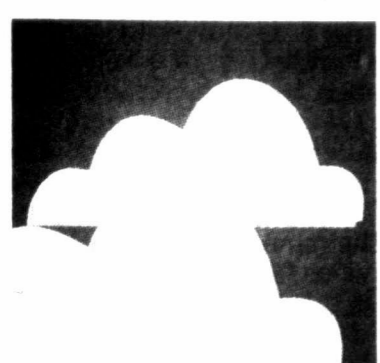


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BORGER — The Boomtown Music Show will kick off the new year with a show Saturday at the Borger Middle School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The monthly family event features country, gospel and acoustic musical entertainment, including several local entertainers. Ticket discounts will be given to the show with the donation of canned food. The can drive benefits the Department of Human Services food room.

January's show will feature acoustic artist Tennessee Tuckness, a singer/songwriter who regularly performs in Amarillo. Also performing will be country singer Dino Valverde, the winner of the 1995 Tri-State Fair talent competition; Heaven Bound, a Borger gospel quartet; Amber Pennington, a Borger country singer; and Dan Tarpley, a Fritch country singer.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children accompanied by an adult. A \$1 discount will be offered for a can of food. For more information, call 857-3200.

PAMPA — Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group Ltd., Pampa Plant announced today final approval of a voluntary separation package, with some 50 current employees opting to accept the offer.

This cost reducing project is part of the Pampa 99 effort to ensure the viability of the Pampa plant in the future, company officials said. The offer gives the plant the opportunity to be more innovative in structuring a streamlined and more cost effective workforce.

Approximately 25 of the vacated positions will be replaced. The Pampa plant employs 425 people. The changes will occur over a two-year period ending in December 1997.

PAMPA — Care-giving education and tips on how to recognize the early stages of Alzheimer's disease will be offered at a free community education seminar Thursday, Jan. 11.

The seminar, co-sponsored by Pampa Nursing Center and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library.

Speaker will be Linda San Miguel, an educator with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

For more information and to RSVP, call Roger Wells at PNC, 669-2551 by Jan. 9.

PAMPA — A Democratic candidate for the office of commissioner Precinct 3 announced Wednesday she is withdrawing from the race.

Loralee Cooley, a political newcomer to Gray County politics, said she made the decision to withdraw based on family health considerations.

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GWCD, Quixx settle water permit dispute

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

WHITE DEER - It's over. Hostilities between Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 and Quixx Corporation over a permit to produce water in Roberts County have ceased with the issuance of a production permit which will allow Quixx - or a potential buyer for that water production - to pump 40,000 acre-feet per year and 50,000 acre-feet per year under emergency conditions from over 35,000 acres in Roberts County.

The Wednesday permit, which is a revised version of one issued Aug. 2, 1995, is a compromise which both sides agree will end legal hostilities which sent them to the courthouse over the district's authority to regulate water production.

The board agreed unanimously to permit the higher production levels. Board member Charles Bowers, Pampa, made the motion. It was seconded by Frank Simms, Panhandle.

Quixx filed a motion for summary judgment against

The permit is a compromise which both sides agree will end legal hostilities which sent them to the courthouse over the district's authority to regulate water production. (See related story, Page 2.)

the district in Potter County District Court in which its attorneys argued the district is without statutory or legislative authority to regulate water transported out of the district, its Rule 26 is invalid and Quixx has the right to transport, sell and use its water outside the district.

The district argued it has a right to regulate production and transportation of water within the district.

Quixx first sought a water production permit to transfer with water rights on 35,813 acres in Roberts County. The prospective buyer, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, plans to use the water for its 11-member cities which include

Pampa and Amarillo.

The district granted the first permit Aug. 2, 1995, when it agreed to allow 37,800 acre-feet per year with a maximum of 45,000 acre-feet per year under emergency conditions.

John Williams, general manager of CRMWA, told the district's board he expects member cities to accept the permitted levels.

"Assuming one of our cities doesn't just throw a shoe ... our board has agreed to recommend it. That's the best assurance I can give you," Williams said.

Williams said he received little input on the proposed permit from the member cities due to the holidays.

Bill Crenshaw, public information representative with South-western Public Service, Quixx's corporate parent, said Wednesday afternoon the closing date for the sale of the water rights has not yet been determined.

"Closing would be dependent in large part on the CRMWA bond issuance process," Crenshaw said. "We are in discussions with bond counsel now about that process, but cannot yet determine when the closing date may be."



Tammie and Eddie Hastings, left and center, opened their White Deer cafe and named it Mamma Jo's for Eddie's mother, Joyce Robertson, right. Robertson has been in the food service business most of her life, including a stint with the White Deer school system and Buck's Drive In in White Deer and Mamma Jo's in Panhandle. Mamma Jo still gets up at 5 a.m. each day to bake pies for her son's and daughter-in-law's cafe.

Mamma Jo greets White Deer customers

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER - The man waiting tables wears a baseball cap with the name of the dance band he's in emblazoned across the front. His wife is in the kitchen cooking. Joyce Robertson, known to a generation of customers here, in Amarillo and in Panhandle as Mamma Jo, greets customers at the door.

"My mother started out years ago in the restaurant business," said Eddie Hastings, his baseball cap with Indian Summer embroidered on it pushed back on his head. "She had the Sunrise Cafe in Amarillo on Route 66."

From there, the family moved to White Deer, where Hastings grew up and graduated from White Deer High School in 1975. His mother had Buck's Drive In on U.S. 60 going through town.

"That's where I met my wife," Hastings said.

Now he and his wife, Tammie, have Mamma Jo's Cafe in downtown White Deer.

"Mother got out of Buck's and opened the first Mamma Jo's in Panhandle and had it for years," Hastings said. "Last spring my wife and I were looking for a business to get into and knew that this place was coming up for lease."

The couple were so sure of what they wanted to do, they went ahead and bought the equipment for a salad bar and buffet before they signed the lease on the building.

"We had to rush around and call the girl and tell her that we'd take this place after we bought the equipment," he laughed.

Hastings said he went to his mother and asked if he could use the old sign from the Mamma Jo's in Panhandle.

"She had this \$500 sign just sitting there in storage," he said.

His mother was enthusiastic about it and said yes, but when the new Mamma Jo's Cafe was about to open and they went to brush the dust off the sign in storage, they found out it said Mamma Jo's Drive In.

"You can't have a drive-in in

the middle of the block," Hastings shrugged, "but we have lots of fun."

His mother helps out most days, and Hastings uses many of her original recipes. Although his wife does the cooking, she uses Mamma Jo's recipe book, especially for the cinnamon rolls and the melt-in-your-mouth dinner rolls served daily.

"Mamma Jo still makes the pies," he said. "She calls me every morning at 5:45 and asks what kind of pies I want." Hastings said: "She makes pies every day."

Mamma Jo is at the cafe almost every day greeting lunchtime customers, some new, some old friends.

Hastings' wife, Tammie, a student at Clarendon College in Pampa, usually slips out after the noon rush subsides to spend the afternoon studying.

"She's studying for a degree in business. When she gets her business degree, she can make money, and I'll make music," he said, pulling his band's baseball cap down over his head.



Harvey Nensiel and his wife Ruth visit with friends at the retirement reception held for him and Pete Cole at the Combs-Worley building today. Nensiel has retired as the building manager after 57 years.

Combs-Worley manager retires — after 57 years

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

After 57 years as the building manager of the Combs-Worley building here in Pampa, Harvey Nensiel has retired, along with Pete Cole, who is also retiring after 12 continuous years of service at the building (and 40 more painting.)

"No one works for 57 years at one place," said Phebe Carter Hethcock about Nensiel's long-term employment. Hethcock owns the building along with her brothers, F.M. "Buster" Carter and Patrick Casey Carter. Their great-grandmother Phebe Worley built the building in 1927 and owned it along with Albert Combs.

In the lobby of the Combs-Worley building, people who have known Nensiel and Cole gathered for the retirement reception honoring both men this morning.

But Nensiel's younger brother Don was upstairs away from the crowd taking care of business.

"He was always real good to his whole family," said Don about his older brother Harvey was a real family person who always took care of his family, he said.

On the wall of Harvey's office hangs a Certified Public Accountant's diploma. Don stood up and pointed out that Harvey obtained the diploma in 1938. The diploma number read 654.

"That's all there was in Texas at the time," said Don about how many accountants there used to be in Texas. "He was one of the first public accountants in Gray County."

Gray County 4-H Stock Show opens livestock show season

Three consecutive weekends of stock shows begin Friday with the Gray County 4-H Stock Show at 6:30 p.m. The show allows county 4-H members to practice their showmanship, County Extension Agent Danny Nusser said.

Following that, the Bob Skaggs Futurity opens with lamb and steer competition Saturday at noon. The futurity continues Sunday with the swine show at noon.

The Top O' Texas Stock Show, featuring competition between representatives of the 14 eastern Texas Panhandle counties, begins Friday, Jan. 12. Weigh-ins are due by 6 p.m. that day, with lambs, steers, heifers and rabbits shown that Saturday. The swine show will be held that Sunday.

The Gray County Stock Show begins Friday, Jan. 19, with lambs and steers. The swine show is the following Saturday at 8 a.m. That evening at 5:30, the annual buyer's barbecue will be held, with the sale following.

All shows will be held at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

In conjunction with the stock shows, the Gray-Roberts County

"He's been a CPA for many years," said Bill Waters, a long-time friend of Harvey's for many years. "We used to kid him that his CPA number was 001."

Being the building manager wasn't Nensiel's only job.

"He's given so much of his time for the community," said Hethcock.

Included among some of the civic work Harvey has done are keeping books for the Gray Pampa Foundation and the First Presbyterian Church. He also kept books for the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, of which he was also a director a while back. He worked for the Greater Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and did audits for the Pampa and Borger schools and Citizens' Bank and First National Bank. He was also a director of the First National Bank.

Harvey also did volunteer work for the Girl Scouts.

"He had two girls," said Don. Harvey has also been active in the First Presbyterian Church, of which he and his wife Ruth were elders at one time.

Harvey, said Don, has also written his memoirs for his grandchildren.

When Harvey was a teenager, Don said, he did income tax returns for a big bank in Kansas.

"He doesn't think they knew how young he was," said Don. Harvey was about 17 at the time.

Harvey is retiring as building manager of the Combs-Worley Building but he's not going to quit doing what he's been doing. "He'll still be around," said Don about his brother, who will turn 89 next month.

Farm Bureau will sponsor the 26th Annual Buyer's Breakfast from 7-8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion dining room at Recreation Park.

Purpose of the breakfast is to honor prospective buyers for the stock shows and also to generate a pool of money to be used to assist in equalizing the proceeds that 4-H and FFA members receive for their animals sold in either the Gray or Roberts county stock shows.

Joe VanZandt, Farm Bureau president, said local livestock show supporters are invited to attend the free breakfast. Donations and/or pledges may be made at the breakfast towards the buyers pool. Donations are tax deductible and all proceeds will be spent at upcoming stock shows in the two counties.

Non-Farm Bureau members are also invited to attend the breakfast and contribute to the buyers pool, VanZandt said.

Those not able to attend and yet wishing to donate to the pool may come by the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, 1132 S. Hobart, in Pampa or call (806) 665-8451.

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Services tomorrow

HELBERT, J.W. - Graveside, 4 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
MAJORS, Leonard - 11 a.m., Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Amarillo.
WOOD, Mildred - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa.

Obituaries

J.E. CARTER
LEFORS - J.E. Carter, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Carter was born Oct. 6, 1905, at Evening Shade, Ark. He married Velma Herd on Sept. 5, 1937, at Pampa. The couple had been Lefors residents since 1937. He was a longtime owner of the Sanitary Barber Shop at Lefors and had worked for Gray County. He was a member of the Lefors Church of Christ. He was formerly a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joe Carter, in 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Velma, of the home; a son, Ray Carter of Lakeside, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Barsha Carter of Lusby, Md.; two grandchildren, Maccin Carter and Brecci Carter, both of Lusby; and a great-granddaughter, Beth Carter of Lusby.

J.W. HELBERT
J.W. Helbert, 70, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Helbert was born May 6, 1925, at Wellington. He had been a Pampa resident since 1929.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee, of the home; and a sister, Lynette Hudson of Fort Worth.

LEONARD MAJORS
AMARILLO - Leonard Majors, 71, a former Shamrock resident, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 1995. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. B.F. Roberts Jr., pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Warford-Walker Mortuary Inc. of Amarillo.

Mr. Majors was born at Corsicana. He moved to Amarillo in 1958 from Shamrock. He had worked for Gilvin-Terrell Construction Co. for 18 years and Affiliated Food Service for 11 years before retiring. He was a self-employed carpenter and a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Lee Majors; two sons, Marion Lee Majors of Tucson, Ariz., and Leonard Majors Jr. of Las Vegas; six stepsons, Donnie Sutton and Charles Wesley, both of Amarillo, Charlie Sutton of Oklahoma City, Jimmie Sutton of Wichita Falls, Thomas Wesley of Denver and Bill Wesley of Japan; a stepdaughter, Helen Richardson of Amarillo; a sister, Billie Holmes of Shamrock; two brothers, Finnie Majors of North Carolina and Roger Majors of Amarillo; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 902 N. Washington in Amarillo.

MILDRED WOOD
ODESSA - Mildred Wood, 85, mother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996, at Midland. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Sunset Memorial Gardens at Odessa with the Rev. Clydell Chapman officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

Mrs. Wood was born Aug. 27, 1910, at Azle, Texas. She married Arch Harry Wood on Jan. 26, 1928, at Albany, Texas; he died July 23, 1994. She moved to Odessa in 1944 from Iraan, Texas. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Jean Carter of Pasadena; two sons, Robert A. Wood of Pampa and Joe E. Wood of Midland; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3
 11:52 a.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Somerville on a motor vehicle accident.

12 p.m. - One unit and three personnel were first responders to a medical assist at 2328 N. Duncan.

3:24 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a vehicle fire at 621 N. Gray.

3:55 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to the intersection of Naida and Browning on a motor vehicle accident.

3:58 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to 1121 N. Frost on a medical assist.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3

Ronald Gregory Cooper, 38, 1101 E. Foster, was arrested on a charge of theft \$20 to \$500. He was released on \$1,000 bond.

Elton Rayford Gammage, 72, Pampa, was arrested on a bond surrender on charge of theft by check and two charges of issuance of bad check. His bonds total \$2,800.

Edmond James Casados, 37, Dumas, was arrested on three capias pro fine warrants. He paid fines and was released.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3
 Information on indecency with a child was reported to have occurred in the late 1970s. Country General, 2545 Perryton Parkway, reported theft which occurred Dec. 17.

