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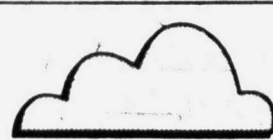
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## Good Evening!

### AREA

**MIAMI** — The contract of Miami school Superintendent Allan Dinsmore has been renewed for another two years.

The board of trustees of the Miami Independent School District Monday night renewed the contract at the same \$57,000 annual salary.

The board also voted to change its property casualty and general liability insurance from a local insurance carrier to a plan offered by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Dinsmore said the TASB plan costs the same — \$13,139 per year — but has more benefits. For example, the new insurance provides for 100 percent replacement, whereas the old insurance policy allowed for only 80 percent replacement value.

Board members also heard that effective Jan. 1, 1996, school bus drivers will be required by federal law to undergo random tests for drug and alcohol abuse.

Dinsmore said that school districts with fewer than 50 bus drivers have until next year to implement the drug testing program. Districts with 50 or more drivers had to start the program this year. There are 15 qualified bus drivers in the Miami district.

**PAMPA** — How to finance supplies for mass care and sheltering after a disaster will be discussed Wednesday at a meeting of the Community Awareness and Emergency Response Committee of the Pampa Office of Emergency Management.

The committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. in M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Coordinator Ken Hall said there are some cots and blankets available in the city, but more are needed.

"There are probably 40 or 50 cots in the M.K. Brown Auditorium, and the Red Cross and National Guard probably would share what they have, but we need more," Hall said. "We have no funds available for these supplies, so one of the things we will be talking about is how to finance them."

### NATIONAL

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP) — A mountain lion that's been roaming the suburbs for about a week was spotted padding across a city golf course this morning.

"It was just in a cleared area there and he just trotted off into a wooded area," Police Cpl. Robert Hill said.

A veterinarian told police said that since the cat is probably domesticated, it likely would be a danger only if injured or unable to hunt. Still, police formed a barrier between the Cobbs Creek Golf Course area and the nearest schools, Sgt. William Royer said.

"There's plenty of deer in those woods up there, and small game. I don't think it's hungry, no, it didn't look like it was hungry," Royer said, relying on reports from officers. "It was scared."

The sighting sent police springing into action. Four patrol cars were searching the residential neighborhood in west Philadelphia, and a zoo official was on call in case officers isolated the animal.

The mountain lion wearing a collar and chain eluded tracking dogs, animal control officers, a helicopter and two suburban police forces Friday.

Police believe the lion is a pet but no one has come forward to report it missing. State game officials say no one in Philadelphia or Delaware County has a permit to keep a cougar as a pet.

## Airlines asked to conduct safety reviews

WASHINGTON (AP) — Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, citing "a new sense of urgency," called on the nation's airlines to review their safety procedures today and promised government help in making improvements.

Pena spoke at the conclusion of a two-day aviation safety conference he convened after a series of crashes that claimed 264 lives last year. That toll shocked an industry that had gone more than two years without a passenger death on a major carrier.

"We must commit ourselves to a new sense of urgency ... to quickly turn words into action," Pena told more than 1,000 aviation industry officials.

Pena urged the airlines to each

establish an independent safety office reporting to top management and to develop improved safety assurance programs for their operations. He asked each airline, "individually, within 30 days commit to a timetable for an internal safety audit."

In return, Pena said, "the government within 30 days will submit a detailed plan with deadlines to move forward with the items raised at this conference."

He said the government will speed up the development of improved safety technology and accelerate its regulation process for tightening safety standards for all airlines.

A series of workshops at the conference developed more than 500

safety issues for discussion, Pena said.

Among those were calls for use of improved technology to detect dangerous ice accumulations on aircraft.

"Right now we look at the wings. There are still a lot of pilots looking at the windshield wipers," Bill Cotton of the Air Transport Association told the meeting.

He called for installation of automated systems using lights, bells or some other method to warn pilots of dangerous ice accumulations on their aircraft.

Ice buildup on wings is suspected in the fatal Indiana crash last year that led to a ban on the use of ATR aircraft in icy conditions.

Cotton was chairman of a work-

shop on the use of new technologies in aviation safety. His panel also suggested establishing centralized de-icing facilities at airports to handle planes as they prepare to take off, research into ice-rejecting coatings for aircraft and automatic de-icing systems for planes.

An earlier panel had called for improved crew training, including finding ways to overcome the problem of crew fatigue.

The issue of crew fatigue must be included in training and ways to combat it must be understood, said Tom Mallory of the Air Transport Association, chairman of a panel on crew training.

After an opening session on Monday, the conference broke up

into a series of private workshops that began reporting their findings today.

Other recommendations included:

- Set new minimum standards for mechanic training, including tightened maintenance and inspection procedures.
- Eliminate maintenance delays from the airlines' on-time performance reports to reduce the pressure to cut corners.
- Require commercial pilots to pass a spoken English test.
- Require flight simulators to be the primary method of pilot training.
- Develop a lexicon of standard terms to help improve communications between pilots and air traffic controllers.

## Fishing weather



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Taking advantage of the mild winter weather, J.R. Moore waits for fish to start biting on a cool Tuesday morning at City Lake. Moore started fishing at City Lake in Recreation Park several weeks ago and said he has caught a couple of nice trout.

## Amarillo man denies sexually assaulting young granddaughter

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
 News Editor

An Amarillo man accused of sexually assaulting his 13-year-old granddaughter in 1991 today denied he abused her before an 11-man, one-woman jury in 223rd District Court. Raymond Valdez, 63, faces second degree felony charges of sexual assault and is free on bond.

On Monday, his granddaughter, now 17, tearfully told jurors she was molested over a period of years by Valdez with whom she lived after the death of her father. The girl is in foster care in another Texas city.

At noon today Mrs. Valdez, wife of the accused and grandmother of the girl court records call Jane Doe, told jurors her husband is an honorable man who has never acted bad with young ones. She said Doe is lying about the allegations. Both she and Mr. Valdez answered questions with the help of an interpreter.

Mrs. Valdez also denied Doe told her her grandfather was abusing her. Defense attorney C.R. Daffern asked Mrs. Valdez, "Did Jane ever come to you and say Raymond is abusing me?"

"She never said that to me. Never. No," Mrs. Valdez responded.

Early this morning, jurors watched a videotaped interview between Doe and Carolyn Porter, a former interviewer with The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center, Amarillo, in which Doe said Valdez molested her.

The jury heard testimony Monday from a former Pampa social worker, Suzanne Alexander, a registered nurse, Debra Jenkins, formerly employed by Northwest Texas Hospital, who examined the girl for signs of sexual assault in 1991; and Porter.

Testimony showed Doe lived in Pampa with her grandparents, her sister and brother from the time she was three until she went to live with a relative in May 1991 after Department of Protective and Regulatory Services workers heard allegations that Mrs. Valdez was beating Doe with a bullwhip or wet belt.

According to Alexander, Doe told her she was molested first at about age eight when her grandfather fondled her. The touching progressed to

anal intercourse at about age 10 or 11, with the last instance occurring in the family home May 4, 1991, Alexander said. The social worker read a list of alleged abuse episodes she said Doe related to her during an July 12, 1991, interview.

Alexander told the jury she made arrangements for Doe to live with relatives and to be examined by a trained sexual assault nurse examiner.

Debra Jenkins, a former sexual assault nurse examiner employed by Northwest Texas Hospital, told the panel her July 16, 1991, examination revealed a single healed tear to the hymen and three healed tears to the rectum. The scars are consistent with Doe's oral history which included allegations of sodomy, she said.

Porter testified she interviewed Doe for 29 minutes on July 15, 1991, when Doe named her grandfather and two uncles as her abusers.

At the close of the day, Doe testified to a pattern of abuse which occurred "every other day" beginning with fondling under her clothing and culminating with three or four episodes of anal intercourse. Each time her grandfather sodomized her, she said, he gave her money and told her to go to the store. Before the abuse began, Doe said, she had to beg for money.

Doe said she told her grandmother about the fondling but said it seemed Mrs. Valdez did not believe her because she did not do anything about it. Doe tearfully identified white haired, mustachioed Valdez as the one who assaulted her.

"How'd it make you feel?" asked District Attorney John Mann.

"Like I wasn't worth nothing," Doe answered.

Defense attorney C.R. Daffern asked her if she had been molested by her uncles Clemente and Humberto Valdez, and Doe responded she had not. However, when Daffern showed her a copy of an earlier statement, Doe agreed she was abused by the men.

Daffern asked her why she denied the abuse, and Doe said she was trying to put the past behind her. They did not hurt her as badly as her grandfather had, she said.

## Mexican financial markets resume plunge

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican financial markets plunged anew today, despite government efforts to reassure international investors that Mexico's economy remains sound.

Share prices on the Bolsa de Valores sank this morning, a day after the Mexican stock market saw its worst single-day decline in more than five years.

The exchange's main barometer, the IPC index, was down 108.42 points, or 5.15 percent, at 1,995.63 around midday. The index fell 6.6 percent Monday, despite the announcement of a new government austerity program and moves by Mexico and the United States to shore up the value of the battered peso.

The peso, which strengthened slightly Monday, also weakened today. The currency was quoted at 5.70 to the dollar at midday compared to 5.40 late Monday.

The yield on 28-day Mexican Treasury bills, called Tesebonos, jumped 13 percentage points to 20

percent; 90-day Tesebono yields leapt 7.01 points to 19.50 percent as the government sought to attract skittish investors.

In its latest bid to mollify financial markets, the Mexican government said late Monday it would freeze hiring, ban government spending for real estate and new cars and cut money for official travel, phone use and expenses.

The new measures to restore confidence in the economy came in addition to an earlier price freeze and 7 percent cap on 1995 wage increases.

Earlier Monday, Mexico began drawing on a bailout package from the United States and Canada, their year-long free-market trade partners in NAFTA.

The Banco de Mexico, the central bank, said it made the first withdrawals of \$500 million from the United States and 83 million Canadian dollars (\$59 million) from the Bank of Canada under a loan agreement that was expanded last week.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Federal Reserve bought pesos and sold dollars at the request of its Mexican counterpart in an effort to bolster the peso's value.

The moves helped boost the peso in Mexico City trading Monday. The currency has lost nearly 40 percent of its value since the crisis erupted on Dec. 20, after the Mexican government scrapped foreign exchange controls and allowed the peso to float on the market.

Despite the measures announced Monday, the stock market dropped 6.6 percent, its biggest one-day fall since Oct. 16, 1989, when it plunged 8.05 percent.

Mexico's financial troubles stem largely from rising trade deficits and declining foreign investment.

On Monday, the Banco de Mexico said foreign currency reserves dropped from \$6.148 billion at the end of 1994 to \$5.546 billion last Friday. Early last year, reserves were \$24 billion.

## Dodd emerges as favorite for top Democratic Party post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Connecticut Sen. Christopher Dodd is the president's choice to be Democratic party chairman under a power-sharing arrangement that would have a veteran strategist oversee day-to-day affairs, the White House said today.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said an announcement was likely "in a matter of days" if details of the dual responsibilities can be resolved to all parties' satisfaction.

Several Democratic sources said the strategist the White House has in mind, South Carolina's Donald Fowler, had voiced reservations about the arrangement and wanted assurances from Clinton and senior White House aides that he would have a significant voice in party affairs.

Fowler was expected at the White House on Wednesday, and, assuming details are worked out, an announcement was planned by Thursday.

"Nothing has been decided yet. We're discussing things and we'll talk further today," Dodd said today, alluding to the unresolved aspects of the package.

Separately, Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown today gave strongest indication to date that he would not leave the Cabinet to become chairman of Clinton's re-election campaign — another important political post the president is laboring to fill.

"I plan to remain as secretary for the remainder of the first term," Brown told reporters. He acknowledged there were others

in the administration who would "like me to do something else" but said he believed he was most helpful to Clinton in his current job.

The Democratic Party power structure under consideration calls for Dodd to serve as general chairman and lead party spokesman while retaining his Senate seat. Fowler would get the title of chairman and be responsible for running the daily operation.

"You'll find him a very articulate spokesman for the party, someone who...can represent the interests of the president and the party effectively as we do some of the necessary political combat with the opposition," McCurry said of Dodd, a liberal elected to the Senate in 1980 after serving in the House.

Republican have had such power-sharing arrangements in the past but it would be a new experience for Democrats, and the White House was contacting party activists to explain its vision of the arrangement — and asking many of them to prod Fowler to accept the post.

"Don Fowler is the type of person ... (Clinton would) like to see playing a very important role in the party," McCurry said. "Conversations are ongoing."

The national committee holds its winter meeting in Washington in 10 days and Clinton has been under pressure to name a new chairman — to get about the work of rebuilding the party and erasing its \$4 million debt after its embarrassing midterm election showing.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**FRASER**, Ruth McDowell — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Groom.  
**HRZYCYK**, John — 10:30 a.m., St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Panhandle.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL** (to rehabilitation unit)  
Admissions: Andrew A. Smith Jr., Pampa, Myrtle Holloway  
Emmitt Don Gillaspay, Mattie Wave Morgan (rehab unit)  
Sweetwater, Okla. Admissions: Alanreed  
Viola Mary Stewart, Juanita McKee  
Dismissals: Shamrock  
Pampa  
Ruby Callis, Lowell Talley  
Scott Frith Jr., Tilda O'Neal  
Emmitt Gillaspay, Sweetwater, Okla.  
Mattie Wave Morgan, Viola Mary Stewart

## Calendar of events

**TOTS-N-TRAINING**  
The Tots-n-Training program for preschool children ages 3-5 who will be future students of Horace Mann, Wilson, Lamar and Baker elementary schools has resumed for the second semester of the school year. Each Wednesday parents and guardians may pick up newsletters and free materials at the following locations and times: Albertson's Food Store, 1233 N. Hobart, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Franks Food Store, 401 N. Ballard, 3-4 p.m.; Step Ahead Day Camp, 300 E. Brown, 3-4 p.m.; Texas Department of Health, 408 W. Kingsmill, 10-11 a.m.; and Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, 5-6 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Pampa Independent School District, Chapter I.

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

**Arrest**  
**TUESDAY, Jan. 10**  
Michael Terrell Williams, 23, 1033 Neel Rd., was arrested on revocation of probation.

## Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

**MONDAY, Jan. 9**  
City of Pampa employee Donnie Lee Shipley Jr. reported found property in the 400 block of East Tyng. The Rev. Loren Gardner of St. Paul Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, reported criminal mischief with black spray paint.  
Mona Pauline Kennedy, 428 N. Christy, reported theft \$20-\$500 at 1128 N. Christy.  
Assault - family violence was reported in the 1300 block of Price Road. No injuries were observed.  
Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Doucette.

**Arrests**  
**MONDAY, Jan. 9**  
Wendell Mayberry, 25, 609 Sloan, was arrested at Foster and Frost on two warrants.  
David Mullen, 31, 613 N. Christy, was arrested at Foster and Frost on a warrant.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa		
Wheat	3.40	
Mix	3.77	
Corn	4.24	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation		
NOVSCO	10 1/2	NC
Occidental	19 3/8	dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation		
Magellan	67 3/8	
Puritan	14 82	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Amco	59 3/4	NC
Cabot	102 1/4	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	30 1/4	up 1/4
Chevron	44	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola	49 5/8	NC
Diamond Sham	24 5/8	up 1/2
Eaton	29 5/8	NC
Halliburton	34 3/4	dn 1/4
HealthTrust Inc.	33	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	33 3/8	up 1/4
KNE	23 3/8	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	44 5/8	NC
Limited	18	NC
Mapco	52 5/8	NC
Maxus	3 1/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	29 3/8	up 1/4
Mobil	84 3/4	dn 3/8
New Atmos	16 3/8	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	19 3/4	NC
Penney's	42 1/4	dn 1/4
Phillips	31 1/8	NC
SLB	52 1/4	dn 1/8
SPS	27	up 1/4
Tenneco	42 7/8	up 1/8
Texaco	60 1/2	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	21 7/8	NC
New York Gold	373.80	
Silver	4.64	
West Texas Crude	17.40	

## Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

**MONDAY, Jan. 9**  
A 1992 Buick driven by Lloyd Walter Anglin, 89, Wheeler, was in collision with a legally parked 1984 Cadillac owned by Chrys Smith, 2509 Rosewood, in the 500 block of West Foster. Anglin was cited for having no proof of financial responsibility.

