congressman to Congressman Consulting, which assists businesses nationally and internationally as they try to navigate through the American and International political systems.

"I enjoy the opportunity to use my experience to assist businesses with ideas and techniques which help them break through many bureaucratic processes. I have been blessed to have served Texas and United States. Now I look forward to being an entrepreneur and living the American dream," Sarpalius said.

Lower consumer confidence points to economic weakness

NEW YORK (AP) — Lower consumer confidence and falling home sales added to the picture of U.S. economic weakness Wednesday, raising expectations that the Federal Reserve may lower interest rates again in early 1996.

Economists said the latest data reflected consumer worries about job security, leading to spending cutbacks on everything from new homes to Christmas gifts. The anxiety was evident in anemic sales during the holidays, which many merchants called one of the worst seasons in years.

"People are afraid they may get laid off or change jobs and not get paid as much, so they're being very cautious," said Carl Steen, an economist at Maria Fiorini Ramirez Inc., a New York-based financial markets research firm.

The Conference Board, a prominent business research group, said its widely followed

monthly index of consumer confidence fell to 98.7 in December from 101.6 in November.

The index, based on a 1985 base of 100, is derived from responses to questionnaires sent to 5,000 households nationwide. It is considered an important barometer of consumer willingness to borrow and spend, which accounts for the bulk of U.S. economic activity.

Stock and bond prices rose on the news, partly because signs of economic weakness raise chances the Federal Reserve will trim interest rates again after New Year's. Lower rates make stocks and bonds worth more.

The central bank cut short-term interest rates by a half point on Dec. 19 — the second rate cut this year — to boost the sluggish economy. The economy is expected to grow at an anemic 2.7 percent in the 1996 first quarter, down from a 4 percent growth rate in the same 1995 period.

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World briefs

France detonates nuclear device in Pacific; fifth in series
PARIS (AP) — France detonated a nuclear blast in the South Pacific Wednesday, the fifth in a series of tests beneath two remote atolls that has drawn global condemnation and triggered sometimes violent protests.

The explosion came at 12:30 p.m. local time (4:30 p.m. EST) on Mururoa Atoll in French Polynesia, 750 miles southeast of Tahiti, the Defense Ministry reported.

It said the blast released energy of "less than 30 kilotons." By comparison, the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 measured slightly less than 20 kilotons. Australian seismologists said the blast was equivalent to a 5.3-magnitude earthquake.

French scientists will use data obtained from the blast to calibrate instruments that could make future testing unnecessary, the Defense Ministry said.

Condemnation and protest have echoed across the globe since the blasts began. The first explosion, on Sept. 5, led to violent demonstrations in Papeete, Tahiti, the capital of French Polynesia. Wednesday's detonation drew similarly strong rebukes.

Polish adventurer reaches both poles in 1995

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A Polish adventurer has become the first person to trek to the north and south poles in one year.

Marek Kaminski of Gdansk and a friend reached the North Pole on foot this spring, dragging heavy sleds with food and equipment.

Kaminski then set out toward the south pole with 260 pounds of supplies and equipment on a sled. He reached the south pole Tuesday after 53 days of walking, the Polish news agency PAP reported Wednesday.

This year, Norwegian Borge Ousland became the first person to reach both poles without assistance, but he did not make the trips during the same year.

Hundreds without power in Scotland snow storms

LONDON (AP) — Snow has been cleared from some roads, but hundreds of people were still without power Wednesday as northern Scotland tried to dig out from a huge holiday snow storm before the next round of bad weather.

It's expected as soon as this weekend. The forecast: "High winds and lots of snow," said Malcolm Green, chief executive of the Shetland Islands Council.

The weather was calm Wednesday, so Shetlanders used their few precious hours of daylight to dig out as best they could from the holiday storm, which killed at least three people.

Though many roads were cleared enough to allow a single lane of traffic, parts of the islands were buried under snow drifts of up to 30 feet. Authorities were transporting doctors, ill people and utility workers by helicopter.

About 350 homes on the islands 140 miles off the northeastern coast of Scotland were still without power after the biggest storm many Shetlanders could remember.



James Lewis Pampans named to serve on area drug abuse council

Two Pampa men were recently named to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's Regional Advisory Council for the area.

Precinct 1 and 3 Constable James Lewis and Dennis Laycock were recently notified that they are initiating members of the RAC, formerly known as ACES.

Lewis said he sent his application in for the position about six months ago and was approved through a series of judges.

He added that he will know what duties the council requires after its first meeting Jan. 15 in Lubbock.

Lewis is running for re-election for his post.

Laycock is the son-in-law of state Rep. Warren Chisum.