Juvenile Probation Officer Kim Davis reported someone harboring a runaway in the 400 block of North Sumner at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday.

Officer Anthony Wooley reported an arrestee unlawfully carrying a 9 mm handgun in the 400 block of West Atchison at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday.

A runaway was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner at 2 a.m. Wednesday.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Dwight between midnight and 4 a.m. Wednesday.

Officer John Worthington reported verbal threats of imminent bodily harm against a police officer in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Sirrocco at 1:11 p.m. Wednesday.

Frank's Hometown Thriftway, 1420 N. Hobart, reported theft by check on Dec. 10.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday.

THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 Taylor Mart was discovered burglarized at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday. Thirty packages of cigarettes valued at \$50 and damage to the front door estimated at \$189 were reported by Officer Morse Burroughs.

Arrests
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3
 Kevin Lee Cahall, 1312 Terrace, was arrested in the 400 block of West Atchison on a warrant alleging theft \$500 to \$1,500 and a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Steven Lynn Dedrick, 513 N. Faulkner, was arrested on a charge of assault.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3
 11:50 a.m. - A 1983 Chevrolet Celebrity driven by Kristina Porter, 16, 311 N. Somerville, was in collision with a 1987 Chevrolet Nova driven by Terri Ann Lenz, 33, 2109 N. Wells, at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville. Josh Cuevas, 17, a passenger in Porter's vehicle, was taken to Coronado Hospital, where he was treated and released. Porter was cited for disregarding a stop light.

3:40 p.m. - A 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Kristina Nunn, 17, 1501 N. Christy, was in collision with a legally parked vehicle owned by Bobby Chase, 2236 Duncan, in the 100 block of West Randy Matson Avenue. Nunn was cited for backing when unsafe.

3:50 p.m. - A 1985 Ford pickup driven by Christa Carole McPherson, 17, 1325 Nelson, was in collision with a 1985 Chevrolet Caprice driven by Raul Yvara Silva, 60, 525 N. Naida, at the intersection of Browning and Naida. McPherson was cited for failure to yield right of way and having no proof of insurance.

10:22 p.m. - A 1989 Chevrolet Caprice owned by the city of Pampa and driven by Officer Doyle Glen Finstad, 34, was in collision with a 1991 Volkswagen driven by Terry Lynn Jeffery, 27, 2109 Hamilton, at the intersection of Hobart and Alcock.

Ambulance
 Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3
 11:13 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital.

11:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Hobart and Somerville on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

3:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Naida and Browning on a motor vehicle accident. No patient was transported.

3:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of North Frost on a trauma call and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

4:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of South Hobart and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

5:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to the 1200 block of South Hobart.

THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 12:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	4.89	Cabot O&G	15 1/8	NC
Milo	6.10	Chevron	54	up 1
Corn	6.62	Coca-Cola	75 7/8	up 1/4
		Columbiana	53	up 3/8
		Diamond Sham	25 1/2	NC
		Enron	37 5/8	NC
		Halliburton	48 1/4	up 1/4
		Ingersoll Rand	37 3/8	dn 1/4
		KSE	29	dn 1/8
		Kerr McGee	64 3/8	up 1/4
		Limited	17 3/8	NC
		Mapco	55	up 3/8
		McDonald's	46 1/8	up 5/8
		Mobil	114 1/8	up 1 1/8
		New Atmos	22 3/4	up 1/8
		Parker & Parsley	21 1/2	dn 5/8
		Penney's	48 5/8	dn 1/8
		Phillips	34	dn 1/4
		SLB	68 1/8	up 3/8
		SPS	33	NC
		Tenneco	49	dn 1/2
		Texas	78 1/4	up 1/4
		Wal Mart	24	up 1/2
		West Texas Crude	19.89	up 1/2

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.

Nowco	13 3/8	dn 1/4
Occidental	21 3/8	up 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	86.15	up 1/8
Puritan	17.15	up 1/8

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	70 3/8	up 1/8
Arco	113 1/2	up 3/8
Cabot	54 1/2	up 1/8

Under pressure, Bosnian Serbs agree to free 16 detained civilians

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Under pressure from the United States, Bosnian Serbs today released 16 civilians who had been detained when they ventured into a Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo last month.

The detentions had raised fears that Serbs were not sincere in signing the Bosnian peace accord last month.

The releases followed a direct appeal from the United States to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who negotiated peace on behalf of the Bosnian Serbs, and several high-level meetings in Sarajevo and the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka.

The peace accord was supposed to guarantee freedom of movement. After taking over from the United Nations two weeks ago, the NATO-led Implementation Force, IFOR, knocked down several Serb checkpoints west of Sarajevo and the road seemed clear through Ilidza to government-held territory.

But those testing that route - which most residents in government-held Sarajevo would

not dare - found that movement was not yet unimpeded.

Today, it was the Bosnian Croats' turn to ignore the provisions for freedom of movement. They began imposing a tax on trucks carrying humanitarian aid, which prompted the U.N. relief agency to suspend all overland convoys.

The civilians, who included Serbs as well as Muslims and Croats, were detained in the Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza, the first on Dec. 22. Residents in the Serb-held suburb are tense and angry because the peace accord will cede the area back to the Muslim-led Bosnian government by March.

The first three detainees released today told reporters they were beaten and taunted during detention.

"I won't dare to take the route through Ilidza again," said one, 44-year-old Adil Spahic, who was detained on Christmas Day while driving a truck through Ilidza.

Spahic and two other Muslim men were turned over to a French battalion in Sarajevo.

Another 13 detainees - 12

men and one woman held at the Kula jail in the Serb-held suburb of Lukavica - were told they were free a short time later. The 13 spoke to reporters while waiting for NATO troops to pick them up.

One of that group, Abaz Hordo, 60, told The Associated Press that "no one touched or harmed us in any way. Mostly people were nice to us."

Hordo said he got lost Dec. 22 with his wife and son. They spotted a convoy and police, and ended up in a Serb police station before being sent to the Lukavica prison that night.

Another detainee, Enef Huskic, professed great surprise at good treatment in Kula. "The moment we got here they gave us firewood, heating blankets," he said. "Had someone told me about this, I wouldn't have believed it."

Spahic and his fellow detainees Mehmed Kursumlija, 53, and Ramo Delacic, 61, said they got lost in Ilidza Christmas Day after being separated from a convoy of seven vehicles following an IFOR vehicle into government-held Sarajevo.

GWCD, Quixx settlement echoes judge's points

AMARILLO - A final judgment in a lawsuit between a corporate water rights owner and a local conservation district reiterated many of the points the judge made earlier in a list of October declarations prior to the final December ruling.

Quixx Corporation, Amarillo, filed suit against Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 in 251st District Court, Amarillo, asking for summary judgment in their efforts to obtain a satisfactory water production permit from the agency.

Quixx's goal was to obtain a satisfactory water production permit to transfer with the sale of water rights on 35,813 acres in Roberts County to prospective buyer Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. CRMWA aims to use the water rights for its 11-member cities which include Pampa and Amarillo.

District Judge Patrick Pirtle ruled Oct. 24, 1995 that

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District No. 3 may not regulate the transportation of water out of the district. However, the court affirmed the district's authority to regulate actual water production.

The final judgment says:

- The owner of groundwater has absolute ownership of that water and may transport any or all of its lawfully produced water for any non-wasteful and beneficial use within or outside the conservation district.

- The agency has the authority to make and enforce rules to conserve, preserve and prevent waste of underground water.

- The district has the authority to require permits for drilling, equipping, completing or substantially altering the size of underground water wells. It may regulate spacing and production, and consider means and methods of transportation of water produced within the district.

- The district does not have the authority to regulate or prevent by permit or otherwise the transportation or water outside the district.

- The district does not have the authority to impose or apply more onerous standards or restrictions for water use outside the district than inside the district.

- The district is without authority to discriminate based upon purpose or location of water use.

- The conservation district's Rule 26 is not a "production" rule, nor is there a reasonable relationship between the rule and the authority of the district.

- Rule 26 is a rule which attempts to regulate transportation of water out of the district and is invalid.

- Quixx has the right to transport, sell or use its water outside the district for any beneficial and non-wasteful purpose authorized by the Texas Water Code.

County learns it has a higher balance account

Gray County commissioners are prepared to go into the new year with a fresh budget and a 1996 carry forward balance \$71,000 higher than Jan. 1, 1995.

Commissioners meeting Tuesday learned county finances are in better shape than anticipated as the new year opens. The carry-forward balance going into 1996 is about \$855,000 contrasted with the \$784,083 Gray County carried into 1995.

When hammering out the 1996 budget, the court assumed a \$250,000 carry forward.

"We're more than a half a million dollars better off than when we first started working on the budget," said County Treasurer Scott Hahn.

Hahn noted the county had not been required to pay the cost of prosecuting and defending Henry Watkins Skinner for a 1993 capital murder, finances would be another \$313,000 ahead.

However, the county saved about \$600 per employee on group insurance because of changing companies, he said.

Hahn also said each officehold-

er was under budget for 1995.

The holiday schedule approved by commissioners for 1996 is:

Friday, April 5 - Good Friday.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day.

Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5 - Independence Day.

Monday, Sept. 2 - Labor Day.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29 - Thanksgiving.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25, 26 and 27 - Christmas.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997 - New Year's Day.

One Lotto winner

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket bought in Tyler correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$8 million.

There were 233 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$748. There were 7,671 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$81. And there were 128,859 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 2-7-17-26-39-43.

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

City briefs

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy tonight with a low near 18. Northeast winds to 20 mph. Friday, cloudy with a high near 28 and northeast winds 10-15 mph. Saturday, cloudy and cold with a possibility of snow. A high near 28 and a low near 15. Wednesday's high was 47; the overnight low was 31.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, cloudy northeast with flurries possible. Mostly cloudy elsewhere. Lows 10 to 20. Friday, cloudy. Flurries possible north. Highs from 20 to 30. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy early, becoming mostly cloudy by midnight. Lows from near 20 to mid 20s. Friday, cloudy and much colder. Highs 30-35.

North Texas - Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Turning windy and colder late. Lows 22 north-

west to 42 southeast. Friday, mostly cloudy, windy and colder. Highs 32 northwest to 51 southeast.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, fair. Lows upper 30s to near 40, 30s Hill Country. Friday, partly cloudy. Turning colder. Highs upper 40s to near 50 Hill Country to near 60 and low 60s south central. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid 50s coast to upper 40s inland. Friday, partly cloudy. Becoming colder late in the day to evening. Highs near 70 to mid 70s, cooling to 50s late in the day to evening. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from low 40s well inland to mid to upper 50s at the coast. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs near 60 north well inland, mid 60s to near 70 elsewhere.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, increasing cloudiness and turning

colder northeast with a few snow showers by morning. Partly cloudy northwest with mostly fair skies south. Lows zero to 20 mountains and north with 20s to mid 30s at lower elevations of the south. Friday, mostly cloudy northeast with partly cloudy skies elsewhere across the north and east. A chance for snow showers northern mountains and northeast. Mostly fair skies southwest. Colder northeast and cooler southeast. Highs in mid 20s to mid 40s mountains and north with 40s to low 50s southeast and 50s to low 60s southwest.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy. A few flurries north and central. Lows from upper teens northwest to upper 20s southeast. Friday, cloudy, windy and cold, with a chance of light snow. Highs mid 20s north to upper 30s southeast, with temperatures steady or falling through the day.

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Clinton, Republicans trade jobs, plan another budget meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brawling and bargaining by turns, President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders are struggling to make progress toward a balanced budget while blaming each other for a partial government shutdown that has inconvenienced millions.

The disruption "is part of an explicit strategy by Republicans to shut the government down to get their way on budget and tax issues," Clinton said at the White House on Wednesday a few hours after House Republicans blocked an effort to end the shutdown, now in its 20th day.

"This has never been done before. It is not a natural disaster. It is an unnatural disaster borne of a cynical political strategy," the president said.

Republicans retorted that Clinton must bear the blame, noting that he has vetoed legislation that would have ended the furloughs for many of the 280,000 out of work and the hundreds of thousands more laboring without pay.

"The president of the United States is as much to blame for the closure of the government as the Republicans, House or Senate," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

Domenici said Clinton has been cynical himself, having thus far failed to advance a balanced budget of his own, even though he continuously "pounds Republicans" for what they would do to restrain spending.

Despite the sharp rhetoric, Clinton sat down as scheduled later in the afternoon with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other congressional leaders.

One Democrat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said tax cuts came up for review, including possible deferral of a GOP plan for a capital gains reduction effective Jan. 1, 1995. Clinton's proposal to condition some tax cuts on a strong economy also was discussed, according to this official, who said no decisions were made.

Taxes aside, the two sides were still at odds on subjects such as Medicare, Medicaid, education and welfare, although White House spokesman Mike McCurry said there was continued progress.

And while talks were expected to resume today, White House officials cautioned against any expectation of a swift agreement.

The budget impasse has been building for months, and the 20-day partial shutdown is by far

the longest in history. Clinton used his brief appearance before reporters to detail some of the repercussions.

"This week, the Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens will run out of money," he said. "Half the Head Start programs in the country will run out of money within the month. The Centers for Disease Control tracking system cannot accurately keep up with the flu outbreak in the Midwest... It is long past time to reopen the government."

Policy-makers for the federal judiciary said there's enough money to keep courts operating at full strength for about two weeks unless Congress provides more money.

"While the judges will remain on the job, funds will not be available to pay for judicial staff or for other court functions," the U.S. Judicial Conference's seven-judge executive committee said. That includes contract employees who guard most federal courthouses, the panel said.

But Republicans in the House refused to back down after a closed-door GOP caucus that showed more than twice as many lawmakers favored keeping the government closed as favored reopening it. Republican sources, speaking on condition of

anonymity, said Majority Leader Dick Armey had told lawmakers the private talks at the White House were producing scant progress, and that if Clinton wasn't willing to be more forthcoming, Republicans shouldn't be willing to open the government.

That didn't stop Democrats from trying. Democratic leader Dick Gephardt sought a vote on a measure to reopen the government until Jan. 12, a bill the GOP-controlled Senate passed on Tuesday. His proposal was thwarted, 206-167, on a near party-line vote. Only two Republicans, Reps. Connie Morella of Maryland and Tom Davis of Virginia, supported reopening the government, and both represent districts that are home to tens of thousands of federal workers.

Another suburban Washington Republican, Rep. Frank Wolf of Virginia, voted present.