## Two held in murder of boy at truck stop

**DENVER (AP)** — A truck driver being held for investigation in the murder of a 4-year-old boy says he thought the boy had wet the bed before he rolled him over and discovered he had been "butchered."  
Neil Schenk, 25, of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, and Alfredo Diaz Vega, 26, of El Paso, Texas, are being held without bond for investigation in the murder of Tyson Blazing, whose throat was slashed as he slept in the sleeping compartment of Schenk's rig.  
"This poor little kid is dead," said Detective Sgt. Gordon Reed. "We have to figure out who or how many did it and for what reason. I don't know what the motive was for the killing. I'm hoping the autopsy will give us some indication."  
The boy is believed to have been traveling with Schenk, his mother's boyfriend, who was the driver of the white Kenworth truck hauling lumber out of New Mexico. Diaz Vega apparently joined the pair in Albuquerque a day or two before they arrived in Denver, police said.  
Schenk told the Rocky Mountain News that Diaz Vega and the boy were sleeping in the rig early Monday morning while he did some paper work outside a truck stop near Stapleton International Airport on the city's east side.  
Schenk said he went into the truck stop to buy some things and then returned to the sleeping compartment to get some rest. The boy was sleeping in the middle of the bed, so Schenk said he tried to move him.  
"I put one hand under his chest and the other on his head to slide him over," Schenk said Monday night from the city jail. "I could feel it was all wet. I felt the bed and it was soaked. I thought, 'Jesus, he's wet the bed.' But he doesn't do that."  
"I turned on the light and he had blood on his face. I went to pull his hair back and I saw a knife on the bed. I went to roll him over and his neck was cut right off. He was butchered. I screamed."  
Schenk insists he did not hurt the boy and said he has taken a polygraph test.  
"Tyson was like my own son," he told the News. "I love that little boy to death. He put his little arms around me every night and hugged and kissed me good night."  
Police said Schenk's truck is registered to Bob Brooks Trucking of Star, Idaho. Owner Bob Brooks said Schenk had worked for him about a

month and did a good job.  
Truckers told police they saw the two men and the boy together at the truck stop over the weekend.  
"He was frisky, like they all are, playful and running around," said truck driver Nick Bzik of St. Louis.  
Another trucker, Harry Roberts of Houston, recalled seeing the boy with curly blond hair and the dark-haired drifter walking "hand in hand" in the lot Sunday morning.  
"The boy was wearing a man's down quilted coat draped all over him," Roberts said. "It's odd to see kids out here this time of the year."  
Roberts, whose truck was parked next to Schenk's, said he last saw the boy playing between the seats of the cab at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Schenk's head was resting on the steering wheel and the other man was sitting in the passenger seat.  
After the child was hurt, Schenk sought help from a truck stop employee at about 4:30 a.m., authorities said. The employee tried to revive the boy with cardiopulmonary resuscitation.  
"She came out seconds later looking like she was going to throw up," Schenk said. "She couldn't find a pulse."

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"It's fun," Caton said. "Besides, science has a responsibility to occasionally investigate the paranormal."

## Federal agents seize \$26 million in counterfeit bills

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Federal agents seized \$26 million in counterfeit bills from a printing company and arrested three employees.  
The phony currency was in uncut sheets of \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills. It was the largest domestic counterfeit seizure in Secret Service history, the Justice Department said in a press release Monday.  
The three men arrested Saturday used the press at Thomson Lithograph in Fremont, Calif., after business hours, authorities said. The owner of the business cooperated with the Secret Service during the monthlong investigation.  
Detectives said the three employees planned to print \$30 million for distribution in San Francisco and Hawaii. They face up to 15 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines if convicted.

District Attorney Kelly Case.  
Ms. Bowers also must not come within 200 feet of Ms. Sieger or contact her by telephone.  
Ms. Bowers initially pleaded innocent to the charge. A trial last September ended with a deadlocked jury and a mistrial was declared.  
During the five-day trial, Ms. Bowers testified she didn't know why she made the calls.  
Ms. Sieger, who now covers Galveston County government, covered city government for the newspaper when she received the harassing calls at her home over a period of months.  
During the trial, jurors heard evidence that included an April 18 taped telephone conversation in which Ms. Bowers admitted making the calls.

## Official convicted of harassment

**GALVESTON (AP)** — An assistant to the city manager has been convicted of making harassing phone calls to a newspaper reporter, although a plea bargain could have the charges off her record in two years.  
Stephanie Lynn Bowers, 23, pleaded no-contest Monday and was sentenced to six months in jail and 100 hours of community service for harassing Galveston County Daily News reporter Maggie Sieger in 1993. She also was fined \$200.  
Through a plea bargain, Ms. Bowers received deferred adjudication, which means the conviction will not go on her record if she commits no crimes in the next two years.  
Ms. Bowers will be required to perform the community service at the Women's Crisis Center of Galveston County, said Assistant

**Weather focus**  
**LOCAL FORECAST**  
Partly cloudy tonight, with a low of 40 degrees and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Mostly cloudy Wednesday, with a high of 65 and gusty southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. The high Monday was 68; the overnight low was 38.  
**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from upper 30s to around 40. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid 40s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs from upper 60s to low 70s.  
North Texas — Dense fog advisory in effect tonight over the southeastern two thirds. Lows 57 to 62.

## Clinton attacks GOP budget plan, promotes middle class 'bill of rights'

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Clinton is confronting the Republican revolution in Congress with attacks on GOP budget plans and promises of spoils for middle-class voters.

He begins a critical year today, visiting a community college in Galesburg, Ill., to promote his "Middle Class Bill of Rights." The trip comes one day after the White House intensified efforts to vilify GOP plans for a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

"Is this a gimmick? Is it a political showpiece? Or is it an honest effort to balance the budget?" White House chief of staff Leon Panetta asked Monday.

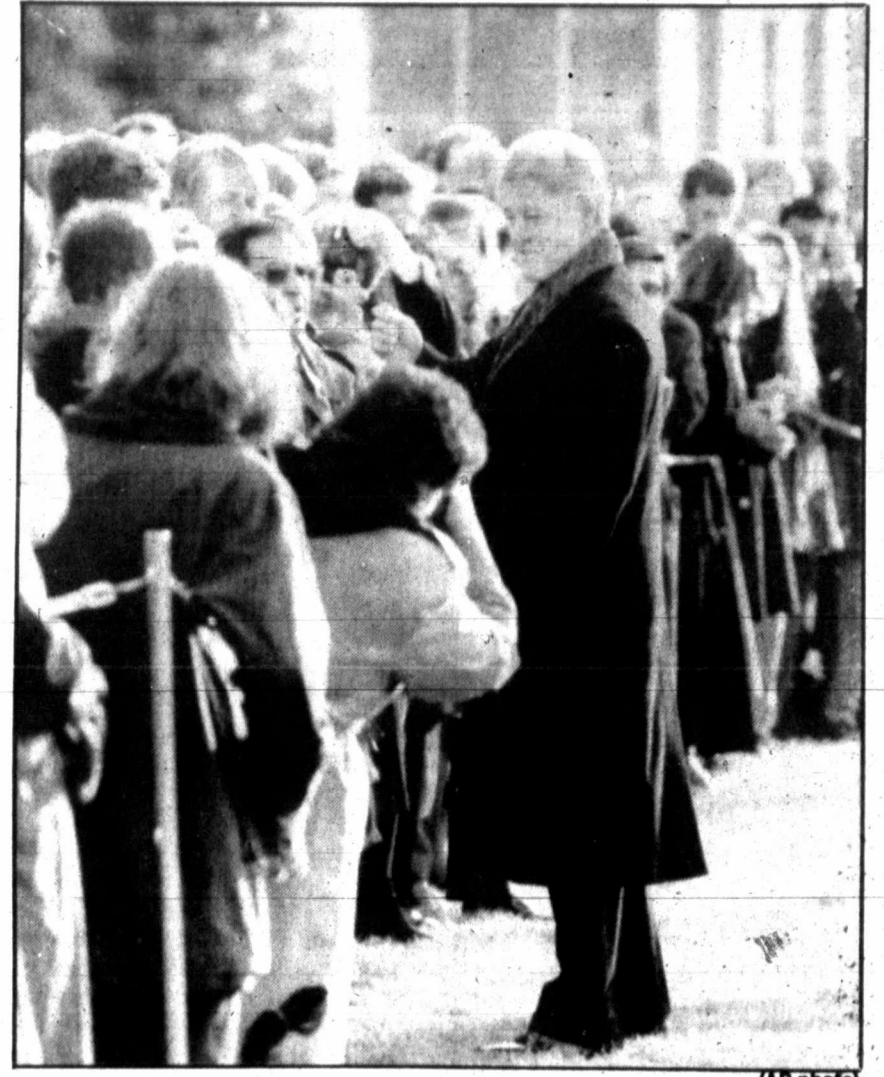
Halfway through his term, the president knows he needs to rebound from the midterm election embarrassment or face re-election defeat.

The cornerstone of Clinton's fight to regain middle-class support is a few hundred dollars in tax breaks for Americans raising children, paying tuition and saving for retirement.

Getting less attention until today was his proposal to offer vouchers to workers seeking retraining. "We should take the billions of dollars the government now spends on dozens of different training programs and give it directly to you, to pay for training if you lose your job or want a better one," Clinton said in a Dec. 15 address outlining plans for the middle class.

Nearly a month later, his aides were still working out the details of the voucher proposal. Gene Sperling, a White House economic adviser, said Monday that Clinton wants to pool money now going to some 60 different training programs and give workers vouchers of \$2,000 to \$3,000.

They could redeem the vouchers at any training program that meets still-unspecified federal standards. It remained unclear how much money or how many workers would be involved, but Sperling said few, if any, new funds would be needed.



President Clinton greets well-wishers as he leaves the White House this morning for Galesburg, Ill., where he will speak at Carl Sandburg Community College about his middle class bill of rights.

On the proposed constitutional amendment, a stream of White House officials demanded again Monday that Republicans specify what programs would be cut to balance the government's books by 2002, as the GOP proposes.

"What you've got are people who are like a used-car dealer trying to sell you a shiny new car, but won't let you look under the hood and see what's there," Panetta said. Republicans, recognizing political

problems with detailing potential cuts in popular programs like Medicare, focused on the need to rein in a national debt that has reached \$4.8 trillion and is growing by about \$200 billion a year.

"Our posterity is our children and our grandchildren, and current federal fiscal policies impose a severe and burdensome debt on those children and grandchildren," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

## Astronomer counters full moon, babies myth

**TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)** — Believers of the medical myth that babies are more likely to be born during a full moon would be better off betting on the time when the moon is a waning sliver in the sky, an astronomer says.

David Caton, an associate professor of physics at Appalachian State University, expected to simply disprove the full-moon myth when he compared birth dates of 50 million babies with the lunar cycle.

Instead, Caton said Monday, he found that births were most frequent during the third quarter of the moon's cycle, when the moon is but a waning sliver in the sky. He also found that the most births occurred on Tuesdays and the fewest on Sundays. And he has no explanation for any of it.

"There is an immediate tendency to associate tidal forces (the moon's gravitational pull) with the lunar third quarter increase in births," Caton said at a national meeting of the American Astronomical Society, one of the world's largest organizations of professional astronomers.

"But if you look at what generates the tides, the force is just too small to have such an effect," he said.

The moon's gravity can actually stretch the Earth by about 9 inches in addition to raising or lowering tides, he said. But the effect on humans is minuscule.

Medical experts said the finding contradicted the conventional wisdom of people who deliver babies. "Those results do surprise me," said Dr. Deborah Haynes, obstetrical

resident at the University of Arizona Medical Center. "We haven't studied it scientifically, but we do seem to have increased activity in our ward when the moon is full."

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A Guerneville, Calif., resident rows a boat above flooded cars Monday afternoon as heavy flooding continues in the area.

## Rains bring more floods in California

By MARK EVANS  
Associated Press Writer

FORESTVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Ben and Jenine Lives sat in a flood evacuation center and wondered what was left of their home, their possessions and their new life.

The Lives, who moved to Guerneville from Portland, Ore., just a week ago, were among thousands of people forced from homes north of San Francisco by rising floodwaters.

"We always said we wanted to move to Guerneville. Now we've got nowhere to go, three kids, and four cats still trapped in the apartment," Mrs. Lives said Monday. "Now we don't even know if we still have an apartment — we don't even know if Guerneville's still there."

Guerneville was indeed still intact, but all roads into the town about 60 miles north of San Francisco were cut off as northern California was hit by its worst flooding in nearly a decade.

Seven days of rain, including more than 17 inches in 48 hours in some places, sent rivers crashing over their banks.

High winds downed power lines, knocking out power in about 50,000 homes, and toppled giant redwood

trees. Mudslides damaged homes and blocked roads in several counties.

A garbage collector was killed Monday in Monterey County when a falling cypress tree crushed the cab of his truck.

The storm was moving toward Southern California, where flooding last week caused millions in damage. But more storms offshore were on the way and forecasters predicted the rain would last all week.

The torrential rain revived memories of the Valentine's Day flood of 1986, when the Russian River rose to a record 48 feet, 9 inches — almost 17 feet above flood stage.

In Forestville, about 55 miles north of San Francisco, Greg Stocker and his dog Max ate ice cream and watched the rising river from a rooftop perch.

"Been through it once in '86," said Stocker, 21, as the water crept up the first floor of his two-story home. "I guess we can do it again."

As a young man in shorts and a football jersey cruised by on a motorized surfboard in Forestville, a huge redwood crashed into the water, snapping power lines. Nearby, military trucks took evacuees to shelters.

The Russian, Napa, Petaluma, Eel,

Smith, Van Duzen and Sacramento rivers all were near or past flood stage. Some vineyards in the Napa Valley were flooded, but they are dormant this time of year.

At San Francisco International Airport, two of the four runways were shut down because of rain and high winds. Domestic flights were delayed by up to two hours and many international flights were canceled.

Gov. Pete Wilson declared a state of emergency for Sonoma, Lake and Tehama counties, making them eligible for state assistance. The California National Guard went in with helicopters to evacuate more than 100 people.

The Red Cross opened 14 emergency shelters. More than 2,650 families were already forced from their homes or about to be, said Red Cross damage assessor Ted Harris. That figure didn't include those who fled their homes for motels or the homes of friends and relatives.

Marjorie Wallace, 68, who lost her mobile home in the 1986 floods, was evacuated from another one Monday. She said her family was thinking about leaving California.

"When you go through a flood and lose everything," she said, "what's there to stay for?"

## Simpson jurors prepare for life undercover

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They were given a map leading to a secret rendezvous point and told to bring a toothbrush.

Phone calls will be monitored, family visits supervised, newspapers censored and TV shows pre-screened. Home will be a hotel or college dorm.

As Superior Court Judge Lance Ito bluntly described what the next few months will be like for the O.J. Simpson jurors: "It won't be picnic."

Ito informed the jury Monday that it would be sequestered, and that the trial could last until April or even later. The jury begins life undercover on Wednesday.

The 12 jurors and 12 alternates got a taste of their future even before they heard the order. They were stuck for nearly three hours in a cramped room, doing nothing, while Ito huddled with attorneys in a private meeting.

After the meeting, the jurors sat stoically in the courtroom as the judge laid out their instructions. One man raised his hand, but Ito didn't acknowledge him.

"I realize this is going to be very

difficult for all of us," Ito said. "It's something we've tried to avoid."

The jurors will be locked away even before opening statements to shield them from a hearing that begins Wednesday on whether prosecutors can introduce evidence that Simpson abused his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson.

Simpson is charged with murdering Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman on June 12.

Ito said he would question jurors again on their exposure to media reports after they are sequestered. A defense lawyer said he was particularly concerned that jurors might have seen the cover of the Jan. 3 *National Enquirer*, which shows a realistic but computer-altered photo of a battered Ms. Simpson.

Ito has said in the past that the jury would be housed at a hotel or college campus where they would have access to exercise areas. He said jurors would be able to meet with relatives on weekends and Wednesday afternoons.

The jurors were given maps to a place where they will meet Wednes-

## Session to begin with budget filing

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers kick off their 1995 legislative session with good news about the budget.

Even before today's noon start of the 74th regular session of the Texas Legislature, the chairmen of the House and Senate budget-writing committees announced plans to offer a 1996-97 state budget that requires no new taxes.

Lawmakers also were predicting a good relationship between Democratic legislative leaders and Republican Gov.-elect George W. Bush.

Bush, Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney — a Democrat expected to be easily re-elected to lead the House — agreed before the gavel fell that no new taxes were necessary.

The budget bill drafted by Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, is just under \$78 billion, said House Appropriations Committee clerk Janis Carter.

The legislation anticipates \$4.9 billion in new funding, including about \$3 billion left over from the current two-year budget cycle;

\$1.5 billion from a projected increase in tax revenues, and the availability of another \$400 million from a change in the way federal funding for mental retardation services is handled.

Among major elements, the proposed budget includes about a \$2 billion increase for public schools and the setting up of about \$770 million in payments deferred by lawmakers in leaner budgeting times, Ms. Carter said.

Another \$770 million is carved out to keep those payments current in the 1996-97 budget cycle, she said.

That leaves about \$1.4 billion to be divided among other priority areas, including health and human services and running state prisons. Officials earlier had projected a need for more than \$2 billion in new funding just for Medicaid.

"This is definitely a bare-bones, ground-level bill," Ms. Carter said.

She said more money would be added to various areas as funds are found, such as through savings suggested by state Comptroller John Sharp.

Lawmakers will have more than

the budget to deal with in the next 140 days, such as proposals to allow Texans to carry concealed handguns, crack down on juvenile crime, reform welfare, overhaul liability laws, transfer more control over education to school districts and open the state to casino gambling.

While many have strong support, the future of casino gambling appears grim despite a push by the industry. Allowing casinos in Texas would require a constitutional amendment, which would take a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and approval by voters.

