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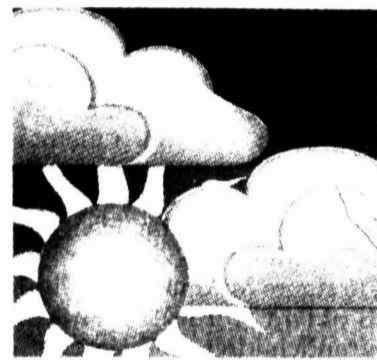
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Low tonight in mid 20s, high tomorrow in mid 40s. See Page 2 for weather details.

**PAMPA** — Wondering what to do with that drooping Christmas tree or the stacks of Christmas cards on the table?

Clean Pampa is offering recycling of both through mid-January. Executive Director Pam Green said.

The annual "Chipping of the Greens" will occur through Jan. 13. Residents can deposit their used trees at the front of the Warner-Horton lot at 900 N. Duncan.

Trees will be chipped on the 13th, and composting material will be available following then.

Christmas cards can be deposited for recycling at National Bank of Commerce, Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center and FirstBank Southwest.

"We just want to encourage people not to throw things away," Green said.

**PAMPA** — A 38-year-old Pampa man was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$30,000 bond after being charged with aggravated assault.

Randy Harris, 38, of 1032 Huff Road, was being held today in connection with the knifing of a man and a woman Friday morning at a Pampa restaurant.

Officers said David Bratcher, 42, and Modesta Johnson, 35, suffered knife wounds shortly after 8 a.m. Friday morning while they worked in the kitchen at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa. Both were released from the Coronado Hospital emergency room Friday after being treated for the wounds.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge set bond at \$15,000 on each of two counts of aggravated assault.

Officers said Harris turned himself in Friday afternoon. Authorities said the assault stemmed from a domestic quarrel.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — One ticket bought in Bishop correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$25 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 35, 40, 41, 44, 45, and 46.

There were 236 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,316. There were 9,634 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$116.

And there were 167,593 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

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

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## Shoppers back in stores today for better prices

By The Associated Press

Shoppers who got fantastic bargains on Christmas presents are going back into the stores for even better prices today as retailers begin clearing out leftover holiday goods.

Many stores were opening at 8 a.m., with plenty of "50 percent off" signs posted on sweaters, gloves, crystal vases and other merchandise that never made it under the Christmas tree.

Newspapers that published Christmas day were filled with store ads announcing more bargains.

In New York, Bloomingdale's ads promised "20 percent to 50 percent off all over." Filene's Basement said its sale is "like saving up to 80 percent off department store prices."

The markdowns come on top of near-desperation price reductions retailers took to bring customers into the stores during what was a generally disappointing holiday season. For storeowners, the after-Christmas sales are a chance to perk up their anemic sales figures a bit.

Last-minute gift shopping seemed to be the rule in much of Texas this year as last week's cold, drizzly weather appeared to awaken state shoppers that Christmas time was here indeed.

The last Saturday before Christmas typically is the biggest shopping day of the year, and this year was no exception. Also, Texas shoppers seemed to have lost track of the holiday until last week's cold snap.

"Today has been much bigger than the day after Thanksgiving was," said Bart Jennings, general manager of an Oshman's SuperSports store in west Houston. "Customers aren't browsing today. They're buying."

Business for many stores in many parts of the state has been disappointingly slow for much of December, but sales have rebounded in the past several days.

One reason is the recent spate of cool weather, which has put people in the mood to buy coats, hats and sweaters — mainstays of Christmas buying.

"With the drizzle and the cold weather, a lot of people have been coming in," said Jorge Cavazos, merchandise team leader at a Target store in Harlingen. "It gets them in the Christmas mood. It's hard to think about Christmas when you are in 80-degree weather."

While merchants admitted they've had to cut prices, many were pleased at how good business has been for the past several days.

"Today has been terrific," Charles Linn, Houston district manager for J.C. Penney, said Saturday. "People are in a good mood, probably because there are a lot of bargains out there."

Turmoil in the Dallas Cowboy camp seemed to have little effect on sales of the team's merchandise. Fan interest in Cowboys paraphernalia has not flagged, said Lisa Gonzalez, assistant manager at Harlingen Sports.

"We are real busy right now," Gonzalez said.

The economy's slow growth, continuing corporate cutbacks and Americans' high debt levels made many consumers more cautious this season.

"The uncertainty in the economy isn't going to move stuff off the shelf," said Bob Untracht, national director of the consumer products industry service at Ernst & Young, the accounting and consulting firm.

Shoppers put off purchases until late in the season, partly because there was a full weekend before Christmas day, but also expecting prices to come down. The heavy markdowns were likely to devastate some retailers' profits during the season they hope to make at least half their annual earnings.

## Mall walker



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Quentin Archer was one of a dozen or more walking off turkey and dressing at the Pampa Mall this morning. Archer said he walks around the mall most mornings clocking 1.6 miles in four laps each weekday. Sometimes, he said, he comes back and walks in the afternoon with his wife.

## Christmas 1995: World leaders speak of renewed hopes for peace on Earth

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
Associated Press Writer

On a Christmas Day bright with new hope for peace on much of the earth, the people of Sarajevo and Bethlehem prayed for lasting goodwill, the pope fell ill, and the manger where it all started celebrated the holiday under new rule.

"Christ said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God,'" Queen Elizabeth II said in her taped annual Christmas message.

"Thanks to the peacemakers, many millions will enjoy a better Christmas this year," the queen said, giving special thanks to those in the former Yugoslavia and in Northern Ireland, where a storm brought the country its first white Christmas in years.

In Sarajevo, authorities lifted a curfew for Christmas Eve and Christmas. A peace pact less than two weeks old let the city's people fill the streets past midnight and pack churches for Christmas Mass.

"I pray to God ... to help all people of goodwill to establish peace," President Alija Izetbe-

govic, a Muslim, said in a Christmas message to Catholics in Bosnia and refugees abroad.

Far from the snow of the Balkans, South African President Nelson Mandela welcomed hundreds of villagers who set up tents at his Qunu estate for a Christmas celebration.

Christmas days in Mandela's village childhood offered the only cup of tea he would have all year, he said, which is why he now offers hospitality to as many people as possible.

But South Africa's Christmas was bloodied by an escalation in violence between rival Zulus returning from city jobs to rural areas for Christmas. Nearly 1,000 armed people men swept through the southern KwaZulu-Natal province Monday, killing 13 and burning dozens of homes, police said.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II spoke of the need for reconciliation in Africa, particularly after the genocide in Rwanda and unrest in other trouble spots around the world.

"Will there be room, on this day, for the scattered families of

Bosnia-Herzegovina, who are still anxiously waiting for the results of peace?" the pope asked.

He cut short his Christmas message to the crowds in St. Peter's Square, suddenly sighing and retreating from his window. "I can't go on. Merry Christmas and God bless," he said.

For the first time in his papacy, the 75-year-old pontiff was unable to deliver Christmas Mass. A Vatican spokesman said later that John Paul might have the flu.

The sun shone on Bethlehem on Monday as caretakers hosed away the debris of a round-the-clock celebration to mark the town's first Christmas under Palestinian rule.

Clanging church bells woke pilgrims, who streamed into Manger Square to inspect the many souvenir shops hawking mini-mangers and wooden Jesuses.

The night before, the noise and clamor came from fireworks, heralding both the holiday and Palestinian joy at the withdrawal of Israeli troops.

## Police arrest four on drug charges

A Pampa couple were in Gray County jail today after a combined law enforcement task force raided the house where they were staying early Sunday.

Gray County Sheriff's deputies said Randall Menefield, 37, and Connie Louise Menefield, 30, were charged today with possession of a controlled substance after officers found what they believed to be marijuana and methamphetamines Sunday morning at the house where the couple was staying.

Acting on information received from another law enforcement agency, officers from the Gray County Sheriff's office, Pampa Police Department and the 31st District Attorney's

Office obtained a search warrant for the address and raided the house early Sunday. Officers said they served the search warrant about 2 a.m. Sunday at 611 E. Albert.

Officers said there were three adults and two children at the residence. The children were not awakened and the Menefields were arrested.

"It was a cooperative effort," said Chief Deputy Charles Morris of the Gray County Sheriff's office. "It went off without a hitch."

Bond was set this morning for Randall Menefield at \$7,500 and for Connie Menefield at \$6,000 by Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.

In another drug-related case, a Pampa man and an Amarillo man were out on \$5,000 bond each today after being charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Charles Glenn Spencer, 33, of Pampa, and Benjamin E. Crocker, 33, were free on bond today after being arrested during a traffic stop early Friday morning.

Officers said the pair were stopped about 12:30 a.m. Friday a mile and a half west of Pampa on Texas 152.

Authorities said the two were arrested after officers found what they suspected to be marijuana and methamphetamines in the car.

## Breast cancer screening clinic set in Lefors

LEFORS — The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, on Friday, Dec. 29.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast

cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician.

The program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

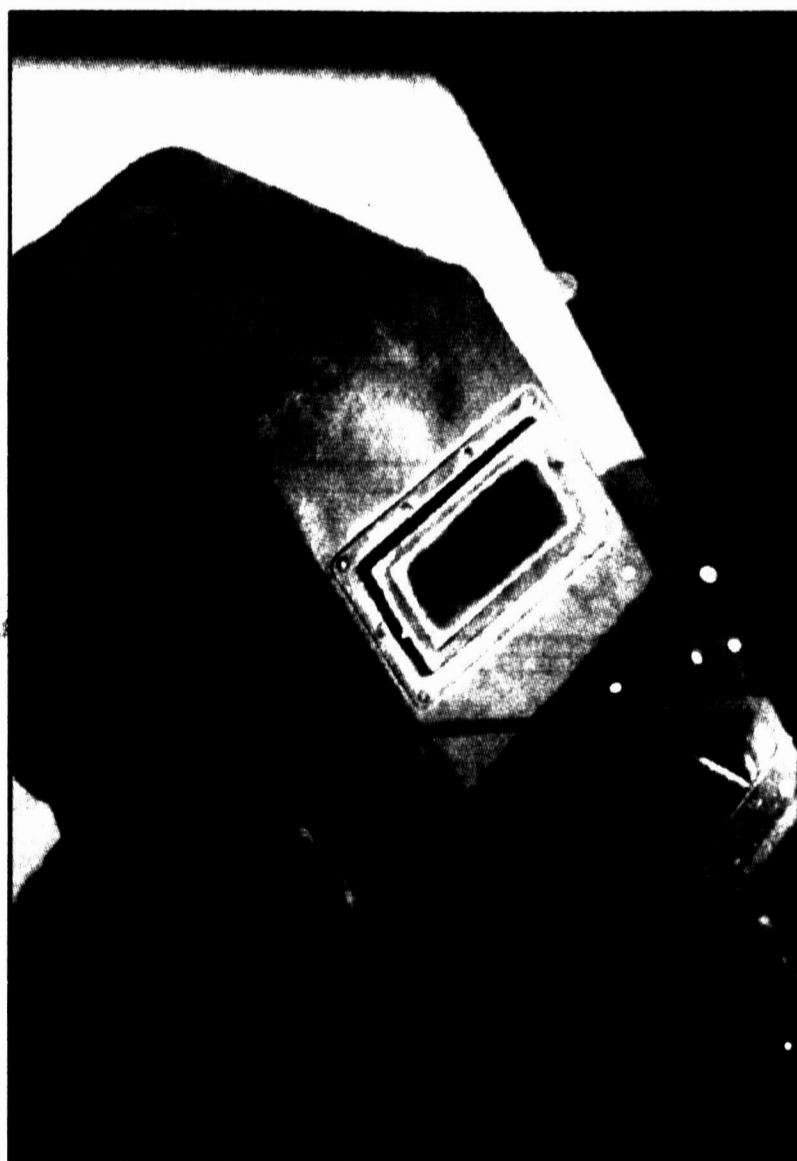
Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammo-

gram and performing a breast self-exam each month, Harrington Cancer Center officials said.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 359-4673.

