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Good Morning

AREA

Beginning Tuesday, customers of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas — the 806 and 915 area codes — will have to dial their three-digit area codes when making long distance calls within the area code.

The dialing change will in no way affect rates, according to a phone company news release.

The purpose of the change is to bring the Panhandle and West Texas into the mandated North American Numbering Plan. The plan was established almost 50 years ago, at which time 152 area codes were created for the United States. But changes in population and technology require more area codes.

The change will allow the numbers 2 through 9 to be used as the middle digit in area codes, creating 640 new codes and establishing billions of new phone numbers that should be sufficient through the year 2025, according to the release.

Up until now, a Pampa resident who wanted to call, say, Amarillo, had only to dial 1, then the number. The change will require that 1-806 be dialed, followed by the phone number.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans sending letters in 1995 will have to pay an extra 3 cents.

Higher postage rates were taking effect at 12:01 a.m. local time, Sunday, including an increase in the price of a first-class stamp to 32 cents.

The price to mail a post card goes up a penny, to 20 cents.

But the extra charge for heavy letters is unchanged. That means that while the first ounce of a letter will cost 32 cents, each extra ounce will still mean a 23-cent charge.

International mail rates will go up later this year, but the amount has not been announced yet.

Most other postal rates are increasing now, including second-class newspapers and magazines, third-class advertising mail and fourth-class parcels.

WORLD

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Tired of the same old tropical sunshine and palm trees? The Guyana Pegasus Hotel has the answer: a simulated evening in the cold, snowy North.

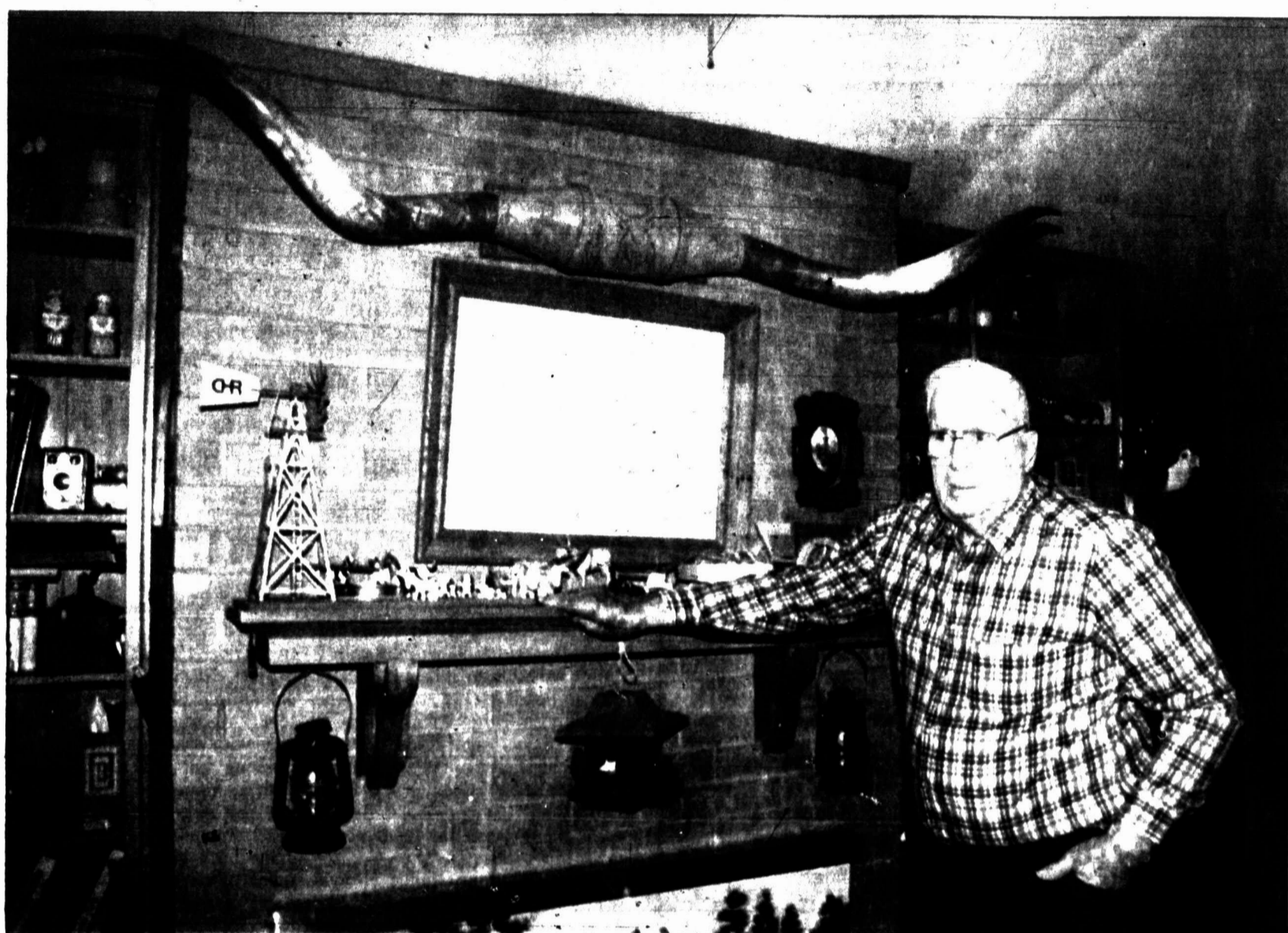
For its New Year's Eve ball, the hotel made fake winter with Styrofoam snow and air-conditioning running at full blast. Evergreen trees were festooned with cotton and the hotel used dry ice to produce fog. At midnight, the hotel planned to shower parties with white, snow-like confetti.

Outside, the temperature in this steamy capital on South America's northeast coast hit 86 degrees Saturday.

"We thought we should give people a taste of a cold, bleak winter — like in North America," said Susan Isaacs, the hotel's assistant food and beverage manager.

The idea was a hit. Tickets priced at \$55 — more than Guyana's \$50 minimum monthly wage — were sold out.

All traces of the tropics were not lost. A Caribbean steel band was to provide the music. And guests don't have to worry about digging their cars out of the snow to get home.



Cecil Davis, 84, shows off his collection of artwork from the West Texas area at his home. The self-described historian has lived in Muleshoe since 1920.

Muleshoe man recalls life in the 'Roaring '20s'

By **BRETT PORTER**
Clovis, N.M., Journal

MULESHOE — Cecil Davis has been around long enough to remember when people drove Model T Fords.

The 84-year-old Davis moved to Muleshoe with his family in 1920. Long before there was a Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut or Joe's Boot Shop.

In fact, the way Davis remembers Muleshoe in 1920, the town was surrounded with grassland and sandhills with not much else. It was a representation of life in the Old West.

"There were about 50 people that lived in town. And there were about three and four buildings along Main Street — a real estate office, post

office, a couple of grocery stores and a bank on the south side of town."

Davis moved to the east side of Muleshoe with his mother, brother and sister in a Model T Ford after his father came by train to look for land. When he found it, the elder Davis raised cattle and grew maize, wheat and cotton.

"We used to drop the cotton seeds by hand and we hauled it off to Littlefield to the gin," Davis said.

Davis said he, his brother and sister went to school at Sudan until Fairview School was built southeast of Muleshoe in the summer of 1921. Fairview started with four students, but gradually increased its enrollment to 25 after Christmas that year.

Aside from going to school, Davis remembers living on his

father's ranch. He said back in 1921, his family had severe problems with rattlesnakes biting their dogs, horses and cows.

"We killed 286 rattlesnakes that year — my dad, brother and myself," Davis said.

Davis said he also remembers seeing buffalo in the grasslands outside Muleshoe.

But what Davis remembers most is when ranchers used to bring their herds of cattle into Muleshoe. He said most of them were coming from Midland and were on their way to Bovina (the rail head) and then Kansas City.

"They camped here a couple of nights, arriving Saturday night and leaving Monday morning," he said.

Davis remembers there wasn't much for children to do back in the

1920s, except ride horses or travel to Sudan to play baseball. Another game they played was similar to basketball, but on horseback.

"We'd just pass the ball to one another, we didn't have any goals like they do today," Davis said.

Davis added that Sudan, the next town southeast of Muleshoe on U.S. 84, was a popular gathering spot in the 1920s. His family traveled there for church, business and socializing.

"Sudan was a better town than Muleshoe, but it's gone down in the past few years," he said. "There's not much left."

But Davis will always have fond memories of Muleshoe in the '20s. "It was similar to what life was like in the late 1800s, except they weren't driving Model T Fords back then," he said.

Officials express New Year optimism

By **CHERYL BERZANSKIS**
News Editor

It's a brand new year, and as with every new year there are challenges and optimism for the future.

The people charged with governing many of us traditionally are the most optimistic of all.

The Pampa News talked with a few of them about what they see in their 1995 crystal balls.

U.S. Rep. elect Mac Thornberry, who will be sworn in later in the month as the new congressman from Texas' 13th Congressional District, said he sees the new year bringing one of the biggest changes to Congress itself.

"There will be term limits for the Speaker of the House and for committee chairmen," Thornberry said. "There will be more openness in the committees. Unless there is a security reason, more hearings will be open. After all, we have to start by cleaning up Congress before we can clean up anything else."

Thornberry said he hopes to see less federal intrusion into the lives of Americans during 1995, and a more "family friendly" tax code.

"And I would hope that welfare programs will be changed so that they encourage families to be together," he said.

"I think we'll see more decisions being made at the state and local level. There are just too many federal rules and regulations. The trend is going to be toward less centralized decision making in Washington," he said.

Pampa Mayor Ray Hupp said he believes the economic storms that enveloped the area in 1994 will go away, and that 1995 will bring economic improvement to the region.



Ray Hupp

As evidence of that, Hupp points to the Rufe Jordan prison unit east of Pampa, where an expansion will create more than 100 new jobs, and to the Pampa Economic Development Corp.'s successful recruitment and funding for Fork Stork, a Canyon trailer manufacturer that is operating in Pampa now.

Hupp also noted the opening of the Auto Zone and other small businesses during the last few months of the old year.

"Overall, people are becoming more positive," he said. "If we continue to work together, I continue to see a good future for our community."

In Canadian, Hemphill County Judge Bob Gober didn't take long to sum up what he wants for his area in 1995: "Hopefully, continuing growth," Gober said.

It is his dream for the county to continue economic growth begun in 1994 with the relocation of Easley Trailer Manufacturing to Canadian. Oil well drilling activity is on the upswing, too, he said.

"If he could wave his magic wand for Hemphill County, what would he ask for?"

"Slow steady growth and increased income for the citizens," Gober said.



Bob Gober

Abortion clinic shootings suspect arrested

NORFOLK, Va., (AP) — A melancholy, Scripture-quoting student hairdresser was arrested minutes after shots were fired at an abortion clinic Saturday and charged in a warrant with spraying deadly gunfire through two clinics in suburban Boston a day earlier.

John C. Salvi III, who faces two first-degree murder charges in the Brookline, Mass., attacks, was arrested about three blocks from the Hillcrest Clinic in Norfolk.

The clinic, on the second floor of a three-story building, was open at the time. No one was injured. Two guards were posted in the ground-floor lobby. The gunman, who carried a black bag, opened fire from a back parking lot about 11:30 a.m. and shot out the lobby's windows, police said.

Anti-abortion protesters were gathered at the front of the building at the time, clinic spokeswoman Suzette Caton said. An arson investi-

gator on the scene for an unrelated case saw the gunman open fire, police spokesman Larry Hill said.

"He heard the shots fired in the rear of the building, then observed a man with a rifle firing into the glass of the lobby," Hill said. "He saw the man get in a pickup and leave the scene."

The investigator called in reinforcements and gave chase. When police pulled the suspect over about three blocks from the clinic, he tossed a .22 semiautomatic weapon out the truck window as officers surrounded him, Hill said.

Salvi will appear before a federal magistrate in Norfolk on a charge of flight to avoid prosecution, then will be extradited to Massachusetts, U.S. Attorney Donald Stern said in Boston.

Authorities turned their attention to the 22-year-old Salvi after linking him to a handgun, ammunition and a receipt from Bob's Tactical Shooting

Range and Gun Shop in Salisbury, Mass., all found in a black duffel bag the shooter dropped at one of the clinics in Brookline.

Outside the Brookline clinics, where two women were slain and five other people were wounded Friday, votive candles flickered and flowers lay on the stairs. Cars passing on Beacon Street slowed as their occupants craned to look.

Three of the wounded were in fair condition Saturday and two were in serious condition.

A spokeswoman for one of the clinics, Preterm Health Services, said a decision will be made after the New Year on when the clinic will reopen. Preterm canceled Saturday's office hours and the other clinic, a Planned Parenthood facility, was closed as scheduled Saturday. There was no word from Planned Parenthood on when it will reopen.

The White House hailed Salvi's

arrest: "This is a serious issue and something that not only the president, but all Americans, want to see stopped," said spokeswoman Ginny Terzano.

Brookline's three abortion clinics have been the site of hundreds of arrests of anti-abortion activists over the past decade.

Salvi's co-workers and fellow students at the Portsmouth School of Hair Design in New Hampshire, where Salvi was studying to be a beautician, remember his gloomy air, the picture of a fetus he had posted on the back of his pickup and his habit of quoting from the Bible.

"I don't see him qualifying as a terrorist — maybe a religious fanatic," said Rick Griffin, who had hired Salvi to help out in his beauty shop in the resort town of Hampton, N.H., in August. "He is the type of person who, no matter what you tell him to do, he does the opposite."

Contest seeks ideas for New Year's in Times Square in year 2000

NEW YORK (AP) — Wanted: Party plan. The place: Times Square. The occasion: New Year's Eve 1999, when the year 2000 will be just minutes away.

An international contest was announced Friday seeking ideas for the perfect way to observe the millennium in Times Square, where revelers have been celebrating New Year's Eve with the dropping of the legendary ball for 87 years.

The winner gets an all-expenses paid trip to New York City to take part in the celebration — whatever it may be.

"A thousand years ago, Constantinople was considered the crossroads of the world. Today it's Times Square," said Gretchen Dykstra, president of the Times Square Business Improvement District.

"The new year comes in 24 different time

zones, and we are the crossroads of the world," Dykstra said. "People could play off that idea."

All proposals must maintain the tradition of lowering the ball at midnight, followed by a storm of confetti.

The deadline for proposals is Sept. 1, 1995. Submissions should be sent to P.O. Box 2000, Times Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10108.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

Services today
REDELSPERGER, Kathryn E. "Katie" — 2:30 p.m., St. John's Congregational Church, Follett.
Services tomorrow
DENHAM, Myrtle Lucille — Graveside, 2 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

Obituaries

MYRTLE LUCILLE DENHAM
 Myrtle Lucille Denham, 80, died Friday, Dec. 30, 1994 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler, with the Rev. M.B. Smith, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Denham was born April 23, 1914 in Sparty, Mo. She came to Pampa in 1957 from Shamrock, where she had lived 15 years. She married S. Bruce Denham in 1936 in Wheeler. She was a member of the McCullough Street Church of Christ.
 She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Lee Merrifield in 1989.
 Survivors include her husband, S. Bruce Denham, of the home; three sons, A. Bruce Denham of Gatesville, S. Gene Denham of Alvin and Kenneth David Denham of Skellytown; two daughters, Judy Arlene Brewer of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., and Tammy Jean Denham of Pampa; a sister, Laura Cook of Pampa; a brother, George Campbell of Houston; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

IDA CASH PERKINS
 Ida Cash Perkins, 88, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 30, 1994, in Houston. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Mrs. Perkins was born Nov. 22, 1906 in Augusta, Kan. She married Thomas A. Perkins on Aug. 2, 1927 in Pampa. He died in 1983. Mrs. Perkins was a member of First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of the El Progresso Study Club. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Carole P. Wells on Oct. 25, 1993, and Anne P. Bumstead on Dec. 17, 1994.

Survivors include six grandchildren, Clare Zeagler, Jeff Wells, Peter Wells, Robert Wells, Doug McMurry and Melissa Shelton; five great-grandchildren; two sons-in-law, Hank Wells and John Bumstead; two sisters-in-law, Gladys Cash and Anita Perkins; five nieces, Carolyn Price, Jo Jannett Casey, Leona Henderson, Zelda Mae Bates and Harriett Foster; and a nephew, Tom Morrison.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church of Pampa or to a favorite charity.
 The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

KATHRYN E. 'KATIE' REDELSPERGER
FOLLETT — Kathryn E. "Katie" Redelsperger, 87, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 1994. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. today in St. John's Congregational Church in Follett, with the Rev. Floyd Thiessen, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mrs. Redelsperger was born July 7, 1907 in Arnett, Okla. She had lived in the Follett area since 1917. She married Adolph Redelsperger on March 13, 1930 in Follett. She was a homemaker and was an active member of St. John's Congregational Church, where she was the last charter member.

Survivors include her husband, Adolph, of the home; a daughter, Louella Smith of Perryton; a son, L.D. Redelsperger of Follett; three sisters, Lillie Yauck, Lena Yauck and Annie Scheer, all of Follett; two brothers, Henry Yauck and G.F. Yauck, both of Follett; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

TED ROGERS
CANADIAN — Ted Rogers, 87, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 1994. Services were held Saturday in the Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors Chapel, with the Rev. Norman Patton, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Edith Ford Cemetery by Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rogers was born May 30, 1907 in Carpenter, Indian Territory (Oklahoma). He was a graduate of the Butler (Okla.) High School and attended Southwestern College in Weatherford, Okla. He married Virginia Harvey in Shamrock on Aug. 4, 1939. He was employed by the *Shamrock Texan* newspaper before moving to Canadian in 1943. He later moved to Wellington and worked at the *Wellington Leader* newspaper. He returned to Canadian in 1957 and worked as a printer for the *Canadian Record*. He retired in 1978.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, of the home; two sons, John E. Rogers of Mexico City and Phil Rogers of Amarillo; a daughter, Ruth Erickson of Boston, Mass.; four grandchildren, Katy Rogers of Amarillo, Jennifer Rogers of Port Jefferson, N.Y., Dan Rogers of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Andrew Rogers of Mexico City.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 30
 Silvia Camacho, 400 S. Hughes, reported criminal mischief to a car parked at 403 S. Cuyler.
 Sally Evelyn Fick, 400 E. Louisiana, reported criminal mischief at her home.
 A domestic disturbance was reported at Woodrow Wilson School.

Arrests
FRIDAY, Dec. 30
 Christopher Givens of 2301 Cherokee was arrested on two warrants. He paid fines and was released.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 30
 Monty Givens, 2301 Cherokee, reported burglary of a motor vehicle.

SATURDAY, Dec. 31
 H.E. Crocker, whose address was listed as the Perry Lefors Field airport, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Arrests
SATURDAY, Dec. 31
 Mark Edwin Trevathan, 31, of 1039 S. Clark, was arrested at 1:15 a.m. on a charge of public intoxication.

Hospital

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| CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions | Elsie Hall (to rehabilitation unit) |
| Pampa | Donna Smith |
| Nancy King | Jessie Muns |
| Elsie Hall (rehab) | White Deer |
| Olive Denham (extended care) | Lora Blaylock |
| Dismissals | SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions |
| Pampa | There were no admissions reported. |
| Doll Alexander | Dismissals |
| James Bryant | Shamrock |
| Olive Denham (to extended care) | Jimmy Westbrook |
| Danielle Frazier | |

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP
 A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 669-7403 or write SIA, P.O. Box 119, Pampa, 79066-0119.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP
 A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse meets at 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 883-2097 or write SIA, P.O. Box 903, White Deer, 79097.

T.O.P.S. #41
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

TOASTMASTERS
 Pampa's Toastmaster Club will meet 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the cafeteria of Coronado Hospital.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 30
 12:39 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to a medical assistance call at the corner of Worrell Avenue and Williston Street.

SATURDAY, Dec. 31
 5:18 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a call on a transformer that was sparking on an electrical pole in the alley of Crawford and Spear Streets.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following traffic accidents during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 30
 2:37 p.m. — A Chevrolet driven by Zenaida Margaret Trejo, 21, of 333 Sunset, was westbound in the 300 block of West Worrell when the driver allegedly went through a stop sign and collided with a Volkswagen driven by Adrienne Kirston Bullard, 17, of 1230 E. Browning. Trejo was cited for failure to yield right of way. One passenger from each car was taken to Coronado Hospital with minor injuries. Each was treated and released.



Guadalupe Salas, 27, sits in the middle of what will soon be his home in the Rio Grande Valley colonia of "Las Palmas" on Saturday. (AP photo/Valley Morning Star)

Texans offer fresh goals and hopes

By SYLVIA LEE WINGFIELD
 Associated Press Writer

As a fresh New Year blows across Texas this weekend, people are hoping it will carry their hopes, goals and good intentions in matters large and small.

Retired pitching ace Nolan Ryan wants to get in better shape; the residents of the Hill Country hamlet of Luckenbach are starting a weight-loss contest with some folks in nearby Fredericksburg.

Gov.-elect George W. Bush is ready to roll up his sleeves in Austin. Lisbon Letz, postmaster of the West Texas hamlet of Old Glory, says he approaches every New Year with a simple wish for good health.

Dean Fearing, chef at Dallas' The Mansion on Turtle Creek, plans to reorganize his pantry and take his wife on her first trip to Paris. Valerie Atkins, who helps homeless women at Houston's Star of Hope shelter, wants to improve her own confidence this year.

El Paso author Janice Woods Windle says she wants to live like the main character in her best-

seller, *True Women*. Austin writer T.R. Fehrenbach, who helped thousands of readers master Texas history with his book, *Lone Star*, wants to master his own new computer.

Glenn Blodgett, veterinarian for West Texas' 6666 Ranch, says he's thought a lot about his goals to be a better person in 1995. Houston energy magnate Oscar Wyatt Jr. says he doesn't make New Year's resolutions any more.

In the Rio Grande Valley colonia of "Las Palmas," across a field from the Harlingen Country Club, Guadalupe Salas was standing shirtless atop his wood-frame house on a unpaved side street when he paused to consider 1995.

Salas, 27, and his brothers are enlarging the house to 48 feet by 32 feet. "We're going to start the new year with something new," he said, pointing out the new dimensions with his hammer.

"I go back to Michigan and work like a dog for nine months and then I come back here and rest for three months," said Salas, who's lived in Las Palmas for 20 years. He makes up to \$450 a week in Michigan spray-

ing pesticides and picking crops. He wishes for better employment opportunities to support his wife and four young children closer to home.

He then added with a big smile: "No more kids. That's my New Year's resolution. Try to buy a new pickup truck. That's just my imagination. Try to win the lottery. That's my biggest one. A couple of millions wouldn't hurt."

At the other end of Texas near the Red River in Quanah, Leona McSpadden contemplated her 91st New Year. Born in Oklahoma when it was Indian Territory, the retired farm homemaker has four children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She still leads an active life and drives her own car.

"I hope I can continue to do what I've been doing and more, too. I hope I keep my health. I'm proud of what I do at my age," Mrs. McSpadden said.

She would like to see a more peaceful, civil world, and she hopes she will do her share to make it that way. "I just hope I love everyone that I meet and appreciate everyone that I know and love them, too. I love my family and my brothers and sisters."

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New Year

Wheeler Mayor Wanda Herd has one goal in mind for the new year: Completion of a retirement center for Wheeler residents.

A home for the center has been found and the plans are underway, she said.

"I think we're gonna have a good year, 1994 was a good year for us in Wheeler," she said.

"We're not growing like I wish we

would per se, but we're managing. We have such a wonderful caring community that's worth more than all the money we could get in here," Herd said.

Even in the tiniest of towns, officials look to the future.

Mobeetie Mayor Dale Corcoran, though, doesn't particularly like what he sees for business future of the little historic town.

But while he said he isn't too optimistic about the business future of Mobeetie, in the same breath reels

off a list of activities which make for a fun-filled year.

"Mobeetie is just about gone. The only thing we have going down here — we're gonna have the Wheeler County Heritage Days celebration on July 1 and we will have the bluegrass festival the fourth weekend of July. The school reunion and parade is Sept. 2. We have the Old Settler's Reunion Sept. 4," said Corcoran.

Corcoran notes Mobeetie is home to a bank, beauty shop and cafe plus the U.S. Post Office.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy and cold today with a high in the upper 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Overnight lows through Monday will be in the teens. Partly cloudy Monday with a high near 40.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: New Year's Day, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 30s. Tonight, fair skies. Lows in the teens. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs near 40. South Plains: New Year's Day, partly cloudy and colder. Highs 35-40. Tonight, fair skies. Lows around 20 to mid 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs near 40.

North Texas — New Year's Day, mostly cloudy east, partly sunny and colder central and west. Highs 40 west to 58 extreme southeast. Tonight, partly cloudy central and west, mostly cloudy east with a slight chance of rain southeast. Lows 28 west to 36 southeast. Monday, partly cloudy central and west. Mostly cloudy east with a

slight chance of rain southeast. Highs mid 40s west to mid 50s southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: New Year's Day, partly cloudy, windy and colder. Highs from near 50 Hill Country to 50s south central. Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy and cold with widely scattered light rain, possibly freezing rain or sleet Hill Country and northeast. Lows in the 20s to near 30 Hill Country to 30s south central. Monday, cloudy and cold with a chance of sleet or freezing rain Hill Country, a chance of rain south central. Highs from near 40 Hill Country to 40s south central. Coastal Bend: New Year's Day, mostly cloudy, windy and colder with widely scattered showers. Highs near 60. Tonight, cloudy and colder with scattered rain. Lows in the 40s coast to near 40 inland. Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs near 50. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: New Year's Day, mostly cloudy with widely scattered show-

ers, turning colder late. Highs in the 60s to near 70. Tonight, cloudy and colder with scattered showers. Lows in the 40s. Monday, cloudy and colder with a chance of rain. Highs in the 50s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — New Year's Day, partly cloudy statewide. Colder east and a bit cooler elsewhere. Highs 30s to mid 40s mountains and north with upper 40s and 50s lower elevations south. Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Lows 10 to 25 mountains and north to the 20s lower elevations south. Monday, partly cloudy. A chance of snow showers mountains and east. Highs 30s and 40s mountains, north and east to the mid 50s lower elevations south central and southwest.

Oklahoma — New Year's Day, mostly cloudy north with a slight chance of light snow north. Highs mostly in the 30s. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows from mid teens in northwest to upper 20s in southeast. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 30s to mid 40s.

City briefs

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SHOP SANDS Fabrics After Christmas sale. Save from 10% to 75%!! Adv.

I'KNOW a Flatfoot who Fixes His own Heels, With the Help of His Friend! More Later! Adv.

PAMPA ELEMENTARY Chorus Parent meeting to organize committees for upcoming production of "Peter Pan" will be Thursday, January 5, 7:30 p.m. Horace Mann Cafeteria. Costumes, try-outs and dance schedules will be discussed, so please make every effort to attend. Adv.

YEAR END Sale. Jackets, clothing and accessories. Beverly Klein designs, Lefors, 2 blocks from Taylor Mart. Adv.

15% OFF on all table cloths through January. Vogue Cleaners. Adv.

TICKET DISMISSAL, Insurance Discount, 669-3871. Bowman Defensive Driving (NTSI). Adv.

FOR SALE: 1983 Pontiac 6000 LE. Good dependable car. 665-6697. Adv.

MOM N Me wishes you a Happy '95 and thanks you for a great '94. We'll be closed for a couple of weeks for a break. Regular hours will resume January 11. Adv.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Cowboy Style Ribs, spinach and blackeye peas at Chaney's Cafe, 11-6 p.m. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

CLEARANCE SALE, VJ's Fashions & Gifts, Pampa Mall. Adv. **HEMBREE SAYS**, Indeed it has! Thank you, Mr. D. Bruner, Whistleblowers Act 12/29/94. Adv.