Despite strong sentiments on both sides of high-profile issues, leaders predicted a bipartisan tone will pervade the 1995 session.

"I think that we will (have) a good working relationship," Laney, D-Hale Center, said of Bush, who will be sworn in Jan. 17. "He appears to be very interested in Texas and good government, and that's what all of us are."

Bullock, who heads the Senate, said of the incoming governor, "We share a lot of views on things."

## Nurse released after charges dismissed

CHICKASHA, Okla. (AP) — A nurse freed from jail after murder charges against her were dismissed says she didn't kill any of her patients and made the claim during an unstable mental period.

"No matter how many times I say I didn't kill them, I know there is still doubt," Aleata Mae Beach said Monday. "I feel so sorry for the pain they have suffered due to my statements. ... If I had not said that, they could have been much further along in their grief."

Mrs. Beach had been accused of

the deaths of four of her patients at Grady Memorial Hospital after she told doctors and nurses following a suicide attempt in August that she had killed the people. Mrs. Beach later maintained her innocence.

District Attorney Gene Christian said Monday he wouldn't appeal Special District Judge Karen Ivy's ruling that there was insufficient evidence for a trial.

The judge ruled Friday morning after the first day of a preliminary hearing on the four counts of first-degree murder.

"It is over at this point in time," Christian said. He said charges could be refilled if more evidence is found, but he believes chances of that are slim.

Christian said he made his decision not to appeal after talking to the patients' family members. Some wanted him to appeal and some didn't, and Christian said he regrets they will never know what caused their loved ones' deaths.

"You always worry in the back of your mind whether justice was served or not. The problem being, I don't have the answers either," he said.

## Lefors Elementary School Honor Roll

LEFORS — Lefors Elementary School has announced its Honor Roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 1994-1995 school year.

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**Second Grade**  
Brad Kent and Nicholas Miller.

**Third Grade**  
Julie Davenport.

**Fourth Grade**  
Amanda Daugherty, Cory Jackson, Josh Jackson and Adam Kent.

**Fifth Grade**  
Tommy Davenport, Tara Criswell

and Amanda Woodard.

**Sixth Grade**  
Caleb Barnes.

**A-B Honor Roll**  
**Second Grade**  
Ricky Smith and Meagan Joslyn.

**Third Grade**  
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Opinion

Social Security: Crisis-in-waiting

It is more than possible that deadlock on a bipartisan commission charged with getting a handle on out-of-control entitlement spending will be a much more important story in the long run than President Clinton's belated conversion to the cause of middle-class tax cuts and all the partisan posturing surrounding it.

The Entitlement and Tax Reform Commission, headed by Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Republican Sen. John Danforth of Missouri, quietly went out of business recently without agreeing on any concrete proposals. The commission was the price Sen. Kerrey extracted from President Clinton in return for voting for the president's first budget several cons ago.

It did call attention to the fact that projected spending on Social Security, Medicare, and other government programs that pay money to people who fit certain criteria, regardless of whether they need it or not, will certainly outstrip revenues over the next 35 years. But the panel's members couldn't reach a consensus on what to do about it.

Sen. Kerrey had offered some tentative approaches, like increasing the age at which people become eligible for Social Security and reducing payments to affluent people. He was rewarded with unrelenting attacks from groups like the American Association of Retired Persons, which never met a bloated government program it didn't love.

A few people had hoped the Republicans on the panel would push for the kind of far-reaching reform that is needed if entitlement bankruptcy is to be averted - perhaps even privatization of the Social Security system, as countries like Chile have accomplished successfully. But during the campaign, Republicans had opportunistically jumped all over a confidential memo from Clinton Budget Director Alice Rivlin, in which she was so bold as to suggest that Social Security reform would have to be faced sooner or later.

In full campaign mode, Republican spokesmen crowed that they would never, never mess with Social Security. So the Republicans on the commission could hardly do much to push something more sensible than the current Ponzi scheme.

So - yet again - entitlement reform has been pushed to the back burner by shortsighted politicians. Sooner or later, they'll have to reduce benefits or raise taxes - again. If the crunch is serious enough, more thoroughgoing reform might even happen.

But not next year. And probably not the year after that. For the time being, the politicians will just keep on sending bills to our grandchildren.

Freedom is growing slowly

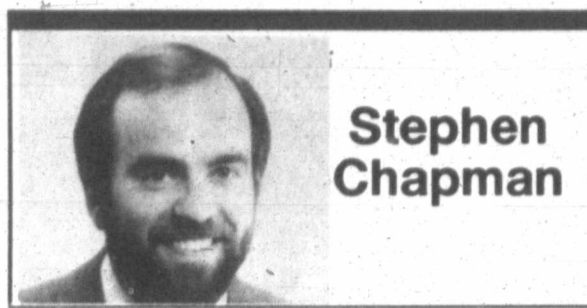
With the death of Soviet communism and the end of the Cold War, freedom and democracy advanced throughout the world on jackrabbit feet. It was a dazzling sprint, but sprints never last long. In many places, a reaction against the new spirit of liberty managed to reverse progress. But in 1994, the spread of Western ideals resumed at a more deliberate pace, leaving Democrats to comfort themselves by reciting the tale of the hare and the tortoise.

The old joke is that it takes two Virginians to change a light bulb: one to change the bulb and another to reminisce about how wonderful the old one was. Those of us who lived through the earth-shaking 1980s may be doomed to suffer a similar addiction to nostalgia. The intervening years have not lived up to the promise of that era - nothing could - and a measure of disappointment was inevitable.

But as the past year shows, the demand for liberty around the world has not dried up. The world's dictators know they are in a battle for survival with one of the most powerful ideas in human history: that government depends on the consent of the governed and must respect the rights of every person.

They also know that membership in their club is steadily shrinking. Freedom House, the New York-based human rights organization, notes in its annual review of freedom in the world that the number of democracies rose this year from 108 to 114 - "the largest number in history and more than double the total of the early '70s."

Some of these have managed only to replace tyranny by the few with tyranny by the many, but most democracies grant broad protection to political rights and civil liberties. This year, the number of nations rated "free" by the group rose from 72 to



Stephen Chapman

76 - up from 53 in 1984. Nearly 20 percent of all human beings now live in free societies, compared to 19 percent in 1993.

More than a billion of those who don't are in China, whose rulers are determined to prove that free markets don't necessarily make free people. The government has loosened its grip on the economy but not on anything else.

Beijing found an odd ideological ally in the capitalist but authoritarian government of Singapore. It got so much applause in the United States for its treatment of an American citizen - a teenager flogged for alleged vandalism - that its habitual repression of law-abiding Singaporeans went unnoticed.

The danger of economic liberalization was not lost on North Korea's Kim Il Sung, who created the most regimented and closed society on Earth and became the rare communist leader lucky enough to expire before his regime. Unfortunately, his government survived to scare its neighbors with a nuclear-weapons program and torment the United States by holding an American pilot captive.

Kim's passing made the world a bit lonelier for Fidel Castro, who did not waver in his resolve to be the last Stalinist on Earth. Cubans who didn't share

his vision were invited to leave. Thousands set out in makeshift vessels, hoping to reach Florida, but most found themselves back in Cuba - at the American naval base and detention center in Guantanamo Bay.

Castro had the solace of knowing fellow despot Raoul Cedras had to deal with similar malcontents, but not for long: The Haitian general gave up power a step ahead of the U.S. Army. Latin America, which has had many flings with democracy, appeared to be settling down for good. Political violence failed to stop Mexico from holding its first free and fair election for president, though it did help beat the peso to dust.

Africa rolled out four new democracies and one of the great achievements of our time: South Africa's peaceful transition from apartheid to multiracial rule. But the continent also provided ethnic slaughter on a horrific scale in Rwanda, the latest byword for African tragedy. Having ventured into nation-building in Somalia, the United States decided this was a fool's errand, except perhaps in the Caribbean.

Russia continued its recovery from communism, but its only remedy for the nationalism that erupted in Chechnya was an old Russian favorite: military force. Military force was liberally applied by the parties to the Bosnian war, but it didn't yield a solution, or even a conclusion. In December, the combatants got the punishment they deserved: a visit from Jimmy Carter.

Bosnia was one of a few countries that used their liberation from dictatorial oppression to sample the miseries of civil strife. But most nations have found peace and freedom far more alluring. The 1980s planted a lot of democratic seeds. This was a year for putting down roots.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 1995. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, *Common Sense*. In his call for American independence from England, Paine wrote, "Everything that is right or reasonable pleads for separation."

On this date:  
In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.

In 1863, London's Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public.

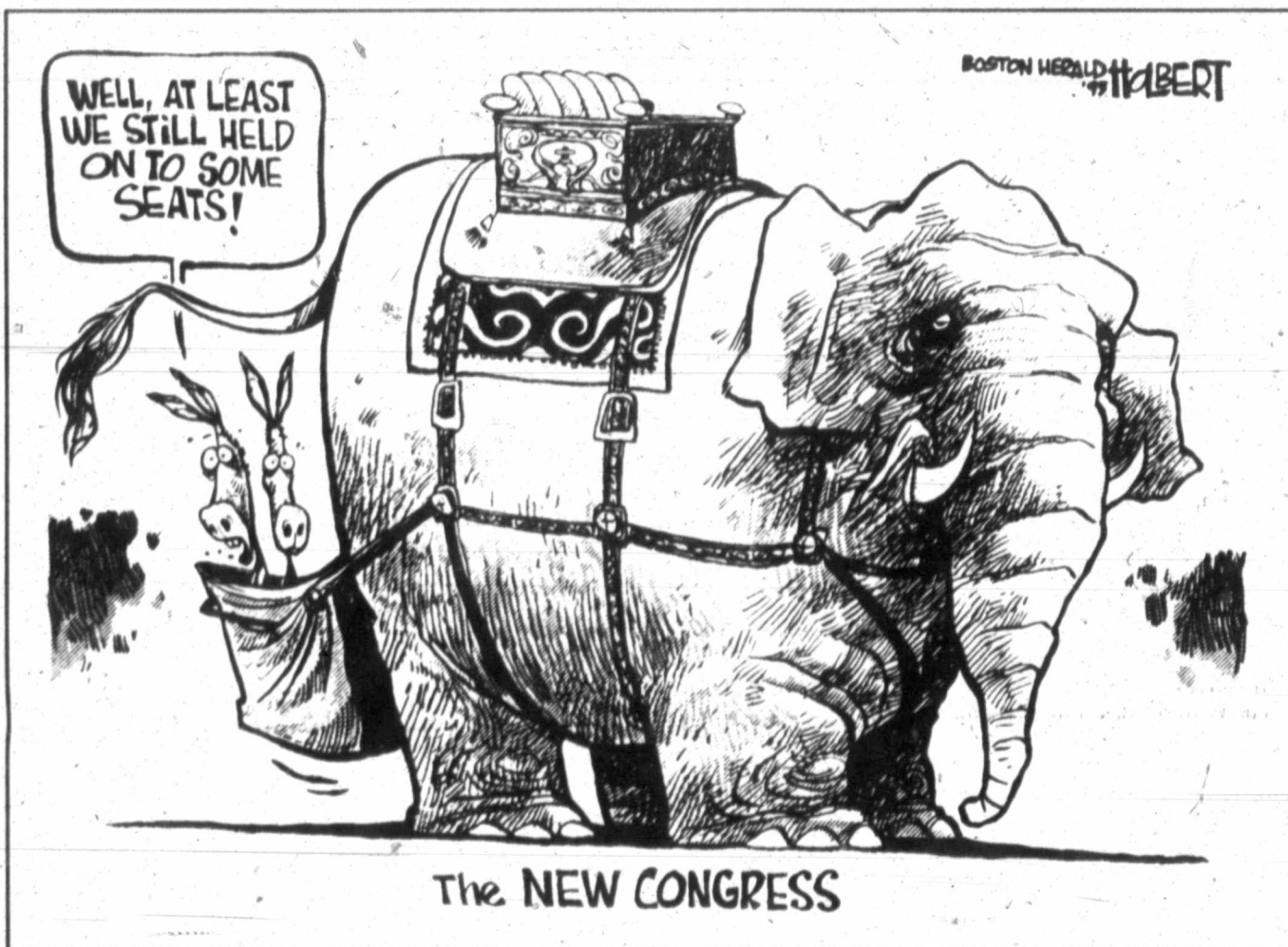
In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

In 1928, the Soviet Union ordered the exile of Leon Trotsky.

In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.

In 1946, the first man-made contact with the moon was made as radar signals were bounced off the lunar surface.



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Innocence in the midst of evil

Charley Reese

It was August, about 30 years ago, in West Florida. Someone reported a body had been discovered in a house. The detective I was chatting with asked if I wanted to go with him. I said, "Sure."

The house was a wooden frame with a small front porch in a working-class neighborhood. The woman's children, who had spent the night at their grandmother's, had tried to get in, but the door was locked. The little boy, about 9, climbed in a window, found his mother dead and ran back to the grandmother, who called the cops.

When the detective and I arrived, no one was there. We went through the front door, which opened into a short hall. To the left, an open door led to a bedroom cluttered with cheap furniture. There was a large double bed and a woman, with long dark hair, lay there in a blood-spattered, white nightgown. She had a bullet hole about half an inch above the left eye. She had been dead eight or nine hours.

Maybe in life she had been attractive, but in death she was hideous. When life leaves, what's left doesn't look human. I'll leave it at that; there's no need to stick an ugly image in your mind.

The detective went through her purse and found pornographic pictures as well as her ID. We later pieced together the story, which wasn't that unusual: a marriage broken by infidelity, arguments, fights, booze, separations, reconciliation, more fights, booze and then destruction. Her husband had

shot her. He was found a few hours later slumped in his second-hand car. He had shot himself.

But back in the room there was nothing for me to do. It was hot and it smelled bad, so I walked out on the porch to have a smoke. As I got there, the woman's two children, the little boy and his sister, came running up the path. They intended to go by me, one on either side, and go into the house. Without thinking, I reached with both arms and caught them, led them back to the steps, sat them down and tried to comfort them.

There are several aspects of this moment that got nailed in my memory. Up until then, I was living in a purely adult world, a world peopled by newspapermen, cops, courthouse lawyers, bartenders, barmaids, prostitutes and alcoholics. It was a world of cynicism, sarcasm, black humor, one-night stands, hard drinking and occasional violence and brutality.

The women in it were as hard as the men. A man was valued on how hard he could hit, if he could shoot, if he was street-smart, if he was quick with a wisecrack, if he could look the most disgusting horror in the face and not lose his lunch or show emotion, if he would stick instead of run if the situation

got tight. It was a world without children. A world without tenderness.

So when I reached out and grabbed those children it was the first time in my life as an adult I had even touched a child. I remember how startled I was by the lightness of their being. If you've ever held a living bird in your hand, that's what I mean. They were so alive but so light, so fragile, so vulnerable, so different from the heavy hardness of adults.

And they were beautiful children. Maybe if they had been ugly or dirty they wouldn't have made such an impression, but both children were beautiful, clean, neatly dressed. It seemed impossible two such sordid, stupid and violent adults could have produced such lovely children. The contrast was stark: beauty in the midst of ugliness, innocence in the midst of evil. It was like finding two angels in a garbage dump.

Children are the angels in this garbage dump of a world. They are human beings as God intended. My soul has so many scars that I still have trouble generating sympathy for adults, but children keep a light on inside me. They are the lifeline to my humanity.

Christmas is about hope, and to me, the proof that there's hope for the human race is to be found in the face of a child. Whenever you feel like giving up on the human race, think of children. When you reach out to a child, you come as close as most of us ever will to touching the hand of God.

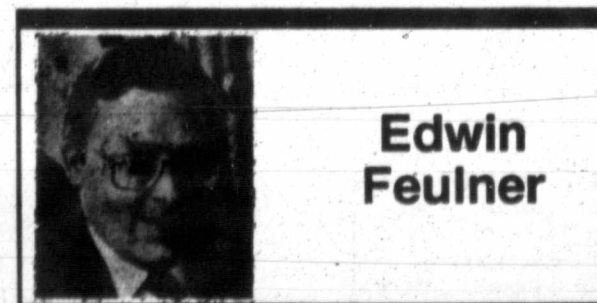
U.S. companies own worst enemies?

You know the old joke: Why does the village idiot keep hitting himself over the head with a hammer? "Because," the idiot responds, "it feels so good when I stop."

According to my friends at the Washington-based Capital Research Center (CRC), U.S. companies continue to be their own worst enemies - giving millions of dollars each year to promote anti-business policies.

The pattern not only persists, it's growing worse. According to the CRC's 1994 annual report on corporate public-affairs giving, "Patterns of Corporate Philanthropy," for every dollar companies gave to pro-business organizations in 1992 they gave \$3.42 to organizations favoring higher taxes and increased government meddling in the economy.

Why on earth would Chrysler, H.J. Heinz and Fannie Mae, for example, contribute thousands and thousands of dollars to the Alliance to Save Energy, which has supported a 50-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax opposed by most automakers and oil companies? Why do Aetna, Dayton Hudson and AT&T all



Edwin Feulner

contribute big bucks to organizations like the Center for Community Change, which has helped lead the charge for higher taxes that take money out of the pockets of consumers?

