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

LOCAL

PAMPA — The Gray County 4-H Stock Show begins today at 6:30 p.m. at Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park east of Pampa.

The show allows county 4-H members to practice their showmanship. County Extension Agent Danny Nussner said.

Saturday morning, the 26th Annual Buyer's Breakfast, sponsored by the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, will run from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in the pavilion's dining room.

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

AUSTIN (AP) — The City Council has approved a ban on public camping in Austin over protests from homeless people and their advocates.

The deciding vote Thursday was cast by Council Member Max Nofziger, a former street-corner flower salesman whom the homeless often have looked to for support.

Nofziger, who has wavered on anti-camping proposal, said he decided to support it as a small way to address the homeless problem.

"I'm willing to try this. But it's not very satisfying, frankly," he said.

Four of the seven council members voted for the ordinance, which takes effect Jan. 14. One member voted no, one abstained and one was absent.

ODESSA (AP) — The death of a former Odessa girl has resulted in more than 100 people in Ector and Tarrant Counties being treated to prevent a potentially fatal bacterial disease.

Victoria Barrientes, 14, of Arlington died Tuesday in Fort Worth of spinal meningitis after a Christmas visit to her family in Odessa.

Health officials in Odessa and Fort Worth said there is no indication anyone outside the girl's family was exposed.

At least 87 people in Odessa and 25 in Tarrant County have been given medication to prevent them from contracting spinal meningitis, health directors in both counties said.

BEEVILLE (AP) — The warden of the McConnell state prison unit here says inmates are wearing much simpler uniforms nowadays because they got to be too proficient at making weapons from the clothing they wore previously.

The inmates are being stripped of anything they could use to make a weapon — right down to their underwear if necessary, prison officials said.

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Republicans agree to plan to end crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans today agreed to a plan to end for now a record 21-day partial government shutdown that has disrupted services and idled hundreds of thousands of federal workers.

Speaker Newt Gingrich, who persuaded skeptical members of his party to accept the deal in a 15-minute closed-door speech, said the burden is now on President Clinton to agree to a balanced budget that would permanently end the crisis.

The GOP plan, which headed for a vote today, would immediately restore 280,000 furloughed workers to their jobs with full pay through Jan. 26. It would restart the salaries of 480,000 others in unfunded agencies — who have not been paid for work performed since the partial closure began Dec. 16.

"We have felt very strongly we had to find a way to pay the federal employees," Gingrich said after the meeting. But, he said, "The House Republican Conference has no faith the president is negotiating in good faith, has no faith the president will ever provide a balanced budget."

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, credited Gingrich with persuading his rank and file to support the GOP leadership.

"It was one speech by Newt Gingrich," he said. "We may call him Knute Rockne after today. We're going to play as a team."

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said he would withhold judgment until after the plan passes. "We are hopeful that the club that some in the House Republican caucus hoped they could use on the president has gone back in the closet," he said, referring to threats to keep the government closed until there is a balanced-budget deal.

Clinton likely would sign the measure although he would prefer a broader back-to-work bill, a White House official said today.

The House Rules Committee cleared two options for votes. One would send 280,000 furloughed government employees back to work with full pay through Jan. 26; return 480,000 others in unfunded agencies to full pay through that date; and finance a handful of still-unfunded programs for the entire fiscal

year that began Oct. 1.

An alternative bill would fund the entire government through Jan. 26 at a minimum of 75 percent of last year's spending levels — but would be contingent on a seven-year balanced budget agreement using estimates by the Congressional Budget Office.

The legislation also would need to pass the Senate to end the shutdown.

The House GOP leadership on Thursday failed to sell its rank and file on a plan to restart the government through March 15. Many Republicans said that would remove pressure for Clinton to bargain seriously on a balanced budget.

"Right now, March 15 seems like a long time," freshman Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., said.

GOP leaders then moved the date back to Jan. 26, giving congressional leaders and Clinton 21 days to work out an agreement before there was another government crisis.

Until Thursday, House Republicans had refused to reopen the government or pay employees until a White House deal was negotiated.

Solomon said the deal was a compromise. Republican conservatives sought the earlier date, and moderates — including Washington-area lawmakers — wanted any bill that would put their constituents back to work with full pay.

None of the 760,000 workers in unfunded agencies were being paid for work they have done since the partial shutdown began Dec. 16.

Programs to be funded under the Republican plan include funds for administering unemployment benefits, foster care and adoption help, national parks and museums, passport and visa services, many veterans' benefits and the Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens.

A major welfare program, Aid to Families With Dependent Children, would only be funded through March 15, as would the adoption assistance and foster care programs.

The bulk of programs in unfunded departments would not be financed, however, which could leave many workers with little to do.

Class action granted smoking case

MIAMI (AP) — A lawsuit by flight attendants claiming they were sickened by secondhand smoke can go forward as a national class action, a state appeals court ruled.

The Third District Court of Appeal upheld the status Wednesday.

"This would appear to put us

on a fast track to a trial date," said Miami lawyer Stanley Rosenblatt, who filed the suit in 1991. "This really looks like this is it."

The original plaintiffs were 30 nonsmoking flight attendants who accused the nation's major tobacco companies of fraud, negligence, conspiracy and misrepresentation.

Budget stalemate threatens meal programs for elderly in Texas

From AP and Staff Reports

AUSTIN (AP) — Nutrition programs for the elderly are expected to begin shutting down around Texas as early as next week due to the federal budget stalemate, according to the state Department on Aging. However, local officials say that won't happen in Pampa.

Of 28 area agencies on aging that serve tens of thousands of elderly people around Texas, some expect to start shutting down programs next week and none are certain of enough money to continue operating past the end of January, said agency spokesman James Grabbs.

"The home-bound elderly are probably the most painful scenario. They're not able to, in a lot of cases, prepare meals for themselves even if they had the food. They're pretty frail," Grabbs said Thursday.

With federal funding stopped and state money exhausted, area agencies are currently operating primarily on local contributions, he said.

Local contributions completely fund the Pampa Meals on Wheels program, director Ann Loter said today.

"We have always been community based ... and we have not had any federal funding," she added.

"The program itself will not be affected," Loter said.

Loter said, though, that the program could be affected indirectly by the shutdown if any of their clients receive federal benefits.

The nutrition program funding overseen by the Department on Aging serves people age 60 and older.

It includes home-delivered Meals on Wheels and so-called congregate meals,



This morning, Robbie Sharp of Lubbock was busy chiseling away at the ice which coated the windshield of her car. Sharp is staying with her aunt Cressie Hood and they were preparing to get on their way to a beauty shop appointment.

Sleet, snow forecast for Panhandle area

From Staff and AP Reports

An Arctic cold front was moving southward into Texas early today, threatening to bring freezing precipitation to a vast area of the state for the second time in less than a week.

A winter storm watch was in effect for tonight for the extreme northwestern and north central areas of the Panhandle.

A winter storm watch was in effect for late tonight and Saturday for the extreme northeast Texas Panhandle.

As much as four inches of snow could fall in the area covered by the winter storm watch, the National Weather Service reported today.

Pampa meteorologist Darrell Schorn said today that he doesn't expect a big accumulation of snow Saturday, but the weather will be "very cold" and travel will be hazardous.

"We'll experience the coldest weather of the season," he added, citing a projected low of 5

below early Sunday.

Freezing drizzle mixed with snow fell across areas of the Texas Panhandle early today. The Texas Department of Public Safety reported slicks roads throughout the Amarillo area.

Icy roads were reported in Dalhart, Stratford, Borger, Dumas, Vega, Canyon and Hereford.

Roads in Pampa and the immediate area were slightly slick this morning, said DPS Trooper Ron Shank.

Freezing drizzle was also reported in Clarendon.

Temperatures will drop to into the teens and 20s as far south as the Texas Hill Country and in northern areas of South Texas by dawn Saturday.

The front extended early today through the Trans-Pecos area into the Edwards Plateau and eastward into Central Texas.

Forecasts called for cloudy skies across West Texas through Saturday with a chance of snow tonight and Saturday for the

Panhandle. Light freezing rain is possible from the Permian Basin to the Concho Valley tonight, possibly changing to snow on Saturday.

In North Texas, it will be mostly cloudy and cold tonight. On Saturday, there is a slight chance of light snow in western areas and in extreme northern areas on Saturday.

There is a slight chance of rain in extreme southeastern portions and a chance of freezing rain or drizzle elsewhere in North Texas on Saturday.

In South Texas, it will be cloudy and cold through Saturday.

Lows tonight will be in the teens and 20s except in South Texas where readings will be in the teens and 20s in northern areas and in the 30s elsewhere.

Highs Saturday will be in the teens to low 20s in the Panhandle and in the 20s, 30s and 40s elsewhere in West Texas, the 20s and 30s across North Texas and in the 30s and 40s in South Texas.

through his agency. The DHS program receives its money through a different federal source.

A representative with the DHS office in Pampa said the DHS home-delivered meal program is not operative in Pampa.

The bulk of the funding for nutrition programs under the Texas Department of Aging comes from the federal government, Grabbs said.

The federal government provides approximately \$33 million a year, while the state kicks in approximately \$3.8 million, he said. People who receive the meals contribute what they can afford, which adds up to about another \$5 million, Grabbs said.

Local communities also must provide matching funds of at least 10 percent of the federal money they receive, he said, adding, "A lot are more generous."

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Services tomorrow

CARTER, J.E. (Eldon) - 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
HOWELL, Lois Ruth - 11:30 a.m., Ed C. Smith and Brothers Chapel, Dallas.

Obituaries

J.E. CARTER
LEFORS - J.E. Carter, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996, at Pampa. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Howard Swinney, pastor of the Lefors Church of Christ, and the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating. Burial will be under Fairview Cemetery in Pampa 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 A.F.M.

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.

MITCHELL C. RANKIN
CROWELL - Mitchell C. Rankin, 63, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon • Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo with Dr. Howard K. Batson, of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Rankin was born at Mobeetie and moved to Amarillo as a child. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 1950. He was a Korean War veteran, serving with the Marine Corps in C Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. He had also been active with the Marine Corps Reserve in Amarillo as a drill sergeant. He married Donna Billene Childers in 1955 at Canyon. He graduated from West Texas State University in 1970. His first head coaching position was at Lola. He also coached and taught at Borger, Dumas, Azle, Canyon, Hart and Shamrock. He retired from teaching at Crowell. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crowell.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; two daughters, Anne Michelle Trupe of Amarillo and Kay Linda Kaake of Dumas; his mother, Elsie Rankin of Amarillo; a sister, LaFaun Ward of Amarillo; a brother, Weldon Rankin of Lipscomb; and four grandchildren.

The family will be at 6709 Jameson in Amarillo.

