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Blowing snow blankets area

By DAVE BOWSER
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Winter weather arrived in the Texas Panhandle today with blowing snow and freezing temperatures.

Ice-packed streets and highways were being blamed for numerous minor accidents as the Texas Panhandle was placed under a winter storm warning. A number of motorists were reported stuck after sliding off slick streets in Pampa this morning including a police unit.

The Department of Public Safety reported all their units were out on ski patrol today checking on an increasing number of minor accidents along Interstate 40 and other state roads.

DPS officials reported all roads were open in the Texas Panhandle today but warned that many of them were snow-packed and icy. Authorities said overpasses were slick and there were patches of ice on area roads.

The heaviest snow was reported in the western panhandle and on the northern South Plains, weather officials said. Friona reported four to six inches of snow on the ground at 6 a.m. today. Amarillo reported one to four inches. The U.S. weather bureau reported .52 of an inch of moisture as of 7 a.m. today at Amarillo. Childress reported 43 degrees and .69 of an inch of moisture as of 7 a.m. Dalhart reported 27 degrees and

.51 of an inch.

Pampa officials reported three inches of snow as of 6 a.m. yielding .65 of moisture. Another three to five inches of snow is expected through today and over night tonight in Pampa. The U.S. Weather Service said the panhandle could receive a total of eight inches of snow by Tuesday morning.

Traffic slowed on U.S. 60 this morning to 30 mph from last week's 70 mph. Motorists said the highway was snow-packed and 20 to 30 mph cross winds made driving hazardous.

Schools were reported closed in Perryton, Morse-Pringle, Booker and Texline. Schools elsewhere across the panhandle were opening late. In rural areas school buses were running only on pavement or not at all. White Deer Independent School District reported one school bus stranded west of Kingsmill early this morning.

Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand said today that the weather had not caused any major accidents, but there were a number of stranded motorists. He said the snow around Panhandle was not deep, but the ice on the roadways was bad.

It was white in White Deer today.

"Whiter than I wanted it," said Paulette Paul with the White Deer City Marshal's office.

She said the streets in White Deer were slick and icy.

"It's snowy, cold and the



The wooden cutout of Santa Claus along Ballard greeted motorists as did a blanket of snow that fell over Pampa and the rest of the Panhandle last night. One to four inches of snow fell over the Panhandle today, with more than eight inches expected by tomorrow morning.

wind's blowing," said Ann Bryant with the Roberts County Sheriff's office in Miami.

She reported 27 degree temperatures about 8 a.m. today and about two to three inches of snow on the ground.

Wheeler County officials reported wet and cold conditions

in Wheeler at 8:30 a.m. today. Sheriff's office authorities said they had received just enough snow to cover the top of the ground.

Wheeler reported 30 degrees at 8:30 a.m. today.

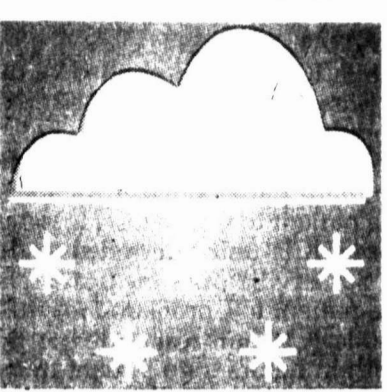
Carol Wilson with the Hemphill County Sheriff's office

said Canadian had about two to three inches on the ground at dawn today.

"It was 33 degrees at 7:15 this morning," she said.

By 8 a.m., it had dropped to 31 degrees.

Wilson reported the roads were slick in Hemphill County.



Low tonight in mid 20s, high tomorrow in mid 30s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — A public hearing on possible elementary school consolidations will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Pampa Middle School library.

The hearing will take place in conjunction with the Pampa board of education's regularly scheduled meeting. That meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The school is currently engaged in a study of consolidation options in the wake of several years' worth of steady enrollment declines.

An architect from Bursleson Singleton of Irving, the company performing the facilities study, will be at the meeting, as well as study coordinator Raymond Thornton.

Elementary principals all say they have invited parents to attend.

PAMPA — First Baptist Church's living Christmas tree is to continue at 7 p.m. tonight, 203 N. West.

The theme is "Christmas is Calling You Home." Admission is free with a love offering taken.

PAMPA — One teenager was in Gray County jail today and another was being held in Canadian in connection with a car reported stolen from Midland that was involved in a Saturday night accident in Pampa.

Officers said a 16-year-old man was reportedly driving a 1989 blue Chevrolet Cavalier four door sedan Saturday night when the car failed to negotiate a curve in the 1500 block of Ripley and crashed into a city-owned rock garden.

Police said the car, reportedly stolen from a Peggy Killion of Midland, sustained damage to the undercarriage.

The 16-year-old and his 18-year-old passenger left the car and hitched-hiked to Perryton, authorities said today.

Pampa police said when a check on the car indicated that it had been stolen, officers notified Perryton police who picked up both men.

Andres Navarrete, 18, of Midland, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$7,000 on a charge of theft.

The 16-year-old was reportedly being held at juvenile facilities in Canadian.

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$9 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 15, 20, 29, 43, 49 and 50.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$19 million.

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Neal Hoelting and his wife, Susan, pose with their daughters Alisa, age 4, and Sydney, 9 months. They are showing the Holiday Hero T-shirt, with the motto "Save the World One Life at a Time," that will be given to blood donors at the Pampa Knights of Columbus' annual Christmas blood drive on Wednesday.

Knights of Columbus to host blood drive Wednesday

The Pampa Knights of Columbus will sponsor the annual "Holiday Hero" blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 20, in conjunction with Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

The blood drive will be held from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Pampa Mall. Blood donors will be given free "Holiday Hero" T-shirts.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center staff invite people to take time from the "hustle and bustle" of traditional holiday festivities, shopping and other activities "to do something really special for someone else."

The Christmas holiday season is a time of the year when area hospitals may face critical shortages due to an overall decrease of blood donations, primarily because people become too

caught up in all the holiday activities, staff members say.

A small amount of time could result in a lifetime for a special hospital patient. Blood donors at this time of year thus can provide a special Christmas gift to another's life, a good way to make the Christmas gift list complete, according to staff members.

The special holiday donations of life-saving blood will assure area patients of having adequate blood inventories for the weeks ahead.

Knights of Columbus members encourage Pampa area residents to join them for this annual Christmas blood drive to give a unique "gift" and commit to becoming a "Holiday Hero" blood donor.

Shuttle launch scrubbed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — High wind prevented NASA from launching a rocket with an X-ray telescope Sunday for the fourth time in a week.

Launch officials said they would try again Monday morning.

Excessive upper-level wind has kept the unmanned Delta

rocket grounded since Dec. 10. The rocket contains the \$195 million X-ray Timing Explorer, a telescope that will probe collapsed stars and possible black holes from a 360-mile-high orbit.

It was to have been NASA's first X-ray astronomy mission since the successful Einstein Observatory, launched in 1978.

Clinton vetoes two spending bills

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — With negotiators mired in a broader budget debate, President Clinton vetoed two spending bills today that he argued would undermine the nation's environment. "I cannot permit it to happen," he said.

Surrounded by sixth-grade science students, Clinton rejected bills covering spending for the departments of the Interior, Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The bills would have killed Clinton's AmeriCorps community service program and contained environmental riders that critics say favor developers in the use of public lands.

"Republicans in this Congress have tried to roll back decades of bipartisan environmental protection," Clinton said in an Oval Office ceremony. "It's wrong, and I cannot permit it to happen."

Clinton planned a third veto later today, rejecting GOP spending plans for the departments of State, Justice and Commerce. The White House believes that bill would gut his cops-on-the-beat program and virtually unravel the Commerce Department, which GOP lawmakers want to eliminate.

He issued the vetoes as federal workers began streaming home again in the second partial government shutdown this year. The shutdown was precipitated by a bitter struggle between Clinton and

Congress over balancing the federal budget. Clinton said he would talk with GOP leaders today.

The bills vetoed today were among a half-dozen spending measures caught in the fight.

They were passed by the Senate last week, but failed to garner enough votes to override Clinton's veto. The fate of the agencies involved likely would be decided during budget negotiations.

The three vetoes would raise Clinton's total to nine, nowhere near the record of 414 set by President Grover Cleveland. And there is much precedent for multi-veto days; Franklin Roosevelt, for example, vetoed six bills on Aug. 1, 1939.

The two bills vetoed this morning represented a combined appropriation of \$92.7 billion. They would have reduced federal housing programs by 21 percent, cut the EPA budget by 21 percent and cut veterans' medical care to \$400 million below the amount Clinton requested.

Funding for both the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities would have been trimmed by nearly 40 percent, to \$100 million and \$110 million, respectively.

The State-Commerce-Justice bill, scheduled for a veto later today, contained a 30 percent reduction in funds for the Legal Services Corporation, which provides legal aid to the poor. It replaced Clinton's plan to put 100,000 new police on the streets with a \$1.9 billion block grant program that gives local governments control over spending crime-fighting money.

Partial shutdown continues, workers angry

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — They knew the drill. For the second time in a month, federal workers arrived at their offices only to be told, "Go home." Many were angry that a second partial shutdown of the government would disrupt their work and their lives so close to the holidays.

"It's a particularly nasty time of year for something like this to happen," said Victor Zonana, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services.

This time the job won't be nearly so strong as when the federal government shut down a month ago and furloughed 800,000 employees.

The shutdown that began in earnest today affects some 260,000 federal workers, about 13 percent of the total. Initially, it should inconvenience far fewer Americans than the larger mid-November closing, but the effects would worsen if the shutdown lasted several days.

Around the country, those who expected to be furloughed had to show up at work today anyway, to put things in order, but were sent home within hours. They follow the first round of workers furloughed over the weekend.

"It's absolutely disgusting," said Labor Department staffer Walter Martin. "There's a lot of work to be done that's not being done."

Before the last shutdown, congressional leaders and President Clinton promised that furloughed workers would be paid, and they were. There have been no promises this time, and some workers are worried.

"More than anything, I worry about the impact for employees who live from paycheck to paycheck," said Linda Blair, who works for the Federal Communications Commission. "Personally, I'm very fortunate. We still have food on the table and can pay the rent."

Others said they were frustrated that the shutdown disrupts work the public depends on.

"Most of us who work for the government are do-gooders, who want to do something for the American society," said Sheldon Bloom. He arrived at his Labor Department post bearing a bag full of presents for his colleagues, in case the shutdown lasted through Christmas.

The administration has promised that Social Security and Medicare benefit checks will go out on time. Passport applications won't get processed, but as in November, the Postal Service will deliver mail and vital workers in public health and safety will stay on the job.

Unlike last time, field offices stayed open to help people apply for Social Security and veterans' benefits.

In the long run, this shutdown could be just as crippling as the six-day closure, the longest in history, that ended on Nov. 19. That one cost the government an estimated \$750 million, more than half of it in retroactive salaries to workers who were sent home.

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Services tomorrow

DAVIS, J.O. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Groom.
 HANKINS, Rev. C.R. "Bill" — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wellington.
 SMITH, Lettie Velma — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

J.O. DAVIS
 GROOM - J.O. Davis, 73, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bryan Richardson of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Groom Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon • Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Davis was born at Mill Creek, Okla. He moved to Groom in 1943 from Ada, Okla. He married Veona Mae Barnett in 1951 at Alamogordo, N.M. He was a parts manager at Bivins Automotive Garage for 20 years, retiring in 1985. He also was a cowboy on the Wagner Ranch. He was a member of the Groom Masonic Lodge No. 1170 AF&AM and the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Veona; and four brothers, Harry Davis of Sacramento, Calif., Al Davis of Rocky Beach, Calif., Russell Davis of Denver and Mack Davis of Alaska.

The family will be at 99 Martin and requests memorials be to the Groom Cemetery Association. The body will be available for viewing Tuesday from 10 a.m. until service time at the church.

SCOTT PHILLIPS HALL JR.
 TUCSON, Ariz. - Scott Phillips Hall Jr., 76, a former Lefors resident, died Friday, Dec. 15, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the First Christian Church at Pampa with the Rev. Darell Evans officiating.

Mr. Hall was born Feb. 13, 1919, at Garber, Okla. He graduated from Lefors High School in 1937 and was a Lefors resident until moving to Pampa in 1945. He married Lillie Mae Redman in 1940 at Pampa. He worked in the oil field for many years. He retired as a pattern maker from Panhandle Industrial in 1984 and moved to Tucson. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Lou Winningham.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Donald Maul of Pampa; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott Phillip and Cathy Hall III, of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Carl C. Hall of Lefors; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Hospice of the Panhandle or to a favorite charity.

REV. C.R. "BILL" HANKINS
 WELLINGTON - The Rev. C.R. "Bill" Hankins, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor, and the Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, Pampa district superintendent, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Rev. Hankins was born at Aberdeen. He graduated from McMurry College and Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist University. He had been a police officer in Abilene and Dallas and also taught school for five years. He was a retired Methodist minister, serving 42 years in several towns including Lubbock, Silverton, Groom, Throckmorton, Seymour, Dozier and Wellington. He also was a rancher and a cattleman.

He married Merle Thompson in 1931 at Altus, Okla.; she died in 1983. He married Velia Lopez in 1987 at Hollis, Okla.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Sue Cole, in 1974. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; and several nieces and nephews.

J.R. HUFF
 ROSWELL, N.M. - J.R. Huff, 66, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at a nursing home. Services were to be at 9 a.m. today in the LaGrone Funeral Chapel. Graveside services are to be at 5 p.m. CST today in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Tommy Thommarson, of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Roswell.

Mr. Huff was born Dec. 9, 1929, on his father's ranch in Pampa, to Roy Lee and Mamie Huff. He attended school at Roswell and was a 1949 graduate of Roswell High School. He was a longtime farmer and rancher. He was also a businessman.

Survivors include his three daughters, Sheri Becker, Amanda Huff, and Ashley Huff, all of Roswell; a sister, Wanda Nieburger of Houston; four grandsons, Andy Barrett, Cody Barrett, Cody Becker and Colton Becker; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Alzheimers Foundation.

LETTIE VELMA SMITH
 Lettie Velma Smith, 90, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at Houston. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born July 29, 1905, in McNairy County, Tenn. She had been a Pampa resident from 1915 until moving to Houston in 1994. She married Carl O. Smith Dec. 28, 1925, at Lefors; he died May 25, 1970. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Civic Culture Club and the Home Demonstration Club.

She was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Smith, in September of 1995, and by a grandson, Marvin Smith, in 1962.

Survivors include a daughter, Lucille Patton of Houston; two sisters, Lessie Swain of Pampa and Lois Steward of Lincoln, Neb.; two brothers, Troy Maness and Archie Maness, both of Pampa; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Oklahoma Panhandle State University Scholarship Fund, Douglas Smith Memorial, P.O. Box 430, Goodwell, OK 73939; or to Care Givers in Power, 5090 Richmond #399, Houston, TX 77056.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15
Arrest
 Gerald Reyes, 19, was arrested at the intersection of Oklahoma and Sumner on four warrants and charges of evading arrest and possession of marijuana. He remained in custody today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16
 Betty Carol Bateman, 1120 Juniper, reported theft that occurred between 7:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Friday. Stolen were a five carat sapphire bracelet valued at \$450, a sapphire ring valued at \$798, a one carat ruby and diamond ring worth \$1,000, a one carat diamond ring worth \$1,000, a two carat diamond ring worth \$2,500, a 2.5 carat diamond ring worth \$2,500, a pearl necklace worth \$500, a pair of sapphires earrings worth \$250 and a pair of ruby earrings worth \$1,000. Total loss value was \$9,998.