Suspect leads police to body

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A 20-year-old Victoria man has been charged with the murder last weekend of a Corpus Christi woman whose body was found floating in Town Lake.

And now, authorities say she wasn't the only victim of David George Rodriguez.

Rosita Becerra, 41, of Corpus Christi met Rodriguez at an Austin hamburger restaurant early Friday morning and left with him, police were told. Hours later, her body was found in Town Lake.

A warrant was issued for Rodriguez's arrest, and he was taken into custody Tuesday in Victoria. Wednesday, while he was being questioned on that case, he admitted killing a 19-year-old Victoria waitress who had been missing since last May, police said.

Rodriguez led authorities to the skeletal remains of Stephanie Martinez, who was last reported seen leaving with Rodriguez from the nightclub where she worked.

Victoria County Sheriff Mike Ratliff said murder charges would be filed against Rodriguez today in the Martinez slaying. Rodriguez was being held in Victoria County Jail late Wednesday in lieu of \$100,000 bond on capital murder charges stemming from the rape, robbery and slaying of Ms. Becerra.

Ms. Becerra was in Austin visiting friends for the holidays at the time of her death. Passers-by found her partially nude body on Friday, floating face down in Town Lake in Austin.

She had no identification, but later was identified by a friend who reported her missing on Christmas Day.

Official's return critical to Mexico-U.S. relations

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Efforts to encourage Mexico to extradite its citizens to America could be weakened if the United States fails to deport a former ranking Mexican official to face charges in his homeland, according to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Although members of both governments have said since spring that the case of Mario Ruiz Massieu is important to their relations, the letter to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno indicates the situation has received attention at the highest level.

The letter was made public Wednesday at a hearing before a U.S. immigration judge here. Judge Daniel Meisner could rule next week on whether to grant bail during the deportation proceeding for Ruiz Massieu, who has been in U.S. custody since March. The INS opposes bail, saying Ruiz Massieu would flee.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service moved Friday to deport Ruiz Massieu after a magistrate rejected the fourth bid by federal prosecutors, acting on behalf of Mexico, to extradite him.

Christopher's letter, dated Oct. 2, appears to have been written after the second extradition bid failed, but before a magistrate ruled on the third request.

Ruiz Massieu, a former deputy attorney general in Mexico, is charged there with obstructing the probe into the assassination of his own brother to shield the brother of then-President Carlos Salinas de Gortari. He is also charged with embezzling the

equivalent of \$750,000 (2.5 million new pesos) before leaving office in November 1994.

Maintaining his innocence, Ruiz Massieu says he is being persecuted by the current administration of President Ernesto Zedillo, and filed last week for political asylum.

Ruiz Massieu's lawyer, Cathy Fleming, told Meisner that the deportation effort demonstrates that Christopher is frustrated because two U.S. magistrates ruled that Mexico has insufficient evidence to support its accusations.

The INS, an arm of Reno's Justice Department, maintains that Ruiz Massieu should be deported to Mexico because he threatens U.S. foreign policy if he remains.

Ruiz Massieu wants to remain in New Jersey with his wife and 7-year-old daughter, Fleming said.

In his letter to Reno, Christopher wrote, "Our inability to return to Mexico Mr. Ruiz Massieu — a case the Mexican Presidency has told us is of the highest importance — would jeopardize our ability to work with Mexico on law enforcement matters."

Those matters include U.S.

efforts to make Mexico more receptive to extraditing its citizens when requested by the United States, said an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Mexico already extradites Americans and others to the U.S.

"It might also cast a potentially chilling effect on other issues our two governments are addressing," Christopher continued.

He called Zedillo's efforts to prosecute Ruiz Massieu "unequivocal signs" of his determination "to break the so-called 'culture of impunity' that long protected corrupt politicians, officials and other powerful elite from being held accountable for their actions and crimes."

If the U.S. failed to return Ruiz Massieu, "our support of such reforms would be seen as hollow and self-serving and would be a major setback for President Zedillo and our combined efforts to chart a new and effective course of U.S.-Mexican relations," Christopher wrote.

INS action against Ruiz Massieu actually predated the letter. Agents filed a "detainer" against Ruiz Massieu Sept. 29, but did not reveal that information.

As a result, when a U.S. magistrate freed him on Friday — since there were no pending extradition requests — he was immediately given to INS agents.

Ruiz Massieu, 45, testified to his innocence during the first two extradition proceedings and said he fears for his life if returned to Mexico.

He was initially arrested on a currency reporting charge in March as he was attempting to fly to Spain from Newark International Airport. His arrest came several days after Raul Salinas de Gortari, the brother of the former president, was arrested in Mexico.

U.S. prosecutors unexpectedly dropped the currency charge Nov. 20, saying he had been in custody for as long as he would have served had he been convicted on the charge.