ALL ITS Charm New Year's Sale January 3-7. 109 W. Francis. Adv.

SHAPE-UP EXERCISE classes with Kristi at Gymnastics of Pampa. For information 669-2491 or 669-0510. Adv.

GYMNASTICS OF Pampa will resume classes January 2. New students enroll now. 669-2941 or 665-0122. Adv.

HEMBREE ASKS, Has the score changed? More Later! Adv.

Judge: Parents can see student TAAS tests

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Education Agency on Friday said it could cost an extra \$1.6 million per year to administer a mandatory state academic skills test if parents are allowed to review the exam.

State District Judge Dan Downey ruled Thursday that school districts must provide parents "the opportunity to view a true and corrected copy" of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

The ruling came in an April 1992 case filed against the TEA and the Texas Board of Education by 18 parents and children in the Pasadena and Deer Park school districts. The plaintiffs sued after they were

refused access to the Norm-referenced Assessment Program for Texas, a standardized test that districts are no longer required to administer.

The TAAS exam is the state's primary assessment for academic achievement, and state officials maintain that its confidentiality is protected by law to prevent cheating.

But the parents want to review test questions, believing the TAAS test contains inappropriate questions concerning religious values and other nonacademic issues.

Education officials, who deny TAAS contains anything inappropriate, say showing the parents copies

of the annual exam means devising new test questions each year.

TEA spokesman Gary Reese on Friday said forming new tests annually would cost an estimated \$1.6 million. The test now costs \$16.3 million to administer each year to thousands of Texas school children.

Downey ruled that the state's refusal to show parents the test "infringes upon the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children."

Downey said in his three-page ruling that keeping the test from parents violates the state Constitution and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Common themes connect diverse New Year's celebrations

By **DORIAN BENKOIL**
Associated Press Writer

Despite outward differences, common threads connected New Year's celebrations around the world: jubilation, libation, thronging crowds, fireworks and attempts to replace the old with the new.

Millions visited churches, temples or shrines. Others partied with anything from songs to explosives. Greeks hit the gaming tables. Parisians feasted on home-delivered gourmet meals. In one Pakistani state, however, authorities took the opposite approach and banned fun.

In Tokyo, trains that usually stop at about midnight were running all night, packed with tipsy revelers basking in Japan's most-celebrated national holiday.

Leaders in Asia sent good tidings to their people and the world.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin greeted "compatriots"

throughout the world and recognized their struggles and sufferings during this century, the Xinhua news agency reported.

Japanese Emperor Akihito, whose father, Hirohito, was emperor during World War II, asked Japanese to remember its victims and be "mindful of the toil and trouble" of those who brought Japan postwar prosperity. Japanese Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama, accused by the opposition of foot-dragging, promised to work to "aggressively promote deregulation and improvement in our trading practices."

In Pakistan's Punjab state, Chief Minister Mansoor Wattoo banned all New Year's Eve parties after Muslim fundamentalists threatened disruptions. Large hotels and clubs canceled celebration plans.

Wattoo apparently feared a repeat of last year's violence in the eastern city of Lahore, where Islamic activists smashed scores of cars parked outside a club

while some of the country's wealthiest people greeted the new year.

Police "will raid any place where there is a party going on and any one who is having a fun time will be arrested, no matter how rich or influential he is," Wattoo was quoted as telling an Urdu-language newspaper.

Other governments also tried to thwart dangerous side effects of New Year's fun. The Philippines and Vietnam tried to crack down on firecracker use, citing the dangers and, in Vietnam, the waste.

Police in Vietnam confiscated stocks of firecrackers, but they sounded throughout Hanoi after night fell and before a midnight ban took effect.

In the Philippines, known for some of Asia's most exuberant New Year's celebrations, revelers were sure to uphold tradition and set off firecrackers and shoot guns at midnight.

Last year, six people died — five by stabbing and one

by a stray bullet — and more than 700 were treated for firecracker wounds on New Year's. That was tame compared to previous years.

Hong Kong authorities, memories of a 1993 New Year's Day bar district stampede that killed 21 still fresh in their minds, staged a celebration at Victoria Park.

In Japan, many gathered at shrines to the Shinto religion and others at Buddhist temples, tossing coins, praying for a fruitful year, ringing bells, lighting incense and drinking warm amazake, a sweet rice wine.

Nearly 900,000 people were expected at the popular Sensouji Temple in downtown Tokyo on Saturday and Sunday, and millions more at other temples and shrines.

In Sydney Harbor in Australia, several hundred thousand gathered for the annual fireworks display.

In much of Asia, the larger holiday is the turn of the lunar year, this time on Jan. 31, when the Year of the Dog becomes the Year of the Boar in the Asian zodiac.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Children from a St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Sunday School class pose Friday after bringing food and money to Good Samaritan Christian Services. The children, from left, are Tyler Hill, Matthew Smith, Katie Kirkpatrick and Alexandria Long. Their teacher, Paulette Hinkle, and Bill Ragsdale, executive director of Good Samaritan, pose with them.

Wanted: Enough food for Pampa's needy

By **BEN KECK**
Assistant Editor

Bill Ragsdale wants 1995 to be a year in which there is enough food to take care of Pampa's needy families.

So Ragsdale, executive director of Good Samaritan Christian Services, put word out to the organization's 23 member churches.

The first to respond was the 3-to-6-year-old Sunday School class from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Four of the children and their teacher on Friday brought food and boxes of change — it hadn't all been counted — to the Good Samaritan offices at 309 N. Ward.

"We're trying to make sure we don't run out of anything at all during 1995," Ragsdale said.

"We don't do anything special for our clients for Christmas because other organizations do special things during the holidays.

What we do is help them out between Christmases."

During November, the latest month for which figures are available, Good Samaritan provided food for 315 families, clothing for 145 families, rent for two, utilities for 32, transportation for eight, emergency lodging for two and medical assistance for 13.

"All-in-all, we helped 974 individuals during November," Ragsdale said.

Requests for assistance from the organization were up 11 percent overall compared to October. Food requests were up 20 percent and clothing requests were up 29 percent.

Good Samaritan can buy food from the Second Harvest Food Bank in Amarillo for 14 cents per pound. Volunteers pick up bread and other items from Pampa grocery stores several times a week.

When a family needs assistance,

a case worker conducts an interview, and if assistance is granted, a food package is prepared using guidelines based on the number of people in a family.

Meat, beans, peanut butter, milk and bread are among items in the food packages.

Ragsdale said that people who want to donate food items can bring them by the organization's office.

"We can always use food," he said. "If they have clothing, it might be best for them to call first and tell us what they have."

Good Samaritan was opened in 1983 after ministers from area churches determined that the number of needy families in the Pampa area was growing.

All workers at Good Samaritan, including Executive Director Ragsdale, are volunteers.

One year later, trial date nears for man accused in New Year's slaying of family

By **JEAN PAGEL**
Associated Press Writer

PAMPA (AP) — New Year's Day '94 was just minutes old when police arrived at the scene of what they now call the worst crime in Pampa history.

Twila Busby, 40, had been bludgeoned to death in her living room. Her two learning-disabled sons were fatally stabbed.

Three hours later, police found Ms. Busby's blood-splattered boyfriend hiding in a friend's bedroom closet.

Henry Watkins Skinner, 32, was charged with capital murder and remains in the Gray County Jail one year later.

"Absolutely he did it," said Beverly Clark, Ms. Busby's mother. "Absolutely."

Jury selection is set to begin Jan. 19 in Fort Worth. District Attorney John Mann has indicated he will seek the death penalty if Skinner is convicted.

The triple slaying seems to haunt this blue-collar town of about 20,000 in the Texas Panhandle — "a sheltered community, a small county-seat town who says that can't happen here," in the words of Jerry Arrington, minister of education at the First Baptist Church. "I think probably some innocence would be lost in that."

Police and attorneys won't comment, citing a gag order from state District Judge Kent Sims.

But court records and pre-trial hearings provide a glimpse at evidence accumulated against the accused killer of Ms. Busby, 20-year-old Melvin Randolph "Randy"

Busby Jr. and 22-year-old Elwin Eugene "Scooter" Caler.

Officers testified they found a bloody knife on the front porch and an ax handle near the sofa.

Skinner's right hand was cut and bloodstains were found on his socks, shirt and pants, according to testimony at the hearings.

"I remember waking up on the couch, somebody standing over the top of me with a knife," Skinner said in a taped statement to authorities. "I remember running out of the house."

Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield, who now declines to discuss the case, has said he tried arresting Skinner at least a dozen times in the weeks before the slayings. Warrants alleged aggravated assault and injury to a child.

"We've had him in jail eight different times on charges of making terroristic threats, burglary, assault, theft, traffic warrants," Stubblefield told the *Amarillo Daily News* last January. "Every time, he bonds out."

County and state officials confirm the following record:

— In Virginia in February 1980, 17-year-old Skinner was charged with breaking and entering. He was later convicted of statutory rape of a 13-year-old girl. He was released from jail in May 1983.

— In Texas in 1985, jailers in Levelland taped Skinner accusing several prominent citizens of running a drug ring. Skinner later testified that he had concocted the allegations that riled the town west of Lubbock.

— In New Mexico, Skinner served part of an 18-month sentence for auto theft in 1985. He then vio-

lated parole in April 1987 and was sent back to prison.

— Again in Texas, Gray County sentenced him to a five-year prison term in May 1988 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was paroled in six months, violated parole in April 1989 and was released from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in November 1989.

"Some days I feel sorry for him ... and then some days when I would just like to blow him away," Ms. Clark said.

She knows this much about what happened that night to her daughter and grandsons:

Ms. Busby had come home early from a New Year's Eve party. Her beaten body was found on the living room floor. Randy Busby's body was found in bed.

Caler was stabbed but fled to the home of a neighbor, who called police. Caler died at Coronado Hospital.

Ms. Clark said her daughter thought she loved Skinner.

"Every time, he bonds out." "She trusted everyone and felt sorry for people," Ms. Clark said. "She had no idea he would ever hurt her."


The Pampa woman plans to attend jury selection wearing a T-shirt imprinted with an image of the victims.

She said she prays during her daily drive to work at an Amarillo nursing home and tries piecing together what sparked the crime.

Life is "empty. It's just empty," Ms. Clark said.

A frame on her desk props up an Olan Mills portrait of the smiling family members.

"We lost three very special people."




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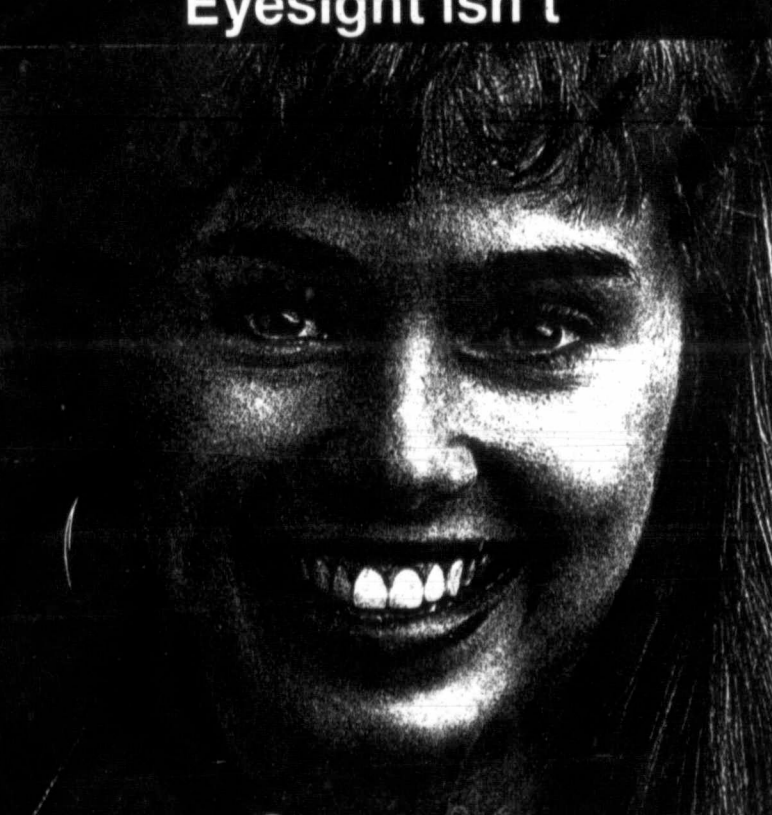


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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

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

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

Wayland Thomas
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Opinion

Tax relief plans just plain pitiful

Two things are noteworthy about President Clinton's tax-cut proposals — and most of the other proposals being floated in Washington these days. The first is that they perpetuate and magnify some of the worst aspects of the current income-tax system. The second is just how tiny they are in context.

Mr. Clinton has proposed new credits and deductions that would reduce taxes (under a dubious static-analysis model) by about \$60 billion over five years, or around \$12 billion per year. There's a \$500-per-child credit for children under 12 (if family income is less than \$60,000), a new \$10,000 deduction for college tuition, and liberalized policies for sheltering income from taxes with an Individual Retirement Account.

One of the most obnoxious aspects of the income-tax system is the way it is used to manipulate people into doing things the government, in all its wisdom — without any input from special interests, of course — has decided are socially beneficial. Don't get us wrong. We're for anything that reduces anybody's tax burden. But doing it through targeted deductions should be insulting to any freedom-loving citizen. The clear implication is that the people are too stupid or ignorant to know how to spend their own money on things that are important to them, so government will offer incentives to prod us into spending our money the right way.

Mr. Clinton continues in that tradition. Instead of simply offering a reduction in tax rates, he offers a carrot only to those who arrange their finances in a government-approved manner. That pervasive paternalism is one of the things voters, however imperfectly, were trying to revolt against in November.

The federal government this year spent about \$1.5 trillion — that's trillion, with a "T." If Mr. Clinton's "deep cuts" in government spending go into effect, he'll have to find some \$12 billion a year in spending reductions.

That's about 0.8 percent of the total federal budget — eight-tenths of one percent. Come on. In that bloated miasma of waste and mismanagement, is there only less than one percent that can be cut out without damaging the safety and welfare of the people?

The Republicans' "Contract With America" isn't much better, offering only a \$500 tax credit per child and a tax credit for adoption expenses. Senate Republicans have proposed doubling the exemption for children from \$2,500 to \$5,000 (which is still far short of what it should be if it had been indexed for inflation all these years). House Democrats have offered some tax relief of an unspecified magnitude to people earning less than \$75,000.

Considering the current magnitude of federal spending, and the burdens federal taxes, regulations, and violations of civil liberties place on ordinary citizens, all these proposals are just plain pitiful.

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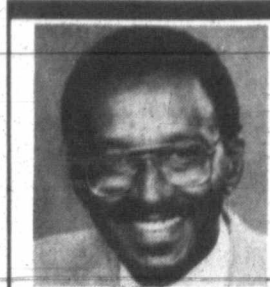
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Recovering our liberties



Walter Williams

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." That's the clear message of the now-meaningless 10th Amendment to our Constitution.

California has joined Colorado, Missouri, Hawaii and Illinois in asserting 10th Amendment rights, demanding that the federal government cease and desist all mandates and interferences exceeding those delegated by the constitution. Under the leadership of state Sen. Don Rogers, a resolution claiming state sovereignty under the 10th Amendment won approval in the California Assembly by a vote of 54 to 12 and in the state Senate by 22 to 9. Similar resolutions, in protest against the heavy-handed mandates and edicts of Congress, are in the introductory or drafting stage in 12 other states.

Were it not for the 10th Amendment, our founders would have never ratified the Constitution. They correctly feared the development and consolidation of a powerful and meddling federal government. In *The Federalist Papers*, James Madison explained Washington's role: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the state governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation and foreign com-

merce ... The powers reserved to the several states will extend to all the objects which in the ordinary course of affairs concern the lives and liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement and prosperity of the state."

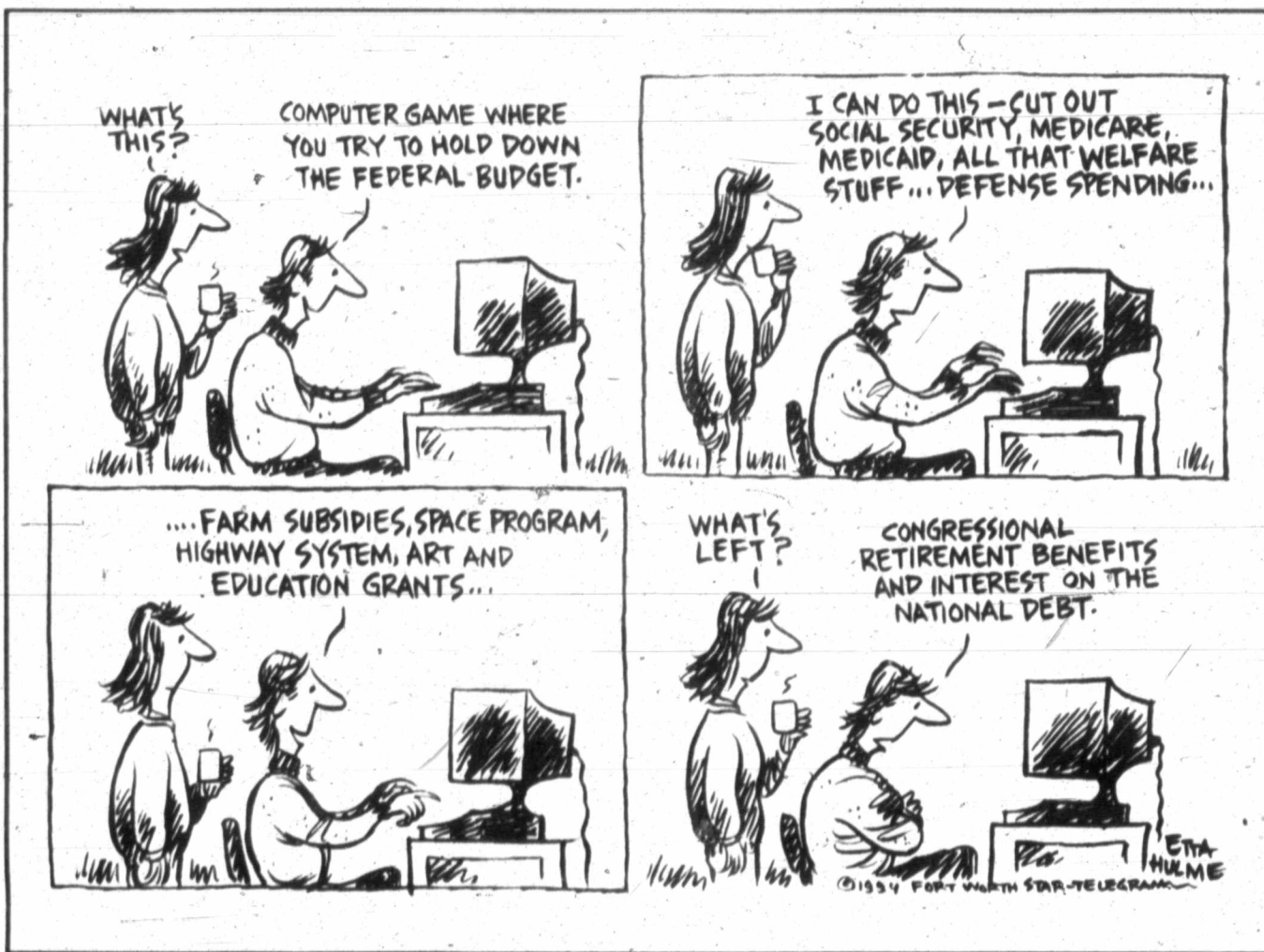
The meaning of the 10th Amendment is clear. Our power-hungry Congress and derelict Supreme Court have allowed Madison's vision to be stood on its head. Today, the powers of the federal government are "numerous and indefinite," and those of the state are "few."

The 10th Amendment movement may be America's last chance to peacefully get Congress to obey the Constitution. Politicians have seriously underestimated public anger and are blind to the rebellion spreading across the land. In response to the heavy hand of the U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico's Catron County officials enacted the U.S.

Constitution as a county ordinance and put federal officials on notice that, before they even dared to breathe in Catron County, they'd better show up at the supervisor's meeting to get permission. Following Catron County's lead, five other New Mexico counties, every Utah county, and Clark County and Siskiyou County in Nevada have begun resisting congressional and bureaucratic tyranny.

Tens of thousands of Americans are discussing the formation of armed militia units. These are not kooks but law-abiding people who wish to be left alone by an increasingly illegitimate and meddling government. The government response is predictable. According to an *Albuquerque Tribune* (8/3/93) report, U.S. Forest Service Ranger Mike Gardner told Catron citizens, maybe with Waco on his mind, "What are you guys arming against? A 30-30 (rifle) won't do any good against Bradley fighting vehicles and attack helicopters." Gardner should have been reminded that earlier patriots took on Great Britain, the mightiest nation at that time, and won.

Like our founders, we should first peacefully petition by getting 38 state legislatures to enact 10th Amendment resolutions and put teeth in them by giving a broad outline of mandates and edicts we refuse to meet. If Congress doesn't listen, we shouldn't hesitate to use the language tyrants understand best.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 1, the first day of 1995. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.

On this date:

In 1735, Paul Revere was born in Boston.

In 1752, flagmaker Betsy Ross was born in Philadelphia.

In 1785, the *Daily Universal Register* — which later became the *Times of London* — published its first issue.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1901, the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed.

In 1913, the U.S. Parcel Post system went into operation.

In 1935, The Associated Press inaugurated Wirephoto, the first successful service for transmitting photographs by wire to member newspapers.

Problems with the Democrats

Charley Reese

The Democratic Party seems to have become a dysfunctional party composed primarily of dysfunctional human beings. That's the conclusion I've drawn after watching the Democrats try to analyze the election results, which handed majorities in both houses to Republicans.

The fundamental problem for Democrats is that the party is way to the left of the American people on social issues and in bed with the Republicans on economic issues. The Democratic Leadership Council, which is simultaneously blaming and embracing Bill Clinton, is a fraud. It is a bunch of limousine liberals who try to disguise their liberalism with rhetoric.

Let's not mince words. Most Americans no longer believe in affirmative action, which has become a thinly disguised racial and gender quota system. Democrats are committed to it. Most Americans don't give a rat's toenail about the homosexual agenda. Democrats are committed to it. Most Americans are not radical feminists. Democrats are committed to the radical feminist viewpoint. Most Americans are fed up with the present welfare system. Democrats, no matter what they say, want to preserve it. Most Americans would like to end foreign aid and foreign interventions. Democrats are committed to both.

The discussion about Clinton moving to the center is nonsense. He can't. He can make speeches and

lie about his positions, but he can't move to the center. Why not? The core constituency of the Democrats are left of center on most issues — blacks, organized labor, feminists, gays, Jews, progressives, Hollywood liberals, Clinton's wife and so forth. The Democrats who held their seats in the last election were all left-of-center and from areas where the majority of their constituents were left of center. It was the centrist Democrats who got knocked off. If you want a non-left representative and you have a choice between Republican and Democrat, you're going to vote Republican in most cases.

Democrats have become schizophrenic. They are trying to cater to the very rich and to the traditional Democrat constituencies. That's impossible. Labor wants to be Democrat, but what do the Democrats do? slap them in the face with NAFTA and GATT, both of which labor vigorously opposed. As for the striker replacement bill, it gathers dust. Democrats don't want to offend their big-business money backers.

Actually, the Rev. Jesse Jackson is the only guy who's making sense. The only hope the Democratic Party has is to be a traditional, which is to say lib-

eral, party and to support its core constituencies and try to expand them. Had Clinton hung NAFTA and GATT around the Republicans' necks, labor would have been energized and worked hard. Instead, most of the labor vote went Republican.

If Democrats are going to betray labor on their economic issues, then they might as well vote for the Republicans, who represent the working men and women's social values. That's how the rank and file see it. Democrats had better realize that the country has changed. Today, you cannot please the working guy in Pittsburgh and the decadent upper class liberal in Manhattan and Beverly Hills. You can't play to the gay and feminist lobby and then come South and win votes. You can't play to the extreme environmental lobby and go West and win votes. Measured by our stands on issues, we are not a united country, and some of our differences on these issues are irreconcilable. These differences will be reflected in political realignments.

It is pathetic to hear that liberal commentators rest their hopes on the belief that Sen. Jesse Helms and Rep. Newt Gingrich will self-destruct. These liberal elitists are so far out of touch with the American people that they do not understand that the remarks that outrage them (the elitists) delight most Americans. If the American people could vote on commentators and journalists, most of them would be out of work, too.

Don't bring back the bad old '70s

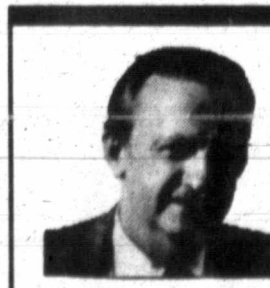
If anything worries me more than the specter of inflation, it's the people who don't worry about inflation.

What in tarnation is wrong with them, these people who don't worry about inflation? Have they no memory of the havoc wreaked by the double-digit inflation of the Jimmy Carter years? Have they forgotten the pain of the deep recession that followed, when the Reagan administration and the compliant Federal Reserve Board wrung the economy dry with tight credit and hundreds of farmers lost their land and thousands of businesses folded and millions of people were laid off?

They fall into some predictable categories, these people who don't worry about inflation. There are the knee-jerk lefties who like hot economies, berate "Wall Street," instinctively distrust bankers and financiers and pine for "soft" money and the dissolution of the Fed, the nation's central bank, which attempts to control inflation by adjusting money supply and credit rates. This explains why the exceedingly liberal *Nation* magazine crusades for the "democratization of the Fed" and argues that its governors should be elected instead of appointed.

That's all we need — Fed members who have to campaign like politicians and cater to special interests to keep their jobs. That would stabilize the old economy, for certain.

Then there are the politicians, usually liberal, who would love to be able to manipulate the economy to accomplish their social goals or to further



Joseph Spear

their own political fortunes. This explains why Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., rarely passes on a chance to bash the Fed and why Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., contends, as he did in a *USA Today* editorial in November, that the Fed's board members "masquerade as a bunch of chaste economic monks" but in fact worship Wall Street and hike interest rates every time the bond market "so much as shivers."

Well, yes, the companies whose stocks are sold on Wall Street do employ people by the millions and that seems like a fairly critical element of a sound economy. And yes, the bond market is regarded as a basic barometer of inflation fears. Bonds are long-term investments and those who buy them want to know that their returns are not going to be eaten alive. And bonds, after all, are the instruments that pay for industrial development and public infrastructure and are therefore justly viewed as the fulcrum upon which the economic seesaw teeters.

Then there are the highly intelligent and supreme-

ly confident individuals who just believe their crystal balls are clearer than the Fed's. They see no signs of inflation and think the central bankers erred when they boosted interest rates a total of 2.5 points over the past year. That explains why my wife regularly jears my conservative attitude toward inflation.

But dear wife, I argue, the Fed consults a myriad of indices. They look at the unemployment rate, factory orders, order backlogs, productivity, commodities prices, vendor deliveries, stock market performance and bond market fluctuation and on and on. It is the Fed's job to detect the faintest whiffs of inflation and stay ahead of it. We have to trust them.

Then there are the young folks, Generation Xers or close to it, who simply have no memory of the hell that inflation creates. This explains why my nephew, sitting around my sister's Thanksgiving table as we discussed world history, foreign affairs and advanced economic theory, suddenly exclaimed: "I'm ready for a little inflation!"