Accidents

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

THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 5:40 p.m. - A 1991 Ford driven by Kevin Allen Sanders, 26, was in collision with a 1993 Ford van driven by Lila Wynell Meeks, 34, 1515 N. Russell, at the intersection of Hamilton and 22nd. Sanders was cited for failure to yield right of way at yield sign.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.83
Milo	6.01
Corn	6.54

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

Nowsco	13.58	NC
Occidental	21.58	up 1/8

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

Magellan	85.43
Puritan	17.15

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

Ampco	71 3/8	up 1/2
Arco	115.78	up 1 3/8
Cabot	54 3/4	dn 1/4
Cantor O&G	15 1/8	up 1/8
Chevron	55 1/2	up 1
Coca-Cola	75 3/8	up 3/8
Columbia/HCA	53 3/4	dn 1/2
Diamond Sham	25 1/2	up 1/4
Enron	37 1/2	up 1/8
Halliburton	48	up 3/4
Ingersoll Rand	37 1/4	NC
KNE	29 7/8	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	63 3/4	dn 1/4
Limited	16 3/4	dn 1/8
Mapco	53 3/4	NC
McDonald's	45 1/8	dn 5/8
Mobil	115 1/2	up 3/8
New Atmos	22 5/8	dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	21	dn 1/4
Pennco	48 3/4	dn 1/8
Phillips	34 3/4	up 1/8
SLB	67 3/8	dn 1/2
SPS	32 7/8	up 1/8
Tenneco	49 3/4	up 1/4
Texasco	79 3/4	up 1/2
Wal-Mart	23 1/2	dn 1/4
New York Gold	395.45	
Silver	5.46	
West Texas Crude	19.91	

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

MOBILE MEALS MENU
 Mobile meals menu for Jan. 6 is beans and franks, beets, cabbage, cake and cornbread.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of South Reid. Stolen was a stereo. The back window was broken out and four flat tires were reported, estimated at \$500 damage.
 Theft of clothes and toys valued at \$500 was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson.
 Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road. It occurred between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday. Stolen was \$150 cash, 26-inch television, \$300; portable compact disc player, \$150; video cassette recorder, \$165; and car speaker, \$400.

A house window was shot out with a BB or pellet gun in the 1900 block of North Dwight.
 Theft of \$200 was reported in the 400 block of West Foster. It occurred between 1 p.m. and 8:20 p.m. Thursday.

Theft of a 20-gauge shotgun, \$250, and gold nugget ring, \$150, were reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Officer Kyle Battin reported failure to identify in the 800 block of East Scott at 3:15 p.m. Thursday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 5
 The right rear window of a vehicle was reported broken out in the 1600 block of Alcock. It occurred between 10:30 p.m. Thursday and 12:30 a.m. Friday.

Arrests
THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 Ira Don Hicks, 25, 1109 Varnon Dr., was arrested at 109 Wynne on two warrants and a charge of evading arrest.

Ricky Joe Diaz, 827 E. Murphy, was arrested in the 800 block of East Scott on two warrants, two citations and a charge of evading arrest.

FRIDAY, Jan. 5
 Scott Allen Frith, 608 Wynne, was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road on a charge of public intoxication.

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 8:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 9:07 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

9:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to one mile north on Highway 70 on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 10:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital.
 1:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital.
 1:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2000 block of Coffee on a lifting assistance. No patient was transported.
 5:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Hamilton on a motor vehicle accident. No patient was transported.
 7:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a trauma call and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

Sheriff's Office

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

THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 Violation of liquor laws was reported in the 500 block of North Grove, McLean.

Arrests
THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 George Thomas Reames, 24, 2634 Seminole, was arrested on warrants. He paid fines and restitution and was released.
 Robert Joe Brown, 35, 511 Oklahoma, was arrested on two capias pro fine warrants.

FRIDAY, Jan. 5
 Misty Dawn Villarreal, 20, Spearman, was arrested on a charge of forgery.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Jan. 4
 9:13 a.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to two miles north on Highway 70 on a first responder medical assist.
 8:37 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a gas leak at 2213 N. Dwight.

Miami attorney seeks district attorney post



Rick Roach

MIAMI - A Miami attorney seeking the office of district attorney for the 31st Judicial District said if elected he plans to work the job full time.

Rick Roach, Roberts County attorney, said he plans to run for the job promising if elected to work as district attorney full time.

"If elected, I would spend 100 percent of my time as DA," he said.

Roach also said if elected he plans to restore relations with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force so it may work in Gray and Wheeler counties.

"I would do what I could to see those rifts were mended," Roach said, citing difficulties between law enforcement agencies in the past.

He cited satisfaction with task force efforts in Roberts County.

"I believe if we could eradicate drugs in this town it would cure

the crime in this town," Roach said referring to Pampa.

Roach, 44, has served as Roberts county attorney since 1990 and has been a member of

the State Bar of Texas for 18 years. He began a private practice in Miami in 1989. He was an associate with Sims, Hayes and Lasley in Canadian 1978 through 1980. He maintained a private practice in Lubbock and Breckenridge from 1980 through 1989.

He is a Pampa High School and Texas Tech graduate. He earned a doctor of jurisprudence from Texas Tech School of Law in 1978.

He is a U.S. Army veteran with active duty 1969 through 1972. He served in the reserves 1972 through 1976 and is a member of the American Legion Pulaski Post 106, where he is veterans' service officer.

Roach is Region 1 director of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. In the association he is chairman of the county attorney issues committee and a member of the nominations committee and long range planning committee.

Suspected Palestinian terrorist killed

BEIT LAHIYA, Gaza Strip (AP) - A Palestinian extremist known as "The Engineer," suspected of masterminding suicide bus bombings that killed dozens of Israelis, was reported killed today in the Gaza Strip.

But some Palestinian officials questioned whether Yehia Ayyash had really been killed in the town of Beit Lahiya, as Israel media and a Palestinian radical leader reported.

"Nobody heard anything, and nobody saw it," said Suifan Abu Ziade, a PLO official said on Israel television. "We don't know anything."

Police officials in Beit Lahiya said that despite an intense search, they had found no bodies. Palestinian Attorney General Khaled al-Kidra said he could neither confirm nor deny the reports of Ayyash's death.

Ayyash topped Israel's wanted list, and the head of the Shin Bet security service reportedly had made his capture the agency's top mission. In the past, there have been frequent false reports

that Ayyash, a member of the military wing of the Islamic militant Hamas group, had been captured or killed.

First news of Ayyash's death was reported by Israeli radio and television stations, which said he died in an explosion in a house in Beit Lahiya, at the northern end of Gaza near the major crossing point to Israel.

Imad Falouji, a senior figure in Hamas, confirmed that Ayyash had been killed in an explosion in Beit Lahiya, blaming Israel for "this ugly incident."

Israel radio and television stations later dropped the reference to an explosion, citing Palestinian police reports that investigators had found the bodies of a man and woman shot to death in Beit Lahiya. There was no official confirmation of the identities.

And Falouji later told reporters that rumors were circulating and it was unclear if Ayyash had actually been killed. Other senior Hamas officials said no body had been found and they didn't know if Ayyash was dead.

Israel accuses him of sending seven suicide bombers on missions that killed at least 55 Israelis and wounded about 300. The attacks include two bus bombings in northern Israel that killed 15 Israelis, and a blast in the center of Tel Aviv on Oct. 19, 1994, that killed 22 people.

Ayyash's bombing campaign shook the Israeli public's confidence in the peace process, forcing delays in negotiations at several points.

But it made Ayyash, a 30-year-old chemical engineer, a hero to some Palestinians, especially in the impoverished refugee camps of the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

After a Hamas official announced over a loudspeaker that "our hero, the engineer, has been assassinated by the Mossad," Israel's intelligence agency, hundreds of people rushed into the streets.

Israeli authorities have arrested Ayyash's mother, wife, and other relatives in recent months in an effort to obtain information on his whereabouts.

Russian foreign minister Kozyrev resigns

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, a leading advocate of strong ties with the West and Boris Yeltsin's longest-serving minister, resigned today.

Kozyrev, who had been under tremendous pressure for months from hard-liners and Yeltsin himself, had to choose between remaining foreign minister and taking the parliamentary seat he won in Dec. 17 elections. Russian law does not allow government officials to serve simultaneously in parliament.

The 44-year-old diplomat was on vacation at a resort outside Moscow and could not immedi-

ately be reached for comment. Pyotr Tarasov, a presidential press spokesman, said that Yeltsin had accepted Kozyrev's resignation.

Kozyrev has been a target of Communists and nationalists, who won the most votes in the election to the Duma, the lower house of the Russian parliament, and his departure would be a victory for hard-liners.

"We have long demanded that Kozyrev should leave. Any foreign minister can make mistakes, but all Kozyrev's blunders have been in favor of the West and not once did he err in Russia's favor," said Eduard Kovalyov, a spokesman for the Communist Party.

Kozyrev's departure could strengthen a growing nationalist streak in Russia's relations with the West, which have worsened in the past several years after a warm period following the end of the Cold War.

Yeltsin said last week that Russia needed to pay more attention to its eastern neighbors, and a centerpiece of his foreign travels planned for this year is a trip to China scheduled for March.

Kozyrev's resignation had been expected. Yeltsin had indicated he intended to make changes in his Cabinet as a result of the hard-line victory in last month's parliamentary elections.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Winter weather advisory and storm watch tonight. Cloudy with a low near 15. Northeast winds 10-15 mph. A 40 percent chance of snow, especially after midnight. Saturday, cloudy with snow likely. A high near 20 with northeast winds 10-15 mph. A 50 percent chance of snow. Sunday, variable cloudiness with a high near 26 and a low of 0 or below. Thursday's high was 41; the overnight low was 19.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle (Northwest): Winter storm watch tonight. Tonight, snow likely. Lows around 10. Saturday, cloudy with a chance of snow mainly in the morning, then partial clearing late. Highs 15 to 20. Saturday night, becoming mostly clear. Lows 5 to 10 below zero. Panhandle (Northeast): Winter storm watch late tonight and Saturday. Tonight, cloudy with snow becoming likely by midnight. Lows 5 to 10. Saturday, cloudy with snow likely. Highs around 15. Saturday night, becoming mostly clear. Lows

around 10 below zero. Panhandle (Central and Southern): Tonight, cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows 10 to 15. Saturday, cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs 15 to 20. Saturday night, becoming mostly clear. Lows zero to 5 below zero. South Plains: Tonight, slight chance of light snow or freezing rain. Lows 10-20. Saturday, chance of snow. Highs low 20s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows 5-10.
 North Texas - Tonight, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain in the southeast. Lows 18 north-west to 35 southeast. Saturday, continued cloudy, windy and cold. A chance of snow in the north. In the central portions, a chance of freezing rain or sleet, becoming snow by afternoon. In the extreme southeast, a chance of rain, becoming freezing rain or sleet by afternoon. Highs 26 to 35.
 South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy and colder with lows from 20s Hill Country to 30s south central. Saturday, cloudy, windy and colder with highs in the 40s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight,

mostly cloudy and colder. Lows from near 40 inland to near 50 coast. Saturday, cloudy, windy and colder with highs in the 50s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain or drizzle. Lows from mid 30s well inland to mid to upper 40s at the coast. Saturday, cloudy, breezy, and cool. Becoming windy at the coast. A chance of rain or drizzle. Highs from upper 30s north to mid to upper 40s toward the coast.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight and Saturday, mostly cloudy and cold east and north with a chance of snow northern and central mountains and eastern plains. Partly cloudy southwest. Lows from near 5 to 20 mountains north and east with 20s southwest. Highs in the 20s and 30s mountains and east with 40s and 50s elsewhere.
 Oklahoma - Tonight, cloudy, windy and cold with snow developing in western regions. A chance of light snow elsewhere. Lows mid teens to mid 20s. Saturday, windy with snow likely. Highs from low 20s to near 30.

NATO forces fire first shots in anger in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Italian troops coming under gunfire in the dead of night fired the NATO force's first shots in Bosnia in an attempt to rescue a wounded comrade, the alliance disclosed today.

The wounded soldier was the first NATO casualty from hostile fire.

An unidentified gunman, believed to be a Serb, opened fire before dawn Thursday on Italian guards based in Vogosca, a small town just north of Sarajevo, said Lt. Col. Salvatore Iaconoe, a spokesman for the Italian forces serving in Bosnia.

An engineer, Cpl. Elio Sbordoni, was hit by a single bullet and

took cover under a car, he said.