Ruiz Massieu's brother, Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the No. 2 man in Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, was gunned down outside a Mexico City hotel Sept. 28, 1994. It was the third political assassination to shake Mexico since 1993; none has been fully solved.

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State briefs

Judge rejects trial request for convicted Selena killer
CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A judge has refused to order a new trial for the convicted killer of Tejano music star Selena, saying her request would be better handled by an appeals court.

Defense attorneys argued in a hearing last week that Yolanda Saldivar deserved a new trial because the criminal record of key witness Maria Norma Martinez, who has a conviction for food stamp fraud, was not revealed during the October trial.

Ms. Saldivar, 35, was found guilty Oct. 23 of shooting Selena singer once in the back March 31 at a Corpus Christi motel.

State District Judge Mike Westergren, who presided over the trial, said in court papers signed Wednesday he found the revelation of Ms. Martinez's theft conviction "somewhat problematic," but he thought the matter should be considered by an appeals court.

One of Ms. Saldivar's lawyers had claimed knowledge of Ms. Martinez's record would have tarnished her credibility.

Defense attorney Patrick J. McGuire said few motions for new trial are granted, and the purpose of the hearing was to get issues such as the witness' conviction on the record.

Christmas Day sniper victim dies

EL PASO (AP) — A boy arrested in the Christmas Day shooting of a motorist on Interstate 10 near Fort Hancock won't automatically be facing upgraded charges because the victim has died, authorities say.

Ricardo Soto, 13, is being held in a juvenile detention facility in Pecos on a charge of deadly conduct stemming from accusations that he wounded Alberto Tarango in the head with a .22-caliber rifle.

Tarango, 41, of Van Horn, died Wednesday afternoon at Thomason General Hospital in El Paso, said Chief Deputy Jerry Kresta of the Hudspeth County Sheriff's Department, which is investigating the shooting.

Authorities said Tarango's death did not immediately mean that the charge — which can range from being a misdemeanor to a third-degree felony, depending on the severity of the crime — would be upgraded.

Boy, adult accomplice rob man of cash, presents

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A boy who said he was collecting money for Toys for Tots and an adult accomplice robbed a man of cash and Christmas presents, then forced him to take some type of pills, police said.

Bill Gwynn, 55, answered the door Saturday night and greeted a boy about 12 years old.

"He said, 'I'm collecting money to help for Toys for Tots. They don't have enough toys this year, so they sent some of us kids out to get donations,'" Gwynn said.

Gwynn unlocked the screen and turned to get his wallet. When he looked back, the boy had entered his house, followed by a bearded man wearing sunglasses who pointed a pistol at him.

"The boy did all the talking," Gwynn said. "The man never said a single word the whole time."

The boy took \$260 from Gwynn's wallet. Then he turned to his silent partner and said, "Well, we made a real haul here, dude," according to Gwynn.

Gwynn's diminutive robber then ordered him to get a glass of water from the kitchen and began loading the presents Gwynn had bought for his children and grandchildren into a plastic trash bag.

Dole campaigns in Iowa's presidential season kickoff

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, campaigning for a day in Iowa, said the race for the GOP nomination has been frozen during the federal budget fight while attention focuses on Washington, and that helps him.

"I'd like it to freeze real hard, about six inches deep," Dole said.

While his GOP presidential rivals talk economics, trade, agriculture and abortion, Dole argues that voters eventually will be grateful for the Republican insistence on budget balancing.

The front-runner for the 1996 Republican nomination, Dole visited three Iowa cities on Wednesday. "There are some out there who think this is all politics ... and the American people are caught in the middle," he said.

At the same time, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm was talking economics in a Des Moines hardware store while commentator Pat Buchanan hammered on abortion and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander sounded farm themes during stops in eastern Iowa.

Iowa's Feb. 12 precinct caucuses mark the traditional start of the quadrennial presidential nominating process, followed by New Hampshire's Feb. 20 presidential primary. Complicating the already jammed campaign schedule in 1996 are earlier-than-usual caucuses in Louisiana Feb. 6, Delaware's primary on Feb. 24 and primaries in Arizona, North Dakota and South Dakota on Feb. 27.

In Iowa, Dole said voters "will be glad we hung in there" during the fight with President Clinton over the federal budget, but the wrangling has meant he has been largely absent from the battle for the state's caucuses.

"I hope people expect me to be where I ought to be — balancing the budget," Dole said. Voters, he insisted, "want us to be working, they don't want us to be campaigning."

His planned four-day bus tour of the state was scaled back to a single event-packed day before he headed back to Washington.

Several of Dole's GOP rivals took advantage of the week between Christmas and New Year's to try to gain favor with the Iowa electorate.