Oh how I want to shake these well-meaning but unbrained striplings and tell them that in an inflationary economy, nothing is certain and everything is crazy and the world itself seems out of whack. Inflation is what started the S&L crisis. Inflation fuels the federal deficit. Inflation decimates private pensions. Inflation destroys dreams.

But these are the people who don't worry about inflation.

I worry about them.

Berry's World



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Letters to the editor

The other side

To the editor:
In Re: Pampa's white picket fence, Steaming mad at dirt, Accreditation I. Charges O. Wake up and smell the coffee! The unfortunate mishap to Versie Brown was his own choosing.

How would you like to be an officer of the law and have someone pointing a gun at you, or pull a gun on you? Human instincts tell you to shoot.

So you might understand a little more about this letter, I at one time used to be on the bad side of the law. Yes, I did and distributed drugs, and many other things that was against the law. Just so you know that this letter is seen by both sides through my eyes.

I suggest that everyone call and find out about the class that I took, that was started by the new chief and his fine staff. This class is called The Citizens Police Academy. It gives you a brief training of what it takes to become a REAL POLICE OFFICER.

You people need to realize that the Police Department, the lawyers, and those involved had nothing to do with the decision of the two unfortunate officers who had to do their duty as law enforcers. They were only doing what the law allowed them to do. Laws that are established by the people and for the people. The final decision rested on the testimony that nine Gray County residents, regular people that had to take time out of their daily life routines, heard from the investigation done by the Texas Rangers and all the testimony of parties involved.

In closing, I blame no one, and am glad the officers had their day in court because they always have to stand behind their actions. One wrong move for them and you would not be writing about Versie, but reading about the trial of a person charged in the death of a police officer.

Rocky Bynum
Pampa

Tragic loss of life

To the editor:
I, too, like Jeanette Darnell, Etha Broadnax and Albert Young (letters to the editor, Sunday, Dec. 25) am distressed that Versie Brown died needlessly.

In my opinion, the police handled the whole affair in a completely unprofessional and unthinking manner. And the jury did not even see fit to reprimand them! I don't believe gunfire was justified, but if it was, a single warning shot in the air or perhaps at his feet would have

been sufficient. The time spent negotiating was a joke — all night would not have been too long. His family should have been allowed to participate.

What a tragic loss of life.
Reed Echols
Pampa

Back to natural law

To the editor:
I recently attended a seminar given by the National Center for Constitutional Studies. I appreciate the people who are so loyal to our country to go to these lengths to educate our people about what our founding fathers REALLY intended for this country.

It took 180 years of experimenting with various forms of government and the study of the governments of history by our Founding Fathers before they finally settled on a republic form of government. The 28 principles that laid the foundation for the Constitution of the United States were called Natural Law. Natural Law is the order existing in nature by which everything works properly.

Our government was intended to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people. The government according to our Founding Fathers does not have the right to do anything that a private citizen does not have the right to do. This includes the areas of the police and firemen and income tax, to name a few.

For example, if one of my neighbors has two cars and another did not have any car at all and I decided to balance that situation by taking my neighbor's car and giving it to the one without, I would be arrested for stealing.

The progressive income tax is just one example of the violation of natural law by our government. It has taken a right that the common people do not have by taking tax money and giving it to persons who have not earned the money.

Principle 19 reads: "Only limited and carefully defined powers should be delegated to government, all others being reserved to the people." A careful student of the U.S. Constitution can easily outline the restraints of the federal government's power. That document gives Congress 20 powers (not 20,000); it gives the president authority to function in six areas (not 6,000); and it gives the federal judiciary authority to hear 14 types of cases (not 11,000).

Let us return to government of the people, by the people and for the people as it was intended. Read and study the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

A.J. Lemons
Amarillo

New year brings less truck regulations

HOUSTON (AP) — Economists predict a Texas trucking boom in 1995, when freight haulers are freed from state Railroad Commission regulation for the first time in 65 years.

The commission's heavy-handed trucking regulations, designed to protect Texas companies from out-of-state competition, were dashed last summer as Congress approved federal pre-emption of state hauling rules. The new law took effect at midnight.

"There's no question this is going to have a major impact on economic development in the state," Bob Vetter, head of the Texas Warehouse Association, told the Houston Chronicle.

"Some very large companies have not established distribution facilities in this state because there has been a perception that they can't live with the Texas regulatory situation."

The Railroad Commission began lording over Texas trucking 65 years ago, more than a decade after Congress lifted controls on freight hauling between states.

As a result, companies paid more for shipping within the state. Clorox, for instance, paid more to ship bleach from its Houston plant to Dallas than it did to ship the product the same distance to markets in Louisiana.

More importantly, the rules motivated many companies to build distribution facilities outside Texas, said economist Ray Perryman.

A study conducted for advocates of deregulation showed the state rules took \$700 million per year out of the pockets of shippers and likely cost Texas some 450,000 jobs over the years, Perryman said.

Sam Rivera, a Clorox distribution manager, said the firm had considered closing its facility in Houston because of the rules, but that has been called off.

He said deregulation "means we can generate a return for our company instead of the state of Texas generating a return for the trucking industry."

The battle over deregulation began in 1966, when the United Parcel Service asked the Railroad Commission for authority to offer its unscheduled pickup and delivery service in Texas.

Retired UPS executive Tom Hardeman said the company didn't anticipate the resistance it faced from the commission and Texas trucking firms.

"UPS was perceived to constitute a great threat to regulated carriage," said Austin attorney Joe Kilgore, who represented UPS.

The UPS petition bounced among

the commission, the Legislature and the courts for 20 years until the state Supreme Court ordered the commission to approve the application.

In the interim, shippers got around interstate shipping rules however they could. The Collins Street Bakery in Corsicana, for instance, used to send its fruitcakes to Shreveport, La., so UPS could deliver them to points across Texas.

Large intrastate haulers recognized they had to give up Railroad Commission protection and compete when Attorney General Dan Morales ruled that Federal Express operations in Fort Worth were not subject to state regulation.

The tide turned in the Railroad Commission after the November elections, when the Republican romp swept out the two Democratic commissioners, including chairman and staunch trucking industry defender Jim Nugent.

New Commissioner Carol Keeland Rylander said Friday she wants the Legislature to abolish the commission's transportation division altogether.

The commission has laid off about 30 employees assigned to regulate the transportation industry. Most of the 50 remaining workers have been transferred to duties enforcing safety rules.

Last suspect arrested in torture of teenager

HOUSTON (AP) — The last of 13 youths sought in the kidnapping and brutal torture of a 17-year-old runaway has been arrested, police said.

Authorities said the victim was beaten, sodomized, electrically shocked and set afire during three days of torture.

Thirteen people, mostly homeless teenagers, were charged in the attack that left the boy fighting for his life at a Houston hospital. The teen remained in poor condition Saturday.

A deputy constable ended the ordeal after he saw youths carrying the victim down a street Dec. 21.

Charged in the incident are Jeremiah Sandoval, 19; Jarriatt

Andrew Bohle, 17; Jason Ray McMahon, 21; Lisa Mae Badger, 18; Christopher Daniel Taylor, 22; Timothy Joe Lathrop, 19; and Hesper Loriane Castro, 17.

Also charged were Ashlin Wayne Martin, 18; Joseph L. Hurd, 20; Darrell Daniels, 19; Jerome Benjamin Harrell, 20; his twin, Jermyon Byron Harrell, 20; and their older brother, Johnathan Bernard Harrell, 24.

All 13 suspects are charged with aggravated kidnapping. All were in Harris County jail Saturday in lieu of \$100,000 bonds except for Jermyon Harrell, who was held without bond.

Daniels also is charged with aggravated sexual assault.

The torture victim remained in poor condition at Ben Taub Hospital. The father of the boy told the *Houston Chronicle* for its Saturday editions that the boy remains delirious in the hospital, crying out, "I'll make the money; I'll make the money."

The father, whom the *Chronicle* did not identify, said the boy was referring to the attempts to make the teen prostitute himself and pay a share of the profits to the group.

"My boy was in the ROTC honor guard when he was in school, making A's and B's. But he wanted to strike out on his own," the man said. "He thought the street life was adventurous."

Helicopter pilot back home

By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press Writer

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Army helicopter pilot Bobby Hall returned home early Saturday after 13 days of captivity in North Korea, reunited with his wife and friends in a homecoming haunted by memories of his slain co-pilot.

"Bobby, I've been hit," recounted Hall, his voice choking as he quoted the last words of Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon.

Hall talked publicly for the first time about some details of the helicopter crash in a brief, emotional statement after arriving late Friday at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

Then, after slipping past reporters and glaring news media lights to duck into his home a back way, Hall and wife Donna stepped out onto a front porch decorated with "Welcome Home Bobby!" banners and balloons to wave to dozens of neighbors and well-wishers who stayed up for his arrival.

Smiling and wearing Army fatigues, Hall expressed thanks to his family and all those who have supported him.

"I really appreciate it," Hall said at the modest house, one of several owned by his family on their private dirt road, called Hall Drive.

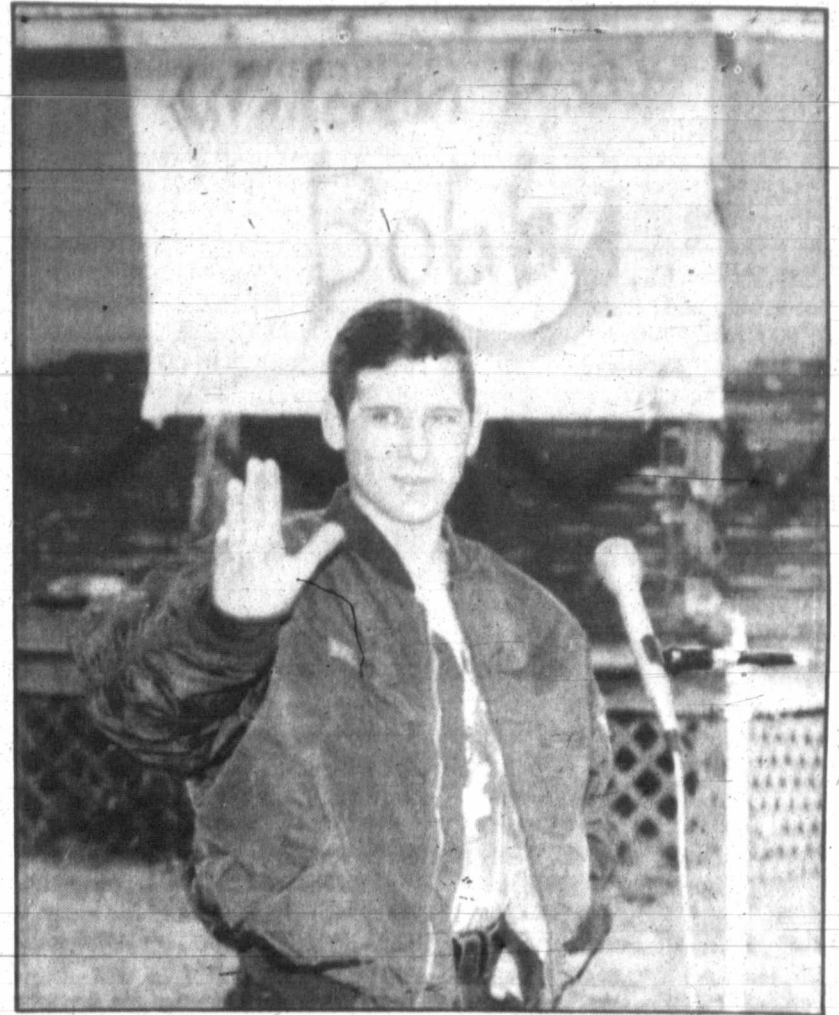
Army officials said Hall was tired and wanted to spend at least the next two days privately with his family.

At MacDill, the 28-year-old chief warrant officer's wife, two sons, and parents boarded his plane to greet him before he emerged on the tarmac to face the cheering, flag-waving crowd.

Hall read a statement in which he extended his sympathy to the family of Hilemon and said he didn't know how the aircraft ended up across the border. "If I knew that, we wouldn't have been there."

"I really thought we were flying well south of the DMZ. The first time I knew something was wrong was when I heard a loud explosion and the windshield in front of us caved back in on us," Hall said. "The aircraft lost power and started going down. Dave turned to me and the last thing I remember him saying is, 'Bobby, I've been hit.'"

He said Hilemon died at the site.



(AP photo)

Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall waves to a crowd outside his Brookville, Fla., home Saturday.

Hall took no questions from reporters, saying he was looking forward to quiet time after a long trip.

"It's great to be back home. I'm looking forward to some family time and hope to get back to my unit and back to flying," he said, tears filling his eyes.

Among the well-wishers at MacDill were several hundred veterans and more than two dozen Korean-Americans.

"In the Korean-American heart is a special place for American soldiers who served in Korea," said Dae Yong Shin. "They are the ones who defended us when we were weak and helpless and they are still there."

Hall, captured Dec. 17, was freed Thursday after the U.S. government expressed regret for what it called a navigational error — not a spy mis-

sion as claimed by North Korea.

Hall said he landed his helicopter under "reasonable control" without crashing after his engine quit. He said in his military debriefing that the helicopter was hit by Korean air defenses while still in the air.

Several generations of Halls have lived in this Gulf Coast city of 7,500 people, many of whom are veterans or have relatives in the service.

Mayor John Tucker said Brookville would delay its major celebration until Jan. 7. "We want to give the family time to see Bobby and give them a chance to have him to themselves. We know he's exhausted," Tucker said.

The town is sending out a slew of invitations, with recipients including President Clinton and singer Jimmy Buffett, a Florida native, he said.

Woman wills fortune to help ease Britain's debt

LONDON (AP) — Britain owes quite a debt of gratitude to Elsie Bushen. Trouble is, it owes even more of a debt elsewhere.

Bushen, a widow who was extraordinarily proud to be British, left virtually all of a \$3.2 million fortune — 2 million British pounds — to reduce the national debt.

It helped, but not much. Britain's national debt was \$400 billion at the end of the last fiscal year.

Treasury officials were delighted nonetheless.

"This is certainly a significant amount, and we are very grateful," said a spokesman for the Treasury. A number of Britons will money to the Treasury, he said, though the amounts are generally smaller.

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"But speak thou the things which befit the sound doctrine." (Titus 2:1.) Timothy, Paul wrote: "preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine, but having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables." (2 Tim. 4:2-4.) The "sound doctrine" is the word of God, the truth. It is the gospel which Paul and other early day preachers preached. It is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes it (Rom. 1:16-17). It is the truth of God which frees the obedient believer from his sins (Jn. 8:32). Paul had warned the Galatians about those who would preach any gospel other than the one he preached (Gal. 1:6-10). He warned the Corinthians about going beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6.) Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I speak, the same shall judge him in the last day." (Jn. 12:48.) There should be no doubt in the mind of the conscientious and honest person as to what the "sound doctrine" is. It is the pure, undiluted and unchanged gospel of Jesus Christ. While there are many who give lip-service to believing and preaching only the sound doctrine, their speech and practices betray them. For instance, Paul never preached that a person was born a sinner, that one is saved at the point of faith and by faith only; that all the churches of men make up the one body, the church of our Lord; that baptism has nothing to do with salvation; that mechanical instrumental music in worship to God is acceptable and pleasing to God; that infants needed to be baptized; that baptism could be either sprinkling, pouring or immersion, etc. Yet, these are prevalent doctrines taught by major denominational churches. How can these apparent contradictions of the gospel of Christ be the "sound doctrine"? Paul implored Titus and Timothy to preach! The plea of Jehovah through Jeremiah was: "Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." (Jer. 6:16.) That is good advice for all today. —Billy T. Jones
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Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)
Conoco Inc., #18R Burnett 'A' (657 ac) 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 96.5, I&GN, 15 mi west from Skellytown, PD 3300' (10 Desta Dr., Suite 100W, Midland, TX 79705)

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)
Conoco Inc., #27R Burnett 'A' (659 ac) 1000' from North & 1050' from West line, Sec. 76.5, I&GN, 15 mi west from Skellytown, PD 3300'

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E&P Inc., J.B. Bowers NCT-1, (160 ac) Sec. 89.B-2, H&GN, PD 3250' (Box 2700, Pampa, TX 79066) for the following wells:

#25, 537' from South & 1786' from East line of Sec., 5 mi west from Lefors.

#26, 608' from North & 1307' from East line of Sec., 5 1/2 mi west from Lefors. Will 37

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT)
Arrington CJM, Inc., #28 West Turkey Track (3634 ac) 2400' from North & 500' from West line, Sec. 4, H&GN, 10 mi NE from Sunnett, PD 4500' (Box 608, Canadian, TX 79014)

SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGGOTON Chase) Amoco Production Co., #2 Harris Gas Unit (640 ac) 1320' from South & 2640' from West line, Sec. 304.1, T&NO, 8 mi SE from Stratford, PD 3200' (1670 Broadway, Rm. 833, Denver, CO 80202)

Application to Deepen (below casing)

ROBERTS (WEST LIPS)
Cleveland Amoco Production Co., #8 Lips Ranch 'B' Unit (640 ac) 1050' from North & 1350' from West line, Sec. 1, X.D.A. Abernathy, 17 mi SE from Spearman, PD 8860'

Amended Intention to Drill
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD) Cleveland) Maxus Exploration Co., #5 Ola (645 ac) 1500' from South & 2000' from East line, Sec. 721.43, H&TC, 5 mi NW from Lipscomb, PD 7800' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188) Amended to change Well Location and PD

Oil Well Completion
MOORE (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #9 Otis Phillips 'C', Sec. 1, I, BBB&C, elev. 3372 kb, spud 9-7-94, drlg. compl 9-12-94, tested 11-30-94, pumped 5 bbl. of 40 grav oil + 100 bbls. water, GOR 34600, perforated 3172-3316, TD 3375', PBTD 3356'

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (BIG TIMBER)
CREEK Douglas) MER Resources Inc., #3-88 Wayne Cleveland, Sec. 88.41, H&TC, elev. 2427 df, spud 11-22-94, drlg. compl 12-16-94, tested 12-16-94, potential 345 MCF, rock pressure 2047, pay 7432-7494, TD 11000', PBTD 7560' — Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (IMMEL Douglas)
Upland Resources Inc., #1 Jones, E. Spencer Survey, elev. 2398 rkb, spud 12-31-93, drlg. compl 1-13-94, tested 11-21-94, potential 800 MCF, rock pressure 1079, pay 7278-7308, TD 7600', PBTD 7365' — Form 1 filed in Medallion Prod.

LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD)
Cleveland) Unit Petroleum Co., #3 Becker, Sec. 685.43, H&TC, elev. 2538 gr, spud 9-23-94, drlg. compl 10-5-94, tested 11-10-94, potential 3950 MCF, rock pressure 2648, pay 7624-7734, TD 7800', PBTD 7769' —

LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB)
Cleveland) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #1 Wheat '341', Sec. 341.43, H&TC, elev. 2588 gr, spud 10-11-94, drlg. compl 10-31-94, tested 11-28-94, potential 3600 MCF, rock pressure 2134, pay 8386-8420, TD 8900', PBTD 8734'

LIPSCOMB (MORGAN Lower Morrow) Strat Land Exploration, #2 Gossett, Sec. 967.43, H&TC, elev. 2451 gr, spud 10-5-94, drlg. compl 10-19-94, tested 11-30-94, potential 5500' MCF, rock pressure 3102, pay 9373-9380, TD 9675', PBTD 9620'

ROBERTS (CLARK MARTIN Granite Wash) Medallion Production Co., #3 Kim, Sec. 79.C, G&M, elev. 2941 kb, spud 9-22-94, drlg. compl 11-10-94, tested 11-29-94, potential 714 MCF, rock pressure 2545, pay 8762-8778, TD 8971', PBTD 8830'

ROBERTS (CREE-FLOWERS)
Wolfcamp Dolomite) Alpar Resources Inc., #2-D Flowers '75', Sec. 75.C, G&M, elev. 2740 gr, spud 11-17-94, drlg. compl 11-24-94, tested 12-2-94, potential 690 MCF, rock pressure 627, pay 3688-3722, TD 4220', PBTD 3970' —

Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE)
Danden Petroleum Inc., Britt, Sec. 94.5, I&GN, spud unknown (oil) — for the following wells:

#1, plugged 10-25-94, TD 3180' — #2, plugged 10-28-94, TD 3131' — #4, plugged 10-27-94, TD 3194' — #5, plugged 10-31-94, TD 3189' —

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GRAY (PANHANDLE) Questa Energy Corp., #4 Sing-Pope, Sec. 173.3, I&GN, spud 3-23-40, plugged 11-23-94, TD 3427' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Sinclair Prairie Oil

HARTLEY (WEST PANHANDLE)
K.S. Adams Jr., #1 Ford, Sec. 166.44, H&TC, spud 9-7-48, plugged 10-27-94, TD 3658' (gas) —

HEMPHILL (S.E. FELDMAN)
Tonkawa) Canyon Exploration Co., #1-Cann, Sec. 18.42, H&TC, spud 5-10-94, plugged 11-15-94, TD 8215' (dry) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)
J.M. Huber Corp., #5 McDowell, Sec. 13.1, PD, Burnett, spud 5-8-44, plugged 10-10-94, TD 3209 (oil) — Form 1 filed in The Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)
W O Operating Co., Harvey Unit, Sec. 71.Z, HE&WT (oil) — for the following wells:

#602G, spud unknown, plugged 11-11-94, TD 3080' — #603, spud unknown, plugged 11-9-94, TD 3030' — #6014, spud unknown, plugged 11-12-94, TD 3054' —

HUTCHINSON (PRICE-BROWN Dolomite) Benson-McCown & Co., #1 Ernie Bill Terry, Sec. 27.M-21, TCRR, spud 8-18-94, plugged 10-28-94, TD 3375' (dry) —

LIPSCOMB (KELLN)
Tonkawa) Exxon Corp., #1 W.B. Phillips, Sec. 196.43, H&TC, #807G, spud unknown, plugged 11-2-94, TD 3038' — #8010, spud unknown, plugged 11-2-94, TD 3040' — #8024, spud unknown, plugged 11-2-94, TD 3077' — #8026, spud unknown, plugged 10-27-94, TD 3076' — #8027, spud unknown, plugged 10-29-94, TD 3073' — #8042, spud unknown, plugged 10-26-94, TD 3090' —

HUTCHINSON (PRICE-BROWN Dolomite) Benson-McCown & Co., #1 Ernie Bill Terry, Sec. 27.M-21, TCRR, spud 8-18-94, plugged 10-28-94, TD 3375' (dry) —

Good news, bad news in the skies

By DAN BLAKE
AP Business Writer

This was supposed to be the turnaround year for the nation's biggest airlines. Fleet cutbacks and the rebounding economy left fewer empty seats. Fares should have risen. The industry found new ways to lose money instead.

With a discount nearly every month and drastic cuts of everyday fares on the East Coast, fliers enjoyed plenty of savings and fewer restrictions.

But good news for passengers means bad news for airlines. Many carriers that failed to cut costs enough are in deeper holes.

Despite strong summer profits, airline executives concede they should have made even more.

And just when the industry was preparing to lobby Congress for another exemption from the 4.3 cent-per-gallon fuel tax, a string of crashes late in the year shifted the focus to safety.

The Air Transport Association estimates 1994 industrywide profits will total between \$200 million and \$500 million.

CONTINENTAL — The Continental Lite no-frills effort to apply Southwest's successes to the East Coast is still a money loser. The airline has started pulling back from the strategy and is planning to ground many of its aircraft.

Continental's attempt last March to shift from a traditional airline to an imitator of Southwest was abrupt and caused disruptions. The airline is still

Chamber Communique

Citizen of the Year application forms are available at the Chamber office, 200 N. Ballard. All completed forms must be returned no later than Monday, Jan. 9.

Lynn Ferrell registered at All It's Charm and was the winner of the Pampa Chamber Retail Committee's \$500 "Jolly Dollars" Drawing.

The Chamber wants to hear from the presidents or contact persons of local clubs and organizations so the club and organization list can be updated and any annual event sponsored by a club can be added to the Chamber's calendar of events. Call the Chamber office at 669-3241.

batling a years-old reputation for inadequate service and is No. 1 in customer complaints, government statistics show.

AMERICAN — American continues to shrink its fleet while it seeks labor savings from unions. The company says it will continue to ground jets to save money as long as the labor talks don't progress.

Two crashes by American's commuter carrier, American Eagle, and restrictions on the ATR aircraft that comprise much of the Eagle fleet have raised the likelihood of another disappointing fourth quarter for American. While the commuter planes represent only 3 percent of parent AMR Corp.'s revenues, they supply passengers to the company's main airline operations.

UNITED — Shuttle by United has been flying on the West Coast since October, irritating Southwest and prompting an effort by Southwest to retain its reputation for lower fares by offering discounts.

The airline also got a windfall at its Denver hub when Continental cut back there, leaving United as the dominant carrier.

DELTA — The third biggest airline

is looking for ways to get costs down closer to the lower-fare carriers that are flying on more Delta routes.

The cost-cutting is aimed at bringing costs down to one of the lowest among the major airlines.

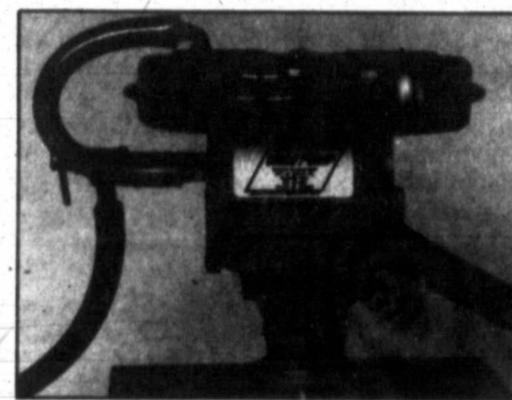
SOUTHWEST — The airline is still profitable, just not as much as people thought. Southwest said recently that fare sales and its rapid growth in 1994 mean it won't match expectations for fourth-quarter profits and would earn less relative to the year-earlier quarter.

A key to Southwest's success has been consumer confidence that Southwest had the lowest fare. New competition has threatened that confidence.

AMERICA WEST — A bankrupt, cy-turned-money maker, America West started profiting while still under the protection of its Chapter 11 filing. Since leaving court in August, the airline has continued to make money.

America West got a bailout from an investment group led by Continental chairman David Bonderman and Fidelity Investments. The airline has started linking some flights with Continental's schedule.

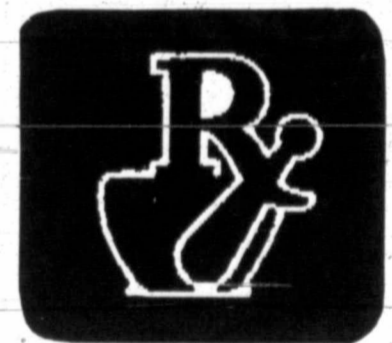
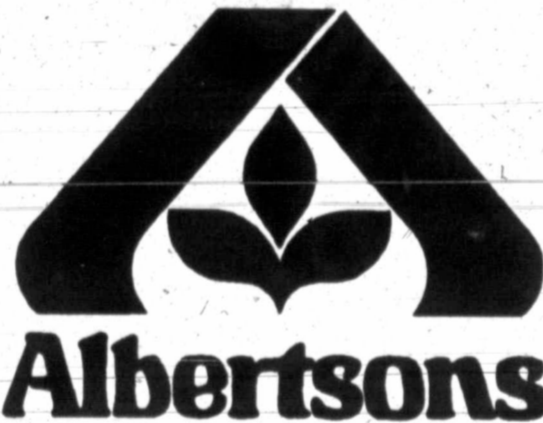
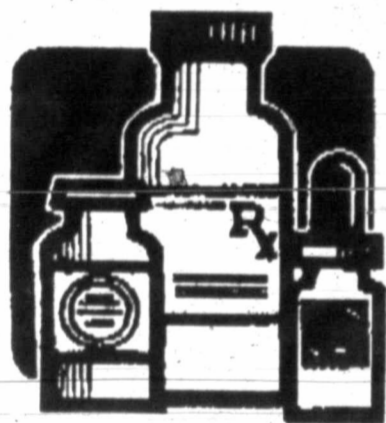
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Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Times are changing

Regardless of your past success in your career or business, 1995 will belong to those who can best adapt to changing times and trends. You may feel that you have the success formula all figured out. You may be at the peak earning point of your career. However, my advice for you in the new year is to be cautious. Times are changing.