## Welding



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Wendell Shults sets the world on flame today as he welds the steel beams into place at Calvary Baptist Church. The construction project is a major expansion for the church at 900 E. 23rd.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**ALLEN**, Florence P. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.  
**COMBS**, Maggie Estell — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Rose Lawn Cemetery, Fort Smith, Ark.  
**CULP**, Ruth — 4 p.m., Washington Avenue Christian Church, Amarillo.  
**KILPATRICK**, George Irewin "Pat" — 11 a.m., Shamrock Church of Christ, Shamrock.  
**MOORE**, Chalmus Vernon — 10 a.m., Church of Christ, McLean.  
**PATTERSON**, Lou Ella — 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Canyon.  
**RODGERS**, Gene — 10 a.m., Temple Baptist Church, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

**FLORENCE P. ALLEN**  
**AMARILLO** - Florence P. Allen, 87, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Pampa with the Rev. Harold Daniel, associate pastor of the Polk Street United Methodist Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Allen was born April 17, 1908, in Oklahoma. She was married to Charles W. Allen; he died Jan. 17, 1988. She had been an Amarillo resident eight years, moving from Santa Fe, N.M., where she had been a 38-year resident. She had been active in Order of the Eastern Star for many years. She had been an employee of Santa Fe Builders Corporation and of the Phillips Petroleum Corporation and of the Moorelane Corporation, both of Amarillo. She was a member of Polk Street United Methodist Church of Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys V. Horton.

Survivors include three brothers, M.A. Patrick of San Angelo, S.J. Patrick of Borger and Jack Patrick of Mesquite; two nieces, Colleen Neal of Pampa and Phyllis McClellan of Borger; two nephews, S.E. Patrick of Kirkland, Ill., and J.B. Patrick of McGregor.



**BOBBIE JOYCE BAKER**  
**AMARILLO** - Bobbie Joyce Baker, 64, sister of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in the Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. David Malone, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of N.S. Griggs Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Baker was born at Comanche. She married Gerald Baker in 1952 at Comanche. She had been an Amarillo resident for nine years. She was a homemaker and a member of the College Heights Baptist Church at Plainview.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald; two sons, Albert L. Baker and Paul W. "Red" Baker, both of Amarillo; a sister, Patsey Stanton of Pampa; a brother, Melvin Farrar of Wheeler; and four grandchildren.

**BILLY JOE COBB**  
**ECTOR** - Billy Joe Cobb, 70, father of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995, at Sherman. Services were to be today at 10 a.m. in the Cooper-Sorrells Chapel at Bonham with the Rev. Jerry Clements officiating. Burial was in the Dodd City Cemetery at Dodd City under the direction of Cooper-Sorrells Funeral Home of Bonham.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Cobb of Ector; a daughter, Patsy Cox of Bonita Springs, Fla.; three sons, Jerry Cobb of Pampa, Robert Cobb of Houston and Marlin L. Cobb of Sadler; a sister, Wanda Cobb of Shawnee Mission, Kan.; a brother, Marlin A. Cobb of Lewisville; and three grandchildren.

**MAGGIE ESTELL COMBS**  
Maggie Estell Combs, 83, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Rose Lawn Cemetery at Fort Smith, Ark., with Dr. John F. Walker, pastor of the First United Methodist Church at Fort Smith, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Combs was born Oct. 23, 1912, at Scranton, Ark. She had been a Pampa resident since 1980, moving from Phillips, where she had been a resident since 1935. She married Gordon B. Combs on Aug. 9, 1934, at Van Buren, Ark.; he died July 17, 1971. She was a homemaker and a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church at Phillips. She was active in the American Legion at Borger for many years. She attended First Baptist Church at Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Metheny Sr., and by a son, Earl Marion Metheny, in 1944.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Carpenter of Pampa; a son, Gordon Combs Jr. of Catochot, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Leona Metheny of Fort Smith; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939; or to the First Baptist Church, 203 N. West St., Pampa, TX 79065.

The body will be available for viewing today until 5 p.m.

**RUTH CULP**  
**AMARILLO** - Ruth Culp, 76, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995. Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Washington Avenue Christian Church with the Rev. Charles Gibson, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon • Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Culp was born in Groom and moved to Amarillo 50 years ago from Wellington. She married Dan Culp in 1938 at Hollis, Okla. The Culp's owned Barnaby's Beanery in Amarillo. She was a member of the Washington Avenue Christian Church and Safeway Employee Retirement Association.

Survivors include her husband, Dan; a daughter, Barbara Brown of Amarillo; two sons, Charles F. Culp Sr. and Rickey Culp, both of Amarillo; six sisters, Birdie Francis, Helen Wisdom and Imojean Johnson, all of Amarillo, Juanita Fister of Austin, Janell Standifer of Yukon, Okla., and Betty Linley of Howardville; five brothers, John Judd and Snook Judd, both of Amarillo, Dick Judd of Wellington, Buck Judd of Amarillo and Jiggs Judd of Azle; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 7810 Lindsey and requests memorials be to the Alzheimers unit at Ware Memorial Care Center.

**GEORGE IREWIN KILPATRICK**  
**AMARILLO** - George Irewin "Pat" Kilpatrick, 75, a former Shamrock resident, died Monday, Dec. 25, 1995. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Shamrock Church of Christ at Shamrock with Carroll Thomason of Amarillo and Joe Nash of the Shamrock Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in the Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Shamrock.

Mr. Kilpatrick was born in Lacon, Ala. He married Mildred Maurine Martin in 1945; she died in 1990. He had been a Shamrock resident and worked for Tisdale Implement Company until moving to Borger in 1953, where he was employed with Davis Chevrolet. He moved to Weatherford Okla., in 1959 and co-owned the International Harvester farm implement business. He later owned-operated Kilpatrick Equipment at Weatherford. He moved to Brownwood in 1968 and to Odessa in 1970, where he worked for French Tool. He retired in 1985 and moved to Amarillo in 1991. He married Goldie L. Tucker in 1992 at Amarillo. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps, serving in World War II. He was a member of the Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Goldie; a daughter, Leigh Ann Kilpatrick Thrasher of Tucson, Ariz.; a son, David Kilpatrick of Amarillo; two step-daughters, Debra Tucker Keil of Clinton, Okla., and Marsha Tucker Weaver of Allen; a foster daughter, Leona Merrick of Clinton; a sister, Ima Smith of Faulkville, Ala.; a brother, John D. Kilpatrick of Hartselle, Ala.; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will be at 5615 Granada and requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, 3915 S. Bell, Amarillo, TX 79109; Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101; or Central Church of Christ Missionary Ministry.

**HUELYN WELDON LAYCOCK**  
**CANYON** - Huelyn Weldon Laycock, 84, a longtime area educator, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, in the First Baptist Church at Canyon with Dr. Charles Price, pastor, and Strauss Atkinson, pastor emeritus, officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Mr. Laycock was born in Collingsworth County. He graduated from McLean High School and received bachelor's and master's degrees from West Texas State University. He married Maudie Mallow in 1932 at Sayre, Okla. His career in education spanned more than 43 years. He first taught in the Abra community of Collingsworth County, then was principal of the Hopkins School in Gray County. He also served as Gray County school superintendent. During his time in Pampa, he worked for the passage of the Gilmer-Aikin Law in 1949, which equalized funding in Texas public schools. He was a member of the Kiwanis, Pampa Chamber of Commerce and First Baptist Church. He also taught the nondenominational Men's Bible Class of Pampa for several years.

In 1951, Mr. Laycock became superintendent of White Deer schools, then served as director of public services at West Texas State University. He was superintendent of the Canyon Independent School District from 1964 to 1967. He then served seven years as executive director of Panhandle Education Support Center, now known as Region XVI Education Service Center. He retired in 1974. He served as president of the Canyon Chamber of Commerce and the American Cancer Society and was a member of the Lions Club. He was an honorary life member of Texas Association of School Administrators.

Survivors include his wife, Maudie; a daughter, Berdene Blair of Amarillo; a son, Brantley Laycock of Melbourne, Fla.; four brothers, Dr. Raymond Laycock of Pampa, Robert Laycock of Marble Falls, Dr. Royce Laycock of Dallas and Dr. Kenneth Laycock of Canyon; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

The family will be at 2419 Fourth Ave. and suggests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; Canyon Senior Citizens, 1719 Fifth Ave., Canyon, TX 79015; or a favorite charity.

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**CHALMUS VERNON MOORE**  
**McLEAN** - Chalmus Vernon Moore, 66, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the McLean Church of Christ with Pat Andrews, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Moore was born at Oxford, Colo. He married Billie Sue Pettit in 1953 at Albuquerque, N.M. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He was an oil field driller and a member of the McLean Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Sue; a daughter, Carmel Hogue of Woodward, Okla.; a son, Chris John Moore of Woodward; three sisters, Willie Mae Brooks of Austin, Mary Plum of Scott City, Kan., and Arlene Smith of Perryton; two brothers, Earl Moore of Pampa and Wayne Moore of Forgan, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

**LOU ELLA PATTERSON**  
**CANYON** - Lou Ella Patterson, 91, died Monday, Dec. 25, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Bales, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Miss Patterson was born at Golthwaite. She graduated from Golthwaite High School and received a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos. She taught at Golthwaite while earning her degree. She joined the Texas A&M Extension Service in 1939 and retired in 1966. She served as a home demonstration agent in Randall, Gray and Ochiltree counties.

**GENE RODGERS**  
**AMARILLO** - Gene Rodgers, mother of a White Deer resident, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Temple Baptist Church with Richard Dickerson, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon • Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Rodgers was born at Electra. She married Luther Rodgers in 1946 at Electra. She had been an Amarillo resident for 48 years. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church.

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The family will be at 4608 S. Ong and requests memorials be to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3505 Olsen Blvd., Suite 203, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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**CHALMUS VERNON MOORE**  
**McLEAN** - Chalmus Vernon Moore, 66, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the McLean Church of Christ with Pat Andrews, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Moore was born at Oxford, Colo. He married Billie Sue Pettit in 1953 at Albuquerque, N.M. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He was an oil field driller and a member of the McLean Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Sue; a daughter, Carmel Hogue of Woodward, Okla.; a son, Chris John Moore of Woodward; three sisters, Willie Mae Brooks of Austin, Mary Plum of Scott City, Kan., and Arlene Smith of Perryton; two brothers, Earl Moore of Pampa and Wayne Moore of Forgan, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

**LOU ELLA PATTERSON**  
**CANYON** - Lou Ella Patterson, 91, died Monday, Dec. 25, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Bales, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Miss Patterson was born at Golthwaite. She graduated from Golthwaite High School and received a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos. She taught at Golthwaite while earning her degree. She joined the Texas A&M Extension Service in 1939 and retired in 1966. She served as a home demonstration agent in Randall, Gray and Ochiltree counties.

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# Dean Martin, crooner and comic, dead at 78

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dean Martin, the easygoing, highball-sipping crooner who left the hit comedy team of Martin and Lewis to become a member of Hollywood's Rat Pack and the star of his own TV variety show, died Monday at 78.

The singer died at his Beverly Hills home of acute respiratory failure, said his longtime agent and friend Mort Viner.

Martin and Jerry Lewis were top stars in movies, television and nightclubs when Martin broke up the act in 1956. The smart money figured Lewis would prosper while Martin would fade.

But the dark-haired, handsome Martin became a much bigger star than he had been as straight man and singer, beginning with the 1958 war drama *The Young Lions*, which also starred Montgomery Clift and Marlon Brando.

With stardom came membership in the Rat Pack, the Hollywood boys club that included Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Peter Lawford, with John F. Kennedy, Lawford's brother-in-law, an honorary member.

"Dean was my brother — not through blood, but through choice," Sinatra, 80, said Monday in a statement. "Good times and bad, we were there for each other. Our friendship has traveled down many roads over the years and there will always be a special place in my heart and soul for Dean."

Among Martin's other movies: *Some Came Running*, *Rio Bravo*, *Who Was that Lady?*

*Sergeants 3*, *Toys in the Attic*, *Kiss Me Stupid*, *The Bells Are Ringing*, *The Sons of Katie Elder*, *The Silencers*, *Texas Across the River*, *Murderer's Row* and *Airport*.