Flanked by a group of about 25 conservative ministers known as "Pastors for Pat" Wednesday in Des Moines, Buchanan challenged Dole and Gramm, saying he is the only true anti-abortion candidate in the Republican presidential field who can win.

During his news conference at the hardware store, Gramm said small businesses will benefit from a balanced budget and fewer government regulations.

"It's been so long since the government has had a balanced budget that people forget the benefits of it," he said. "Government red tape, high interest rates and high taxes put small businesses and small farmers out of business."

Gramm said congressional leaders should never have agreed to negotiate a budget compromise with Clinton, but Dole insisted bargaining will continue. "Hopefully, by Saturday we'll have a framework or we'll know we can't put it together," he said.

Dole won Iowa's precinct caucuses in 1988 and is widely considered the favorite to win again. But as the campaign enters its final six weeks, Dole finds himself stuck in Washington, bargaining with Clinton — not shaking hands with voters in Iowa.

"We're going to stick with our guns and hope the people understand," Dole said. Though his last visit to Iowa was Dec. 4, he has a long campaign history in the state and a formidable campaign machine. Not being able to get to Iowa more often hasn't hurt him in local polls, most of which continue to show him in the lead. None of his major rivals has emerged as the single alternative.

Bingo prize amounts on the rise, commission reports

AUSTIN — "Bingo players continue to be big winners," said Nora Linares, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission, "and I'm pleased to report that the total prize amounts being won statewide are on the rise."

"During the third quarter of 1995," Linares added, "players in Gray County collected their share of prizes playing charitable Bingo games."

Charitable Bingo players who frequented the two Bingo halls in Gray County won \$613.85 in July, August and September of this year, Linares reported.

The charitable organizations in Gray County, and the attendance they reported for the quarter, were Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1385 - 959; and Women of the Moose Chapter #1163 - 603.

The \$613.85 won locally is part of

the \$108 million in prizes that Bingo halls across the state paid to winners. That includes \$86.6 million for regular Bingo prizes and \$21.5 million in prizes for pull tab Bingo games.

The third-quarter figure represents a 0.75 percent increase from the April-May-June period.

Players in Dallas County Bingo Halls won \$15.6 million during the third quarter, the most in the state. Tarrant County placed second with \$13.7 million, followed by Harris County, with \$11.1 million.

Local government in Gray County this month received \$613.85 in charitable Bingo prize fees covering the third quarter of 1995, Linares said.

The payments cover prize fees collected by charitable Bingo players in Gray County for July, August and September of this year. Cities and

counties that imposed the gross receipts tax on a local-option basis receive or share quarterly payments equal to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by Bingo players in their jurisdictions.

The Lottery Commission this month allocated the following prize fees among Gray County units of government: Gray County, \$613.85.

The payments were part of the \$2.7 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties this week. In total, 68 county governments received \$1.4 million in prize fees, and 127 city governments received \$1.3 million.

The largest single allocation of prize fees for the second quarter was \$209,900 to Dallas County. The remainder of the top five are: Tarrant County \$178,710; Harris County, \$160,674; City of Dallas, \$127,514; and Bexar County, \$116,933.

Canadian First State Bank CEO is new HCC chairman

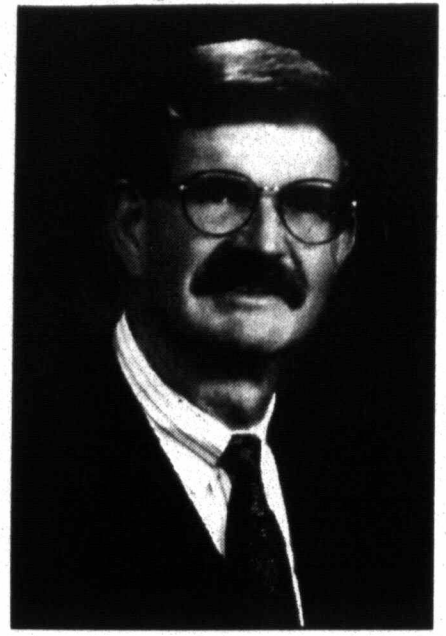
AMARILLO — The Board of Directors of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center announced the appointment of Jay T. Godwin as chairman of the board at the Annual Board of Trustees Meeting.

Godwin's term will run for three years, ending in September 1998. Godwin served as vice chairman of the board of directors prior to his election as chairman. David Wier is past chairman of the board of HCC.

Godwin is the president and chief executive officer of First State Bank of Canadian. He was elected as chairman of the board of that institution in 1986. He attended West Texas State University and graduated from Texas Tech University. Godwin received a degree from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University and is a graduate of American Bankers Association Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma.