Only one Democrat sided with the Republicans, Rep. Andrew Jacobs of Indiana.

Democrats made a second bid later in the day to force approval of the measure, but it was ruled out of order. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., sought a vote on a measure to deny lawmakers their pay while the shutdown continues. It also was ruled out of order.

State briefs

Bomb squad 'defuses' package, discovers toys

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A bomb squad destroyed a suspicious package at Corpus Christi International Airport after cargo workers reported movement inside a piece of cargo.

When officers examined the debris after the incident Wednesday, they found a teddy bear, a little fire truck and other children's toys inside.

The fire truck had been accidentally turned on, and the noise and movement spooked American Airlines cargo workers, officials said.

Police said the package was being air-mailed via American Airlines from Alice, although the package's destination was not known.

to jobs at the Johnson Space Center to take part in the upcoming launch of space shuttle Endeavour.

Officials said Wednesday the employees will be called back to work without pay so the agency can proceed with plans to launch the shuttle next week on a mission to retrieve a Japanese science satellite.

Shuttle managers planned to meet today at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida to discuss preparations to launch Endeavour and an international crew of six next Thursday.

The space agency has successfully demonstrated to the Clinton administration that long delays in either program could cost more to recover from than to continue.

NASA recalls workers for shuttle launch

HOUSTON (AP) — Several hundred furloughed federal employees are being called back

Youth may have exposed 80 people to meningitis

ODESSA (AP) — Health officials say nearly 80 people came in contact with a girl who visited

here during Christmas and then died of spinal meningitis.

Victoria Barrientes, 14 and a former Odessa, died Tuesday in Arlington of spinal meningitis, a deadly bacterial disease contracted by six of every 100,000 Americans each year.

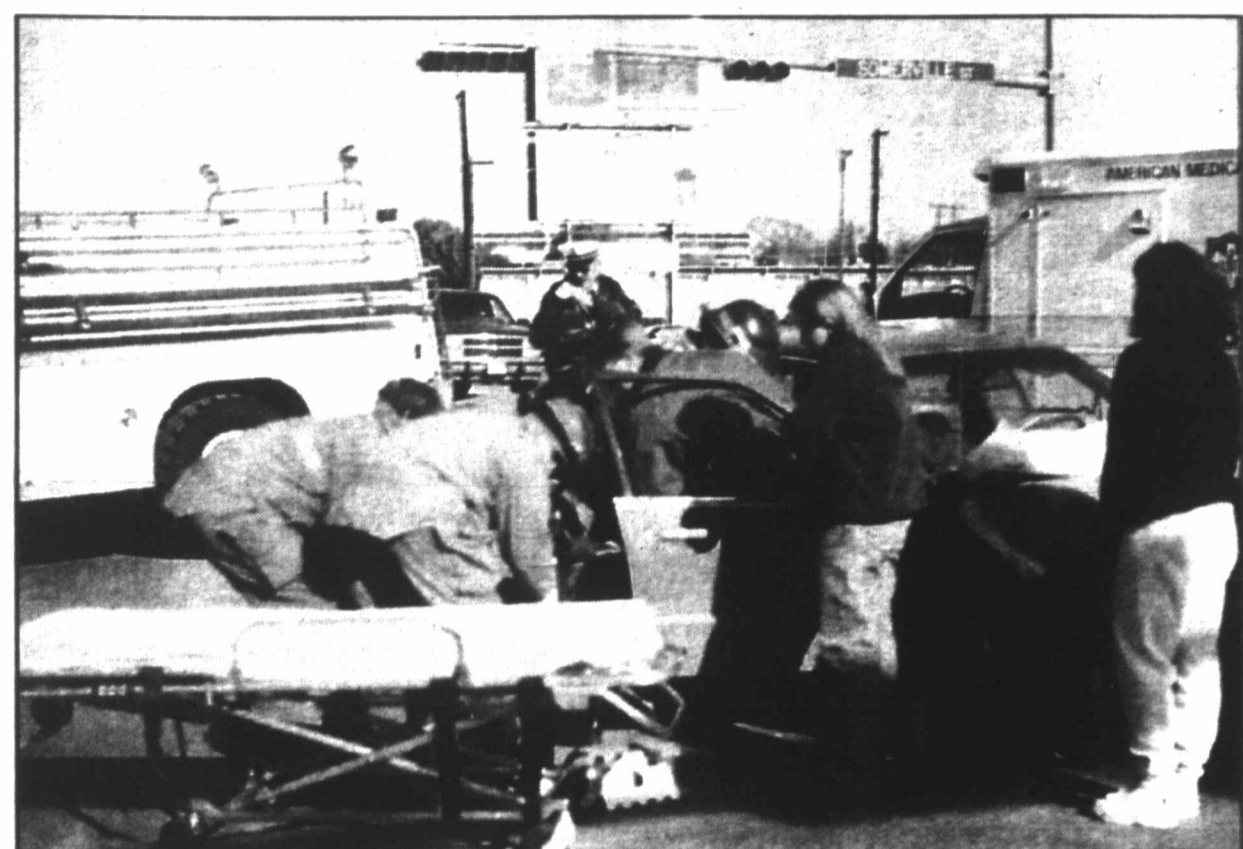
Spinal meningitis, an infection of the lining of the brain and spinal column, can be caused by fungi, bacteria, parasites or viruses, said Dr. Jeff Taylor, an epidemiologist in the infectious diseases division of the Texas Department of Health in Austin.

Victoria contracted the Neisseria meningitidis germ, which is spread through airborne methods such as sneezes and coughs and through kissing and other contact.

The girl and her family celebrated Christmas with other relatives in Odessa.

As a precautionary measure, the people with whom she came in contact are being treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Accident scene



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Josh Cuevas, 17, was taken to Coronado Hospital following this accident at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville during heavy traffic around noon Wednesday. Traffic was backed up over a block while Pampa police officers tried to divert cars around the scene. Cuevas was a passenger in a 1983 Chevrolet Celebrity driven by Kristina Porter, 16. Porter apparently ran the red light on Hobart, striking a 1987 Chevrolet Nova driven by Terri Ann Lenz, according to police reports. Cuevas was treated and released.

Texas still has funds for unemployment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal budget stalemate that nearly forced Kansas to suspend its unemployment insurance benefits won't be duplicated in Texas anytime soon, the state's unemployment insurance director says.

"The good news is that Texas has managed its money well and that we have enough funds to operate going into the first week of February," the Texas Workforce Commission's unemployment insurance director, Mike Sheridan, said Wednesday.

"In Texas, we are in good shape." A day earlier, Kansas officials announced that the Washington budget crisis was causing them to furlough 400 employees who administer the Kansas unemployment insurance program. But Wednesday, Gov. Bill Graves said other state funds would be used to return the furloughed workers to the job.

Graves' decision lifts the threat of benefits disruption for 19,000

unemployed Kansans who were facing the possibility of no new benefits after this week.

Other states with looming unemployment insurance crises are Alabama, Alaska, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Tennessee and the Virgin Islands.

The problem isn't that the states don't have the money to issue the unemployment benefits.

Rather, the paychecks of those handing out the benefits are jeopardized by Congress' unwillingness to enact new stopgap spending bills funding the government's operations.

House Republicans are loathe to approve further temporary spending measures until they've ironed out profound differences with President Clinton over the means of achieving a balanced budget by 2002.

Wednesday, the House rejected a Senate-passed measure that would have immediately returned 280,000 idled federal

workers to work. "It's a cave-in," House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, said of the Senate bill. "The House once again has to hold up the strength of balancing the budget."

The administration turned up the rhetorical heat Wednesday with Clinton calling the shutdown "an unnatural disaster born of a cynical political strategy."

And Labor Secretary Robert Reich said: "The insurance policy for American workers has been canceled."

"Behind these numbers are stories of real people, real Americans who are trying desperately to make ends meet," he added.

Unemployed Texans, who filed 800,000 initial claims during the last fiscal year, shared \$1 billion in benefits. The payments are funded from unemployment insurance taxes deposited by Texas employers into a trust fund.

Global warming up

NEW YORK (AP) — The Earth's average surface temperature climbed last year to the highest level in the history of record keeping. The New York Times reported today.

That preliminary conclusion by the British Meteorological Office and the University of East Anglia also bolstered expert opinion that the burning of fossil fuels is warming the climate, the Times said.

The net result of hot and cold spells around the planet has made last year the warmest since scientists began recording such measurements in 1856.

The average temperature in 1995 was 58.72 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the British data, or seven-hundredths of a degree higher than the previous record, established in 1990.

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Opinion

Master Speaker of the House

If Newt Gingrich were a baseball player, they'd say he has had a career year.

Elected speaker of the House in January 1995 and *Time* magazine's Man of the Year in December, he in between seized control of the national political agenda and dictated new terms for the debate over the size and purposes of government.

Assuming he wins a meaningful budget-balancing plan in the current three-way bargaining with President Clinton and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, Gingrich may - for better or for worse - turn out to be as significant historically as Franklin D. Roosevelt.

What is most remarkable is how Gingrich, who has never been elected outside his suburban Atlanta congressional district, did it. His formula was equal parts intellect, sheer audacity and hard work.

No one who spends any length of time talking with Gingrich can fail to be struck by his intelligence. The man thinks thoughts; he loves ideas; he looks for connections among seemingly unrelated things. That's not to say that every idea he comes up with is brilliant or even sensible. Some are downright foolish. But, rare for a politician, he really is an intellect.

More important for political purposes, he's an audacious intellect. His audacity let him claim, for example, that all 10 points of the Contract With America had been shown in a poll to have overwhelming, popular support. What actually had been tested in that poll, it later turned out, was a set of slogans that vaguely resonated Contract themes.

But Gingrich was audacious enough to make his reading of the situation the accepted one until very late in the year and to reap the political advantage that resulted.

Gingrich is legendary for his willingness to work hard for his cause of smaller, more limited federal government. For years before the GOP triumph in November 1994, he crisscrossed the country describing his vision of a "conservative opportunity society."

Gingrich may yet be undone by ethical lapses and his knack for saying things that, increasingly, have soured the American people on him and the GOP program.

But in this pivotal year in America's history, Newt Gingrich has been the pivot point.

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Viewpoints

Assault weapons ban is in vain

In September of last year, President Clinton signed a ban on so-called assault weapons that was expected to be a great help to Democrats in the upcoming congressional elections. Bad guess. The American people, who supposedly were in favor of the new law, proceeded to elect a slew of representatives who opposed it.

Now House Republicans are about to act on that opposition, and they are not being cheered by liberals for fidelity to their campaign promises. Rep. Bob Barr, a freshman Republican from Georgia, has introduced a bill to repeal the assault weapons ban. The GOP leadership is likely to bring it to a vote on the floor by the end of the year, in what *The New York Times* sardonically refers to as "a perverse holiday gift for the nation."

The Republicans are being attacked not only for excessive fealty to the National Rifle Association but for ignoring alleged evidence that these guns are exceptionally dangerous. The evidence comes in a widely circulated report by Handgun Control Inc., which says that of the law enforcement officers shot to death in the line of duty in 1994 and 1995, 13% were killed by weapons that were outlawed last year - even though such guns make up less than 1% of all the privately owned firearms in America. Another 23% of the officers, says HCI, were killed by guns that were sold with magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition - which were also prohibited by the new law.

Since six of the deaths came after the law took effect, you might interpret the study as proof of the futility of gun control. HCI doesn't see it that way. But the report doesn't quite justify the claim that "these weapons pose an intolerable threat" to police officers.

In the first place, as Indiana University professor Kenna Quinet points out, the number of police



Stephen Chapman

homicides has been falling in recent years - an increase in the number of guns and assault weapons in private hands. In 1992 and 1993, the most recent years she has examined, "your risk of dying, as a male in the general population, was higher than a police officer's chance of dying in the line of duty."

Assault weapons don't alter the odds. Contrary to popular belief, the firearms banned by Congress are not machine guns that spray bullets like water from a fire hose (which have long been illegal) but semiautomatic weapons that discharge only one bullet for each squeeze of the trigger. They are also mechanically identical to plenty of guns that remain legal.

HCI says the banned models "provide heavy-duty firepower without a need to reload." But there are lots of unbanned guns - particularly big game rifles - that are far more powerful than the banned ones. A police officer has far more to fear from a criminal armed with a cheap deer rifle or an ordinary shotgun loaded with buckshot than from the nastiest semiautomatic 9 mm pistol you could find.

Limiting magazines to 10 shells is largely irrelevant too. HCI's report mentions only one officer who was

shot repeatedly - and he was hit with 10 bullets, which happens to be within the limit set by the assault weapons ban. It is a melancholy fact of life that the 11th bullet to hit you is usually not the fatal one.

The threat posed by large magazines is hard to see. As Florida State University criminologist Gary Kleck notes, cops are hardly ever engaged in extended shootouts, except on network TV. In about 85% of police homicides, he says, the officer doesn't fire at all; in many instances, he is killed with his own gun.

A halfway competent shooter can pop in a new clip in the blink of an eye, but a criminal who wants to be able to get off 11 shots (or 20) without reloading is not inconvenienced much by the law. He can simply pack an extra weapon.

The HCI report takes it as proof of dangerousness that a disproportionate number of criminals who shoot police use assault weapons. It fails to ask the more important question, which is: Would it have made any difference if they had all chosen other models instead?

The answer is no. There are plenty of legal firearms that can do just as much damage just as fast as the ones Congress outlawed. The chief difference between assault weapons and "legitimate" guns is cosmetic. The former generally have an ominous military appearance, but appearances don't inflict wounds.