He once cited the two greatest turning points in his career: "First, meeting Jerry Lewis. Second, leaving Jerry Lewis. I became a real actor because of those two things."

His smooth baritone on such songs as "That's Amore" and "Volare" made him a favorite with record-buyers. He was one of the few non-rockers to top the charts in 1964, when his "Everybody Loves Somebody" hit No. 1.

He described his singing style with typical humor: "I copied Bing Crosby 100 per cent."

Then he conquered television. In 1965, NBC first presented "The Dean Martin Show," a musical variety hour through which Martin ambled with customary ease, often pretending to be soused.

The spontaneous appearance of the show was for real. Martin's contract stipulated that he would appear only on the day of the show and then have the most rudimentary of rehearsals.

"The Dean Martin Show" was high-rated for most of its eight years. It was followed by "The Dean Martin Comedy Hour" in the 1973-74 season and then a series of celebrity "roasts."

More recently, a 1992 book by Nick Tosches, *Dino: Living High in the Dirty Business of Dreams*, portrayed Martin as an ailing alcoholic who dined out alone every night.

Viner, his manager, countered: "He loves to go out to restaurants. What he doesn't like is

to be with a lot of people or attend parties.

"As far as his health is concerned, Dean is perfectly capable; his mind is all right. He simply decided last year that he didn't want to work for a while."

Dino Paul Crocetti was born June 17, 1917, in Steubenville, Ohio, the son of an Italian immigrant barber. For the first five years of his life, the boy spoke only Italian.

Martin worked in the steel mills, fought as a welterweight and at 16 delivered bootleg liquor around Steubenville. He also dealt cards in a gambling room behind a cigar store and began singing in clubs.

A bandleader named Sammy Watkins hired the young singer and renamed him Dean Martin. He eventually was booked into New York where his loose, mellow style began to catch on.

In 1946, Martin was booked into the 500 Club in Atlantic City, N.J., at \$500 a week. Sharing the bill was a so-so comedian named Jerry Lewis who did a "record act" — mouthing the lyrics to records by famous singers.

"We started horsing around with each other's act," Martin recalled. "We'd do anything that came to our minds, anything at all."

The zaniness caught on, and soon Martin and Lewis were playing New York's Copacabana at \$5,000 a week. Nightclub and television offers followed, along with a movie contract.

## Community Calendar

December

29 — THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR appearing in concert at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The internationally acclaimed choir is a group of children, ages 5-12, who perform endearing messages of hope and joy around the world. They were honored at the 1992 Grammy Awards. For more information, contact Calvary Baptist Church at 665-0842.

30 — BETA SIGMA PHI to host a Holiday Dance with a live band at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 8 p.m. to midnight, with band Cracker Jack. All proceeds go towards scholarships funds. Advance tickets are \$20 per couple and \$10 a single. Tickets at the door are \$25 per couple and \$15 a single. Tickets are available at National Bank of Commerce and Billie's Boutique. For more information, contact Billie at 669-9429.

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241.

## Teamster chapter fights national office

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A Teamsters union local which has had a long-running battle with the union's international leadership is now fighting over a war chest local officials created to ward off a takeover.

Officers at Teamsters Local 391 said they fear a takeover by the national office in reprisal for years of attacking Ron Carey, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Recently retired president R.V. Durham finished second to Carey in the union's 1991 presidential election.

The Greensboro-based local also led a successful effort to thwart a membership dues

increase proposed by Carey. Durham and another Local 391 officer have filed several internal union disciplinary charges against Carey and other Teamsters board members.

Local union officers said they learned the international union was considering placing Local 391 in trusteeship as a "political reprisal" and voted in February to place \$100,000 in an escrow account to fight a takeover.

Teamsters union locals in Dallas and Cleveland tried to set up similar accounts, *The High Point Enterprise* reported today. Carey wrote a letter to all three unions in November, telling them the escrow accounts violated the union's constitution.

## Updated gun law books pop up in time for right-to-carry law

HOUSTON (AP) — A holster isn't the only accessory Texans might want to consider as they prepare for the state's right-to-carry law to kick in next month.

Gun stores across the state are selling two books on Texas' weapons laws that have been updated in time for the concealed handgun statute to start Jan. 1.

"If we're going to carry a weapon, we do need to know the laws — what we can do, what we can't do," said Sarah LePere, owner of Feminine Protection Inc.

The Dallas shop, which specializes in holsters for women,

recently began displaying copies of *The Texas Gun Owner's Guide*.

"It has things about self-protection, what you can do, deadly force and self-defense; when you can shoot and when you cannot legally shoot," Ms. LePere said. "It's got everything you need to know."

The 256-page paperback, which retails for \$14.95, was published earlier this year. A competing book, *A Matter of Personal Protection*, is 503 pages, sells for \$15.95 and has been printed since 1991.

The books explain how to apply for a concealed handgun

license, how to meet mandatory marksmanship requirements and why a license can be suspended or revoked.

Their authors say the publications translate the state's complicated weapons laws.

"Everything is described in plain, simple terms," says Alan Korwin, a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based freelance writer and co-author of *The Texas Gun Owner's Guide*.

Doug Briggs, the Houston author of *A Matter of Personal Protection*, says he has received letters of gratitude from readers.

"People have told me about situations where they have protect-

ed themselves where they might not have been prepared to had they not read the book," Briggs said.

"Other people have used the book to extricate themselves from the long arm of the law."

Neither Korwin nor Briggs is an attorney or has a law degree.

"The reason it's in plain English is because I'm not a lawyer," says Korwin, who also penned *The Arizona Gun Owner's Guide*.

He says he's not giving legal advice.

"I'm just a citizen who is looking at the law and discussing it," he said.

## Dallas church destroyed by fire Christmas day remains undaunted

DALLAS (AP) — St. Paul Lutheran Church in the Oak Cliff section of town will hold services next Sunday, undaunted by the fire that wiped out its main building.

A Christmas Day fire destroyed the 39-year-old church as neighbors and members watched in horror. Yet even while the flames burned the structure to the ground, its pastor vowed to rebuild.

"God's going to see that it gets back up," said the Rev. Richard

Robinson as about 50 firefighters fought the three-alarm blaze.

No one was inside the building Monday morning when the fire quickly razed the main building.

A small fellowship hall behind the church went unscathed, and that's where the church's 100 members will hold services on Sunday.

Investigators still weren't sure of the cause of the fire. The heavy damage will have firefighters looking for clues for several days,

Dallas fire Capt. Jerry Foster said.

"(Firefighters) got just inside the building, but the heat was so tremendous they had to back out," he said. "When we have to do that, you have considerable damage."

The fire began around 10:30 a.m. and was extinguished within an hour, Foster said.

The Dallas Fire Department estimated the loss at \$250,000, including \$50,000 for contents such as a

new organ and computer. The church had paid its quarterly fire insurance premium, said Marcia Robinson, the pastor's wife.

"I'm just wondering why on a Christmas Day when Jesus was born (there would be) such a disaster," Bersa Moseley told KDFW-TV. "But yet I know that the Lord permits such things. So we just have to praise the Lord and go ahead on."

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Opinion

Energy secretary's free-spending ways

Chicago Tribune

Vice President Al Gore's earnest defense of the free-spending ways of Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary makes one wonder if this is what he really had in mind as examples of "reinventing government."

A trip to South Africa with 51 government workers and 68 business and academic people on a leased luxury jet with staterooms and stand-up bar, with photographers and video crews along to record the whole deal, at a cost of \$560,000.

Trips on the same flying circus jet to India, Pakistan and China at a combined cost of \$2 million.

The hiring of a \$93,166-a-year "departmental conflict resolution ombudsman" for an agency that has eliminated nearly 800 other positions.

O'Leary's excesses deserve a rebuke, particularly at this time, when the federal government is trying, at long last, to live within its means.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported recently that O'Leary has taken 16 overseas trips as Energy secretary, and she never failed to go in style. Dozens of business executives who tagged along also haven't bothered to pay any share of the costs. The government has all but written off collecting on the debt.

Presumably, if O'Leary still had that \$43,500 contract with an outside firm to rate the journalists who cover her, the *Times* reporters who tracked her travel spending would grade out somewhere below zero.

O'Leary has called for an independent review of her actions - not exactly a bold move, since the General Accounting Office and a handful of congressional committees already are looking into the same thing. Her free-spending ways have given new ammunition to lawmakers who want to do away with her agency.

Gore, on a TV show, said, "There's nobody in the Cabinet who has done a better job of cutting costs, of eliminating wastes." That's a scary thought. Do the rest of them lease the QE2?

The vice president also seconded O'Leary's contention that her trips created new business opportunities and jobs in the United States. But that would be the province of the Commerce Department, another agency that Republicans would like to see disappear. Besides marveling at her spending practices, one has to wonder if O'Leary is a bureaucrat in search of a purpose.

Congress and the White House are in the midst of negotiations on a wrenching task - to eliminate deficit spending in seven years. If the White House is willing to condone an energy secretary who likes to travel in the style of the Rolling Stones, how can its dedication to budget balancing be taken seriously?

Government by the people ...

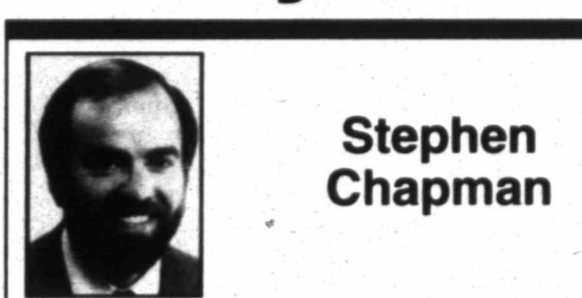
When asked what he thought of Western civilization, Mohandas Gandhi replied, "It would be a good idea." He might say the same about American democracy. Here, the people rule - so we believe. But today, most of the laws that govern our lives are written by unelected officials who are not accountable to the public.

In our system, lawmaking is supposed to be a difficult process, requiring the deliberation and approval of two houses of Congress, plus the signature of the president. It is also, in theory, the prerogative of the legislative branch: "All legislative powers ... shall be vested in a Congress of the United States," says the opening sentence of Article I of the Constitution.

In fact, bureaucrats in the executive branch now do more of what is properly described as legislating than Congress does - they call it regulating, but it's the same thing. And they do it without the bother of any action by either house or the president.

This change has greatly enlarged the authority of the president and his subordinates, at the expense of Congress. But that doesn't mean it's unpopular on Capitol Hill. Our elected legislators brought it about, after all, and they have grown comfortable with the arrangement. So they may not be ready for a measure recently introduced by freshman Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.) that would restore Congress to the role the framers meant it to have.

The proposal is simple. Instead of being imposed at will by various executive agencies, new regulations would not take effect until and unless they had been approved by both houses of Congress and signed by the president. If the Environmental Protection Agency wanted to impose wetlands regulations on landowners, for example, it would



Stephen Chapman

have to submit the idea to the 535 men and women who have been sent to Washington by actual voters - and the lawmakers would have to answer at the polls. No longer would regulatory agencies function as powers unto themselves.

This would have a variety of benefits, not least that it would end a vast and unwarranted delegation of power from Congress to civil servants. That custom began during the New Deal, and it has only expanded in the decades since. The executive branch is supposed to merely enforce the laws enacted by Congress. Today, acting under a sweeping grant of authority from Capitol Hill, it not only enforces laws but writes them too.

The transfer of authority has long been upheld by the Supreme Court, but legal thinkers across the spectrum question its constitutionality as well as its wisdom. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, in a 1980 case, argued that the Occupational Safety and Health Act involved an excessive delegation of Congress' power. A liberal scholar, Stanford's John Hart Ely, has written that "there can be little point in worrying about the distribution of the franchise and other personal political rights unless the important policy choices are being made by

elected officials." Justice Stephen Breyer proposed the idea in Hayworth's bill in a 1984 article.

The measure would also prevent elected lawmakers from enjoying the best of both worlds. The usual custom when addressing a difficult policy choice is for Congress to pass a law expressing a sincere desire to improve the world - leaving those meannies working for the president to make all the painful decisions that cost money, burden citizens or destroy jobs. Delegating authority allows members to take credit for showing firm resolve and tender hearts, while letting them blame pointyheaded bureaucrats for all the unpalatable consequences that follow.