Change is an interesting word. Webster's dictionary defines change as a process of becoming different; or to pass from one phase to another. As much as we may try to resist change, it is the only constant we have in our lives.

To resist change is natural. Most of us are more comfortable with routine. We drive to work the same way each day. We follow the same steps in getting ready to greet each new morning. We are comfortable with the patterns, and we avoid radical changes.

Initially, change is hard to accept. Consider the following story recorded in history regarding former U.S. President Martin Van Buren. Seven years before he became president, Van Buren wrote a letter to then-president Andrew Jackson complaining that the new-fangled railroads were threatening the canal system of the states. Van Buren pointed out that if railroads replaced the canals, serious unemployment would result and America would lose its ability to defend itself.

Van Buren wrote this paragraph in fierce resistance to this technological change: "As you may well know, railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by engines, which in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."

Ah, Mr. President, if you could only see us now. Hurting through the air at the speed of sound. Yes, the times are still changing.

Change Is Your Friend

The best possible attitude you can take toward change is to embrace it as you would an old friend. Don't try to resist change, because you can no more stop it than you can hold back a river by standing in it. The water will pass you by. So it is with change. You will further your career or improve your business by learning to swim with the current. Use change to get ahead, accomplish more and travel faster.

Your objective must be to master change. Learning about life and life's lessons gives you a real competitive advantage. Since change is the only constant in life, we will benefit if we learn more about it.

The learning process is only the beginning. Knowledge (the product of learning) is ineffective without action. I know a few folks so filled with knowledge that they think they can talk about anything. However, what you know should never prevent you from doing what needs to be done. When you know what to do, get right after it. While learning never stops, you must supersede talking with action.

Swim Upstream

Sometimes change means going against established trends. There are times when you may have to swim upstream. Regardless of the latest fads, you'll find that doing the right thing is more important than doing things right. For example, robbing a bank — no matter how well you do it — is not a right or proper thing to do.

Always ask yourself, "Is this fair to everyone?" "Is it honest?" "Would I want to appear on a national TV show and defend my decisions?" If you can answer yes to these questions, you're learning about positive change. Your actions are appropriate and you will be making the right changes.

Administration targets \$2.8 billion in Chinese imports

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, saying that it will no longer tolerate the "rampant piracy" of American computer software, movies and music, issued a target list Saturday of \$2.8 billion in Chinese imports for possible trade sanctions.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said that if the Chinese do not meet American demands to halt the piracy of U.S. intellectual property the administration will slap punitive tariffs on a group of products drawn from Saturday's list.

"American companies are suffering tremendous losses annually to piracy in China. This cannot continue," Kantor said in a statement. "It is critical that China demonstrate serious resolve to eradicate rampant piracy."

Among the products targeted are

some of the most popular imports from China including athletic shoes, clothing, toys and electronic products.

The United States first put China on notice last June that it wanted a crackdown on the piracy of American copyrights and patents that it claimed was costing U.S. businesses \$800 million annually in lost sales.

However, talks between the two countries broke off in acrimony in early December with the Chinese contending that the U.S. side was making unreasonable demands.

In advance of Saturday's announcement, the Chinese had warned that any sanctions on their products would trigger retaliation against American goods shipped to China, sparking a full-fledged trade war between two of the world's biggest trading countries.

But Kantor said Saturday that the administration was "prepared to act

to protect U.S. industry."

"To date, China has been unwilling to take the necessary steps to protect American intellectual property," he said.

Kantor said U.S. importers and other interested parties would now have 30 days in which they could seek to amend the proposed list by arguing that the punitive tariffs would cause serious harm to U.S. economic interests in certain cases.

Kantor said the administration would make a final determination after Feb. 4 over whether China had made enough improvements in the enforcement of intellectual-property protections to avoid sanctions.

Products subjected to retaliation would face tariffs of up to 100 percent in the U.S. market.

Through October, China sent \$32.4 billion in goods to the United States while U.S. exports to China totaled just \$7.8 billion. The resulting \$24.6 billion trade imbalance is

second only to the \$53.9 billion surplus that Japan built during the same time period with the United States. And China's advantage has been growing twice as fast as Japan's this year.

For that reason, the administration has been putting increasing pressure on China. Last January, talks over textile trade went down to the wire before China agreed to U.S. demands and averted threatened sharp reductions in China's quotas.

Other disputes with China have also been resolved just short of sanctions and many expect the current battle will reach a similar conclusion.

But in Beijing, Chinese officials warned that the threat of U.S. sanctions was counterproductive and could lead to retaliation.

"To threaten trade retaliation will not solve the problem and will do no good ... to the talks," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said.

Animal smugglers find stranger ways to get critters in

MIAMI (AP) — It's a zoo getting through customs sometimes. Cobras and poisonous frogs are secreted in suitcases, turtles get zipped up in teddy bears and five-inch monkeys are slyly tucked into a pocket. One wildlife agent says he once found live birds taped to someone's body.

"The pet trade goes through its fads," U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent Eddie McKissick said Friday. "Now it's poisonous frogs from South America. A few months ago it was Egyptian fruit bats from Africa."

In the latest beastly border crossing, a Miami man tried to smuggle in about 300 so-called poison arrow frogs on a flight from Venezuela. The black-and-yellow frogs secrete a poison used by Amazon Indians for arrows and darts.

"This same guy had 14 boa constrictors, about 200 bird-eating spiders and a bunch of spider egg sacs," McKissick said. "We're hatching the egg sacs in an incubator to see if they're the same kind of bird eaters."

Customs agents usually are the first to find or suspect concealed animals, McKissick said. A fish and wildlife agent is then called over for a thorough search.


The agent who found the frogs Wednesday also found the snakes as she rummaged through the man's suitcase.

"The agent really went off like a rocket when she found this guy had let her go digging around in his suitcase with poisonous frogs in there," he said.

The frogs were inside three bottles labeled horse shampoo; the snakes in cloth bags; and the spiders in unmarked plastic containers. Once in the country, the frogs and spiders could be sold for about \$65 each, the boas are worth about \$300 each.

Just when McKissick and other agents think they've figured out all the tricks, someone comes up with a new one.

"I took a live boa out of a guy's shirt one day at customs," McKissick said.



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Ampad Corp. strike still at impasse

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ampad Corp. and striking paperworkers remained at an impasse Friday following talks with a federal mediator who had been requested by Gov. Evan Bayh.

Executives of Dallas-based Ampad had no comment after meeting at the Indiana Department of Commerce with Rick Tygett, a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Representatives from the United Paperworkers International Union

Local 154 said the company's position hadn't changed, and they believed Ampad agreed to the meeting out of respect for Gov. Bayh.

Earlier this month Bayh asked both sides to try mediation to end the walkout at Ampad's Marion plant, which began on Sept. 1.

The strike has crippled Ampad's production of legal pads, steno pads and other products. Company officials have said they would decide next week whether to close the plant.

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FOOTBALL

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Johnny Johnson threw for 250 yards and a career-high four touchdowns and Illinois intercepted four passes as the Fighting Illini beat East Carolina 30-0 Saturday in the Liberty Bowl. Johnson was 18-of-30 with TD passes of 17, 73, 5 and 9 yards, tying the Liberty Bowl record of four touchdown passes set by Purdue's Mark Herrman in 1980 against Missouri.

Illinois (7-5) had lost seven of its previous eight bowl appearances, but took control quickly against the Pirates (7-5).

The Fighting Illini, whose defense ranked ninth overall in the nation, handed East Carolina its first shutout of the season. The Pirates had been averaging 27.5 points per game, but turned the ball over five times.

East Carolina, playing in only its third bowl since 1965, never established its offense. The Pirates finished with 271 yards total offense, while the Fighting Illini rolled up 389 yards.

East Carolina's Marcus Crandall, ranked eighth nationally in total offense while averaging 253 yards per game, was 20-of-41 for 179 yards with four interceptions.

Illinois took control on the Pirates' second possession when Simcon Rice forced Jerri McPhail to fumble. Johnson converted the turnover into a 10-play scoring drive capped by a 17-yard touchdown toss to Ken Dilger.

Johnson then connected with Jasper Strong a few minutes later on a 73-yard TD pass play for a 14-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. That was the longest Illinois pass play since Jack Trudeau hit Cap Boso with an 83-yarder against Southern California in 1985.

Robert Crumpton, who recovered McPhail's fumble, stopped the Pirates' only scoring threat in the first half by taking a Crandall pass away from Allen Williams in the end zone with 12:37 to go in the second period. That led to a 21-yard field goal by Chris Richardson.

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Priest Holmes picked the best possible time to emerge from the shadow of Texas' potent passing game.

The Longhorns running back turned in the best performance of his career Friday, rushing 27 times for 161 yards and four touchdowns to lead Texas (8-4) to a 35-31 victory over No. 19 North Carolina (8-4) in the Sun Bowl.

He also tied Thurman Thomas' 1987 record for most rushing touchdowns in a Sun Bowl game.

But coming into the game, the junior running back never anticipated he would be in the limelight.

"I didn't really expect to carry the ball that much," said Holmes. "I thought this would be the (Rodrick) Walker show."

Walker led the Longhorns in rushing this year with 598 yards on 129 carries. But he only touched the ball nine times for 19 yards on Friday.

That left Holmes free to make his mark, earning MVP honors as he fueled a rushing game that rolled up 229 yards against a Tar Heels defense that had only given up an average of 115.2 yards on the ground all season.

In the process, he also eclipsed a passing game that had been the backbone of the Longhorns offense, accounting for 24 TDs this season, and had raised high expectations during the week preceding the game.

James Brown completed 15-of-31 for 196 yards in the Sun Bowl and zero scores. The Longhorns' touted receiving tandem of Lovell Pinkney, considered a certain NFL prospect, and Eric Jackson combined for only 41 yards on four receptions.

"We played a little bit opposite (of usual)," said Texas coach John Mackovic.

It turned out to be a good thing for the Longhorns.

BOXING

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Heavyweight champion George Foreman will defend his WBA and IBF titles in April at the Louisiana Superdome, according to a published report Saturday.

Foreman, who turns 46 on Jan. 10, will meet Axel Schulz in a title bout April 22 or, possibly, April 29, the New York Daily News said.

Telephone calls to Foreman's home in Marshall, Texas, were referred to his promoter Bob Arum, whose telephone numbers in Houston were disconnected. A telephone call to the Superdome for confirmation went unanswered Saturday.

Foreman and Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards announced tentative plans Dec. 9 for Foreman to defend his title in the Superdome. At that time, Arum named Schulz, Brian Nielsen, Lou Savarese, Alex Garcia and Joe Hipp as possible contenders.

With the live gate and revenues from pay-per-view opportunities, Arum has estimated that Foreman would get \$15 million for a title defense bout held in the Superdome.

Schulz, 26, would be only the third German to challenge for the title, and the third since Karl Mildenberger failed against Muhammad Ali in 1966. Max Schmeling was the only German to have held the title.

In his last appearance, the 215-pound Schulz (21-1-1) won a 10-round decision over former WBA champion James "Bonecrusher" Smith.

Foreman knocked out Michael Moorer in the 10th round on Nov. 5 in Las Vegas to win the IBF and WBA belts.

PRO FOOTBALL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers limited NFL rushing champion Barry Sanders to minus-1 yard and held off a late Detroit drive to beat the Lions 16-12 in an NFC playoff game Saturday.

Sterling Sharpe's absence impaired the Packers, but not nearly as much as Sanders' missing running game hurt Detroit.

With their Pro Bowl receiver out with a career-threatening neck injury, the Packers' defense rallied to snuff the NFL's leading rusher.

Sanders, who gained 1,883 yards this year, carried 13 times. The worst performance of his six-year NFL career was the major reason Detroit (9-8) was knocked out of the playoffs by Green Bay for the second straight season.

Johnson plays key role in USC offense

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

COTTON BOWL

DALLAS (AP) — Once in junior college Keyshawn Johnson forever earned a hotdog reputation by running through the end zone after catching a touchdown pass and drinking a Coke at a concession stand before returning to the field.

After scoring in Santa Barbara, Johnson kept on running up a hill at the end of the stadium where he stopped to admire the view of the ocean.

Johnson left a lot of his mustard at West L.A. Community College when he went to the University of Southern California.

"I've toned it down a little bit," said the USC wide receiver. "I got a 15-yard penalty (for taunting) this year and Coach (John) Robinson set me down for a quarter and a half. I didn't think I was ever going to get back in the game. I kind of learned my lesson there. I'm not as cocky as I used to be."

Johnson caught 58 passes for 1,140 yards and six touchdowns this year as the Trojans posted a 7-3-1 record which got them into the Jan. 2 Cotton Bowl game against Texas Tech.

He's already started working on Tech players. Johnson told Tech defensive tackle Damon Wickware he was going to strike the "Heisman pose" if he scored against the Red Raiders. "You'd better strike it before the game," Wickware warned Johnson.

Johnson said he doesn't mean anything by his outspoken ways. "I play good under pressure and it's just a way to put pressure on myself," Johnson said. "I like to put myself in a hole then dig out of it. Then I'll know I got to beat you."

The 6-foot-4 Johnson sees himself as another Jerry Rice or Michael Irvin. "They aren't fast, but they are quick like me and use their size

to good advantage," Johnson said.

Johnson, who used to be a ball boy for the Trojans, said he can't wait for Monday because Tech normally plays a man-for-man defense in the secondary.

"I had a big smile on my face when I saw the films," Johnson said. "Tech has very athletic but small corners. Little guys, but they are fast and quick. I'm 6-4 and growing every day. I like that kind of situation."

Johnson could be one of the top receivers in the NFL draft if he comes out. He hasn't decided what he's going to do.

"I'll wait until after the Cotton Bowl and talk it over with my mother, then we'll

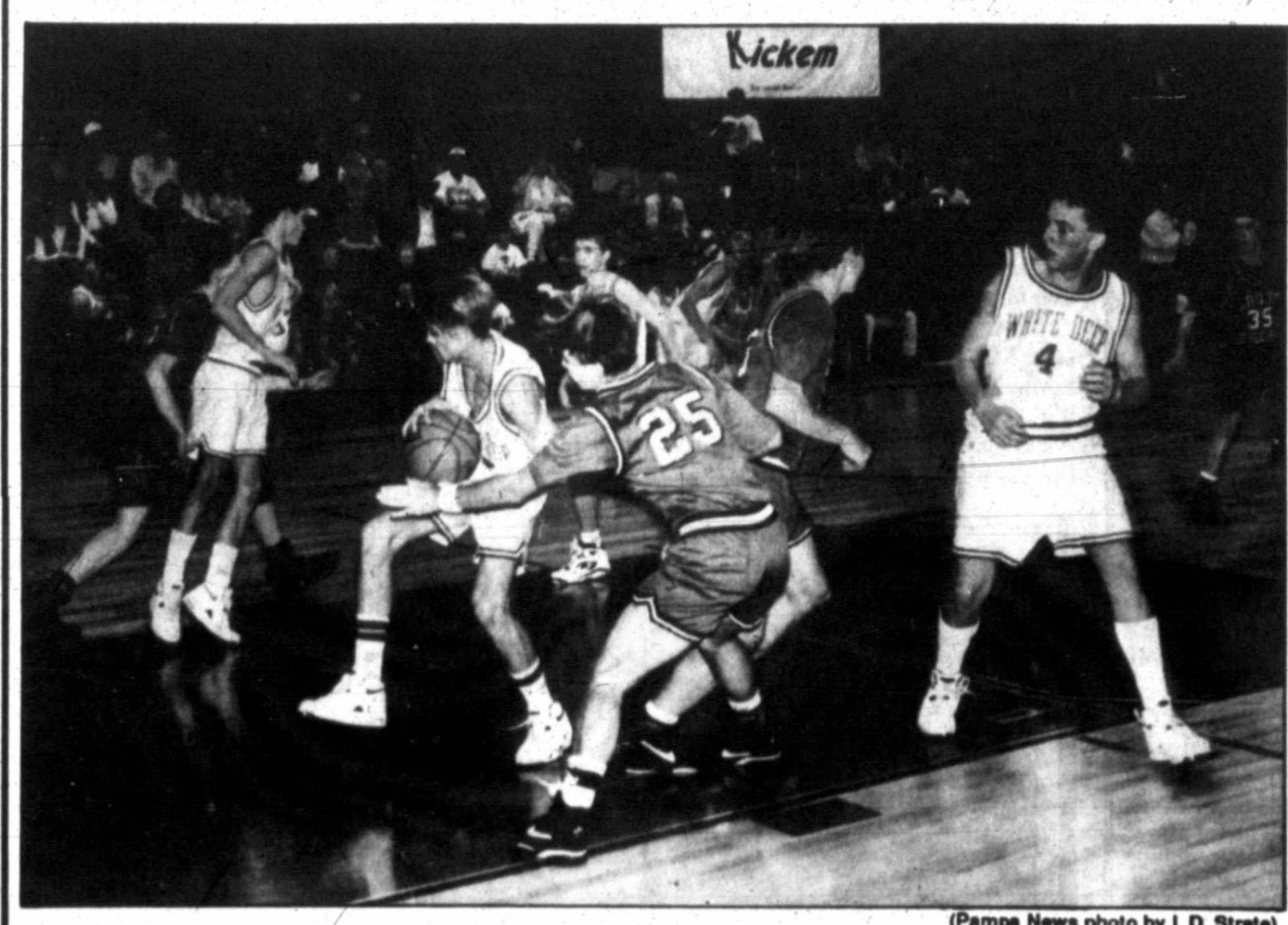
decide," Johnson said. "I want to hear what the scouts think of me."

The scouts will hear that Johnson is a showboat. But they'll also hear he can play.

"He's the kind of player who can break a game open," said Tech defensive back Marcus Coleman. "You've got to watch him close on every play."

USC, 7-3-1, makes its first appearance in the Cotton Bowl. It's only the third time a Pac-10 team has played in the game.

The Red Raiders will be playing in the bowl for the first time since 1939. Tech barely made it with a 6-5 record.



White Deer's Duane Coffey pulls down a rebound as Groom's Seth Ritter (25) tries for a steal. No. 4 is White Deer's Torey Craig who led all scorers with 20 points.

Bucks, Tigerettes claim Groom Invitational Tournament titles

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

GROOM — Free throw shooting made the difference as White Deer held off Groom in the fourth quarter for a 62-58 win Friday night to claim the boys championship in the Groom Invitational.

The Bucks improved their record to 13-4. "Both teams were even in field goal percentage. We made 14 free throws and they made 10 and that was the difference in the game," said Bucks' coach Tom Johnson.

"It was a tough battle. We had some guys who really came through for us by making some free throws in the fourth quarter."

White Deer led by four (48-44) after three quarters. Groom cut

the lead to one point twice in the final four minutes, but could never quite catch the Bucks. White Deer hit 8 of 10 foul shots in the final minute.

Torey Craig had 20 points and Willie Herring 19 to lead White Deer's scoring attack. Duane Coffey followed with 16 while Justin Brown had 4 and J.W. Lanham 3.

Bo Burgin was high scorer for Groom with 18 points, followed by Seth Ritter 12, Nick Ashford 10, Stanley Homer 8, Bryan Crowell 5 and Jeremy Chavado 5. Herring had 17 points and Craig 16 as White Deer downed Memphis, 73-57, earlier in the semifinals.

Groom reversed things in the girls championship finals as the

Tigerettes turned back White Deer, 55-47, in overtime.

The Tigerettes outscored White Deer, 11-3, in the overtime period. Kay Case topped Groom in scoring with 18 points, followed by Sheridan Koetting with 11 and Melanie Friemel 10. Also scoring were Misty Homen with 8, Sandie Conrad 5, Stacy Fields 2 and Jill Howard 1.

Krissy Cone was high scorer for White Deer with 15 points. Shannon Poland had 8 points, Beth Ann Poland 7, Amanda Tackett 6, Jennifer Stamps 5, Michele Lanham 4 and Tiffany Day 2.

White Deer defeated Valley, 59-56, in Friday's semifinals. Stamps had 14 points to lead the Does in scoring.

Penn State's Paterno fields questions about Orange Bowl

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — While Penn State coach Joe Paterno tries to keep his attention on Monday's game against Oregon in the Rose Bowl, people keep bringing up the Orange Bowl.

The Orange Bowl showdown between No. 1 Nebraska and No. 3 Miami was a major subject on the minds of questioners as Paterno and Oregon coach Rich Brooks appeared Saturday at the pre-game Rose Bowl news conference.

"I've tried to keep that game out of my life," Paterno said. "I've tried to say, 'There's nothing I can do about that baby. Forget about it. We've got a big game to play ourselves.'"

Since the Orange Bowl game is tonight and the second-ranked Nittany Lions don't play until Monday, Penn State will know whether a national championship is at stake when it takes the field at the Rose Bowl.

Paterno is moving to an undisclosed location today, its third hotel since the team arrived Dec. 19. There are no organized plans for the players to watch the Orange Bowl.

"If they want to watch it, they can watch it," Paterno said. "I'm going to watch it, because I like to watch college football. I'm going to be in my room and I'm going to enjoy the game. It should be a great game."

Paterno had said earlier that he would be rooting for his old friend, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, to win a national title. But he hedged a bit when the subject came up Saturday.

"There isn't anybody in this country who deserves a national championship more than Tom Osborne," Paterno said. "He's been great for college football. He's a good friend of mine. But there comes a time in friendships where you've got to take care of your own kin first."

Paterno insisted the national championship doesn't mean that much to him. "For me personally, national championships, I've had them," he said. "My squad, that's a different situation."

If both teams wind up unbeaten, Paterno wants the teams to be judged fairly.

"I would not be unhappy if Tom Osborne and Nebraska are national champions, if that's the way it turns out," he said. "What I have said from day one is let's everybody take a good, honest look at both squads."

"If we are fortunate enough to beat Oregon, let's look at the schedules that we play. Let's not have any pre-assumed ideas. Let's give both squads a fair shake. Forget about the coaches, and I think Tom would say the same thing."

Paterno spent much of the news conference trying to convince reporters that No. 12 Oregon is a worthy opponent, even though the Ducks are 17- to 18-point underdogs.

"I keep telling people that Oregon is the most underrated football team in this country," Paterno said. "Anybody who thinks that anybody in this country should be a prohibi-

tive favorite over Oregon has not watched Oregon play, or the teams they have played, or the way they have played."

If Penn State beats Oregon, Paterno would have 16 bowl victories, surpassing Bear Bryant for the most wins in postseason play. He also would be the first to coach a winner in the four major bowls.

Both coaches said their teams looked good in practice as the game approached.

"Until yesterday, I was a little concerned," Paterno said. "We weren't quite as sharp as we had been. But we had a great practice yesterday. I think we will play about as well as we can play."

That's a scary thought for the Ducks, considering that Penn State averaged 47.8 points per game during the season.

"It concerns me a little that Joe says they're ready to play as good as they can play," Brooks said, "because they're really good."

Oregon wide receiver Cristin McLemore had been bothered by a sore left ankle earlier in the week, but Brooks said the junior who holds the Ducks' career record for touchdown receptions ran well in practice Friday and should be ready to play.

"We're going to find out whether the experts are right or wrong," Brooks said. "The second half of the season we became a good team. We're not sure how good yet, but we're going to find out on Jan. 2."

Everman slips by Pampa in overtime

FORT WORTH — Fort Worth Everman edged Pampa, 53-52, in overtime Friday in the third-place game at the Lions Club Holiday Tournament.

Marcus Balch had 15 points and Kenneth Johnson 11 to lead Everman in scoring. Coy Laury had 15 points and Rayford Young 14 for the Harvesters.

Both teams suffered from cold shooting throughout much of the game. Everman led 12-7 at the end of the first quarter and 22-17 at halftime. Pampa made a strong comeback to knot the score at 44-all at the end of regulation after trailing by 11 (38-27) after three quarters. Young scored all of his 14 points in the second half to spark the rally.

Pampa has a 14-5 record while Everman is 12-7. The Harvesters had rolled into the tournament semifinals against Justin Northwest after lopsided wins over Cleburne, 61-35, and Arlington Heights, 80-51. Northwest downed the Harvesters, 72-65, in the semis.

The Harvesters are set to open District 1-4A action Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse with Randall as the opponent. Tipoff is 7:30.

Randall was also involved in tournament play last week and lost to Denver City, 68-64, Friday in the consolation round of the ABC Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock.

Pampa and Randall girls also play Tuesday night with the contest beginning at 6.

Gators, Seminoles set for rematch

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Bobby Bowden and Steve Spurrier don't pretend to have the answer to one of the most-asked questions at the Sugar Bowl.

They've talked for weeks now about what went wrong, from Spurrier's perspective, and what went right, from Bowden's point of view, in the final 15 minutes of a 31-31 regular season-ending tie.

Neither coach, however, appears to have a handle on which team holds the psychological advantage going into Monday night's rematch in the Superdome.

And their loquacious players, who rarely struggle for words to describe their feelings, aren't sure, either.

"I'd think that probably neither one of us do," said Jack Jackson, Florida's All-American receiver.

"Say what you want about what happened, but nobody won the game. I'm sure they're talking about we were up 28 points and they came back. We're talking about how well we played to get up 31-3. When you get finished, though, you always go back to the same thing. It was a tie."

Bowden acknowledges Florida State (9-1-1) was only hoping to save face when it launched the comeback that ranks as the best the coach — who has 248 career victories — ever has been associated with.

Florida (10-1-1) regrouped from the collapse to beat an unbeaten Alabama team in the Southeastern Conference championship game and is eager to redeem itself in New Orleans.

It irritates Spurrier, though, that some people suggest the tie was just as satisfying as a victory would have been for Florida State, which elected not to go for a possible game-winning 2-point conversion with less than two minutes remaining.

"If some of their fans want to think they won, that's just their opinion," Spurrier said.

With a victory, the Gators can finish with the best record in school history, surpassing last season's 11-2 mark. Reclaiming bragging rights over their archrival would be sweet, too.

"I think both teams have equal incentive," Spurrier said. "How much the last game has to do with this one, I don't think very much. I just think every game stands on its own and the team that prepares the best and plays the best usually is the winner."

Canadian cagers notch victories

CANADIAN — Tisha Carr drilled 24 points to lead the Canadian Lady Wildcats to a 59-50 win Friday night over Spearman in the semifinals of the Canadian Invitational.

Aiding Carr in the scoring department was Adrienne Vanhooser, who chipped in 14 points.

Kara Townsen also had 24 points for Spearman.

Miami slipped by River Road, 60-58, in the consolation semifinals. Shantelle Wheeler was high scorer for Miami with 25 points. Nancy Gill and Misty Barton added 12 points each.

River Road's Whitney Daniel had 15 points.