The implication of assault weapon opponents is that a criminal deprived of one of these guns will be rendered harmless as a lamb. In fact, he has innumerable options in the way of ordnance, including many that would increase the danger to cops. Gun control supporters got a political victory when they passed the ban on assault weapons. But no one got safer.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 1996. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

On this date:

In 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of a reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

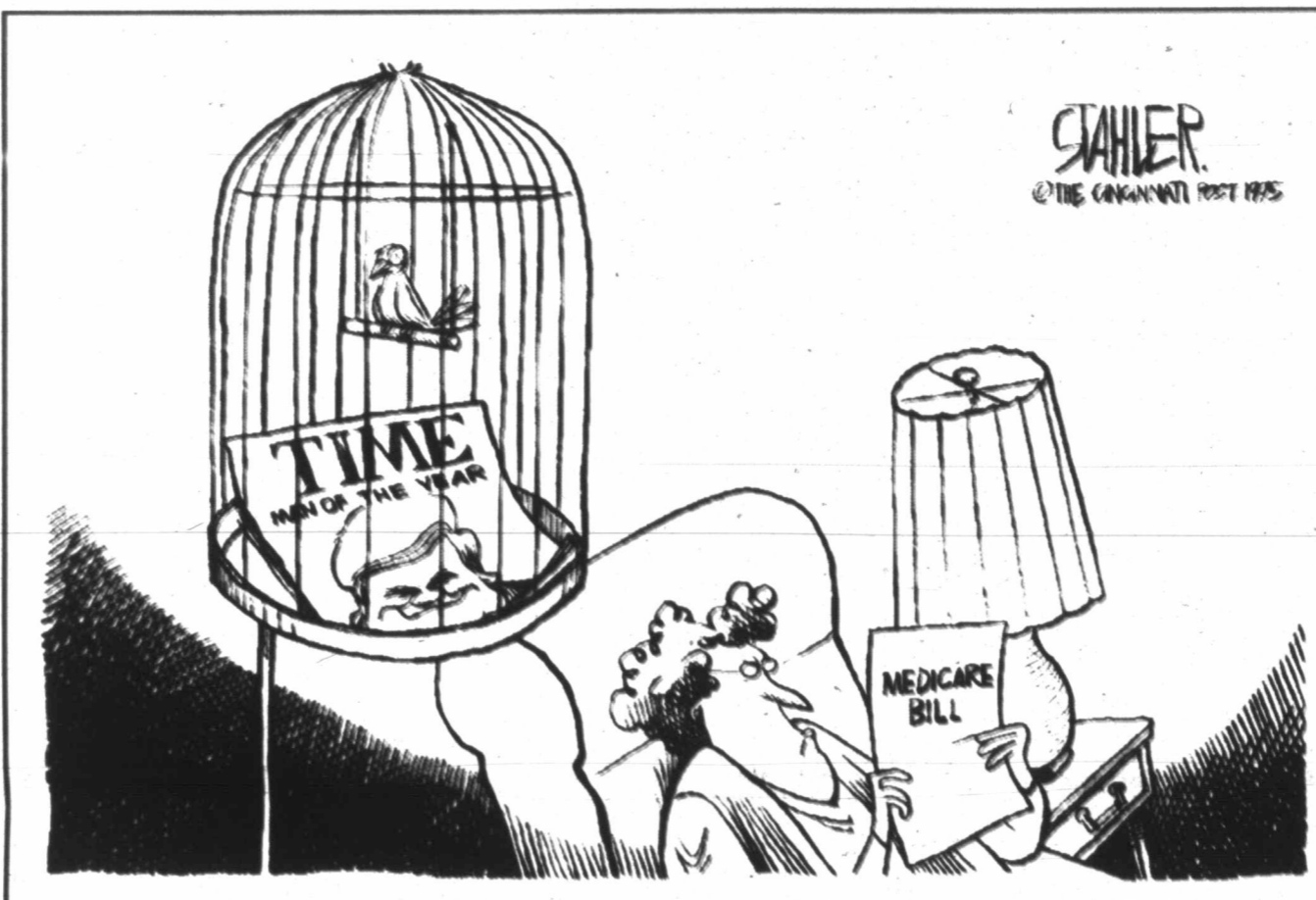
In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed what's believed to have been the first appendectomy on 22-year-old Mary Gardside.

In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI began a visit to the Holy Land as he arrived in Jerusalem.



My annual inventory as a columnist

Charley Reese

Every year at this time, I file a conflict of interest statement with my readers. It isn't required, but I think readers deserve to know where columnists are coming from.

My financial state is easy to explain. All my income is from newspaper salary and the sale of my columns. Except for savings and retirement plans, and a small corporation I set up when I first syndicated my column, I own no stock or other investments. I live in a rented house. I drive a '91 compact car.

I used to receive some income from speaking fees, but I decided not to do that anymore. I don't like taking fees from people I like, and I have decided not to speak to anyone I don't.

Organizations are also easy. I belong to two: the National Rifle Association and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I hold no offices and do no lobbying. I belong to no private clubs nor have I ever desired to. It seems foolish to me to pay somebody for the privilege of spending money with them.

I am currently registered as a Democrat. If Pat Buchanan survives the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary, I will change to Republican so I can vote for him in the March primary in my state. I don't give a flip really for either party. The difference between them on really important issues is virtually nonexistent.

If Buchanan fails to get the nomination, my pre-

sent intentions are to unregister. I'm tired of voting for the lesser of two evils, the greater of two liars, the marginally less dishonest of two crooks, the rhetorically less repellent of two opportunists. I don't advise people, especially younger ones, to follow my example. I'm now of an age where it's likely my enlistment in life will be up before the full disaster of the present policies hit the United States. I've done my bit with 31 years of voting and working in political campaigns. I'm taking a sabbatical.

If you are young, you should be intensely involved in public affairs and politics. It's your future they are destroying. But if you choose to suffer the unavoidable consequences of public apathy and neglect of civic duty, then that's your choice. I never lose any sleep over the misery people inflict on themselves or expect anyone else to lose any sleep over the misery I inflict on myself.

Philosophically, I'm whatever you wish call to George Washington's philosophy. I want a strictly construed Constitution, no welfare state, no meddling in other countries' affairs, minimal government interference in our own domestic affairs, and

policies - trade or otherwise that have no purpose but advancing the interests of the American people.

Obviously, I oppose foreign aid, membership in the United Nations, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization and other such international bureaucracies. I think NATO should be disbanded and all other mutual defense treaties abrogated. I think we should impose a moratorium on immigration and, after five years, allow only very limited immigration.

In the age of missiles and nuclear warheads, if we keep our own arsenal strong, we do not need allies, none of which would risk their own destruction to help us anyway. Among nations, there is no such thing as a friend, much less a martyr or a saint.

Socially, I do not believe in group rights, and I abhor group privileges. Each American is an individual entitled to stand exactly equal before the law, enjoying exactly equal political rights and exactly equal responsibilities. But no American or group of Americans is entitled to government favors, privileges or special status for any reason.

My goal as a columnist is to stimulate thinking about important issues. I don't care if you agree or disagree, as I am neither selling anything nor running for office. I don't claim to be infallible or omniscient, just diligent in research and as intellectually honest as I know how to be in drawing inferences.

Bosnia crisis shines light on hypocrites

There is nothing like an international crisis for separating the moral giants from the moral midgets.

In the past 44 months, the hellhole we call Bosnia has been the scene of unspeakable atrocity and savagery. Hospitals, schools, markets and homes have been indiscriminately bombed and thousands of innocent men, women and children have died.

Men have been imprisoned, tortured, lined up and shot down in cold blood. Women have been beaten and raped. Children have fallen victim to sniper, mortar and artillery attack.

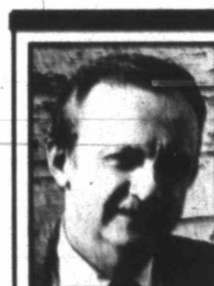
The United States can help stop the slaughter. We have the opportunity to try, at least. And what do our so-called leaders do? They make a political game of it, of course.

I begin with the premise that our soldiers should be in Bosnia. I know about 60% of you disagree with me. You think these crazy ethnic groups have been "cleansing" each other for centuries and there's nothing we can do to stop them.

I agree that Bosnia is basically Europe's problem, but I also think that, like World War II, it could easily become ours in a very direct way. I agree that stopping the war is probably an unattainable goal, but I do think the conflict can be contained.

I disagree, fundamentally, that Bosnia is not worth some degree of sacrifice on our part. It is a moral obligation.

Politicians tend to snicker when they hear those words. The United States should do nothing, they believe, unless the United States is getting something



Joseph Spear

tangible out of it - oil, trade, security, friends. They believe this primarily because idealism in international matters does not buy votes. In my years in Washington, the only president who recognized the moral imperative in foreign policy was Jimmy Carter, and what it helped buy him was one term.

I believe we should be in Bosnia because it is the right thing to do. Yes, the mission might fail. Where's the shame in that? The biggest challenge of involvement in any foreign conflict, it seems to me, is knowing when to hold them and knowing when to fold them. The important thing is to try.

We made a noble effort and failed tragically in Vietnam when we did not heed the words of the late Republican Sen. George Aiken of Vermont and declare victory and come home. We did the right thing in Lebanon when we sent in the Marines to police the peace and withdrew after 241 of them died in a truck bombing. We did the right thing in Africa when we tried to save Somalians from anarchy and left when they turned against us.

If we have to, we can do the same thing in Bosnia. At least we would have the satisfaction of knowing we tried.

This is the moral argument we should be hearing. Instead, Bosnia has become a political football. "It's all politics," says one GOP lawmaker, referring to both parties. "It's bad enough that Bill Clinton twiddled his thumbs for three years while thousands died, but now that he's finally moving, Republicans are viewing Bosnia as a target of opportunity."

If I were to rate our leaders on a scale of one to 10 for Moral Initiative in international affairs, no one would get 10. Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., would get eights. They have backed the decision to send troops to Bosnia for basically moral reasons but do not say so for fear of political backlash.

George Bush, Gerald Ford and Colin Powell would also get eights. They back the move but cite purely pragmatic reasons.

Bill Clinton would get a seven for his waffling. Newt Gingrich would get a seven for being supportive but not vocally.

Phil Gramm and Pat Buchanan would get zeros. Gramm was a rabid advocate of George Bush's war in Kuwait and Buchanan backed Ronald Reagan's invasion of Grenada and Bush's foray into Panama. They are violently opposed to intervention in Bosnia for one reason, and that is to win votes.

On a personal level, they are flaming hypocrites.

In matters of leadership, they are moral ciphers.

Bosnian Serb unity is shattered as realities of peace deal sink in

By TONY SMITH
Associated Press Writer

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The Bosnian Serb military commander says he wants to give peace a chance. At least that's what listeners to "independent Radio Krajina" are hearing.

Radio Krajina, run by men loyal to Gen. Ratko Mladic, is campaigning hard for the U.S.-brokered Bosnian peace deal. But Bosnian Serb state radio, loyal to political leader Radovan Karadzic, is lukewarm at best about the plan.

As the peace plan starts to take effect, cracks are appearing in the Bosnian Serb leadership that could help make or break the deal and decide the fate of Karadzic and Mladic, both indicted as war criminals.

Disagreements between the two men are not new. Last year, Mladic defied Karadzic's efforts to fire him. But the rift is now focused on two key points of the peace plan: the reunification of Sarajevo under Muslim-Croat rule, and the decision to have international arbitrators determine who controls the Posavina corridor, a sliver of Bosnia that links the Banja Luka region in the north to other Serb territories.

Karadzic loyalists focus on their power base around Sarajevo. They want to delay or prevent altogether the handover of Serb-held Sarajevo suburbs to the Muslim-led Bosnian government.

But Mladic, who continues to be the most popular public figure among Bosnian Serbs, has teamed up with Karadzic's deputy, Nikola Koljevic, to back President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia in his drive for peace.

They are counting on winning control of the Posavina corridor when the arbitration period is over in a year's time by showing good will on other parts of the peace agreement, policed by a NATO-led force of 60,000 soldiers.

The corridor is vital to Banja Luka, the biggest city in the 49 percent of Bosnia left to the Serbs. About 80 percent of the 800,000 to 1 million people who live on Bosnian Serb territory are in the Banja Luka region.

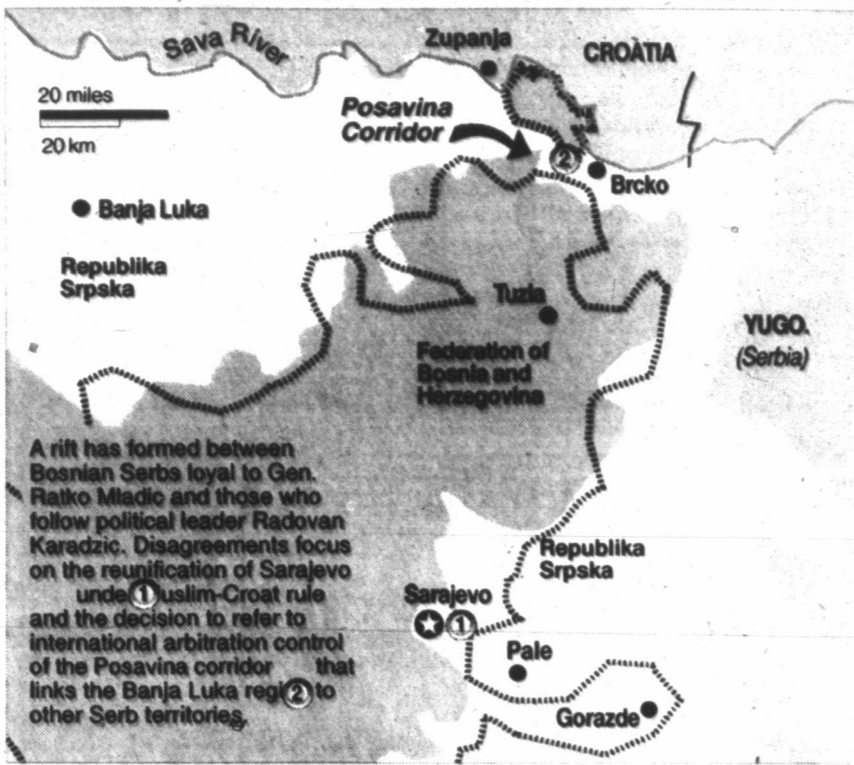
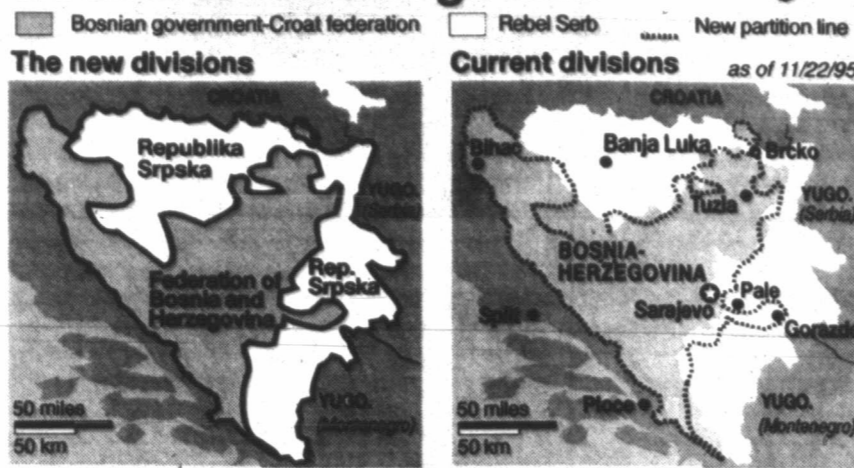
Although spokesmen would not say where Mladic was, there is no doubt that Radio Krajina speaks for him. The radio director, Gen. Milovan Milutinovic, is Mladic's spokesman.