Why did the top five anti-business grant recipients - the Urban League, Enterprise Foundation, NAACP, Nature Conservancy and Committee on Economic Development - receive more than \$9 million from U.S. corporations in 1992 - \$1 million more than all 87 pro-business groups put together?

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, in a recent

letter to corporate executives, said he "was surprised by the [CRC] findings [that] many large corporations are operating philanthropic programs and private foundations that support left-of-center advocacy groups."

Business executives need to understand, he said, "that Americans businesses can't win in the marketplace for products and services if they concede defeat in the war of ideas."

"Advocacy groups are competing for the minds of our citizens. Why, then, does corporate America as a whole invest its charitable resources in groups that want to raise taxes and increase government and regulation?" Gingrich wonders.

CRC President Terrence Scanlon has the answer: "Perhaps it's ignorance," he said, "and top corporate executives just aren't paying enough attention. Then again, perhaps they are trying to buy the silence or cooperation of their foes. Either way, it's foolish policy, and a waste of valuable shareholder resources."

Some of those shareholders need to tell corporate donors to stop contributing to their own demise.

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## Lifestyles

## Affordable sprinkler systems available for residential homes

By POPULAR MECHANICS  
For AP Special Features

**Q:** I know that commercial establishments, hotels, etc., have fire protection sprinkler systems, but I'm not aware of this type of protection for the homeowner. Are these systems available, how expensive are they, how do they work and do they fit into a home decor?

**A:** Affordable and dependable sprinkler systems with low-profile heads are available for one- and two-family homes. A sprinkler system combined with smoke detectors provides the most reliable form of residential fire protection for you and your family. Excluding deaths by explosion or flash fire, there are no known cases of multiple deaths in a fully sprin-

klered building due to fire or smoke, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. Though 80 percent of fire deaths occur in residential buildings, they rarely have sprinklers. In 1976, less than 5 percent of U.S. homes had a smoke detector. Today, more than 65 percent have one or more.

Smoke detectors make a vital contribution to fire protection by providing early warning, but sometimes even this is not enough. About 50 percent of the fire-death victims were very young or old, handicapped or intoxicated and were unable to escape. Residential sprinklers are designed to protect people in the area of fire origin and reduce fire damage. They activate five to seven times faster than standard commercial sprinklers and have a different spray pattern and droplet size. Their quick response keeps toxic gases

and smoke to a minimum. Also, they prevent fire from growing to the flashover stage. This occurs when gases from burning materials accumulate and explode. Generally, flashover takes place when temperature at ceiling level reaches 1000 degrees F to 2000 degrees F. With many combustible materials being introduced into homes in construction or as furnishings, flashpoint can be reached in two to three minutes. Designers paid special attention to the appearance of the sprinkler head. They project only about three-fourths-inches from the finished ceiling. Many use escutcheon plates that can be painted or plated. The heads thread into feed pipes. Recognizing the benefits of sprinklers, four U.S. localities passed laws requiring them in new construction. Costs average about 90-cents to \$1.30 per

square feet of area sprinklered. To offset these costs, some localities let builders reduce other fire code measures. Sprinklers can be retrofitted into existing homes at a slightly higher cost. This may be offset by a reduction in the homeowner's policy premium. Some insurance companies offer discounts of up to 15 percent of the policy premium. For information, contact the National Fire Sprinkler Association, Route 22, Box 1000, Patterson, N.Y. 12563. One company with UL-listed sprinklers is: Central Sprinkler Corp., 451 North Cannon Ave., Lansdale, Pa. 19446.

**Q:** We have a water softener in our house. Unfortunately, it adds a lot of salt to our water. For health reasons, we don't want to drink this water because

of the high salt content. As a result, we buy bottled water for drinking and cooling. However, we can't use our refrigerator's ice maker because it uses the softened water. Is there a way to bypass this and pipe in unsoftened water?

**A:** Cut into the water supply line before the softener and install a Tee or Y fitting. Run a one-half-inch diameter copper pipe from this fitting to the back of the refrigerator. You can then tap into this pipe and run a copper tube to your ice maker.

\* To submit a question, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 224 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. The most interesting questions will be answered in a future column.

## Visitor center opens at prehistoric rock art site

By GEORGE GARTIES  
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — For thousands of years, people came to a boulder-strewn hillside on what is now the suburban fringe of Phoenix to collect stones for tools, to hunt, perhaps to practice their religion.

Many paused to chip images into the black rock: concentric circles, wavy lines evocative of snakes or flowing water, deer, human figures with arms outstretched.

The Deer Valley Rock Art Center, a joint project of the Army Corps of Engineers and Arizona State University, is intended to preserve these specific petroglyphs and to encourage respect for rock art found throughout the Southwest, said director Peter Welsh.

While nobody understands the exact meaning of the carvings, most people who see them feel there is a religious significance, said Welsh, an associate professor of anthropology at ASU.

"You come to a spot in the middle of nowhere and you see these things and say, 'People were here thousands of years ago,'" Welsh said. "It draws people in a way that other things from the past don't."

There are about 1,500 petroglyphs scattered across 500 boulders at the site, which is on a hillside above the normally dry bed of Skunk Creek in the Deer Valley area of northwest Phoenix.

Based on the styles, the oldest probably are several thousand years old, Welsh said.

There are simple geometric figures associated with what anthropologists call the "Archaic Tradition," predecessors to today's tribes dating back as far as 5000 B.C. The drawings probably aren't that old, he said.

There are more elaborate outline drawings of animals of a style connected with the canal-building Hohokam who lived in what is now Phoenix up to about A.D. 1400. And there are sticklike human figures similar to those found along the lower Gila River.

There's an experimental technique to date petroglyphs, but the center hasn't decided whether to use it out of respect for Indians for whom the site has religious significance, Welsh said.

He has consulted with several tribes, most extensively the Yavapai, Prescott and Hopi, in designing the center, and prefers to be "conservative" about disturbing the petroglyphs. In fact, visitors are restricted to a trail that runs below the hillside jumble of boulders that holds most of the markings.

One of those consulted, Joseph Joaquin of the Tohono O'odham Tribe, explained that today's Indians invest rock art with religious meaning even when it wasn't left by their direct ancestors. While he worries about hundreds of people visiting the drawings, development means visitors are inevitable and a center can help teach respect.

"That's all we ask... that they keep it in mind that the Native American people it means more than just writings on rock," Joaquin said.

The center's displays avoid assigning specific meaning to the drawings, acknowledging that interpretation is tricky in an area that mingles science, tradition and religion.

A petroglyph of, say, a deer ought to be considered the same way one might look at the fish outline used by early Christians, he said.

"It's not a fish," Welsh said. "It's Christianity, a whole belief system. Surely it's the same with petroglyphs."

The site lies just below Adobe Dam, an earthen dike built in the 1970s to control storm runoff.

To mitigate the damage done to an Indian habitation site in the path of the dam, and the damage people might do to the petroglyphs, the Corps built the visitor center at a cost of \$1.4 million, said Roderic McLean, a staff archaeologist in the Corps' Los Angeles office. The Maricopa County Flood Control District contributed the land and Arizona State is running the center and providing staff, at a cost of roughly \$125,000 a year, Welsh said.

## Book Review

## When women in the military made waves

By NORMAN N. BROWN  
Associated Press Writer

These days, the idea of women in the armed forces is old hat. But half a century ago, the notion was strongly resisted until the manpower demands of World War II changed things.

The U.S. Navy was one of the last holdouts but eventually formed the Women's Reserve, or WAVES.

Josette Dermody joined the WAVES in 1944, "for the duration plus six months," as it was quaintly ordained in those wartime days.

In "Mother Was a Gunner's Mate" (Naval Institute Press, \$24.95), Josette Dermody Wingo tells of her passage through the ranks. She tells the story of her early training in New York, at Great Lakes, and her posting to Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. She also recalls the women of widely differing backgrounds who were her classmates and shares many anecdotes of their adaptation to naval life.

With good humor and wit, she tells of the sailor who kept popping in and out of her life between trips to the Pacific theater and who shoved off with such parting words as, "So long, Toots, don't get engaged or anything." When V-J Day came around they were together in San Francisco, intent on having a good night on the town.

The author tells briefly of an episode that is not often discussed nowadays: the drunkenness, violence and vandalism rampant that night in San Francisco, when war-weary servicemen got briefly out of hand and went wild, to the horror of civilians.

Josette returned to civilian life, went to college on the GI Bill and became an educator. She married and had two sons.

Her story is uncomplicated and straightforward, and therein lies its charm. She pokes some good-natured fun at naval traditions and mores, but her overall fondness for the blue and gold show through.

## Israeli stamps feature Bible, peace and immigration

By SYD KRONISH  
For AP Special Features

Children's drawings of Bible stories, the Mideast peace process and immigration are the themes of three new issuances by Israel.

Every few years, the Israel Philatelic Service releases stamps based on children's drawings. In the past, these stamps have been devoted to subjects such as peace, the city of Jerusalem and road safety.

This year's stamps are taken from an exhibition, "Children and Young People Draw The Bible," which was shown in Tel Aviv in 1990. The drawings for the four stamps were chosen from the work of sixth-graders in the Golda Meir School in Holon.

The winners were: Moses in the Bulrushes" by Carmit Crspi, "Adam and Eve" by Itai Cohen, "Jacob's Dream" by Moran Sheinberg, and "The Parting of the Red Sea" by Avital Kaisar.

The Peace Process stamps, as previously announced, feature a house divided into two parts. One side for the Arabs shows an Oriental window above which is a crescent in relief and the other side displays a window over which is the Star of David.

The pair of stamps with the theme of immigra-

tion to Israel (known by the Hebrew name of Aliyot) depicts scenes of people arriving in large numbers.

The stamps are available from the Israel Collectors Society, P.O. Box 917, Van Nuys, Calif. 91408, for \$15.95, first-day covers for \$25.95; both for \$39.95.

Collectors of Israeli stamps can purchase a copy of the new revised edition of the complete Israel Postage Stamp Catalog for \$49.95 plus \$2 each for postage from the ISCS.

## Guyana &amp; Locomotives

Locomotive trains of the 19th century are featured on a set of four new stamps issued by Guyana, the former British Crown colony on the northeast coast of South America.

Released at the same time: a set of three sheetlets with eight stamps highlighting the history of locomotive trains of the 19th-century.

Shown on the first set of four are the South Eastern Railway 285 of 1882, the West Point Foundry of 1830, the Mount Washington Cog Railway of 1886 and the Stroudley-Brighton of 1872.

Sheetlet No. 1 depicts John Bull of 1831, the Stephenson of 1837, the Atlantic of 1832, the Stourbridge Lion of 1829, the Polonceau of

1854, the Rogers of 1856, the Vulcan of 1856 and the Namur of 1846.

Sheetlet No. 2 illustrates the West Point Foundry of 1832, the Sequin of 1830, the Stephenson's Planet of 1830, the Norris of 1840, the Union Iron Works of San Francisco of 1867, the Andrew Jackson of 1832, the Herald of 1831 and the Cumberland of 1845.

Sheetlet No. 3 portrays the Pennsylvania's Class K of 1880, the Cooke of 1885, the John B. Turner of 1867, the Baldwin of 1871, the Richard Trevithick of 1804, the John Blenkinsop of 1814, the Pennsylvania of 1803 and the John Stephens of 1825.

Railroad buffs and collectors who specialize in the topic of railroads on stamps may contact the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp., 460 W. 34th St., New York, N.Y. 10001. The phone number is (212) 629-7979.

## U.S. Post Office Also Hails Locomotives

In 1994, the U.S. Postal Service also paid philatelic tribute to old locomotives. The USPS commented on the train release: "steam engines (like the ones shown in the set) once knit the country together with threads of steel." The romance of railroads in the United States was captured in five 29-cent stamps, available in booklet form.

## Rooms that exude grace and feeling of comfort

By BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS  
A Meredith Magazine  
For AP Special Features

Certain rooms exude natural grace and a feeling of comfort. Their inviting arrangements draw us in, coaxing us to stay awhile. Such rooms spring from timeless decorating principles that have long guided room-shapers. For gracious rooms of your own, take these rules to heart and home, from the experts at Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

Begin with function. Decide how you plan to use the room, listing the activities you and your family would like to do there. Feel free to change room labels and use your space creatively. Who says that your dining room can't function as an office or entertainment center? Why not dine in the living room or in the guest room just off the kitchen? Look at your furnishings to see what new pieces you need and which ones should be traded away or shuffled to another

room.

Find a focal point. A room's focus works as a cornerstone on which you build your arrangement of furnishings. It becomes a magnetic element that catches the eye and draws

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you into a room. If your room doesn't have a natural focal point, such as windows with a great view, a bookcase wall, or a fireplace, substitute a large-scale or bold-colored furniture piece or accessory. Or, group small elements — a wooden folding screen, a distinctive chair, and a basket of dried blooms — into a welcoming focal point.

Float furnishings. A lineup of furniture around the edges of a room creates an awkward "waiting room" that's anything but welcom-

ing. To set up furniture arrangements that invite conversation, pull pieces away from the walls, gathering them into warmhearted, close-knit groupings. If you place major seating pieces no more than about 8

feet apart, you'll never have to shout across the room.

Direct traffic. Although traffic passes through a room, it doesn't have to travel through the center of it. Think of furniture as curbs that funnel traffic around conversation groupings. Allow a width of 2 to 3 feet for traffic lanes and for pullout space behind dining chairs. You can narrow some pathways, such as the area between a sofa and a cocktail table, to about 18 inches wide.

Do a balancing act. Combine fur-

nishings of different heights and hefts for interest, but avoid placing all of your tall or weighty pieces on the same side of the room. Use weighty pieces to balance architectural features. For instance, echo the height of a tall window or fireplace on one side of the room by placing an armoire or bookcase on the other. Or, if you have a large piano on one end of the room, balance it with a conversational seating arrangement on the other end.

Try a fresh angle. Because a diagonal is the longest line through any room, a grouping placed at an angle can open up space, creating an illusion of width. An on-the-bias gathering can also help you take advantage of two focal points. For example, tilt a sofa so you can enjoy a fireplace on one wall and a great view on the adjacent one.

Think convenience. Put a spot for drinks or books close to every seating piece. This can be a true end table, a stack of books, or a glass-topped basket — just be sure it's roughly the same height as the arm of your seating place.

## Images represent only fraction of all women

NEW YORK (AP) — Articles in women's magazines have changed over the last 20 years to reflect the growing independence and power of women. But most photographs continue to show images that represent only a fraction of the gender: young, slim, white women.

That was the finding of a study by Women, Men and Media, a group that monitors gender issues in the media. It was also the topic of a recent symposium at Columbia University's School of Journalism.

The study examined photographs in the Oct. 1994 issues of Allure, Harper's Bazaar, Cosmopolitan, Elle, Essence, Glamour, Ladies' Home Journal, Mirabella and Vogue.

Of 345 images of women in Vogue, for example, 312 were white, 245 were in their 20s, 307 were "very slim and healthy," 122 were engaged in a fantasy pursuit and 162 were posing as man-

nequins.

Essence, a magazine for black women, presented the most realistic picture of women, according to the study. It had the most photos of women over 40, and more of the models had fuller bodies. Most of its models were black.

Ladies' Home Journal also showed a more realistic portrait of women, according to the study, although its models were overwhelmingly white.

Generally, service magazines like the Journal tended to show more diversity than their fashion counterparts, said Marlene Sanders, the project's director.

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## Electronics and brightness

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new "electronic eye" developed at the National Institute of Standards and Technology is giving the lighting industry what researchers claim is the most accurate measure of brightness ever.

According to physicist Chris Cromer, the new development is twice as accurate as the previous lighting standard it replaces.

The electronic eye, Cromer explains, will help ensure that lighting in cockpits and dashboards meets proper safety specifications. It is a detector "which mimics the human eye," he says. "It's more sensitive in the green region of visible light, just as the eye is."

The institute is an agency of the Commerce Department's Technology Administration.

## THANKS

Thanks is hardly enough to say to all who showed so much concern during my Pampa and Dallas hospital and recuperation time from my Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> farm accident. Our deepest appreciation to the doctors, nurses, hospitals; the churches and Sunday school classes who had me on their prayer lists; our good friends and neighbors who finished my farming and planted my wheat and all those who helped in so many other ways.

Thank you to all.  
Clint and Gerry Caylor



## Knowledge of woman's herpes is spread by violation of trust

DEAR ABBY: I felt compelled to write after reading the letter from "Alone in Colorado," the young woman who was fearful of confiding in anyone that she had genital herpes.

I kept that embarrassing secret for 10 years, until I met a man I thought was wonderful. I trusted him, and confided that I had genital herpes — after which he assured me that he thought no less of me because of it.

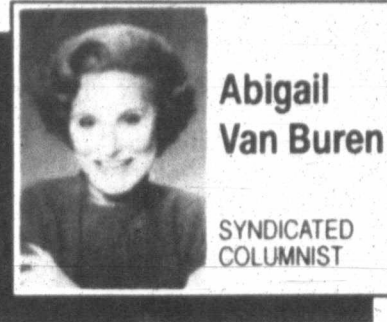
We had a beautiful, intimate relationship for a year and a half, which ended abruptly on a sour note when I learned that he had spread my well-kept secret all over the office where we both worked.