"Four or five rounds were fired in order to recover a soldier who had been hit by rifle fire in the attack," Iaconoe said.

The assailant fired from about 100 yards and appeared to be using a high-caliber rifle, he said. He apparently slipped away in the darkness.

The Italian response was "quick and positive," said NATO spokesman Lt. Col. Mark Rayner. The shots were the first fired by NATO, he said.

Sbordoni was the first NATO casualty from hostile fire since the United Nations handed over peacekeeping authority to NATO on Dec. 20. Four British

soldiers and one American have been wounded by mine blasts.

Sbordoni, one of about 250 Italians presently in Bosnia, was not badly wounded and was to be evacuated to Italy today for more treatment.

The attack in Vogosca occurred at the rear of a converted hotel complex that will be the main base for Italy's 2,500-member peacekeeping contingent.

Bosnian Serbs took control of Vogosca shortly after war broke out in April 1992. Under the terms of the Bosnian peace agreement, the town will be transferred to the Muslim-led Bosnian government by March 19.

City briefs

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SALE - CAROUSEL Expressions - everything is 10-50% off. 1600 N. Hobart. Adv.
CHANEY'S CAFE - Friday 5-8 p.m. Catfish, roast beef, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak, cobbler. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

VJ'S FASHIONS and Gifts. Sweaters 50% off. Downtown. Adv.
KEVIN'S IN Mall Sunday 11-2. Chicken Monterey; Mexican Lasagna; Chicken Fried Steak. Adv.
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House GOP calling again for energy secretary O'Leary's resignation

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional report on Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary's overseas travel that documented sloppy record keeping has prompted renewed calls from some House Republicans that she resign.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said Thursday that O'Leary "has ... clearly abused the system" by not fully documenting expenses during trade missions to India and South Africa.

"She should either resign today or be fired by the administration," said Gingrich on the Rush Limbaugh radio program. "There is no excuse for the secretary of energy to be there."

Auditors of the General Accounting Office told a House Commerce subcommittee Thursday that the Energy Department was unable to account for

receipts for \$255,000 in travel expenses related to a 1994 trip to India and a trade mission to South Africa last August.

The GAO, Congress' investigative arm, also criticized the Energy Department for shifting \$400,000 from a defense account to help pay for security during O'Leary's travel abroad. The department has called the shift legal and justified.

Seventy-seven House members have gone on record calling for O'Leary's resignation, and one of them, Rep. Martin Hoke, R-Ohio, said after Thursday's hearing that the number was growing. He said Clinton should fire O'Leary.

O'Leary has said she has no intention of resigning over either the travel controversy or the criticism surrounding her department's monitoring last year of news coverage and the ranking of reporters. The White House has said she is doing a good job as energy secretary.

She told an interviewer recently that she believes some members of Congress were attacking her personally because they have been unsuccessful in closing the Energy Department.

O'Leary has defended her foreign travels — 16 trips including trade missions to India, China, Pakistan and South Africa — as part of her job and a way to help develop foreign business for U.S. energy companies.

The department has acknowledged not having adequate records for some of the expenditures reviewed by the GAO but said the State Department had some of the paperwork from expenditures made through U.S. embassies.

Peter Didisheim, a senior aide to O'Leary, said the department has been trying to get the receipts since last July and has received some of them but not all. He said that the unexplained expenditures cited by the GAO were properly authorized but

that the department expected to challenge some, arguing they should be assumed by the State Department.

The GAO auditors said the trip to South Africa by 135 people — primarily DOE employees and executives seeking new business — cost taxpayers \$663,600, with an additional \$417,000 paid by the private companies. The trade mission to India in July 1994 cost \$730,000, almost all paid by the government.

The GAO said that the department could provide no receipts for \$80,000 in spending on the India trip and \$175,000 in spending on the South Africa trip. All of those expenditures were made through U.S. embassies in the two countries.

Victor Rezendes of the GAO said that there was no suggestion that the money was spent inappropriately but that without adequate receipts, the department could not determine how it was used.

Conservative Democrats seek resolution of budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of conservative House Democrats that numbers three Texans among its ranks says it may have the answer for ending the budget impasse between the GOP-led Congress and the White House.

The 21 conservatives are seeking to force the House leadership to bring to a floor vote a Coalition-drafted blueprint that balances the budget in seven years — as Republicans are committed to doing — but without the huge tax cuts that Democrats find so objectionable. The alternative floated by the so-called "Blue Dog Democrats" also makes fewer reductions in Medicare and Medicaid spending between now and 2002 than the GOP plan.

The coalition members are circulating a discharge petition, which if signed by at least 218 members would automatically send their budget plan to the House floor. The initiative faces an uphill battle. Neither the House Republican leadership nor Democratic chiefs are embracing the coalition effort.

And when the House was given an opportunity to vote on the Blue Dog Democrats' budget — albeit last October before the first of the two partial government shutdowns — lawmakers snubbed the plan 356-72.

At a Capitol news conference Thursday, the conservative Democrats held out the hope that their effort could attract the support of members of both parties increasingly disaffected by the lingering budget stalemate.

"It's a long shot, but there is a tremendous amount of frustration among Democrats and Republicans at the impasse," said one Coalition member, Rep. Pete Geren of Fort Worth.

"Even if we don't get the 218 (signatures), I think the threat of it puts pressure on the negotiations," he added.

"If the House in general perceives — which some do — that there's a little too much game-playing going on with the negotiations, here is a way around it," Geren said.

The two other Texans in the Coalition are Reps. Charles Stenholm of Stamford and Ralph Hall of Rockwall.

Allowing the Coalition budget to come to a floor vote would give members "the opportunity to focus on the policy questions without the rhetoric," said Coalition co-chairman Gary Condit, D-Calif.

"Our budget is a good, moderate approach to achieving a balanced budget," Hall said. "It is not perfect, but it deserves consideration on the House floor, and it deserves consideration by the leadership of both parties."

The Coalition's news conference came amid some signs of unrest among House Republicans.

Polls continue showing the GOP taking the lion's share of public blame for the partial government shutdown, which dragged into its 20th day Thursday.

The standoff has placed 280,000 government workers on unpaid leave, forced 480,000 others to work without pay, and affected countless others dependent on federal services and contracts.

The day after the House killed a Senate-passed plan that would have reopened closed government functions, some 15 House Republicans asked House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Thursday to end the shutdown anyway. They said the government shutdown has outlived its usefulness as a negotiating tool in the rancorous budget talks.

Two bailiffs fired for sexual trysts

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After a two-week investigation, Bexar County Sheriff Ralph Lopez has fired two court bailiffs accused of sneaking a female prisoner into empty courtroom holding cells for sex.

The bailiffs, who are sheriff's deputies, had been on administrative leave with pay since Dec. 22, when the sheriff's department began its investigation. They have five days to appeal their dismissal to the county Civil Service Commission.

Chief deputy Rolando Tafolla said the two court security officers are accused of having sex with the woman on one occasion in November and another occasion in December.

In exchange for sexual favors, the two men allegedly gave the inmate from the Adult Detention

Center Annex cigarettes, candy and cakes, Tafolla said Thursday.

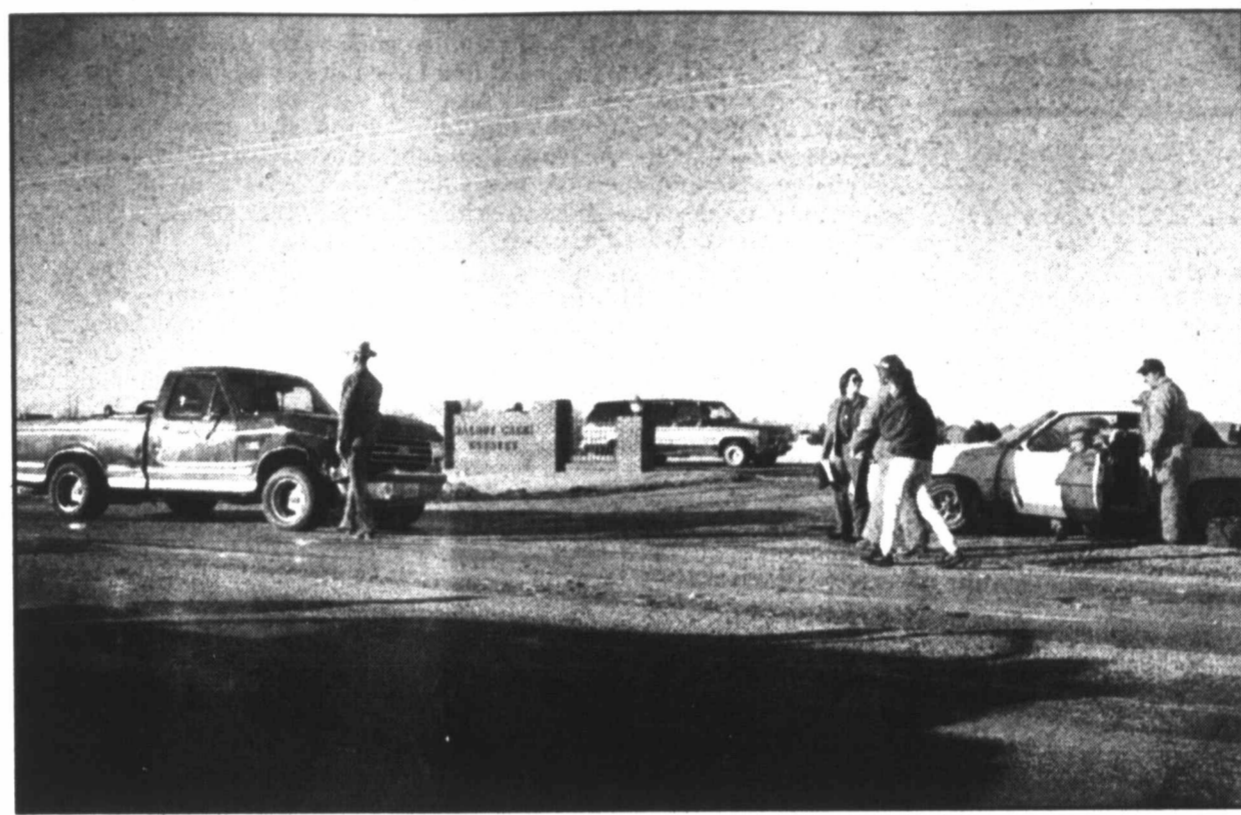
Officials did not disclose the name of the woman, her age, or why she was jailed.

One of the bailiffs was assigned to courtroom security and the other was a driver assigned to transport prisoners, jail administrator Chauncey Spencer said. He would not disclose their names.

Each time, Tafolla said, the two officers added the woman's name to a list of prisoners to be taken to the Bexar County Justice Center for court hearings.

The woman then was taken to a prisoner holding cell of an empty courtroom that was not in session, where the sexual encounters took place, the chief deputy said.

Thursday morning accident



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

A Pampa woman was treated and released from Coronado Hospital following a minor accident at the gates of Walnut Creek Estates north of Pampa Thursday morning. Imogene Angel was turning left into the gates, Department of Public Safety Trooper Jim Bishop said, when a pickup driven by Annabel Chavez reportedly clipped the rear of Angel's car.

Appeals court hears arguments from Davidians claiming federal agents used excessive force

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Six Branch Davidians convicted in the deaths of four federal agents during a 1993 gun battle near Waco, Texas, attacked the government's case and key decisions of the trial judge.

Hoping to at least reduce prison sentences of up to 40 years, defense attorneys Thursday portrayed the sect as the target of excessive force by federal agents who were trying to arrest Davidian leader David Koresh.