In the boys division, Canadian got 20 points from Blaine Bivins as the Wildcats edged Sanford-Fritch, 56-55, in the semifinals. Kevin Flowers added 9 points for the Wildcats.

Tim Hayes was high scorer for Sanford-Fritch with 26 points.

In the consolation semifinals, Miami lost a 69-58 decision to River Road.

Mick Bryant had 19 points and Jared Neighbors 17 to lead Miami. River Road's high scorer was Dustin Guinn with 21 points.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Bowl Games
By The Associated Press

All Times EST
Thursday, Dec. 15
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
UNLV 52, Central Michigan 24

Sunday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 38, Gray 27
Alaha Bowl
At Honolulu
Boston College 12, Kansas State 7

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Utah 16, Arizona 13

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Virginia 20, Texas Christian 10

Thursday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Brigham Young 31, Oklahoma 6

Friday, Dec. 30
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
South Carolina State 31, Grambling State 27
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Texas 35, North Carolina 31
Gator Bowl
At Gainesville, Fla.
Tennessee 45, Virginia Tech 23
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Michigan 24, Colorado State 14

Saturday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Illinois (6-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Baylor (7-4) vs. Washington State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 1
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
North Carolina State (8-3) vs. Mississippi State (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (12-0) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Monday, Jan. 2
Hail of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin (6-4) vs. Duke (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Ohio State (9-3) vs. Alabama (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas Tech (6-5) vs. Southern California (7-3-1), 1 p.m. (NBC)
Cargus Bowl
At Miami
South Carolina (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Colorado (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (6-4-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Penn. State (11-0) vs. Oregon (9-3), 4:50 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (10-1) vs. Florida State (9-1-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 14
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
Senior Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 22
At Honolulu
Hula Bowl
East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

NW Nazarene 80, Whitman 60
New Mexico St. 45, Bethune-Cookman 55
Oregon Tech 71, Willamette 70
S. Oregon 92, Cent. Washington 77
St. Cloud St. 97, N. Colorado 80
Utah St. 85, N. Arizona 52
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Championship
Birmingham-Southern 87, Cedarville 73
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Cable Car Classic
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West Chester 67, Queens Coll. 60
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St. Michael's 81, Mercyhurst 48
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Tn.-Chattanooga 56, Coll. of Charleston 54
Third Place
Drexel 89, Liberty 68
Great Northern Classic
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Canisius 68, Georgia Southern 62
Wis.-Green Bay 74, Indiana 53
Holiday Classic
First Round
Aquinas 71, DePaul 67
Kalamazoo 80, Oberlin 53
Kiwanis Holiday Classic
Championship
Hendelberg 68, Grove City 59
Third Place
Taylor 79, Lake Erie 59
MVP Holiday Classic
Championship
St. Bonaventure 64, Toledo 55
Third Place
Stetson 91, Texas Southern 77
Marietta Shrine Tournament
Championship
Marietta 82, Wilkes 76
Third Place
Wilmington, Ohio 67, Waynesburg 66
Oldmanshire Spartan Classic
Championship
Michigan St. 70, Long Beach St. 60
Third Place
Coppin St. 76, Ball St. 75
Poreco Cup
Championship
Gannon 80, North Alabama 75, OT
Third Place
Bridgeport 120, Slippery Rock 110
Rainbow Classic
Championship
Arkansas 101, Iowa 92
Third Place
Hawaii 75, Cincinnati 66

Fifth Place
Duke 76, Georgia Tech 69

Seventh Place
Oklahoma 75, Boston U. 70
Smoke on the River
First Round
Fayetteville St. 103, St. Augustine's 94
Stormy Petrel Classic
Championship
Cupid 80, Millikin 73
Third Place
Oglethorpe 75, Carroll, Wis. 74
Tiffin/Id Fort Bank Holiday Tournament
Championship
Geneva 75, Tiffin 57

Third Place
Indiana Tech 95, Madonna 80
US West Cellular Air Time Tournament
Championship
Washington 65, Michigan 61

Third Place
Portland 74, Idaho 70
Western Connecticut Holiday Hoopla
Championship
W. Connecticut 77, Hunter 73

Third Place
Albany, N.Y. 70, Johnson St. 64
Wittenberg/yece Classic
Championship
Wittenberg 69, Ohio Northern 67

Third Place
Hanover 71, Hilldale 62

EXHIBITION
Team Pulls 91, NE Missouri 83

Cleveland 87, Atlanta 85
Indiana 98, New Jersey 79
Boston 124, Detroit 107
New York 90, Minnesota 81
Chicago 133, Miami 98
Charlotte 101, Milwaukee 94
Dallas 110, Golden State 94
L.A. Lakers 127, Phoenix 112
Denver 118, Portland 114
Houston 111, Utah 103
Sacramento 85, Philadelphia 82

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Fined Philadelphia 76ers center Shawn Bradley \$4,000 for hitting Seattle SuperSonics guard Kendall Gill with an elbow during a game Wednesday night.
DETROIT PISTONS—Placed Oliver Miller, center, on the injured list. Signed Negele Knight, guard, and Mike Popowski, forward.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Activated Willie Anderson, guard, from the injured list. Placed Chris Whitney, guard, on the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Fired Nick Nicolau, offensive coordinator.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed Dexter McNeill, fullback.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed Leonard Ray Jr., defensive end, to the practice squad.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed Brad Pasall, defensive end.
DAYTON BOMBERS—Announced that John Brill, left wing, and Pascal Trepanier, defenseman, have been assigned to Dayton by Kalamazoo of the International Hockey League. Waived Pat Meehan, right wing.
NASHVILLE KNIGHTS—Announced that Todd Harjic, center, has been returned from the Atlanta Knights of the International Hockey League. Placed Deway Bogart, defenseman, on the 14-day injured list retroactive to Dec. 23. Traded Trevor Boice, center, to the Raleigh IceCaps for Alexander Chumukov, forward.

COLLEGE
BALL STATE—Announced Steve Payne, forward, has been cleared to rejoin the men's basketball team from an academic suspension. Declared Antwan Jones, men's basketball forward, academically ineligible.
EASTERN ILLINOIS—Named Tom Akens acting men's track coach.
MONTANA STATE—Named Dave Telford, receiver and quarterbacks coach, offensive coordinator.
NAVY—Named Charlie Weatherbie football coach.

SKI REPORT

WOODSTOCK, Vt. (AP)—Latest skiing conditions information as supplied by Sno Country Reports. (Copyright: Sno Country Reports) as of 9:49 a.m. EST Sunday.

Skiing conditions are subject to change due to weather, skier traffic and other factors. Be aware of changing conditions.

ROCKIES
Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — 4 new packed powder 31-36 base 19 trails 5 of 3 lifts
Arrowhead — 5 new powder 19-22 base 13 trails 2 of 2 lifts 92% open 8:30-4p
Aspen Highlands — 2 new packed powder 33-38 base 80 trails 9 of 9 lifts 83% open
Aspen Mountain — 2 new packed powder 32-33 base 76 trails 8 of 8 lifts 99% open
Beaver Creek — 9 new powder 31-45 base 10 of 10 lifts 98% open 8:30-4p xc:32km
Breckenridge — 5 new powder 30-38 base 83 trails 17 of 17 lifts 67% open
Copper Mtn. — 6 new powder 26 base 77 trails 18 of 19 lifts 66% open xc:24km
Crested Butte — 1 new powder 30-50 base 11 of 13 lifts 9a-4p
Eldora — 3 new powder 24 base 9 of 9 lifts 9a-4p
Howelsen — packed powder 12 base 3 of 3 lifts
Keystone — 2 new packed powder 24-28 base 48 trails 19 of 19 lifts 68% open
Loveland — 3 new packed powder 23-24 base 26 trails 6 of 10 lifts 40% open 8:30-4p
Monarch — 3 new powder 35-37 base 4 of 4 lifts 9a-4p
Powderhorn — powder 31 base 3 of 4 lifts
Purgatory — 2 new powder 45 base 9 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-4:15p xc:6km
Silverton — 1 new powder 18-20 base 16 trails 3 of 5 lifts 9a-4p
Ski Cooper — 1 new powder 23 base 4 of 4 lifts 9a-4p
Ski Sunlight — 3 new powder 30-36 base 4 of 4 lifts
Snowmass — 2 new packed powder 29-43 base 66 trails 16 of 16 lifts 88% open
Steamboat — 9 new powder 39-46 base 103 trails 20 of 20 lifts xc:30km
Telluride — 2 new powder 38-39 base 10 of 10 lifts 99% open
Tahquamenon — 2 new packed powder 24 base 38 trails 7 of 7 lifts 96% open
Vail — 5 new powder 30-43 base 25 of 25 lifts 95% open 8:30a-4p xc:22km
Winter Park — 6 new powder 34-35 base 98 trails 20 of 20 lifts 81% open
Wolf Creek — 3 new powder 66 base, 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Montana
Big Sky Ski — powder 43-64 base 60 trails 12 of 12 lifts 100% open 9a-4p xc:75km
Bridger Bowl — 2 new powder 48-65 base 51 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open 9a-4p
Discovery — 1 new packed powder 36-56 base 34 trails 5 of 5 lifts 9:30a-4p
Great Divide — 6 new powder 15-30 base 50 trails 3 of 3 lifts 80% open 9a-9p xc:4km
Lost Trail Powder Mtn. — powder 42-47 base 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p thru Jan 2
Maverick Mtn. — packed powder 36-50 base 2 of 2 lifts 100% open 9a-4p thru Jan 1
Mustang Snowbowl — powder 23-54 base 4 of 4 lifts 95% open 9:30a-4p thru Jan 2
Red Lodge Mtn. — powder 32-42 base 35 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p
Rocky Mtn Hi — packed powder 40 base 2 of 2 lifts 9:30a-4p thru Jan 2
Showdown — 1 new packed powder 28-31 base 4 of 4 lifts 95% open 9:30a-4p
The Big Mountain — powder 28-75 base 9 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-4:30p xc:10km

New Mexico
Angel Fire — 3 new powder 18-24 base 31 trails 5 of 6 lifts 67% open sm
Pajarito — packed powder 4-18 base 20 trails 4 of 6 lifts
Red River — 12 new machine groomed 18-42 base 6 of 6 lifts 80% open
Sentia Peak — 6 new packed powder 20-22 base 2 trails 2 of 7 lifts 15% open 8:30a-4p
Santa Fe — 6 new powder 56 base 36 trails 7 of 7 lifts 99% open 9a-4p
Sipapu — packed powder 15 base 2 trails 2 of 3 lifts sm
Ski Apache — 3 new machine groomed 27 base 52 trails 10 of 10 lifts 85a-4p
Ski Rio — 18 new powder 48 base 62 trails 3 of 3 lifts 9a-4p
Snow Canyon — packed powder 1 of 2 lifts
Taos — 7 new packed powder 63 base 72 trails 11 of 11 lifts 100% open sm
Utah
Alta — packed powder 65 base 8 of 8 lifts 9:15a-4:30p
Beaver Mtn. — packed powder 47 base 3 of 3 lifts 100% open
Brian Head — packed powder 55 base 53 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-10p xc:40km
Brighton — packed powder 63 base 64 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-4p
Deer Valley — machine groomed 58 base 67 trails 13 of 13 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Wheeler boys take third in North Plains Tournament

CLAUDE — The Wheeler Mustangs slipped by San Jacinto Christian, 66-65, Friday to grab third place in the North Plains Tournament.

Justin Hefley led the Mustangs' scoring attack with 19 points, followed by Jarrod Ledbetter with 15 points.

Wheeler was up by 10 points after three quarters and held off a San Jacinto rally in the final quarter. The Mustangs had led by 9 at halftime.

Paul Lewis had 17 points to lead San Jacinto while Brian Cota chipped in 14.

Wheeler is now 5-6 on the season while San Jacinto is 15-3.

Panhandle downed Claude, 53-50, to win the championship.

In the girls' bracket, Wheeler beat San Jacinto, 76-32, to take fifth in the tournament.

Wheeler built a 42-12 halftime bulge.

Angie Thomas netted 26 points

to pace Wheeler in scoring. Jessica Jackson tossed in 12.

Kayla Morrison's 13 points led San Jacinto. Mindy Morgan added 10.

In the championship game, the Panhandle girls rolled past Claude, 64-35.

Highland Park defeated Sunray, 48-37, for third place.

The Wheeler teams play at Miami on Tuesday night. The girls play first at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8.

It's crunch time for Switzer as Cowboys enter playoffs

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP)—Forget the regular season. Barry Switzer's crunch time has come.

Can Switzer match Jimmy Johnson in the playoffs? That's the way he'll be judged by cut-no-slack Dallas Cowboys fans.

"I know the fans will be unhappy and everybody concerned with the team will be down if we don't win a third consecutive Super Bowl," Switzer said. "That's a high standard. And that's what we'll be shooting for."

But Switzer admits it's a little unfair for him to be judged on a win-it-all scale; a record third consecutive Super Bowl or failure.

"It is ridiculous to say the criteria for our success is to do something that's never been done before," Switzer said.

Switzer has tried to pressurize himself for the coming storm if the Cowboys don't succeed.

"I don't think about it," Switzer said of the pressure. "I don't have a terminal illness. I'm not going to die. Sure I'd love to win it. But who knows what will happen? I might not even be here in three or four years."

The Cowboys, still possessing talent and firepower despite the ravages of free agency, had an automatic pilot 12-4 regular season under the gentle handling of rookie coach Switzer.

Switzer stayed out of the way and let the players and his assistant coaches run the show. They provided few memorable victories but cruised through the NFC East with only one loss.

Switzer mostly patted the team on the back. Once, when Charles Haley got sick, Switzer delivered the medicine himself to the home of his All-Pro defensive end.

Dallas had one big game and lost, 21-14, to the San Francisco 49ers. It could be the loss the Cowboys live to regret because of homefield advan-

tage implications.

Johnson, who would readily go to the whip, was at his best in the playoffs.

In the last two Super Bowl championship seasons, Johnson was a master of reading the fears and concerns of his team. It was Johnson who loudly guaranteed the Cowboys would defeat the 49ers. It shook San Francisco and relaxed his own players. The 49ers came out tight and lost for the second consecutive year in the NFC title game.

Johnson was the master in the playoffs. Can Switzer match his magic?

The players claim playing for Switzer has been some needed fresh air from the mood swings and tirades of Johnson.

"It's been refreshing to play for coach Switzer because we'd been under the lash too long," Haley said. "He doesn't try to manipulate players through the media like coach Johnson. He just tells the truth."

When Switzer does tell the truth, it can be painful. He criticized Emmitt Smith for not spending more time in the weight room.

Smith replied, "It's amazing how I've gained so many yards in this league not being in shape."

Smith was one of the Cowboys who protested Switzer's hiring.

"I was hot about it," said Smith, who at one point had indicated that if Johnson was gone, he also was gone.

But Smith got over it. He likes Switzer.

"My main concern was that we were going to have to learn a new offense," Smith said. "A big burden was lifted when I found out we were going to be using the same system. The way I looked at it, we still had the same ship, just a different captain on board."

"After I met with Barry, I was comfortable. I think he handled things fine. He made a smooth transformation. Now comes another big test, the playoffs. Forget the regular

season. This is where it all matters."

The Cowboys are three wins from doing what no team has ever done. The Green Bay Packers won three consecutive NFL championships. But no team has ever won three consecutive Super Bowls.

"Just think of the history of it all," wide receiver Michael Irvin said. "That's why we'll all be playing hard. It doesn't matter whether Jimmy or Barry is the coach. We know what's at stake. It's something that would be remembered forever. It's something to think about and talk about in your old age."

Irvin went on a trashcan throwing rage when he found out Switzer was hired to coach the team. Recently, Irvin was seen hugging Switzer's neck on the sidelines after a victory had been secured.

"I think coach Switzer has done a good job," Irvin said. "I enjoy playing for him."

Owner Jerry Jones, understandably, believes Switzer has exceeded expectations.

"He came within one game of tying the franchise record for victories," Jones said. "He's got us right where we want to be, just three games from a third Super Bowl."

Jones faces the condemnation of the fans if Switzer doesn't succeed. It was the mere mention of his name by Jones that helped Johnson decide to come to a settlement with his former University of Arkansas teammate.

Quarterback Troy Aikman has learned to live with Switzer, saying, "He's a player's coach. He's relaxed the players and the coaches. And he will express himself if he has to. I think he's done a good job so far."

"So far" are the operative words.

Switzer has been asked to do something no coach has ever had to do in his first year in the NFL: Win a Super Bowl or else.

"No matter what happens, I'm always going to be myself," Switzer said. "Win or lose, what you see is what you get."

Red Raiders fall in Fiesta Bowl finals

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Suddenly, No. 10 Arizona has taken to defensive dominance in the second half.

Friday night, it paid off in an 88-82 victory over strong-rebounding Texas Tech as the Wildcats (9-2) claimed their 10th straight Fiesta Bowl Classic championship.

A man-to-man press clamped down

on the top scoring trio for Texas Tech (4-4), which proved to be the critical difference.

The same formula in Wednesday night's first-round game against Richmond had led to a 32-6 burst on the way to a 95-68 win, though Richmond 3-6) also lost the consolation contest Friday night 66-53 to

Penn State (8-1).

Jason Sasser, Mark Davis and Lance Hughes of Texas Tech combined for 35 points in their first half against Arizona.

But Davis, who scored 21, had only 5 after halftime. Sasser made only 4 of his 13 points after intermission and Hughes but 2 of his dozen.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Connecticut 88, Northeastern 70
Dowling 79, New Haven 76
Fairmount 65, St. Vincent 53
La Salle 68, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 65
N.Y. Tech 95, Quinnipiac 68
Navy 104, Fla. International 67
Plymouth St. 81, E. Connecticut 70
Rutgers 73, Wagner 70
St. Francis, N.Y. 83, Army 75
St. Peter's 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 71, OT
St. Rose 82, Pace 75, OT
Stockton St. 65, Randolph-Macon 62
Villanova 90, Delaware 54
West Virginia 79, Ohio St. 69

SOUTH
Aia-Birmingham 98, Prairie View 59
Barry 80, St. Ambrose 73
Brescia 84, Baldwin-Wallace 72
Christopher Newport 80, Savannah Art & Design 72
East Carolina 77, E. Tennessee St. 68
Florida 87, St. Francis, Pa. 72
Georgia St. 80, North Georgia 67
Hampton-Sydney 82, Rio Grande 74
Johnson C. Smith 95, Mississippi Col. 87
Kansas St. 78, Auburn 75
LSU 88, Md.-Baltimore County 67
Lenoir-Rhyne 77, St. Thomas, Fla. 61
Life 84, Clayton St. 74
Lynn 96, Armstrong St. 92
Maryland 98, American U. 77
Mass.-Dartmouth 92, Embury-Riddle 73
Miami 55, Fordham 43
New Hampshire 99, George Mason 78
Rollins 87, Carthage 83
South Florida 74, Hartford 56
St. Anselm 77, Florida Southern 76
Tampa 86, Tri-State 70
Tennessee St. 93, Florida A&M 80
Tulane 75, N.C.-Wilmington 65
UNLV 103, Cent. Florida 90, OT
Virginia St. 67, East Stroudsburg 53
Wake Forest 95, Marshall 59
Winston-Salem 92, Elizabeth City St. 78

MIDWEST
Akron 72, N. Illinois 52
Bretz Cliff 78, Northwestern, Iowa 77
Dakota Wesleyan 76, Hastings 74
Delta St. 92, Mo. Southern 88
Lewis 88, St. Joseph's, Ind. 82, OT
Luther 86, Clarke 73
Mankato St. 98, Nebraska-Omaha 88
Miami, Ohio 69, Wright St. 61
N. Dakota St. 90, Monticello 73
Ohio Dominican 83, Denison 80
Ohio U. 71, Duquesne 58
Purdue 74, Cent. Michigan 66
SIU-Edwardsville 71, E. Texas St. 65
South Dakota 87, North Dakota 82
Warburg 72, Northwestern, Minn. 70
Washington, Mo. 95, Webster 53
Youngstown St. 79, Thomas More 54

SOUTHWEST
Ahlens Christian 74, Lubbock Christian 72
Colorado 85, Houston 66
Nicholls St. 82, Sam Houston St. 72
Rice 70, Kent 57
SW Baptist 79, Angelo St. 72
SW Texas St. 58, North Texas 56
Texas A&M 96, Holy Cross 82
Texas A&M-Kingsville 85, Minn.-Duluth 68
Texas Pan American 72, New Orleans 64
Texas-San Antonio 87, Texas-Arlington 67

FAR WEST
CSU-Chico 92, Humboldt St. 71
Denver 86, Colorado Mines 62
E. Washington 92, Cal Poly-SLO 40
Fresno St. 81, St. Francis, Ill. 61
Loyola Marymount 80, Cal St.-Fullerton 77
Montana St.-Northern 77, Montana St.-Billings 76

TV SPORTS WATCH

Live, same-day and delayed national TV spots coverage for today (schedule subject to change and/or blackouts):

All Times EST
12:30 p.m.
NBC — NFL Football, AFC Wildcard Playoff, New England at Cleveland
4 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Basketball, Kentucky at Louisville
FOX — NFL Football, NFC Wildcard Playoff, Chicago at Minnesota
8 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Football, Peach Bowl, Mississippi St. vs. N. Carolina St., at Atlanta
NBC — NCAA Football, Orange Bowl, Nebraska vs. Miami, at Miami

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PRO BASKETBALL

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All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Orlando 23 6 793 —
New York 15 12 556 7
Boston 11 17 393 11 1/2
New Jersey 12 19 387 12
Philadelphia 10 18 367 12 1/2
Miami 9 18 333 13
Washington 7 19 269 14 1/2

Central Division
Cleveland 20 8 714 —
Indiana 17 9 654 2
Charlotte 18 12 571 4
Chicago 15 13 536 5
Atlanta 12 17 414 8 1/2
Detroit 9 17 346 10
Milwaukee 9 18 333 10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
Utah 19 9 679 —
Houston 18 9 667 1/2
San Antonio 15 10 600 2 1/2
Dallas 13 12 520 4 1/2
Denver 14 13 519 4 1/2
Minnesota 6 20 281 12

Pacific Division
Phoenix 21 7 780 —
Seattle 18 9 667 2 1/2
L.A. Lakers 17 9 654 3
Sacramento 15 12 556 5 1/2
Portland 13 13 500 7
Golden State 10 17 370 10 1/2
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Friday's Games
San Antonio 115, Washington 101
Orlando 116, L.A. Clippers 105, OT

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FDA approves diabetes drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is giving its OK to a new type of drug to treat the most common form of diabetes, while urging patients to learn the symptoms of a dangerous side effect.

Metformin, manufactured by Liphos S.A. of France, will be sold in the United States under the brand name Glucophage to treat non-insulin dependent, or Type II, diabetes.

The estimated 13 million Americans with Type II diabetes either don't produce enough insulin, a hormone that regulates blood sugar levels, or can't use it properly — or both.

Standard treatment is a strict low-sugar diet and weight loss. Those who don't respond can take drugs that stimulate the pancreas to secrete more insulin.

Metformin works differently, increasing the body's response to its own insulin. The drug appears to work as well as other diabetes drugs, but it rarely causes the hypoglycemia — plummeting blood sugar — and weight gain that its alternatives do, said Dr. James Bilstad, an FDA official.

"We're excited," said Dr.

Kathleen Wisner, president of the American Diabetes Association. "For some people, this drug will work better."

But the FDA warned that metformin may cause some patients to suffer lactic acidosis, a life-threatening buildup of lactic acid in the blood.

Metformin is closely related to a diabetes medicine called phenformin that in 1977 became the only drug the United States ever banned as an "imminent hazard." The FDA pulled phenformin because it caused hundreds of cases of lactic acidosis.

The FDA insists metformin's risk is one-tenth that of its banned cousin. Still, critics fought furiously to block metformin. "American patients will die of this complication if the drug is approved," Dr. Joseph Loewenstein of Case Western Reserve University wrote the FDA in October.

Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen estimates 230 Americans a year could suffer the side effect, which can be confused with standard diabetic complications.

Austria, Finland, Sweden join European Union

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BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — For nearly a decade, the European Union has kept its doors tightly shut, ignoring pleas from neighboring nations for admission to the exclusive club.

But on Jan. 1, the union will relent and take in three rich neighbors, Austria, Finland and Sweden.

Their entry, boosting the group from 12 to 15 members, will mark the start of what is likely to be an aggressive period of expansion that, if all goes well, could double the union's size in another decade or so.

But growing bigger would involve growing pains the union has pretty much avoided so far, as it turns to the task of bringing in the poorer, less developed nations from Eastern Europe.

"We will have a union of 25 to 30 members — that's the new thing," said Jan Rood of the Clingendael Institute for International Affairs in The Hague, Netherlands.

In going for growth, the EU will

create a powerful economic bloc spanning much of the European continent. Its closest rival will be the North American Free Trade Agreement of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

With 15 members, the union will have a population of about 370 million and will reach from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean Sea: Its combined economies will be worth about \$6.7 trillion.

NAFTA comprises 378 million people and combined economies worth roughly \$7.2 trillion.

With membership comes full access to the union's single market, one of the world's most lucrative consumer zones. Citizens can more easily travel across borders, set up businesses or get a new job in other EU nations. They also elect representatives to the European Parliament.

The bloc also stands to gain more economic and political clout as it implements its new Treaty on European Union, which calls for a common foreign policy and a single currency by 1999.

Not all nations are anxious to join. Norwegians, whose government also wanted to enter on Jan. 1, rejected membership, deciding their oil-rich nation could do just as well on its own.

Austria, Finland and Sweden will enter relatively smoothly because they are economically and politically similar to current members Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. Portugal and Spain were the last to join, in January 1986. The EU's flag of a circle of 12 yellow stars on a field of dark blue will remain unchanged because the stars don't symbolize individual nations.

But the union's next, and harder, step is to forge closer economic and political links with nations across Europe, including former Warsaw Pact foes.

Waiting to join are Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and possibly Slovakia. The Mediterranean islands of Malta and Cyprus are also on line.

Other aspirants are Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Turkey is eager to belong, but has been rebuffed because of its backward economy and human rights record. Also, archrival Greece opposes its membership, and analysts say Turkey's Islamic heritage will be a stumbling block.

The entry of these less advanced countries could alter what has been a closely knit — although frequently squabbling — group of nations.

The easterners will have trouble meshing their struggling economies with the stronger, more competitive ones of the West.

But the EU, too, will have to change.

Extending its costly agriculture subsidy program in its current form to millions of farmers in Poland, Hungary and elsewhere would break its budget.

Similarly, the union will have to reconsider a special aid program for poorer EU regions, since many areas in Eastern Europe would qualify.

'Earthwinds' lifts off for balloon trip around the world

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The crew of the huge, hourglass-shaped Earthwinds Hilton shrugged off past failures with a perfect liftoff Saturday for the first non-stop manned balloon flight around the world.

The 370-foot craft was launched about 6:45 a.m. after the wind cooperated.

Earthwinds consists of a 190-foot helium gas bag, a cramped, crew compartment below that and a 110-foot, air-filled anchor balloon on the bottom to stabilize altitude.

Occasional breezes at the launch site north of Reno scrubbed liftoffs planned for dawn on Thursday and Friday. Earthwinds requires nearly calm wind to inflate its upper balloon and inflation began shortly before midnight.

"Everything was right so they just decided to go," said Lynne Newman, wife of Capt. Larry Newman.

The balloon rose at about 500 feet per minute in 20-degree weather. The sun gleamed off the craft as it gracefully headed eastward.

Strong wind scotched the first attempt at launch in February 1992 in Akron, Ohio, and sent the project to the Reno area in search of calmer weather.