I would advise anyone who has genital herpes to be very careful in whom he or she confides.

HURTING IN OMAHA

DEAR HURTING: Had your beautiful relationship been platonic, I would agree with you, but to have intimate relations with him without disclosing the fact that you had genital herpes would have been unfair and dishonest.

You did the right thing in confiding in him, but because the aftermath of a failed romance often includes heartache, embarrassment, depression and the inability to concentrate, your mistake may have been in having a romance at the place you



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

both work.

DEAR ABBY: Each year about this time, my wife and I leave for Arizona — our "winter escape." We thoroughly enjoy meeting our winter friends, and our schedules are always busy.

Our problem: Some people seem to think that we're going to a warmer climate so they will have a place to visit every winter. In subtle ways, our friends suggest they need a winter break and would we mind if they came down to visit us. What can we say?

And when they're there, they love to use us as a hotel and restaurant and for transportation and entertainment. In addition to interfering with our own schedules, it becomes costly.

Benjamin Franklin said (in Poor Richard's Almanack), "Fish and visitors stink in three days." Abby, am I out in left field on this matter?

How does one deal with self-invited guests?

MINNESOTA MIKE

DEAR MIKE: It's easy: When people hint, suggest or are bold enough to ask if they may come to visit you for a week — take a lesson from Nancy Reagan and "just say no!"

DEAR ABBY: I went to a bridal shower for my niece last week, and after all the gifts were opened, envelopes were passed out. The hostess asked the guests to address the envelopes to themselves in order to "save the bride the trouble of addressing them!" There were only a few who refused to do it. I was one of them.

My niece said I should "get with it" — that this is the etiquette of the '90s.

Is she right? Or is my thinking outdated?

CONCERNED AUNT

DEAR CONCERNED AUNT: Your thinking is not outdated. Etiquette in the '90s hasn't changed in this regard. It is still the responsibility of the bride to send thank-you notes. And that includes addressing the envelopes.

## Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan 11, 1995

You might experience an awakening of new ideas and values in the year ahead. Your new insights could put you on the path to a happier, more abundant life.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Choose the people you associate with carefully today. They might try to pressure you into doing something against your principles. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspa-

per, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Strive to be even-handed if dealing with children today. It will confuse them if a similar act is rewarded in one instance and disciplined in another.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Keep your good ideas to yourself today. People who fail to see their value might discourage you from using them constructively.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Handle your financial affairs without the input of others today. Bringing associates into the picture might turn gains into losses.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Deal diplomatically with your associates today, especially if you need their support. If you don't, they might drift over to the opposition.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If your moves aren't carefully planned today, you will make tasks unnecessarily difficult. This is not the day to joust with windmills.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Make an effort to be friendly to everyone today, but don't be upset or surprised if you

encounter an individual who is impossible to please.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Token measures won't work today if you have an important goal to achieve, so don't take bows prematurely. An extra effort will be needed to get the job done.

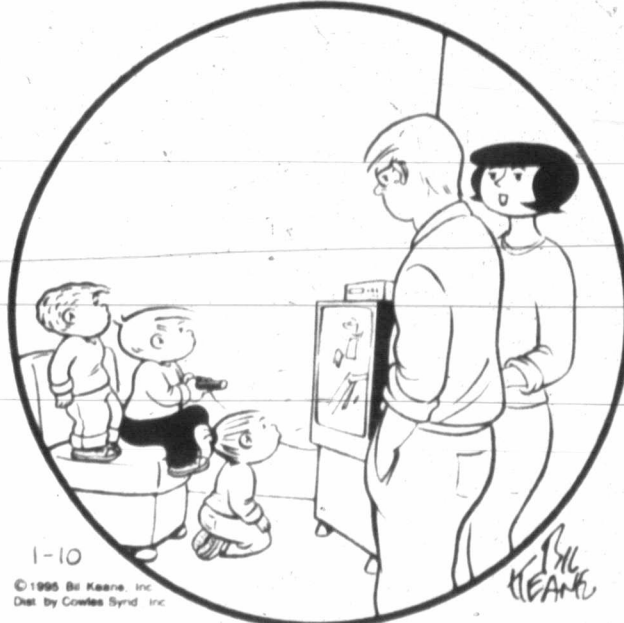
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your ideas could face opposition today. Try not to overreact when people are not in accord with your views.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Do not become involved in arrangements today that could strain your resources. You might slip into something hard to get out of.

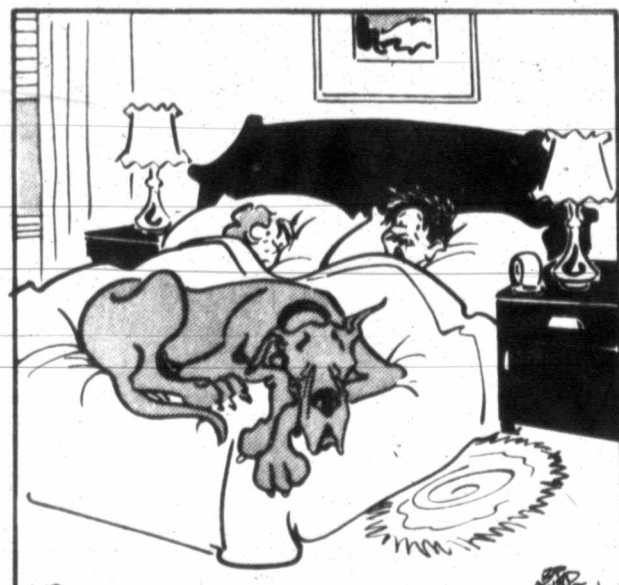
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** There is a big difference between being cynical and being skeptical. Unfortunately, you are prone to latching onto the former instead of the latter today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Protect your interests today. Someone might try to claim a piece of the action without having earned the right to participate.

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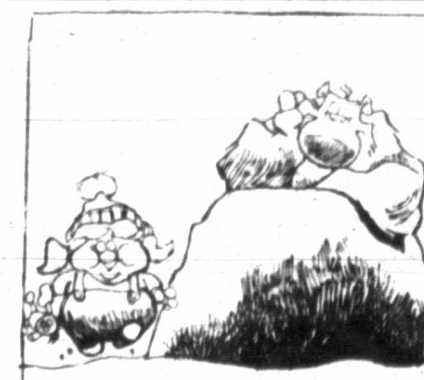


"The nice thing about video games is I don't have to pick them up."



"So far, part of me is asleep...both legs..."

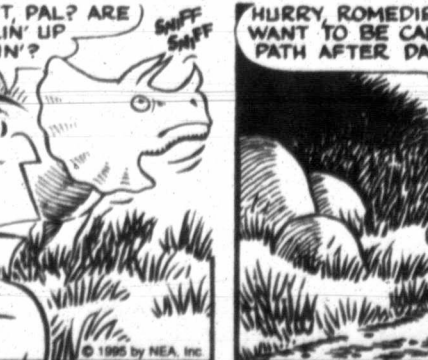
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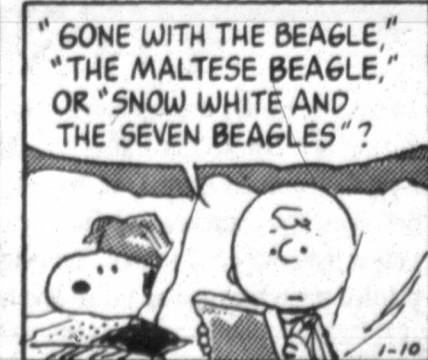
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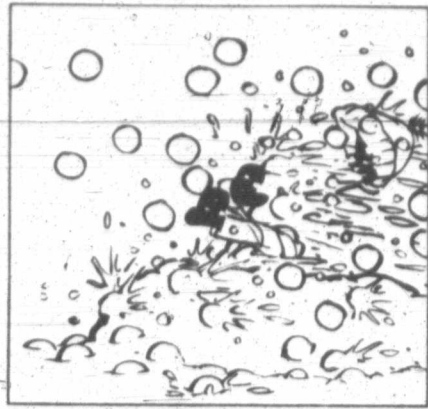
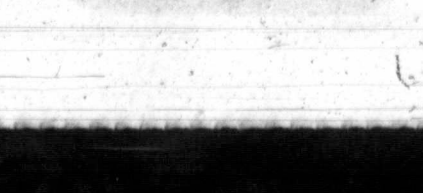
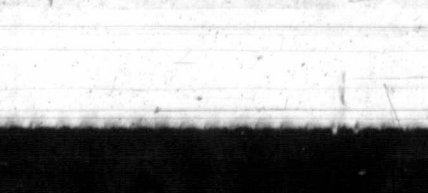
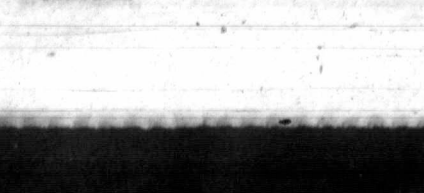
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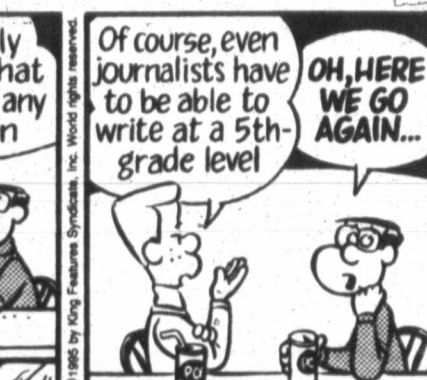
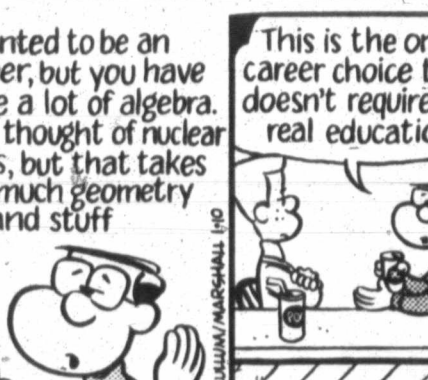
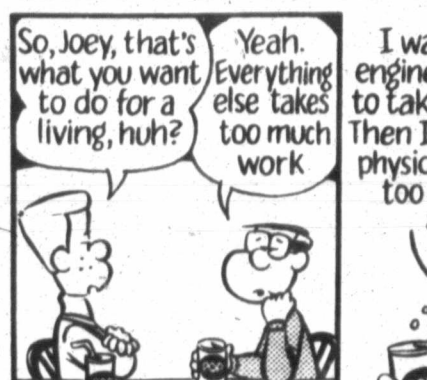
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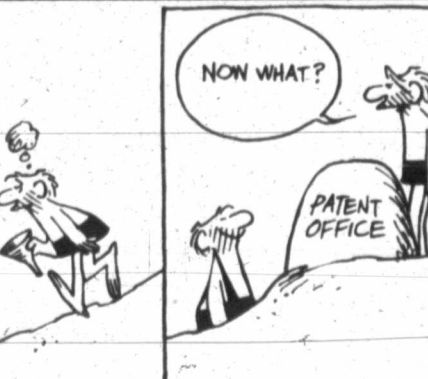
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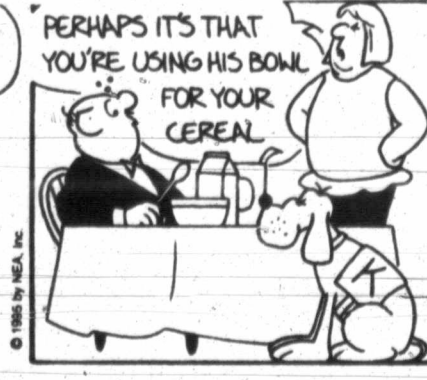
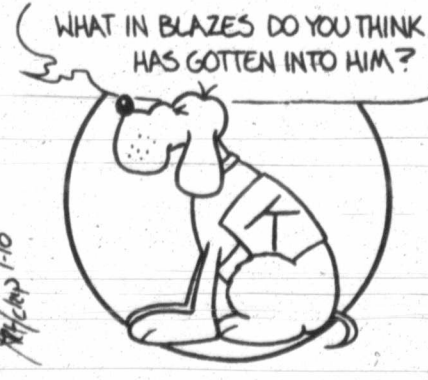
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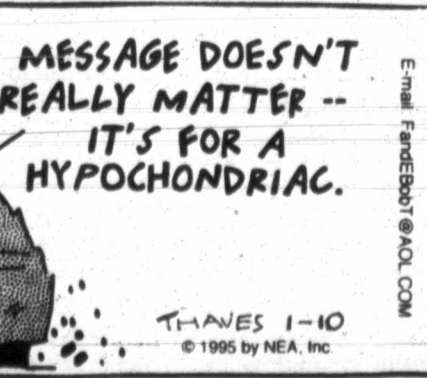
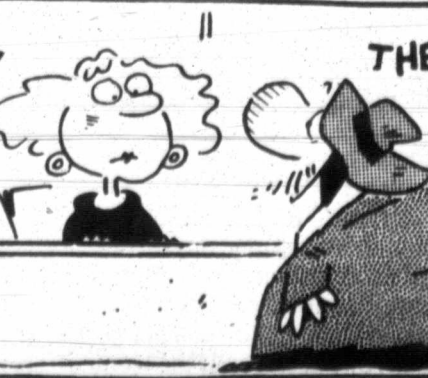
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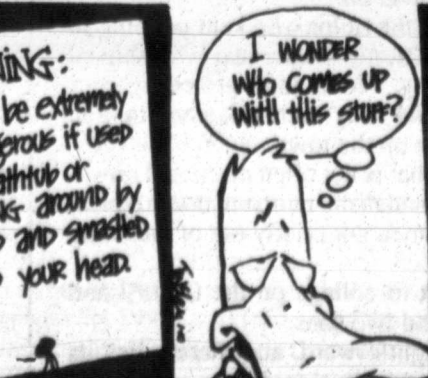
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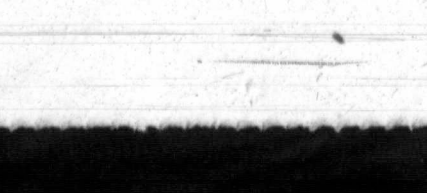
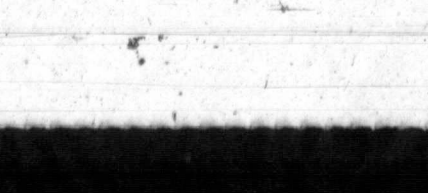
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# Notebook

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — No tickets will be sold at Borger for the Pampa-Borger District 1-4A basketball games Friday night, according to the Pampa High School Athletic Office.

Tickets at two dollars for adults and one dollar for students will be available today at the Pampa High School Athletic Office.

Pampa hosts Dumas and Borger travels to Dumas for district games tonight.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**BORGER** — Special Olympics is having a basketball tournament from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 21 at the two Borger High School gyms (West First Street) and two Borger Middle School gyms (1200 South Florida).

There will be 25 teams or 350 players with all levels of ability participating.

Teams are expected to travel from all over the Texas panhandle and the South Plains Area to participate.

Entry deadline is Jan. 16.

For more information, contact tournament coordinator Neal Myers at 273-7167 (home) or 477-6847 (work).

## BASEBALL

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mike Schmidt, perhaps the greatest third baseman in history, was the overwhelming and only choice for the Hall of Fame.

Schmidt, whose 548 home runs rank seventh on the career list, was named on 444 of the 460 ballots by the Baseball Writers Association of America in his first year of eligibility. His 96.52 percentage was the fourth-highest ever.

Schmidt, a three-time NL MVP and MVP of the 1980 World Series for Philadelphia, will be enshrined in Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 30.

It took 75 percent (345 votes) to make it, and 300-game winners Phil Niekro (286 votes) and Don Sutton (264) fell short as carryover candidates.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Owners denied the union's claim that up to 835 players became free agents when management implemented a salary cap Dec. 23.

Last Thursday, union head Donald Fehr sent owners a letter saying 1995 contract offers were invalid because owners made unilateral changes.

The union maintains that all unsigned players on 40-man rosters are either free agents now or will be March 11, when the clubs' right to renew contracts expires.

Owners continued plans to open spring training Feb. 16 with strikebreakers, with general managers and lawyers scheduled to meet today in Chicago to write replacement rules.

## FOOTBALL

**STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)** — Penn State tailback Ki-Jana Carter, the son of a single mother who runs her own business, will enter the NFL draft a year early so she can retire.

Carter, the Heisman runner-up, rushed for 1,539 yards and 23 touchdowns. His 7.8-yard average was best among the top-50 rushers.

Notre Dame defensive back Bobby Taylor, Michigan cornerback Ty Law and North Carolina tailback Curtis Johnson and defensive tackle Greg Black also gave up his final years of eligibility to enter the draft.

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — The Los Angeles Rams fired coach Chuck Knox in the first of many anticipated moves.

Knox, 62, who had a year left on a four-year contract, said it is unlikely that he will coach again.