Officer Larry Dodd reported a medical assist in the city holding facility.

Domestic violence/criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of Duncan.

Scott William Heider, 1004 E. Francis, reported burglary of a habitation that occurred between 4 and 7:30 p.m. at his address. Stolen were an assault rifle worth \$180, shells worth \$15, custom lockblade knife worth \$50, custom throwing daggers worth \$25, two Zippo lighters worth \$95, a belt buckle worth \$15 and a \$5 roll of pennies.

Troy Wayne Stephens reported criminal mischief at 2228 Hamilton. An egg was thrown on his porch.

Arrests
 James Edward Davis II, 18, was arrested at the Pampa Police Department on seven warrants. He was released on bond.

Andres Navarrete, 19, was arrested by Ochiltree County Sheriff's Office on a charge of theft over \$500 and under \$20,000. He was transferred to Gray County Sheriff's Office where he remained today on \$7,000 bond.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17
 Domestic violence/assault was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Gary Wayne Niccum, 2113 N. Zimmers, reported burglary of a motor vehicle that happened between 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday at his address. Stolen were a Dobson Motorola bag phone later recovered and \$20 cash.

Lucas Miguel Jaramillo, 2116 N. Christy, reported burglary of a motor vehicle that happened between 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:15 a.m. Sunday. Stolen were a Pioneer cassette player worth \$150, a portable CD player worth \$100 and 12 CD's valued at \$150.

Timothy Paul Collins, 1624 N. Zimmers, reported burglary of a motor vehicle that happened between 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:15 a.m. Sunday. Stolen were a pair of compact binoculars worth \$100.

Minit Mart, 1106 W. Alcock, reported theft that happened Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Stolen were miscellaneous candies.

James N. Cahill reported aggravated robbery at Belco Service Station, 2102 N. Hobart. The unidentified suspect, who wore a green and white hat over his face, presented a small caliber handgun and asked for money. Stolen was \$200 in cash.

Theft was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic. Stolen were two 18-packs of Coors worth \$21.98.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
 Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Vernell Houska at 669-6351.

VFW FOOD DRIVE
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars post has begun its drive to collect items for food baskets for the needy for the Christmas holiday. Those having canned foods or other non-perishable food items may bring them by the VFW post building, 105 S. Cuyler. Also, anyone knowing of a needy veteran family may tell personnel at the post building or any VFW member.

Stocks

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| Wheat | 4.82 | Chevron | 48 3/8 | up 1/8 |
| Milo | 5.44 | Coca-Cola | 71 1/8 | dn 1/2 |
| Corn | 5.94 | Diamond Sham | 48 3/4 | NC |
| | | Enron | 34 3/4 | dn 1/4 |
| | | Halliburton | 42 7/8 | dn 3/8 |
| | | Ingersoll Rand | 37 3/8 | dn 1/4 |
| | | KNE | 27 1/4 | dn 1/8 |
| | | Kerr McGee | 55 3/8 | dn 3/8 |
| | | Limited | 20 3/8 | dn 1/2 |
| | | Mapco | 51 3/8 | dn 1/4 |
| | | Maxus | NA | NA |
| | | McDonald's | 39 1/2 | dn 1/4 |
| | | Mobil | 100 | dn 1/4 |
| | | New Atmos | 17 7/8 | NC |
| | | Parker & Parsley | 19 1/2 | NC |
| | | Pennyc | 45 7/8 | dn 5/8 |
| | | Phillips | 31 1/2 | dn 1/8 |
| | | SLB | 65 1/2 | dn 3/8 |
| | | SPL | 33 1/4 | NC |
| | | Tenneco | 44 1/4 | NC |
| | | Tesaco | 66 3/8 | dn 3/8 |
| | | Wal-Mart | 22 1/2 | NC |
| | | New York Gold | 383 | |
| | | Silver | 5.27 | |
| | | West-Texas Crude | 17.57 | |

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.
 The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:
 Nowsico 12 1/4 NC
 Occidental 21 1/8 up 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:
 Magellan 90.26
 Puritan 16.75

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.
 Amoco 64 1/2 dn 3/8
 Arco 105 1/8 up 3/8
 Cabot 51 7/8 dn 1/8
 Cabot O&G 14 1/8 NC

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16
 Pampa Police Department requested an agency assist six and one-half miles west on Highway 60.

Arrests
 Jeffery Ray Ester, 30, 1228 N. Sumner, was arrested on a charges of theft by check and issuance of a bad check and bond surrender. He remained in custody on bonds totaling \$2,000.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17
 James Wilson, 229 Tignor, reported criminal mischief.
 Amber Kirkland, 500 E. 7th, McLean, reported assault.

Morris announces bid re-election bid

Sammie Morris, incumbent tax assessor collector of Gray County, announces her bid for re-election to office on the Republican ticket.

Morris promises to "work in the spirit of cooperation with all citizens of our county."

She defeated Democratic opponent Donna Daugherty in the 1994 November general election to complete a two-year unexpired term created by the death of Margie Gray.

In the 1996 general election Morris seeking her first four year term.

She is a 51-year resident of Gray County. She lived in Lefors and McLean before moving to Pampa in 1956. She is a graduate of McLean High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon.

She is married to Bob Morris, who retired after 34 years with Texas Department of Transportation. They are the parents of a son and daughter-in-law Eddie and Julie, of Pampa. Morris and her family are members of First Christian Church.

She pledges to "diligent search for ways to continue the best possible and friendly service to the citizens of Gray County."

"I enjoy working with the people of Gray County and will do everything in my power to continue to be an efficient tax assessor-collector for them," Morris said.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16
 9:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Wells on a motor vehicle accident. No patients were transported.

10:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of South Houston on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

1:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

4:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of West Kingsmill on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

8:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner on a trauma. No patient was transported.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17
 8:14 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

10:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

3:00 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Somerville on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

3:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of East 19th in Lefors for a patient transfer to St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

6:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Hobart and Somerville on a motor vehicle accident. No patient was transported.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls in the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 18
 1:36 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on an alarm malfunction.
 2:56 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded

to a downed electrical line in the 1800 block of North Wells.

4:10 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on an alarm malfunction.
 5:02 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on an alarm malfunction.

Accidents

Pampa police Department reported the following accidents in the 72-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15
 11 a.m. - A yellow and brown station wagon was backing out of a parking place on the Walmart parking lot when it reportedly struck a 1988 blue Dodge Caravan.

8:29 p.m. - A 1991 white Dodge Dynasty four door sedan driven by Geneva McKinley Tucker, 74, of 852 S. Somerville, was southbound in the 1800 block of Duncan. Police said when she moved to the right lane to let a vehicle pass, she struck a 1961 dump truck that was parked at the curb. Tucker was taken to Coronado Hospital with minor injuries.

8:33 p.m. - A 1983 blue Chevrolet Camero driven by a 29 year old man that police could not identify this morning, was backing out of a driveway in the 1000 block of Neel when it reportedly struck a parked 1983 Dodge Caravan. The was parked facing traffic, officers said.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16
 1:21 a.m. - A 1989 blue Chevrolet Cavalier four door sedan, driven a 16-year-old Midland youth failed to negotiate a curve in the 1500 block of West Ripley and

struck the city's rock garden.

9 a.m. - A 1973 red Chevrolet pickup, driven by Sarah Hernandez, 87, of 424 N. Wells, was northbound in the 600 block of Wells when it reportedly struck a parked car, a 1977 brown Ford LTD owned by Lloyd Wayne Nixon of Marble City, Kan. Hernandez was taken to Coronado Hospital for treatment of possible injuries.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17
 1:56 a.m. - A 1970 GMC van was westbound in the 700 block of East Browning when it slid into a fire hydrant. Police said the driver left the scene before they arrived. Officers described the pavement as slick at the time of the accident.

6:19 p.m. - A white Plymouth Voyager van driven by Clifford F. Lightcad, 57, of Kansas, when he reportedly struck a 1973 orange Oldsmobile Omega, driven by Michael Eugene Horton, 34, of Skellytown. Plice said Horton was stopped at a stop light at 1100 N. Hobart at the time of the accident.

7 p.m. - John Conner, 20, was backing in the 1000 block of East Foster when he reportedly struck a parked 1989 sedan. Officers said Conner fled the scene.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Cloudy tonight with a 30 percent chance of light snow. Three to five inch accumulation is possible. A low tonight near 25 with north winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a high near 35. North winds 5-15 mph. Sunday's high was 44. Pampa had received three inches of snow by 6 a.m.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, a slight chance of light snow west, a chance of light snow elsewhere. Lows in the lower to mid 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy with highs in the mid to upper 30s. Tuesday night, mostly clear with lows in the teens. South Plains/Low Rolling Plains: Tonight, cloudy. A slight chance of snow. Low in the lower to mid 20s. Total accumulations of 1-3 inches possible.

Tuesday, partly cloudy. High 35-45. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s.

North Texas - Tonight, cloudy, windy and much cooler. A chance of snow west, Rain changing to snow central, scattered to numerous showers east. Snow accumulations of 1 inch or less along the Red River, otherwise little or no snow accumulations. Lows 28 west to 38 southeast. Tuesday, scattered showers southeast with light rain or snow north central and northeast ending by early morning. Decreasing cloudiness west. Highs 43 to 50. Tuesday night, mostly clear and cold. Lows 26 to 32.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central Texas: Tonight, decreasing clouds. Lows in the 30s to near 40. Tuesday, fair and breezy. Highs in the 50s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly

cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows from 30s inland to 40s coast. Tuesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the 60s.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight, cold. Decreasing cloudiness east with a few lingering snow flurries. Partly cloudy west. Lows zero to teens mountains and north with 20s south. Tuesday and Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Chance for snow showers northern mountains and northwest. Highs Tuesday 30s and 40s mountains and north with mid 40s to mid 50s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, snow north and rain south ending from the west. Lows in the 20s and lower 30s. Tuesday, considerable cloudiness. Highs mid 30s to mid 40s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows mid teens northwest Oklahoma to upper 20s southeast.

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State briefs

Preserve resuming status as bird haven

MATAGORDA (AP) — Officials will find out this week just how many birds now call Mad Island Marsh home.

Tucked away in the grarly extensions of a Gulf Coast lake in Matagorda County, a 7,000-acre preserve quickly is resuming its status as a haven for hundreds of species of birds.

With the help of more than 60 volunteers, officials at Mad Island Marsh will find out just how many types of birds have made the sanctuary their home. The habitat is about 85 miles southwest of Galveston.

The event, known as the Mad Island Marsh Christmas Bird Count, will be the third in as many years, and is open to the public.

The count, which began at 12:01 a.m. today and is set to end 23 hours and 59 minutes later, is growing in popularity among the state's most avid bird-watchers.

The preserve once one of Texas' premier freshwater regions that harbored thousands of waterfowl is on the rebound.

Last year, 205 species of birds were counted. Among them were the endangered peregrine falcon, piping plover, wood stork and brown pelican.

Other species frequently spotted on the preserve include snow geese, Canada geese, sandhill cranes, mottled ducks and colonial nesting birds.

College students take weapons training

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — So many students at San Antonio College have taken classes proving handgun training that the school plans to continue them throughout the spring semester.

SAC students can't carry guns on campus, even under the state's new concealed weapons law that goes into effect Jan. 1. But 57 students have taken advantage of the training in the past two months.

McMillan teaches a 40-hour course on firearms at SAC's police training academy as well.

"We really are getting people from all walks of life," said McMillan, who conducts two nights of classroom training at the college and two nights at his Blackhawk Shooting Range in South San Antonio.

The cost for the college course is \$75.

Nearly 600 out of work after Oscar Meyer fire

SHERMAN (AP) — Nearly 600 employees of the Oscar Meyer plant here were told Sunday not to report to work until further notice after an overnight blaze damaged the company's refrigeration system.

Sherman police said the fire is out and residents forced to evacuate during the blaze were allowed to return to their homes early Sunday morning.

Nancy Daigler, a spokeswoman for Kraft Foods, Oscar Meyer's parent company, said all 70 employees on duty Saturday night were accounted for and none were immediately treated for injuries.

The cause of the fire has not been determined and no damage estimate is available, she said.

"We've told employees not to go to work and, unfortunately, we don't know for how long," Ms. Daigler said, adding that employees should wait until they are notified by their supervisors before returning to work.

Caroling at the bank



Woodrow Wilson Elementary School third graders, under the direction of music teacher Sherrie Richards, sing Christmas carols for employees and customers at First American SSB. Local schoolchildren have been getting themselves as well as others into the spirit of the holiday season by caroling at various local banks and businesses.

Party planning better late than never: Texas to celebrate 150 this December

AUSTIN (AP) — Sandwiched between Christmas and New Year's Day is one of the most significant dates in Texas history. But up until now, you might not have known it.

On Dec. 29, 1845, Texas became the 28th state.

For roughly a year, there have been small dedications and an exhibit near the Capitol noting that this year marks the sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary, of the historic date.

But due to oversight, busy schedules or simply bad timing, a party celebrating the actual date of President James K. Polk's signing Texas into the union is only now, hastily being thrown together.

In 1986, when Texas marked the 150th anniversary of its gaining freedom from Mexico and becoming an independent republic, there was a yearlong celebration culminating with fireworks, bands, a parade, you name it.

This year's celebration at the Capitol won't be held on Dec. 29, but instead on Dec. 30. At the

moment, planners are scurrying to find underwriters who will provide music, barbecue and a Texas-sized cake.

"I don't feel good about how little has been done," said Harry Montgomery, program director at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. "But if I have to go door-to-door and get people to cook brisket, I'll do it. We are going to have a party."

Montgomery and a handful of other volunteers are attempting to pick up the ball dropped by others and make sure that Texas history isn't ignored.

In April 1994, then-Gov. Ann Richards appointed Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Rep. Jerry Johnson, D-Nacogdoches, as co-chairmen of the Statewide Committee to Celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Annexation of Texas.

A subcommittee was then formed, made up of nearly 40 members, including lawmakers, state employees and prominent citizens. But after launching several

noble efforts to commemorate this sesquicentennial, including an exhibit at the Capitol Complex Visitors Center and a college scholarship drive for graduating high school students, things began getting lost in the shuffle.

The chairman of the subcommittee resigned because of health reasons. Planning faltered. Days, then weeks and then months went by without setting up a party for Dec. 29.

Montgomery, who convinced the state's 37 public universities and 35 of the state's 38 independent universities to donate scholarships as rewards for a statehood essay contest, already had done his share as a member of the subcommittee.