"There is no alternative to peace," Milutinovic said in an interview. "We must support the NATO forces."

Radio Krajina supported the accord and broadcast the Dec. 14 treaty signing live from Paris. Karadzic's station didn't even announce it, Milutinovic said.

In early December, Mladic roundly criticized the peace deal. But observers say he is now trying to shift his position, and Serb

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public opinion, gradually toward acceptance.

Milutinovic makes no bones about the leadership split. His radio encourages live phone-ins that criticize the Bosnian Serb leadership in Pale, Karadzic's small-town capital east of Sarajevo.

"It's logical that Banja Luka, as a university city, should be our capital," Milutinovic said. "Sarajevo is important for us, but our view is that we shouldn't sacrifice the whole of our Serb Republic for Sarajevo."

Milos Vasic, a leading Belgrade commentator, said the split means the Serb motto, "Only Unity Saves the Serb," is history.

Serbs now are divided along political, military and regional lines: Serbs from Serbia versus Bosnian Serbs; military men against politicians; war profiteers versus those who lost family and friends on front lines.

Milosevic is counting on the Banja Luka area for support in sidelining Karadzic and other Pale Serbs.

Despite the extreme nationalism exhibited as non-Serbs were expelled, the Banja Luka area historically has sympathized more with pro-Serbia Communists than with Serb nationalists who have more support in mountain-

ous areas such as those around Sarajevo.

Vasic said rivalries will likely come to a head in a battle between Koljevic and a Karadzic loyalist, Bosnian Serb parliament speaker Momcilo Krajisnik, to succeed Karadzic, who is banned from office by the peace accord. According to the agreement, nationwide elections are due by summer.

Krajisnik, through his vocal opposition to Sarajevo's reunification, is winning support around Pale.

But Koljevic has shifted his headquarters from Pale to Banja Luka, heeding Milosevic's calls to get a "real" capital for Bosnian Serbs.

Koljevic can count on help from Milosevic's powerful state media in Serbia to bulldoze public opinion in his favor. In Bosnia, Mladic's popularity is a key asset.

"He's the most important person for the peace process at the moment," Milutinovic said. "If he issues an order, it is respected. The people believe in him and the world should not shun him."

"Gen. Mladic can count on the loyalty of 98 percent of all Serbs, whether soldiers or civilians," Milutinovic said. "Karadzic can't, that's the difference."

Nation briefs

'Babe' named best picture by critics' group

NEW YORK (AP) — *Babe*, the hit movie about a talking pig who herds sheep, was named best picture of 1995 by The National Society of Film Critics.

Nicholas Cage and Elisabeth Shue won best actor and actress for their roles in *Leaving Las Vegas* and Mike Figgis was named best director for the film. Cage plays an alcoholic and Shue, a prostitute.

Joan Allen won for best supporting actress for her role as Pat Nixon in *Nixon* and Don Cheadle won for best supporting actor for his role as a psychotic killer in *Devil in a Blue Dress*.

Other winners announced Wednesday were *Clueless* for best screenplay; *Devil in a Blue Dress* for cinematography; *Wild Reeds*, a coming-of-age film about a group of teenagers, for best foreign-language film; and *Latcho Drom*, a gypsy musical, directed by Tony Gatlif, for experimental film.

The National Society of Film Critics is a 46-member group of film critics from magazines and newspapers around the country.

On-line CompuServe developing software fix

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The on-line service CompuServe says it hopes to reopen access to 200 sexually oriented Internet forums to all but its German customers by the end of the month.

CompuServe spokesman Jeff Shafer said Wednesday the Columbus-based company is

working on a software fix that will prevent Germans from accessing the newsgroups while allowing access to customers in the rest of the world.

Acting on what it said was a mandate from German prosecutors, CompuServe banned worldwide access to the questionable newsgroups in late December.

That set off a debate over censorship on the Internet. CompuServe has said it decided to block access after German authorities notified the company that the newsgroups were part of an investigation of on-line pornography.

Judge dismisses lawsuit over Georgia's flag

ATLANTA (AP) — A judge has dismissed a lawsuit that sought to ban the flying of Georgia's state flag over public buildings because of its Confederate emblem.

James Coleman, who is black, argued in his lawsuit that the flag's design is racist and that the emblem was added in 1956 as an act of defiance against school desegregation rulings. He had testified that the flag "places me in harm. It places me in fear."

U.S. District Judge Orinda Evans ruled Wednesday, however, that Coleman had failed to show that the flag causes discrimination against blacks or that he had suffered harm from the flag.

Evans said there is no consensus over whether the flag honors Southern heritage or glorifies white supremacy.

Coleman's lawyer, Bruce Harvey, said he had not seen the ruling.

South Carolina is the only state that flies the Confederate flag — white stars on a blue X with a red background — over its statehouse.

IRS performance under review

WASHINGTON (AP) — It used to be that if you called the Internal Revenue Service for tax advice, you had a good chance of getting a wrong answer. Now, the answers are more accurate, but the odds are worse than nine in 10 you'll get a busy signal or be put on hold until you hang up, according to congressional investigators.

The General Accounting Office, in a report issued as the IRS prepared for a new tax-filing season, said the answer rate on toll-free assistance lines fell to 8 percent in 1995 from 21 percent a year earlier.

The GAO, Congress' investigative arm, counted calls as going unanswered if callers received a busy signal or were put on hold for longer than seven minutes.

As recently as 1989, the GAO said, 58 percent of calls got through but only 63 percent of the IRS' answers were accurate. Last year, the accuracy rate was 91 percent, up from 89 percent in 1994.

However, early in the 1995 filing season, IRS workers demonstrated some difficulty in explaining changes in eligibility for the earned income tax credit, the GAO said in the report issued last week.

The IRS blames the increase in busy signals on callers' use of repeat dialers and said access is

much better considering that many callers get through after trying four or five times.

And the agency pointed out that it answered 39 million calls last year, 3 million more than its budget provided.

But the GAO said the "IRS' ability to answer more calls than it estimated it could answer means little to the many taxpayers whose calls to the IRS went unanswered or who gave up in frustration after receiving busy signals."

It said the answer rate on toll-free lines for ordering tax forms was much better, 50 percent, but "there was still much room for improvement."

IRS spokesman Wilson Fadley said the agency expected to improve its ability to answer taxpayer questions this year by setting aside a separate toll-free number for people with account problems.

It also is encouraging alternative ways to get tax information, such as reading the material on the agency's Internet site and listening to tape recordings by telephone.

The GAO also criticized the IRS for not sufficiently warning taxpayers last year that their refunds could be delayed as part of a new anti-fraud crackdown.

Libertarian Party to certify candidates

AUSTIN — The Libertarian Party of Texas will certify its statewide applicants for office and select a site for the June 8 state convention during the regular executive committee meeting Saturday, Jan. 6, at Austin in the Sheraton Hotel (IH-35 and 5th St.) beginning at 11 a.m.

State chairman Jay Manifold will announce the list of statewide candidate applicants at approximately 2 p.m. with the full list of state, district and county candidates available for distribution.

The cities of Plano and Lubbock have expressed interest in hosting the state party convention with a presentation by Lubbock's Convention and Tourism Bureau expected to fol-

low the candidate announcement.

Executive committee members will also consider selection of representatives to the state platform committee, state rules committee and national platform committee. Other agenda items include review of the budget and discussion about fund-raising efforts, information booths at the National Rifle Association and Texas Press Association conventions, mailing list policy, county chair list policy and resolutions committee.

The Libertarian Party of Texas conducts its candidate selection by county and district convention, emphasizing the importance of local county organizations and volunteers.

"We do not hold a primary election," Manifold explains, "and this process saves Texas taxpayers millions of dollars, as well as maintains the integrity of our candidates."

The Libertarian Party has placed candidates for national and local election since 1972 and in Texas since 1980.

Libertarian Party state committee meetings are open to the public.

Texas interested in joining the party in its efforts to restore constitutionally limited government in Texas and America are invited to call (800) 422-1776 for additional information. Internet access is available: WWW at URL: <http://io.com/~freedom/1ptxhome.html>.

SWC still accepting orders for tree seedlings

The Gray County Soil & Water Conservation District is still accepting orders for tree seedlings. These seedlings are offered at a nominal cost with the aim of the program being to protect cropland, feedlots, and buildings, and to control erosion and enhance wildlife.

Several species are available. Potted conifers offered include Afghan Pine, Arizona Cypress, Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Rocker Mountain Juniper, Colorado Blue Spruce, Scotch Pine and Pinon Pine.

Several species of bareroot hardwoods are also available including Aromatic Sumac, Catalpa, Desert Willow, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Honeysuckle, Mulberry, Nanking Cherry, Osage Orange, Russian Olive, Shumard Oak, As, Caragana, Cotoneaster, European Sage, Golden Willow, Hybrid Cottonwood, Lacebark Elm, Lilac, Lombardy Poplar, Native Plum, Sand Cherry, Siberian Elm and Sumac.

Wildlife Packets are also available. The packets include 25 seedlings each of 4 different

species, and are designed to enhance quail and pheasant, turkey, deer, and squirrel populations.

The trees will arrive at the District Office at the end of March. District representatives suggest that tree orders be placed early as many species sell out very quickly. The deadline for ordering the trees is March 12. Anyone interested may obtain an order form at the Gray Co. SWCD Office located in the Gray Co. Courthouse Annex on East Frederic (Highway 60), or by calling the District Office at 665-1751.

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Multiple Medications Can Be Too Much Of A Good Thing

DEAR ABBY: Back in 1991, you ran an important letter suggesting that senior citizens "brown-bag" all their medications and have them reviewed by their physician or pharmacist. Please run it again. It is more important today than ever amidst all the confusion concerning medications. I've enclosed a copy as it appeared in the Syracuse Post-Standard in New York.

CONCERNED LONGTIME READER

DEAR LONGTIME READER: I agree. It deserves to be repeated:

DEAR ABBY: With the increasing concern about the problems of the aging — confusion, loss of memory, a tendency to fall, incontinence, etc. — geriatric experts are finding substantial evidence that the elderly take so many prescription drugs that their bodies are becoming vulnerable to the side effects.

Peter Lamv, assistant dean of geriatrics at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, says that drug-induced illness is sometimes written off and attributed to the "aging process," which not only reduces the quality of lives, but can lead to senior citizens being prematurely sent to nursing homes.

According to Dr. Jerry Avon, professor of social medicine at Harvard Medical School, "The efficiency of the kidney and liver can decline with age, hampering their ability to excrete drugs, which in turn can lead to a drug buildup in the body."



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

all of their prescriptions at one pharmacy, so there will be a complete record of their medications.

DEAR ABBY: Recently I was in my car waiting for the light to change, and a guy next to me leaned out of his car window and asked me if I was "Wags." My personalized Wisconsin license plate reads, "I'M WAGS," which is my nickname.

He explained that his name was Wagenheim, and that he, too, was nicknamed "Wags." He may have been kidding, but he asked if I had ever attended the "Wags" convention — a conclave for anyone with that nickname. Before I could get any more information, the light changed and he drove off.

Perhaps one of your readers has some information concerning "Wags." If he was indeed serious, I'd love to attend their convention.

TOM WEGNER (WAGS), WHITEFISH BAY, WIS.

DEAR WAGS: My Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (Tenth Edition) defines "wag" as a "wit, joker — or a young man." So perhaps the man at the signal light was pulling your leg. However, on the chance that he was serious, I am asking my readers: Is there a "Wags" convention? And if so, when and where is it? (Stay tuned.)

He also said that a drug dosage that was safe at age 50 can be dangerous at age 70. Many organs of the body, from the heart to the bladder to the brain, can undergo a change in their sensitivity to medication.

Abby, please suggest that older persons, or their caregivers, "brown-bag" all of their prescription and over-the-counter medications, and take them to their physician or pharmacist for analysis of their cumulative effect.

You would be doing your readers a great service.

MILLIE HAWTHORN, HARRISBURG, PA.

DEAR MS. HAWTHORN: Thank you for some valuable suggestions that could improve the quality of life — and possibly extend it. Dr. Robert N. Butler, renowned gerontologist and chairman of the department of geriatrics at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, has suggested that older persons fill

sign AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unfortunately, you might not get the help you seek in certain situations today if you depend on others to do things that you could easily do for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Opportunity abounds at this time, but you must maintain a positive frame of mind to perceive these developments. If you have a negative attitude, you will miss out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could fall flat on your face if you try to copy the mannerisms used by someone who impresses you. Expressing your individuality will help you to succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make sure to be well-grounded in facts before sharing your opinions with others today. Your statements could be challenged.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not do anything to jeopardize your earnings or resources today. This could be especially important if you're considering a new financial involvement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Sugar-coating your requests will help you to gain the

cooperation of associates today. Aggressive behavior will be interpreted negatively and rejected.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you try to play the good Samaritan today, things could work against you because the person you are trying to help might just add complications to your life.

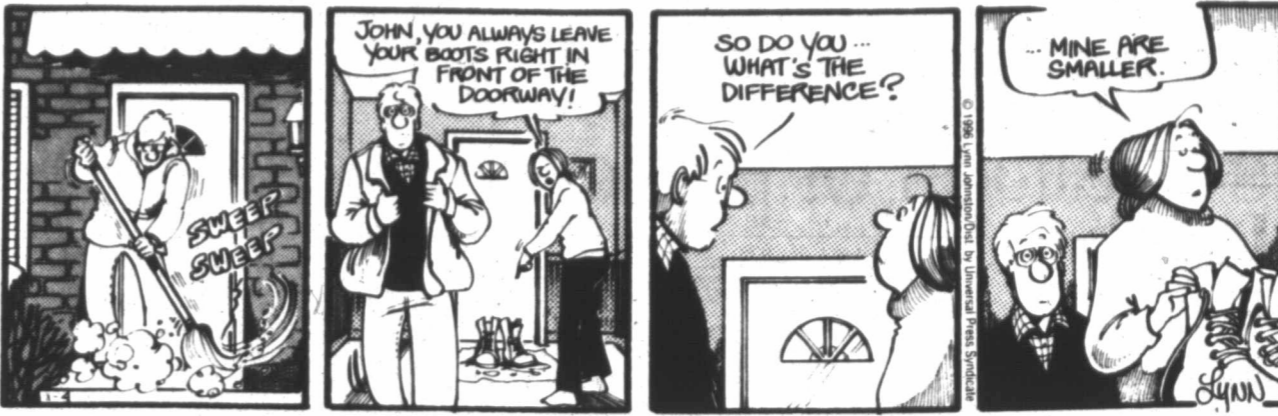
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Petty individuals could anger you today. Do not be reduced to their level. Instead, elevate them to your status by setting a good example.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It will be wise to keep your accomplishments to yourself today. Even though you may not intend to brag, others may think you are conceited.