The Rams lost their final seven games to finish 4-12 and were 13-33 in Knox's second stint with the team. Knox is 186-147-1 in 22 seasons with the Rams, Buffalo and Seattle.

**KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP)** — Seattle Seahawks owner Ken Behring, speaking publicly for the first time since he fired coach Tom Flores, said he hasn't offered the job to Miami's Dennis Erickson.

Behring said he planned to interview fired defensive coordinator Rusty Tillman this morning in Danville, Calif.

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — The trustees running the Tampa Bay Buccaneers rejected a \$163 million offer, saying they're considering others that are more lucrative.

While trustee Steve Story did not identify the buyers, he did say the bid by a group led by Tampa developer Tommy Shannon was too low.

Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos has apparently offered at least \$200 million and Palm Beach financier Malcolm Glazer made an offer believed to be about \$190 million.

**MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)** — Chris Tormey, defensive coordinator at Washington, returned to Idaho as head coach.

Tormey, a former Vandals player and assistant, succeeds John L. Smith, who left last week to coach Utah State.

## BASKETBALL

Massachusetts reached No. 1 in The Associated Press poll for the second time this season, climbing from fourth after last week's top three teams — North Carolina, UCLA and Arkansas — all lost games.

UMass (8-1) received 44 first-place votes and 1,615 points from the media panel, while Connecticut (10-0), one of two unbeaten Division I teams, jumped from sixth to second and was No. 1 on 17 ballots with 1,534 points.

Kansas (10-1) moved from fifth to third and had two first-place votes as did North Carolina (10-1), which had its five-week run at No. 1 ended with a loss at North Carolina State.

Arkansas was fifth, followed by UCLA, Kentucky, Syracuse, Maryland and Georgetown.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Seattle's Gary Payton, who set a team record with 14 field goals without a miss against Cleveland on Wednesday night, is the NBA player of the week.

# Cowboys' Smith gets stepped-up treatment

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

**IRVING (AP)** — Ice, heat, electric stimulation.

The trainers will be trying it all this week on the most famous left hamstring in the NFL.

Emmitt Smith was wearing electrodes dangling off his left leg as he walked Monday. The Cowboys are trying to cure a finicky left hamstring in one week. The procedure for such an injury usually takes four to six weeks.

"We'll do the best we can," trainer Kevin O'Neill said. "These things are tricky."

There wasn't much swelling in the hamstring on Monday, which

was good news for Smith and the Cowboys.

The Dallas Cowboys have lost three games in the last two years when Smith wasn't in the lineup, and none was as important as this year's showdown in San Francisco on Sunday for the NFC title.

Smith underwent round-the-clock treatment on Monday for a "twinge" he felt in his left hamstring during Sunday's 35-9 play-off romp over the Green Bay Packers.

"I feel fine," Smith said after the game. "It was just a little grabbing sensation in the muscle."

He wasn't talking about it much at Valley Ranch on Monday, walk-

ing around with the electrodes attached to his leg.

Coach Barry Switzer said Smith told him the leg was "so-so."

Switzer said "there's not much swelling in the leg. But I'm not optimistic. I told the team we're going to win with or without him."

The Cowboys might not know until the 1 p.m. PST kickoff whether Smith will be able to play on a soggy and slick Candlestick Park field that took a pounding on Saturday when the 49ers beat the Chicago Bears.

A trainer will be staying with Smith all week trying to calm down the hamstring muscle that first acted up Nov. 19 against New

Orleans. He was out three weeks, but couldn't get past the first quarter against the Packers.

He scored a touchdown on a 5-yard run and had 7 carries for 44 yards before he went down on an 8-yard run.

"It doesn't feel as bad as it did against New Orleans, and I'll be out there (in San Francisco)," Smith said.

The swampy state of Candlestick Park could tug at Smith's hamstring and give him instant trouble on his first play from scrimmage.

"I'm not sure how a hamstring reacts in the mud. I don't know whether it would hurt him or not," Switzer said.

The Cowboys are beat up after the Packers game. Oddsmakers quickly installed the 49ers as seven-point favorites with Smith listed as questionable.

"It's the most banged up we've been all year," Switzer said. "It couldn't have come at a worse time, either."

Offensive linemen Mark Tuinei, Nate Newton, and Larry Allen limped off the field against the Packers.

"Emmitt should practice late in the week, and we'll find out what's going on," Switzer said.

"Maybe he can go five plays or maybe the whole game. Who knows? We'll have Blair Thomas ready to go."

## Girls' tourney champs



(Courtesy photo)

The Cola-Cola team compiled a 6-1 record to win the Pampa Optimist Girls' Tournament championship this season. Team members are (front row, l-r) Abbi Covalt, Valeri Velez, Kelli Mitchell and Anna Johnson; (middle row, l-r) Cara Packard, Jennie Waggoner, Lexi Hill and Megan Shannon; Coaches are Jay Johnson (left) and Monte Covalt.

# Minutemen climb to top of AP cage poll for second time

By JIM O'CONNELL  
AP Basketball Writer

The news isn't as big as the Red Sox winning the World Series or that the price of clam chowder is about to skyrocket, but New England college basketball has plenty to boast about this week.

Massachusetts and Connecticut, schools about 40 miles apart, were as close as you can get at the top of the college basketball poll Monday.

The Minutemen (8-1) reached the No. 1 spot for the second time this season, climbing from fourth after last week's top three teams — North Carolina, UCLA and Arkansas — all lost once in a week that saw 15 ranked teams lose at least one game.

They received 44 first-place votes and 1,615 points from the national media panel, while Connecticut (10-0), one of two unbeaten Division I teams, jumped from sixth to second, was No. 1 on 17 ballots and had 1,534 points.

Huskies coach Jim Calhoun has spent his whole life in New England, and he sounded excited when talking of the region having the top two college basketball teams in the country.

"There's no question the old expression is really true that when you drive through the gates of Fairfield (Conn.) you enter a different world," Calhoun said Monday. "New England is like a big state in many ways. These are New England's teams and that's just like one state having the No. 1 and No. 2 teams. I really don't think people around the rest of the country have any idea that this is like having it happen in one state."

What's even more unbelievable is that these two schools were the ones to accomplish the feat.

When Calhoun came to Connecticut in 1986 after 14 seasons at Northeastern, the Big East school hadn't had a winning record in the previous four seasons. That has certainly changed, as Connecticut has been in the NCAA tournament and ranked in the Top Ten four of the last five seasons.

Massachusetts has had an even more remarkable climb under coach John

Calipari, who took over the program in 1988 off a decade of sub-.500 seasons.

The last four seasons have seen at least 20 wins, three straight Atlantic 10 titles and the same number of NCAA bids.

"To people who were around this region in the late 1970s and early 1980s, that these two schools are where they are is remarkable," Calhoun said. "The leagues are different, but the climbs are comparable."

They can't be compared against each other on the court since they haven't met since 1990 after 98 games since 1904-05. Most people feel the coaches are responsible for the ending of the series, but it's never been publicly talked about.

For Calhoun, the connection between the schools has one more twist.

"My first game as coach of Connecticut was against UMass," he said. "The featured game on TV that night was Louisville, the defending national champions, against

Northeastern and the seniors I had just left, including Reggie Lewis in the Great Alaska Shootout. We managed a 4-point win in the old field house. Look at that, nine years later and good things have happened to great programs."

Kansas (10-1), the team that beat the Minutemen six days after they moved to No. 1, moved from fifth to third and had two first-place votes, as did North Carolina (10-1), which had its five-week run at No. 1 ended with a loss at North Carolina State.

Arkansas was fifth and UCLA sixth. Kentucky, which also had one first-place vote, was seventh and was followed by Syracuse, Maryland and Georgetown.

Three teams entered the rankings for the first time this season: No. 17 Missouri, which was ranked as high as last season; No. 18 Clemson, the other unbeaten Division I team, which is in the poll for the first time since 1990; and No. 25 Oregon, making its first appearance in the rankings since 1977.

## Mavericks fall to Jazz

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Karl Malone made a conscious effort to go inside in the second half against Dallas, and in doing so opened the perimeter to Utah teammate Jeff Hornacek.

Malone finished with 32 points, including 12 in the third quarter, while Hornacek scored 21, including 17 in the third period, as the Jazz downed the Mavericks 106-90 Monday night.

"I really don't like to score 30 points," Malone said. "I'd rather score 20 and help get everybody involved."

His work inside helped get Hornacek involved.

Hornacek, 7-for-8 in the second half, hit three straight 3-pointers in a 3 1/2-minute span when the Jazz went from a 57-45 lead to a 70-51 advantage.

"When Horney gets on a roll like that, it's sort of fun to watch him,"

Malone said.

Utah outscored Dallas 31-18 in the third period, turning a 51-45 halftime lead into an 82-63 advantage. Dallas got no closer than 10 points in the final period.

"The third quarter was our best," John Stockton said. "We moved the ball around and drove to the basket. After that, we just tried to use the clock and look for 3s."

Stockton started the Utah roll in the first period, scoring 14 points and passing for three assists. He finished with 20 points and 14 assists.

Utah's 22-7 lead left the Mavericks with "too big of a hole against too good a team," Dallas coach Dick Motta said. "I was a little disappointed with our intensity to start the game."

Jamal Mashburn led Dallas with 27 points. Jason Kidd scored 17 and Jimmy Jackson had 14.

# Harvesters host Dumas tonight

Even though Dumas is having a down season so far, Pampa head coach Robert Hale won't be looking past the Demons, who come to town for a 7:30 tipoff tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

"The district is definitely much tougher this season. Everybody is more capable of winning, they surely are," Hale said.

When Pampa fell to Canyon, 66-55, last Friday night, it gave Hereford sole possession of first place in the district race at 2-0 after the Whitefaces' 66-47 win over Dumas.

Pampa is 15-6 for the season and 1-1 in the district standings. Dumas is 7-11 overall and 0-2 in district action.

Pampa got double-figure scoring from its big three of Rayford Young (19), Coy Laury (15) and Duane Nickelberry (13)

against Canyon, but it wasn't enough to overtake the Eagles, who never trailed in the game. Canyon was able to beat Pampa by ruling the boards. The Eagles had a 40-14 rebounding advantage and consistently got second shots at the hoop.

"Canyon has a real big team and they played really well against us," Hale added.

Although Dumas is having trouble collecting wins, the Demons are already ahead of their three-win season of a year ago. Phillip Reed, a 6-1 senior, and Justin Calvert, a 6-0 sophomore, have been doing much of the scoring. Calvert had 14 points and Reed 13 against Hereford. B.J. Bilbrey, a 6-0 senior, is another scoring threat. He had 17 points in Dumas' 49-48 loss to Caprock last week.

# Pampa 7th graders win over Canyon

Pampa won over Canyon, 52-40, in 7th grade boys' basketball action Monday.

Russell Robben scored 12 points and Jesse Francis had 11 to lead Pampa in scoring.

Pampa also won the 7th grade B game, 61-41. Greg Lindsey and Kyle McCullough had 10 points each to lead Pampa scoring.

Canyon defeated Pampa, 56-48 in the 8th grade game.

Shawn Young was high scorer for Pampa with 17 points, followed by Kyle Gamblin with 13.

Canyon also won the B game, 52-35.

Barry Brauchi was high scorer for Pampa with 14 points, followed by Leo Ramirez with 8.

The Pampa Middle School teams play Monday at Hereford with the B games starting at 5:30, followed by the A games at 6:45.

# Blair named year's top female athlete

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Bonnie Blair, the world's greatest woman speed skater and the nation's winningest Winter Olympian, today was named The Associated Press 1994 Female Athlete of the Year.

Blair won her fifth overall gold medal at the Lillehammer Games in February after dominating the sport for nearly a decade. She became the first American to win the same event, the 500 meters, in three consecutive Winter Olympics.

"I've had a pretty big year," Blair said. "What I've gotten out of the sport is way more than I've ever dreamed."

Blair made it seem easy in Norway, flying flawlessly over the ice, pumping her fists in the air as she crossed the finish line, greeting the cheers and flying flags of her entourage. The Blair Bunch.

"She's an incredible athlete," U.S. coach Nick Thometz said. "She's one of or the best of all time."

Blair amassed five Olympic gold medals and one bronze at Games in Lillehammer, Albertville and Calgary. She won the overall gold medal in the 1994 World Sprint Championships, dominated the World Cup races and holds the world record in the 500 meters.

"Sometimes, I just have to look at my medals and say, 'I really did this,'" said Blair, on the verge of retirement. "I'm enjoying it while I can."

Blair was a big winner in the AP voting by writers and broadcasters. She received 86 first-place votes and a total of 492 points, far ahead of figure skater Oksana Baiul's 15 first-place votes and 172 points.

Tennis player Steffi Graf was third with 110 points and figure skater Nancy Kerrigan and track star Jackie Joyner-Kersey tied for fourth with 79 points.

Top athletic awards have been piling up for Blair since February's Games. Blair won the 1994 Babe Zaharias Female Amateur Athlete Award in November, and Sports Illustrated named her its Sportswoman of the Year in December.

"Bonnie doesn't go and train every day for awards like that, but these extra awards, on top of the medals, mean very much to her," said fellow Olympic gold-medal winner Dan Jansen in a phone interview from Squaw Valley, Calif.

"She deserves every award she gets. On top of being a great athlete, she's a wonderful person," Jansen said.



# Scoreboard

## TV SPORTS WATCH

Live, same-day and delayed national TV sports coverage for Wednesday.

**All Times EST**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**  
 7 p.m. ESPN - NCAA Basketball, Georgia Tech at North Carolina  
 8 p.m. PRIME - NCAA Basketball, Rice at Houston  
 8:30 p.m. ESPN2 - IHL Hockey, Atlanta at Chicago  
 9 p.m. ESPN - NCAA Basketball, Miami at St. John's

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## PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association  
 By The Associated Press

**All Times EST**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**

W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	26	6	813
New York	18	12	600
Boston	13	19	406
New Jersey	13	22	371 1/2
Miami	10	21	323 1/2
Philadelphia	10	23	312 1/2
Washington	7	24	226 1/2

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	21	10	677
Indiana	19	11	633 1/2
Charlotte	19	12	613
Chicago	16	15	518
Atlanta	14	19	424
Milwaukee	10	22	313 1/2
Detroit	9	20	310

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Midwest Division**

W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	22	10	688
Houston	20	10	667
San Antonio	18	10	643
Denver	16	15	516 1/2
Dallas	14	15	483 1/2
Minnesota	8	24	290

**Pacific Division**

W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	25	7	781
Seattle	21	9	700
L.A. Lakers	20	10	667
Sacramento	17	13	567
Portland	17	14	548 1/2
Golden State	10	19	345 1/2
L.A. Clippers	5	26	161 1/2

**Monday's Games**  
 Boston 114, Washington 101  
 Utah 106, Dallas 90  
 Phoenix 119, Milwaukee 102  
 Tuesday's Games  
 Atlanta at Washington, 7:30 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Orlando at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
 Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Miami at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
 Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.  
**Thursday's Games**  
 Miami at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
 Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

## COLORADO

Announced that Elliott Uzalac, football offensive coordinator, will not return next season.

**FRANCIS MARION**—Announced the resignation of Kim Slawson Hawkins, women's assistant basketball coach.

**HOBERT WILLIAM SMITH**—Named Michael Greber assistant sports information director.

**IDAHO**—Named Chris Tormey football coach.

**MICHIGAN**—Announced that Ty Law, junior defensive back, has applied for the NFL draft.

**MICHIGAN STATE**—Named Dean Pees defensive coordinator, and Greg Colby defensive line coach.

**NAVY**—Named Dick Bumpas defensive coordinator and defensive line coach; Paul Johnson offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach; Brent Guy linebackers coach; Gary Patterson safeties coach; Gene McKeehan centers and guards coach; Scott Cinner tight ends and offensive tackles coach; and Scott Runyan wide receivers coach.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—Announced that Curtis Johnson, junior running back, and Greg Black, junior defensive tackle, have applied for the NFL draft.

**NORTHWESTERN**—Announced the resignation of Greg Shea, sports information director.

**NOTRE DAME**—Announced that Bobby Taylor, junior defensive back, has applied for the NFL draft.

**OHIO STATE**—Announced that Kiana Carter, junior running back, has applied for the NFL draft.

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**—Announced the resignation of Jim Martin, athletic director, effective when a replacement is found.

**SOUTHERN METHODIST**—Named Vincent White assistant football coach.

## GOLF

**PGA TOUR**—Statistical leaders through the Mercedes Championships, which ended Jan. 8.

**Scoring Leaders**  
 1 (tie), Steve Elkington and Bruce Lietzke, 69.68; 3, Bill Glasson, 69.93; 4, Craig Stadler, 70.18; 5 (tie), Fred Couples, Ben Crenshaw, Rick Fehr and Tom Lehman, 70.43; 9 (tie), John Huston and Lee Janzen, 70.68.