His efforts have resulted in the Sesquicentennial Scholars Program, which will award more than \$1 million in scholarships to at least 171 high school seniors. Students have until the end of January to write a 1,500-word essay on the topic, "Celebrating the Past, Celebrating the Future."

Citizens reform group provides forum for voices of discontent, regardless of political persuasion

DALLAS (AP) — It's where the ultra left meets the radical right, but it's not exactly in the middle.

Meetings sponsored by Citizens for Legal Reform offer a place where people from all political walks can come and vent their frustrations about the federal government.

It is a sort of a philosophical bazaar where one can sample a bit of everything from the Texas Constitutional Militia, the John Birch Society, the Liberty Lobby, the Fully Informed Jury Association, tax resisters, Libertarians and Constitutionalists.

Some want the nation's drug laws made fairer. Others seek a return to the gold standard.

Other occasional visitors have another purpose. State and federal officials have sat in on some of the sessions to monitor some of the exhortations. Internal Revenue

Service officials said recently that an investigation prompted by one tax-resistance presentation led to several indictments.

"They are questioning and undermining the government," said Mark Briskman, regional director for the Anti-Defamation League in Dallas. "That can be potentially dangerous."

Alfred Adask, president of the group, which has no dues or

membership rolls, said in an interview with *The Dallas Morning News* that a recent Gallup poll showed that more than 50 percent of the American people regarded government as a threat to them.

"That means we are no longer the lunatic fringe," he said. "We are on the cutting edge. In the next year, we're going to see the people in the country go after government in a way that's shocking."

Toys for Tots campaign



Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams inspects one of the toy trucks his department has rounded up for the county's Toys for Tots campaign this Christmas. The sheriff's office usually provides toys for some two dozen children each Christmas, Adams said.

Special unit to handle family violence cases

By STEFANI G. KOPENEC
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH (AP) — Prosecutor Stephen Gordon waits patiently in court wondering if a man will stand trial for allegedly beating his girlfriend so badly that he broke her nose.

In years past, the odds were that the case wouldn't make it that far and even if it did, success would be limited.

But the Tarrant County district attorney's office hopes to change all that with the formation of a new unit that exclusively handles family violence cases.

"Our office really believes that if there's something in the community and we're not doing as good a job as we should, we should get a specialized unit to handle it, and that's what we've done here," Gordon said.

Such units aren't new — they exist in Harris, Dallas and Bexar counties. But they underscore the attention being given a problem that often happens behind closed doors but has withstood the recent glare of the national spotlight during the O.J. Simpson trial.

Mary Lee Hafley, executive director of The Women's Shelter in Arlington, believes the unit's creation will help victims overcome the fear that nothing will be done if they report abuse.

"It brings some credibility to the legal community saying, 'Yes, we abhor domestic violence' and 'Yes, domestic violence is a crime,' but now they're really treating it like a crime," she said. The hope is to prevent repeat occurrences and more serious incidents such as aggravated assault and murder, Gordon said.

"That's what we're trying to avoid," he said. "We're trying to make sure someone's in contact with our office in a domestic violence situation ... make sure they

understand we take it seriously, so that we avoid the escalation of violence."

The unit, which started its work in November, is focusing on misdemeanor assaults, culling from approximately 2,000 cases the 175 worst offenders to target. The remaining cases will be handled by other prosecutors.

The sheer number of cases, coupled with reluctant witnesses and some disbelieving juries, has produced limited courtroom success.

Slightly more than a dozen such cases have been to trial in Tarrant County the past few years, Gordon said.

In 1994, the conviction rate for assaults was 27 percent compared with 70 percent to 80 percent for other misdemeanors such as drunken driving, shoplifting and theft, he said.

"That's a combination of not being able to get a lot of the groundwork done before going to trial just because of the volume, as well as the view of a lot of juries. ... They think that these things aren't that serious," Gordon said.

Another hindrance was a law that allowed victims freedom from testifying against their spouses. But that spousal privilege in domestic violence cases was taken away Sept. 1 when new legislation went into effect.

With two prosecutors, support staff, interns and an investigator to gather medical records and 911 calls to police, the district attorney's office should see better results, Gordon said.

"At least now the groundwork is laid and we can be real effective with the worst people to make sure we can put on the best case we can," he said.

Linda Ragsdale, a family advocate at Women's Haven of Tarrant County, is also optimistic.

Jury to decide fate of pastor accused of money laundering

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — About 300 people still attend the church founded by the Rev. David Brace and still believe in the man who has admitted laundering money for federal agents posing as members of the Colombian drug cartel.

This week, Brace will try to instill that same faith in a federal jury in Texas.

The trial begins today in the John H. Wood Federal Courthouse in San Antonio, where Brace met with the Spanish-speaking undercover agents. Brace has pleaded innocent.

His lawyer will argue that Brace was a victim of a government conspiracy, that the agents tricked him into thinking he could use drug money to save his debt-ridden Faith Metro Church in Wichita.

Brace hired First Diversified Financial Services of Houston to find investors in the church.

Brace was arrested with Shannon Knox, a 25-year-old financial consultant for First Diversified, and another consultant, Roy Clarkston, 59, on June 21 in the parking lot of the Courtyard by Marriott in north San Antonio.

According to court documents, Brace, Knox and Clarkston went

to the hotel after being told their \$10 million had arrived.

Since Brace's arrest, involuntary bankruptcy proceedings have been filed against Faith Metro Church.

Church membership is down about 600 people from the 900 of a few years ago. But for those who still attend, their faith in "Pastor David" is unshaken.

Individuals loaned the church a total of \$912,464, which is listed in the church's bankruptcy papers. Businesses and other churches lent Faith Metro \$539,275.

Brace borrowed more than \$10 million to build, furnish and operate the new church. And when he pressed parishioners to increase their contributions, many left. Brace's search for money led him to the undercover agents.

Brace's attorney, Roy Barrera Sr., is expected to argue that his devotion to his congregation drove him to make a desperate search for the millions of dollars needed to fend off the church's creditors. And when overzealous federal agents learned of his plight, Barrera has said, they tricked Brace into laundering their money.

Brace, Barrera and federal prosecutor Glenn MacTaggart each declined requests for interviews.

Snow monkeys get new home

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some 600 Japanese snow monkeys living free in South Texas will get a new home safe from hunters.

The research group that owns the primates has put together a package of loans and donations to enable it to buy its own ranch and put up electric fences to keep them from roaming.

For nearly two decades, the monkeys prospered on a ranch near Dilley, 80 miles south of

San Antonio, on a 58-acre parcel leased by the South Texas Primate Observatory, a behavioral research group.

The observatory was established in 1980 for 150 snow monkeys, but the animals kept breeding in obscurity on the ranch. During the last five years, they have been free to roam by climbing over or through the broken-down electric fence that used to keep them confined.

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Opinion

Peace mission is done deal

Despite widespread misgivings, despite skepticism in Congress, despite all the things that could go wrong, sending some 20,000 U.S. military troops to Bosnia as part of a 60,000-person NATO force to police the latest peace agreement seems to be a done deal.

For better or for worse, President Clinton has decided that this commitment will serve as a defining moment of his presidency as an election season opens in earnest; unless something unexpected and dramatic happens, the troops will go.

Most Americans will find themselves torn, now and in the months to come. Since the troops are going, no matter what public opinion polls might say, we will hope that, against all odds, the mission will succeed - at least to the extent that U.S. troops acquit themselves honorably, suffer no casualties and leave Bosnia with at least some realistic hope of a lasting peace rather than a renewed war.

At the same time, realists will note that numerous contradictions could dash the hopes of November. The peace accord signed in Dayton, Ohio, sets up an odd hybrid of a government in Bosnia - making it theoretically one country but one that is de facto partitioned among Muslims, Croats and Bosnian Serbs. Bosnian Serbs and Bosnian Croats will have strong incentives to strengthen the "special relationships" the accord recognizes with their ethnic compatriots across various borders.

The NATO forces will try to act as impartial peacekeepers, but are also expected to provide special training and weapons to the Bosnian government if that is the only way to achieve "parity." That will make them combatants in the eyes of many.

All these instabilities will create tensions that could erupt into new fighting at any moment.

Yet it is possible that the conditions for a real peace - sufficient war exhaustion on all sides that none of the combatants will see renewed fighting as potentially profitable - actually exist on the ground in Bosnia, and that even an agreement as fragile and potentially unstable as the one cobbled together in Dayton will hold long enough to give peace a chance.

Questions about whether the core interests of the United States are really involved in Bosnia or whether a U.S. presence is really the indispensable glue to hold an agreement together are still relevant. The answer to both questions is probably "no," but that won't keep the troops at home.

In recent years, American presidents of both parties have maintained that their constitutional status as commander-in-chief gives them sufficient authority to send U.S. troops overseas without seeking a declaration of war from Congress.

Some of the Republicans who are now questioning the Bosnian commitment were eager supporters of intervention led by Republican administrations, while some Democrats eager to get those troops "over there" raised apparently fundamental questions when Republican presidents wanted to commit troops.

The likelihood is that, like previous presidents, Clinton will be able to get enough votes in Congress to pass a resolution giving him enough political cover to do what he wants in Bosnia.

Even those who doubt the wisdom of this commitment should hope, for the sake of the U.S. servicemen and women being placed at risk, that this intervention will be successful enough for the government to declare victory and come home in a year.

They should continue to question the assumption, however, that not a political petal may fall nor an ethnic leaf turn brown anywhere in the world without affecting the "core interests" of the United States.

The core interests of the United States are still best served by building a strong defense, using it only for genuine defense, restoring freedom and prosperity at home and letting the rest of the world know that the United States will not always be available to resolve its disputes.

Some - though not all - will be surprised at how quickly other people handle their own problems when they know Uncle Sugar won't be around.

Television's vanishing family hour

A recent article in *The New York Times Magazine* asserts we are in a new Golden Age of television drama and points to the likes of NBC's *ER* and *Law & Order* and ABC's *NYPD Blue* for evidence. Artistically one might - might - defend that statement. But what was lost in the piece is another development: the family hour, the 8 to 9 p.m. time slot traditionally set aside for youngsters, has been abandoned.

The family hour used to be reserved for wholesome programs like *Happy Days*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *The Cosby Show* and *Full House*, but in that time slot, we now find such steamy and/or suggestive and/or raunchy shows as *Melrose Place*, *Friends* and *Roseanne*. So, this column is written for parents looking through the increasingly complex maze of television fare for programming suitable for their children.

Monday: ABC's *The Marshal* is a non-violent action series in the *MacGyver* mold (but without the latter's occasional liberal crusading, thank God). NBC's *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* has been consistently pro-family throughout its five-plus years on the air. UPN's *Star Trek: Voyager* is thought-provoking science fiction. On the other hand, there's CBS's racy *The Nanny* and *Can't Hurry Love* and frequent bed hopping on Fox's *Melrose Place*. In general, though, not bad. Overall family-hour grade: B minus.

Tuesday: UPN's *Deadly Games* can be violent but is nonetheless the most family-friendly entry in a weak field. It's certainly preferable to NBC's *Wings* and *NewsRadio*, adult sitcoms heavily dependent on sexual humor, and ABC's obnoxious *Roseanne*, which contains foul language, condones premarital sex and disrespect for parental authority, and reportedly will feature a gay wed-



L. Brent Bozell

ding later this season. Overall grade: D minus.

Wednesday: The WB network comes to the rescue with *Sister, Sister* and *The Parent 'Hood*. NBC's recently canceled *seaQuest 2032* was politically correct but not morally offensive. Of ABC's *Ellen* and *The Drew Carey Show* and CBS's *Bless This House* and *Dave's World*, it can be said that none is as vulgar as *Roseanne*, but none really belongs in this time slot. Neither, emphatically, does Fox's *Beverly Hills, 90210*. Overall grade: C minus.

Thursday: The best this evening has to offer is CBS's innocuous *Murder, She Wrote*, but it's hard to imagine that series holding the attention of anyone under 20. Otherwise, there's NBC's sex-driven *Friends* and *The Single Guy* and Fox's sex driven *Living Single* and *The Crew*. Nick at Nite, anyone? Overall grade: D minus.

Friday: The first half of ABC's TGIF lineup, *Family Matters* and *Boy Meets World*, is appropriate for all ages, as is CBS's *The Bonnie Hunt Show*, currently on hiatus. With NBC's *Unsolved Mysteries* and Fox's *Strange Luck*, this is one of the few nights on which there's nothing really offensive

on television. Overall grade: B plus.

Saturday: The introduction of CBS's *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman* a few years ago reflected a hunger for family programming, and it remains a good choice. ABC's *Maybe This Time* is also fine, and NBC's *JAG* is a well-made military action series that would be wholly permissible for youngsters but for its occasional raw language. Saturday improved considerably when Fox moved the bawdy sitcoms *Martin* and *The Preston Episodes* to Sunday and off the schedule, respectively. Overall grade: B minus.

Sunday: Since Sunday's prime time starts at 7 p.m., networks have twice the opportunity to appeal to families. WB's lineup, including *Pinky & the Brain* and *Kirk*, is excellent. NBC's *Brotherly Love* and *Minor Adjustments*, Fox's *Space: Above and Beyond* and ABC's *Lois and Clark* are also worthwhile. Not as suitable for youngsters are NBC's sexy *Mad About You* and CBS's bawdy *Cybil*. Overall grade: B.

The networks show no signs of retreating from their policy of programming adult series in what was formerly the family hour even though Nielsen figures indicate that with this change ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox suffered an audience loss of almost 7% from October 1994 to October 1995.

Conversely, cable's audience is up by more than 24% in the past year. One beneficiary of this trend is Nickelodeon, which will introduce original children's programming in the first half-hour of prime time beginning next fall. "We're doing it," says Nickelodeon executive vice president Herb Scannell, "because the networks have turned 8 o'clock into the swinging singles hour. They seem to have abandoned kids and parents."