Godwin has broad experience in business and banking. He is the former director of the Texas Bankers Association, the past president of the North Panhandle Bankers Association and former president of both Amarillo and North Panhandle Chapters of the American Institute of Banking.

He serves on the Member Legislative Committee of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, the Committee for Planning of ABA International AG Banking Conference with Canada and Mexico. Godwin is a member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Ag Lender



Jay T. Godwin

Advisory Committee and current president of Farm Financial Standards Council.

Godwin has been involved in many civic affairs in Canadian and the Panhandle. He is past president of the Canadian Rotary Club, served two terms as president of the Canadian/Hemphill County Chamber of Commerce and was past president of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Area Family YMCA. He also served as past president of the Canadian Independent School District Board of Trustees and is a previous member of the West Texas State University Foundation. He was recognized as Canadian's "Man of the Year" in 1983.

Godwin is married to Tria. They have two children, Ty and Jennifer.

Fort Worth doctor among three men arrested in false imprisonment case

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police have arrested three men, including a Fort Worth doctor, after they allegedly broke into a man's home, injected him with a tranquilizer and bound him with duct tape.

The men were charged with falsely imprisoning the man, who police say is mentally challenged, KXAS-TV in Dallas-Fort Worth reported today.

Authorities believe the victim used to be a member of Christ Truth Church in Fort Worth, a church attended by the suspects. Officials said they didn't know

why the man was attacked. But the man said he thinks he was beaten because he befriended a woman who also had left the church.

Neighbors heard the man screaming and called police.

Sgt. Weldon Norman said the three men at first denied anything was wrong, but then officers located the victim after seeing blood stains on the floor.

"The victim was acting real groggy and we tried to talk to get more information because this was such a bizarre incident," Norman said.

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'Flaws' Of Beauty Pale Beside Man's Real Flaws Of Character

DEAR ABBY: Sorry to see that you have bought into the "beauty culture" for women.

Why should the 20-year-old woman whose date said her nose is too big and her chin is too receding even consider that she has "flaws" that need correcting? A person who is extremely photogenic and skinny may be the standard for movies and magazines, but in real life, beauty comes in all shapes and sizes.

Abby, you can help women stop wasting their energy comparing themselves to models and movie stars. This only leads to low self-esteem, and eating and drinking disorders.

The insensitive young man who was "brutally honest" is also a victim of the new beauty culture. He measures beauty as "movie star material." However, it is very doubtful that he measures his attractiveness in the same way.

His character flaws of rudeness and insensitivity can change through blunt education by young women who feel good about themselves and don't see themselves as "flawed."

A WOMAN WHO STANDS PROUDLY, BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.

DEAR WOMAN: Well said. And may I add, a genuine smile can radiate more candlepower than a 300-watt bulb.

Now that's beauty!



Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Wants a Tattoo in New York," the 16-year-old girl whose mother said it was against their religion to get a tattoo. If she won't listen to her mother, maybe she will listen to me.

I am 25 years old. When I was 19, I went to a local tattoo parlor with a girlfriend and left there with a small rose the size of a half dollar on my left shoulder. I thought it was cool, so a week later, I went back and had another rose tattooed on the outside of my right ankle. They cost \$35 apiece.

Not long after having my tattoos done, I started getting disapproving looks from strangers. (It's still happening six years later.) As much as I hate to admit it, people just don't accept tattoos on women. I have regretted it more than I can say.

Once a tattoo is there, it's very expensive to remove. Also, if it's not removed properly, it could leave ugly scars. I have consulted a laser clinic and plan to start the removal

process soon. It will cost at least \$300 a session and will take six sessions.

Please don't use my name. I just want to warn other women to think hard and long before getting tattooed.

SORRY IN MAINE

DEAR SORRY: Thank you for sharing your costly experience.

DEAR ABBY: Why do people take the Lord's name in vain? How come when they smash their finger with a hammer, they don't yell out, "Buddha" instead of "Jesus Christ"?

My heart breaks every time I hear that, Abby, please give me an answer. I am a 12-year-old boy and I am confused.