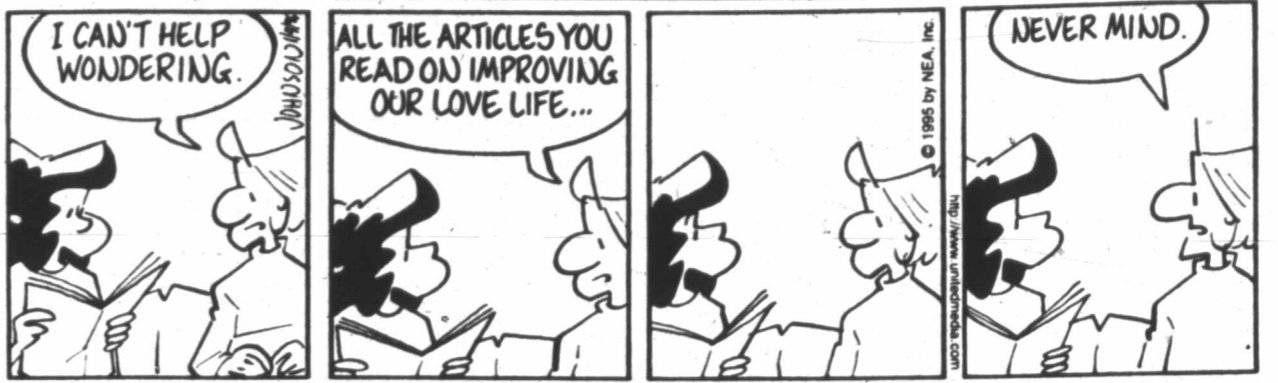
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Everyone you encounter today might have a chip on his or her shoulder. Is it possible that the entire world is out of step but you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial developments could be the primary source of your problems today. Exercise prudence and caution when operating in these touchy areas.

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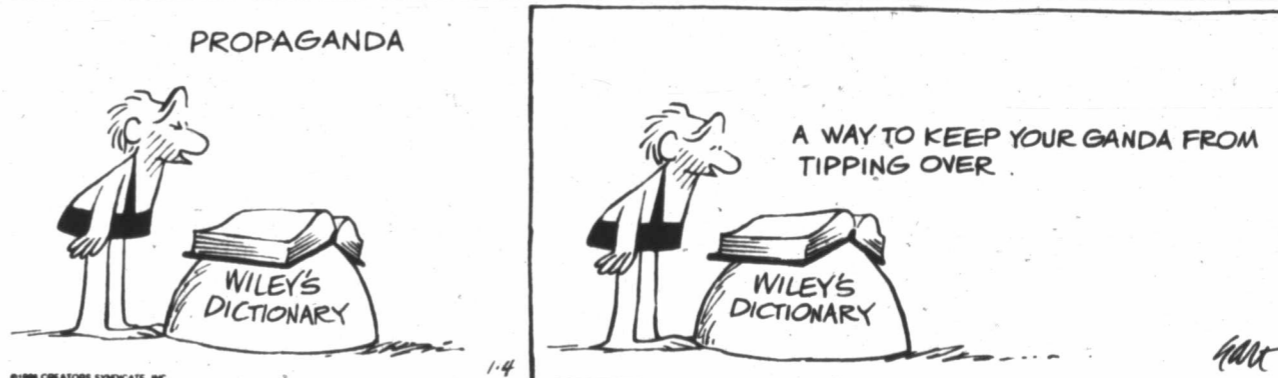
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Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 5, 1996

Try to be extremely selective in the year ahead when choosing partners or special allies. People who aren't in tune with your philosophy and attitudes could hinder you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In the end, no one will win if you try forcefully to resolve several matters today. Play it smart and avoid all confrontations. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac



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"If he had money, you'd have the sale."

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BASKETBALL

HEDLEY — Heather Hess scored 21 points as McLean rolled to a 63-43 win over Hedley in girls basketball action Tuesday night.

Vanessa Glass and Shaley Stalls added 16 points each for the Tigerettes.

Woodard was high scorer for Hedley with 18 points. McLean improved its record to 10-2.

Hedley turned the tables in the boys game, winning 80-47.

Solis was high scorer for Hedley with 25 points. Monty Joiner had 15 points and Blake Crockett and Jeremy Crutcher followed with 10 each for the Tigers.

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon leads Charles Barkley of Phoenix by just over 1,000 votes for the lead among Western Conference players in the latest NBA All-Star voting announced on Wednesday.

Olajuwon has received 303,283 votes to 302,280 for Barkley. A year ago, Olajuwon finished 78,927 votes ahead of Barkley with 1,125,032 to 1,046,105.

Behind Olajuwon at center is San Antonio's David Robinson with 239,242, followed by Denver's Dikembe Mutombo (44,119) and Vlade Divac of the Los Angeles Lakers (34,636).

Trailing Barkley at forward are Seattle's Shawn Kemp (286,650), Utah's Karl Malone (238,511), Dallas' Jamal Mashburn (115,904) and Houston's Robert Horry (104,188).

Jason Kidd of Dallas (288,625) and Clyde Drexler of Houston (283,940) are the leaders at guard followed by Utah's John Stockton (200,457), Houston's Sam Cassell (78,927) and Dallas' Jim Jackson (78,612).

The 46th annual NBA All-Star Game will be played Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

BASEBALL

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Connie Ryan, a second baseman for 12 years with the Boston Braves and four other teams who later discovered Vida Blue as scout for the Athletics, died of a heart attack Wednesday. He was 75.

Ryan, who died at East Jefferson General Hospital, was selected to the 1944 NL All-Star team and was a member of the Braves' 1948 World Series team.

He hit .248 with 56 homers and 381 RBIs in 1,184 games with the Braves, the New York Giants, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies and Chicago White Sox. He was a coach for the Milwaukee team that went to the 1957 World Series and also worked as a coach, scout and manager in the Texas, Atlanta, Houston and Kansas City-Oakland organizations.

HOCKEY

DETROIT (AP) — Game misconduct penalties to centers Steve Yzerman and Tim Taylor didn't slow the Detroit Red Wings down a bit.

Playing the third period Wednesday night without Yzerman and Taylor, the Red Wings overcame a two-goal deficit to tie the Dallas Stars 3-3.

Third-period goals by Keith Primeau and Bob Errey, the latter with 3:23 remaining, helped rally the Red Wings and prevented just their second home loss of the season.

Taylor was ejected for instigating a fight with Mike Lalor early in the second period and referee Dan Marouelli threw out Yzerman at the end of the period for arguing that he had been pulled down by Stars center Dave Gagner.

Detroit, down 3-0 in the second period before Igor Larionov scored near the end of the period, drew within one when Primeau beat goalie Andy Moog with a slap shot from the right circle midway through the third. Errey then tied it when he deflected Dino Ciccarelli's shot past Moog at 16:37.

No surprise: Nebraska voted No. 1 again

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Nebraska has drained all the suspense out of the college football poll.

It's the Cornhuskers and Everyone Else. Maybe the second spot in the rankings should be left vacant to accurately portray the gap that exists. Somehow, it doesn't seem appropriate to put another team right behind Nebraska.

In a totally predictable vote, the Cornhuskers were a unanimous choice for national champion in the final Associated Press poll Wednesday. They became the first repeat champion since Alabama in 1978-79.

"This is my most complete team," said coach Tom Osborne, whose Cornhuskers received all 62 first-place votes from a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters after a 62-24 rout of No. 2 Florida in the Fiesta Bowl on Tuesday night. "We didn't really have a close call

this season, we were never seriously threatened."

Nebraska (12-0) played four teams which finished in the Top 10 and won those games by an average score of 49-18, capped off by one of the most stunning performances in bowl history. Only one team — Texas A&M in a 65-14 victory over Brigham Young at the 1990 Holiday Bowl — has scored more points in a post-season game.

The Cornhuskers ripped through Florida's defense for 629 yards, including 524 on the ground as quarterback Tommie Frazier ran for 199 yards and I-back Lawrence Phillips added 165. The defense sacked Florida's Danny Wuerffel seven times (once for a safety), intercepted three passes (returning one for a touchdown) and allowed just 269 yards to take all the fun out of the "Fun 'N Gun."

Nebraska's domination this season was so thorough, so complete, there was no need to even mention another team in the

same breath. Don't forget: Prior to the Fiesta Bowl, the Cornhuskers beat No. 5 Colorado 44-21, No. 7 Kansas State 49-25, No. 9 Kansas 41-3.

Indeed, Nebraska is a team for the ages. "When you look at the kicking game, the defense, this was the best team I've ever coached," said Osborne, who has coached the Cornhuskers for 23 years. "In 1983, we had a great offense but not a very good defense. Last year, we had a great offensive team that got better on defense as the year went along. But the numbers indicate this is the best."

He wouldn't get any argument from Florida. The Gators had a brilliant season, capped off by their third straight Southeastern Conference title, and were clearly the second-best team in the country. Nebraska, though, was just too strong, too fast, too well-coached.

"They are by far the best team we've played in the six years I've been at Florida," coach Steve Spurrier said. "They're just too good for us. Give them

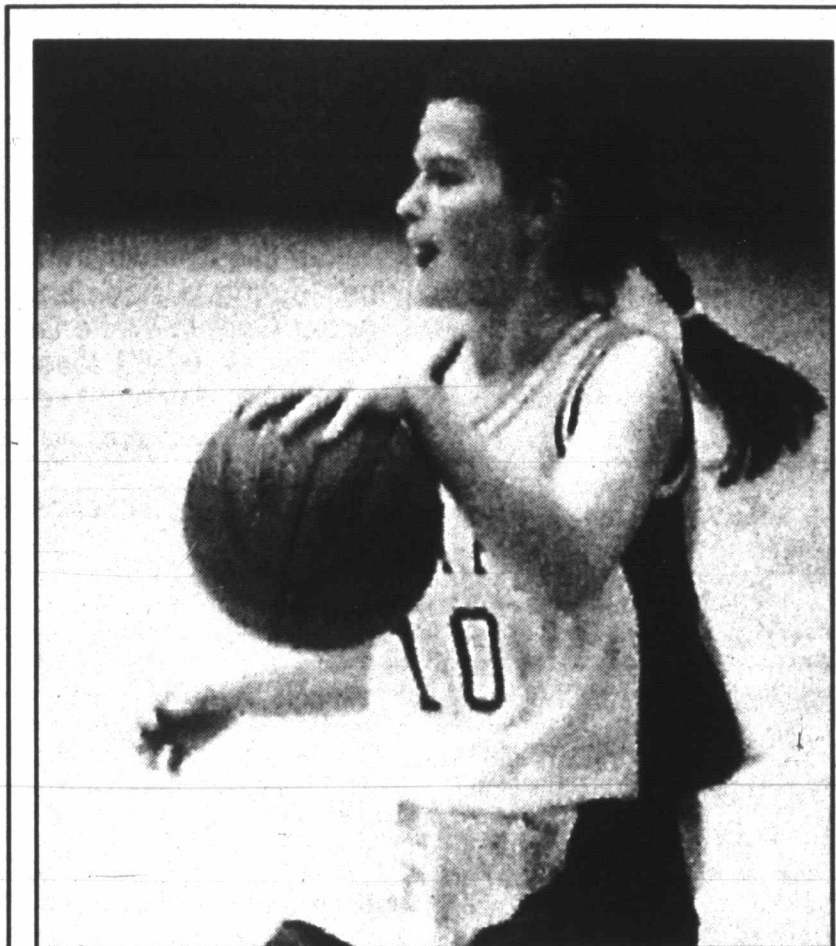
credit. They're the champions and they certainly deserve it."

Despite the blowout, Florida (12-1) remained second in the final AP poll. Rounding out the Top 10 were Tennessee, Florida State, Colorado, Ohio State, Kansas State, Northwestern, Kansas and Virginia Tech.

Florida State, which beat Notre Dame 31-26 in the Orange Bowl, finished in the top four for a record ninth consecutive season.

Notre Dame was 11th, followed by Southern Cal, Penn State, Texas, Texas A&M, Virginia, Michigan, Oregon, Syracuse, Miami, Alabama, Auburn, Texas Tech, Toledo and Iowa.

In the USA Today-CNN coaches' poll, Nebraska was the unanimous choice for No. 1, while Tennessee (11-1) edged Florida for second place even though the Gators routed the Vols 62-37 on Sept. 16. Colorado was fourth, followed by Florida State, Kansas State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Virginia Tech and Kansas.



(Pampa News photo)

Sophomore guard Chandra Nachtigall was high scorer for Pampa with 11 points against Randall Tuesday night.

Pampa hosts Canyon in district doubleheader

PAMPA — Canyon comes to town for a District 1-4A basketball doubleheader with Pampa Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Harvesters, 15-3 overall, are off to a 1-0 district start after trouncing Randall, 92-55, Tuesday night. The struggling Eagles are 8-9 for the season and 0-1 in district after losing to Hereford, 60-43, Tuesday.

The hot-shooting Harvesters had four players scoring in double figures against out-matched Randall. Jason Weatherbee led the way with 27 points, Devin Lemons had 16, Rayford Young and Chris Miller, 15 each.

"We were pretty relaxed and we played good defense the first half," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "Randall scored more than we wanted them to the second half, but we were pretty much on down the road by then."

The Eagles have some height with 6-5 Taylor Robinson in the middle. Keith Sparling at 6-3 and Brandon McDaniel at 6-2, are other tall

players for them.

"Canyon has got some size, but they're not as big as Randall," said Hale. "The thing we have to do is get accustomed to playing at home. The last time we played here we didn't do that well." Hale said, referring to Pampa's 57-55 loss to Tascosa on Dec. 5 in McNeely Fieldhouse. "Once we get used to playing at home again and play like we're capable of playing, and I feel like we will, it's going to be fun."

The Lady Harvesters must face one of the best girls' team in Texas in Canyon, 18-0 overall and a 56-28 winner over Hereford Tuesday night.