The law Rehnquist criticized is a classic example of how Congress evades its proper responsibilities. The Occupational Safety and Health Act mandated such workplace standards as are "reasonably necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment." The secretary of Labor was left to decide what on earth that means.

The Americans With Disabilities Act betrays the same impulse, cheerfully instructing employers to make "reasonable accommodation" of handicapped workers, unless it would create "undue hardship." Clear as mud, isn't it? Then there is the Clean Water Act, which the Environmental Protection Agency has interpreted to mean it can fine and imprison people for disturbing wetlands - despite the minor fact that the law says nothing about wetlands.

The point of democracy is to make the governors directly accountable to the governed, which today, to a great extent, they are not. Hayworth's bill would resurrect the central principle of self-government. Congressional Republicans say they want to bring about a revolution in Washington. If they pass this measure, you'll know they mean it.



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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 1995. There are five days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 26, 1944, in the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division, surrounded by German forces in Belgium, was relieved by units of the 4th Armored Division.

On this date:

In 1776, the British suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War.

In 1799, the late George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

In 1893, Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung was born in Hunan province.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

In 1944, Tennessee Williams' play *The Glass Menagerie* received its first public performance at the Civic Theatre in Chicago.

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Now how does one tax a tax?

One of the more despicable things Congress does to us and will continue to do to us under the Republican plan is tax us on our own tax money that we have already paid.

Now how do you tax a tax?  
Easy. First you levy a Social Security tax on the people. This tax revenue goes into the Social Security Fund (I refuse to call it a "trust" fund because it isn't very trustworthy). Then you take the surplus money out of the Social Security Fund, spend it and replace it with government bonds. In other words, Congress taxes us, borrows our taxes and then taxes us to pay back the borrowed taxes plus interest.

In fact, that's one of the hidden gimmicks in the Republican plan to balance the budget. Since Social Security, for government accounting purposes, is declared "off line," money borrowed from the Social Security Fund is not counted as part of the deficit. This is being done in lieu of real cuts, which even Republican politicians find distasteful.

We are even taxed on our foreign aid. The Israeli lobby, which is the most powerful lobby in the world, some years ago persuaded Congress to give Israel its annual foreign aid in a lump sum at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Well, since Israel can't immediately use all of these billions, they invest part of their foreign aid

Charley Reese

in U.S. bonds and notes. Once again, Americans are taxed first to provide the foreign aid and then taxed again to pay the interest on the foreign aid.

One could, of course, write books about the varied and ingenious ways Congresses and presidents fleece the American people. Several authors have. But no amount of publicity seems to deter federal politicians from practicing the fine art of lightening the wallets of the people and feathering their own political nests.

Perhaps some Americans need to shed their illusions about government. I don't like to break people's rose-colored glasses, but dearly beloved, there are no altruists in Washington, D.C. Modern politics is not a contest between selfless champions of the people willing to sacrifice their own interests for God, flag and the American way of life.

To find a group of people more cynical and amoral than most professional politicians and nearly all professional campaign strategists, you would have to visit a convention of political assassins and saboteurs.

Politics is about winning campaigns and distributing political patronage. People who pour big

bucks into political campaigns expect to be the beneficiaries of that patronage. Patronage includes not only appointments but also government grants, government contracts, government tax favors, government subsidies, government legislative favors and government trade favors.

Corruption by power is a two-edged sword. Those who distribute the confiscated wealth (confiscated by taxation) are corrupted by their power to grant favors and treasure. Those who receive the favors and treasure are corrupted by receiving it.

Just look at the so-called idealistic environmental and welfare agencies alternately begging and sniveling and snarling like a pack of Gollums (see J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy) at the thought of losing their precious government grants.

Americans, both the politicians and the voters, may have become corrupted by big government beyond redemption. A virtuous government requires a virtuous people; a frugal government requires a self-reliant people. A free country requires people who value liberty more than money.

Still, several times in American history, revivals of virtue have swept the nation. Maybe it will happen again. One thing is certain: Unless the people significantly change, there will be no change in government no salvation, secular or otherwise.

Berry's World

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Bill's newest stance, tough and resolute

The talk is: Bill Clinton's back. Tough, determined and resolute, he's a friend of the people and a strong bet for reelection.

And more news yet: Newt Gingrich is the top candidate for Queen of the May at Wellesley College.

I mean, let us all take a deep breath and possibly, depending on our theological orientations, have a stiff drink. In our rapture at discovering a fight to referee in Washington, D.C., we in the media are devising election scenarios that lack grounding in reality.

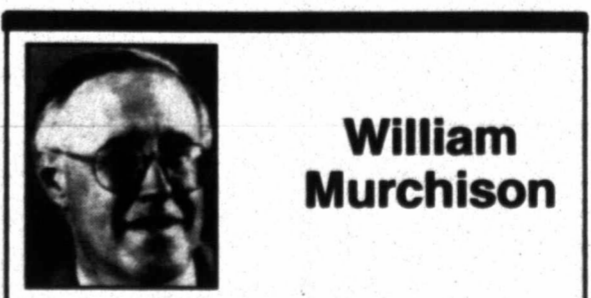
The nature of politics is ebb and flow, meaning that some days you're up and others you're down. Every politician is subject to this iron law. Clinton is subject to it. Bob Dole is subject to it. What you hope is that on Election Day, your tide is flowing.

Clinton's flows now - for the moment. Consider why:

1. A man on the bottom, where Clinton has reposed for more than a year, has no place to go but up. More specifically, Clinton sank there in large part because of a widely shared view that this president doesn't stand for anything.

Challenged by the Republicans, at last he started standing for things - or seeming to. Clinton aims to pass himself off as the Supreme Protector of Medicare and Medicaid (never mind that his Medicare budget and the Republicans' differ by only \$30 billion).

2. At some point, Clinton's mother apparently took him for a shame-ectomy, during which his sense of shame and remorse was removed. The



William Murchison

president will say absolutely anything concerning himself or his opponents.

Thus, Clinton depicts the Republicans as heartless foes of poor people and himself as their best friend. He portrays Republican-proposed tax cuts as helpful to the rich and hurtful to the poor.

The only problem here is the marginal accuracy of both changes. The Republicans are trying to clean up a welfare culture that debases and enslaves the poor; Clinton, in truth, is fighting with them more over details than essentials. He already has accepted their basic premise: The Great Society, in its present form and cost, is unsustainable.

As for taxes, the Heritage Foundation points out that lower-income and middle-income taxpayers would get most of the benefit if capital gains taxes were cut. The \$500-per-child tax credit, which is at the heart of the tax-cut plan, would allow the typical family, Heritage says, to buy a month's food plus pay the mortgage. See what bad guys these Republicans are - trying to help people pay their mortgages.

How does all this fly with the sovereign voters? OK for the moment - but chiefly because said sovereign voters, with other things on their mind, such as Christmas, have not focused on what they're being told. Pressures for candor will be far stronger next year.

Meanwhile, clouds no bigger than a man's hand loom on Clinton's horizon. One is Bosnia, where few Americans strongly desire their soldiers to get their heads shot off while keeping people who hate each other away from each other. The problem is compounded many times by the fact that Clinton sent the troops - Clinton, whose moral stature appropriately suffers from his own draft-avoiding activities in 1969. If things go badly in Bosnia, contempt for him will reach new heights.

Then, there is Whitewater. The special prosecutor heads toward the finish line, and in the meantime, Clinton faces a standoff with Congress over a subpoena directed at documents which may - or, again, may not - indicate a White House cover-up. Either way, the pot boils, its aroma filling our nostrils.

Clinton, our craftiest politician since Lyndon Johnson, shouldn't be counted out until he stops breathing - and maybe not then. Nor, as I say, should he be overestimated. Election predictions, the year before the election, avail nothing.

Besides which, there is one more possibility - that Clinton will switch parties and run as a Republican who wants taxes cut and the troops out of Bosnia. Don't laugh. You never know where this President is until he jogs past you, smiling and feeling your pain.

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## Political leaders not in sync with increasingly exasperated electorate

WARNER, N.H. (AP) — Derek Pershouse is the portrait of an increasingly disenchanted voter.

Like many Americans looking to next year's elections, he senses the nation is at a crossroads and a mere election won't cure its problems.

"We've got to change the wind, not the sails," said Pershouse, 60, who is struggling to rejuvenate his career after losing his job as a regional planner.

A study for the Pew Center for Civic Journalism shows that anxiety pervades America and is growing.

Voters are disenchanted with what they see as America's eroding values and economy, and they fear the American Dream is becoming unattainable and polit-

ical leaders aren't listening or don't understand, the study found.

In essence, Americans perceive a major shift in society, said Richard Harwood, a Maryland-based opinion researcher who conducted the study. They feel the economy is unraveling, values have disappeared and corporations lay off workers to please stockholders and fatten executives' salaries.

"The fabric of our society now is far less stable," said Pershouse, who did not participate in the study. He feels America's biggest challenge is rebuilding a sense of community in the computer age.

A close community protects its weakest members and leads people to act responsibly, said

Pershouse, who was in his 50s when his employer was bought out and he lost his job.

Harwood held 15 three-hour, intensive discussions, called focus groups, with voters in California, Florida, Iowa and New Hampshire — crucial states in presidential politics. The meetings were held in communities large and small, from Los Angeles and Miami to Claremont, N.H., and Davenport, Iowa. Participants were promised anonymity to encourage them to speak freely.

The voters said politicians were speaking a different language.

Politicians "don't have a clue as to what we're up against as working people," a Jacksonville,

Fl., man said in the study. Talk about taxes, welfare changes and family values by the Republican presidential candi-

dates and President Clinton illustrate the disconnection, Harwood said. The candidates believe they are touching a chord. But in fact,

they are deepening the "cynicism and frustration and alienation that people feel about politics," he said.

### State briefs

#### Some Texans spent Christmas at work

(AP) — While most Texans spent Christmas Day with family or friends, a handful were still at their jobs, keeping essential services functioning.

Of course, police, fire and emergency crews remained at their posts Monday, but other Texans still had work to do.

It was work as usual for the three rig hands aboard an Oryx Energy offshore platform in the Gulf of Mexico, about 110 miles from Sabine Pass.

Joseph Robertson and two other crew members rolled out of their bunks about 5 a.m. to begin their day's chores.

"But we've still got the Christmas spirit," said Robertson, of Lafayette, La. That Christmas spirit was enhanced by the holiday dinner prepared for the crew by the rig's cook and galley hand.

#### Tougher school discipline rules controversial

DALLAS (AP) — The state's new "zero tolerance" law gov-

erning the discipline of public school students has been effective but not consistently enforced, a teachers' organization said.

The Texas Federation of Teachers estimates that at least 36,000 students have been disciplined this year under the state's new policy, but some administrators have been slow to use the law.

The policy, part of the education reform law passed by the Legislature this year and supported by Gov. George W. Bush, allows teachers to permanently remove disruptive students from their classrooms and send them to alternative schools.

Before the law was enacted, those students could have been expelled.

Backers of the policy believe it's an effective tool.

#### Firm that delivers food booming in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — It's getting close to noon and you realize you haven't brought your lunch.

You're too busy to leave work and loathe the idea of yet another pizza, so who're you going to call?

Andy Grisebaum hopes you'll try him.

His Takeout Taxi franchise in the Houston area is one of the nation's hottest in the inevitable marriage of the delivery and sit-down restaurant businesses.

Takeout Taxi, based in Herndon, Va., allows customers to order food delivered from a variety of area restaurants. They take the order by phone, fax it to the establishment, pick up the food and deliver it.

Grisebaum points to one regular customer who has called his company 250 times this year. Another time, a natural gas company whose traders were tied to their telephones on a busy trading day racked up a \$1,600 tab, he said.

Such orders have propelled the franchise he began 2 1/2 years ago with Martin Brody. It ranks third among nearly 200 Takeout Taxi markets, Grisebaum said.