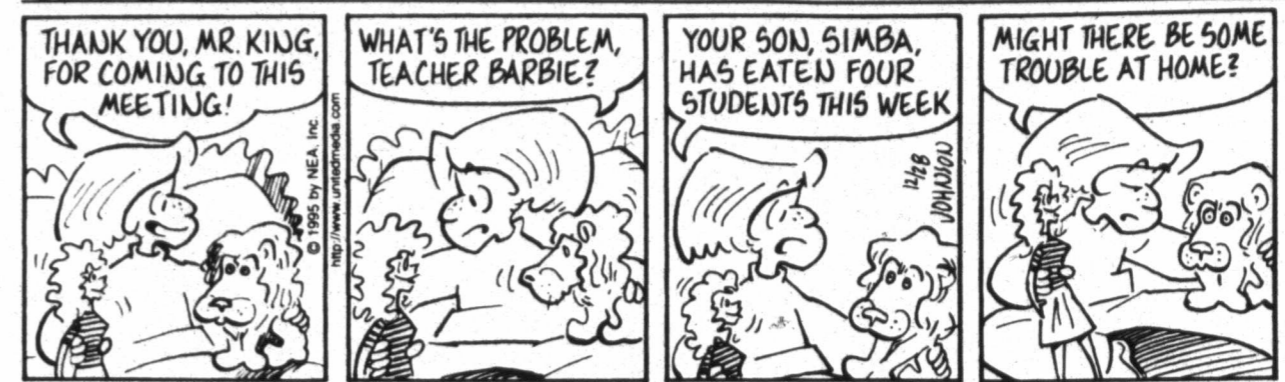
SAD IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR SAD: Perhaps they are praying for the Almighty to ease their pain. If it's any comfort to you, I've heard "holy Moses!" used as an epithet.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)



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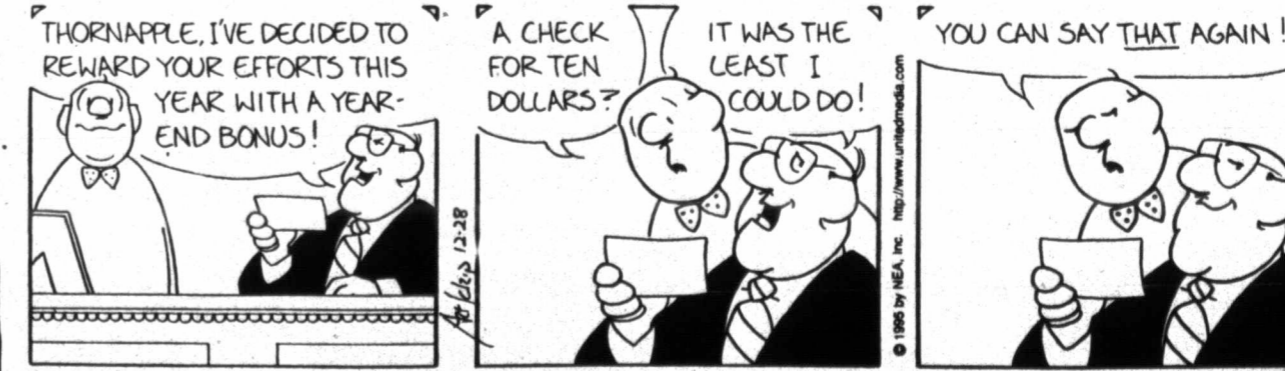
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Horoscope

Friday, Dec. 29, 1995

Joint endeavors could prove both productive and profitable in the year ahead. However, you must know how to align yourself with people who understand the rudiments of success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others might make heavy demands on your time and talents today. In fact, you may have to alter or adjust your plans to suit their needs. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might be a tad too sensitive for your own

good. This could cause you to act defensively and erect walls when you should be building bridges.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you do not live within your means today, you might regret your spending later. Do not let friends involve you in any financially unsound arrangements.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your assertiveness in check today if you want associates to cooperate with you to achieve a personal objective. Aggressiveness could chill their support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Nothing worthwhile will be achieved today if your plans are too convoluted or complex. Remember the phrase Keep it simple, stupid.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not poke your nose into situations where it doesn't belong today. If you do, you could be drawn into something you've been trying hard to avoid.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Important decisions shouldn't be rushed into today, especially if what you decide will affect someone you're representing who isn't

present.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to make a favorable impression on others today, strive to be self-reliant. Do not ask companions to do things that you can manage for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Mind your budget today and don't let your extravagant inclinations entice you to buy unnecessary merchandise. Buy only what you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Avoid discussing volatile issues with your mate today. If distasteful subjects are introduced, especially in public, it could spoil the day for everyone.