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 1995. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 18th, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

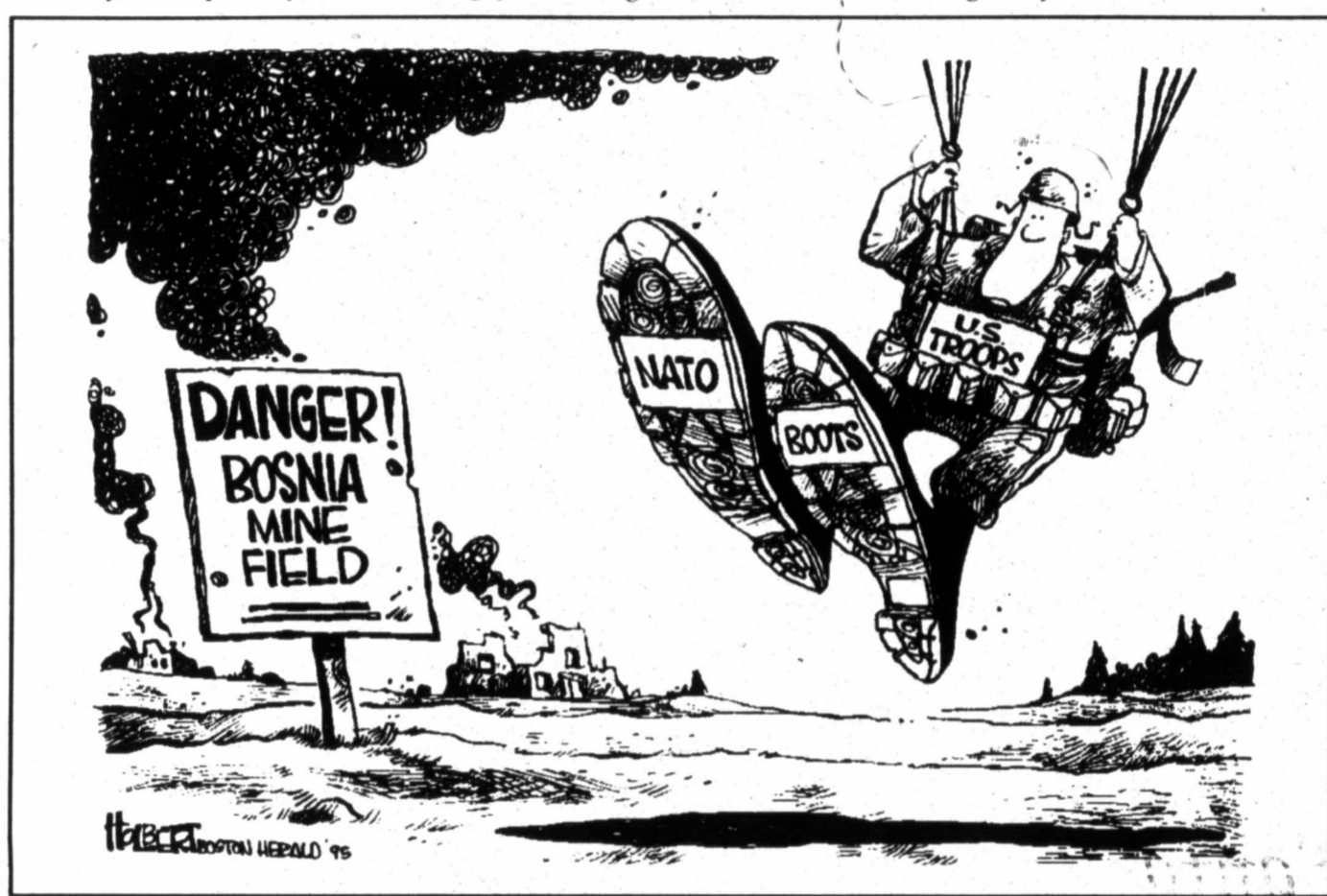
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In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1813, the British took Fort Niagara in the War of 1812.

In 1892, "The Nutcracker Suite" by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1915, President Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union, Operation Barbarossa was launched the following June.



The world's devout unjustly afflicted

Lai Man Peng was a 22-year-old Chinese Christian evangelist. In 1994, at a meeting of one of China's "house churches" (a non-government-sanctioned prayer meeting), he and four other evangelists were seized by agents of the Public Security Bureau, China's KGB. In front of the congregation, Lai and the others were beaten severely. The security officers next handed the truncheons to the congregants and ordered them to beat the preachers, on pain of being beaten themselves. Lai was so badly injured that the security team feared he would die in their presence (leaving too much to explain), so they released him. He crawled and hobbled for several miles, attempting to reach his home, but finally collapsed and died on the road.

Such persecution is commonplace in China, where only a fraction of the estimated 30 million to 70 million Christians belong to government-approved sects. Amnesty International reports cases of Christian women hung by their thumbs from wires and beaten with heavy rods, denied food and water, and shocked with electric probes.

Elsewhere in the world, Christians face other tortures and persecutions. In Egypt and Pakistan, Christians have been imprisoned and tortured merely for preaching their faith. Pakistan recently passed a blasphemy law that forbids speaking or acting against the prophet Mohammed. The punishment for violators is death. A 12-year-old Christian child was recently sentenced to death under this law and was freed from Pakistan only by international pressure. He is now hiding in a Western country with a bounty on his head similar



Mona Charen

to that which keeps Salman Rushdie on the run. Sudan is perhaps the worst violator. Its Islamic government has engaged in a policy of forcible conversion. Many of the black Sudanese in the southern part of the country (the north is Arab) have resisted conversion, in many cases because of adherence to Christianity (a criminal act under Sudanese law). As punishment, the Sudanese government has denied food and medicine to Christians in famine areas and has sold thousands of Christian children - some as young as six - into slavery.

Where is the international outcry? The silence of American Christians is particularly hard to understand since they have been so unstinting in support of others in need. But when Michael Horowitz of the Manhattan Institute published an op-ed piece in *The Wall Street Journal* last July on persecution of Christians, the response was a resounding silence.

Steve Snyder of International Christian

Concern (1-800-ICC-5441), a human rights group, offers some insights. American Christians, he notes, have been sheltered from persecution themselves for three centuries. While they have supported missionaries overseas, they have not necessarily kept faith with those whom they have succeeded in converting. There has been an unfortunate emphasis on numbers, missionaries tend to look elsewhere for converts rather than fight the persecution.

Putting it bluntly, Snyder says Christians have forgotten how to take care of their own. Almost too focused on loving their neighbor, they've lost sight of Christ's injunction that "the world will know you are my disciples by your love one for another."

Some Christians justify inaction on spiritual grounds, noting that it is an article of faith that all who wish to live a "godly life" will face persecution. Snyder doesn't deny that persecution can yield spiritual dividends but thinks it is one thing to accept such a fate for oneself and quite another to say to your brother, "You go and suffer your faith. It's good for you."

But above all, American Christians are simply ill-informed. If one major TV magazine program aired a segment on what is actually happening to Christians in the late 20th century, the apathy would be gone in a flash.

Child slavery, false imprisonment, torture, murder. It is all happening to Christians in Islamic and other countries. How long will the world's largest Christian community stay silent?

'Bob Dole' and 'Lincoln' provide wisdom

Consider two new books about Republicans: *Bob Dole* and *Lincoln*. Taken together, with presidential primaries coming up, they can add perspective to what we know about presidents.

After all, the Dole presidential campaign could be called "What About Bob?" It's said that he doesn't stand for anything, that he has pandered, that he's not really a conservative, that he's too conservative, that he can be a sarcastic meanie, that he has a dark side, that he doesn't get anyone excited, that he's a professional politician, that his image is manufactured and that he's lost each of the three times he's been involved in a national election.

Pulitzer Prize-winning Richard Ben Cramer's short (163 pp.) book on Dole is an excerpt from his landmark earlier volume *What It Takes*, about the 1988 presidential candidates. It offers a different view. Born in 1923 of a middle-class family in Russell, Kan., enduring an oil crash and dust-bowl Depression, Bob Dole was the busy kid who was into everything. He emerged as the handsome hometown high school basketball hero. In 1943, while a student at Kansas University, he was drafted into the Army. He went to officer training and into combat as a lieutenant in Italy, where he was gunned down.

The strapping young man weighed 192 pounds when he went into service and 122 pounds when he came home. Only rare willpower and an excruciating four years of treatment resurrected most of his torn body. The first thing his wife-to-be, a nurse, heard about him was, "Oh that poor Bob Dole, he doesn't have long to live." He thought he might end up crippled, selling pencils on a street



Ben Wattenberg

corner. He survived, harshly handicapped and fiercely ambitious. He went to law school, ran for local, state and federal office, running, running, running, wheeling and dealing, serving constituents, colleagues, state and nation, rising to Senate majority leader.

David Herbert Donald's *Lincoln* also tells the story of a troubled young Midwesterner. Lincoln was born in a log cabin. His mother died when he was 10. He received almost no formal education, went west to Illinois in his teens and worked at odd jobs. He, too, became a lawyer.

Had Lincoln's biography been written before he became a great president, these are some of the things that could have been said about him:

He was a professional politician possessed of an ambition that was "a little engine that knew no rest," according to his law partner William Herndon. He was a political loser - a one-term Congressman, who lost twice for the Senate and never quite made it to bigtime politics.

He ran as "Honest Abe, The Rail Splitter," but as Donald recounts, Lincoln "had little love for his pioneer origins; he disliked physical labor and left it as soon as he could ... Rather than a simple backwoodsman, he was a prominent and successful attorney representing the most powerful interests in emerging corporate America."

He suffered bouts of depression. He had dark moods. He made political deals. He could demagogue the best of them. He said, "My policy is to have no policy." He announced, "I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races."

When Lincoln ran for president, Donald writes: "To all outward appearances he was less prepared to be president of the United States than any other man who had run for that high office."

Now, the point is not that Dole is Lincoln, nor that Lincoln deserves a trashing. Dole isn't and Lincoln doesn't. What we see is that politics is rough work, in the last century or this one. Harsh criticism comes with the territory. (I rather liked the sardonic Dole more than the goody-two shoes remake.)

At its highest levels, politics requires ferocity, tenacity and hypocrisy. The phrase "fire in the belly" is overused, but not wrong. Still, we usually end up with presidents who have more than heartburn, and do pretty well for the nation. That will probably happen this time too, whether it's Dole, Clinton, Forbes, Perot, Gore, Jackson or someone else. That happens because they work hard in a good country.

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Dolphin donations



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Members of the Pampa Middle School sixth grade Dolphins are donating fruit baskets and gift certificates to two senior citizen families for the holidays. Pictured with two of the fruit baskets are: Amy Robbins (front, left), Stephanie Straub, Cali Covalt, Matthew Crow (back, left), Evan Miller and Edson Miranda.

Communists, Nationalists taking the lead in Russian elections, voters rebuff Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — Angry voters handed Boris Yeltsin a stinging rebuff, with Communists and right-wing nationalists scoring big victories on promises to roll back democratic reforms, early returns suggested today.

The Communists led the pack in Sunday's parliamentary elections with 22 percent of the vote, based on preliminary returns from 65 of the country's 89 regions, the Central Election Commission said. Ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, who was not expected to do well, was second with 11.1 percent.

Pro-reform groups lagged behind in the vote for the legislature's lower chamber, or Duma. Yeltsin has no party, but the Our Home is Russia party of his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, ranked third with 9.7 percent. The Yabloko bloc followed with 8.4 percent.

The elections are unlikely to be decisive or produce any major policy changes because no party is expected to win outright control and the president has far more power than the legislature. Although they oppose Yeltsin, the Communists and the various nationalist groups are not allies.

The vote was seen as a major setback for Yeltsin and his hopes of a winning second term in June's presidential election. The opposition has blamed Yeltsin and his reforms for impoverishing millions of Russians since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

None of the other parties among the 43 running had reached the 5 percent threshold needed to get seats in the Duma, although that could change as the vote is counted.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov hailed his party's performance, saying it showed Russians want an end to liberal policies and the wrenching impact of a free-market economy.

"Look at how many people have confidence in the government. One out of 10. What kind of government can continue working in such conditions?" he said.

Yeltsin, still recuperating from heart trouble in October, had no immediate response to the hardliners' strong performance. Sergei Filatov, the president's chief of staff, criticized democratic parties for not uniting.

"The outcome of the elections to the state Duma

indicates that the democrats were unable and did not want to unite," he said.

Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Sunday the Communists had exploited voters' memories of social guarantees that no longer exist.

The Communists and nationalists are vague about how they would run Russia. Their ideas mostly involve increased government spending, which would stoke inflation and further hurt living standards.

Economists argue reform has been more extensive than many people realize, with major parts of the economy privatized and creation of a powerful class of businessmen who would resist attempts to turn back the clock.

Estimates of the makeup of the 450-seat Duma varied. Mark Urnov of the president's analytical center estimated the Communists would win up to 170 seats. Vox Populi, a private polling company, estimated the Communists would win about 140 seats while centrist and liberal groups could win about the same number.

The moderates hoped to do better in western Russia, where many results were slow to come in. Siberia and parts of central Russia that have seen little benefit from reforms voted strongly for the hardliners.

With 75 percent of the vote counted in Moscow, Our Home was leading with 19.4 percent, while Yabloko and the Communists had about 15 percent each.

Reform is deeply unpopular. Millions of workers and pensioners are unpaid for months at a time, crime and corruption are rampant and even life expectancy rates are falling.

"They boast of overfilled shelves in the capital's shops whereas shops in villages sell only vodka and cheap wine. People eat mixed feed" for animals, said Communist lawmaker Viktor Ilyukhin.

Much of the blame for the country's problems is aimed at Yeltsin and Chernomyrdin.

Yeltsin and the reformers argue communism created most of the nation's problems during its nearly 70-year rule and that it will take time to fix them.

"No situation and nobody can force me to go back from the chosen course of reform," Yeltsin said. "It is inevitable."

Teamsters protest Mexican NAFTA traffic

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About 25 supporters of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters marched in Laredo on Sunday to protest trucking provisions that take effect today.

Many hoisted signs reading "Postpone NAFTA For Our Families' Sake" and "NAFTA - Toxic Cargo on the Road."

The provisions, which open Mexican and U.S. border states to foreign truckers carrying international cargo, have sparked fears of unsafe, overweight Mexican rigs on U.S. roads and worries about U.S. competition by less efficient, undercapitalized haulers in Mexico.

U.S. and Mexican officials met in Washington over the weekend to consider postponing implementation of the regulations, and a federal court has decided to hear Teamsters' arguments in favor of the delay Wednesday.

Before marching to the center of the Gateway to the Americas Bridge — which connects the border cities of Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the demonstrators held a rally on the banks of the Rio Grande.

The North American Free Trade Agreement says "there will be no unsafe Mexican trucks operating in Texas," said John Riojas, a vice president with the international union in Washington. "What I want to know is, how they are going to enforce that?"

Riojas said only about 1 percent of Mexican trucks crossing the border are inspected by U.S. officials for compliance with safety regulations.

More than 60 percent of those tested, he continued, do not meet specifications.

"That is scary," he told the San Antonio Express-News.

Up to 4,000 trucks per day enter the United States from Mexico at Laredo, and 40 percent of those may be carrying hazardous materials or toxic chemicals, said Rick Glasebrook, president of the San Antonio-based Teamsters Local 657.

Local 657, which represents UPS and common carrier drivers in San Antonio and much of South Texas, has about 2,500 members.

"Mexican trucks often weight up to 170,000 pounds, more than twice as much as U.S. rigs," Glasebrook said. "They are often three times as old, have problems with headlights and bad tires and usually carry no brakes on front axles. These trucks will be coming across the border tomorrow."

Under conditions of informal agreements between many U.S. and Mexican border cities since the mid-1950s, such trucks actually have been crossing the border daily for 40 years.