#### Cattle group seeks formal trade complaint

DENVER — The National Cattlemen's Association's executive committee is asking for a formal trade complaint if the European Union doesn't lift a ban on U.S. beef by Jan. 1.

In a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, NCA President Bob Drake asked that a formal trade complaint be filed with the World Trade Organization if a European

Union ban on bovine growth promotants is not lifted by the first of the year.

"Only one conclusion about this ban can be drawn," Drake said. "This ban is an unfair political barrier which, according to the U.S. Meat Export Federation, cost the U.S. cattle industry \$200 million each year in sales."

Earlier this month, EU Farm Commissioner Franz Fischler

called a meeting in Brussels to review scientific data on the safety of five growth promotants. The scientific consensus from the meeting was that the products are safe, but press reports from the conference quoted Fischler as saying the ban will stay in place despite the scientific evidence.

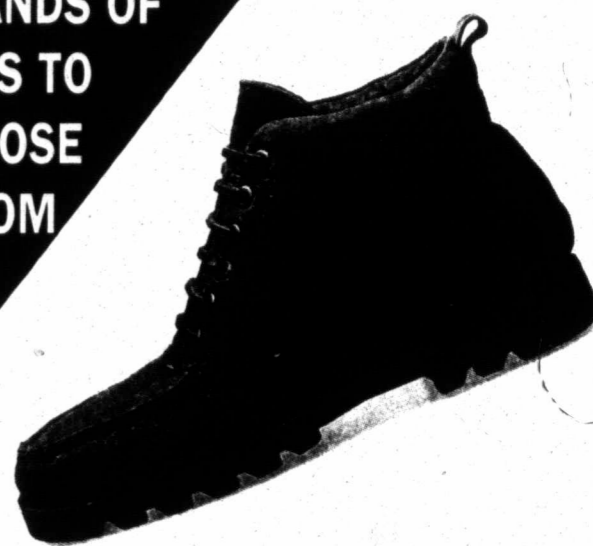
U.S. cattlemen have long insisted that the ban was a political move rather than a health issue.

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## Texas Beef Council joins the Internet

Beef recipes with a Texas slant are shuttling across cyberspace on the Texas Beef Council home page (address is <http://www.tbef.org>) now on the World Wide Web.

The Internet is an international electronic network that allows computers to hook to one another. An estimated 20 to 30 million individuals use their personal computers to gain access to the Internet for information. An estimated 10,000 new users join the Internet every day.

"The Internet has met the need for a rapidly changing society seeking instantaneous information on everything from tips on buying cars or operating a business to making investments and doing banking," said Terry Stokes, TBC executive vice president. "It also has become popular as a site for sharing ideas, and that is where the Texas Beef Council fits in."

The Texas Beef Council "Beef-In-The-Home" page provides recipes, many with trademark Texas flavors, to travelers on the World Wide Web, the most often

used consumer segment of the Internet. The main departments of TBC's home page include recipe ideas that will change periodically; free recipe booklets featuring the "30 Meals in 30 Minutes" brochure; Texas Top Chefs Talk Beef; ideas on how to buy, store and prepare beef, and a look at a Texas ranch operation that epitomizes the environmental and animal welfare practices of Texas beef producers.

The home page also includes TBC's e-mail address for comments, questions and requests for more information. In addition, it links Internet browsers to "Cow Town USA," a home page constructed by the National Cattlemen's Association to provide consumers with information about the industry.

"The TBC home page provides us with the potential to reach a vast number of consumers at minimum expense," said Linda Bebee, TBC vice president for domestic marketing. "Our first feature will be holiday beef recipes. We will follow that with ideas for cooking beef stews,

soups and chilis during cold weather months. We believe these recipes will find wide appeal both domestically and internationally because of the mystique of Texas and its reputation for great beef recipes."

Demographically, the Internet offers the beef industry an exciting means to reach consumers that can buy beef.

John Oventile, TBC computer consultant, said five years ago men on the Internet outnumbered women by 9-to-1. New findings show that ratio has dropped to 2-to-1. Other studies have shown that the median age of the Internet user is 37 and the average income is between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

"The TBC homepage has the potential of being visited hundreds of thousands of times in one year," Oventile said. "The power of the Internet can help a commodity like beef disseminate its message more economically to more persons than any other existing electronic means. It's an exciting medium whose future is just now being written."

## The day Elvis visited the Oval Office, chatted with Nixon

SEATTLE (AP) — With Hollywood focusing renewed attention on the presidency of Richard Nixon, the anniversary of a truly surreal White House meeting has passed almost unnoticed. Twenty-five years ago, on Dec. 21, 1970, Nixon sat down in the

Oval Office for a little heart-to-heart — with Elvis Presley.

"Well, the word 'strange' comes to mind, definitely," says Egil "Bud" Krogh, the former White House aide who set up the meeting.

As Krogh tells it, Presley was on a flight to Washington, D.C.,

when he had a sudden impulse to discuss with Nixon his ideas for fighting drug abuse in America.

When he reached the capital, Presley scribbled his request for an audience with the commander-in-chief on a piece of paper and handed it to White House security.



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## Nation briefs

### Post-Christmas sales mania begins

NEW YORK (AP) — Shoppers who got fantastic bargains on Christmas presents are going back into the stores for even better prices today as retailers begin clearing out leftover holiday goods.

Many stores were opening at 8 a.m., with plenty of "50 percent off" signs posted on sweaters, gloves, crystal vases and other merchandise that never made it under the Christmas tree.

Bloomington's ads promised "20 percent to 50 percent off all over." Filene's Basement said its sale is "like saving up to 80 percent off department store prices."

### Military trial continues in Japan

NAHA, Okinawa (AP) — A U.S. Marine charged with abducting and raping a 12-year-old schoolgirl accused a Navy sailor today of bullying him into taking part in the attack.

A second Marine, meanwhile, offered an emotional apology and a plea for forgiveness from the witness stand of a Japanese court.

The three American servicemen — Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of

Woodville, Texas; Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, of Griffin, Ga., and Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga. — are on trial in the Sept. 4 rape of the girl, who was snatched off the street as she shopped for school supplies.

Gill has admitted to the actual rape; Harp and Ledet say they helped in the abduction.

### Learning through team work on the high ... river

PITTSBURGH (AP) — For many children, the equation is simple: Math plus science equals boredom.

But hundreds of students are discovering a better solution that has more in common with the expeditions of Jacques Cousteau than the algebra class of Mr. Peabody. On a gray, 80-foot former Navy training vessel, they learn critical thinking, real-world problem solving and teamwork.

The Pittsburgh Voyager has been converted into a floating classroom that teaches more than formulas and memorization. Scrambling fore and aft on a recent expedition, for example, 29 students eagerly collected scientific information for a shipboard computer database logging changes in the Ohio River's health.

"The idea is to create excitement on the river and keep a gleam in students' eyes," said William R. McGowan, who heads the river program. "We want them to say, 'Maybe math and science aren't so bad.'"

### Report: DOE paid millions for radiation experiments

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Department of Energy spent more than \$22 million researching Cold War human radiation experiments in the past two years, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported Monday.

The figure includes \$6.2 million spent by the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments, which recommended that victims of the experiments be financially compensated in cases where the government or researchers deliberately misled them, or where there was no medical benefit and they were physically harmed.

"My only reaction to that is, 'Wow,'" said Robert Newman, attorney for the plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit involving radiation experiments at the University of Cincinnati. "That amount of money could certainly have settled all the claims."

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# Elderly warned to check bank statements to guard against fraud

DALLAS (AP) — Police are warning the elderly that criminals who try to cheat them out of their life savings don't always operate as telephone solicitors or door-to-door salespeople.

Take the case of Samuel and Lillie Mae Schmidts, a south Dallas couple, who police say needed only to regularly check their bank statements for unexplained debits to

find out they were being swindled. The Schmidts, married 72 years, no longer are enjoying a quiet and secure retirement. Police say they lost their savings because of the work of a former bank manager the couple entrusted to manage their money.

Debra Lynn Hood, 42, was arrested Wednesday and charged with stealing more than \$62,000

from the couple. Ms. Hood, a Red Oak resident, denies the charge and is free on a \$2,500 bond.

Mr. Schmidt, 96, worked into his 70s as a carpenter. The 92-year-old Mrs. Schmidt demonstrated goods at grocery stores on weekends. Together they built their healthy nest egg.

"People like my husband and me, we never did drink or take vacations

or anything," said Mrs. Schmidt, 92, who can't hear very well anymore. "We just went to West Texas to where my daddy lived. Now all we get is less than \$1,000 a month from Social Security."

Ms. Hood said the case is all a misunderstanding.

According to police, Ms. Hood systematically stole money from the Schmidts between July 1993

and January 1995. She met the couple in the late 1980s while she was managing a north Oak Cliff bank where the couple kept their money.

Even after Ms. Hood left the bank, she continued to help the couple handle their money, Mrs. Schmidt said.

"She'd come out to help me pay my bills, and I'd sign the checks and put it in my envelope and lick the stamp," she said. "But I don't

know how she got away with big amounts like that."

Detective Steve Zuczek of the police department's Financial Crimes Squad said a paper trail made Ms. Hood's actions clear. He said she opened a joint money market account in her name and Mrs. Schmidt's name and took \$62,600.95 without telling the couple.

# West Texas A&M schedules another series in Super Saturdays program

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Gifted and Talented Institute will present Super Saturdays, a program for gifted and talented students in kindergarten through eighth grades, from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Feb. 3 through March 2.

The program will offer five courses including "Rocketry," "Painting With the Masters," "Sign Language," "Starship" and "Computer Art."

According to George Mann, program director and coordinator, these classes are designed to provide gifted and talented students with opportunities to practice critical thinking skills while studying content that is useful and interesting using a hands-on approach to learning.

"Rocketry" will be offered for students in fifth through eighth grades. This course will use basic mathematics concepts as students compute flight trajectory

and learn rocket construction. Each student will build and launch two rockets. Materials will be provided. Sam Beavers will teach the class.

Becky Holliday will teach "Painting With the Masters" for students in fourth through the eighth grades. Student participants will learn art history and basic techniques of the art masters.

Students in kindergarten through third grade enrolled in "Sign Language" will learn introductory sign language through acting out a play in sign language. Jeannie Harms will teach this course.

"Starship" will be offered for students in third through eighth grades. Students enrolled in this course will learn essential elements of critical thinking and logic, while developing strategies required in a mock starship voyage. Jim Jackson, headmaster at Redbud Academy, will

teach this course.

Robbie Johnson will teach "Computer Art" for students in third grade through eighth grades. Students will create their own works of art while learning essential introductory elements of computer design.

Students may enroll in one course. The "Rocketry" course is \$60 and the cost of the other courses are \$50 per student. All classes have a limited enrollment. Deadline to register is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26. Students should come to the foyer of Old Main (south entrance) on the WTAMU campus on the first class day, Feb. 3, to confirm class assignments. Students should be picked up at noon each Saturday at the same site.

For more information or to enroll in the Saturday courses, contact Robbie Johnson, Super Saturdays coordinator, at (806) 656-2662 or Mann at 656-2907.

# Lost galleons discovered in the deep near Columbia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — On Nov. 5, 1605, a fleet of galleons laden with treasure from the New World sailed serenely over the azure waters of the Caribbean toward Spain — and into the path of a hurricane.

Near midnight, the storm smashed into the eight ships and their 1,400 crewmen and passengers near a string of tiny islands between Nicaragua and Jamaica. Five ships sank, killing at least 1,100 people in the 17th century's worst naval disaster.

"There was nothing humanly possible we could do ... only pray," Capt. Felipe de Manrique, commander of one of the three surviving galleons, wrote in his ship's log.

Now an American company and Colombia's government say they have found the wrecks and are working together in an effort to recover a treasure that records in Spain indicate could be worth at least \$2 billion.

Ironically, 1995's tempestuous hurricane season — the worst in six decades — forced divers to suspend work last summer. They expect to resume in early February.

Participants will say little about the recovery project, which is being conducted in waters guarded by the Colombian navy and infested with sharks.

Information about the precise location, which was discovered by Pacific Geographic Society, a company based in Long Beach, Calif., is kept in a government vault in Bogota.