Courtney Sims, a 5-8 junior, and Valerie Valdez, a 5-9 junior, lead a veteran Canyon club.

The Lady Harvesters are 11-7 overall and 0-2 in district after falling to Randall, 58-26, Tuesday night. Sophomore guard Chandra Nachtigall had 11 points and was the only Lady Harvester in double figures.

Canyon is 3-0 in district action.

Irvin says Cowboys feel sense of urgency in game with Eagles

BY DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — When Michael Irvin talks fear he usually means the kind he installs in defensive backs.

But this time Irvin is talking about another kind of fear; the kind a team feels after it is defeated by a bitter rival.

The 20-17 kind of fear inflicted by the Philadelphia Eagles on the Dallas Cowboys Dec. 10 in Veterans Stadium.

"When you've played a team that beat you, then you have a serious fear the next time you play them," Irvin said. "They beat us the last time. It brings on a sense of urgency. A sense of awareness."

The Cowboys ripped the Eagles 34-12 on Monday Night Football Nov. 6. But they discovered in the December showdown that the Eagles had vastly improved under rookie coach Ray Rhodes, a former defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers who knows the Cowboys very well.

Irvin said the baffling loss to the Eagles made famous by Dallas coach Barry Switzer's questionable fourth-quarter decision to go for it twice on fourth and 1 from his own 29 slapped the Cowboys awake.

"I'm glad the thing happened the way it happened," Irvin said. "I'm glad they put fear into our hearts and showed they are capable of beating us. I think it helps our attitude. We won't be overconfident going into this game. We know what kind of damage the Eagles can do. They taught us a lesson."

Dallas had defeated the Eagles seven consecutive times until it was ambushed.

Irvin caught only three passes for 40 yards in the game as the Eagles boxed him with double coverage. Quarterback Troy Aikman had difficulty finding the other wide receivers, completing two to Corey Fleming and one to Deion Sanders.

Philadelphia cornerback Bobby Taylor was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in shadowing Irvin.

Irvin gets a kick out of that, saying, "He had help and Taylor got player of the week? How does that happen? I guess it shows how bad I am."

Since that game Kevin Williams has come alive for the Cowboys, making a critical diving third-down catch that set up the winning field goal in a 21-20 victory over the New York Giants and scoring twice against the Arizona Cardinals.

Irvin said a team doubling him now could get into serious trouble.

"Kevin Williams has proved now how important he can be to this team," Irvin said. "Look what he did against the Giants and the Cardinals. We were forced to look his way because of the way teams were playing us. Now he can hurt another team bad."

Irvin said the loss has gone from bad to good medicine.

"It's a double good thing now," Irvin said. "Philadelphia has our attention. And we've added another big weapon on offense. It's perfect. We'll be ready this time."

Packers coach provides bulletin board material for 49ers in playoff clash

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers are taking it personally.

Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren says his "win it all" declaration was just an expression of confidence in the play of the Packers, but the 49ers have tacked Holmgren's words on a bulletin board in their locker room.

"A lot of people do a lot of talking, and in previous games during the season you've seen what happened with people that do a lot of talking," said San Francisco linebacker Lee Woodall, a reference to the 49ers' upset win at Dallas in November.

"We don't let our mouths speak for ourselves. We let what we do on the field speak for us," Woodall said Wednesday. "I don't think you've heard anyone in our locker room say, 'We're going to win it all. We're going to smash 'em. We're going to kill 'em.' We're not like that."

"We're more laid back and

say, 'Hey, whatever you say, you've got to back it up.' Like they say, actions speak louder than words. Their words may be loud right now, but their actions are going to have to be a lot louder."

Holmgren, the 49ers' offensive coordinator before leaving San Francisco in 1992 to become Packers coach, made the comments in the aftermath of the Packers' 37-20 playoff victory over Atlanta last weekend.

"Somebody asked me if I thought we could get all the way to the Super Bowl, and of course, being the head coach of a team and we just won a big game, I said, 'Hey, we're going to win 'em all — why not?'" Holmgren said via a conference call. "I concluded my remarks by saying you still have to beat the two teams that really have established themselves, Dallas and San Francisco. I had a smile on my face and I did not say I'm guaranteeing victory or whatever was written. I like our

team right now, and if someone asks me that question I'm going to respond in a positive manner."

Perryton downs Canadian cagers

PERRYTON — It was two games that could of gone either way. Unfortunately for Canadian, both games went Perryton's way.

In the boys game, Canadian led by one, 33-32, but ended up losing a 67-60 decision Tuesday night.

High scorer for Perryton was Cunningham with 20 points, followed by Valdez with 14.

Albert Lusby had 17 points and Kevin Zenor 11 to lead Canadian.

Canadian held a 28-27 lead going into the fourth quarter of the girls' contest, but Perryton came on strong for a 46-38 win.

Perryton's J. Ogden had 16 points while L. Ogden added 10. Rankin had 10 points while Lee and Carr added 8 each for the Lady Wildcats.

Texas hunters harvesting quail in slow season

By BOB HOOD
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — There is one luxury to a plentiful quail year that most Texas hunters haven't experienced this season: spot hunting. But despite the poor quail numbers throughout most of the state, there have been exceptions.

Among the hunters who have found the season a shade above fair are Philip and Randy French. This year's quail season no doubt will be remembered as a poor one for most hunters, a fair one for some and a better-than-expected season for others. Like bagging a big buck, a successful quail hunt this year is all a matter of being in the right place at the right time, especially for those who spot hunt.

"We have had some places where we have found birds in the past but haven't found them this year," Randy French said, "but we've still been able to find six to eight coveys in an afternoon's hunt."

The two cousins hunt on a ranch in Parker County that is composed mostly of grasslands cut by a creek bottom and occasional brushy draws. They have hunted the area for years and do two things that enable them to have good hunts, even during years when statewide quail populations are low.

For one, when their pointers find a covey of birds, the Frenches shoot only a few of the quail from the covey. By leaving the others, they are leaving "seed" for next year's crop of birds.

Second, they usually spot hunt, driving to specific areas where they have found coveys of birds in the past, letting two pointers out of their portable kennels, then hunting a small area for 10 to 20 minutes. If no birds are found, they load the dogs back into their kennels and head to another area known to hold quail, such as a specific brush-pile, mouth of a draw, fence row or edge of a creek.

Although they do most of their hunting during the late afternoon, the Frenches decided to try a morning hunt recently because the weather forecast called for hot temperatures during the middle hours. They knew that their dogs would hunt better in the cooler morning temperatures.

By spot hunting, they were able to find five coveys of quail

within about three hours of hunting. Two of the coveys each had as many as 15 or more birds — a large number, considering the low overall quail populations that often reduce covey sizes to six or fewer birds at this time of the year.

Elsewhere, many quail hunters have reported finding fewer than three coveys per day — during an all-day hunt, not just a morning or evening hunt.

In some of the traditional good quail areas, such as near Breckenridge and westward to San Angelo, many hunters simply have passed up going hunting because the birds have been so difficult to find.

Southwest Texas' brush country hunting has been fair in some areas, but the consensus is that the season has matched last

year's poor season.

Areas near Wichita Falls, Seymour and Brownwood continue to report the hunting to be slightly better than last year but still below average. Far West Texas has been exceptionally poor for blues and bobwhites.

Low quail populations at the end of last season, coupled with overall dry weather during the nesting season, has been blamed for this year's poor quail crop.

But hunters who have enough area to spot hunt, and those who practice conservation by not overharvesting the quail in individual coveys, will be the ones who look back at this year's quail season after it ends Feb. 25 and say it wasn't as bad as everyone thought it would be.

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FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs At A Glance
By The Associated Press
Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 30
Buffalo 37, Miami 22
Philadelphia 58, Detroit 37
Sunday, Dec. 31
Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20
Indianapolis 35, San Diego 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Green Bay at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7
Philadelphia at Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
Pairings TBD, 12:30 and 4 p.m.
Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:20 p.m.
Pro Bowl at Honolulu
Sunday, Feb. 4

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
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All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Orlando 24 6 .800 —
New York 19 10 .654 1/2
Miami 15 13 .536 8
Washington 15 14 .517 1/2
Boston 12 17 .414 1/2
New Jersey 11 17 .393 12
Philadelphia 6 22 .214 17
Central Division
Chicago 26 3 .897 —
Cleveland 16 12 .571 1/2
Indiana 16 12 .571 1/2
Detroit 15 15 .500 1 1/2
Charlotte 14 16 .467 1/2
Atlanta 13 16 .446 1/2
Milwaukee 11 18 .379 15
Toronto 9 22 .290 18

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
W L Pct GB
Houston 23 9 .719 —
San Antonio 20 9 .714 1
Utah 21 10 .677 1/2
Denver 13 17 .433 9
Dallas 8 20 .286 13
Minnesota 7 21 .250 14
Vancouver 5 25 .167 17
Pacific Division
Seattle 21 8 .724 —
Sacramento 17 9 .654 1/2
L.A. Lakers 16 16 .500 1 1/2
Phoenix 13 14 .481 7
Portland 14 17 .452 8
Golden State 12 17 .414 9
L.A. Clippers 11 19 .367 10 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Portland 101, New York 92
New Jersey 81, Milwaukee 72
Cleveland 108, Washington 100
Seattle 111, Atlanta 88
Houston 105, Minnesota 100
Utah 102, Dallas 92
Indiana 102, Denver 87
Philadelphia 90, L.A. Lakers 89

Wednesday's Games
Late Games not included
Orlando 121, Toronto 110
Chicago 100, Houston 86
Portland 114, Boston 110, OT
Milwaukee 96, Detroit 82
San Antonio 111, Utah 97
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, (n)
Philadelphia at Golden State, (n)

Thursday's Games
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NBA All-Star Voting Results
NEW YORK (AP) — Results of fan balloting for the starting teams in the 1996 NBA All-Star game to be played Feb. 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Through Jan. 1
Forwards
1. Grant Hill, Detroit, 347,588. 2. Scottie Pippen, Chicago, 330,952. 3. Larry Johnson, Charlotte, 102,677. 4. Dennis Rodman, Chicago, 83,619. 5. Chris

Webber, Washington, 72,910. 6. Horace Grant, Orlando, 68,765. 7. Glen Rice, Charlotte, 61,369. 8. Vin Baker, Milwaukee, 48,243. 9. Glenn Robinson, Milwaukee, 47,162. 10. Anthony Mason, New York, 36,170.
Guards
1. Michael Jordan, Chicago, 301,295. 2. Aronie Hardaway, Orlando, 297,091. 3. Joe Dumars, Detroit, 116,950. 4. Jerry Stackhouse, Philadelphia, 89,015. 5. Reggie Miller, Indiana, 82,409. 6. Muggsy Bogues, Charlotte, 64,315. 7. Damon Stoudamire, Toronto, 52,564. 8. Derek Harper, New York, 38,746. 9. Kendall Gill, Charlotte, 32,720. 10. Mark Price, Washington, 29,629.
Centers
1. Shaquille O'Neal, Orlando, 332,125. 2. Alonzo Mourning, Miami, 187,598. 3. Patrick Ewing, New York, 79,709. 4. Rick Smits, Indiana, 41,464. 5. Gheorghe Muresan, Washington, 30,707. 6. Carlos Rogers, Toronto, 25,719. 7. Shawn Bradley, New Jersey, 21,597. 8. Eric Montross, Boston, 19,649. 9. Kevin Willis, Miami, 17,250. 10. Andrew Lang, Atlanta, 13,453.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Through Jan. 2
Forwards
1. Charles Barkley, Phoenix, 302,280. 2. Shawn Kemp, Seattle, 286,650. 3. Karl Malone, Utah, 238,511. 4. Jamal Mashburn, Dallas, 115,904. 5. Robert Horry, Houston, 104,188. 6. Cliff Robinson, Portland, 71,560. 7. Cedric Ceballos, L.A. Lakers, 56,605. 8. A.C. Green, Phoenix, 51,267. 9. Christian Laettner, Minnesota, 50,377. 10. Tom Gugliotta, Minnesota, 35,767.
Guards
1. Jason Kidd, Dallas, 288,625. 2. Clyde Drexler, Houston, 283,940. 3. John Stockton, Utah, 200,457. 4. Sam Cassell, Houston, 78,927. 5. Jim Jackson, Dallas, 78,612. 6. Tim Hardaway, Golden State, 77,841. 7. Nick Van Exel, L.A. Lakers, 69,764. 8. Latrell Sprewell, Golden State, 53,567. 9. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, Denver, 51,766. 10. Kevin Johnson, Phoenix, 51,384.
Centers
1. Hakeem Olajuwon, Houston, 303,283. 2. David Robinson, San Antonio, 239,242. 3. Dikembe Mutombo, Denver, 44,119. 4. Vladi Divac, L.A. Lakers, 34,636. 5. Sam Perkins, Seattle, 26,314. 6. Olden Polynice, Sacramento, 21,878. 7. Bryant Reeves, Vancouver, 21,588. 8. Rony Seikaly, Golden State, 18,865. 9. John Williams, Phoenix, 13,283. 10. Brian Williams, L.A. Clippers, 10,313.

TRANSACTIONS
Wednesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with Paul Sorrento, first baseman, on a one-year contract.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with Jerome Walton, outfielder, on a one-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Jeff Mercer director of Florida operations and general manager of the Kissimmee Cobras of the Florida State League.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Chris Maloney manager, Rich Folkers pitching coach, and Brad Bluestone trainer for St. Petersburg of the Florida State League. Roy Silver manager, Ray Seearge pitching coach, and Bert Boyd trainer for Peoria of the Midwest League. Scott Melvin manager and B.J. Maack trainer for New Jersey of the New York-Penn League. Steve Turco manager and Aaron Bruns trainer for Johnson City of the Appalachian League.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Promoted Fred Uhlman Jr., special assistant to the general manager, to assistant general manager.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Placed Scott Burrell, forward, on the injured list. Activated Michael Adams, guard, from the injured list. Waived Greg Sutton, guard.
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Activated Donald Hodge, center, from the injured list.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed Antonio Harvey, forward-center.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Placed Michael Smith, forward, on the injured list. Activated Byron Houston, forward, from the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Announced that the entire coaching staff will return for the 1996 season.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Agreed to terms with Steve Broussard, running back-kick returner, on a two-year contract.

GOLF
Professional Golfers Association
PGA TOUR—Extended the sponsorship agreement with the Nike Tour through 2000.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned Roman Vopat, center, to Moose Jaw of the WHL.