BIG NATE'S SECRET SANTA by Lincoln Peirce



Letters to Santa

To: Santa Clause
North Pole 85921
DEAR SANTA
I HAVE BEEN GOOD.
PLEASE BRING ME A TOY,
NERF CROSSBOW, and a watch.
Love,
Dylan Cain

Dear Santa Claus,
I know that you are busy, but here is some things that I would like for Christmas:
A Kitchen
Baby tumble
Clothes
Jump rope
barbie house
My name is Chelsea Daw Waldrop. I am 3 years old. I live in Pampa Texas. I love you Santa Claus.
Love Chelsea

Dear Santa,
How ar you and your Elves doing? Hi! My name is Cody and I'm, 8, years old, and wold you ask your Elves to make me a Sega Saturn. And I hav a baby brother and He wants a monster truk. And my Mom want's my dad to come home for Christmas.
Love,
Cody, Dylan and Daddy

Dear Santa,
My name is Alisha Doan. I am 2 months old. I would like some little toys to play with I will leave you milk and cookies at my great grandma's house in Levelland.
Alisha Doan

DEAR SANTA
I HAVE BEEN GOOD. PLEASE BRING ME A TOY.
Dy

Dear - Santa
I-Have-Been-a-good-girl-this-year.
Would-you-bring-me-a-Noo-Litl-Bike-and-a-Meagan-rose-Babdoll?
i will leev sum pie and a glas of milk. i LUV you.
Luv Shouna-Friend
P.S. Be-Careful-ON-your-trip

Dear Santa:
How are you this year? Hope you and all the reindeer have a safe trip from the North Pole. I have been pretty good this year. Since I am now in kindergarten I am learning lots of really neat stuff, even a little Spanish! Anyway, I want you toring me a Talking Whiz Kid Plus, a Magic

Smoking Grill (like my dad's), a Goofy Golf Machine, a red Power Ranger, a Mickey Mouse tape, an Aladdin book, 2 cars, some clothes and a surprise. Please bring my Memaw something special this year, too. We will leave brownies and milk out for you. Merry Christmas to all my friends and relatives.
Love,
Taylor Garmon
Hughes Springs, TX

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Delynn! I really want a condo for my dogs.
They would really like that! I would also like a Texas Tech shirt cause I'm a really big Fan. Please give my friends, Lois, Janice, and Sesilia a big Christmas bonus.
Well what's all for now until next year.
Love
DeLynn Gordzelik

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessy Griffin I want a baby tumble, barbies with their own perfum, a mirror, a little play kitchen - be sure to remember that. I don't know what else I want. Oh yea, a new bear. Thats all. Ben wants new Power Rangers and a Falconzord. He also wants a butterfly and an elephant. The thing he wants is Dr. Dreadful. Don't forget the playdo. We will leave you mild and cookies ... This time drink all your milk.
Ben Griffin, age 4
Jessy Griffin, age 4
P.S. Please bring us both a Ranger movie. I love the Power Rangers.

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph?
What I want for Christmas is a mountain bike and a guitar. Please bring my sister sumphing too.
Love Jordan

Dear S.C.,
How are you, M.C., the elves, and the reindeer? I'm okay. Write back at 1601 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas zip code 79065. For Christmas I want a ten speed Roadmaster and a Basketball goal. And something for my baby sister.
Love,
Judd

Dear Santa,
Our names are Lois & Janice. We can't write too good by ourselves

so were helping each udder.
We both want lots of choclate and clothes.
Pease send us some muny so we can buy all our freinds sum stuff.
Love,
Us two girls!

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Im sick right now so my mommy is letting me writing this letter. I would like a Dream Castle doll house Please bring Ricky some legos. My brother's been nice to me when I'm sick. He comes to check on me and tells me he loves me. He also letted me play with his slinky please bring Buster a bone. I love you very much cause you always brings me toys. Ricky loves you too.
Love Angel Munoz
5 years old
P.S. You'll find rudolf on my porch. He beated you here. He ran so fast he got away from your sleigh.

Dear Santa, How is roudoph I want a gold bell from your sleigh. I also want a winter borby. (Well that's what I call her.) I wish you a mary Christmas. How dew you get all the presents to all the children in one nite?
Sinsirly you friend,
Britany Nelson
P.S. I wrote this at nitetime.

Dear Santa,
My name is Amber Odom. I am 3 years old. I would like a very, big, plastic snake to play with. I would also like a Cinderella tape. I have been a very good girl. I will leave you milk and cookies at my great grandma's in Levelland.
Amber Odom

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us stuff for Christmas Santa you now that Barbie thats your size I really really want one of thows last Christmas you gave me a note that you would bring me a present but you did'nt come to my house last Christmas I really want you to come this year Please Santa please • The End
Love Britney Reagans

Dear Santa,
I want some drums so I can play them. I want some mabers because I don't got them. I want a golden neckyles so I can wear it. I

Norplant abuser early suspect

DALLAS (AP) — The stepfather of a girl outfitted with Norplant to allow him to sexually abuse her had been considered dangerous by state officials more than a year before his August arrest in Dallas, according to a copyright story.

The 39-year-old man was described in March 1994 as an "imminent danger" by a Child Protective Services official to a Nueces County court in March 1994, *The Dallas Morning News* has reported.

The paroled drug offender beat his wife and oldest stepdaughter and began raping the girl when she was 5, court documents said. No criminal action was taken against the man for molesting the girl, now 14, or her siblings, now 10 and 12.

Witnesses testified in the Corpus Christi court that the oldest girl had been given the Norplant birth control device when she was just 11.

The Dallas attorney appointed

to represent the 14-year-old after her mother and stepfather were arrested on sexual assault charges in August blasted the state's handling of the case.

"I have seen situations with less facts than this where CPS would come in and remove the children" for a time, lawyer Suzanne Lomenick said. "They would just keep them until a home study is done on much less than this."

State officials countered that the girl denied the molestation repeatedly, leaving them helpless. She said she had the birth control device because she was having sex with boys.

"The fact that she had it would certainly raise a red flag with the staff, but it would not have enabled them to take any action," said Pat Devin, a deputy director of the state Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The doctor who inserted the Norplant into the youngster's arm has defended his decision.

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Planning Ahead Can Help To Prevent Holiday Stress

DEAR ABBY: The holiday season can be especially difficult for people who have suffered recent losses. Feelings of despair, isolation and loneliness may become magnified. Unresolved issues of grief may re-emerge. Consequently, there is increased potential for depression.

It's important to plan preventive measures in advance, because once depression sets in, one loses sight of hope and tends to minimize the positive aspects of situations. To put it bluntly, depression cripples one's ability to identify constructive alternatives.

We should all be alert to the signs of depression, not only in ourselves, but in others as well, and be prepared for the holiday doldrums. Make a list of resources available during the holidays and use them, if necessary.

Stress contributes to depression, so prioritize your obligations with the thought of eliminating some of those at the bottom of the list.

An important technique for keeping depression at bay: Be good to yourself!

ANTOINETTE L. HIGGINS, HAMPTON, VA.

DEAR ANTOINETTE: Thanks for an important letter. While the holiday season is a time of joy and celebration, it is a difficult time for many. Attempting to create the "perfect" holiday, or having unrealistically high expectations, can result in emo-



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

tional pressure that can trigger an episode of serious depression, leaving an individual debilitated and unable to function normally. (Major depression strikes at least 15 percent of the population, and the incidence among women is about twice that of men.)

The National Foundation for Depressive Illness suggests the following tips for coping with holiday stress:

1. Keep your expectations reasonable, so you won't feel "let down" when the holiday festivities are over.
2. Plan pleasurable activities for after the holidays. The end-of-season drop in activities can trigger depression.
3. Don't overspend or run up huge credit card bills. The anxiety about paying these bills can also trigger depression. (Make a budget and stick to it.)
4. Keep drinking to a minimum. Alcohol may seem to

improve your mood in the short term, but it's actually a mood depressor.

5. Try to maintain your usual sleep patterns.

If you feel hopeless, helpless, sad or suicidal, call the National Foundation for Depressive Illness' toll-free hotline: (800) 245-4381 (in the United States). The hotline carries a recorded message describing the symptoms and treatment of depression and how to send for a complete information packet — including a referral list (by state) of doctors who specialize in treating depression, as well as a list of local support groups.

Almost everyone experiences depression at some time — particularly after the loss of a loved one of any age. Friends who say, "Snap out of it" or "Cheer up," mean well, but they do a grave disservice if it delays someone from seeking professional help. If a depression lasts two weeks or longer, seek medical attention as soon as possible. Effective treatments are readily available.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995

In the year ahead you might become deeply involved in several unique endeavors. These involvements could provide you with excitement, profit and new popularity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not procrastinate today if you have something financially meaningful on the agenda. Luck will be in your corner, but may not have a long attention span. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this

newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Engagements with friends should work out well today. You might even have an opportunity to rectify a past misunderstanding with a pal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you pursue a truly significant objective today, you pull out all the stops. Do not hold back because you may not have another opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It is not always wise to use intermediaries, but today an associate may contact someone you have been unable to reach yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Material opportunities may spring up in new areas today. Examine them carefully, because they can be utilized in several advantageous ways.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Beneficial arrangements that appear unrelated can be linked together. If you apply yourself, you can figure out how this works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are asked to manage something for someone

else today, make sure to treat the matter conscientiously. Your attitude will be important to the outcome.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Quick thinking can provide you with advantages over those who compete against you today. Do not fear making snap decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This day can be extremely productive if you remain determined to conclude projects to your satisfaction. Do not take on more than you can manage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something of substance could develop for you through your social involvements today. When conversing with friends, don't hesitate to talk shop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Give your imagination free rein today. You may conceive of an ingenious idea for making more money. Do not fear testing your new vision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In regard to something that has concerned you recently, conditions in general look hopeful for you today. Emphasize the positive. ©1995 by NEA Inc.



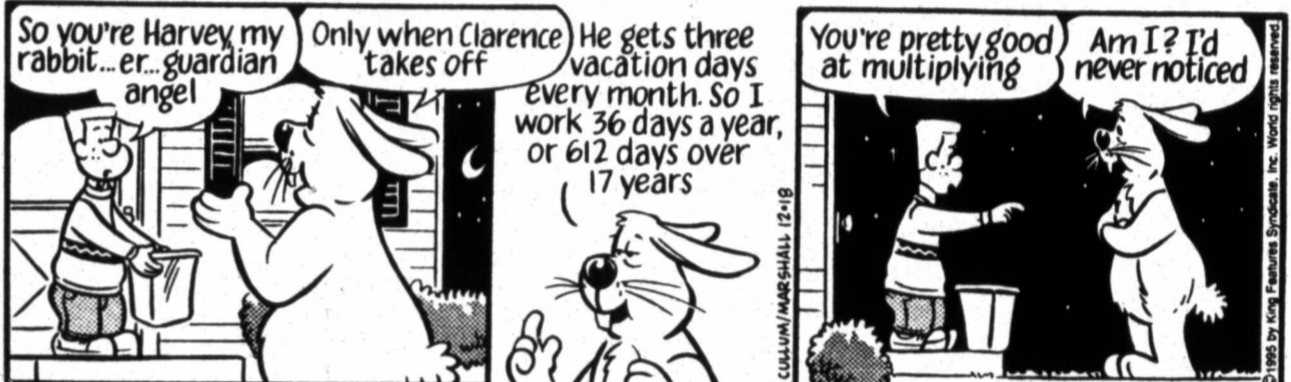
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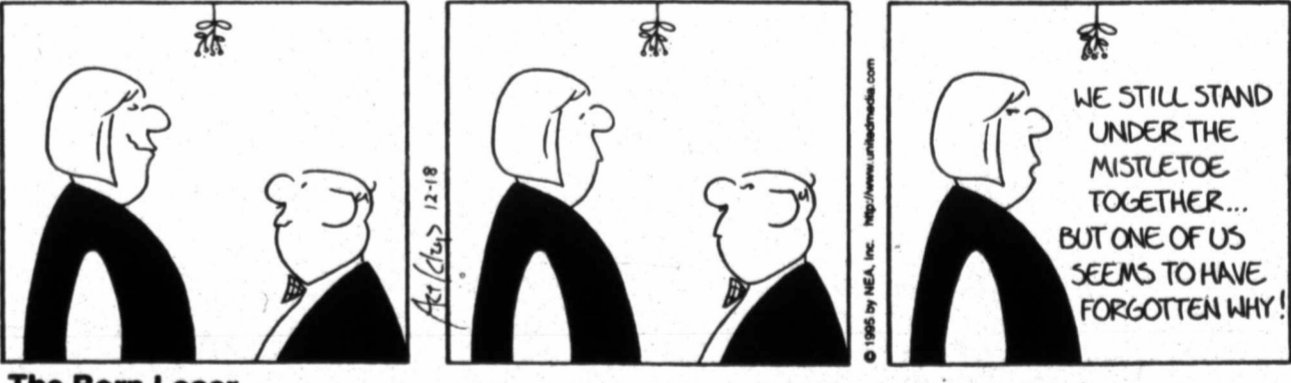
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"Would you like to hear the top ten list of things I want this year?"



"See? You are a dog!"

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



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BOXING

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Hector Camacho was released from jail Sunday after the fighter's girlfriend said she caused a fight between them and asked that charges against him be dropped.

Orange County sheriff's deputies charged Camacho with aggravated assault and domestic violence Saturday after witnesses told them the boxer had pushed his pregnant girlfriend, Amy Torres, 30, at his apartment. Judge Carolyn Freeman released Camacho, 33, after listening to evidence from Torres.

BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As promised, the Los Angeles Dodgers traded Jose Offerman on Sunday, sending the error-prone shortstop to the Kansas City Royals for left-handed reliever Billy Brewer.

Even before the trade, Offerman agreed to a \$900,000, one-year contract with the Royals that gives him the chance to make \$200,000 more in performance bonuses. The Dodgers recently signed free agent Greg Gagne, Kansas City's shortstop for the past three years.

SKIING

ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) — A big weekend for the Austrian women ended Sunday when Elfi Eder won the slalom and teammate Anita Wachter claimed the combined, giving their team three World Cup victories in two days.

Eder, an Olympic silver medalist, had a two-run time of 1 minute, 40.95 seconds for her second slalom victory of the season. Michaela Dorfmeister won the downhill Saturday as Austrians took the first two spots and tied for the third with American Picabo Street.

Wachter, 17th in Saturday's downhill, finished 12th in the slalom, giving her the victory in the combined event with a total time of 3:23.33.

ALTA BADIA, Italy (AP) — Austria's Hans Knaus won his first World Cup title Sunday, beating favorites Michael Von Gruenigen and Alberto Tomba in a giant slalom.

Knaus had a two-run time of 2 minutes, 34.34 seconds on the Gran Risa course. Von Gruenigen, a Swiss giant slalom specialist who won the three previous races, was 0.69 seconds back. Tomba was third, 1.37 seconds back.

Austria's Patrick Ortlieb won Saturday's downhill.

GOLF

LA QUINTA, California (AP) — Raymond Floyd and actor Michael Chiklis won the inaugural Lexus Challenge on Saturday, shooting an 8-under-par 64 for a three-stroke victory over Jim Colbert and William Devane.

Floyd, who earned \$180,000, and Chiklis had a 17-under 127 total in the 12-team best-ball event on the Citrus Course. Colbert and Devane combined for consecutive 65s.

FOOTBALL

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Montana won its first NCAA Division I-AA championship Saturday, beating Marshall 22-20 on Andy Larson's 25-yard field goal with 39 seconds left.