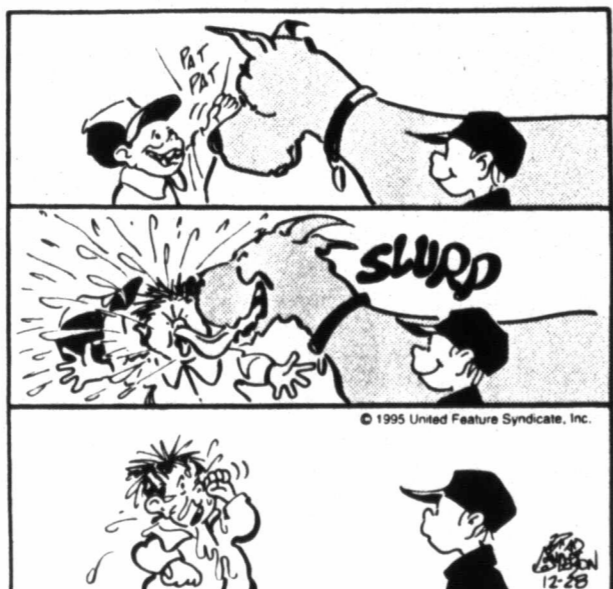
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Imposing your ideas on others could prove unwise today. If they don't buy what you put down, additional pressure will not change their minds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you can competently manage your resources, but today you might be wasteful, especially regarding things that bring you instant gratification.

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Nation briefs

Abandoned boy is actually 25-year-old woman

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The boy who told authorities he was abandoned by his parents only days before his 13th birthday is actually a 25-year-old woman who has attempted similar scams in at least 10 other states.

Officials discovered the woman's true identity Wednesday after Vermont authorities contacted Utah about a similar case.

The woman in both instances was Birdie Jo Hoaks. She called Utah social services officials Dec. 20 posing as a boy and told them she had been left at a bus stop by her stepmother and father.

She provided a birth certificate for Michael Ross, who would celebrate his 13th birthday on Christmas.

Ross told authorities his parents were planning on driving to Mexico and gave authorities a letter supposedly written by his stepmother, which said she could no longer care for him because his father has AIDS and his birth mother was dead.

The story touched hearts nationwide. By Christmas, officials had received calls from more than 50 people offering donations, gifts and even their homes. The state and a local newspaper both set up trust funds.

Skydiver plunges to earth and survives

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A skydiver who couldn't open his parachute plunged 3,000 feet into a snowy field — and survived.

Bruce Charles' backup parachute partially opened just before he hit the ground. That and a foot-deep cushion of snow saved his life, fellow skydivers said.

Charles, 56, who jumped Saturday with the United Parachute Club, remained hospitalized today in guarded condition with injuries to his legs, hips and back.

"He's good. He expects to jump again," said Dr. Frank Matrone, an osteopathic physician and fellow skydiver who visited Charles on Wednesday.

Cows like milking to Mozart, abhor Kiss

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Cows prefer milking to Mozart.

Purdue University researcher Jack Albright and his colleagues received a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study the mental well-being of cows, chickens, pigs and other livestock.

During his research, Albright said, the bovines balked at high-decibel music from the rock group Kiss, but they liked classical tunes from Mozart.

Details such as these are important, he said, because a happy cow gives more milk than a grumpy one, leading to increased profits for dairy farmers.

ConAP earns college hours

IRVING — Young men and women can earn college credit while on active duty or in the Reserve, thanks to an agreement between the U.S. Army and local participating colleges and universities.

The Army Concurrent Admissions Program, or ConAP, enables young men and women to be admitted to a college or university at the same time as they enlist in the regular Army or Reserve.

"This agreement increases the number of Army veterans who will use their GI Bill education benefits after completing service," said Robert W. Hauer, education services specialist with the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Dallas.

College credits earned by the soldier while away on active duty or in the Army Reserve will transfer to the service member's home college or university for credit toward undergraduate requirements, he said. The soldier can also receive college credit for military schools and training.

Educational institutions in north and west Texas participating in the program include: Richland College (Dallas), the University of Dallas and North Lake College (Irving), Northwood University (Cedar Hill), Eastfield College (Mesquite), Grayson County College (Denison), West Texas A&M University (Canyon), South Plains College (Levelland), Midland and Odessa Colleges. Additional schools have expressed interest in the program.

With a combination of the Army College Fund and the Montgomery GI Bill, Army veterans have the potential to receive funds for education up to \$30,000 for active-duty Army service and more than \$6,000 for Army Reserve.

"This is only one of several programs the Army offers to put a college education in a young person's future," Hauer said.

'Waiting to Exhale' tops box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Following the Christmas weekend, domestic theaters sold about \$5.15 billion in tickets, *Daily Variety* reported.

The weekend's top-grossing film was the newly released *Waiting to Exhale*, which earned \$14.1 million. Following it were: *Toy Story*, \$12.1 million; *Jumanji*, \$10.6 million; *Grumpier Old Men*, \$7.8 million; and *Heat*, \$7.3 million.

This year's movies cost much more to make and distribute than in 1994, and higher ticket prices didn't offset flat admissions.

Even though 1995 will probably be Hollywood's biggest ever — topping the 1994 mark of \$5.2 billion as calculated by *Variety* — it did not come cheaply.