A liftoff attempt Jan. 12, 1993, nearly ended in disaster when the bottom balloon brushed a mountain peak and Earthwinds ditched onto a snowy canyon just across the California state line 10 miles west of here.

A third launch attempt failed Nov. 5, 1993, when an anchor bolt snapped as the helium balloon neared full inflation. And in January 1994, the craft soared into the sky but the flight was aborted after a key valve froze and its finger-thin control shaft snapped.

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Food For Thought by

Danny Bainum

Season flank steak with cumin, chili powder, pepper and coriander, rub in well. Broil meat to rare, then thin-slice to make terrific party sandwiches.

Tortellini pesto soup is a complete meal-in-a-hurry for a busy evening. Heat a cup of chopped green onion in 3 cans of vegetable broth. When it boils, add a package of refrigerated tortellini, then a package of frozen snow peas, thawed, and 1/3 cup refrigerated pesto.

Use non-stick cooking spray on hands before kneading yeast dough. It'll keep the dough from sticking.

Lightly roast red peppers until they're tender but still holding their shape. Stuff with caponata, homemade or store-bought. Serve at room temperature.

Smart shoppers select tomatoes at different stages of ripeness, so they won't all be ready to eat at the same time. Ripen them at room temperature, away from the sun. Don't refrigerate.

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CLOSED SUNDAYS

Lifestyles



Jean McCarley, a professional quilter of 20 years, surrounded by smaller remembrances of bigger quilts she has made and sold over the years.

Fitting the pieces together

Growing up in the mountains of East Tennessee, Jean McCarley learned that quilts were more of a necessity than a luxury.

"We didn't have a lot of blankets and so forth," McCarley said. "We were primarily utilitarian. We made all the quilts. We needed to make them."

McCarley, a professional quilter based in Pampa, grew up in a house built in 1824 which had no central heating and the only other source of warmth besides quilts was a fireplace.

"I've quilted all of my life," said McCarley. "I grew up with it. I don't remember a time when I didn't have some association with quilts."

But it wasn't until 20 years ago that she got serious about quilting — "really serious."

Fabric shop owners who needed a teacher persuaded her to try her hand at teaching others the craft of quilting.

"I decided that's what I wanted to do," said McCarley.

"My family was gone, I didn't have any obligations. This was the first time in my life I could do what I pleased, so that's what I decided to do with the rest of my life."

From the beginner to the advanced quilter, she has taught different levels of classes in the Texas Panhandle, Western Oklahoma and Kansas.

Word of mouth is the usual way her classes are promoted.

Those who decide they want a class in the community generally arrange the meeting places and "pull it all together."

"It usually depends on people in the area," said McCarley.

"Sometimes it takes several weeks to

get something going."

She teaches a class once a week for about 15 weeks, which is enough time for the students to complete the quilt top and put it together.

"We have a fabric selection first, and then we learn to make our patterns," said McCarley. "The placement of the colors within the block is important." They then learn how to accurately put the pieces together.

She said quilting has made her happy and she tries to give that to her students.

"They say nice things about quilting," she said. "I must be doing something right."

McCarley also creates an original block of designs and gives them to her students as a Christmas gift. "I always name (the block) after something very, very important that happened that year."

One particular block McCarley created has been dedicated to her sister.

"Last year my sister passed away so I named it for her," she said. "It's the kind of thing she would have liked. I haven't made a big quilt out of it yet but I've made a small one."

"And this year everybody's laughing at me," she said with a chuckle. "The thing that was important to me this year was my house getting a new roof so I designed a block with a house on it and a roof and it's called 'On a rooftop.' Everybody's laughing about it. I haven't had time to make the quilt yet. I don't have very many big quilts of my own," said McCarley. "As soon as I do something, it's usually sold."

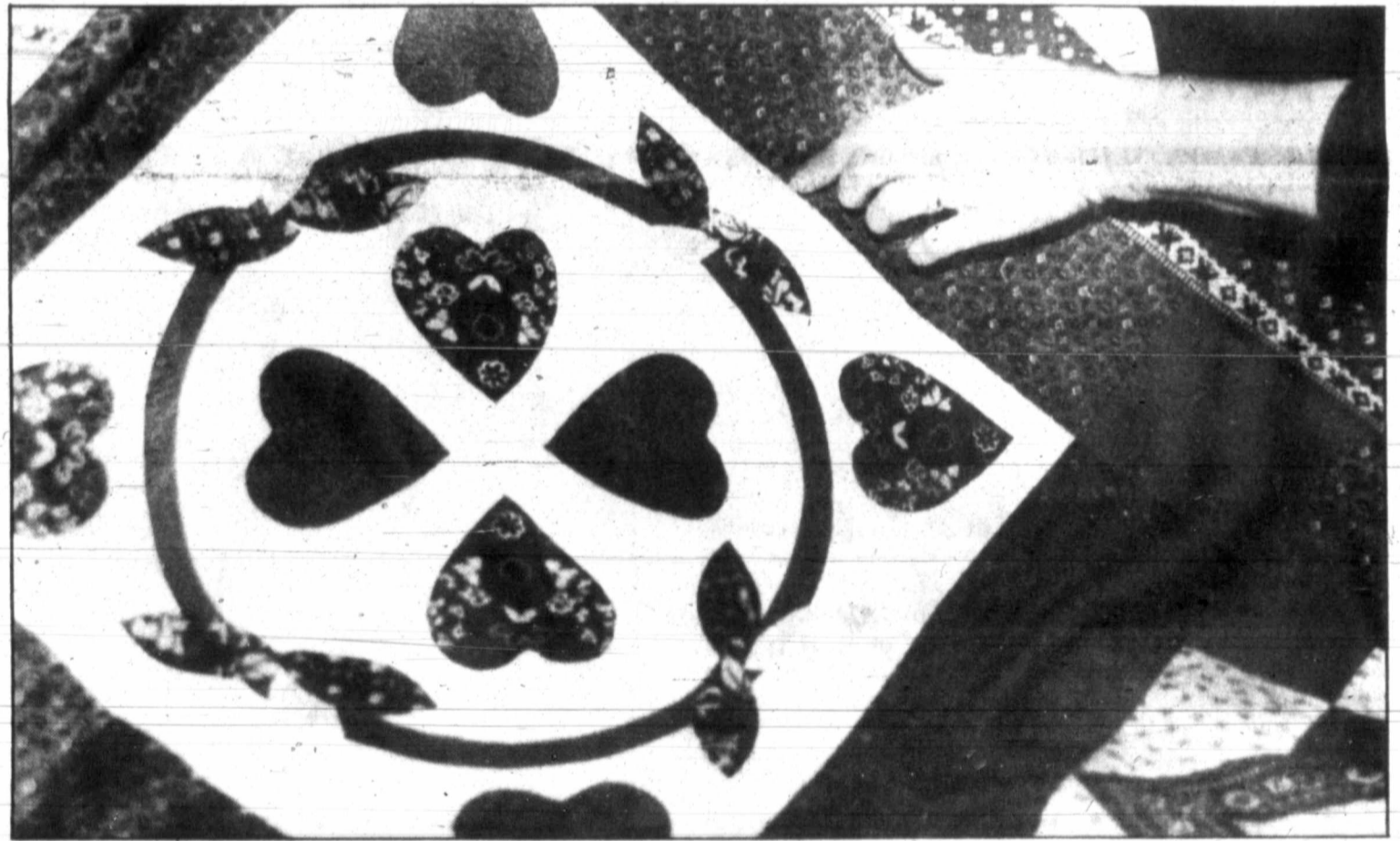
"I can't keep them all. I do it to make a living — that's what I do."

So she makes small quilts from the leftover scraps for her to enjoy and remember all the different quilts she has made over the years.

McCarley believes quilting is one of the most therapeutic and relaxing hobbies a person can have.

"We see so much of it," she said. Another advantage is that quilts can last a long, long time if they are cared for.

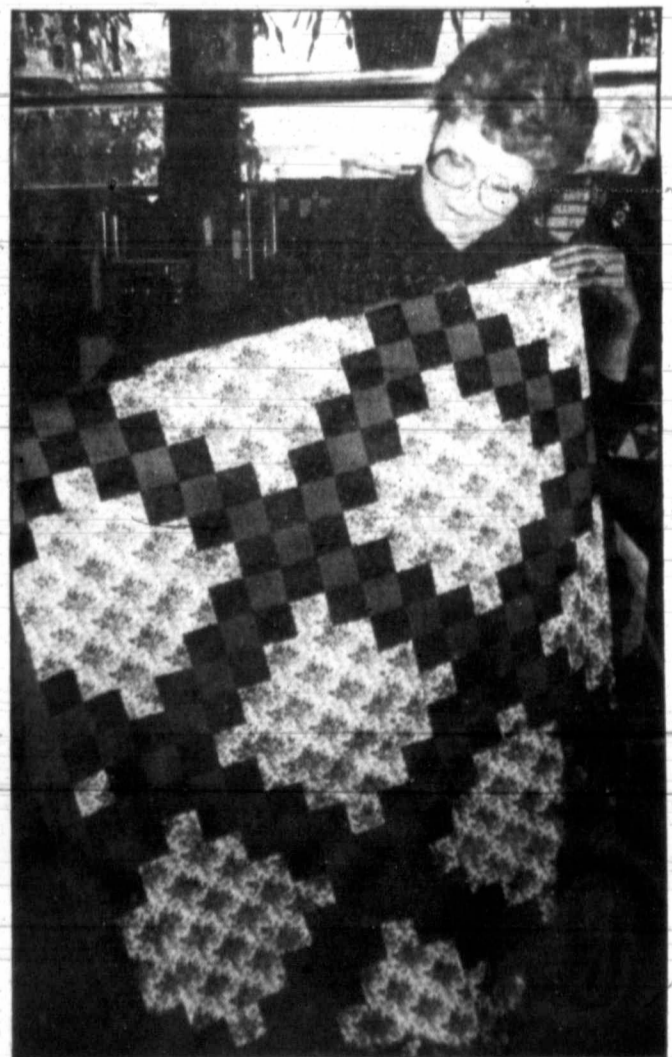
It's possible, McCarley said, for quilts to outlive "you, your children and your grandchildren."



Above: McCarley points out the patterns and designs of a quilt block.

Right: McCarley shows one of the smaller quilts she has made from scraps of a larger one she sold.

Bottom: McCarley quilts using a hoop. Various other frames can be used but McCarley said she prefers the hoop.



Photos and story by
Melinda Martinez



Maddox-Belz

Jennifer Lynn Maddox of College Station and David Brian Belz of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., were married Dec. 30 in Chapel I of Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio with Chaplain Gerald Houge of the U.S. Air Force officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Stephen B. Maddox of Aviano Air Base in Italy and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Maddox of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Belz of Doylestown, Pa.

Serving as the matron of honor was Stephanie Pattillo, sister of the bride, of Lubbock. Serving as the maid of honor was Kerry Chapman of College Station. The bridesmaids were Christy Sue of Lubbock, Kristen Granberry of Knoxville, Tenn.; Kimberly Conrad of Cleburne and Debbie Belz Druke of Atlanta, Ga. The flower girls were Katherine Rose Pattillo, niece of the bride, and Leah Mailman, both of Lubbock.

Standing as the best man was Dan Perkins of Willowgrove, Pa. The groomsmen were John Hensler of Chicago, Ill.; Steve Druke of Atlanta; Steve Amsterdam of Philadelphia, Pa.; David Pattillo of Lubbock; and Carl Buhler of Valdosta, Ga. The ring bearer was Spenser Mailman of Lubbock. Serving as the ushers were Tim Barnett of Clovis, N.M.; Duane Mailman of Austin; Brian Conrad of Cleburne; and Douglas Mailman of Lubbock.

Registering the guests was Lucy Barnett of Clovis, N.M. Providing music were Jan Roberts, organist, of Universal City, and Judy Leal, vocalist of San Antonio.

A reception followed at the Officers' Club on Randolph AFB. Serving the guests were Jennifer Smalley of Houston; Kerry Jones of Dallas; and Vickie Reed of College Station.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Lubbock High School and a recent graduate of Texas A&M. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology. The groom attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. He holds a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering and is a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

The couple plan to reside in Navarre, Fla.



Wheeley-Slatten

Jenifer Jo Wheeley of Pampa and Jarrod Wayne Slatten of Lefors plan to marry Jan. 28, 1995 at First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Joe and Sara Wheeley of Pampa and the prospective groom is the son of Robert and Luella Slatten of Lefors.

She holds an associate degree in science from Clarendon College and is currently attending West Texas A&M University at Canyon. She is employed by Hastings Books, Music & Video.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Lefors High School. He attended Texas State Technical College, where he studied aviation maintenance. He currently is self-employed.



Hendrix

The children of Frison and Rhonda Hendrix will host a reception in honor of the couple's 50th wedding anniversary.

Frison Hendrix and Rhonda Langford were married Jan. 5, 1945. The reception will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in the parlor of First Baptist Church.

The scoop on fat and ice cream

NEW YORK (AP) — How can you take some of the calories out of ice cream?

According to dietitians, you can leave a good number of unwanted calories behind by looking closely in the supermarket's freezer.

Instead of taking a high-fat ice cream, pick up a carton of ice milk, which contains from 2 percent to 7 percent milk fat. Ice cream has at least 10 percent milk fat.

Or you may want to substitute ice cream treats with frozen fruit and juice bars which are competitive in the calorie field.

Interesting facts to note:

* Purim is the Jewish Feast of Lots, commemorating Esther's deliverance of the Jews in Persia from a massacre plotted by Haman. It occurs in February or March.

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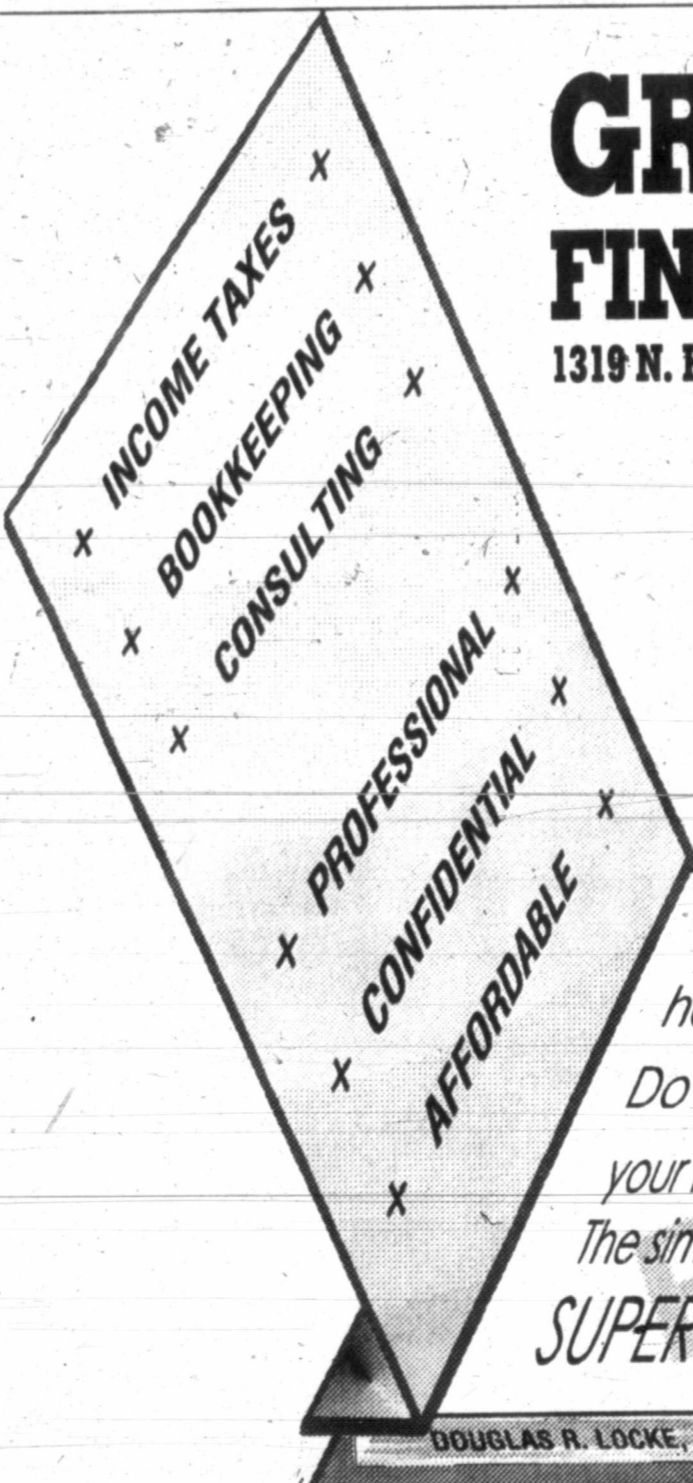
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4-H Futures & Features

Dates

- 2 — Shooting Sports, 7 p.m.
- 3 — E.T. Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Annex.
- Grandview 4-H Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Grandview School
- Shooting Sports, 7 p.m.
- 4 — Aerospace project, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Annex.
- 5 — 4-H Leader Appreciation Dinner 6 p.m., Annex.

4-H ADULT LEADER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Gray County 4-H Council is hard at work on plans to host the 4-H Adult Leader Appreciation Dinner at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Gray County Annex.

The 4-Hers always do a great job on this dinner—so don't miss it! Mark your calendars and plan to come and enjoy an evening of being pampered by our outstanding 4-Hers! RSVP by Wednesday noon.

STATE RECREATION TEAM TRAINING

4-H Recreation Team Training will be conducted March 3-4, 1995, at the Texas 4-H Center near Brownwood. Last year we had a Gray County team that participated and they have all been sharing what they learned since then.

If you are a senior 4-H member and are interested in being a member of a recreation team, call Donna at the Extension office. A team can consist of three to six 4-H members and one adult leader. The county 4-H program will pay half of the expense.

To sign up or to receive more information, call the Extension office by January 10!

AEROSPACE PROJECT

All interested 4-Hers are invited to "experience space" at the 4-H Aerospace project on Wednesday at the annex.

Nathan and Shawn Dawes will conduct the Aerospace project from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You need to bring \$5.00 for a model rocket and a lunch.

The project will consist of building a model rocket and being involved in some hands-on activities to learn more about space. The launching of the rockets will be done on another day.

Call the Gray County Extension office-669-8033-NO LATER than NOON on Tuesday, if you wish to participate or call Nathan or Shawn Dawes at 665-4496.

Familiarize yourself with appliances' warranty coverages

Homemaker's News

By Donna Brauchi



Were new appliances under your Christmas tree this year? If so, it is now important to get very familiar with the warranty coverage. Some appliances get used very little. When they act up, some owners feel that the four years of periodic usage should be the same as one year's worth of warranty coverage. This is not the case! Warranty coverage is for a stated period of time, not for how much you use the appliance.

Remember that warranty coverage may vary with the product's components. Manufacturers can offer almost any type of warranty as long as the provisions are clearly stated and the warranty is available for your review before you buy.

Although periodic usage may result in less wear and tear on an appliance, there are at least two reasons for not basing warranties on usage:

(1) Basing a warranty on usage rather than appliance age is unrealistic because it is difficult, if not impossible, for a manufacturer to

monitor actual consumer usage.

(2) Some appliances actually suffer more from extended periods of non-use than from continuous daily operation.

It is important to carefully read the warranty on each new appliance. Use the appliance enough during the warranty period that any defects will have time to surface. Use every feature and control on the new appliance soon after it is installed or after you receive it. Remember, even if you don't use that appliance, the warranty clock is still ticking!

For more information on consumer related issues, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

Candles set the mood

WASHINGTON (AP) — Candles come in more styles than ever for mood-setting home and table decoration.

Here are some useful household tips:

— Before a party, light and extinguish candles for easier lighting later. Use proper candleholders and keep wicks trimmed to 1/2 inch, to stop uneven burning.

— Try three or more different size tapers down the center of the dining table, perhaps surrounded by loose cut flowers.

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Collum-Lewis

Shelley Renee Collum and Jay Scott Lewis, both of Pampa, were married Dec. 10 at Bible Church of Pampa with Roger Hubbard of the church and Terry Brown of Hereford officiating the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Jack Collum and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hahn, all of Pampa. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lewis of Pampa.

Serving as the maid of honor was Stacey Collum, sister of the bride, of Weatherford, Okla. The bridesmaids were Charity Andrews of McCamey, Jill Lewis, sister of the groom, of Pampa; and Martha Nuttall and Tammy Pulse, both of Arlington. The flower girl was Melissa Lewis, daughter of the groom, of Pampa.

Standing as the best man was David Sandefur of Odessa. The groomsmen were Chuck Morgan, Clint Taylor, Kyle Battin and David Devers, all of Pampa. The ring bearer was Meghan Lewis, daughter of the groom, of Pampa.

Serving as the ushers were Dusty Weatherly and Brad Love, both of Pampa, who also lighted the candles.

Registering the guests were Tammy Didway and Louise Devers, both of Pampa.

Providing music were Gracie Eddins, vocals and flute; Elaine Eddins, organist; and Benny Horton, trumpet, all of Pampa.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

Serving the guests were Mary West, Terri Tyrell, Angie Battin and Carla Taylor, all of Pampa.

The bride is a graduate of Pampa High School and Miss Wades Fashion and Merchandising College in Dallas.

The groom is a graduate of Pampa High School and Clarendon College in Clarendon. He is employed by Action Realty.

After a honeymoon to San Antonio, the couple plan to reside in Pampa.

It's all in the family

NEW YORK (AP) — Kids' busy schedules and a rise in two-career and single-parent homes have resulted in the fact that many families no longer eat together on a regular basis.

However, reviving the dinner hour as a ritual in the home can improve domestic communication, according to family consultants who suggest these steps to make the family meal a positive experience:

— Eliminate distractions. For uninterrupted family time, turn off

the television and unplug the phone.

— Avoid unpleasant business. Save giving out punishments and discussing bad grades for some time other than the dinner hour.

— Stick to a designated time. Appointing a specific hour can be comforting to children as a sign of order in a chaotic world.

Menus

January 2-6

LEFORS SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY
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WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Oats, cereal, muffins, juice, milk and peanut butter.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, fruit, corn and milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Ham, eggs, biscuits, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch: Dinner sausage or roast, potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch: Hot ham sandwich, chips, cheese, fruit and milk.

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TUESDAY

Stew, cornbread and peaches.

WEDNESDAY

Ham, cream style corn, spinach and fruit cocktail.

THURSDAY

Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and pudding.

FRIDAY

Oven-fry chicken, macaroni

with cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, and pears.

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Chicken fried steak or chicken enchiladas, mashed potatoes, beans, spinach, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, ugly ducking cake or banana pudding, cornbread or hot rolls.

TUESDAY

Meat loaf or chicken chow mein, cheese potatoes, turnip greens, vegetable medley, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, Boston cream pie or chocolate icebox pie, cornbread or hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, angel food cake or blueberry pie, cornbread or hot rolls.

THURSDAY

Smothered steak with onions or taco salad, new potatoes, baked cabbage, yellow squash, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, lemon cream pie or chocolate cake, cornbread or hot rolls.

FRIDAY

Fried cod fish or pepper steak over rice, French fries, creamed corn, broccoli, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, tapioca or spice cake, garlic bread, cornbread and hot rolls.

Your child's health; use safety seats when traveling by car

By DR. LEWIS GOLDFRANK
New York University Medical Center
For AP Special Features

For infants and toddlers, safety seats are generally the safest way to travel in cars. And correctly positioning these seats within the car will provide them with the maximum amount of protection in the event of a crash.

The best location for the safety seat is generally considered to be the center rear seat. When the seat is being secured in the car, check to see that the car's seat belt strap fits snugly around it. Be sure also that the safety seat's straps fit snugly to the child.

The direction in which the car seat should be placed depends on the child's age. Toddlers can ride facing forward. Infants are best positioned to ride backward so that in the event of a collision the impact will be spread across their backs.

Safety seats should be used until youngsters can no longer fit into them comfortably — generally when they reach about 40 pounds.

At that point the safety seat should be replaced by the car's built-in lap belt and shoulder harness.

In some cases, children are too small for the shoulder harness and it falls across their faces or necks. In these instances, parents should use safety booster seats — never cushions or pillows — to raise children to the correct height.

Do not allow a child to sit on someone's lap with the seat belt around both of them. In the event of an accident, the child will absorb the greatest impact of the crash.

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Ace of Base gains top single, top album honors for year-end listings

By The Associated Press

Charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music for the year 1994 as they appear in this week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission.

TOP SINGLES

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1. "The Sign," Ace of Base (Arista)
 2. "I Swear," All-4-One (Blitz)
 3. "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz II Men (Motown)
 4. "The Power of Love," Celine Dion (550 Music)
 5. "Hero," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
 6. "Stay (I Missed You)," from *Reality Bites*, Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories (RCA)
 7. "Breathe Again," Toni Braxton (LaFace)
 8. "All for Love," from *The Three Musketeers*, Bryan Adams-Rod Stewart-Sung (A&M)
 9. "All That She Wants," Ace of Base (Arista)
 10. "Don't Turn Around," Ace of Base (Arista)
 11. "Bump N' Grind," R. Kelly (Jive)
 12. "Again," Janet Jackson (Virgin)
 13. "I'll Remember," from *With Honors*, Madonna (Maverick-Sire)
 14. "Whatta Man," Salt-N-Pepa Featuring En Vogue (Next Plateau-London)
 15. "Wild Nigh," John Mellencamp with Me'Shell Ndegeocello (Mercury)
 16. "Without You-Never Forget You," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
 17. "You Mean the World to Me," Toni Braxton (LaFace)
 18. "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," from *The Lion King*, Elton John (Hollywood)
 19. "The Most Beautiful Girl in the

World," the artist formerly known as Prince (NPG)

TOP ALBUMS

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1. *The Sign*, Ace of Base (Arista)
 2. *Music Box*, Mariah Carey (Columbia)
 3. *Doggy Style*, Snoop Doggy Dogg (Death Row-Interscope)
 4. *The Lion King*, Soundtrack (Disney)
 5. *August & Everything After*, Counting Crows (DGC)
 6. *Vs.*, Pearl Jam (Epic)
 7. *Toni Braxton*, Toni Braxton (LaFace)
 8. *Janet*, Janet Jackson (Virgin)
 9. *Bat Out of Hell II: Back Into Hell*, Meat Loaf (MCA)
 10. *The One Thing*, Michael Bolton (Columbia)
 11. *12 Play*, R. Kelly (Jive)
 12. *Not a Moment Too Soon*, Tim McGraw (Curb)
 13. *Purple*, Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
 14. *Greatest Hits*, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers (MCA)
 15. *Siamese Dream*, Smashing Pumpkins (Virgin)
 16. *The Colour of My Love*, Celine Dion (550 Music)
 17. *So Far So Good*, Bryan Adams (A&M)
 18. *Very Necessary*, Salt-N-Pepa (Next Plateau-London)
 19. *Superunknown*, Soundgarden (A&M)
 20. *The Division Bell*, Pink Floyd (Columbia)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1. "I Swear," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
 2. "Wink," Neal McCoy (Atlantic)
 3. "Third Rock from the Sun,"

4. "Dreaming With My Eyes Open," Clay Walker (Giant)
5. "Down on the Farm," Tim McGraw (Curb)
6. "XXX's and OOO's (An American Girl)," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
7. "Summertime Blues," Alan Jackson (Arista)
8. "What the Cowgirls Do," Vince Gill (MCA)
9. "Love a Little Stronger," Diamond Rio (Arista)
10. "Foolish Pride," Travis Tritt (Warner Bros.)
11. "That Ain't No Way to Go," Brooks & Dunn (Arista)
12. "Whenever You Come Around," Vince Gill (MCA)
13. "Every Once in a While," Blackhawk (Arista)
14. "Little Rock," Collin Raye (Epic)
15. "No Doubt About It," Neal McCoy (Atlantic)
16. "He Thinks He'll Keep Her," Mary Chapin Carpenter (Columbia)
17. "Rock My World (Little Country Girl)," Brooks & Dunn (Arista)
18. "I Just Wanted You to Know," Mark Chesnut (MCA)
19. "State of Mind," Clint Black (RCA)
20. "A Good Run of Bad Luck," Clint Black (RCA)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

- Copyright 1994, Billboard
1. "Everyday," Phil Collins (Atlantic)
 2. "Now and Forever," Richard Marx (Capitol)
 3. "Said I Loved You ... But I Lied," Michael Bolton (Columbia)
 4. "The Power of Love," Celine Dion (550 Music)
 5. "Please Forgive Me," Bryan Adams (A&M)

6. "If You Go," Jon Secada (SBK)
7. "Hero," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
8. "Breathe Again," Toni Braxton (LaFace)
9. "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," Elton John (Hollywood)
10. "Wild Night," John Mellencamp-Me'Shell Ndegeocello (Mercury)
11. "I'll Remember," Madonna (Maverick-Sire)
12. "The Sign," Ace of Base (Arista)
13. "You Mean the World to Me," Toni Braxton (LaFace)
14. "Beautiful in My Eyes," Joshua Kadison (SBK)
15. "Love Sneakin' Up On You," Bonnie Raitt (Capitol)
16. "Without You," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
17. "All for Love," Bryan Adams-Rod Stewart-Sung (A&M)
18. "Streets of Philadelphia," Bruce Springsteen (Columbia)
19. "The River of Dreams," Billy Joel (Columbia)
20. "Having a Party," Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.)