Dave Dickenson completed 29 of 48 passes for 281 yards and two touchdowns for the Grizzlies (13-2). He ended his career with 12,580 yards, including a record 1,500 in this year's playoffs. Marshall finished 12-3.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska tailback Lawrence Phillips, sidelined for six games after beating a former girlfriend, said he'll probably return for his senior season if he isn't projected as a first-round NFL draft pick.

Boniol's field goal lifts Cowboys by Giants

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Two months ago, the Dallas Cowboys wouldn't have considered a 21-20 win over the New York Giants worth celebrating.

On Sunday, the Cowboys acted like they had been handed a ticket to the Super Bowl.

"This win has got to carry us," said wide receiver Michael Irvin. "It's a big win. We are 11-4 and still in the driver's seat for the NFC East championship."

Deion Sanders was even less restrained, gushing, "I'm thrilled. We had to have this game."

"It just feels good to win a game," said running back Emmitt Smith. "It feels like we were 4-10."

Coach Barry Switzer, whom Sanders defended last week, made the correct call down the stretch this time, turning the game over to Chris Boniol, who is the hottest kicker in the NFL.

Troy Aikman converted three critical third-down passes and Boniol's fifth field goal of the game put the Giants away with 0:00 showing on the clock.

Dallas (11-4) can win the NFC East on

Christmas night against Arizona if Philadelphia defeats Chicago next Sunday. A loss by the Eagles would give the title to the Cowboys.

"I've been waiting for one of these kind of games," said the 167-pound Boniol. "I've always been wanting the chance to hit a game-winner. I'm glad we decided to set it up for the field goal instead of going for the touchdown."

Switzer had made two questionable calls in a 20-17 loss to Philadelphia last week on fourth-and-1 from his 29 late in the game. This time he didn't gamble.

"That was a hell of a job by that Cajun from Louisiana Tech," Switzer said. "We figured we were in his range. He's been hitting the ball good for a long time so that was the way to go. There was no sense in trying to push our luck. I wasn't taking any chances, that's why I chose to run the clock."

Aikman completed a 10-yard pass to Kevin Williams on third-and-7 from the Dallas 38, hit Michael Irvin for 11 yards on third-and-10 from the Dallas 49, and found Williams again on third-and-10 at the Giants 28.

Said Switzer: "I'm drained."

"There are a lot of smiles around the

locker room," Williams said. "I think I made the biggest catches of my life on that drive. This is the kind of win we've needed. Maybe this will turn on the light switch for a lot of things."

Dallas worked the ball to the 17, where Boniol, not bothered when the Giants called a timeout to ice him, hit the winner from 35 yards. It was his 22nd consecutive field goal.

"The timeout didn't bother me," Boniol said. "I just went to the sidelines, worked on my routine, and got a cold drink of water."

Boniol had other field goals of 27, 32, 23, and 45 yards before his big one. The five field goals tied a club record held by Roger Ruzek and Eddie Murray.

Rodney Hampton rushed for a career-high 187 yards, but the Giants still sustained their 10th loss against five wins.

"We controlled the ball but still came up short," Hampton said. "It's disappointing to play like this and lose. They embarrassed us in the first game. But they didn't do it this time."

"A win is a win the way things have been going for us the last two weeks," Aikman said. "We'll take it."

The Dallas defense got some help in the

second half as the Giants had to settle for two field goals. A holding call against full-back Charles Way negated a short touchdown run by Tyrone Wheatley. Way also dropped a sure touchdown pass in the end zone.

"That was a clean block," Way said. "There was no way I was holding. But I should have caught the pass. It touches me, because I feel responsible for us losing."

New York coach Danny Reeves said, "I didn't see the holding call, but when you lose you seem to have breaks going against you. All I know is if we get that many calls we could be sitting here 11-0."

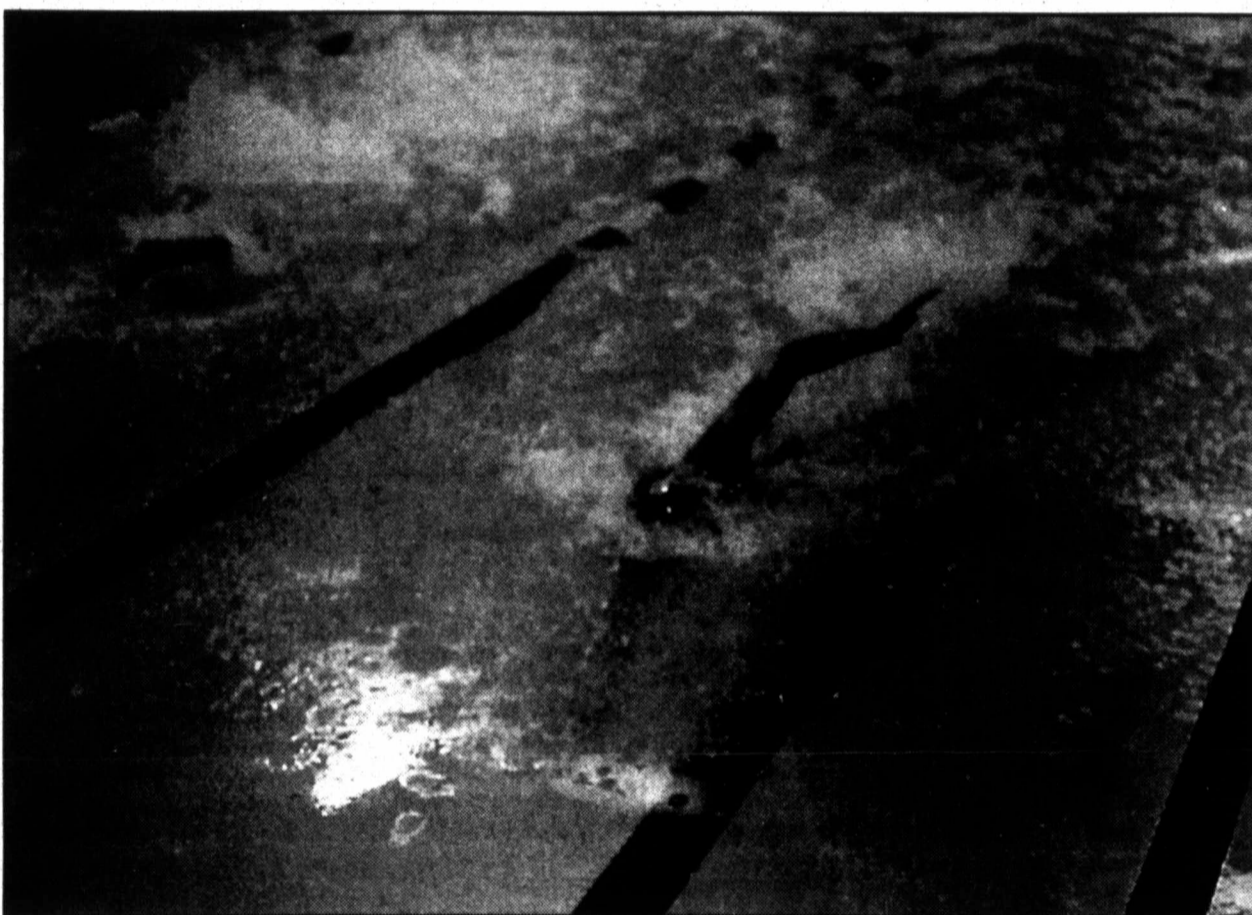
Dallas went into the game as a 15-point favorite, although it had lost in back-to-back weeks to Washington and Philadelphia. The Cowboys beat New York 35-0 in the first game of the season.

Giants quarterback Dave Brown wasn't overly impressed by the Cowboys the second time around.

Asked if he thought Dallas was a Super Bowl team, Brown replied, "I don't want to answer that. I've played, I think, all of the contenders this season. Deep down, I think I know who the winner will be."

Dallas? No answer.

Pampa swimmer



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa junior Bobby Venal, shown above competing against Amarillo Caprock last month in the 100 freestyle, holds the school record in the event with a time of 51.42. Venal will try and break his own record when the Pampa swim teams meet Del Valle of El Paso in a dual Jan. 5 in Lubbock.

Tyson scheduled to meet Bruno next for World Boxing Council crown

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bring 'em on!

That's Mike Tyson's new motto. He's tired of fighting pat-

ties. "I don't care who it is. I'm not afraid of anybody. I'll fight anywhere," Tyson said after knocking out Buster Mathis Jr. Saturday night in his second fight since getting out of prison.

He won't have to wait long. On Sunday, promoter Don King announced that Tyson is set to fight WBC champion Frank Bruno on March 16 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Unlike the Mathis fight, which was broadcast on free TV by Fox, the championship bout will be pay-per-view.

"I won't be denied," Tyson told Bruno at the announcement. "On March 16, you will be minus your championship."

After that, King said, "Mike wants to unify the world. He has dropped the gauntlet. He told me to get anyone. He's ready."

The other heavyweight championships are held by Bruce Seldon (WBA) and Francois Botha (IBF), "and as soon as he is undisputed champion, he wants Riddick Bowe," King said.

"It looks like 1996 is going to be a great year because the Tyson machine is on the move."

The Tyson machine was impressive, if just a spot rusty in the Mathis fight. With Mathis mauling and bobbing and weaving, Tyson missed many potentially dangerous left hooks and uppercuts in the first two rounds before finally decking Mathis with a pair of piston-like right hands.

Mathis hit the canvas and was counted out at 2:32 of the third round by referee Frank Cappuccino before he could lurch to his feet. In his previous fight, Tyson knocked out Peter McNeeley 89 seconds into the first round on Aug. 19 in Las Vegas, so he has fought less than four rounds since his comeback.

Tyson was to have fought Mathis on Nov. 4 in Las Vegas, but that fight was postponed because Tyson injured his right thumb. Asked how it felt after the fight, he said, "Sore, pretty sore."

Next, Tyson will face a man in Bruno whom he knocked out in the fifth round on Feb. 25, 1989, while he was still undisputed heavyweight champion. Now, Bruno is the champion.

"I'm 210 percent better than I was," Bruno said. "Mike Tyson does not look right. He looks very

rusty. I'm a totally different person since I fought Mike Tyson. I haven't been in prison three years. I've been working."

Tyson, of course, disagreed with Bruno's assessment.

"The first fight was just to feel the atmosphere of being back in the ring. But this fight, my faculties were there, my timing was there, my confidence was there," Tyson said. "I could have gone all night."

So, what about all those missed punches?

"There was a reason why I missed the left hook. I kind of lulabied him. I put him to sleep believing I was going to do that. But what did I knock him out with? The right hand," Tyson said.

"It was all a plot. It was a setup, just like this society is a setup."

Should Tyson win back a portion of the title, there was no indication who would follow next, Seldon or Botha. And Tyson wasn't about to speculate on who would be the toughest.

"You never know. I might fight this one guy, and everyone might think he's the toughest of the three and he might get knocked out in 30 seconds," Tyson said. "I might fight the guy who everyone thinks is the weakest of the three and he might go for 12."

Oilers win final game in Astrodome

HOUSTON (AP) — A game that was supposed to be memorable turned out to be forgettable.

What likely will be the final NFL game played in the Astrodome was low voltage for excitement. Steve McNair made his first NFL start and threw a 35-yard touchdown pass, leading the Houston Oilers to a drab 23-6 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday.

McNair's touchdown pass to Haywood Jeffries with 38 seconds left in the first quarter and a 53-yard pass play to Chris Sanders in the fourth quarter that set up a touchdown drew cheers from a crowd of 35,872.

But they booed several times at the Oilers' conservative game plan in the defense-dominated game, and during a quiet moment a fan yelled, "See you later Bud,"

to owner Bud Adams. The crowd clapped.

Al Del Greco kicked field goals of 49, 53 and 24 yards as the Oilers (6-9) played what likely was their final game in the Astrodome before moving to Tennessee. The Oilers' lease runs through the 1997 season, but Adams is expected to buy out the remaining portion and complete the move to Tennessee next season.

McLean girls nip Silverton, 62-58

SILVERTON — Heather Hess poured in 30 points as McLean slipped by Silverton, 62-58, in girls' basketball action Friday night.

Rachel Galley added 15 points for the Tigerettes.

Silverton jumped out to an 9-point lead (22-13) at the end of the first quarter, but McLean rallied to tie the score at 32-all at halftime. The Tigerettes led by two (43-41) going into the fourth quarter.

Johnson led Silverton with 16 points, followed by Bomar with 12.

Silverton defeated McLean, 71-54, in the boys' game.

Cherry had 17 points and Wyatt 16 to place Silverton in scoring.

Jeremy Crutcher paced McLean with 18 points. Monty Joiner and Blake Crockett added

10 points each.

McLean's next action is Jan. 2 at Hedley.

Pampa 40, WT High 33 (G)

STINNETT — West Texas High downed Pampa, 40-33, Saturday night in a non-district girls' basketball game.

Jody Avent led West Texas High in scoring with 15 points while Kim Locke and Lacey Christian added 8 each.

Jennifer Jones was high scorer with 16 points, followed by Tina Dwight with 5.

Pampa led at halftime, 22-15. Pampa is now 7-5 on the season while West Texas High is 10-1.

The Lady Harvesters host White Deer at 7:30 Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Slaton Tournament Dec. 28-30.

Raptors hand Shaq, Magic their worst loss of season

By The Associated Press

we usually do."

What more could the crowd of 25,820 at SkyDome had asked for than getting to see Shaquille O'Neal's first start of the season? How about the Toronto Raptors knocking off Shaq and his Orlando Magic teammates?

The NBA expansion team handed the Magic, the owners of the league's second-best record, their worst loss of the season, 110-93 Sunday night in front of the second-biggest crowd of the season.

"They usually close it down and pour it on in the late going," said Damon Stoudamire, who had 21 points and 10 assists for the Raptors. "But I thought we really took away their game and didn't give them the chance to get back in it."

Don't blame O'Neal for that. In his first start and second appearance since injuring his hand in an exhibition game, O'Neal had 32 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks in 35 minutes.

"He still has a long way to go, but we felt like we needed him tonight," Magic coach Brian Hill said.

In other NBA games Sunday night, it was: Philadelphia 101, Minnesota 99; Milwaukee 82, Indiana 80; Cleveland 94, Denver 79, and Washington 112, Portland 100.

O'Neal had no excuses after the Magic trailed 63-43 at halftime and were outscored 39-19 at the foul line.

"These guys played harder tonight," O'Neal said. "We didn't play well. We'll have to learn from our mistakes and get ready for our next game."

Oliver Miller, one of six Raptors in double figures with 16 points, took the team's eighth victory of the season in stride.

"We did some dumb things tonight," he said. "We just didn't do as many dumb things as

76ers 101, Timberwolves 99

Vernon Maxwell scored 30 points in Philadelphia's first road victory of the season. Clarence Weatherspoon matched his season-high with 22 points for the 76ers, who had lost 11 straight road games over two seasons. Christian Laettner, who had 23 points, and J.R. Rider missed 3-pointers for the Timberwolves in the final seconds. Sixers center Sharone Wright strained his right hamstring in the first quarter and never returned.