The 1995 increase — a measly 0.8 percent — hardly covered higher production costs. Thanks mostly to skyrocketing star salaries (top actors now earn \$20 million per movie) and fancier special effects, Hollywood spent an estimated 15 percent more this year bringing movies to the screen. The average studio film cost more than \$50 million to produce and distribute.

The Top 10 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Monday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of December 22-25	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Waiting to Exhale</i> \$14.1, one week, 1,253 screens	\$14.1
2. <i>Toy Story</i> \$115.7, five weeks, 2,522 screens	\$12.1
3. <i>Jumanji</i> \$27.7, two weeks, 2,530 screens	\$10.6
4. <i>Grumpier Old Men</i> \$7.8, one week, 1,995 screens	\$7.8
5. <i>Heat</i> \$30, two weeks, 1,325 screens	\$7.3
6. <i>Father of the Bride Part II</i> \$31.9, three weeks, 2,061 screens	\$7
7. <i>Sabrina</i> \$114.6, five weeks, 1,976 screens	\$6
8. <i>Sudden Death</i> \$4.8, one week, 1,681 screens	\$4.8
9. <i>Tom and Huck</i> \$32, one week, 1,609 screens	\$3.2
10. <i>Dracula: Dead and Loving It</i> \$2.7, one week, 1,425 screens	\$2.7

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Tuesday by Entertainment Data Inc. and Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Waiting to Exhale*, Fox, \$14.1 million, 1,253 locations, \$11,274 per location, \$14.1 million, one week.

2. *Toy Story*, Disney, \$12.1 million, 2,522 locations, \$4,803 per location, \$115.7 million, five weeks.

3. *Jumanji*, TriStar, \$10.6 million, 2,530 locations, \$4,195 per location, \$27.7 million, two weeks.

4. *Grumpier Old Men*, Warner Bros., \$7.8 million, 1,995 locations, \$3,908 per location, \$7.8 million, one week.

5. *Heat*, Warner Bros., \$7.3 million, 1,325 locations, \$5,521 per location, \$20 million, two weeks.

6. *Father of the Bride Part II*, Disney, \$7 million, 2,061 locations, \$3,421 per location, \$31.9 million, three weeks.

7. *Sabrina*, Paramount, \$6 million, 1,976 locations, \$3,051 per location, \$14.6 million, two weeks.

8. *Sudden Death*, Universal, \$4.8 million, 1,681 locations, \$2,845 per location, \$4.8 million, one week.

9. *Tom and Huck*, Disney, \$3.2 million, 1,609 locations, \$1,995 per location, \$3.2 million, one week.

10. *Dracula: Dead and Loving It*, Columbia, \$2.7 million, 1,425 locations, \$1,901 per location, \$2.7 million, one week.

Camilla Parker Bowles intends to wed Charles

LONDON (AP) — Like his estranged wife Diana, the woman Prince Charles loves is reportedly refusing to go quietly.

Camilla Parker Bowles has indicated she's determined to marry the future king, said unnamed senior government sources cited by *The Daily Express* today.

The newspaper said the 48-year-old divorcee's reported resolve to marry Charles revived memories of the 1936 constitutional crisis, when King Edward VIII was driven to quit the throne to marry divorcee Wallis Simpson.

Charles, 47, said in a Dec. 21 statement that he had no intention of remarrying if he divorced Princess Diana. His estranged wife flew Wednesday to the Caribbean island of Barbuda after spending Christmas in London without her sons William, 13, and Harry, 11, who were with their father.

At the time, the British media interpreted Charles' statement to mean he would never take a second wife. But royal sources later said he had not ruled out marrying again in the future.

The Daily Express today quoted an unnamed friend of Mrs. Parker Bowles as saying: "She wants a clear commitment to marriage

with some role in a consort capacity' when Charles becomes king upon the death of his 69-year-old mother Queen Elizabeth II. To be consort is to have an officially recognized position with a title.

Mrs. Parker Bowles expected to receive the title Her Royal Highness, it said.

The report by the tabloid's royal correspondent Robert Jobson quoted friends as saying that Mrs. Parker Bowles believes only marriage to Charles can restore her tarnished reputation. The two first met and fell in love in 1972.

Britons avidly consume news of the royals and the stories are a mainstay of London's fiercely competitive tabloid press. Papers employ specialist news teams and maintain networks of secret contacts for inside information.

The tabloids accurately predicted the breakup of Charles' and Diana's 11-year-old marriage long before the separation was publicly announced in 1992.

In a television interview in June 1994, Charles acknowledged being unfaithful while he and Diana were still together, but only after their marriage broke down. Interviewer Jonathan Dimbleby identified the other woman as Mrs. Parker Bowles.

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