Sarah Bain, the forewoman of the jury that convicted the six sect members, attended the hearing before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Outside the courtroom, she told reporters she hoped the court would reduce the sentences.

Bain had no part in the hearing, however. In a federal appeals court hearing, the judges hear arguments from lawyers on both sides regarding how the trial was conducted. No witnesses are called.

The three-judge panel did not indicate when it would rule.

In addition to the four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, six Koresh followers were killed during an exchange of gunfire on Feb. 28, 1993, at the Davidians' heavily armed compound near Waco.

The gunfight broke out when scores of agents on two trailers arrived to arrest Koresh on weapons charges. The resulting stalemate ended 51 days later when fire engulfed the compound, killing Koresh and 78 others.

Appealing their February 1994 convictions were Renos Avraam, Brad Branch, Jaime Castillo, Graeme Craddock, Paul Fatta and Kevin Whitecliff. Two other convicted sect members, Livingstone Fagan and Ruth Riddle, did not appeal.

Avraam, Branch, Castillo, Fagan and Whitecliff are serving 40-year sentences — 10 years for voluntary manslaughter and 30 years for carrying a weapon while committing a violent crime.

Craddock is serving 20 years for possessing a grenade, and

Fatta is serving 15 years for possessing a machine gun and aiding and abetting Koresh in possessing machine guns. Ms. Riddle is serving five years on the weapons charge.

None of the defendants attended Thursday's hearing. Arguments before the appeals court centered around several issues:

— U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr.'s decision to reinstate guilty verdicts on the weapons charges. Smith originally threw out the verdict because jurors acquitted the defendants on charges of conspiracy to murder.

"An acquittal, no matter what form it takes, must stand," argued attorney John Carroll.

— Smith's decision to add 30 years to the weapons sentences, although the charges did not specify the type of weapon needed under federal law for such an enhanced sentence.

— Smith's failure to include self-defense in instructions to jurors on the manslaughter charge.

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Baby formula becoming hot item for thieves

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some thieves in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are targeting grocery stores and supermarket shelves for baby formula, officials say.

Authorities say infant formula can readily be sold for quick cash on the street at a fraction of its retail cost, which can run as high as \$10.79 a can for the powdered formula with iron.

The buyers, police speculate, are possibly mom-and-pop grocery stores and low-income mothers who can't afford the retail price.

Officials allow bond for pregnant inmate

FORT WORTH (AP) — A judge has allowed a pregnant Tarrant County Jail inmate to be released on bond after Sheriff David Williams refused to allow guards to transport her to an abortion clinic.

Officials in the sheriff's department had questioned whether they are legally obligated to escort prisoner Kristie Ann Brown to a clinic so she could end her 11-week-old pregnancy.

Ms. Brown, who was being held on two drug charges and a parole revocation, had previously been denied bail.

Thursday, District Judge Dorj Leonard allowed Ms. Brown freed on two \$1,000 personal recognizance bonds, instructing her to return to jail by Wednesday.

The judge told her she should use her time away from jail to consider whether she wants an abortion.

Police say stabbing of gay man was likely hate crime

KATY (AP) — Authorities say the brutal stabbing of a gay man outside a suburban bar was likely a hate crime by two men who claim membership in a neo-Nazi hate group.

Fred Mangione, 46, was stabbed at least 35 times early Thursday in his van outside Dolly's Place, a bar about 30 miles west of Houston, frequented by homosexual men.

A Harris County sheriff's deputy spotted two men running in the area about 1:30 a.m. and noticed their clothes covered with blood. While questioning them, the sheriff's department received an emergency call from the bar.

Witnesses at the scene, including Mangione's longtime companion, Kenneth Stern, identified the pair — Daniel Christopher Bean, 19, and Ronald Henry Gauthier, 21 — as the last persons seen with Mangione.

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Texas Editorials

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on line-item veto:

One of the minor partisan tragedies of 1995 is the failure of Congress to agree on a line-item veto bill and send it to the president for his signature.

At present, the bills passed by the House and Senate have been "in conference committee" since early November, having been stalled for months before that by the reluctance of House leaders even to appoint conferees.

Maybe they will get around to it this year. President Clinton, like all recent presidents, wants the line-item veto. As recently as 1994, the Republicans' Contract with America called for a line-item veto "to give the president - Republican or Democrat - the authority to cut wasteful pork-barrel spending."

Having won control of Congress, Republicans seemed to have second thoughts about giving a Democrat the line-item veto.

Now a story by Jill Lawrence of The Associated Press points out that had Clinton had the line-item veto this fall, the government would probably be spending less in 1996.

He signed a military construction bill that included \$70 million in unneeded projects. Those could have been "line-itemed" out. He signed the military spending bill despite disagreeing with \$7 billion of its allocated spending. The energy and water appropriations bill included \$1.1 billion that the administration considered "pork."

The point is that the line-item veto - indeed, even the threat of a line-item veto - can be a useful tool.

It is still a tool that this and future presidents should have. It is a black mark against Congress that the best opportunity to achieve the line-item veto appears to have been forfeited to partisanship.

Austin American-Statesman on the early morning drill:

Researchers have discovered something parents already knew: There are day people, night people - and teenagers.

The *New York Times* authoritatively reported last week that the nation's leading researchers in sleep disorders now are in agreement that all those yawns and sluggish responses during the school day's first classes have to do with biology as well as social pressures to stay up late the night before.

Most parents do have to get off to work early, and teens are tomorrow's working parents, a fact which should be part of the curriculum. Maybe schools could start scheduling teachers who are former drill sergeants to take the early class shift. It's amazing how quickly those guys can make day people out of night people.

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Tinseltown pearls of wisdom

Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to another edition of "Meet the Media." Today, we travel to Hollywood to visit with famous celebrities to get their insights on the issues of the day. I am your fictitious moderator, but my guests, and what they have to say, are very, very real.

The entertainment media have been very vocal about many causes. Let's start there, Tim. How would you define the politics of Hollywood?

Tim Robbins (actor): "Hollywood is moderate to right wing... There have been people who have progressive minds... who have the courage to make a statement. But they are not the majority. (Republicans) portray the media as very left wing, which is a huge lie."

I take it you folks don't think much of those conservatives, do you?

Annette Bening (actress): "I was raised in a conservative household, but I got smart. I had to grow out of my Republicanism."

Kris Kristofferson (actor): "I can still remember the day I lost it all - when I realized that I lived in a country run by liars who killed people. It was the day I first saw the Zapruder film (of the John F. Kennedy assassination). When I saw the film, everything came into question. Everything. And, gradually, I saw the whole horrible truth - that we were wrong and, more than that, we were bad news."

Madonna (singer): "If I were the president... Rush Limbaugh, Bob Dole and Jesse Helms would be sentenced to a hard-labor work camp for the rest of their lives."

Richard Belzer (actor): "Well, it's nice when the nut-jobs take over - you know, the fascists that are in Congress now. Fascist means a government that



L. Brent Bozell

is for business. In other words, people are last, business is first. So, I think that's what we've become with the Republicans - wanting to give tax breaks to the rich people and starve babies and throw them in the streets. I detest Newt Gingrich so much that it's hard to make jokes about him."

Brett Butler (actress): "Well, the thing that amused me was Newt Gingrich talking about cutting educational funding, which is one of the more self-serving things he'll do. Because, basically, if you learned curative, why on Earth would vote for him again? Conservatives' social agenda rules out everyone who doesn't fit their image. It's a Godgoyim-sexist-racist thing that's going to eat us alive."

I'm sure I have the slightest idea what you're talking about, Brett. Someone help me out here. For instance, what's wrong with, say, God and religion?

Elton John (singer): "Things like religion can be so divisive. In theory, it should be great; in practice, it's completely destructive and divisive and breeds hatred. It's murderous, it's corrupt."

Robbins: "I think Catholicism is... Let's put it this way: I think there are a lot of valid lessons in

any religion, but once a religion approaches dogma to the exclusion of any other religion, it becomes dangerous, hostile, something opposed to the spirit of the religion. There's too much arrogance and hatred in people who consider themselves religious."

Is that why the entertainment industry is so hostile to religion? There are a number of movies that the Christian right -

Bob Weir (musician): "Can I hear everybody say, 'F--- the Christian right!'"

is offended by. For example, Eric, your movie *Prophesy* depicted the archangel Gabriel as evil incarnate. Why in the world did you have to do that? Why offend millions upon millions of Christians who revere angels?

Eric Stolz (actor): "I think that people who think that angels are nice creatures with wings are mistaken. I think they're bitter, jealous, vindictive creatures out to do us harm."

Chrissie Hynde (singer): "And organized religion is a subject that most people I come in contact with in my profession are totally turned off by... I don't want to get into my own personal thing here because this interview isn't about me. But one of the reasons that I feel I even have a voice that I can sing with is because - and people will have a real belly laugh over this if they read it - my purpose in life is to save cows. There, I've said it."

OK, I can, as they say, hang with that one. After all, if it weren't for the vision and courage of our children's role models, where would we be? Will liberalism come back in the rest of the country?

Barbra Streisand (singer): "Gosh, I hope so. I don't believe how people are shying away from being associated with that wonderful word."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 1996. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, an Austrian newspaper (*Wiener Presse*) published the first public account of a discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen - a form of radiation that became known as X-rays.

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died at his home in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala., at age 81.



Alas, dead men can't sue for libel

Oliver Stone is the most pernicious liar at work in America today. And he is well compensated for it. Though he describes himself as a "dissident" - stirring echoes of Soviet protesters resisting the power of a totalitarian state - he is, in fact, a multimillionaire who is fawned over in Hollywood and accorded great deference and respect by the media elite in New York and Washington.

The release of his most recent mendacity, *Nixon*, was greeted not just as a movie but as a cultural event. He was interviewed on the CBS Evening News, NBC's "Dateline" and other news programs. *Newsweek* greeted the film as evidence of Stone's "discovery of complexity, ambiguity and even a measure of restraint."

Well, yes, if the contrast is Stone's last movie, *Natural Born Killers*, an explosion of graphic violence lasting several hours that Stone described as "society now," this film could be called restrained, but by any other measure, *Nixon* is an outrage - an insult to the intelligence of the American public.

Of course, Stone is in the business of insulting America's intelligence - and everything else about us. And, alas, he has some justification for his contempt. In the wake of his cleverly deceitful film *JFK* (he altered, among other things, the famous black and white Zapruder film of the assassination to fit his absurd theory), 50% of the American public now says it believes that the CIA had a role in the assassination of President Kennedy.

The twisted history in *Nixon* runs the gamut from petty to totally off the wall. On the petty scale is the depiction of Richard Nixon as a lush,



Mona Charen

swigging bourbon in nearly every frame. His closest aides, like Alexander Haig, say they never saw him drink on the job, that even in social situations he never had more than two drinks, and that when he did indulge, his drink was the martini.

Without the slightest shred of evidence, the film depicts Pat Nixon as threatening a divorce if Nixon didn't agree to give up politics in 1962 and goes on to invent marital strife, sexual disinterest and emotional remoteness in the 37th president.

Nixon hatred has been a cottage industry in the United States for most of the past five decades, and there is no question that he had a talent for making enemies. His true sins were large enough: law breaking, lying, paranoia, abuse of power - which leaves the viewer wondering why Stone felt the need to invent more.

It is Stone's completely unsubstantiated claim that the famous 18 1/2 minute gap on the Watergate tapes contained evidence that Nixon

was implicated in the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy.

As a columnist, I could write a column suggesting that Oliver Stone is not just a liar but a child molester. What restrains me? In the first place, respect for the truth as it can be known. Second, the libel laws.