Under its contract with the government, Pacific Geographic is

responsible for recovering treasure as well as artifacts and other materials of interest to archaeologists. Colombia will keep all the items and pay Pacific Geographic up to 15 percent of the value of the materials recovered.

The remains of the fleet are in waters claimed by Colombia, near Serranilla Key in the San Andres archipelago.

With Nicaragua disputing Colombia's rights to the archipelago, Colombian warships are patrolling the area to put muscle behind its sovereignty claim and to keep away anyone looking to steal the gold, silver, emeralds and other treasures that went down with the fleet.

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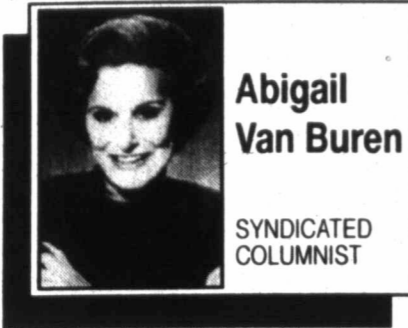
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## Family Fears For Mom's Future After 8-Month Break From Work

**DEAR ABBY:** We need your help. We are three adult children of a mom who is making us crazy. She's in her late 50s, divorced and alone. She has been unemployed for eight months and her money is running out. She had heart trouble a few years back and is on medication. Although she has been denied disability income, she's convinced she cannot physically tolerate working.



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Abby, she either sabotages any job interview she gets, claiming she can't do it, or finds a reason not to go for an interview. ("I didn't feel well," "It was too far away," etc.) She used these excuses for refusing several jobs we thought would be perfect for her.

To make matters worse, she calls almost daily and bemoans her situation. We have tried to help in many ways — scouring the classified ads, providing leads and helping her prepare her resume, giving financial assistance, even offering her a home with us.

We're on the brink of telling her to quit whining and do something about her life, but we're the only support she has and we are afraid she may do something drastic.

Do you have any advice for her? And for us?

**CONCERNED BUT CRAZY**

**DEAR CONCERNED:** I understand your impulse to tell your mother to stop whining. There may come a time when that is

Your mother is fortunate to have such caring children.

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "Maid No More" about the holidays brought back memories of my childhood: The women cooked and cleaned, the men ate, burped, napped and watched TV. But my husband and I have adopted the "Grandma Phillips" policy.

According to her granddaughter, Grandma Phillips would sit back after the meal and announce, "Well, I cooked." For anyone who hadn't participated in the preparation, that meant, "Get your rear in gear and clean up this mess!"

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## Horoscope



### Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1995

Your chart indicates that you may develop a broader range of interests in the year ahead than you have explored in the past. It looks like you will start doing things you've always wanted to try.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Use your wit and humor when dealing with members of the opposition today. This attitude will encourage them to cooperate once they see you are not awestruck by events or circumstances. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make

sure to state your zodiac sign.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** This will be a good day to focus on your financial interests. You will be more astute than usual in these areas and you could do well for yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You will function better today when you are in the front ranks rather than in the rear. If circumstances require a strong leader, don't fear the pressure.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your financial prospects look promising today, especially those that generated earnings for you previously. Stick with the winners.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Do not make things tougher on yourself today. What you can't accomplish single-handedly can be achieved with the assistance of strong allies.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Make sure to fulfill promises made to others today. You might forget, but they won't. Keep this thought in mind so that your popularity doesn't start to skid.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** This will be an appropriate time to activate an impor-

tant plan you've recently conceived. Move now while conditions are working in your favor.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Exploit shifting conditions today instead of using them as excuses to explain why things shouldn't be done. These elements will put you over the top.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Allow yourself adequate time today to evaluate an important decision. Make sure to look things over from every angle.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Today you should have the patience and resolve to handle a testy development you've tried to avoid. Your past attitude has made matters worse.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You might learn a valuable lesson today from an unexpected turn. Keep an open mind, and don't resent the lesson or the source.

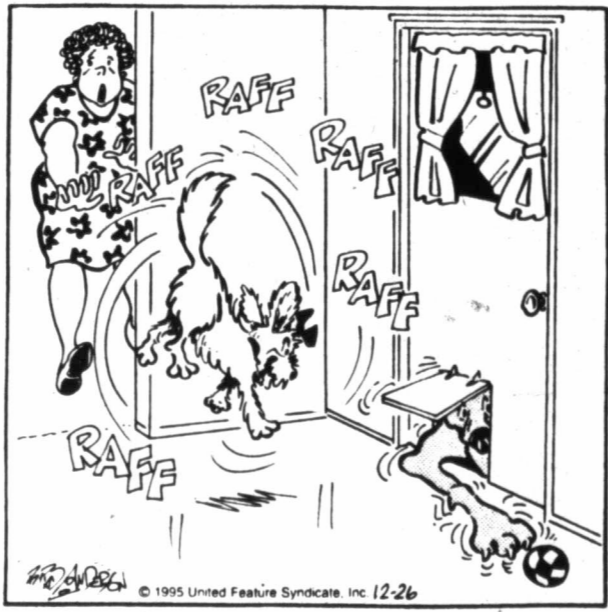
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your greatest joy today could come from helping others, especially if they are people with whom you have strong, emotional bonds.

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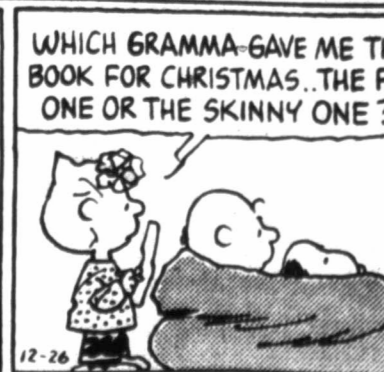
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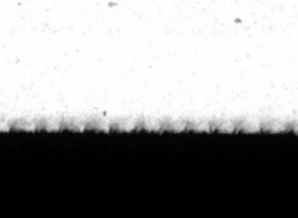
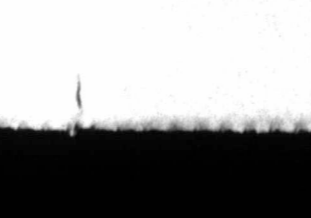
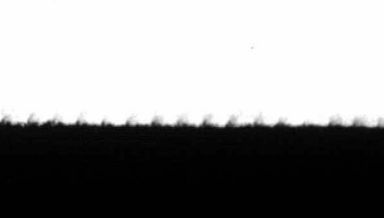
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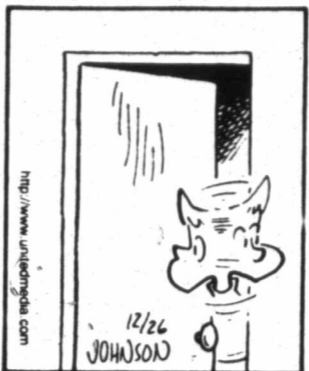
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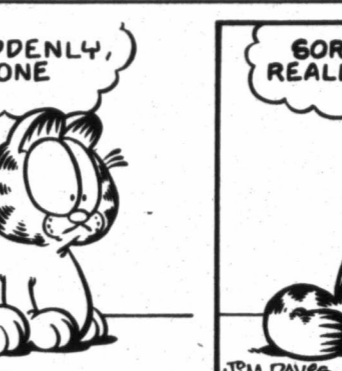
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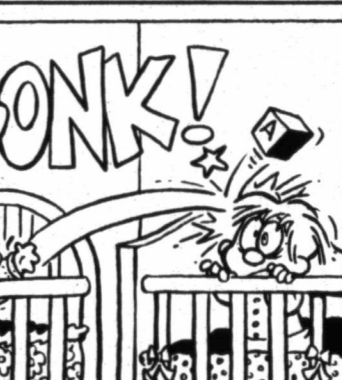
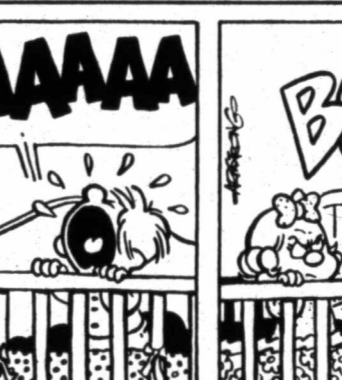
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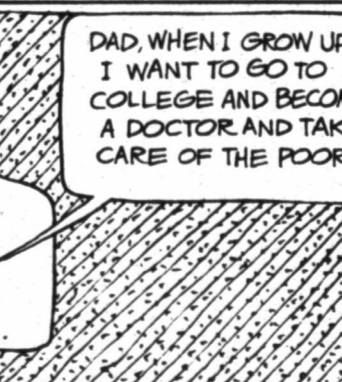
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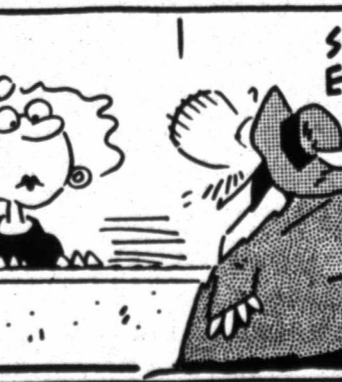
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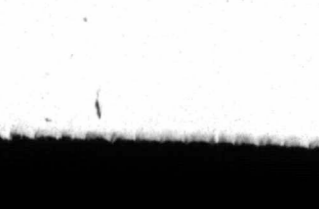
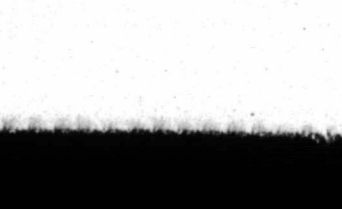
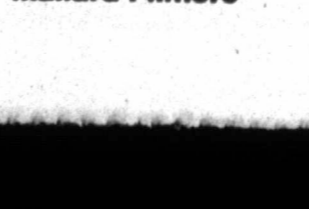
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## Sports

## Notebook

## H.S. BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Several area high school basketball teams will see action this week in holiday tournaments.

The Pampa Harvesters leave Wednesday for their annual trip to Fort Worth and the West Side Lions Club Tournament.

They will face Granbury in the opening round Thursday at 9 p.m.

The Lady Harvesters will travel to the Lubbock area for the Slaton Girls Invitational.

They will take on Abilene Wylie in the opening round Thursday at 1 p.m.

Girls and boys teams from Groom and Shamrock will take to the hardwood in the Groom Tiger Invitation Tournament on Thursday through Saturday in Groom.

Teams from Miami, Canadian, White Deer and Spearman will compete in a boys and girls tournament in Canadian beginning Thursday.

## FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Perennial choice Jerry Rice and three San Francisco defenders headline The Associated Press All-Pro Team.

Rice, selected for the ninth time since 1986, received 72 votes from a panel of 88 writers and broadcasters. The other 49ers are linebacker Ken Norton, safety Merton Hanks and cornerback Eric Davis.

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre led all players with 86 votes and Detroit's Herman Moore matched Rice with 72 votes at wide receiver.

Joining Favre in the backfield are Emmitt Smith of Dallas and Barry Sanders of Detroit. The tight end is Ben Coates of New England.

Up front, Detroit's Lomas Brown and New Orleans' William Roaf are the tackles, with Dallas' Nate Newton and Minnesota's Randall McDaniel at guard. The center is Dermontti Dawson of Pittsburgh.

Joining the three 49ers on defense are ends Reggie White of Green Bay and Bruce Smith of Buffalo; tackles Chester McGlockton of Oakland and John Randle of Minnesota; linebackers Bryce Paup of Buffalo and Greg Lloyd of Pittsburgh; safety Darren Woodson of Dallas; and cornerback Aeneas Williams of Arizona.

Atlanta kicker Morten Andersen, San Diego punter Darren Bennett and Washington kick returner Brian Mitchell complete the squad.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs signed left guard Dave Szott to a five-year contract, virtually ensuring one of the NFL's best offensive lines will remain intact for at least another season.

Right guard Will Shields is the only starter not under contract for next season, and the Chiefs have the right to match any offer he might receive as a free agent.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Massachusetts, which reached No. 1 for the first time in school history last season, went back to the top of the college poll.