**Driving Accuracy**  
 1, John Daly, 27.1 yards; 2, Brent Ogle, 25.84; 3, John Huston, 25.45; 4, Fred Couples, 25.43; 5, Craig Stadler, 24.89; 6, Neal Lancaster, 24.88; 7, Lee Janzen, 24.81; 8, Phil Mickelson, 24.78; 9, Rick Fehr, 24.73; 10, Tom Lehman, 24.71.

**Greens in Regulation**  
 1, Steve Elkington, 77.8 percent; 2, Bruce Lietzke, 75.0; 3, Fred Couples, 73.6; 4, Hale Irwin, 72.2; 5 (tie), Ben Crenshaw and Craig Stadler, 70.8; 7, Corey Pavin, 69.4; 8, Andrew Magee, 68.5; 9 (tie), Rick Fehr and Bill Glasson, 68.1.

**Total Driving**  
 1, Craig Stadler, 6.2; Fred Couples, 13.3; Greg Norman, 17.4; Steve Elkington, 18.5 (tie); Bruce Lietzke and Brian Henninger, 20.7; Rick Fehr, 23.8 (tie); John Huston and Tom Lehman, 24.10; Bill Glasson, 26.

**Putting Leaders**  
 1, Lee Janzen, 1.667; 2, Scott Hoch, 1.674; 3, Mark McCumber, 1.702; 4, Rick Fehr, 1.714; 5, Bruce Lietzke, 1.722; 6, Mike Sullivan, 1.730; 7, Neal Lancaster, 1.737; 8, Tom Lehman, 1.739; 9, Fred Couples, 1.753; 10, Corey Pavin, 1.760.

**Birdie Leaders**  
 1 (tie), Bruce Lietzke and Craig Stadler, 18.3 (tie); Ben Crenshaw, Scott Hoch and

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

How Women's Top 25 Fared  
 By The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll fared Monday:

1. Tennessee (14-0) beat No. 3 Louisiana Tech 62-56. Next: vs. South Carolina, Thursday.  
 2. Connecticut (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.  
 3. Louisiana Tech (12-2) lost to No. 1 Tennessee 62-56. Next: at Arkansas State, Saturday.  
 4. North Carolina (15-0) beat Wake Forest 82-67. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.  
 5. Stanford (11-1) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.  
 6. Colorado (12-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.  
 7. Texas Tech (14-2) beat Lamar 86-60. Next: vs. No. 25 Texas A&M, Wednesday.  
 8. Georgia (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday.  
 9. Virginia (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Duke, Tuesday.  
 10. Vanderbilt (13-4) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Georgia, Sunday.  
 11. Alabama (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Tuesday.  
 12. Penn State (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Friday.  
 13. Western Kentucky (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lamar, Thursday.  
 14. Kansas (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Sunday.  
 15. Washington (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Southern Cal, Thursday.  
 16. George Washington (9-1) did not play. Next: at St. Joseph's, Tuesday.  
 17. Mississippi (12-1) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.  
 18. Florida (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. Florida Atlantic, Wednesday.  
 19. Seton Hall (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Wednesday.  
 20. Southern Cal (8-2) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Washington, Thursday.  
 21. Oregon State (9-2) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Friday.  
 22. Purdue (9-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Friday.  
 23. Southern Mississippi (9-2) did not play. Next: at Alabama-Birmingham, Wednesday.  
 24. Wisconsin (11-2) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Friday.  
 25. Texas A&M (9-3) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Wednesday.

## Women's Scores

By The Associated Press

## EAST

Adelphi 75, CW Post 59  
 Albany, N.Y. 91, Wilkes 69  
 Assumption 63, S. Connecticut 43  
 Bryn Mawr 61, Quinnipiac 57  
 Buffalo 87, Conn. Connecticut St. 75  
 Canisius 74, Loyola, Md. 65  
 Clatsop 81, Cheyney 31  
 Colby-Sawyer 92, Notre Dame Coll. 38  
 Colgate 81, Manhattan 73  
 East Stroudsburg 73, Lock Haven 64  
 Franklin & Marshall 67, Alvernia 56  
 Md.-Balt. County 53, William & Mary 51  
 Maine 89, Hofstra 39  
 Merrimack 71, Franklin Pierce 65  
 Monmouth 80, St. Francis, N.Y. 48  
 Mount St. Mary's 61, York, N.Y. 47  
 N.J. Tech 68, CCNY 66  
 New Paltz 53, Russell Sage 49  
 Robert Morris 80, Rider 68  
 Rowan 77, Richard Stockton 35  
 St. Anselm 76, New Hampshire College 47  
 Scranton 67, Marywood 48  
 Temple 44, Lafayette 42  
 Thiel 57, Cazenovia College 45  
 Washington, Md. 72, Gallaudet 58  
 Wayneburg 73, Penn St.-Behrend 56  
 West Chester 67, Bowie St. 54  
 Westminster 63, LaRoche 47

## SOUTH

Albany St. 78, Alabama A&M 53

# Lady Harvesters host tall Demonettes tonight

The Pampa Lady Harvesters will try to cut Dumas down to size tonight in a District 1-4A game in McNeely Fieldhouse. It's a difficult assignment. The Demonettes have one of the taller teams around with 6-2 Jenny Robinson and 5-10 Bridgette Murphy inside the paint.

"Dumas is going to be pretty hard to stop," said PHS head coach Mike Jones. "They've got

a really big team. They beat Hereford pretty soundly last week, so we're going to have to control the tempo of the game to have a chance."

Dumas has a 15-8 record and is tied with Randall for second in 1-4A at 3-0. Pampa is 4-14 for the season and 0-3 in district play.

Even though Pampa lost to Canyon, 51-25, last week, Jones

was pleased with the performance of the Lady Harvesters against the Lady Eagles, who ranked No. 2 in Class 4A.

"We were able to control the tempo and never allowed them to get into their running game," Jones said. "That's what we need to do in all our games. We have to stay patient on offense, stay close and hopefully pull the game out at the end."

Senior guard Misty Scribner

led Pampa in scoring with 12 points.

"We've been getting some pretty good shots, but we haven't been shooting the ball that well," Jones said. "Of course the defense has something to do with that. In practice you just don't have the defensive pressure that you do in a game."

Tonight's Pampa-Dumas girls' contest tips off at 6.

# Packers hope to improve running game, execution

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
 AP Sports Writer

**GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)**—The true measure of a team is how well it plays against the best, and the Dallas Cowboys showed the Green Bay Packers exactly what their weaknesses are.

"I think we have some ground to make up, there's no question about that," coach Mike Holmgren said after the Cowboys' 35-9 victory over the Packers on Sunday.

The Packers (10-8) completed their third straight winning season under Holmgren and general manager Ron Wolf—a feat not achieved since Vince Lombardi's 1965-67 NFL title teams.

Despite coming within one victory of the NFC title game for the second consecutive year, Green Bay is nowhere near San Francisco and Dallas in talent or execution.

The Packers' job for next year got harder when All-Pro wide receiver Sterling Sharpe got hurt. He caught a club-record 18 touchdowns this season, but sat out the playoffs with a neck injury that could end his magnificent career.

Surgery recommended by two neurosurgeons hasn't been scheduled.

Favre threw for 3,882 yards and a team-record 33 touchdowns with only 14 interceptions, 10 fewer than last year when he led the league. But he was shut out in the playoffs with Sharpe on the sidelines, although Robert Brooks put up some Sharpe-like numbers.

Once again, the Packers were overmatched by Dallas in all areas. They have lost at Texas Stadium four times in the last two seasons by a combined 140-71. No other team has their number this good.

Troy Aikman has thrown for more than 300 yards in three of those games and third-stringer Jason Garrett did the same in a 42-31 victory on Thanksgiving, overcoming four TD receptions by Sharpe.

That 11-point loss was the Packers' worst all year until Sunday.

Aikman completed 23 of 30 passes for a club-record 337 yards. Alvin Harper (108 yards), Michael Irvin (111) and tight end Jay Novacek (104) became just the second trio to catch passes for more than 100 yards in a playoff game.

A stifling defense that had stopped NFL rushing champion Barry Sanders cold just eight days before, surrendered 114 yards and three touchdowns on 30 carries by Emmitt Smith and backup Blair Thomas.

The secondary was burned all afternoon, especially cornerback Terrell Buckley, who allowed the longest postseason TD pass in league history—a 94-yarder catch by Harper, dropped a potential interception in the end zone and twice was whistled for penalties.

Kevin Williams had kickoff returns of 36 and 39 yards to midfield, setting up two Dallas touchdown drives.

Thomas, Smith, Aikman, Irvin,

Harper and Novacek each had hands in tying or breaking team records.

"They set more records than there is probably room for in their record book," Wolf said.

"They're accustomed to playing in the big games and they don't mess up in the big games, they execute," Wolf said.

And Green Bay doesn't.

"We've never won a game like this since we've been here and we're going to be an also-ran or one of these middle of the pack people until such time as we do that," Wolf said.

Holmgren said the best thing that happened this season was the development of the 25-year-old Favre into one of the league's premier passers.

Favre, who signed a five-year, \$19 million contract last summer, will be a big selling point in free-agency.

"Players like the idea of coming into a situation where there's a great quarterback," he said.

The Packers are suddenly in the market for a front-line wide receiver, such as Atlanta's Andre Rison or even Dallas' Harper, and for help on defense and in the running game.

Guard Aaron Taylor, Green Bay's top pick last year, has recovered from a freak knee injury that took away his entire season.

Running back Reggie Cobb, who is scheduled to earn \$1.1 million next year, wasn't the answer to the Packers' running problems.

Wolf mentioned the young corps of defensive backs that gives him

hope for the future: LeRoy Butler, George Teague and Doug Evans. He left out Buckley's name.

Star defensive ends Reggie White and Sean Jones have two years left on their contracts, so the Packers will navigate the offseason with a sense of urgency.

Holmgren told reporters Monday that he didn't expect defensive back Roland Mitchell, defensive tackle Steve McMichael and offensive lineman Jamie Dukes to be back with the Packers next year.

He said Mitchell is expected to retire because of his neck injury. As for McMichael and offensive lineman Jamie Dukes to be back with the Packers next year.

Holmgren also reported that running back LeShon Johnson had knee surgery Monday, and everything went well.

He said the Buffalo Bills and Jacksonville Jaguars had called for permission to talk with defensive backs coach Dick Jauron about a possible job.

This season marked the last time the Packers will call Milwaukee their home-away-from-home. Next year they will play all their home games in Green Bay, where they've won 10 straight, for the first time since 1933.

The Packers beat Detroit 16-12 on New Year's Eve in the first playoff game at Lambeau in a non-strike year since the Ice Bowl '27 years before.

"I would love to have a chance to play the Cowboys in Green Bay in December," Holmgren said.

# Charging Chargers aren't intimidated by Steelers

By BERNIE WILSON  
 AP Sports Writer

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—All those people who wave "Terrible Towels" in Three Rivers Stadium don't frighten the San Diego Chargers. Neither does the prospect of playing in cold weather.

In fact, not even the menacing Pittsburgh Steelers scare the Chargers.

The Chargers, who visit Pittsburgh for Sunday's AFC championship game, don't feel there's an aura of invincibility surrounding the Steelers, who blitz on defense and pound on offense.

"Nah, because they've been beaten," free safety Stanley Richard said. "We weren't the only ones that beat them this year. I have a lot of respect for their team, but they're beatable. All teams in this league are beatable."

The Chargers beat the Steelers 37-34 on Dec. 24, although Pittsburgh, which already had clinched home-field advantage in the playoffs, was resting several injured starters and pulled other starters early.

Those players won't be idle this Sunday.

"I could care less," Richard said on Monday, a day after San Diego's wild 22-21 divisional win over the Miami Dolphins.

"If they have everyone healthy, fine; if everyone's going to play, fine. I want them to. Because right now we don't see Pittsburgh as individual players, we just see Pittsburgh as a steppingstone to get to the Super Bowl."

The Steelers, who had a seven-game win streak snapped by the Chargers, were an AFC-best 12-4. The Chargers were 11-5.

The Chargers are big underdogs. But they'll try to use that to their advantage.

"There are probably very few people who believe that we can win," coach Bobby Ross said. "Except I believe we can win, and I believe our players believe we can win. We can't apologize for winning in that circumstance."

But the Chargers know they have to play far better than they did the first game against the Steelers.

After blowing an 11-point lead in the third quarter, they needed a 20-yard touchdown run by Natrone Means on fourth-and-one with 4:32 left to tie it, and a 32-yard field goal

by John Carney with three seconds left to win it.

A loss would have cost the Chargers a first-round bye.

"We personally felt like that was one of our poorer defensive performances, in the last three quarters of that game," Ross said.

"Whereas they feel like we didn't see their full team, we really don't feel like they saw us as we're capable of playing. That's the way I see it, regardless of how other people see it."

Even last Sunday the Chargers had to rally against the Dolphins, erasing a 21-6 deficit with 35 seconds left when Stan Humphries threw 8 yards to Mark Seay. John Carney's PAT was the winning point.

Even so, victory wasn't guaranteed until Pete Stoyanovich's field-goal attempt went wide right with one second left.

In anticipation of playing before the loudest crowd they've ever faced, the Chargers will practice in Jack Murphy Stadium this week rather than on their adjoining practice field.

They'll play a crowd-noise tape "at a very high pitch, and

we'll deal with that for as long as I can deal with it during practice, then we'll cut it down," Ross said. "Because I don't want a headache having to come back in here and work at night, either."

"The crowd's going to be very much into the football game," he added. "I love that kind of atmosphere, though. I think that's a lot of fun."

Then there's the weather factor.

"I know we get kind of accused of being the warm-weather boys," Ross said. "That may or may not be the case. We've played in bad weather before, and I don't think we need to be concerning ourselves with that one way or the other because there isn't anything we can do about that."

A key part of the Chargers' defense, 300-pound tackle Shawn Lee, underwent arthroscopic surgery Monday to remove a piece of cartilage from his left knee. He'll be listed as doubtful to questionable.

"We've had people come back from things like this quickly and be able to play, but I don't know that for sure," Ross said.

# National Hockey League season still alive, just barely

By MIKE NADEL  
 AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Prospects of playing the NHL season remained alive even as the owners' "drop-dead" deadline of noon today passed without a labor agreement.

"In an effort to save the season, the discussions will continue past 12 noon," NHL vice president Arthur Pincus said, reading the league's first official statement since negotiations began Monday at 11 a.m.

"Commissioner (Gary) Bettman has also planned a (1:30 p.m. EST) conference call with the NHL's Board of Governors to apprise them of the status of collective bargaining," Pincus said.

Pincus added that Bettman and NHL Players Association head Bob Goodenow would continue negotiating.

A general manager, who spoke on condition that he not be identified, said the conference call would not be to vote on a contract proposal.

"I can definitely say that a deal

isn't done," he said.

The GM, a union official and an agent familiar with the talks all suggested that the free agency issue remained the major sticking point in negotiations. That has been the case since about midnight Monday.

Most of the issues—including salary arbitration, rookie salary cap and right to reopen the contract—apparently were resolved during the more than 20 hours of talks, leaving free agency as the trouble spot.

Owners last proposed that players become unrestricted free agents at age 32; the union wanted it to be 30.

Canadian Press reported that the sides were looking at a combination of player's age and length of NHL service to see if there was a way to compromise on the issue.

The agent said he was not surprised that finishing the deal was not easy but said he didn't think free agency would be a deal breaker.

"It figured to be painstaking and it figured to go the distance," he said. "Obviously, they have to get to the buttoning-up stage because

of the hour. But I think it's going pretty well. It seems to be headed in the right direction. It'll get done."

Eric Weinrich of the Chicago Blackhawks liked the idea of a compromise on free agency.

"That would be fair," he said. "I'm not speaking for everyone, but the general consensus is that there should be some common ground. I think 100 percent of the players want the season to start, but not for the wrong reasons."

At one point early today, CP said, negotiations hit a snag when Bettman pulled back some earlier concessions in an attempt to get the players to budge on the age requirement.

Bettman's move caused the talks to lose their momentum. The NHL then began working the telephones, CP said, with vice president Jeff Pash calling player agents, asking them to apply pressure on Goodenow to get things back on track.

The marathon session bridged what had been significant gaps in the arbitration, rookie cap and reopener issues.

Owners wanted each team to have the right to walk away from two salary arbitration decisions annually, and the players offered one such walk away.

The owners wanted to cap a rookie's salary at \$825,000, while players offered a \$900,000 top wage.

And the owners said that only they should have the right to reopen a proposed 6-year contract after four years. Players said both sides should have the right.

Owners voted 19-7 Saturday to reject the union's latest demands. They then voted 20-6 to present their more restrictive counterproposal; the players rejected that offer on Sunday, sending Bettman and Goodenow back to the table for their first face-to-face meeting since Dec. 6.

The owners' payroll tax came off the table last week after Goodenow repeatedly said the NHLPA would never accept it.

Bettman and the owners have said that the season must start by next Monday if each team is to play 50 games followed by four full playoff rounds.