But dead men cannot sue.

Perhaps the most offensive aspect of this character assassination is the pseudo-psychanalysis. Stone invents conversations and relationships among young Nixon and his parents and brothers and then purports to find the adult Nixon's motivation in what he (Stone) has concocted. Nor is his psychodrama even internally convincing. Why should a child exhorted always to be honest and righteous by a religious mother turn into a monster? How does Stone imagine worthy people are raised?

At the end of the movie, Nixon gazes at a painting of JFK and says, "When they look at you, they see what they want to be. When they look at me, they see what they are." That sums up Stone's view of America - as corrupt and malicious as the monster he has imagined Nixon to be.

That Oliver Stone is a talented director is a given. But the sum of his work so far - *Platoon*, *Born on the Fourth of July*, *JFK*, *Natural Born Killers* and *Nixon* - suggests a dark and deeply hateful view of America. And it raises the question: What does it say about a country when such a movie maker is so lavishly rewarded for his slanders?

Stalemated state of an uncertain union

President Clinton gave the longest State of the Union address in history a year ago. It ran 81 minutes. Duration may have been its most memorable aspect. If he wants to avoid the trouble of writing a new address, he can give it again this year. Much would still apply.

The president laid out his agenda in that speech and the Republicans, in charge of Congress for the first time in 40 years and consequently full of energy, laid out theirs in the "Contract With America."

Not much of either became law.

In a sense, they canceled each other. The Republican Congress and the Democratic administration got bogged down in a debate over what kind of government the American people asked for - and whether they want to pay for it, or charge it. January is a time of new resolve and new promise, and it would be nice to report that 1996 promises to resolve some of the quarrels of 1995, but that would be optimism bordering on folly.

What 1995 did was to fine tune the choices the people will confront in 1996. The election messages from 1992, which produced Clinton, and 1994, which neutralized him, were contradictory.

The people seemed to be opting for impossible goals: smaller government but no fewer benefits from it; lower taxes but a balanced budget; greater state and local control, but a

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federal safety net. In 1996, they'll speak again. At the end of the year, the Republicans wrapped up their reading of the people's will in a single bill, the balanced budget act, and when Clinton vetoed it much of the government was left without the authority or the wherewithal to operate.

The Republican Congress could have passed another stopgap spending bill to keep the government running while negotiations continued toward a compromise. But the Republicans - especially the mission-driven Republican freshmen - saw compromise as the enemy, not the goal. In the choice between status-quo government and no government, they preferred the latter.

The freshmen are House Speaker Newt Gingrich's spear-carriers. He needs them. He is not the first leader ever to race to keep in front of his troops.

The result was more governmental stalemate, which most politicians agreed was what the citizens least wanted. Another result was greater public dismay with Washington.

The people's disgust is a phenomenon that helped send both Clinton and the Republicans to

Washington, but now it can work against both. Each is an occupant now of the USS Incumbency, a boat neither wishes to rock to excess.

From all this, incumbent Clinton seems to benefit the most politically. He emerges as a counterweight to Republicans he has managed to portray as zealots.

He emerges, too, as the protector of government services people are not ready to give up, especially Medicare, the answer to every adult child's worry about his parents, and its forerunner, Social Security. Except for Steve Forbes, who would privatize it for younger workers, the Republicans are not proposing to tamper with Social Security. But it is built on the same payroll tax foundation as Medicare, whose growth Republicans do propose to curtail in the interest of controlling deficits.

That's why Clinton could be safe in dusting off last year's State of the Union address, the theme of which was, "Too many of our people are still working harder and harder for less and less."

That speech was a Clinton-lite version of his 1993 proposals, which even the Democrats had balked at enacting. He called for health reform, welfare reform, a middle-class tax cut and an increase in the minimum wage.

Even if that program doesn't pass, it is something he can run on. He knows that. He ran on it four years ago.

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Report: U.S. to resume nuclear fuel reprocessing
NEW YORK (AP) — The United States will resume collecting plutonium from spent nuclear reactor fuel, a practice it once urged other nations to give up to curb the spread of nuclear arms, *The New York Times* reported today.

The United States will begin recovering the plutonium on a small scale, at a site in South Carolina, the *Times* said.

Federal Energy Department officials say that reprocessing the spent fuel — into hockey puck-sized "buttons" is the safest way to deal with it. They say that in its present form, the substance is a hazard because it is leaking into the pools of water in which it's stored.

A department contractor, the Westinghouse Savannah River Co., produced a draft study last summer that said reprocessing was a promising treatment option, the *Times* said.

This year, the government plans to take several tons of fuel that is especially corroded and run it through the production process.

Nixon library and Oliver Stone go head to head

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oliver Stone extended an olive branch to the Nixon library, and officials there responded with their own peace proposal.

The director of Nixon on Thursday wrote to the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace, in Yorba Linda, Calif., suggesting that it hold a symposium "in an attempt to bridge the gap that exists between our views."

The library has been strongly critical of Stone's controversial take on the former president, placing an ad in the *Los Angeles Times* saying: "If you prefer facts to fantasy, come to Yorba Linda."

In his letter, Stone defended the film as "a balanced and empathetic portrait."

O.J. seeks to postpone deposition in wrongful death suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson's lawyers want to postpone indefinitely the grilling he's supposed to get from attorneys pursuing a wrongful death suit against him, one of those attorneys said.

Simpson's attorneys "unilaterally took the (Simpson) deposition off the calendar" without any formal explanation in court papers, said the attorney, Michael Brewer.

The planned deposition, whose time and place have been closely guarded secrets, would mark Simpson's first quizzing under oath on the events surrounding the 1994 murders of Simpson's ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. It would be held in private.

Rio destroys oldest red light district

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Near dawn, the last of countless clients had gone, and the bulldozers came to evict the working women of Vila Mimosa.

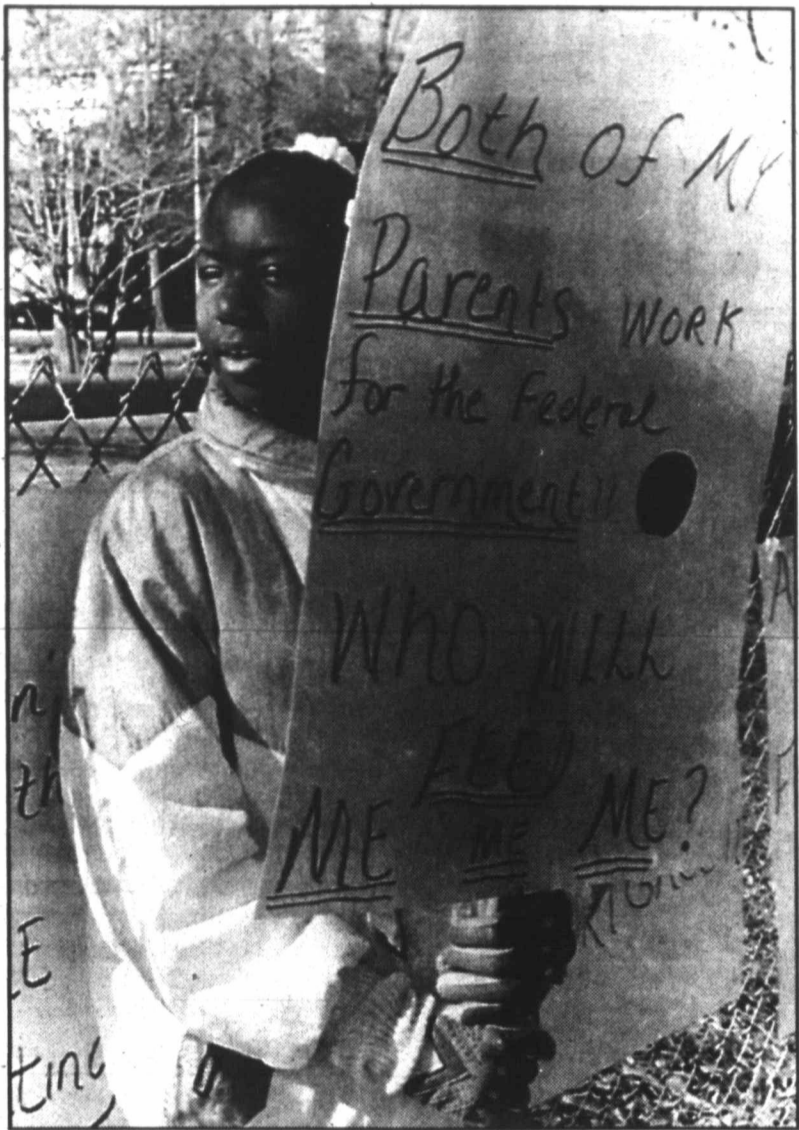
"They said we could leave the easy way or the hard way," said a prostitute named Claudia. "We didn't want a fight, so we left."

Within hours Thursday, the oldest red-light district in South America was extinct.

As wrecking crews moved in to raze the compound of 67 brick-and-board shacks where some 1,500 prostitutes made their living, a part of Brazil's history passed with it.

Vila Mimosa was all that remained of a sprawling Bohemian district that dated back to the 1700s,

Budget shutdown protest



(AP photo)

As the federal budget impasse stretches out, Ashley Mollett, 11, was among those joining a group of Veteran Administration workers picketing the Dorn Veterans Hospital in Columbia, S.C. The group was protesting working for half pay due to budget problems in Washington, D.C. Ashley accompanied her father David Mollett, who is a nurse at the hospital.

Baboon bone marrow transplant recipient released from hospital

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jeff Getty, optimistic and heading home, has a few words for those who said he was foolish for taking a medical gamble that has left him with the transplanted bone marrow of a baboon.

"To the naysayers who said that I would never recover from this procedure, well, here I am. And you were wrong," the 38-year-old AIDS activist said.

"Now I'm ready to leave to go home. I'm ready to take my sailboat out this weekend."

Getty was released Thursday from San Francisco General Hospital three weeks after undergoing an operation that doctors hope will offer clues to surviving the lethal disease.

It will be weeks or months before doctors can determine whether Getty's body has adopted the baboon cells, which are naturally resistant to the AIDS

virus. The hope is that the baboon cells take root in Getty and produce immune-system cells that can fight AIDS.

Getty, a resident of nearby Oakland, returns to the hospital next week for a battery of tests.

"So far, the only thing we can really conclude is that the procedure was safe, safer than we had initially expected. Jeff tolerated everything very well," Dr. Steven Deeks said. "The more critical question, about whether or not this procedure actually provided any benefit for Jeff, remains unclear. Quite honestly, we just don't know."

If the transplant fails, Getty will probably die quickly because his battered immune system had to be further suppressed with drugs and radiation to reduce the risk of his body rejecting the baboon cells, doctors say.

Hispanic patrons sue tavern owner for English-only policy

UNION GAP, Wash. (AP) — The sign over the bar at the Old Town Pump reads, "In the U.S.A. it's — English or adios, amigo."

Proprietor Joyce Ostrander takes the sentiment seriously. In November, she asked three Hispanic customers who were playing pool, drinking beer and conversing in Spanish to start talking in English.

The three men say she also kicked them out, and for that they're suing her, charging discrimination. "I'm not discriminating. I thought this was an English-speaking country and I asked them to speak English," Ostrander said.

Mike Cantu, Carlos Olivera and Enrique Mendoza filed a lawsuit Wednesday alleging Ostrander violated a state law prohibiting businesses from discriminating on the basis of race or national origin. They are seeking unspecified monetary damages and an order forcing Ostrander to drop the English-only policy.