R&B SINGLES

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1. "Bump N' Grind," R. Kelly (Jive)
 2. "Back & Forth," Aaliyah (Blackground)
 3. "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz II Men (Motown)
 4. "Can We Talk," Tevin Campbell (Qwest)
 5. "Cry for You," Jodeci (Uptown)
 6. "I Miss You," Aaron Hall (Silas)
 7. "Any Time, Any Place-And On and On," Janet Jackson (Virgin)
 8. "Never Keeping Secrets," Babyface (Epic)
 9. "Your Body's Callin'," R. Kelly (Jive)
 10. "U Send Me Swingin'," Mjnt Condition (Perspective-)
 11. "Stroke You Up," Changing

12. "I'm Ready," Tevin Campbell (Qwest)
13. "Willing to Forgive," Aretha Franklin (Arista)
14. "Funkdafied," Da Brat (So So Def-Chaos)
15. "You Mean the World to Me," Toni Braxton (LaFace)
16. "Anything," from *Above the Rim*, SWV (RCA)
17. "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World," the artist formerly known as Prince (NPG)
18. "Sending My Love," Zhane (Illtown)
19. "Understanding," Xscape (So So Def)
20. "Groove Thing," Zhane (Illtown)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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1. "Black Hole Sun," Soundgarden (A&M)
 2. "Come Out and Play," Offspring (Epitaph)
 3. "Longview," Green Day (Reprise)
 4. "Basket Case," Green Day (Reprise)
 5. "Fall Down," Toad the Wet Sprocket (Columbia)
 6. "Selling the Drama," Live (Radioactive)
 7. "Vaseline," Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
 8. "Loser," Beck (DGC)
 9. "Interstate Love Song," Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
 10. "Einstein On the Beach," Counting Crows (DGC)
 11. "Self-Esteem," Offspring (Epitaph)
 12. "Closer," Nine Inch Nails (Nothing-TVT)
 13. "Shine," Collective Soul (Atlantic)
 14. "All I Wanna Do," Sheryl Crow (A&M)

15. "God," Tori Amos (Atlantic)
16. "What's the Frequency Kenneth?" R.E.M. (Warner Bros.)
17. "Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm," Crash Test Dummies (Arista)
18. "Fade Into You," Mazzy Star (Capitol)
19. "Return to Innocence," Enigma (Virgin)
20. "Undone - The Sweater Song," Weezer (DGC)

LATIN TRACKS

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1. "Amor Prohibido," Seleno (EMI Latin)
 2. "Vida," La Mafia (Sony)
 3. "Luna," Ana Gabriel (Sony)
 4. "Pero Que Necesidad," Juan Gabriel (Ariola)
 5. "Si Te Vas," Jon Secada (SBK)
 6. "Dondequiera Que Estes," The Barrio Boyzz Y Seleno (EMI Latin)
 7. "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom," Seleno (EMI Latin)
 8. "Quisiera," Ricardo Montanez (EMI Latin)
 9. "Detras De Mi Ventana," Yuri (Sony)
 10. "El Dia Que Me Quieras," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
 11. "Mij Buen Amor," Gloria Estefan (Epic)
 12. "Cerca De Ti," The Barrio Boyzz (SBK)
 13. "Con Un Nudo En La Garganta," Pimpinela (PolyGram Latino)
 14. "La Nina Fresa," Banda Z (Fonovisa)
 15. "Boca, Dulce Boca," Jose Luis Rodriguez (Sony)
 16. "Manana," Crishen (Melody)
 17. "Una Tarde Fue," Los Temerarios (AFG Sigma)
 18. "Tu Y Yo," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
 19. "Pensando Siempre En Ti," Ednita Nazario (EMI Latin)
 20. "Hablame De Frente," Ana Gabriel (Sony)

'Shining Time Station' chugs into prime time

By JERRY SCHWARTZ
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Let us now sing the praises of Thomas and Edward, Duck and Diesel, Bertie and Toby. Let us applaud a show that does not prompt pre-schoolers to attack one another with lethal kicks and cries of "Hi-YAH!"

All hail *Shining Time Station*. Perhaps you've never heard of *Shining Time Station*. It is not as hyped as *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*, mostly because parents have not been forced to listen to police scanners to locate the latest Thomas the Tank Engine action figure.

Children take a cue from *Shining Time Station*, and they make up their own stories about the engines. This is a show that stokes the imagination.

Shining Time Station is on public television, nestled in the *Sesame Street* morning ghetto. But Wednesday, you'll have an opportunity to see it at a more grown-up hour, as PBS airs the first of at least four *Shining Time Station* prime-time specials (check local listings).

What you will see is fairly representative of *STS*, with a few concessions to prime time. The special is an hour long, twice the usual length; it features a name guest star, Ed Begley Jr.; the camera actually goes outside the mythical Indian Valley Railroad station.

But some things remain the same: the magical and miniature Mr. Conductor, played by George Carlin; the crowd-pleasing buffoonery of the arcade owner, Schemer (Brian O'Connor); the warmth of station master Stacy Jones (Didi Conn); the plot, which offers the usual magic and life-lessons.

And most importantly, Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends.

Some children live for the Thomas sequences, in which model trains on the imaginary island of Sodor act out stories narrated by Mr. Conductor.

Each train has its own personality — Thomas, a cheeky little engine; Diesel, insincere and manipulative; Gordon, powerful and self-important, and so on — and they all roll their eyes and make funny faces and get into all kinds of trouble.

You can, of course, buy Thomas and Gordon and all the rest (warning to parents — the special introduces two more engines, Rusty and Stepney). There are also Thomas sheets and games and books and pyjamas and slippers and, well, let's just say that that's gold in them that little trains.

But let us also say that few parents begrudge the makers of *Shining Time Station* the right to make a buck.

Britt Allcroft, co-producer of the show — she first created the Thomas sequences in 1984 for a British show, *Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends* — calls it "storybook television," and it's just that.

Children take a cue from *Shining Time Station*, and they make up their own stories about the engines. This is a show that stokes the imagination.

It's all done without the violence of a bunch of costumed teenagers thwapping bad guys with zords and thunder kicks, and without the saccharine megadose of group hugs orchestrated by a purple T-rex.

There is a lot of talk about whether PBS programming would survive if the federal government stopped funding public television. *STS* probably could find a place elsewhere, though it's hard to believe its gentleness would survive intact; commercial television, for example, probably would try to work some gory derailments into the Thomas sequences.

It should be noted that the prime-time special is partially underwritten by Amtrak, another target of congressional budget cutters. One thing is certain: If Amtrak worked anywhere near as well as *Shining Time Station*, the national railroad would have nothing to worry about.

Of course, it would help if Amtrak trains rolled their eyes and made funny faces.

Top selling videos

- Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in this week's issue of *Billboard* magazine.
1. *Speed*, (Fox Video)
 2. *Snow White and the Seven*

3. *Jurassic Park*, (MCA-Universal)
4. *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, (Touchstone)
5. *The Flintstones*, (MCA-

6. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, (MGM-UA)
7. *Tombstone*, (Hollywood)
8. *Eagles: Hell Freezes Over*, (Geffen)

9. *The 3 Tenors in Concert 1994*, (Avison)
10. *Nirvana: Live! Tonight! Sold Out!* (Geffen)

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Rural school systems face special challenges in financing education

By CAROLE FELDMAN
AP Education Writer

MILFORD, N.Y. (AP) — Applause echoes through the halls of Milford Central School. Follow the sound, and come to Erika Prouty's third-grade classroom, where the youngsters have just tackled multiplication for the first time.

To some, applause for getting the answer to a math problem might seem a bit much. But to Prouty, it's essential for building self-confidence and helping the children escape a life of rural poverty.

The U.S. Education Department estimates that 6.9 million students are enrolled in some 22,400 public schools in rural communities. With the exception of the Southeast, most rural school districts are small, with enrollments under 2,500.

Many of these schools are in impoverished regions. In 1990, the rural poverty rate was 16.3 percent, compared to 12.7 percent in metropolitan areas.

Teachers and school administrators often have to tend to children's basic needs — food and clothing — before they can see to the academic ones.

Prouty's voice breaks as she recalls the youngsters she has taught who came to school in the cold, upstate New York winters without socks, or with "patent leather shoes that didn't buckle."

But Madeleine Kunin, the Education Department's deputy secretary, notes that all rural schools do not fit into a single mold.

"Simply being rural does not automatically determine that the school will be poorer in every sense," she says.

But being rural does pose greater challenges for a school system.

Education costs in rural areas are high, in part because of the low population density. As a result, rural residents contribute greater percentages of their income to schools than people in urban or suburban areas, according to the department's report, The Condition of Education in Rural Schools.

At the same time, younger adults are leaving rural areas in search of better jobs and higher wages, leaving a population that is, comparatively, older and less educated.

"One of the biggest problems in

rural education is keeping youngsters in the community, trying to link them with opportunities for the future," said Joseph Newlin, executive director of the National Rural Education Association.

"With the departure of their youth, rural communities additionally fail to get a return on their educational investment," the report said.

The department found that teachers and principals in rural schools generally were younger, less well-educated and earned less in pay and benefits than those in metropolitan or suburban districts.

Technology has helped fill some of the gap, providing long-distance professional development for teachers and a wide assortment of classes for students. "It helps rural schools answer the criticism sometimes that their curriculum is limited," Newlin said.

Rural students have been scoring higher on national tests, and are now close to the national average, the Education Department report said. It found that poverty, and not necessarily location, was a key factor in determining student performance.

"It's hard to see what exists in the homes of young people in your communities," David Erdmann of the Foundation for Excellent Schools told a fall conference of rural school faculty and administrators in nearby Cooperstown. "Your schools are oases."

Forty-percent of the students at Milford Central School, which teaches 500 children in kindergarten through 12th grade, participate in the free or reduced price lunch program, where eligibility is based on family income.

Prouty and her colleagues want to make sure that students don't let their poor standard of living get in the way of academic success.

With the help of the Vermont-based Foundation for Excellent Schools, they have formulated a plan to raise student aspirations, to open students' minds and convince them they can overcome whatever barriers there are to their success.

Children as young as fourth-graders are taken on trips to local colleges to expose them to educational opportunities — after high school; parents are invited to attend as well.

"Gold cards" offering discounts from local merchants will be given to students who do well in upper-level courses. The goal is to increase enrollment in those classes.

At nearby Worcester Central School, Jim Kenyon, chairman of the social studies department, has created a Wall of Success to encourage his students to aim higher.

"You know when you reach them because their eyes light up," he said.

Across the walls of his classroom, students can read correspondence from the famous and not-so-famous about how they set goals, overcame obstacles and became successful.

"Kids ask, 'What does it take to be successful?'" he said. "It's something magical when they're told by (basketball coach) Bobby Knight, who they see on TV, or Tim Conway, or a famous movie star."

At Milford, Prouty's third-graders talked about their ambitions as they wrote in diaries and finished creating their own island adventures.

Nicole Lawton wants to be an art teacher and teach right here at Milford Central School.

Scott Hefner dreams of attending Notre Dame University and playing football on the varsity team.

But first there's math to attend to. "What is multiplication?" Prouty asks.

"Adding some numbers a whole bunch of times," one child responds. The class proceeds to do just that, using small, colored plastic pieces to help them.

The children encourage one another.

"All children like to show off," Prouty says. "Once the parents see their kids getting enthusiastic, they start to get enthusiastic."

If parents don't come to school, Prouty goes to them, to discuss students' progress.

Newlin said research has shown rural schools benefit from a strong family involvement in the education of children. "The parents can have almost a day-to-day acquaintance with the teachers and the school system," he said.

In turn, the rural school often is the center of the community, hosting social as well as educational events.

"We are, still, in rural areas maybe more in tune with traditional American values, the heartland concept," Newlin said.

New federal program reforming welfare

By RON GEORGE
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — When Mary Ramirez graduated from high school in 1987, she was pregnant, unmarried and on the verge of learning some hard lessons about life.

Her life became a series of odd jobs, welfare, food stamps and frustration. The father of her first child is long gone. The father of her second still sends child support, but it's not enough.

She might have become a textbook example of what welfare reformers call the dependent poor, but she refused to take that dead-end path.

Ramirez said she has been given a second chance by a new federal program called Family Self-Sufficiency, sponsored by the Corpus Christi Housing Authority.

Ramirez is in a degree program at Del Mar College and has a part-time job, affordable child care as well as a roof over her head. Moreover, she'll soon be building equity toward owning a home.

Felix Duckworth coordinates the self-sufficiency program for the housing authority, and he said it's a type of welfare reform that works.

"Instead of (the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) putting money in new construction projects, they're investing dollars in the people," Duckworth said. "Lives are being changed," he said.

"People are buying autos today who never thought they would."

None of that would have happened without the program's partner agencies and businesses, which Duckworth said open windows of opportunity for people willing to help themselves.

Duckworth and his staff spread the word during a "Family Self-Sufficiency Partnership Social" at the Best Western Sandy Shores Resort hotel on Corpus Christi Beach.

"We want to market Family Self-Sufficiency in such a way to get others to get into the program," Duckworth said. "It'll be a business meeting for me.

We're going to sell self-sufficiency."

Duckworth said his office acts as a clearing house for social programs designed to help families get off the dole. Family Self-Sufficiency, he said, actually has very little funding, but has access to \$300,000 in federal assistance through other agencies.

But there's more. Duckworth and his staff have tapped the private sector, businesses that have provided scholarships and jobs to breadwinners enrolled in the self-sufficiency program.

"We network. We have headhunters, whose responsibility is to match heads with employers," Duckworth said. "We take each individual and we will find that employment opportunity."

Family Self-Sufficiency accepts breadwinners A most of whom are single mothers A who are willing to sign a five-year contract to do whatever it takes to become financially self-sufficient, Duckworth said.

HUD brings its own kind of leverage into each case by allowing families to continue living in subsidized housing, but with the stipulation that income that otherwise would have gone for rent be salted away in an interest-bearing account.

"If a family was paying \$5 a month to rent a 2-bedroom apartment, and now they're paying \$295, the \$290 increase in rent goes into the (savings) account," Duckworth said. "Tabulated over a five-year period, they'll leave here with \$10,000 to \$15,000, with interest. They'll qualify for home ownership. Some have decided to use funds start their own business."

"Some families are now saving \$300 a month, and have been doing so since July."

Public housing residents have hit the lure of this program like a school of bass, said Duckworth, who expected to be working with 30 families by the end of the year, but that more than three times that many have signed up.

"We had no idea the program would grow to this magnitude so soon," Duckworth said. "It's a clear indication to me that a lot of families want a better life for themselves."

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Just for this one day, take charge of yourself

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon. I am using its theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct, and accept those which I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today, I'll do something I've been putting off for a long time. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call, clean that closet, or straighten out those dresser drawers.

Just for today, before I speak I will ask myself, "Is it true? Is it kind?" and, if the answer to either of those questions is negative, I won't say it.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable, so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy

New Years.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: a happy, healthy New Year! — LOVE, ABBY

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans' hospitals and nursing homes.

THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR: "Anticipate charity by preventing poverty; assist the reduced fellowman, either by a considerable gift or a sum of money, or by teaching him a trade, or by putting him in a way of business so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding out his hand for charity."

"This is the highest step and the summit of charity's golden ladder." — MAIMONIDES

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Jan 2, 1995

Your chart indicates that you are likely to be something of a free spirit in the year ahead. As you expand your horizon, prompted by your new sense of adventure, a number of happy developments could occur.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A current involvement has greater potential than you realize. Take time today to carefully assess what it has to offer. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the

coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4467, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Business problems can be resolved in a convivial environment today. Make arrangements to negotiate over a pleasant lunch or dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today a very pleasant surprise is in store for you. Someone you thought disliked you is actually your staunch ally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Associates are apt to respect your views today. They will sense that you have extraordinary foresight going for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Think big today in an endeavor with a partner. Expanding this involvement could benefit both of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The conclusions you arrive at today are apt to be on target. Your judgment is quite keen at analyzing relationships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your great-

est asset today could be your ability to transform the obsolete into something useful. Use this skill as it is needed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Friends who usually support you will be even more helpful today, so don't hesitate to call upon them if you need assistance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Remember to thank co-workers or persons performing some type of service for you today. The desire to work hard is fueled by acknowledgments of a job well done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will be very perceptive today. Because you can absorb useful information at a remarkable speed, you will be adroit at picking up tips while socializing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you could unusually skillful in managing the affairs of those you protect. Your efforts will prove beneficial to them as well as yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Restraints that have been holding you back should begin to loosen today. This might be due to new associates.

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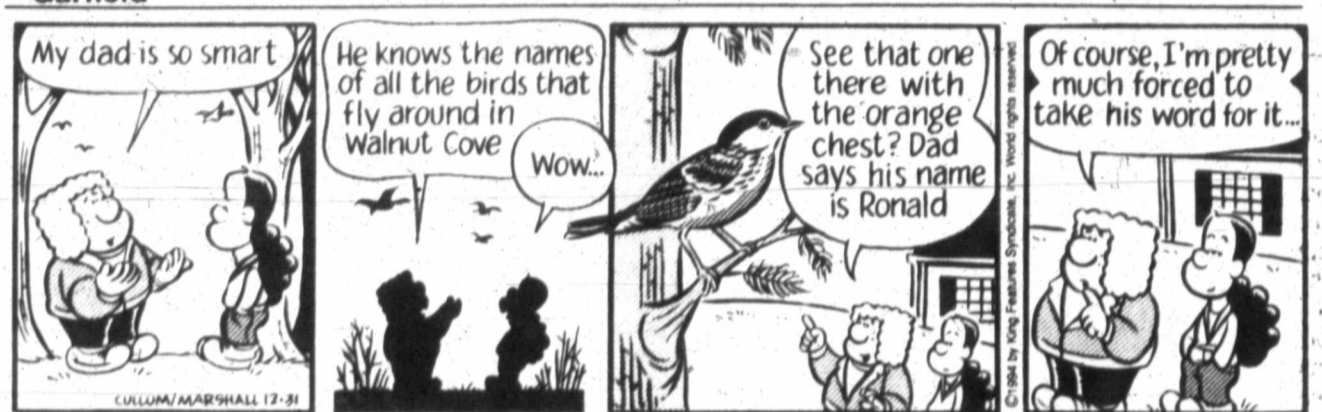
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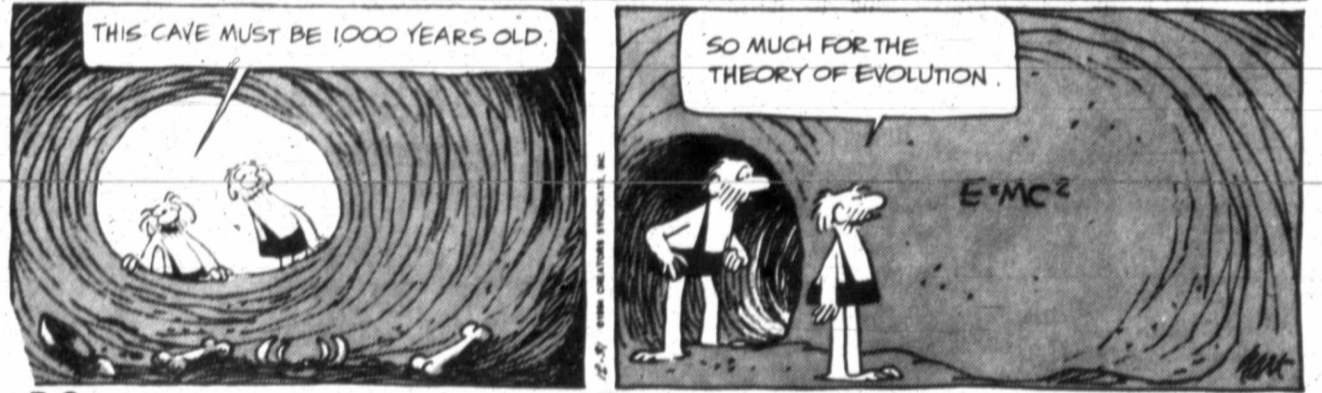
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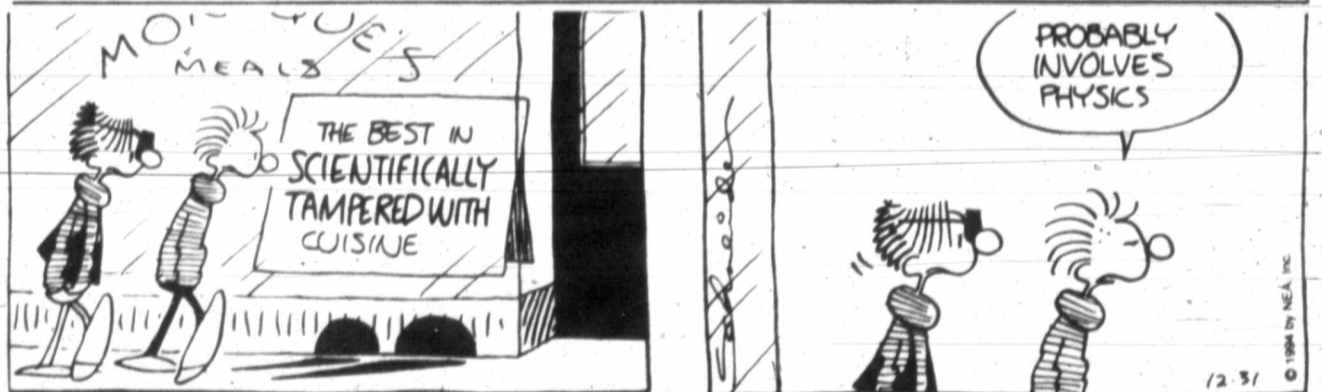
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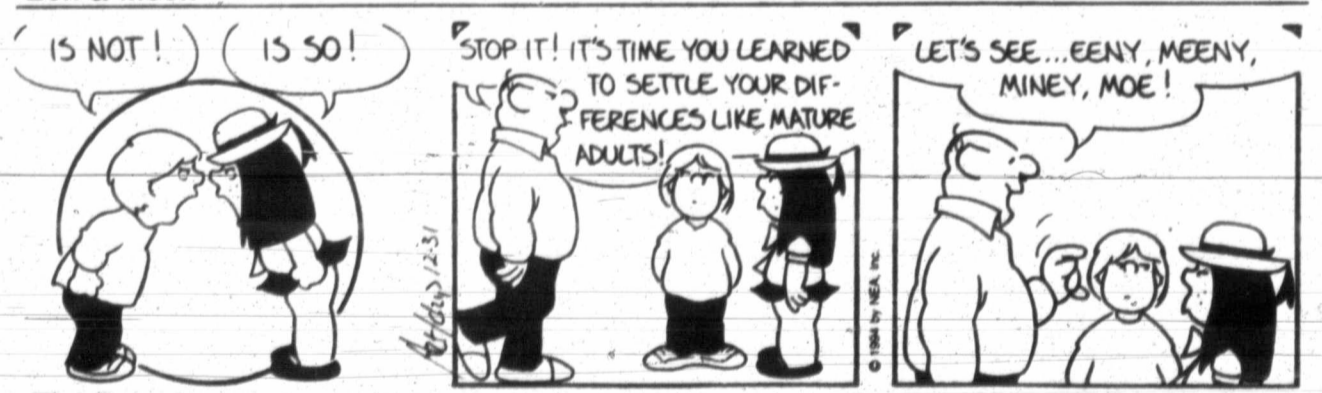
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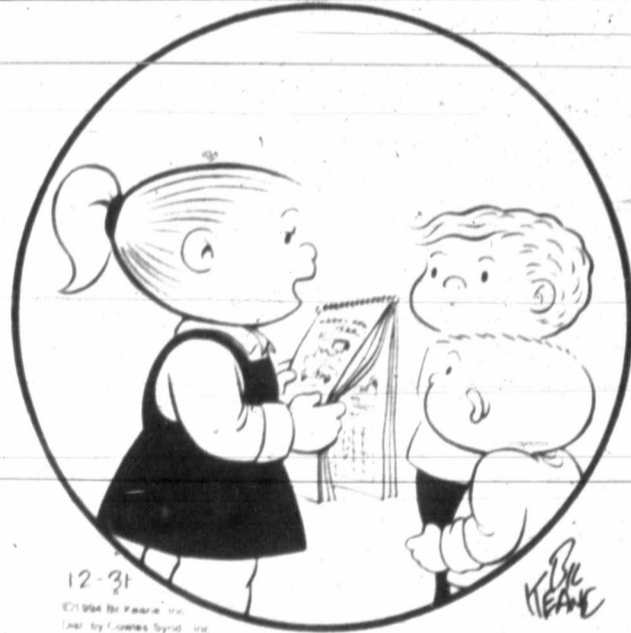
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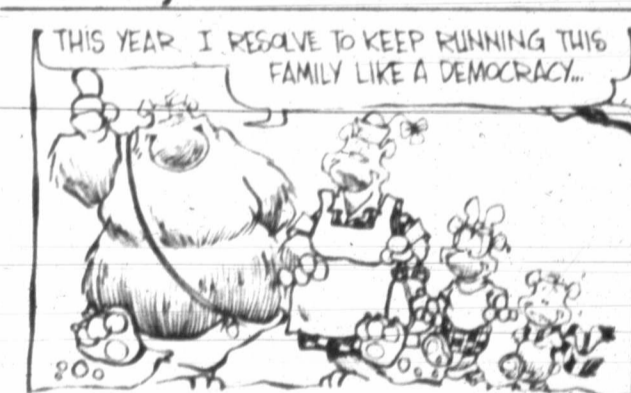
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"Tomorrow we change the last number in the name of the year."