PHS matmen go against Amarillo Tascosa in dual

PAMPA — The Pampa High wrestling team faces a busy schedule, starting with Tascosa in a dual tonight in Amarillo.
On Saturday, the Harvesters have another dual scheduled against Randall there. Then, the team is at home next Tuesday in a 7 p.m. dual with River Road.
"Everything is bang-bang right now. We had to do some rescheduling because of the football season," said Pampa coach Steve Kuhn.
The Harvesters had another successful journey to Holly, Colo. during the Christmas break, winning the tournament title there for the second straight year.
Mark Fonden at 135 pounds and Chance Hogan at 140 brought home first-place individual medals for the Harvesters as both wrestlers won all four of their matches.
Clint Curtis at 160, Tanner Winkler at 215 and heavy-weight Justin Ensey advanced to the championship finals for the Harvesters. In the consolation bracket, Ryan Bruce (171) placed third, Kevin Lernigan (130), Robbie Payne (152) and Aaron Wiseman (189) were all fourth.
"I was real pleased with everybody's effort," Kuhn said. "We had 146.5 points as a team and second place was 146, so we needed everybody's points to win."
In the first round of the tournament, all except two Harvesters won their matches by a fall.

North Korea ensures 100 percent Olympic turnout

LONDON (AP) — There will be a full house for the Olympic birth-bash in Atlanta next summer.
All 197 nations belonging to the Olympic movement have accepted invitations to compete in Atlanta, ensuring a 100 percent turnout for the centennial celebration of the modern Games.
Full participation was guaranteed Wednesday when North Korea, the only holdout, notified the International Olympic Committee that it would send a team to Atlanta after all.
For the first time in postwar history, every country affiliated with the IOC has agreed to compete in the Olympics. It's a remarkable achievement for a movement that was torn by political divisions and boycotts in the 1980s.
The last Olympics in the United States, the 1984 Los Angeles Games, were victimized by a Soviet-led boycott. That followed the U.S.-led boycott of the 1980 Moscow Games.
"That's thrilling," Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, said when informed of North Korea's acceptance. "It's extremely important, it being the centennial. We are just excited as we can be that every single invited country is going to be here for the Games."

The acceptance came in a letter to IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch from the president of North Korea's national Olympic committee, Myong Chol Park.
"We are extremely pleased," IOC director general Francois Carrard said. "Our objective has always been to gather the youth of the world. To reach this goal for the Centennial Games in the United States is very important."
The participation of 197 countries in Atlanta shatters the previous record of 169 set at the 1992

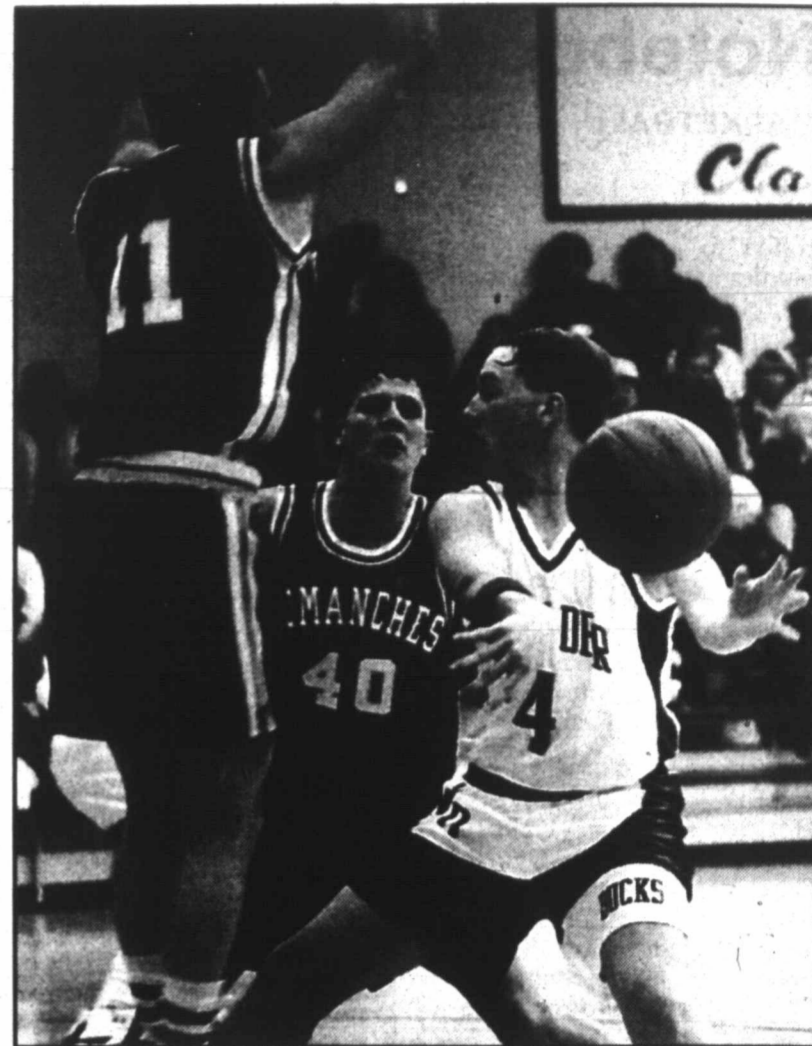
Olympics in Barcelona. In addition to North Korea, the entries include other international pariahs such as Iran, Iraq and Libya.
North Korea and Afghanistan were the only countries failing to reply to the IOC invitations by the original Nov. 15 deadline. Afghanistan sent its acceptance last month, a delay attributed by the IOC to "communications problems."
There were serious doubts that North Korea would take part, considering the Communist country's severe food shortages, isolationist policies and continuing tensions with rival South Korea.

But Samaranch contacted the North Korean Olympic committee on Dec. 18 to renew the invitation. Two days later, the Koreans replied they were still considering the matter, Carrard said.
In addition, former President Jimmy Carter wrote to the nominal head of state in North Korea, Kim Jong-il, and personally invited the country to send a team to Atlanta.
Carrard said he was unaware whether Carter's initiative had played any role in the North Koreans' decision. Wednesday's letter from the Olympic committee offered no explanation for the delay, he said.

Carrie Harmon, a spokeswoman for Carter, said the former president was traveling and had not received any independent confirmation about the North Koreans. "We are very pleased by the IOC announcement," she said.
After helping to open lines of communication between North Korea and the IOC, Carter "encouraged North Korea to respond through the normal channels," Harmon said.

North Korea boycotted the 1984 and 1988 Olympics, but competed at the 1992 Barcelona Games.
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"We won a nice game, but we have 17 more tough games to go, and I'm too smart to get too excited at this point," Minnesota coach Clem Haskins said.
Besides, it might get even better.
In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, it was No. 2 Kentucky 89, South

Post play



(Pampa News photo by Jeff Carruth)
White Deer Bucks' post Torey Craig (4) lures a West Texas High player into the air before dishing off the ball during a non-district contest Tuesday night at Antler Gym in White Deer. Craig scored 15 points in the Bucks' 67-63 loss. The Bucks' next scheduled game is Friday night versus Wellington in White Deer.

Big Ten season has wild start

By The Associated Press

Maybe the special Big Ten football season highlighted by Northwestern's rise is going to carry over to basketball.

The Big Ten wasn't expected to be its usual top-of-the-rankings conference this season. The race was going to be wide open, and the number of NCAA entrants might not be as high as in recent years.
Still, it can't be as crazy as it was Wednesday night. The league's three ranked teams all lost on the road, and Penn State, the conference's last unbeaten team, stayed that way with a road win.

In the league opener, it was Purdue 85, No. 10 Iowa 61; Minnesota 69, No. 13 Illinois 64; Wisconsin 51, No. 21 Michigan 46; and Penn State 72, Ohio State 69.

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Carolina 60; No. 6 Georgetown 81, DePaul 61; No. 7 Connecticut 89, West Virginia 79; Miami 75, No. 11 Syracuse 66; No. 14 Georgia 74, Mississippi 38; No. 17 Mississippi State 77, LSU 64; No. 22 Clemson 51, No. 19 Duke 48; Nebraska 85, No. 23 Texas 69; and No. 24 Boston College 95, Rutgers 67.

Penn State remained unbeaten in 10 games with the victory at Columbus, matching the starts of the 1922-23 and 1924-25 teams as the best in the school's 100 years of basketball.

"We believe we belong in the Big Ten and that we'll succeed in the Big Ten," said Danny Earl, who had 16 points and six assists for the Nittany Lions. "Penn State has always been thought of as a football school. Now we're trying to make a move in basketball."

Purdue is trying to win its third straight Big Ten title. The last team to do that was the great Ohio State teams of the early 1960s.

The Boilermakers (11-2) opened defense of the crown with reserve center Brad Miller scoring a career-high 23 points while matching his career-high with 11 rebounds.

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Declarations concerning Hillary's role in firings at odds with memo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contradicting the previous portrayal of Hillary Rodham Clinton's role, a presidential aide's memo says the first lady was the unseen hand triggering the White House travel office firings after she conferred with Hollywood producer Harry Thomason.

The 1993 draft memo by David Watkins surfaced Wednesday night from White House files, nearly three years after the travel office flap and eight months after the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee began demanding that the Clinton administration turn over files on the controversy.

The memo by Watkins, then White House director of administration, states that White House officials were under intense pressure from Mrs. Clinton to dismiss all seven travel office employees and replace them with a Little Rock, Ark., travel agency. Thomason co-owned an aviation consulting company that could have benefited from a new travel office operation.

"We ... knew that there would be hell to pay if ... we failed to take swift and decisive action in conformity with the first lady's wishes," Watkins' memo says. It is marked "Privileged And Confidential."

After producing Watkins' memo to the House committee, the White House released the document at the request of The

Associated Press, which has repeatedly asked the White House for access to all travel office-related documents in the past several months.

Watkins begins the undated memo by saying this "is my first attempt to be sure the record is straight, something I have not done in previous conversations with investigators."

When talking to a White House internal review team that found the firings unfair, "I have been as protective and vague as possible," Watkins said in the memo.

The memo appears to be written for Watkins' boss at the time of the travel office controversy, then-White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty.

Then deputy-White House counsel Vincent Foster "regularly informed me that the first lady was concerned and desired action — the action desired was the firing of the travel office staff," Watkins' memo says.

Watkins' memo conflicts with written answers given six months later by a White House lawyer who interviewed Mrs. Clinton about her role in the travel office affair.

"Mrs. Clinton does not know the origin of the decision to remove the White House Travel Office employees," said April 6, 1994, responses to the General Accounting Office by then-associate White House counsel Neil Eggleston. "Mrs. Clinton was

aware that Mr. Watkins was undertaking a review of the situation in the Travel Office, but she had no role in the decision to terminate the employees."

"Mrs. Clinton did not direct that any action be taken by anyone with regard to the Travel Office, other than expressing an interest in receiving information about the review" of travel office operations, said Eggleston's responses to the GAO, the congressional investigative agency that looked into the travel office case.

While never describing the events with such candor to investigators, Watkins in the past has disclosed a conversation with Mrs. Clinton, saying she urged action to get "our people" into the travel office. The office makes travel arrangements for White House journalists accompanying the president on trips.

White House spokesman Mark Fabiani said Wednesday night that Watkins' draft memo "doesn't add many new facts to the already-extensive public record" on the travel office affair. Watkins issued a statement calling the memo "a rough draft written in the early fall of 1993" that "was never used."

Watkins' memo says that "the first lady took interest in having the travel office situation resolved quickly, following Harry Thomason's bringing it to her attention."

Muslim group claims Delhi bomb attack

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A bomb exploded in a packed shopping bazaar in the Indian capital Wednesday, killing at least six people and injuring 31 others.

The Jammu-Kashmir Islamic Front claimed responsibility for the blast outside a row of shops in Sadar Bazaar, an aging commercial center of decrepit 100-year-old buildings. The area is close to New Delhi's main railroad station, which is used by 400,000 commuters a day.

The claim was made by an anonymous caller to The Associated Press in Srinagar, the capital of Jammu-Kashmir state. An anonymous caller to the Press Trust of India in New Delhi also claimed responsibility for the explosion on behalf of the Kashmiri separatist group.

Press Trust of India quoted the caller as saying the group was protesting "atrocities" in Kashmir state, where Muslim



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guerrillas have been waging a war of independence for six years. The conflict has left nearly 13,000 people dead.

The same group claimed responsibility for a Nov. 21 bomb in New Delhi's city center, which injured at least 30 people.

Wednesday's explosion set off a fire in the bazaar that gutted at

least five shops before firefighters were able to put it out an hour later, said fire officer B.S. Dahiya. "I was standing in my shop when I heard a loud noise. I thought the building was crumbling," said Satish Aggarwal, the owner of a furniture store in the bazaar area.

"I was thrown on the ground. There was a lot of smoke and outside I could see flames," he said.

Fire from the blast spread to a shop selling office stationery, then raced through others stocked with rubber foam mattresses, crockery, automobile parts and household goods.

The area was littered with glass panes, charred goods, mangled signboards, a dozen bicycle rickshaws and a motor scooter.

The road was splattered with blood. Dozens of broken bottles of ketchup that were being unloaded from a pushcart when the blast occurred added to the macabre sight.

Mussels, Concho pearls become extremely rare finds

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — People who hunt for Concho pearls and the mussels that make them are having a harder time these days.

Gems have become so scarce in Concho Valley waterways that some hunters say the search is hardly worthwhile anymore.

"I used to find a pearl in every 10 shells or so," said Mike Bagwell, who hunts for the mauve marvels that put the region on jewelers' itineraries. "But the last few years, it's been

more like one in every 40 or 50."

Some hunters are selling the mussel shells without opening them, because the pearls are becoming so scarce and there has been no increase in the price paid to hunters.

"Just a few years ago I could make \$200 or \$300 a week hunting pearls," said David Reynolds, who has been wading the lakes and streams around San Angelo for 20 years. "Now I'm doing good to make \$50 or \$60 every three or four weeks."

Experts say pearls — from a gray or dusky mauve variety, to light lavender and peach — are found in freshwater mussels in waterways in North and Central America.

Bob Howell of the Texas Parks and Wildlife's research center in Kerrville says that of the 300 species of freshwater mussels in the nation, 52 used to thrive in Texas. But all 52 species are now threatened because of heavy gathering and poorer water quality.

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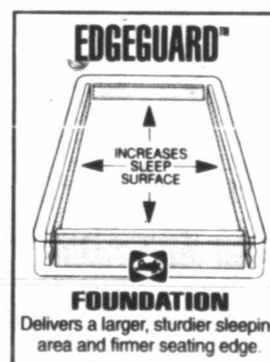


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