The three men met at the tavern Nov. 9 after work at a nearby fruit packing plant. As they shared a pitcher of beer and a plate of fries, Ostrander told them to start speaking English or leave the bar, the lawsuit alleges. Olivera doesn't speak English, and Cantu and Mendoza are bilingual.

"These were three very decent, very hard-working Hispanics who were doing everything right, and they were kicked out of a tavern for speaking Spanish," said their attorney, David Putney.

Thursday, Ostrander told *The Associated Press* she did nothing more than ask the men to speak English. "I never kicked them out or eighty-sixed them. I

didn't refuse to serve them. I just asked them to speak English," she said.

But in interviews this week with the *Yakima Herald-Republic*, she said she did tell them to leave. She said the men were already "loud and boisterous and sounded cranky" before she approached them. When she asked them to speak in English, she said, "they got very irate and jumped out of their chairs and told me they were going to sue me."

"We have the right to refuse service to anyone," she told the newspaper. "This is America, where English is supposed to be the main language. We don't want Spanish gibberish here, and we mean it."

Many in Union Gap and neighboring Yakima, about 140 miles southeast of Seattle, agree. "They start speaking their own language and we don't know what they're saying. They could be insulting us, making fun of our wives or figuring out a way to rob the place. We don't know," said Wes Wise as he sat on a stool Thursday afternoon sipping beer.

"It's not polite to speak so others can't understand you," he said.

Ed Houser, a truck driver who stopped in to have lunch, said he gave Ostrander \$10 toward legal fees, and said he saw another customer give her a \$100 bill.

"Lots of people who don't want to be interviewed and don't want to be on camera support her. There are lots of people behind her," Houser said.

Battle for oil man's estate results in sibling war

HOUSTON (AP) — Model-actress Anna Nicole Smith, 27-year-old widow of Houston oilman J. Howard Marshall II, isn't the only one fighting his son for control of an estate estimated to be worth up to \$1.5 billion.

Another son, J. Howard Marshall III, said Thursday that his brother, Pierce Marshall, committed fraud to gain total control over their father's estate.

Marshall III, of Los Angeles, has asked state District Judge Jim Scanlan to void the J. Howard Marshall II Trust and reinstate the "rightful and intended heirs" excluded from control of the estate

after the oilman's Aug. 4 death at 90. A petition, which contests and opposes Pierce Marshall's application for probate of his father's estate, makes it clear the brothers are anything but close.

The document, filed on behalf of Marshall III, accuses Pierce of taking advantage of an old, "mentally and physically weakened" man with poor eyesight to take over the estate.

Attorney Jack W. Lawter Jr., representing Marshall III, said his ideal solution would be to divide the estate into three equal parts benefiting Pierce, Marshall III and Ms. Smith. Earlier court proceedings illus-

trated how Pierce Marshall has gone to extremes to give Ms. Smith as little as possible.

Marshall III's intervention echoes many of the earlier claims by Ms. Smith's attorney, Diana Marshall, unrelated to the family. She accused Pierce of manipulating his ailing father to exclude Ms. Smith from inheriting her husband's millions.

Ms. Smith and Marshall III focus their claims in part on a July 14 episode where Pierce got his father to sign a power of attorney document that, in effect, gave Pierce full control over the estate and his father's person.

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Religion

New course at Wayland Baptist University will focus on resort ministries

By STEVEN BARRETT
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

PLAINVIEW — When Jesus told his apostles to "preach the good news to all creation," that included rich tourists as much as the poor in Appalachia or the inner cities, says Pete Owen, director of missions for the High Country Baptist Association in Colorado.

And while it may not be the dirtiest job in Christendom, Owen says ministers should be trained in evangelizing even the wealthiest of visitors at popular travel destinations. That will be part of a unique course he plans to teach at Wayland Baptist University in January on resort and leisure ministries.

"I hope to goodness that it appeals to the jet set," said Owen, whose home of Frisco, Colo., is near vacation hot spot Breckenridge. "They need Christ as much as anyone else."

The course, which is open to Wayland students as well as area ministers and church laymen, will present a biblical basis for leisure activities.

"Jesus went out and found time for his own rest, or leisure, if you will," Owen said, noting Christ's occasional escape to the mountains or lakes from the crowds that followed him. "Jesus suggests to us that we are to take time for leisure and rest."

Fred Meeks agrees. Scripture — the writings of Paul in particular — is rife with allusions to athletics and wholesome recreation, said Meeks, chairman of WBU's division of religion and philosophy, which is coordinating the course.

"The Bible affirms the importance of leisure," he said, in part so that man can appreciate God's creation. "We need to stop sometimes. Leisure activities are critically important in the world of stress we're in."

The course will suggest strategies for evangelizing vacationers, Owen said, and will address ways ministries can be tailored to different settings, ranging from beaches to mountain ski resorts.

But students won't be instructed to target the spiritual needs of only the wealthy, he added. Vacations aren't taken only by millionaires, and one need not travel to exotic locales to find leisure activities at which Christians can minister.

Students will be taught as much to evangelize visitors at local campgrounds or participants and spectators at college-level basketball tournaments in Plainview as those who fly to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia or scuba dive off the Florida Keys, Owen said — anywhere recreation takes place.

"(It's) not just for Vail, Colo.," he said.

The class is unique in that, so far as the teacher or organizers can tell, it never has been taught at the undergraduate level of any college. Owen, who has never taught at Wayland, has taught aspects of the course in seminary-level classes but has never focused for an entire term on recreational issues.

"The overall idea is to create an awareness of the fact that there is such a thing as resort and leisure ministries," said Owen, whose organization is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. "How do we reach people in those areas? What are the specific tools we use?"

He and Meeks hope the course, being taught during a short but intense January term, will be renewed in future semesters and will catch on elsewhere. "I would like to see Wayland be a springboard into other colleges and universities," Owen said.

For information on the course, call Gary Manning or Fred Meeks at the division of religion and philosophy at (806) 296-5521. To sign up, call the registrar's office at Wayland at (806) 296-4706. Those who take the course for credit must pay full tuition. The class can be audited, however, for one-third the cost.

Religion briefs

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — David Conklin long has held to fundamentalist Christian beliefs.

Now, he speaks of something else fundamental to his life: "I have AIDS. I'm going to die." Conklin, 35, is still holding to his beliefs. He has founded HIV Outreach, a support group for people with the virus that causes AIDS.

HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. In this instance, it also stands for "He Intends Victory."

On a recent radio program, Conklin condemned pornography and called homosexuality sinful, though that is the way in which he contracted AIDS. But he said HIV Outreach is finding room within Christian teaching for love and forgiveness toward those with the disease that will take his life.

"We're going to wake up the Christian community," Conklin told The Grand Rapids Press. "You don't have to water down your beliefs to care about people with HIV and AIDS. You don't have to compromise the moral absolutes you hold to show compassion to people who have HIV and AIDS...."

"This ministry is not an attack on the gay or lesbian community," he said. "What they've done in educating their own community on AIDS is phenomenal. But we feel we're filling a niche that's not already being filled."

HICKMAN, Ky. (AP) — Who says you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear? Ask the Rev. George Frazier. The congregation he pastors, the Greater Mount Zion Church of God in Christ, has

purchased the former Riverview nightclub and converted it into a church.

And Frazier says that turning the formerly infamous club from "a place of ill repute into a place of comfort, joy and peace" is one of his greatest accomplishments as a minister.

His 150-member strong congregation recently held Sunday services in the building's large kitchen while pews and carpet were being installed in the new auditorium, the club's former dance floor.

As Frazier put it: "It's not a devil-worshiping place anymore."

Before the lounge closed last year for violating state alcoholic beverage laws, it was a common site for late-night stabbings, shootings and other violent crimes.

To rid the building of its nightclub atmosphere, the minister removed blue lights, moved out pool tables and took down a number of what he called "underworld pictures and drawings."

"It was a pleasurable experience," Frazier told The Hickman Courier. "The more I got into it, the more I enjoyed it."

During his cleanup, Frazier found a decorative Halloween ghost in a closet and a pitchfork from a devil costume in a corner. He showed the items to church members at their first service in the building.

"Well looka here," Frazier told the congregation. "We've got a ghost and the devil's fork. I think we've frightened the devil so that he forgot his fork and he left because he doesn't have a ghost of a chance."

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The problems that force budget cuts in programs for the poor are financial. The solutions are partly moral, says House Speaker Michael Obuchowski and leaders from nine major religious denominations in Vermont.

"The decision to cut government support for our poorest and weakest citizens while simultaneously rewarding and protecting the wealthiest among us makes no sense and is morally wrong," said Obuchowski, who brought leaders from Episcopal, United Methodist, Catholic and other area churches together for a recent news conference at the Statehouse.

Most of the church leaders said they believed some budget cuts were necessary to balance state and federal budgets and to plan for the future. But all spoke out against proposals to cut spending for programs that help the poor, the elderly and the very young.

In Vermont, there are waiting lists for homeless shelters. Soup kitchens and food shelves are serving record numbers of families. Gov. Howard Dean vowed in September to veto a tax increase designed to finance heating aid, and has proposed cuts for the welfare program for the elderly, blind and disabled.

"In a rich and resourceful nation, there should not be neglect of those who are most vulnerable, especially the elderly and the children," said the Rev. Lawrence Curtis, superintendent of the Vermont district of the United Methodist Church.

No guns allowed - Archdiocese of San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Archdiocese of San Antonio is sending a new message to parishioners and the public: thou shalt not bear concealed weapons on church property.

Although the state's new concealed handgun law prohibits guns in churches and certain other establishments, the archdiocese is posting signs in English and Spanish stating:

"Blessed are the peacemakers. Please no guns permitted on these premises. Property of the Archdiocese of San Antonio."

Archbishop Patrick Flores unveiled the red and white signs Tuesday and used the opportunity to announce the archdiocese has launched an anti-violence

outreach effort through its churches.

The "no guns" signs are intended to emphasize the anti-violence message and to keep firearms out of sanctuaries and off other archdiocese property, church officials said.

"These signs or these posters will proclaim our belief that our security rests in God and not in guns," Flores said. "We believe that the good that guns may seem to do is only temporary, but the harm they do is permanent."

Concealed handgun permits are being issued starting this month to qualified Texans who have completed the required training course.

The archdiocese has opposed

the concealed handgun law since it was passed by the Texas Legislature last spring, said the Rev. Michael DeGerolami, director of the San Antonio archdiocese's office of social concerns.

"We're trying to take a position that is based on our teachings, on our moral teachings, that violence is not the answer," DeGerolami said. "The whole thing is bigger than simply the gun control issue."

Elsewhere in Texas, churches are taking similar action. The Catholic Diocese of Austin is not asking its churches to post signs but some, such as San Jose Catholic Church, are doing so, said diocese spokeswoman Helen Osman.

Dixie Melody Boys in Borger concert

BORGER — The Dixie Melody Boys will be in concert 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Borger High School Auditorium. Admission is free.

Originally formed over 30 years ago, the gospel music group was reborn in 1987. Members include Harold Reed at tenor, McCray Dove at lead, Jamie Bramlet at baritone, Ed O'Neal at bass and Larry Delawder on harmonica and percussion.

St. Mark CME to host fellowship breakfast

St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm, will host its monthly breakfast 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

The menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage, toast, juice and coffee.

The Rev. Merle L. Houska is pastor and the public is invited. Donations will be accepted.

Turner to preach at First Presbyterian

The Rev. Joseph Lee Turner, presbytery pastor of Palo Duro Presbytery in Lubbock, will be visiting minister at the morning worship service of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday. He will be assisted by the Rev. Dr. Edwin Cooley, current minister.