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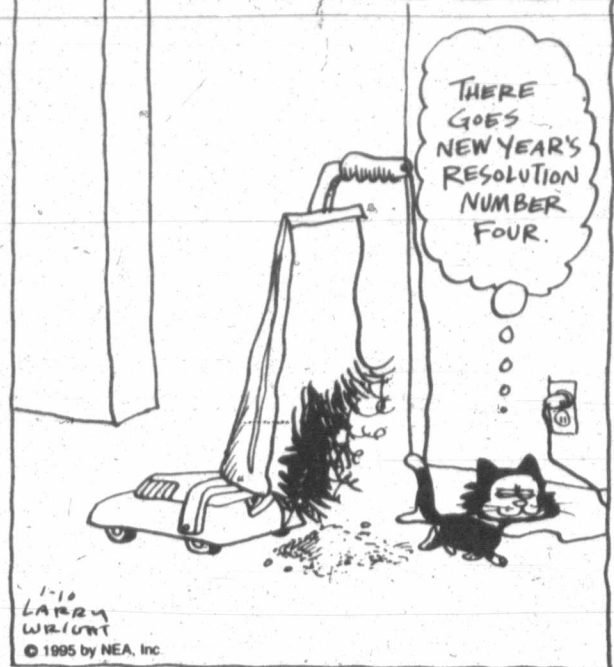
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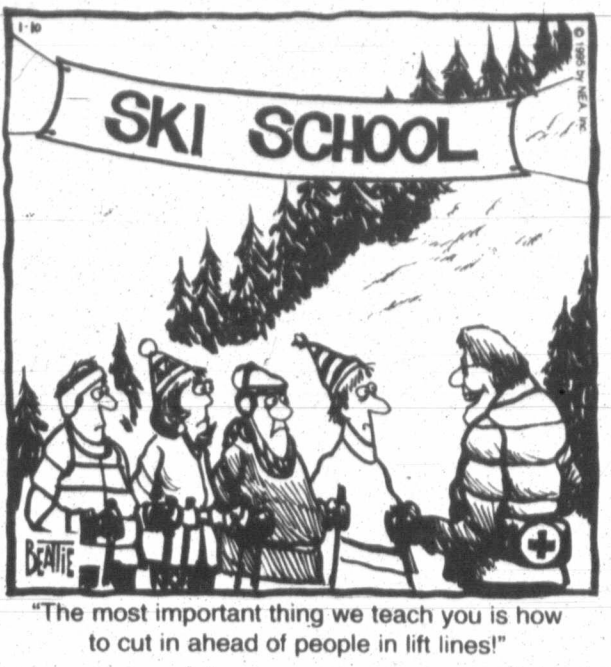
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16 Mas. workers 61 No longer working (abbr.)

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32 Eve's mate 4 Cut

33 Two-wheeler 5 Part of a fishing line

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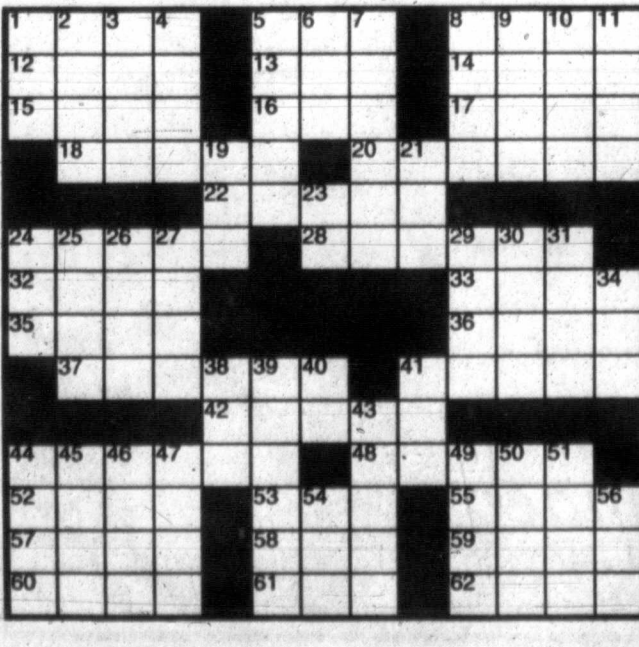
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# Gingrich backs off from GOP plan to deny welfare to immigrants

By JENNIFER DIXON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich says Republicans are having second thoughts about their campaign promise to drop hundreds of thousands of legal immigrants, many of them elderly and disabled, from the welfare rolls.

Gingrich, R-Ga., refused to acknowledge a "change of heart" Monday when he said the GOP would "revisit" its plans to deny welfare benefits to most legal immigrants at an estimated savings of \$22 billion over five years.

"I am very pro legal immigration," Gingrich said. "I think legal immigration has given America many of its most dynamic and creative citizens, and I think that we would be a very, very self-destructive country if we sent negative signals on legal immigration."

He said Republicans would insist that relatives or other sponsors be held responsible for supporting the immigrants they bring to the United States for at least three years.

"I have no problems saying if you're going to sponsor somebody to come to the U.S., we're prepared to make that sponsorship real and binding, and you really do have a financial obligation," Gingrich told a Capitol news conference to promote the restaurant industry's role in welfare reform.

As he spoke, the new speaker — who once worked in a bakery — was ringed by restaurant managers, chefs, owners and corporate officials who began their careers washing dishes, sweeping floors and making salads.

Herman Cain, president of the National Restaurant Association and Godfather's Pizza Inc., promised that his industry would give welfare recipients jobs, training and a chance to climb the ladder to economic success.

The House Republican "Contract With America" includes a welfare reform bill that imposes time limits and work requirements on welfare recipients while stripping most legal immigrants of public assistance, with exceptions for the very elderly and certain refugees.

Last week, an analysis of the GOP plan by the Social Security Administration found that at least 400,000 legal

immigrants would be denied benefits from Supplemental Security Income, a cash welfare program for the elderly, blind and disabled.

Gingrich said Republicans would now prefer to wring savings from the welfare system by freezing spending, collapsing hundreds of social programs, and turning over much of the responsibility for the poor to the states in a series of block grants.

"The governors have just told us they are prepared to accept a cap for five years, which gives us \$40 billion. The governors are prepared to say to us if we will radically decentralize, give them the job, they will do the job. ... Therefore by decentralizing out of Washington, D.C., we don't have to adopt the things we've talked about," Gingrich said.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, a Democrat and chairman of the National Governors Association, disputed Gingrich's claim that governors supported the freeze. He said he had spoken to several Republican governors Monday who were vehemently against a cap, although he declined to identify them.

He said if governors agreed to a cap, "it would be a budget buster for states if we had another recession. We as governors would either have to raise taxes through the roof to cover the expanding welfare caseload a recession would bring, or kick kids off our programs."

"That is not acceptable to Democratic governors nor do I believe it is acceptable to many Republican governors."

Gingrich was also attacked on another front. Dan Stein, executive director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a group that advocates tougher immigration requirements, said the speaker is reneging on a key provision of the "Contract With America," by backing away from the ban on welfare to immigrants.

"Immigrants are using welfare the minute they walk into the country. That is eroding public support for immigration," Stein said.

Under current law, the affidavits of support that sponsors are required to sign for the immigrants they bring in are legally unenforceable, Stein said.



(AP Photo)

Amid the rubble surrounding the presidential palace in central Grozny, Chechen fighters make their way inside the palace during a cease-fire called by the Russian government on Tuesday.

## Cease-fire collapses in Chechnya

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — A cease-fire between Russian soldiers and Chechen rebels quickly collapsed today as sporadic shelling, small-arms fire and the crack of snipers' rifles echoed again in the capital.

The 48-hour cease-fire was meant to allow both sides to evacuate their dead and wounded. It ended soon after it began at 8 a.m., with both Russians and Chechens violating the truce.

Chechens defending the presidential palace in downtown Grozny used the brief lull to bring wounded out of the gutted building and send in reinforcements. They claimed to have Russian POWs in the basement.

The Russian government said today the cease-fire was possible because Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev had suffered a "total and final defeat." It said the truce was a "last chance" for Dudayev and his men to put down their arms.

Despite a relentless Russian offensive, the Chechens clearly controlled the center of their capital this morning, but their overall territory was shrinking. Many of the several dozen heavily armed Chechens inside palace were very tired but said they were determined to go on fighting.

"The Russians don't observe the

cease-fire at all. They are firing all the time," said a Chechen fighter who gave his first name as Khalid.

However, the Chechens themselves were firing randomly from the palace, which showed the effects of the Russian pounding. The entire top left-hand corner of the 9-story building has been completely blown away.

The square in front of the palace was a moon-like terrain littered with debris, rubble, and burned-out Russian armored personnel carriers.

Tens of thousands of Russian troops poured into Chechnya Dec. 11 to restore control over the republic, which declared independence in 1991. The offensive, however, bogged down in Grozny, capital of the mostly Muslim republic of 1.2 million in the Caucasus Mountains. Several thousand people have been killed or wounded since.

Russia continued to send reinforcements to Chechnya. Two marine units with more than 500 men arrived in Chechnya over the past two days from Murmansk, base of Russia's Northern Fleet, the ITAR-Tass news and Interfax news agencies reported today.

The Chechens have little heavy weaponry and are armed mostly with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades. Some men had no guns.

Rebels armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers ducked in and out of shattered buildings Monday, trying to knock out Russian tanks blasting their positions. Artillery shells and rockets slammed into buildings around the palace as huge plumes of black smoke towered over the city.

Several Russian battalions with dozens of T-72 tanks and armored personnel carriers rumbled toward the city, and large transport planes carrying troops and supplies landed every half-hour at nearby Russian air bases.

The Interfax news agency said Russian soldiers controlled two-thirds of the capital. The Russian government claimed its troops had the palace "completely blocked" and that 500 Chechen fighters had been killed in one day.

Dudayev, his whereabouts still unclear, appeared on television Monday night, looking calm and wearing his usual military fatigues. It was his first appearance in days.

The broadcast had no sound because of technical problems, but placards shown afterward declared the fight would continue.

"Free Chechnya: Today the hungry dogs are surrounding our rich land," said the handwritten message.

## Accused killer thought he was an angel

HOUSTON (AP) — An Austin man accused of enslaving two teenagers and killing one of them told neighbors he wanted "to encourage people to believe in Jesus."

For the last few years, Jose Fonseca Najera dressed as the archangel St. Michael during Christmastime and preached his message from a cloud-shaped stage between two 10-foot-high pink pillars in front of his home.

Najera, 40, would stand under a spotlight in front of his home dressed in a white gown and 12-foot-high angel wings, while holding a sword and "scroll of life."

Najera told neighbors he believed he had been visited by angels and Jesus during his recovery after suffering second- and third-degree burns over 75 percent of his body.

"I don't know what kind of angel would do this to children," said Andy Saenz, a Travis County

Sheriff's Department spokesman. Najera remained jailed late Monday in the death of 16-year-old Maria Escalante in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Authorities last week said Najera had insisted that Miss Escalante committed suicide.

On Saturday, they said he admitted having paying to have her and a 15-year-old boy smuggled from Mexico to Texas and to sexually and physically abusing the girl. He's charged with murder and sexual assault.

Investigators said they are in the "very early beginnings" of the investigation and said they know of at least two other teenage girls who worked for Najera.

"I think what we will find is over a period of several years there were teenagers who were farmed out for work or worked for a period of time doing odds and ends," Saenz said. "We would never have found out anything about the operation except

for the death of this little girl."

The boy told investigators the girl was forced to have sex with Najera "at least two times." During one incident last month the two teens were forced to perform sex acts together while Najera took photographs, investigators said.

Investigators said the two also were forced to do chores for Najera and endured bizarre torture.

On Jan. 3, investigators said, the teens were doused with water and told to stay outside in the cold. According to court records, they were being punished for trying to take bread from the Najera kitchen after being deprived of food for about a week.

The boy survived the night by using plastic bags for warmth, then was awakened the next day at 5 a.m. by Najera and told the girl had died. Investigators said Najera told the boy he "had better tell" authorities she had committed suicide.

## Wholesale prices rise 1.7 percent in December; inflation under control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices rose a moderate 1.7 percent in 1994, as a drop in energy prices helped keep inflation under control at year's end.

The Labor Department reported today that its Producer Price Index edged up 0.2 percent in December to close out the fourth straight year of tame price increases. The PPI rose 0.2 percent in 1993 and 1.6 percent in 1992.

Inflation has remained benign despite a surging economy and declining unemployment that could send wages higher this year. Analysts said in advance of today's report that, while the cost of living for Americans is only creeping upward, there are worrisome clouds on the horizon.

"Looking backward, inflation has been remarkably well-contained," said Laurence Meyer, head of a forecasting service in St. Louis. "But looking forward everybody is anxious."

The December increase in the PPI, which measures inflation pressures before they reach the consumer, followed a 0.5 percent rise in November and a 0.5 percent decline in October.

Excluding more volatile food and energy prices, the index rose 0.2 percent in December compared with 0.1 percent the previous month.

The December increase in wholesale prices matched analysts' predictions.

The Consumer Price Index to be

announced Wednesday is expected to provide more good news, showing a rise of around 2.7 percent for 1994.

A 1.5 percent drop in energy prices last month after a 2.1 percent jump in November helped offset December's 1.6 percent rise in food prices, which shot up after advancing 0.2 percent in November. The increase in food costs was the biggest since they rose 1.8 percent in January 1990.

The overall low inflation figures are so surprising because the economy is expanding rapidly even after nearly four years of growth.

Spurred by heavy consumer spending, the gross domestic product — the value of all goods and services produced in the United States — likely advanced at a 4 percent pace or better for all of last year, analysts say. That would mark the strongest showing in a decade.

Fourth-quarter GDP figures will be announced Jan. 27 and are anticipated to be very robust. The growth rate is well above the 2.5 percent pace many analysts and the Federal Reserve believe can be sustained without inflation.

Also, the Labor Department reported last week that unemployment dropped to 5.4 percent in December, the lowest level in more than four years.

But wage pressures have been largely absent. Labor costs, which account for two-thirds of production costs, increased less than 1 percent last year as measured by average hourly pay.

Analysts say a large pool of part-time workers, global competition and constant corporate restructuring and down-sizing have helped keep a lid on wages.

But economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch & Co. said, "Though wages have risen at the slowest rate ever measured during 1993-94, the decline in the unemployment rate to 5.4 percent will intensify worries about wage acceleration."

The price of many raw materials also has jumped considerably in recent months. But so far that has not translated into significantly higher costs for finished goods or for consumers.

In today's report, a record 69.3 percent rise in wholesale vegetable prices led the December increase in food costs. But beef prices dropped 2.3 percent, poultry was down 0.2 percent and fish fell 3.6 percent.

Gasoline prices were 4.5 percent lower and home heating and electricity costs dropped a record 1.1 percent. Tobacco products were down 2.5 percent.

Nervousness over a booming economy and factories operating close to capacity has overshadowed the inflation news, leading analysts to conclude that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates once again by the end of this month.

The central bank boosted rates six times last year, sending key rates that affect the cost of borrowing for millions of consumers and businesses up 2.5 percent.

## Gingrich fires new House historian

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker Newt Gingrich fired the House historian less than a week after he hired her, and only hours after he said he learned she once complained a course about the Holocaust failed to present the views of Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan.

Dr. Christina Jeffrey was forced out of the \$85,000 a year job Monday night. The Georgia college professor, who supports Gingrich's conservative positions, was ousted for comments she made in 1986.

At the time, she headed a panel that reviewed the Holocaust course for the Republican-run U.S. Department of Education. The panel recommended against a federal grant for the course and the department — insisting the decision was its own — declined funding in 1986 and again the next two years.

Concluding her remarks on "Facing History and Ourselves," a course designed for eighth and ninth graders, Jeffrey wrote: "The program gives no evidence of balance or objectivity. The Nazi point of view, however unpopular, is still a point of view and is not presented, nor is that of the Ku Klux Klan."

Gingrich and his staff said the congressman did not know about Jeffrey's comments until Monday, although they were widely reported in 1988.

"As soon as he corroborated those facts, he asked for her resignation,

effective (Monday) evening," said Tony Blankley, a spokesman for Gingrich.

Nevertheless, the spokesman added, "He still holds her in high esteem."

This is the second time in recent weeks that Gingrich acted with dispatch to cut his political losses. After controversy erupted over his acceptance of a \$4.5 million book advance, Gingrich changed the deal so he would only receive a percentage of profits on books actually sold.

The controversy over Jeffrey, named by Gingrich to replace a University of Maryland historian hired by Democrats, grew Monday as the day wore on.

Early in the afternoon, Reps. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., and Albert Wynn, D-Md., criticized Jeffrey's views that most campaign finance disclosure laws should be eliminated. "He (Gingrich) found the only historian in America who

prefers secrecy to revelation," Schroeder said.

Later in the day, Democrats circulated the 1988 clippings, including the Holocaust quotes from Christina Price — Jeffrey's name at the time.

After learning of Jeffrey's background, Democrats stepped up the attack. Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., holding a news conference with Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., outside the United Nations, said her conclusions "border on Holocaust revisionism."

"She is saying that people from the Nazi Party should come into our classrooms and give their viewpoints," he said.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif. said that Gingrich "appointed someone to be House historian who ... decided the views of Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan should be taught to school children. I'd like to see him explain that to normal Americans."

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