Bucks 84, Pacers 80

Reserves Lee Mayberry and Terry Cummings had 16 and 15 points, respectively, as Milwaukee snapped a three-game losing streak and atoned for a 17-point loss at Indianapolis two nights earlier. Reggie Miller had 17 points and Mark Jackson added 16 for Indiana, which had a four-game winning streak snapped. The visiting Pacers were within 79-76 with 44 seconds left, but Johnny Newman hit three of four free throws in the final 6.7 seconds.

Cavaliers 92, Nuggets 79

Terrell Brandon and Dan Majerle each scored 20 points as the Cavaliers won their third straight and evened their record at 11-11 after starting the season with seven consecutive losses. The Nuggets, finishing a 2-3 road trip, had just eight players available. Don MacLean led Denver with 26 points.

Bullets 112, Trail Blazers 100

Calbert Cheaney scored 18 of his season-high 25 points in the first half as Washington won its fourth straight. George Muresan had 18 points, 17 rebounds and four blocks for the visiting Bullets, who led by at least 12 points throughout the fourth quarter. Clifford Robinson had 24 points for the Blazers, while Rod Strickland had 18 points and 13 assists.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

| W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|
| x-Buffalo | 10 | 5 | 0.667 | 333 | 307 |
| Indianapolis | 8 | 7 | 0.533 | 321 | 309 |
| Miami | 8 | 7 | 0.533 | 357 | 310 |
| New England | 9 | 6 | 0.400 | 287 | 367 |
| N.Y. Jets | 3 | 12 | 0.200 | 233 | 372 |

Central

| W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|
| x-Pittsburgh | 11 | 4 | 0.733 | 388 | 303 |
| Cincinnati | 6 | 9 | 0.400 | 322 | 350 |
| Houston | 6 | 9 | 0.400 | 320 | 307 |
| Cleveland | 5 | 10 | 0.333 | 268 | 332 |
| Jacksonville | 3 | 12 | 0.200 | 251 | 383 |

West

| W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|---------------|----|---|-------|-----|-----|
| x-Kansas City | 12 | 3 | 0.800 | 332 | 238 |
| Oakland | 8 | 7 | 0.533 | 320 | 301 |
| San Diego | 8 | 7 | 0.533 | 294 | 306 |
| Seattle | 8 | 7 | 0.533 | 350 | 340 |
| Denver | 7 | 8 | 0.467 | 357 | 317 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

| W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|----------------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|
| y-Dallas | 11 | 4 | 0.733 | 398 | 278 |
| y-Philadelphia | 10 | 5 | 0.667 | 304 | 318 |
| N.Y. Giants | 5 | 10 | 0.333 | 273 | 313 |
| Washington | 5 | 10 | 0.333 | 306 | 342 |
| Arizona | 4 | 11 | 0.267 | 262 | 385 |

Central

| W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|-------------|----|---|-------|-----|-----|
| y-Green Bay | 10 | 5 | 0.667 | 380 | 295 |
| Detroit | 9 | 6 | 0.600 | 399 | 326 |
| Minnesota | 8 | 6 | 0.571 | 358 | 321 |
| Chicago | 8 | 7 | 0.533 | 372 | 346 |
| Tampa Bay | 7 | 8 | 0.467 | 228 | 298 |

West

| W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|-----------------|----|---|-------|-----|-----|
| x-San Francisco | 10 | 4 | 0.714 | 393 | 200 |
| Atlanta | 8 | 7 | 0.533 | 334 | 322 |
| St. Louis | 7 | 8 | 0.467 | 287 | 377 |
| Carolina | 7 | 8 | 0.467 | 272 | 305 |
| New Orleans | 6 | 9 | 0.400 | 307 | 348 |

x-clinched division title; y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh 41, New England 27
Green Bay 34, New Orleans 23

Sunday's Games

Detroit 44, Jacksonville 0
Buffalo 23, Miami 20

Monday's Games

San Diego at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Friday's Games

San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Saturday's Games

New Orleans at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Carolina at Washington, 4 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4 p.m.

Monday's Games

Miami at St. Louis, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Regular Season

Texas High School Championship Pairings

Class 5A, Division I
State Championship
Converse Judson 31, Odessa Permian 28

Class 5A, Division II
State Championship
Flower Mound Marcus (15-0) vs. San Antonio Roosevelt (15-0), Noon Saturday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

Class 4A
State Championship
Denison (15-0) vs. La Marque (15-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome, Houston

Class 3A
State Championship
Commerce (13-1) vs. Sealy (15-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Class 2A
State Championship
Celina (14-1) vs. Alto (15-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|--------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Orlando | 18 | 6 | .750 | — |
| New York | 17 | 6 | .739 | 1/2 |
| Miami | 12 | 9 | .571 | 4 1/2 |
| Boston | 11 | 10 | .524 | 5 1/2 |
| Washington | 11 | 10 | .524 | 5 1/2 |
| New Jersey | 9 | 11 | .455 | 7 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 17 | .190 | 12 1/2 |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|-----------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Chicago | 19 | 2 | .905 | — |
| Indiana | 11 | 10 | .524 | 8 |
| Cleveland | 11 | 11 | .500 | 8 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 11 | 12 | .478 | 9 |
| Charlotte | 11 | 13 | .458 | 9 1/2 |
| Detroit | 9 | 13 | .409 | 10 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 7 | 13 | .350 | 11 1/2 |
| Toronto | 8 | 17 | .320 | 13 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|-------------|----|-----|------|-------|
| Houston | 17 | 6 | .739 | — |
| Utah | 15 | 7 | .682 | 1 1/2 |
| San Antonio | 13 | 7 | .650 | 2 1/2 |
| Denver | 10 | 12 | .455 | 6 1/2 |
| Dallas | 7 | 14 | .333 | 9 |
| Minnesota | 6 | 14 | .300 | 9 1/2 |
| Vancouver | 3 | 20 | .130 | 14 |

Pacific Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|---------------|----|-----|------|-------|
| Seattle | 15 | 7 | .682 | — |
| Sacramento | 14 | 7 | .667 | 1/2 |
| L.A. Lakers | 12 | 12 | .500 | 4 |
| Portland | 11 | 11 | .500 | 4 |
| Phoenix | 9 | 11 | .455 | 5 |
| Golden State | 8 | 14 | .364 | 7 |
| L.A. Clippers | 8 | 15 | .348 | 7 1/2 |

Saturday's Games

New York 86, Detroit 82
Utah 83, Miami 74

Atlanta 95, Denver 86
Chicago 108, L.A. Lakers 88

Phoenix 111, Dallas 108, OT
San Antonio 102, Sacramento 106

Golden State 116, Vancouver 85
Charlotte 109, L.A. Clippers 99

Sunday's Games

Toronto 110, Orlando 93
Philadelphia 101, Minnesota 99

Milwaukee 84, Indiana 80
Cleveland 92, Denver 79

Washington 112, Portland 100
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 8 p.m.

Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Portland at San Antonio, 10:30 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

The Top Twenty Five

By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

| Rank | Team | Record | Pts | Prv |
|------|----------------------|--------|-------|-----|
| 1 | Kansas (57) | 6-0 | 1,617 | 1 |
| 2 | Massachusetts (09-0) | 1,558 | 3 | |
| 3 | Arizona | 8-0 | 1,430 | 4 |
| 4 | Kentucky | 5-1 | 1,418 | 5 |
| 5 | Memphis | 5-0 | 1,252 | 6 |
| 6 | Georgetown | 7-1 | 1,240 | 7 |
| 7 | Villanova | 7-1 | 1,196 | 2 |
| 8 | Connecticut | 7-1 | 1,175 | 8 |
| 9 | Cincinnati | 6-0 | 1,111 | 12 |
| 10 | Iowa | 8-1 | 1,036 | 9 |
| 11 | North Carolina | 7-1 | 1,031 | 10 |
| 12 | Wake Forest | 4-1 | 918 | 11 |
| 13 | Utah | 6-1 | 848 | 13 |
| 14 | Illinois | 7-0 | 722 | 16 |
| 15 | Missouri | 6-1 | 689 | 14 |
| 16 | Mississippi St. | 5-1 | 571 | 15 |
| 17 | Michigan | 8-2 | 539 | 18 |
| 18 | Georgia | 6-1 | 469 | — |
| 19 | Syracuse | 8-0 | 350 | 25 |

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

By The Associated Press

Other receiving votes: UCLA 117, Marquette 57, Stanford 52, Tulsa 44, Vanderbilt 41, Boston College 39, Arkansas State 33, Miami, Ohio 29, New Mexico 28, Santa Clara 21, Auburn 18, Ohio St. 18, Ark.-Little Rock 14, Iowa St. 13, Penn St. 6, Oklahoma St. 5, Purdue 5, Clemson 4, LSU 3, Southern Cal 3, Alabama 2, Evansville 2, W. Kentucky 2, Towson St. 1.

Saturday's Major College Scores

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American U. 89, Howard U. 49
Colgate 75, Cornell 70
Duquesne 79, Robert Morris 72
Maine 70, Youngstown St. 54
Manhattan 61, Fordham 58
Marist 86, Northeastern 65
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 83, Loyola, Md. 73
Rhode Island 68, Va. Commonwealth 63
St. Peter's 79, Md.-Baltimore County 58
Syracuse 72, Coll. of Charleston 61
Towson St. 105, Washington, Md. 86
Wagner 80, Rutgers 78
West Virginia 94, Ohio U. 69

SOUTH

Alabama 100, Mercer 73
Austin Peay 100, Cumberland, Tenn. 70
Campbell 74, N.C.-Wilmington 52
Clemson 76, Furman 61
Davidson 96, Fairleigh Dickinson 56
Fla. International 92, Liberty 89
Florida A&M 47, Georgia Southern 43
Florida St. 74, Florida 52
George Mason 73, Virginia Tech 110
Georgia 85, Virginia Tech 72
Georgia Tech 88, Louisville 77
Jackson St. 90, SE Louisiana 79
Jacksonville 65, South Alabama 53
Jacksonville St. 102, Miss. Valley St. 94
Kentucky 96, Morehead St. 32
LSU 93, Tenn.-Martin 74
Louisiana Tech 90, Centenary 77
McNeese St. 74, Lamar 72
Memphis 57, Tennessee 55
Miami 81, Winthrop 56
Mississippi St. 72, Southern Miss. 69, OT
North Carolina 88, Samford 60
N.C.-Asheville 68, Samford 60
New Orleans 69, Middle Tenn. 67
North Carolina 92, Dartmouth 66
Radford 87, Catholic U. 59
S. Carolina St. 61, Charleston Southern 57
South Florida 56, Florida Atlantic 55
Stetson 85, West Florida 65
Tennessee Tech 93, Lambuth 62
Troy St. 110, Alabama St. 93
W. Carolina 68, Presbyterian 64

MIDWEST

Ball State 78, Drake 75
Bowling Green 88, James Madison 72
Bradley 71, W. Illinois 54
California 70, Minnesota 67
Cincinnati 70, Temple 49
Creighton 63, Morgan St. 56
Dayton 68, Cleveland St. 60
DePaul 71, Northwestern 61
Detroit 65, W. Michigan 50
Evansville 58, North Texas 54
Illinois 81, Ill.-Chicago 73
Indiana St. 70, E. Illinois 54
Iowa 110, Texas Southern 67
Kansas 91, Indiana 83

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes—Pampa

Team Won Lost
Sadie Hawkins Store 36 16
Mr. Gatt's 33 19
Hershey Squirts 31 20
Team Three 23 29
The Pampa News 22 20
Team Four 20 31
Team No More 15 37

Week's High Scores

Men
High game: J.T. Lamberson 278; High series: J.T. Lamberson 769; High handicap game: J.T. Lamberson 278; High handicap series: J.T. Lamberson 769.

Women

High game: Joy Davis 229; High series: Jacki Lamberson 612; High handicap game: Jo Day, 259; High handicap series: Jacki Lamberson 699.

Record-setting Kentucky rolls past Morehead State

By The Associated Press

Kentucky set one school record, tied another and generally had its way with Morehead State.

The fourth-ranked Wildcats (5-1) were devastating on defense Saturday night in a 96-32 victory over their intrastate rival, tying the school record with 16 blocked shots and setting the mark for opponent's shooting percentage as the Eagles (3-4) were 9-of-65 from the field (14 percent).

"Anything that happened happened because of Kentucky," Morehead State coach Dick Fick said after his team's third straight loss.

Kentucky, which led 50-14 at halftime, scored 38 points off 26 turnovers.

"It's tough to hold any team to 14 percent," said Kentucky forward Antoine Walker who had 22 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks. "Even if the other team was a Division II opponent, it would be tough."

Morehead State entered the game ranked seventh nationally in scoring with 94 points a game. It was ranked second in 3-point field goals with 12.5 a game, but finished 4-of-17 from beyond the arc.

"We had great defensive intensity and great discipline," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said. "Sometimes you tend to play to the crowd when you have a big lead, but we did not do that on the defensive end."

Kentucky had a 62-35 rebound advantage and had 11 dunks. "Everybody stuck together and played tough the entire game," Kentucky forward Ron Mercer said. "It is hard to play intense (for an entire game), but we were able to do that."

In other games involving Top Ten teams Saturday, it was: No. 1 Kansas 91, Indiana 83; No. 3 Arizona 90, Texas-El Paso 70; No. 5 Memphis 57, Tennessee 56; No. 9 Cincinnati 70, Temple 49; and No. 10 Iowa 110, Texas Southern 67.

Other ranked scores were: No. 11 North Carolina 96, Dartmouth 66; No. 14 Illinois 81, Illinois-Chicago 73; No. 15 Missouri 73, Arkansas State 63; No. 16 Mississippi State 72, Southern Mississippi 69; No. 17 Michigan 80, Washington 59; No. 18 Georgia 85, No. 22 Virginia Tech 72; No. 19 Syracuse 72, College of Charleston 61; No. 21 Georgia Tech 88, No. 25 Louisville 77; and No. 24 California 70, Minnesota 67.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

In the only game involving a team that fell from the rankings, Marquette beat then-No. 22 Santa Clara 78-49.

No. 1 Kansas 91, Indiana 83

Paul Pierce had 21 points and Jerod Haase added 19 for the Jayhawks (6-0), who led 66-47 with 17:07 to play. Brian Evans had 26 points for the Hoosiers (4-4), whose losses have all been to ranked teams. The game was played at Kansas City's Kemper Arena.

No. 3 Arizona 90, UTEP 70

Reggie Geary scored a career-high 21 points and handed out seven assists as the Wildcats (8-0) pulled away midway through the second half. Carl Davis led the visiting Miners (5-1) with 20 points.

No. 5 Memphis 57, Tennessee 55

Mingo Johnson scored 13 of the Tigers' first 15 points in the second half as they rallied from a 30-26 halftime deficit. Johnson finished with 20 points for the Tigers (5-0), who shot 36 percent. Steve Hamer had 17 points to lead the visiting Volunteers (3-3), who had several chances to tie the game in the final two minutes.