Turner was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa from Sept. 16, 1977 to Jan. 1, 1987. While in Pampa Turner was involved in community affairs and was instrumental in formation of Good Samaritan Christian Services.

Turner will be accompanied by his wife Pat and daughter, Martha.

Martha Turner is a 1978 Pampa High School graduate is on the faculty of the University of Vermont where she teaches English literature.

The Turners' son, Matthew, graduated from Pampa High School in 1981. He is the U.S. Coast Guard stationed in the



The Rev. Joseph Turner

San Francisco bay area with his wife and two children. He attends a university in San José where he plans to earn a degree in engineering.

Immediately following the worship service, the Turners will attend the annual birthday dinner in fellowship hall.

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Daughter Is Better Off Knowing That Father Is Sometime Dad

DEAR ABBY: I am the confused grandmother of a darling 7-year-old granddaughter I'll call Mary. Her father never married my daughter, but there is no question about who Mary's father is because she is the very image of him.

He has never paid child support because he refused to acknowledge paternity, but he drops off a birthday gift and another gift around Christmastime. Mary frequently wants to call him and constantly asks her mother and me why she can't see her daddy more often. He gave her his telephone number once when he was in a good mood and told her she could call him, but he rarely returns her telephone calls.

Abby, what can her mother and I tell this sweet child about her father without hurting her feelings? I need some answers to pass along to her mother.

ILLINOIS GRANNY

DEAR GRANNY: Stick to the truth and don't try to spare Mary's feelings by making up excuses for her father's obvious lack of interest in her. While it may be painful for her, she's far better off dealing with reality than a well-intentioned fabrication.

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my only sister. I'll call her Anne. She left a husband, a son and a daughter.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

... I'll call Karen. Karen is 22.

Knowing she was dying, Anne asked me to do her a favor. Of course I agreed; how could I refuse? She wanted more than anything else to live to see Karen walk down the aisle. Karen's wedding date is March 6. We discussed the wedding at length, and I offered to buy a card for my sister to present to her daughter. I wrote in it exactly what Anne dictated and promised to give it to Karen on her wedding day if Anne wasn't able to do it herself.

Anne died two weeks ago. I know my sister meant well and had only Karen's best interests in mind when she exacted this promise from me. But I don't want to make Karen sad on her wedding day. She and her mother had planned every detail together. On the other hand, the card and its message might mean the world to her. Abby, what would you do?

TORN IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR TORN: I would give

the card to Karen a few days before the wedding. That way she will walk down the aisle with her mother's message without the trauma of reading it on a day already fraught with emotion.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's mother passed away two weeks ago at the age of 100 plus 9 months. His father is still living at the age of 101 plus 5 months.

We observed their 75th wedding anniversary last September. We know of other couples who have been married as long as they have, but we don't find another couple who both attained the age of 100 years old.

Can you — or your readers — tell us how rare this is?

My husband thinks you make up these letters, so if he sees this in print, it may make a believer out of him.

POLLY SCHROCK, CONGERVILLE, ILL.

DEAR POLLY: Your in-laws' longevity is unusual, but not unheard of. People are living longer, thanks to the wonders of medical science and knowledge about the benefits of sound nutrition and regular exercise.

DEAR TORN: I would give

Horoscope

Sunday Jan 7 1996

If you're looking for a year that's different and unusual, the one coming up could fit the bill. You will be very busy with lots of exciting developments and no dull streaks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Situations you personally manage or control will have high probabilities for success today. You may weaken your position if you delegate too much to others. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be an excellent strategist today. You can

keep your ace so well hidden that when you reveal them, your opponent might surrender without a fight.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not let anyone lessen your enthusiasm today if you have high expectations. What might not work out well for them could turn out to be a win for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might establish a bold objective that will require you to be courageous and daring. The rewards might be big enough to entice you to go for it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The more involvements you have today, the greater number of feasible ideas you can come up with. Pressure will stimulate your ingenuity and resourcefulness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may take quite a few risks today. This will be fine if you operate in a familiar realm. Once you get outside of your element, your batting average may suffer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Making quick decisions isn't anything new for you. Today, however, someone may need a computer to keep up with your

rapid deductions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will probably be as adept with your hands as you are with your head today. You will have a flare for originality and the ability to produce whatever you envision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You usually enjoy whatever you do socially, but today it may be important to do something exciting and different. Try not to go to extremes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The key to your success today will be your ability to pace yourself properly. Keep up with the pack, but save your last surge for when you near the finish line.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You usually spend a substantial amount of time deliberating, but today your best ideas might come prepackaged and ready for the market.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You may run the gamut of possibilities today in regard to financial trends. Do not treat your resources indifferently. Make sure to be prudent.

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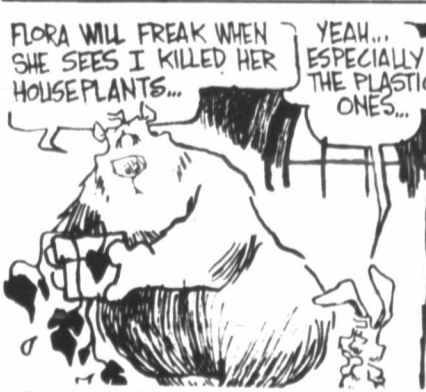


"Those are figurines, Jeffy, not action figures."



"He's into talk radio."

The Family Circus



Flora will freak when she sees I killed her houseplants...

Marmaduke



Yeah... especially the plastic ones...



Oh, I can get stuff to grow...

Grizzwells



My goodness! That was quite a gust!



Hey, what's that glow over there?



I was just going to ask you the same thing!

Alley Oop



I asked my mom again if I could have a dog, but she said, "No..."



I told her about good dogs... dogs who make you happy...



I told her about dogs who are like friends... dogs you can talk to, and...



For Better or For Worse



Arlo & Janis



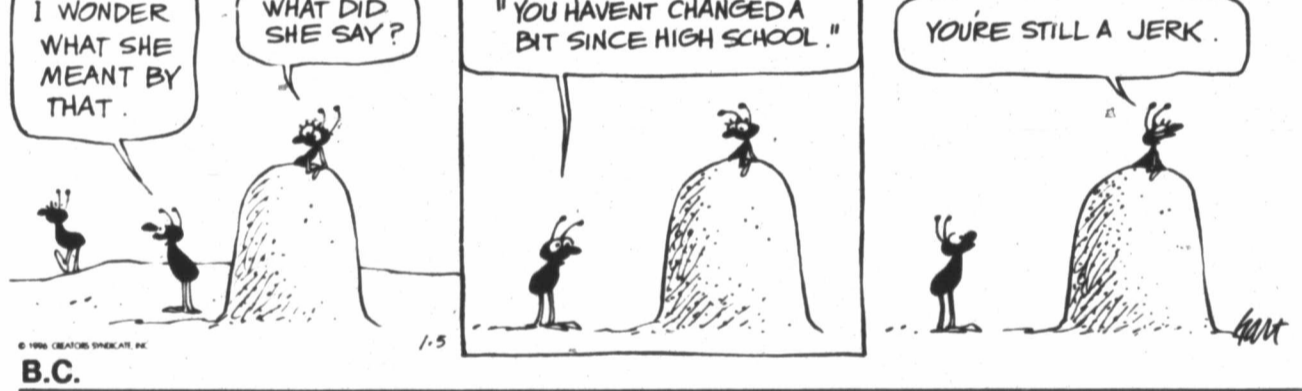
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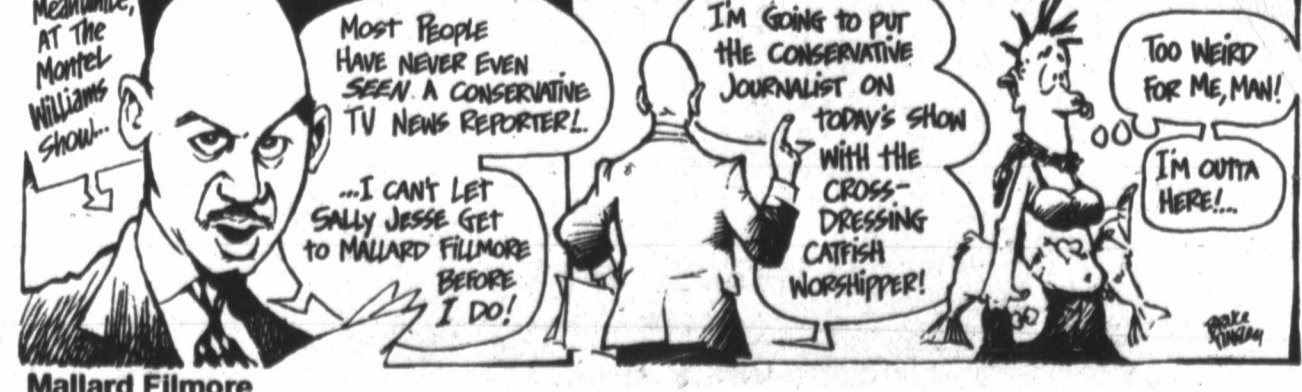
Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



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Sports

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The night before the Pampa-Borger District 1-4A basketball doubleheader Jan. 12 at McNeely Fieldhouse, a community pep rally will be held to show support for the Harvester and Lady Harvester teams.

The pep rally will be held in the PHS auditorium, starting at 7:30 Jan. 11. Cheerleaders, coaches and players will be present at the rally.

Cheerleading sponsor Tammy Wilbon said "Blow Out Borger" will be the pep rally's theme.

"We want to get the crowd involved and teach them how to yell," Wilbon said.

WRESTLING

AMARILLO — Tascosa defeated Pampa, 85-0, in a high school mat dual Thursday night.

The Harvesters have another dual scheduled Saturday at Randall. A home match is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday with River Road.

GOLF

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — For Corey Pavin, it's almost as if 1995 never ended.

He won two tournaments and a ton of money on the PGA Tour last year. Then he picked up another bundle of cash in what used to be the off-season, but is now a couple of months crammed with big-money events.

Thursday he got 1996 off to a good start with a 5-under-par 67 for a one-stroke lead over Mark O'Meara after the first round of the Mercedes Championships at the La Costa Resort and Spa.

"It's a good round to have behind you," Pavin said of the first round of the season-opening event. "Actually, you don't hear guys taking about being rusty. You hear them say they are tired."

With so many big-money unofficial events in November and December, many players don't have as much off-time built into their schedule as they used to have.

"You have to make your own schedule," Pavin said. "You create your own off-season."

The schedule Pavin created put him in the Skins Game, the Grand Slam of Golf and the Million Dollar Challenge in South Africa after the regular tour ended, a diversion that earned him almost \$1.5 million on top of the \$1.3 million he won on the PGA Tour.

And it seems it helped Pavin continue a roll that won the U.S. Open and the Nissan Open last year, as well as runner-up finishes in the Kemper and the Tour Championship and a third in The Players Championship.

Pavin birdied four of the last five holes on the front nine for a 31 and made all pars on the backside, but stumbled a bit coming in and needed some nifty recovery shots on Nos. 17 and 18 to save pars.

O'Meara was a little steadier, making five birdies and one bogey as he shot a 33-35 for his 68.

"I was pleased," O'Meara said. "I kept myself in play."

Tied for third at 3-under-par 69 were D.A. Weibring, Scott Hoch and Masters champion Ben Crenshaw.

"One never knows about the first week," said Crenshaw, who won the Grand Slam of Golf when he holed a 60-yard wedge on the last hole. "You are just trying to start up with your methods."

Crenshaw birdied the first and the last hole in shooting a 32 on the front nine and made four 5s on the backside while closing with a 37.