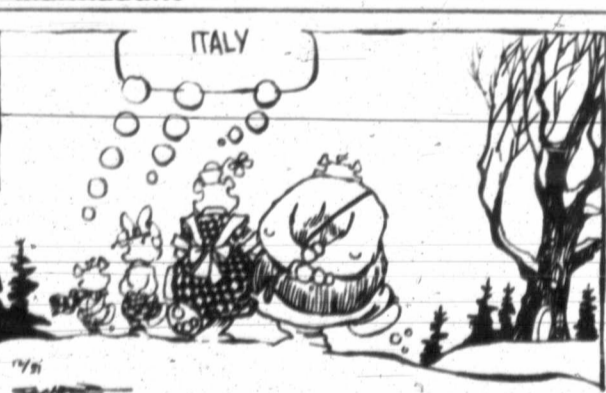


"I'm getting a draft from all this wagging."

The Family Circus



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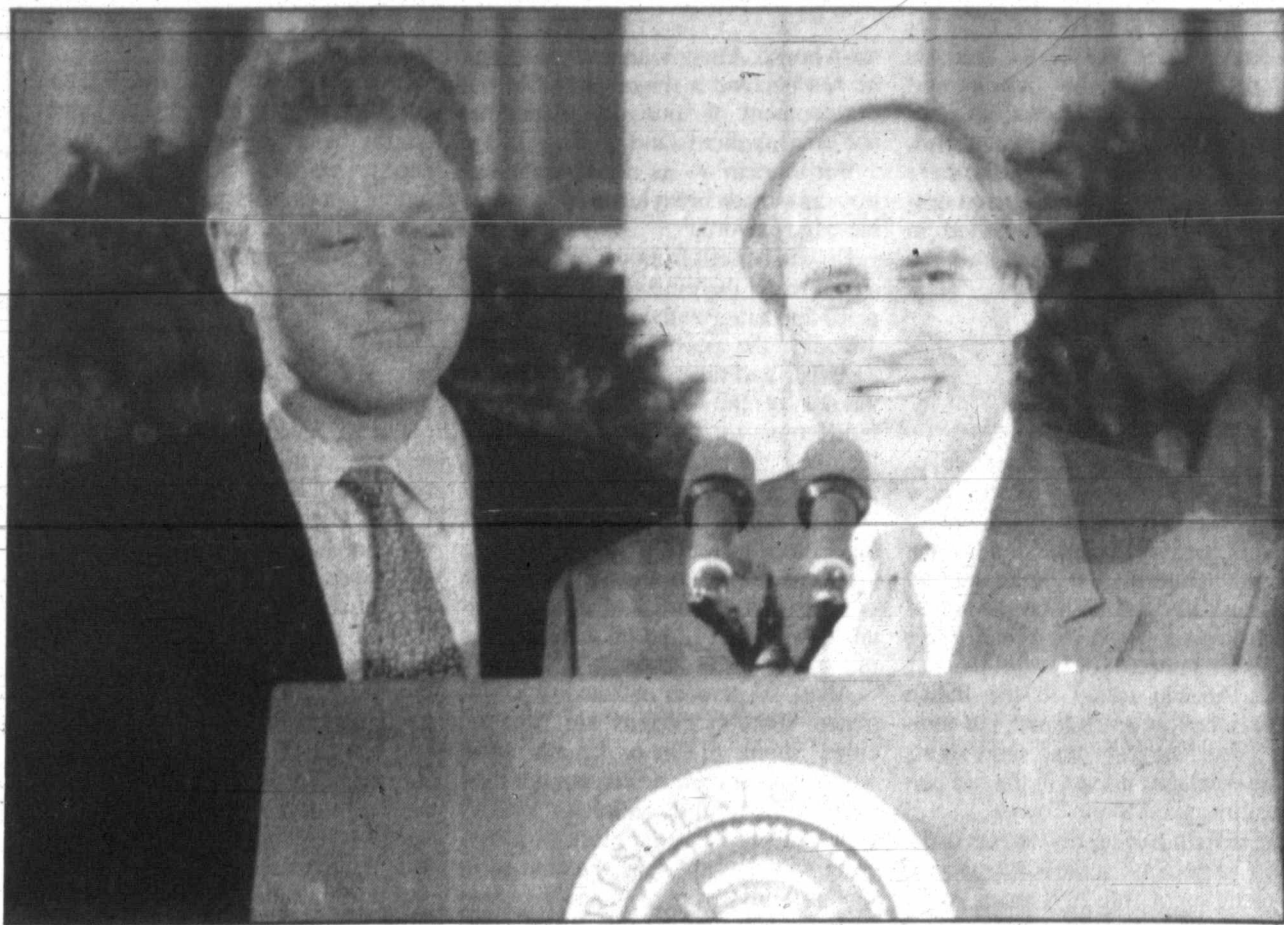
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Advice and questions ready as Glickman hearings near



Agriculture Secretary-designate Dan Glickman and President Clinton

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

Personal message: I've had the pleasure of speaking with many of you who have called throughout the past year, and hope to visit with other readers over the coming year. I appreciate your kind words and thoughts on the markets. It has been a challenging year, with many bumps along the road, yet overall I believe our strategies have worked well. I hope I have been of some help to you. It is my firm belief the commodity markets will be good to us in 1995. Here's wishing all our readers a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

WHEAT (BULL)

OUTLOOK: We've been talking for a number of weeks now about our belief the Chinese would need to come back into the export market for wheat. Now it's happening — at this writing they've purchased about 2 million metric tons. The old rule is, "buy the rumor, sell the fact." The rule is a good one — I've seen it work many times, and if you follow the rule, now that the Chinese business is a reality, you should theoretically be selling wheat. Should we follow the rule this go-around? My best guess is, not yet. The facts may not yet be all in. The question that haunts us is, Will they be back for more? And will Russia finally come in to buy? I think the psychology is changing a bit, and now that the Chinese have started to buy again, we'll see more latent demand come out of the woodwork from various sources. Of course, through the holidays, it's very possible the market will be choppy and have the inevitable corrections — but we still feel there's more room to the upside.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Based on previous recommendations, you have placed your cash wheat sales with the purchase of at-the-money call options. Currently we own the 380 March calls in the 12-cent to 14-cent range (some of you own the 390s, but sold your wheat higher). Options have an absolute limit to their loss, which is what you pay for them. The sale of your wheat gives you the use of the cash with greatly reduced risk, and you still have the ability to profit on price appreciation.

Traders: Based on previous recommendations, we are long March Chicago wheat in the \$3.74 to \$3.80 area and/or Kansas City or Minneapolis at approximately \$3.80. Raise the risk point so that the worst you can do is break even, and hold.

CORN (BULL)

OUTLOOK: For the short run, at least, the path of least resistance for the corn market appears to be to the upside. What tipped the equation is the fact China is now buying corn in the export market. Remember when everyone watched for Russia to come in and push the market higher? Well, now China is the new Russia. The double whammy is this that this huge demand source has come from the world's second largest exporter, now an importer. This is bullish and will remain so as long as the free supply of corn is tight. At current prices it should remain tight. Those who stored the large '94 crop aren't looking for a 5-cent rally (this doesn't pay their storage costs, or cost of money). They need more. Perhaps 10 cents more in a short period of time, or 20 cents over the next few months. So don't look for the market to be a runaway. There is supply around, and it will be drawn out at the right price. It's just our belief the right price is not here, but somewhat higher.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Due to strong basis levels in many parts of the country, we've been recommend-

ing the sale of cash corn and the simultaneous purchase of March at-the-money call options. (Last week when the recommendation came out you should have been able to buy March 230 calls for about 4 cents per bushel.) This is a smart way to lower the ultimate risk of corn ownership. I look for the basis to weaken (cash to lose versus futures) after the first of the year.

Traders: Option sellers have sold the March 230 puts & calls and collected a total of 14 cents. Risk no more than 10 cents per bushel on the trade and if you can take 10 cents profit, do it.

CATTLE (BULL)

OUTLOOK: It wasn't very long ago the cash prices for market-ready cattle were about \$5 per hundred-weight lower — in fact it was less than a month ago. February futures have rallied about \$4 from the lows registered in late November. It would not be uncommon, or even unexpected, to see a slight correction in price due to holiday-shortened packer, hours and seasonal demand considerations. Yet the solid fundamentals which brought us here (rising whole-

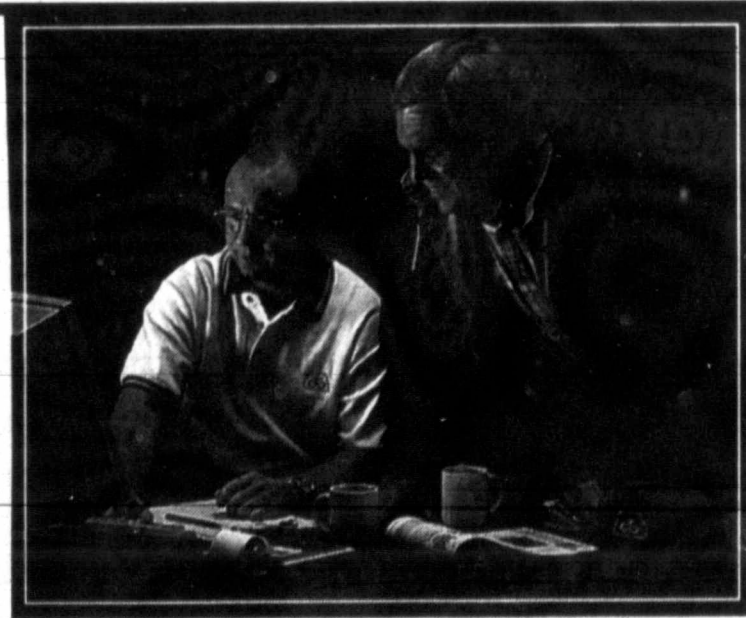
sale prices, which means the consumer is buying beef, met by declining inventories of market-ready cattle) are still with us. Look at corrections as buying opportunities.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Our recommendations to the cattle feeder have centered on the purchase of put options. We do not recommend shorting futures at this time. Cattle feeders own the February 69 puts. These options give you the right (without obligation) to sell February cattle at 69. They offer downside price insurance, while still leaving upside potential open. Cattle feeders are also advised to hedge their replacement needs by buying the March feeder contract at approximately 72.

Cow/calf operators: No hedging recommendations at this time. We're still waiting for more of a rally to start writing calls — a strategy which has worked well for us all year as a means to increase income.

Traders: Look to buy breaks under 70 in the February contract for an objective of 71.67. Risk to a close under 69.22.

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By **DEBORAH MESCE**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — While farm group leaders heap praise on President Clinton's choice of Dan Glickman as his new agriculture secretary, they also have no shortage of advice for the defeated congressman.

Glickman's knowledge of agricultural issues and experience with farm programs are seen as a major plus, and fellow Kansan Bob Dole, the incoming majority leader in the soon-to-be GOP-controlled Senate, expects swift confirmation.

"He's very honest and straightforward, and he understands the importance of agriculture to the rural economy," Chandler Keys, senior director of congressional relations for the National Cattlemen's Association, said of Glickman.

"But he's got a lot to do," added Chandler, whose group represents the nation's cattle producers.

And there are lots of agendas among the many varied agricultural special interests.

"We want him to reform the Meat Inspection Act" to update the turn-of-the-century law, Chandler said. "That needs to be a top priority right out of the chute, and then get on with the farm bill and the reforms that (outgoing Agriculture Secretary Mike) Espy started."

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation praised Glickman's experience with farm issues through 18 years on the House Agriculture Committee; but C. William Swank, the federation's executive vice president, said

the veteran lawmaker's greatest challenge will be changing his focus.

"He will have to shake himself free of his old congressional habits and be a true advocate for agriculture," Swank said. "We also need a spokesman who will be able to represent farmers on issues such as the environment, food safety and conservation."

The selection of Glickman, turned out of office by voters in the November elections, comes at a time of retrenchment at the Agriculture Department. The agency must cut its staff by 11,000, reduce spending by up to \$3.5 billion and close nearly 1,100 of its 3,600 county offices.

"My challenge to the nominee will be to take hold of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a strong manager," said Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., the incoming chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, which will hold Glickman's confirmation hearings.

And Lugar said he'll have a host of specific questions for the nominee. Among them:

"Why are acreage-reduction programs sound public or fiscal policy when they require farmers to idle productive land and spread their fixed costs over fewer acres, negatively affecting their ability to turn a profit?"

"Would our nation run a serious risk of losing its abundant food supply if commodity programs did not exist?"

"What is the rationale for subsidizing some crops but not others? Is there evidence that producers of non-subsidized crops have prospered less?"

"Why should there be any government involvement in the production of tobacco?"

The Denver-based National Farmers Union, which represents 253,000 family farms, praised Glickman's voting record but expressed concern that Kansas will become the political center of agriculture. Not only are Glickman and Dole from Kansas, but so is the incoming chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Republican Rep. Pat Roberts.

"We are concerned that the Kansas trio of Glickman, Dole and Roberts could skew the emphasis in the 1995 farm bill," said NFU President Leland Swenson.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., also has some questions for the nominee, specifically about dairy issues so crucial to his constituents.

"My hope is that Mr. Glickman will be more open to changes in federal (milk marketing) orders and will exercise leadership where the previous secretary would not," Feingold said. "Reform of this outdated system is crucial to the continued viability of the Upper Midwest dairy industry."

Amid all the calls for strong leadership and attention to particular special interests, Keys of the National Cattlemen's Association had some fundamental advice for Glickman:

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People want pets treated like people

SEATTLE (AP) — The patient lay sedated as the \$2 million MRI machine in a hospital radiology lab scanned his head, looking for evidence of a brain tumor.

The patient was a cocker spaniel puppy.

People are becoming increasingly willing to spend big bucks on medical treatment for their pets, and are demanding the same care available to humans, said Dr. Kim Nicholas, a veterinarian who has referred two animal patients for MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging, in the last six months.

An MRI scan can cost \$600 to

\$800 for a dog, said radiologist Dr. Charles Root of Animal Medical Imaging of Redmond. Although his service specializes in animals, when expensive machines like MRI are needed he uses facilities built for humans.

The scan revealed the puppy had a treatable inner-ear infection, not a tumor. The MRI machine was covered with blankets and towels for the dog's examination and was sanitized later.

Dogs also can receive such "people medicine" treatment as hip replacements, bone grafts, ultrasound tests and laser surgery, said

Nicholas, president of the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association.

"People expect the best, and there's a lot at stake for their emotionally," said Charlie Powell, a spokesman for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University in Pullman.

Such attitudes and expenses might outrage some people.

But Nicholas said, "People decide how they choose to spend their money and what's important to them."

About 34.6 million American households own dogs and cats.

Zanzibar: Mellow and tolerant

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tourists are discovering the white-sand beaches of Zanzibar, once a center of trade in ivory, slaves and cloves. But, for the most part, the islanders appear pleasantly indifferent to outsiders. They're more interested in the sagging price of cloves and the coming multiparty elections.

By SUSAN LINNÉE
Associated Press Writer

ZANZIBAR, Tanzania (AP) — From the sixth-story roof terrace of what will be Emerson D. Skeens' new hotel, a sweep of the eye takes in five minarets, the twin steeples of a Roman Catholic church, the spire of an Anglican cathedral built on the site of the slave market and the pastel tower of a Hindu temple.

This African island in the Indian Ocean is mellow and tolerant, but common sense suggests that short-shorts are out of place, at least in the old part of the city called Stone Town.

The labyrinth of narrow streets in the pattern of an Arab souk is a legacy of the centuries of rule by Omani Arabs who made Zanzibar the capital of East Africa and headquarters for trade in ivory, slaves and cloves.

Cloves are still Zanzibar's principal export and main source of hard currency, but the price has been seriously affected by Indonesia's increasing ability to supply itself with cloves.

Indonesia is the world's largest consumer of cloves. The spice is used there to flavor cigarettes.

A decade ago, a metric ton of Zanzibar cloves could fetch \$10,000-\$12,000. But last year the price fell as low as \$500. It's now back up around \$875.

"Skeens fell in love with Zanzibar some five years ago when tourists were just discovering the empty white-sand beaches, the deep-sea diving and the people whose life histories are intertwined with Africa, Persia, Arabia and India.

After two decades of strict state control of the economy, Zanzibar is just opening up to the market.

Skeens, of New York and Virginia, is the owner and operator of Emerson's House, a small hotel in an old Arab

town house. Along with the Aga Khan, he has become a major player in the development of tourism in Zanzibar and on a smaller island.

But tourism — as small, beautiful, tropical islands often learn — is a double-edged sword.

How to benefit from the hard currency yet retain the lifestyle that made the place appealing in the first place?

Today, the people of the town of Zanzibar and the small villages in the interior of the island are pleasantly indifferent to outsiders. They say "jambo," the traditional Swahili greeting, and go their way.

There are indications that sun-seeking European tourists are abandoning the Kenya coast to the north, because of harassment from Islamic fundamentalists who don't like bikinis, in favor of the beaches of Zanzibar.

About 97 percent of Zanzibar's estimated 800,000 citizens are Muslim, either Sunni, Shi'ia or Ismaili. Most women cover their heads, but not their faces, with brightly colored "kanga" cloth. Others wear the black headcovering with a strap under the chin common to Shi'ia women in southern Iraq and Iran. Persians from Shiraz first came to Zanzibar in the 9th century.

Muslim Arabs first came to Zanzibar centuries ago in dhows, wooden boats with a single lateen sail billowed by favorable monsoon winds. The dhows still ply the waters around Zanzibar, often carrying contraband to mainland Tanzania.

Creating a favorable climate for tourism and preserving Zanzibar's autonomy are high on the agenda as Zanzibaris gear up for multiparty elections in October 1995. They will be the first since 1963 when Zanzibar gained independence from Britain as an Arab-dominated sultanate.

In January 1964, disgruntled African Zanzibaris overthrew the old order in one of Africa's two genuine social revolutions. The other was in Rwanda.

Later that year, Zanzibar joined with neighboring Tanganyika to form Tanzania. The president of Zanzibar also serves as the vice president of Tanzania.

Around noon on Sundays, the movers and shakers of Stone Town gather in the back room of the Masomo

Book Shop to talk politics.

The air is heavy with tropical humidity and the sweet smells of cultures mixing. A ceiling fan flutters piles of newspapers and ruffles the pages of school notebooks.

Wolfgang Dourado, a London-trained lawyer and Zanzibar's leading gadfly, enters and slaps Said Bakari Jercha on the back.

"What's this we hear about you running for Parliament on the CUF ticket?"

Jercha, Zanzibar's minister of information, culture and tourism, is a member of CCM, which has ruled the United Republic of Tanzania, including Zanzibar, with single-party earnestness since 1977.

Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) and Chama Cha Wanachi (CUF) are the Swahili names for the ruling Party of the Revolution and the opposition Civic United Front.

Since a 1992 government commission decided that Tanzania was ready for multiparty democracy, Zanzibaris have been rethinking their relationship with the mainland, 22 miles to the west and a 70-minute hydrofoil ride to Dar Es Salaam.

Dotted among the cinderblock and mud houses of the interior are grass huts decked with the CCM or CUF insignia where both parties are signing up new members.

In the 1963 elections, the Afro-Shirazi Party (ASP) — which later became part of the CCM — supported mainly by indigenous African Zanzibaris and Africans from the mainland, won the popular vote. But a coalition of two Arab-supported parties obtained a majority of seats in Parliament and consolidated Arab economic and political dominance.

African Zanzibaris, who felt defrauded, revolted and threw the Arabs out. ASP leader Aman Abeid Karume set about to solidify the revolution, called in the East Germans and the Chinese and made smuggling cloves a capital offense.

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Karume was assassinated in 1972 while playing cards in party headquarters.

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Big Muddy has a sinister side with too many corpses floating around

By KATE BAILEY
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The mighty Missouri River, often jokingly described as too thick to drink and too thin to plough, is becoming as notorious as the East River in New York City.

Both are convenient places for killers to dump the bodies of their victims.

Is the Big Muddy earning a reputation as the Big Bloody?

Well, probably not. But law enforcement officers in the Kansas City area say they are finding too many bodies floating in its murky, churning currents, including the bodies of women who have had their legs cut off.

In the frontier days, pioneers, traders and explorers traversed the Missouri, the second-longest river in the United States. Barge shippers still depend on the waterway to move their wares.

Now the Big Muddy around Kansas City has emerged as a secluded, silent and efficient helper to killers.

"It's easier than trying to bury one, for the most part," says Cpl. Charles Bent of the Missouri Water Patrol.

"The river is easy to access, and then the bodies float downstream, out of the area."

Once or twice a year, Bent says, the water patrol is called out to help search for bodies in the river, not counting the victims of drowning and other accidental deaths.

He speculates that killers are drawn to the river because many of its banks and bridges are secluded.

"Depending on where they dump a body, the odds of someone seeing it are rather slim," he says.

But not always.

"I think people think when bodies are thrown in there they just disappear," says Bob Teichman, sheriff of Lafayette County, one of several counties in the Kansas City area bordering the river.

"They think they're getting rid of the evidence — which sometimes they do," Teichman says. "But in the last 10 years, we've probably pulled out about 10 or more bodies."

Kansas City Police Department Capt. Vince McInerney says officers find several bodies a year in the river running through the city, but he could not provide numbers.

Police now are working on at least seven killings of

women since 1982 in which the bodies were found in the river.

McInerney predicts that no matter how many bodies wash up, killers will continue throwing them in the river.

The FBI, which profiles certain types of killers, says some decide where to dispose of a body according to fantasies they've had about committing murder.

"Some of them are so good at it that they find the body disposal site before they find the victim," says Mike Napier with the behavioral science unit of the FBI in Kansas City. "They have very, very active fantasy lives, starting at incredibly young ages."

"When the situation that presents itself fits the fantasy the killer will act," Napier says.

Killers who dump bodies in rivers generally hope the evidence will be carried away or disappear, Napier says. Bent agrees, saying killers are drawn to the river because the water can break down corpses, and then wash them away.

Dr. Michael Berkland, the Jackson County medical examiner, says body tissues break down under water, forming gases that eventually float corpses to the surface. But the longer bodies are submerged, the more dif-

ficult identification becomes later.

"You end up having to rely on dental records," he says.

If a body is dismembered, identifying parts that surface separately can be difficult "unless there was some sort of prior injury or defect you had documented," Berkland says.

In September, Kansas City police pulled the remains of the latest known murder victim from the river.

Viola McCoy is considered one in a series of women killed by someone who surgically removed the legs of four victims before tossing their bodies in the river.

McCoy's was the fourth mutilated female body pulled from the river since August 1986, when authorities found Melody Milliner's legless remains.

In May 1988, Kimberly Rash's torso and legs were pulled from the river, and the legless body of 13-year-old Beverlie Tracy was discovered in April 1991.

Kansas City police in November spent three days searching the four-acre property of a Platte County man, looking for clues in the mutilation deaths, as well as three others, and the disappearance of an eighth female.

Seven of the bodies were found in the river. The man has not been charged.

DWI law: Tougher rules for drunken drivers can have a personal impact

By CARLENE STARR
Brenham Banner-Press

BRENHAM (AP) — It is after midnight, New Year's Day. Although you have had a little too much New Year's cheer, you've decided to take a chance on driving yourself home. You spot red and blue lights flashing in your rearview mirror. The law has spotted you as an intoxicated driver. Within 40 days, your license could be suspended for at least a 60-day period.

A new driving while intoxicated law, called the Administrative License Revocation (ALR) statute and already in effect in 36 other states, becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1 and will suspend licenses of those found to be DWI or who refuse to take the DWI tests.

"A lot of people who get DWIs are first-time offenders," said Robert Owen, assistant director of hearing in the legal services department of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Out of 12 million licensed drivers in the state of Texas, 524,722 have at least one DWI on their record, and 131,902 drivers have two, according to statistics from the Texas DPS.

The new law is set up to quickly take care of drunken driving offenses and offers no probated sentences in an effort to reduce the number of drunken drivers on the roads.

"This is what a lot of people wanted, something sure, swift and timely," Owen said. "This is a civil action and will be disposed of prior to the criminal DWI case."

Owen explained that the criminal case, in which an offender can receive a probated sentence, will still be prosecuted and that the ALR cases are civil actions and a separate legal matter.

'I hope that anybody that needs their license to go to work or whatever will think twice about driving drunk ...'
— Lt. Jay Petrash

Here's how the new law works: When a driver is stopped for drunken driving and fails a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) test to determine if the driver is intoxicated, or refuses to take the test, the offender is issued a notice of suspension of his driver's license at the time of the arrest.

The offender has 15 days to request a hearing in order to contest the suspension. If a hearing is not requested, the suspension goes into effect on the 40th day after the notice was served, usually 40 days after the arrest.

If the offender requests the hearing, it will be held within 75 miles of the county seat of the county of arrest, if the administrative judge and the offender agree.

"When requesting a hearing, the offender can send in the form, FAX it to us or call an 800 number to schedule a hearing," Owen said. He explained that the caller will know in a short period of time the date, location and time of the hearing.

If the judge finds the driver guilty, a first time offender who has failed the BAC test will receive a 60-day suspension of their license. If the driver has had a license suspended for a previous failure of the DWI test or refusing the test, the license is suspended for 120 days. Drivers who have previously had

their license suspended for a DWI or an involuntary manslaughter conviction will receive a 180-day suspension.

Those refusing to take the BAC will receive a 90-day suspension for a first offense, and a 180-day suspension for a second offense. If the driver refusing the test has had their license previously suspended for a DWI or convicted of involuntary manslaughter, the suspension period is one year.

"There are a lot of counties (in Texas) that don't get very many DWI convictions, and this law is going to make a major difference," Owen said. "Under the old law, only about two-thirds of the people took and failed the breath test and ended up with no action taken against them. With this law, we have moved the action out of the municipal and justice of the peace courts and put them under a state administrative law judge, which is a new agency created two years ago by the legislature."

"Since this will be a state agency, there will be a consistency in handling these court cases."

Owen said that with the 75-mile rule, there will be some judges in fixed locations, while others will hear cases in other areas. He said that, for example, the judge in Austin will also travel to Lampasas and Fredericksburg, Washington, Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Milam, Robertson and Waller County residents will have to go to Bryan for their hearings.

If found guilty on the day of the ALR hearing, the court will pick up the offender's driver's license, with the judge issuing a temporary permit to allow the driver to return home.

Owen said that if the criminal court later acquits the offender, then the state will reinstate the license and remove all record of the offense from the files. If found not guilty, the offender will have their license returned, but the offense will remain on the record.

The price of reinstatement of the license will be costly, Owen said, with a \$100 reinstatement fee, required after the suspension time has expired, along with any other fees that are required.

"A person could pay up to \$200 in total reinstatement fees when all is said and done," he said.

The purpose of the law, Owen said, is to reduce the deaths and alcohol-related accidents and make people more aware of these type situations.

Statistics in California show that within two years after passing ALR, there were over 1,200 fewer alcohol-related traffic deaths and over 34,000 fewer alcohol-related injuries. Minnesota reduced its traffic fatality rate by 50 percent in 10 years after implementing ALR. Oklahoma alcohol-related fatalities declined 30 percent the year after ALR was implemented, and after two years, declined 41 percent. Delaware's number of drinking drivers involved in fatal accidents decreased by 19 percent the year after ALR was put into effect.

"If Texas runs true to what other states are doing, the number of (DWI) hearings should go down and so should the number of DWI arrests and accidents involving drinking and driving," Owen said.

He said that the state is projecting that 35,000-38,000 cases will be heard each year under the new law.

"I think that the new law will certainly have an impact on drinking and driving," said Brenham's acting police chief, Lt. Jay Petrash. "I hope that anybody that needs their license to go to work or whatever will think twice about driving drunk and the possibility of having their license suspended."

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