The Minutemen (7-0) moved up one spot from last week and were the runaway choice of the media panel, receiving 58 of 64 first-place votes and 1,593 points, 90 more than runner-up Kentucky.

The third change at No. 1 this season came about because of Kansas' overtime loss to Temple on Friday night. Kansas (7-1) held the top spot for three weeks after taking over for Kentucky, the preseason No. 1.

Kentucky (7-1), which was fourth last week, received three first-place votes and was followed by Memphis (7-0) and Kansas.

## Smith breaks record as Cowboys down Cardinals

By MEL REISNER  
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — With the clock winding down in a lopsided game, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys was getting impatient.

"You have a tendency to think that it's never going to happen," Smith said after setting an NFL record for touchdowns in a season with 25 when he scored standing up with 5:49 left in a 37-13 Dallas victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Monday night.

Earlier, Troy Aikman threw for 350 yards, with scoring strikes of 25 and 48 yards to Kevin Williams, and Brock Marion scored on a 32-yard interception return. The two touchdowns by Williams were his first two of the season, and he finished the year with a flourish, catching 19 passes in his last three games, compared with 19 in his first 13 games.

"I'm glad all the guys scored, and I didn't recommend to anyone to go out of bounds at the 1-yard line on my account," Smith said. But he acknowledged that

he wanted badly to pass the record of 24 touchdowns that John Riggins scored for Washington in 1983.

"The only thing I could see was the goal line — the stripes on the ground — and I knew I wasn't over it," said Smith, who broke a tackle at the 2-yard line before scoring.

Smith, who had the rushing title wrapped up before the game, has 100 TDs for his career, tied for ninth on the NFL list. His 96 rushing TDs, including all 25 this season, have him fifth in that category, 10 behind career leader Jim Brown.

The Cowboys (12-4) earned home-field rights throughout the NFC playoffs after thinking they blew it by losing to Washington and Philadelphia in back-to-back games earlier this month.

They regained control of their destiny when Atlanta upset San Francisco on Sunday.

"It's been what? Thirty hours?" Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "So we've had the most dramatic change conceivable — from not even winning the division and having to go into the playoffs as a

wild card to winning the whole thing."

Jones has defended coach Barry Switzer since an ill-fated decision to run Smith on fourth-and-a-foot two weeks ago against the Eagles. In the interim, there have been calls for Switzer's ouster, and Aikman has said he might consider retirement after the season.

Aikman was much more encouraged after leading the Cowboys to their fourth straight season of 12 or more wins.

"We got a little bit of help yesterday, and we were able to take advantage of it. Now is what we've been playing for all year long, and now the real season begins for us," Aikman said.

Williams closed his third year in the league with a career day — nine catches for 203 yards.

They were his first scoring catches since his 1993 rookie year, when he had two. Last season, Williams watched and returned kicks while Alvin Harper took advantage of the attention paid to Michael Irvin and led the NFL by averaging nearly 25 yards per catch.



(AP File Photo)  
Dallas Cowboys' running back Emmitt Smith set the NFL record for the most touchdowns in a season (25) Monday night in Dallas' 37-13 win over the Phoenix Cardinals.

"It's been a long season for me," Williams said. "Trying to replace him, and with all the criticism I've been taking — I wasn't big enough, I was too short, and all the different things people have been saying. You go out tomorrow and ask them how big

my heart is." Marion gave the Cowboys a 14-0 lead in the first four minutes of play when he picked off a pass by Dave Krieg and returned it for the score. Chris Boniol added field goals for Dallas of 39, 23 and 24 yards.

## Close win over Rockets just another ballgame to Magic

By FRED GOODALL  
AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Orlando Magic are still drawing on a lesson learned in the NBA Finals.

Regular-season success against the Houston Rockets is nice, but it doesn't guarantee anything against the two-time defending champions when the games count most.

Orlando won both regular-season meetings between the teams last winter, only to lose four straight to the Rockets in the final round of the playoffs. So coach Brian Hill and his players talked about "perspective" instead of "revenge" when the teams met again Monday night.

"It was just another basketball game to me," Hill said after Anfernee Hardaway's clutch jumper with 3.1 seconds remaining gave the Magic a 92-90 victory.

"I'm being honest with you," the coach added. "It's nice to represent the league on Christmas Day on national TV and all that, but it's just one of 82 games."

Hill's players expressed the same sentiment. "One game is not going to make or break our season," forward Dennis Scott said. "And it's not revenge, because the bottom line is they've still got the (championship) rings on their fingers."

Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal each had 22 points for Orlando, which blew a 13-point lead and fell behind by eight in the fourth quarter before overtaking the Rockets.

"We'll take a win any way it comes, but I was a little disappointed," Hardaway said. "We had

them down and they came back. It seemed like deja vu from the Finals."

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 30 points, but his basket in the opening minute of the final quarter was his last of the night. Scott rebounded the All-Star center's airball with 24 seconds left, setting the stage for Hardaway.

The All-Star point guard let the shot clock run down to six seconds before starting from the top of the key and moving toward the right side of the basket to rise above Houston's Mario Elie.

The ball hit the rim, banged off the glass, rolled around and fell in.

"It was a gift. It was a tough shot by a tough player," Houston's Sam Cassell said. "It rolled around the rim and went in. You don't see many of those. That's why I call it a gift. It couldn't have come at a better time."

Robert Horry's 3-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim for Houston, which led 80-72 before O'Neal, who played the last 4:37 with five fouls, and Scott brought Orlando back.

The victory extended the NBA's longest regular-season home winning streak to 22 games, including 15 straight this season. The Magic lost twice to Houston at home during the Finals.

"We just wanted to win to keep our hometown going," O'Neal said. "We slipped there a little in the third quarter, but we played great defense in the fourth quarter. At the end, that was just a great shot by Penny."

Scott finished with 19, including a 3-pointer that tied the game at 90 with 1:25 left. O'Neal had 18 rebounds and Hardaway finished with 10 assists and seven rebounds for the Magic.

## Longhorns arrive for Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Texas contingent streamed off the plane and filled three buses, but none of the players was in the group arriving Monday evening for the Sugar Bowl.

"Not one," Coach John Mackovic said. "We're close enough they can drive in or fly in on their own and this gives them almost a full extra day with their families."

The players are due Tuesday in time for an afternoon practice.

Texas (10-1-1), ranked No. 9, will play No. 13 Virginia Tech (9-2) in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Eve. Virginia Tech was scheduled to arrive Tuesday morning.

The last time the Longhorns played in the Sugar Bowl was in 1957, the first year Darrell Royal coached them.

"Our goal was to get two teams that would sell tickets," said Sugar Bowl executive director

Troy Mathieu. "Both schools sold their allotment. I think we'll see plenty of fans for both in town."

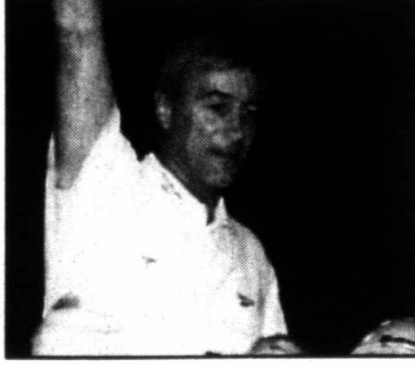
Between 2,000 and 3,000 tickets are still available for the game Mathieu said.

The Sugar Bowl has about a \$100 million economic impact on the New Orleans area each year.

"We feel certain these two teams will maintain that figure," Mathieu said. "They both have very large, excited followings."

He said his own excitement was diminished a bit when he heard that a tourist from Virginia had been shot to death in New Orleans the day before Christmas.

Connie Reasor, 33, of Dryden, Va., was shot when she ran after two men who snatched her purse while she and her mother took photographs. They were at a historic cemetery about seven blocks away from the French Quarter. No arrests have been made.



Mackovic

"When I saw that on the news it gave me a bad feeling," Mathieu said. "I don't think it will cause Virginia Tech fans not to come, though."

Texas players will have curfew while in New Orleans, but Mackovic said his first rule for his team was to have fun.

"I want them to have fun, win the game and not miss curfew. I think we can accomplish all three of them," Mackovic said.

## Standouts dominate Blue-Gray classic

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Louisville linebacker Johnny Frost captured the true meaning of college all-star games.

"I got the MVP, baby!" the Gray MVP bellowed Blue beat Gray 26-7 Monday. "That's all I needed. That's ALL I needed."

Players know these all-star games are not about winning and losing, but personal accomplishment. Good practices during the week, combined with solid results on scouting tests, can raise a player's NFL stock.

A big performance on game day can cap a very profitable week, with perhaps hundreds of thousands of pro dollars to follow.

"It's an all-star game, man," said Frost, who had 12 tackles. "It ain't like playing for your record. Nobody's looking at the score. They're looking at what individual players did."

No one was more aware of this, or more cautious to trumpet its importance, than Maryland, quarterback Scott Milanovich.

Milanovich was suspended for four games this season for betting \$200 on college sports.

Touted as a Heisman Trophy contender in the preseason, Milanovich knows how quickly a shot at millions of dollars can slip away.

"Things can change so quick-

ly," said Milanovich, who was named Blue MVP after passing for 175 yards and two touchdowns. "It was a tough year. Some circumstances made my senior year not what I expected. I can't just sit back and cry about it."

Milanovich, who was 9-for-20, hit touchdown passes of 43 yards to West Virginia tight end Lovett Purnell and 36 yards to the Mountaineers' Kantroy Barber to give Blue a 19-7 lead in the third quarter.

Purnell also caught a 5-yard TD pass from Nevada's Mike Maxwell in the first quarter for Blue's first touchdown. Purnell caught four passes for 90 yards.

## Several injuries cloud Dallas' playoff outlook

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have a first-round bye and homefield advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. How healthy they'll be when they begin postseason play in two weeks is far from certain.

"We have six starters out right now. Three of them are Pro Bowlers," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said Monday night. "We should have three of them back after next week — (linebacker) Robert Jones, (defensive tackle) Russell Maryland and (tight end) Jay Novacek. At least, I'm hoping we'll have them back."

Novacek underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Saturday, while Jones missed Monday night's 37-13 win over Arizona with an abdominal strain, and Maryland sat out with a sprained right foot.

Out for the season are defensive end Charles Haley (lower

back), center Ray Donaldson (right ankle) and cornerback Kevin Smith (right Achilles).

"That's why getting that bye week is so important," Switzer said. "The rest will help us physically and mentally. We played all year to get to this point, and now we're in a great position to go home and play out this thing at home."

"This is a game we desperately needed," Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman said after completing 21 of 32 passes for 350 yards and two touchdowns. "We all felt coming in that we really had to win this one."

"Sure, we got a little help from other teams. But what anybody wants this time of year is homefield advantage in the playoffs. We've been working since last January to get to this point, and we did it. Now, we get a week off to rest up and see who we play."

## Road schedule, bad luck, injuries hobble Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — The magic of Christmas hasn't touched the Mavericks, who have encountered a run of injuries, chemistry problems, a difficult road schedule and just plain bad luck.

But even with a 7-17 record, coach Dick Motta insists this season hasn't been a waste, and not necessarily a step backward. He still remembers what owner Donald Carter told the players at the team Christmas party.

"He said, 'Treat this party, and this season, with the idea you've won every ballgame,'" Motta said. "He said, 'In my family's heart, you guys are winners. All I want you to do is hustle and get better every night.'"

Among the factors contributing to the team's demise: Jim Jackson's struggles to overcome last season's severe left ankle sprain; the loss of the team's highest-paid player, Roy Tarpley, to NBA suspension; and Jason Kidd's failing to build upon his Rookie of the Year credentials.

Additionally, Jamal Mashburn's sore left knee has become a potential long-term concern. Team doctor T.O. Souryal has prescribed an extra 10 days' rest, with the possibility of arthroscopic surgery if the knee doesn't show improvement.

After tonight's Denver game, with a six-game road trip and two four-game trips behind them, the Mavericks can look forward to playing 13 of their next 21 games at home, leading into the Feb. 10-11 All-Star break. The Mavericks won't play four straight road games again until April, the season's final month.