No. 9 Cincinnati 70, Temple 49

Danny Fortson scored 19 of his 23 points in the second half and the Bearcats (6-0) closed the game at Cleveland's Gund Arena with a 21-4 run. The Owls (2-4), who upset second-ranked Villanova three days earlier, managed only two tip-ins over the last six minutes, both by Marc Jackson, who finished with 13 points

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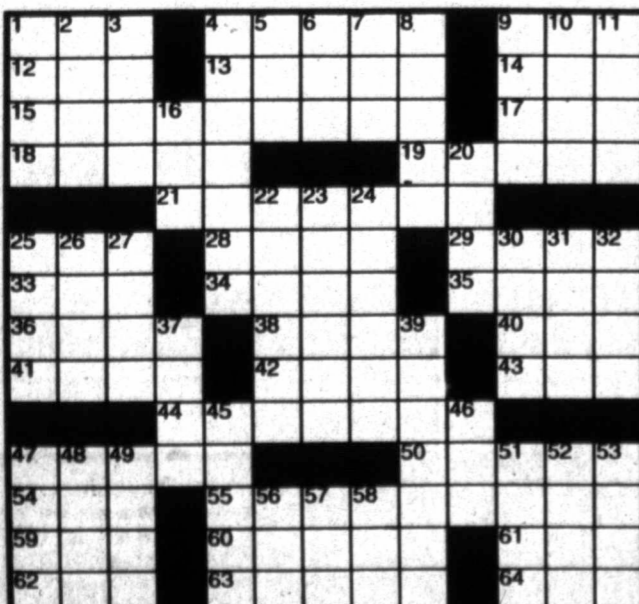
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Currency theft leaves red faces at Bureau of Engraving and Printing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The money is still green at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but the faces are red at the agency that prides itself on producing the world's most coveted currency.

Twice in the past month, batches of newly printed bills have gone missing — a total of \$60,000. The Secret Service is investigating, and if there are any suspects, no one is saying publicly.

Officials at the bureau, where round-the-clock surveillance cameras are on the lookout for anything unusual, are stung by the apparent thievery.

"It's a breach of faith. It's the worst thing we can think of," said one official who requested anonymity.

The bureau stresses the importance of security during tours of its printing facility, which attracts

more than 600,000 visitors each year. The building, less than a mile from the White House, has a fortress-like aura, at least from the inside.

It is heavily guarded by the bureau's own uniformed guards. Visitors view the printing process from a narrow, elevated walkway separated by glass partitions from the workers and machines below.

In each 24-hour day, the agency produces 8,000 sheets of U.S. currency, 32 bills to the sheet. That comes to about \$110 billion a year in greenbacks that around the globe are considered as good as gold.

The government proudly announced in September that it was launching the first overhaul of its currency in 70 years, adding security features to thwart counterfeiters. The makeover starts

with the \$100 bill, but the green and black colors will remain.

It takes only a relative handful of employees to produce the vast quantity of money, with most of the work done by machines.

To the casual observer, it is hard to imagine how anyone could make off with piles of bills when their every movement is carefully controlled and scrutinized.

But the latest cases of missing money are hardly the first — or worst — theft for the 133-year-old bureau.

In March, Robert P. Schmitt Jr., a \$66,000-a-year engineer, was sentenced to 27 months in prison for stealing \$1.6 million from the plant. Accorded security clearance, Schmitt was helping supervise production of trial bills in a test to improve anti-counterfeiting measures.

He admitted taking thousands of crisp \$100 bills from a vault, stashing them in his briefcase and walking past the guards as he left work one day in the spring of 1994.

Since then, the bureau has tightened security procedures — which are periodically monitored by the Secret Service.

Federal investigators were tipped off about Schmitt by banks where he deposited the cash.

During a recent tour of the bureau's printing plant, officials explained how money is produced in stages. The sheets are printed, back side first, and then inspected by hand for defects.

A vibrating machine, dubbed the shake-and-bake table, separates the sheets. Then government seals and serial numbers

are added, the bills are cut and bundled into packages of 1,000 apiece.

Despite the rapid-fire printing process, it takes eight days to produce a finished greenback because there must be enough time for the ink to dry.

A video presentation that helps describe the printing process for visitors points out there is high-tech electronic surveillance throughout the building and a full security check for each employee.

The bills are official currency when they leave the processing floor at the bureau, although they're not ready for circulation until the regional Federal Reserve banks receive them and record them in their books.

The bills are stored in vaults at the bureau until they are taken to loading docks and shipped in

armored vehicles to the Fed banks.

As for the latest cases of missing money, employees discovered shortages while preparing cash shipments.

The Treasury Department, the bureau's parent agency, disclosed Dec. 11 that \$20,000 was missing, less than four weeks after it reported \$40,000 was gone. Officials refused to say if they believe the two incidents are linked.

But Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said he wanted some answers. The bureau and the Secret Service were told to report on their progress and explain the steps they're taking to protect the money.

The apparent thefts "are of great concern to me," Rubin said in a terse memo to the subordinate agencies.

World briefs

Haiti holds presidential elections

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Reluctant to let their leader, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, leave office, many Haitians sent a message to the international community by refusing to vote in presidential elections.

Sunday's election to replace Aristide was touted by U.S. officials as the first peaceful transition of power from one popularly elected leader to another since Haiti's independence from France in 1804.

But independent monitors estimated voter turnout at only 30 percent — less than one-third of the turnout in 1990 balloting that brought Aristide to the presidency.

Aristide didn't help matters, observers noted, by hinting he would like to extend his term by the three years he lost in exile after being overthrown by the army in 1991. By law, he cannot seek a consecutive term.

"If Aristide had been on the ballot, a lot more people probably would have voted," said Monte Achenback of the National Democratic Institute, a U.S. elections organization associated with the U.S. Democratic Party.

Video of Rabin assassination sold for \$390,000

JERUSALEM (AP) — An amateur video showing the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin has been sold to Israel TV's Channel Two and the Yediot Ahronot daily for \$390,000, Israel radio said.

Ori Chelouche, Channel Two's deputy general manager, confirmed the sale but would not say how much the station paid for the tape that shows gunman Yigal Amir shooting Rabin at pointblank range on Nov. 4.

The eight-minute tape was to be broadcast Tuesday evening, Chelouche told The Associated Press.

Chelouche said the foreign rights would be sold to the highest bidder.

Bosnian Serbs reluctantly ratify Balkans peace plan

MOUNT JAHORINA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serb leaders have conditionally ratified a Balkans peace plan, despite qualms about giving up territory to their former enemies.

Meeting in Mount Jahorina, above Sarajevo, the Bosnian Serb assembly formally accepted the deployment of U.S.-led NATO peace enforcers to Bosnian Serb territory.

"We do not consider the Americans our enemies," Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic told reporters Sunday.

Belgrade TV reported that the Serb-controlled Yugoslav army reduced its state of alert and ordered its troops to return to their barracks from the Bosnian and Croatian borders.

The Bosnian Serbs issued a 10-point list of objections to the Dayton peace accord. But it was largely symbolic — an attempt to save face with their people.

"Dayton represents an overall defeat of the Serbs," Karadzic said. "(But) we have to be brave and go on with the building of our state."

Deputies demanded that an international tribunal revoke war crimes indictments against their leaders, whose actions during 3 1/2 years of war they defended as "the struggle of the leadership for its own people."

Band hall open house



Suzzie Hubble, left, visits with Glyndol Holland, superintendent of Wheeler Independent School District, during Thursday night's open house at the new Wheeler band hall. Finished this fall, band director Buzz Dirickson moved his band into the facility in October.

'Time' magazine names House Speaker, Newt Gingrich, 1995 Man of the Year

WASHINGTON (AP) — *Time's* 1995 Man of the Year is House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who the magazine says changed the nation's political center of gravity by leading the Republican effort to remake the federal government.

"Not so long ago, the idea of a balanced budget was a marginal, we'll-get-to-it-someday priority," the magazine said in its year-end issue on news stands today.

"Today, because of Newt Gingrich, the question is not whether a balanced-budget plan will come to pass, but when."

"From Franklin Roosevelt onward, Americans came to accept the federal government as the solution to problems. ... Newt Gingrich wants to reverse the physics," the magazine said.

Yet, less than a year after he orchestrated Republicans' first takeover of Congress in 40 years, Gingrich also "has become the greatest liability to the revolution he launched," the magazine said.

Under an ethics cloud for the dealings of a political action committee he once headed, Gingrich is viewed as too abrasive and uncar-

ing by many Americans, the magazine said.

His approval ratings have sunk steadily over the past few months, and members of his own party often have moaned at his remarks.

In a *Time* interview, Gingrich said he failed to adjust quickly to his new role as speaker. "I keep forgetting that all the ground rules have changed," he said. "I have consistently, all year, said things that made no sense for the speaker of the House."

In a statement released Sunday, Gingrich thanked his colleagues. "*Time* should have honored the 'Team of the Year' — the Republican governors, the Republicans in the House and Senate and Republicans across the country who have made this revolution possible," he said.

A *Time* poll in today's issue indicates 72 percent of Americans believe Gingrich is intelligent and 47 percent think he has vision for the future.

But 63 percent say he is too extreme in his views, 56 percent say they personally don't like him and an overwhelming 80

percent say they do not want a "President Gingrich."

Even some of Gingrich's Marietta, Ga., constituents weren't happy about his selection as *Time's* man of the year.

"He is socially insensitive," said Harry Crawford, who described himself as a conservative Republican. "He is very intelligent man. But you don't have to attack people to get your point across."

"I'd like to tell Newt Gingrich to climb on his own ego and jump off," added Crawford's wife, Cathy.

But Frances Clower said Gingrich was a good choice for *Time* magazine because "he stirs things up" and forces people to make choices.

Republicans have not yet succeeded at pushing through a balanced budget, stymied by President Clinton's and congressional Democrats' attacks on GOP proposals for Medicare changes.

The magazine, forecasting a year of battles between Republicans and Democrats before next fall's elections, said Gingrich's ability or failure to change his image and chip away at Clinton's support would be key to who wins.

Report: O.J. sends 'Merry Christmas' video to jurors

NEW YORK (AP) — O.J. Simpson delivered a videotaped greeting at a Beverly Hills bash for friends, attorneys and the jurors who acquitted him, telling them, "I hope to break bread with you soon," the *Daily News* reported today.

About a dozen blacks and one Hispanic who served as jurors or alternates were among 200 at a holiday party Saturday thrown by Simpson attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. None of the white panelists attended, the newspaper reported.

"Merry Christmas!" said Simpson, who was pic-

tured on the giant video screen with his four children at his side. "I wish I could be there with you all, but I'm home with my family. I hope to break bread with you soon."

Minutes earlier, the guests in a hotel ballroom cheered a replay of the Oct. 3 verdicts that acquitted Simpson in the June 1994 slayings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Cochran invited the jurors present onto the ballroom stage and said, "You did the right thing for justice," the newspaper reported.

Medical industry booms in South Texas

MALLEN (AP) — The once-struggling Rio Grande Valley medical industry has become an economic force because of a growing local population, sunny climate and physician recruitment.

New hospitals, expanding existing facilities and doctors flocking in from points across Texas, the United States and the world have given South Texas a boon that's helped counteract the effects of a weak Mexican peso.

"It's good for the Valley, not only for the jobs created, but for the quality of jobs," said Randy McLelland, an area banker who serves on the board of Valley Baptist Medical Center. "The increase in the number and quality of these services is really just a tremendous increase in the quality of life and health care."

Recent Census Bureau statistics show that the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area was the third-fastest growing area in the

Plunge in murders laid on aging of drug gangs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The maturing of drug-trafficking gangsters is being given considerable credit for a 12 percent plunge in the number of murders during the first half of this year.

Experts also cite aggressive police efforts aimed at drug gangs, the overall aging of the baby boom generation and even a cultural change in attitudes toward violence.

The decline in murder reported Sunday by the FBI is the largest drop in at least 35 years.

It was the most dramatic change in the FBI's preliminary figures for crimes reported to police during the first six months of this year, compared to the same period of 1994.

There was a 1 percent decrease in overall reported crimes and a 5 percent drop in violent crimes alone. Those two declines were very similar to the reductions in those categories during all of 1994.

Property crime remained unchanged.

"As drug markets have matured, just like Mafia markets matured years ago, they have found ways to settle disputes without so much lethal violence," said Alfred Blumstein, a professor at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Homicides had soared in the 1980s as drug traffickers warred over turf and recruited teenagers into their gangs.

"Maturing drug markets, aging baby boomers, more arrests and prison sentences all helped, but there may well be another factor — a real cultural revolution," said Jack Levin, a professor at Northeastern University in Boston.

"I've never seen so many people willing to address the issue of violence, including the Million

Man March by black men in Washington, League of Women Voters chapters and attorneys general in every region, among others," Levin added. "They're scared to death, and their views are beginning to take hold. That's a way to resolve the problem."

The FBI counts the violent crimes of murder, rape, aggravated assault and robbery and the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft and auto theft reported to police around the nation.

Justice Department studies show that more than half of all crimes, even violent ones, are not reported to the police. Murder, however, is thought to be the most fully reported crime.

Like last year, the biggest declines came in the largest cities — those with more than 1 million residents — where overall crime declined 6 percent in the first half of this year. Suburban areas showed no change overall, and rural areas recorded a 3 percent increase in overall crime.

Rape dropped 7 percent; robbery, 10 percent; aggravated assault, 2 percent. Burglary declined 4 percent; auto theft, 5 percent. Larceny-theft showed the only increase, 3 percent.

The decline in murders was larger than any drop going back to 1960, the earliest date for which the FBI could provide statistics. During those 35 years, the next largest drop in murders was 8.4 percent in 1976.

Murders were down 17 percent in cities of a million or more, which account for more than 25 percent of the nation's murders.

New York, for instance, showed a drop from 835 murders to 574, or more than 31 percent. Chicago's homicides declined from 478 to 388, or nearly 19 percent.

Royal holiday card battle ensues

LONDON (AP) — Charles puts his sons in urns, Diana drapes them over her shoulders. What would Sigmund Freud have made of this year's royal Christmas cards?

Prince Charles surprised friends this year by sending them a card featuring him relaxing on a stone bench, while sons Prince William and Prince Henry flank him, peeping out of enormous garden urns.

Sunday newspapers published Princess Diana's cards — and noted the contrast. The soft-focus portrait features a beaming mother and two adoring sons leaning on each shoulder.

"Diana's is a warm family portrait of a beautiful mother and her two sons. Charles' is a carbuncle among Christmas cards," editorialized the *News of the*

World. "In whose hands would you place the future of the House of Windsor?"

Diana has suggested that her estranged husband Charles may never be ready to inherit the throne from his mother Queen Elizabeth, fueling speculation she will lead a campaign to place Prince William on the throne ahead of his father.

The Diana photograph emphasizes William — he is in sharpest focus — and psychologist Jane Firbank told the *Sunday Mirror* that was significant.

"Diana is saying to us, 'Look at this boy. He is important. This is your future king,'" she said.

Newspapers quoted royal insiders as saying the relaxed look in both cards reflected the couple's increasing ease with their new lifestyles.

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