The more amenable home schedule can't come soon enough.

"I think the reality set in on them, and we had a downer for a while as far as enthusiasm," Motta said. "I do believe we're not taking anyone by surprise anymore. We probably won seven games last year that we were lucky to win."

## KU coach's change of heart spurs bowl win over UCLA

HONOLULU (AP) — Four words were enough to get Kansas in the right frame of mind for its Aloha Bowl game against UCLA.

Glen Mason, who accepted the coaching job at Georgia only a few days earlier, assembled his players Monday morning for what they thought would be for his final pregame talk.

Instead, Mason said, "I'm staying at Kansas."

Jolted by the sudden turn of events, Kansas, an underdog despite its national ranking and better record, presented Mason with a Christmas present — a 51-30 rout of UCLA.

"When he told us before we left the hotel this morning, we were in shock," said Mark Williams, who threw for three touchdowns and ran for another

In an inspired mood, the Jayhawks took control early, racing to a 17-0 lead at the half and building the bulge to 30 points before the Bruins staged a comeback.

After the game, Mason was apologetic for his two sudden changes of heart within a span of a few days.

"I apologize to the University of Georgia and especially to (athletic director Vince) Dooley," he said. "I don't like to put anyone in an embarrassing position and I'm not normally a guy who waffles on a decision."

"But in the week that I took the (Georgia) job, I thought it over — what was in the best interest of my family and me personally."

Georgia quickly filled the vacancy by hiring Jim Donnan of Marshall.



# Scoreboard

## FOOTBALL

National Football League  
By The Associated Press  
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo 10	6	0	0	.625	350	335
y-Indianapolis	9	7	0	.563	331	316
y-Miami	9	7	0	.563	396	332
New England	6	10	0	.375	294	377
N.Y. Jets	3	13	0	.188	233	384

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.689	407	327
Cincinnati	7	9	0	.438	349	374
Houston	7	9	0	.438	348	324
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	289	356
Jacksonville	4	12	0	.250	275	404

x-clinched division title; y-clinched playoff berth.

## Saturday's Games

San Diego 27, New York Giants 17  
Detroit 37, Tampa Bay 10  
Indianapolis 10, New England 7

## Sunday's Games

Green Bay 24, Pittsburgh 19  
Houston 28, Buffalo 17  
Kansas City 26, Seattle 3  
Jacksonville 24, Cleveland 21  
Atlanta 28, San Francisco 27  
Chicago 20, Philadelphia 14  
New Orleans 12, New York Jets 0  
Cincinnati 27, Minnesota 24  
Washington 20, Carolina 17  
Denver 31, Oakland 28  
Miami 41, St. Louis 22

## Monday's Game

Dallas 37, Arizona 13  
End Regular Season

## Wednesday, Dec. 27

Copper Bowl  
At Tucson, Ariz.  
Air Force (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

## Thursday, Dec. 28

Alamo Bowl  
At San Antonio  
Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Michigan (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

## Friday, Dec. 29

Heritage Bowl  
At Atlanta  
Florida A&M (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

## Sun Bowl

At El Paso, Texas  
Washington (7-3-1) vs. Iowa (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

## Independence Bowl

At Shreveport, La.  
Michigan State (6-4-1) vs. LSU (6-4-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

## Holiday Bowl

At San Diego  
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

## Saturday, Dec. 30

Liberty Bowl  
At Memphis, Tenn.  
East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1), noon (ESPN)

## Carquest Bowl

At Miami  
North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

## Peach Bowl

At Atlanta  
Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

## Sunday, Dec. 31

Sugar Bowl  
At New Orleans  
Texas (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

## Monday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl  
At Tampa, Fla.  
Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

## Citrus Bowl

At Orlando, Fla.  
Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

## Gator Bowl

At Jacksonville, Fla.  
Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

## Cotton Bowl

At Dallas  
Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

## Rose Bowl

At Pasadena, Calif.  
Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

## Orange Bowl

At Miami  
Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

## Tuesday, Jan. 2

Fiesta Bowl  
At Tempe, Ariz.  
Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0), 8:30 p.m. (CBS)

## Saturday, Jan. 13

East-West Shrine Classic  
At Stanford, Calif.  
West vs. East, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

## Saturday, Jan. 20

Senior Bowl  
At Mobile, Ala.  
South vs. North, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

## Sunday, Jan. 21

Hula Bowl  
At Honolulu  
East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

## BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association  
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## EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	6	.786	—
New York	19	7	.731	2
Miami	13	12	.520	7 1/2
Boston	12	12	.500	8
Washington	12	13	.480	8 1/2
New Jersey	10	14	.417	10
Philadelphia	5	19	.208	15

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	23	2	.920	—
Indiana	13	11	.542	9 1/2
Cleveland	13	12	.520	10
Charlotte	13	14	.481	11
Atlanta	12	13	.480	11
Detroit	12	14	.462	11 1/2
Milwaukee	9	15	.375	13 1/2
Toronto	8	20	.286	17 1/2

## Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Sacramento	15	9	.625	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	15	13	.538	3 1/2
Phoenix	11	13	.458	5 1/2
Portland	11	14	.440	6
Golden State	10	15	.400	7
L.A. Clippers	10	16	.385	7 1/2

## Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

## Monday's Games

San Antonio 105, Phoenix 100  
Orlando 92, Houston 90

## Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee vs. Toronto at Hamilton, Ontario, 1:30 p.m.  
New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Indiana, 8 p.m.  
Vancouver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.  
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.  
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

## Wednesday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Washington, 8 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Denver at Seattle, 10 p.m.  
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Denver at Seattle, 10 p.m.

## COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

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## Thursday, Dec. 14

Las Vegas Bowl  
At Las Vegas  
Toledo 40, Nevada 37, OT

## Monday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic  
At Montgomery, Ala.  
Blue 26, Gray 7  
Aloha Bowl  
At Honolulu  
Kansas 51, UCLA 30

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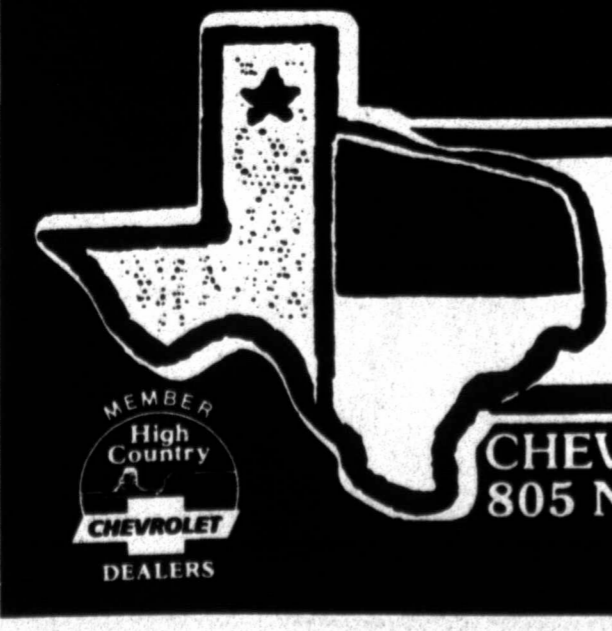
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## Credit binge: Are American consumers maxing out or just using plastic more?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Take your pick. Americans are being buried under a mountain of debt; or clever consumers are using credit cards at a record-setting pace only for the convenience and the special bonuses.

After an apparently disappointing Christmas shopping season, analysts are weighing the seriousness of a possible credit crunch and its likely impact on the economy.

Some said worries of a debt crisis were exaggerated. While credit-card use has surged, they said delinquency rates were only up slightly and consumers generally were on time with monthly payments.

Economist Elliott Platt of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York said the significance of the growing debt was not clear-cut.

"We find the data regarding consumer indebtedness too mixed to incorporate in our economic forecast," he said, adding he was not worried that consumers were in over their heads.

He and others emphasize the changing nature of credit card use. Plastic is welcome now at places like dentists' offices and grocery stores where cash or checks used to be the norm.

Also, lenders are showering the public with special incentives to encourage credit-card use, including frequent flyer miles, rebates and credit toward a car.

Some analysts argue the only real danger is to low-income families who easily can become overextended. Their debts can become unmanageable but pose little threat to national prosperity, analysts said.

"A debt crisis is not going to cause a major crisis — except for low-income people," said David Hale, chief economist for Kemper Financial Services Inc. in Chicago. "Credit cards have been too freely available. If you're going to give money away, someone is going to take it."

He noted that the bottom fifth of the population in terms of earnings accounts for just 4 percent of total income.

Harriet Cooper might take exception. A 49-year-old computer software trainer at the World Bank, she earns more than \$50,000 a year, which easily puts her in the middle class.

But before she got counseling and ripped up a dozen credit cards, her debts nearly immobilized her.

"I was to the point where the

stress was so severe I was forgetting to make payments and didn't even open my mail," she said.

Before getting help, the Vienna, Va., woman said she owed about \$20,000 on her credit cards and also faced mounting medical bills for herself and her 84-year-old mother.

"I charged everything and I didn't have a savings account for emergencies," Cooper said. "I guess I wasn't mature enough to handle credit cards. If I had not gotten help, I would have had to file for bankruptcy."

Americans are quick to charge and loathe to save, the figures show.

Consumer credit — excluding mortgages and home equity loans — has risen every month for about 2 1/2 years and is up well over 30 percent since 1993.

In October, it surpassed \$1 trillion for the first time. Outstanding consumer credit, relative to disposable income, is at an all-time high and the amount of overdue payments on monthly credit card bills rose in the third quarter to the highest level in four years.

But analysts said the numbers were not as ominous as they seemed.

## Band to play for scholarship dance



(Wagner Studio photo)

Kracker Jack of Amarillo will be playing for the Beta Sigma Phi holiday scholarship dance from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 30, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Advance tickets at \$20 a couple or \$10 single may be purchased at National Bank of Commerce, Billie's Boutique or from any Beta Sigma Phi members. At-the-door tickets will be \$5 more.

## World briefs

### Cult member admits role in subway gas attack

TOKYO (AP) — The top doctor in the cult accused of unleashing nerve gas on Tokyo subways admitted involvement in the group's crimes today, telling a court there was "no room for excuse."

Ikuo Hayashi, who reportedly has provided police with a detailed account of the March 20 attack, pledged at his first hearing at Tokyo District Court to tell all during his trial.

"I am perplexed about how to apologize to the many people to whom I have caused damage and trouble," he said, according to the Kyodo news agency. "I will tell the truth in court."

Today's hearing dealt with three charges accusing Hayashi of sheltering a fugitive member of the Aum Shinri Kyo cult and illegally confining two people. He has pleaded guilty.

He has also been indicted for murder in the subway gas attack, illegal confinement of a third person and the illegal production of an anesthetic. His trial on those charges will begin later.

### Fourteen die in Christmas attack, political violence

IZINGOLWENI, South Africa (AP) — Extra police and army troops were called out today to patrol a region of southeastern South Africa where 32 people have died in political violence in less than two weeks.

Fourteen people were killed Monday by about 1,000 men and women armed with assault rifles, shotguns, handguns and spears who swept through Izingolweni, a remote, mountainous region of southern KwaZulu-Natal province, 375 miles south of Johannesburg.

Police had earlier put the toll at 13, but said a 14th body was found today.

The area was an African National Congress stronghold and the attackers were believed to be supporters of the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party, an ANC rival, police Sgt. Denis Meyer said. One of the victims was ANC local chairman Kiphiha Nyawose, he said.

### Pope almost fully recovered, returns to greet pilgrims

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A day after being too ill to finish his Christmas greetings, Pope John Paul II was feeling well enough today to address crowds from his residence overlooking St. Peter's Square.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro said the pope's fever and nausea had "almost completely disappeared." He said the pope celebrated a Mass in his private chapel for the feast day of St. Stephen before giving an address from his window above the square.

The crowd loudly applauded the pope, who wore a red cape over white robes. He looked tired and drawn and his voice wavered sometimes.

The pope is taking anti-flu medication and plans two full days of rest at the Vatican, said Navarro, who speculated that a demanding holiday schedule may have weakened the 75-year-old pontiff.

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