"I played a beautiful front and a little ragged on the back," said Crenshaw, who saved a par on No. 12 when he took an unplayable lie penalty, but hit a 90-yard wedge stiff to save par.

The defending champion in the elite field of 30 players who qualified for the Mercedes by winning on the PGA Tour last year is Steve Elkington, who was in a knot at 70 with Nick Faldo, Fred Funk, Brad Bryant and Kenny Perry.

Cowboys can't forget earlier loss to Eagles

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Everyone recalls Philadelphia holding Dallas on fourth-and-1 from the Cowboys' 29, setting up the Eagles' game-winning field goal moments later.

But Cowboys fullback Daryl Johnston said that was just one play of many that Philadelphia had the answer for in the second half of the Eagle's 20-17 victory on Dec. 10.

"Philadelphia flat beat us at the point of attack. We got outplayed, outmanned. ... There were a lot of plays before that one that added to the loss. We really dug ourselves a hole," Johnston said.

Dallas is a two-touchdown favorite over Philadelphia in Sunday's NFL playoff game in Texas Stadium, but there's no indications the Cowboys are smug.

Memories of a month ago in Philadelphia remain bitter and baffling.

Dallas beat Philadelphia for the seventh straight time, 34-12, on Nov. 6, when Smith rushed for 158 yards and two touchdowns.

Smith had 98 yards in the first half of the Dec. 10 contest, and the Cowboys led 17-6 going into the final 30 minutes of play.

The second half, Smith got only 10 yards on nine carries, and in a 20-play span, the Cowboys could gain only 22 yards.

"That was really disappointing," the NFL's rushing champion said.

"I don't know what went on after that. We couldn't gain a yard. We went cold. We couldn't get anything going. It's been a long time since we've been stopped like that."

The Eagles rallied to tie the game at 17, and when the Cowboys faced fourth-and-one from the Dallas 29 and time running out, Dallas head coach Barry Switzer went

with what has always worked.

Switzer expected his offense to gain a yard any time it wanted. Just call "load left," give the ball to Smith and watch the officials move the marker to first down.

But the Eagles stuffed tackle Mark Tuinei, guard Nate Newton and Johnston and blasted Smith — not once but twice. The first failure was nullified because the two-minute warning came before Dallas could get the play off. But Switzer called the same play, and the Eagles held again and took over on downs.

The Eagles got little on three downs, but didn't need anything because of the favorable field position, and on fourth down they kicked a field goal that won the game.

The Cowboys say they are determined to spring Smith in Sunday's NFC divisional playoff game in Texas Stadium. "We got flat outwilled in that game,"

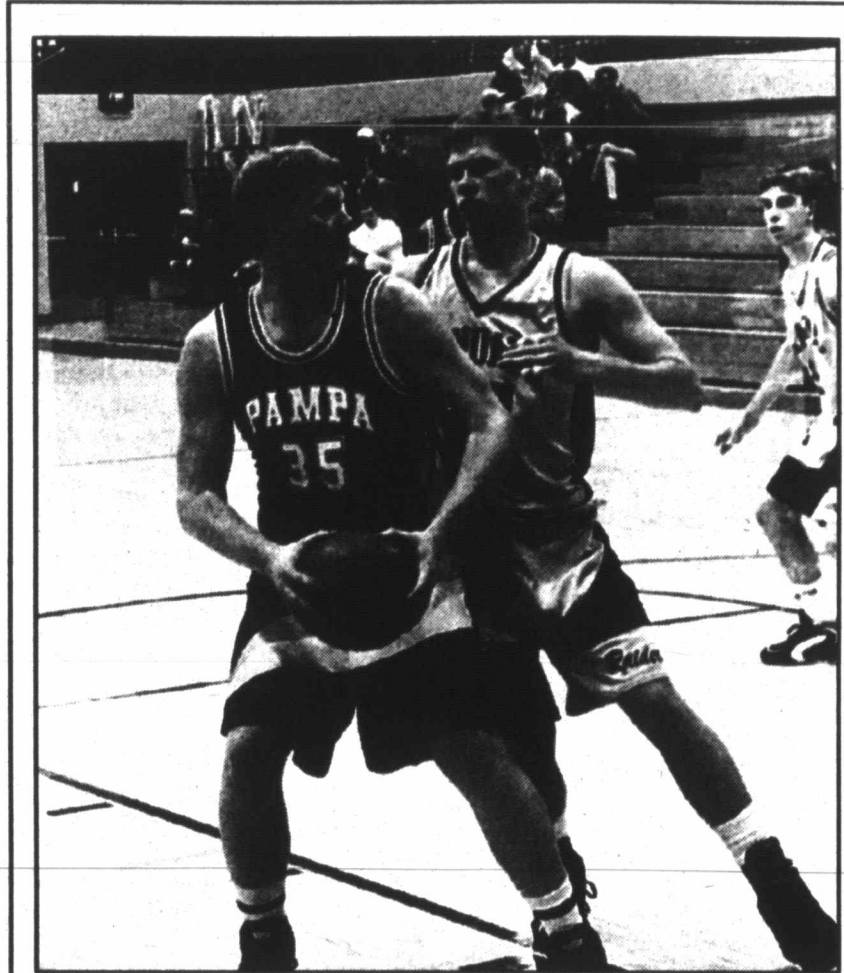
Newton said. "The Eagles wanted it bad. And they got it."

Newton said the Cowboys won't overlook the Eagles again.

"We've got to play better than any game we've played in December to beat them," Newton said. "We've got to block and play lights out."

"Philadelphia deserves credit for what they did in that game," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "They stopped the run and doubled Michael Irvin so we couldn't get the ball to him. But I believe we'll be OK now that the playoffs are here. We know what it takes to get to the Super Bowl."

Dallas has played in the last three NFC championship games, winning two, but losing to the 49ers last year. Philadelphia hasn't been to the NFC title game since defeating the Cowboys in 1981, when the Eagles made their only Super Bowl appearance and lost to the Raiders.



Pampa News/photo

Pampa's Chris Miller (35) had 15 points and 5 rebounds against Randall. The Harvesters host Canyon at 7:30 tonight.

PHS cagers hope to avoid repeat of last year

PAMPA — Around this time last year, Canyon pulled off one of its biggest upsets of the season, defeating Pampa, 66-55, in the second game of the District 1-4A schedule. The Eagles had lost their district opener to Hereford while the Harvesters had opened league play by beating Randall.

The same situation exists this season with Pampa defeating Randall, 92-55, and Canyon losing to Hereford, 60-43, in district openers.

"Canyon has their backs to the wall again and they're going to come at us with everything they got," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "If it would be very difficult after two losses to get back into the district race."

Pampa and Canyon hook up at 7:30 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse. The Pampa-Canyon girls game tips off at 6.

The Harvesters went on to win their seventh straight district championship and defeated Canyon, 90-81, in last season's second meeting between the two teams. Canyon ended up tied with Hereford for the second-place playoff spot, but

ended up losing to Hereford in a playoff game.

The Harvesters are heavy favorites to make that eighth district title in a row as four players, led by Jason Weatherbee's 27 points, had complete control of Randall in the loop opener Tuesday night.

"Jason sure had a good game and so did Rayford (Young). Rayford had 15 points and his overall game, passing, rebounding and defense, was just tremendous," Hale said. "We had a lot of people who played well. Devin Lemons and Chris Miller looked good, Coy Laury out rebounded everybody and Lynn Brown held their good shooter in check. August Larson and Gabe Wilbon played well. It was a great team effort from all eight guys."

HARVESTER, BOX

	23	42	70	92
Pampa	11	21	35	55
Player	F	FG	FT	R
A. Larson	4	3	0-0	2
C. Laury	2	4	0-2	13
D. Lemons	4	7	2-3	6
J. Weatherbee	1	11	2-2	3
C. Miller	1	6	3-3	5
G. Wilbon	1	1	0-0	2
L. Brown	2	0	0-0	1
R. Young	2	6	3-3	7

Home teams should win; covering is another story

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

PRO PICKS

The oddsmakers like the seeds, the teams that sat home last week while the Bills, Eagles, Packers and Colts expended a lot of energy and got themselves beaten up in the wild-card round.

They like them so much that they're all favored by at least six points, and the two NFC hosts, the 49ers and Cowboys, are double-digit favorites.

Winners? Yes. Covering will be tougher.

In order of appearance:

Buffalo (plus 6) at Pittsburgh

This is the most obvious spot for an upset, given the Bills' experience at this level. Jim Kelly, Bruce Smith, Thurman Thomas, Steve Tasker et al. are not about to wilt under pressure — they wait for the Super Bowl to do that.

Pittsburgh won eight of its last nine games and the loss was in Green Bay to a team that's also reached this stage of the playoffs. The Steelers would have won had not the otherwise impeccable Yancey Thigpen dropped a touchdown pass in the game's waning seconds.

So the Steelers get the fans and they get pressure on Kelly, who was never mobile and is less so at this stage of his career.

The Buffalo defense pressures Neil O'Donnell and creates turnovers.

Tough game, maybe the best of the weekend.

STEELERS, 24-22.

Green Bay (plus 10) at San Francisco

For the last two years, the Packers have reached this stage, only to be dispatched by the

Cowboys, who have beaten them five times in three seasons, all in Irving.

So now they try their hands at the NFC's other "unbeatable" power, whom they haven't played since the 1990 regular season.

This is a mirror game. Mike Holmgren used to run the San Francisco offense and his offensive coordinator, Sherman Lewis, used to coach 49ers running backs, one of whom was Harry Sydney, who is now his running backs coach. All this brings out George Seifert's natural paranoia, so the Niners are changing offensive terminology — just in case Holmgren-Lewis-Sydney hear something that tips them off.

This would have more potential for an upset if Reggie White were at full speed. Brett Favre can pull off miracles a la Joe Montana, but even if you rate the offenses rela-

tively even, the San Francisco defense wins this one.

49ERS, 27-20.

Philadelphia (plus 14) at Dallas

Guaranteed: In a tie game with fourth-and-1 at his 29, Barry Switzer will go for it again. That, of course, is how the Cowboys lost to the Eagles in Philadelphia.

But it was 34-12 in Dallas. The Eagles' biggest edge is Ray Rhodes over Switzer, but they can only overachieve for so long. Rodney Peete is a classic 1 1/2, a very good backup but a mediocre starter who is unlikely to throw three TD passes two straight weeks.

One other edge for Dallas is Kevin Williams. After under-achieving for 13 games, Williams has played the last three well enough to force defenses to pay attention. That in turn allows Michael Irvin a little more room, particularly if Jay Novacek is able

to reduce his availability to a handful of plays.

But Shurmur has shown a knack for innovation as well as giving the 49ers trouble.

"He's got pretty good talent there, particularly up front," McKittrick said. "He knows how to get the most out of people and attack our offense."

Shurmur said his frequent defensive changeups often have been dictated by injuries or the personnel he has available to him. But he also believes an element of intrigue is useful against a team like San Francisco, which seems to be most productive when it can get into an offensive rhythm.

The 49ers "play the game so fast that you just have to try to find a way to maybe cause a little hesitation, and hopefully that slows the game down to your pace a little bit," Shurmur said.

Offensively, the Packers, led by MVP Brett Favre, run a similar offense to the 49ers. But they'll be trying to move the ball against San Francisco's top-ranked defense, which has experience against the 49ers-style offense, having practiced against it every day during training camp.

"The only way we can go in and beat San Francisco — we come in first of all on a roll, feeling confident, playing well — and go in there and play that way," Favre said. "We can't go in hot and then play average and expect to beat them."

San Francisco guard Jesse Sapolu said for all the plans, plays and schemes, the outcome will depend on how well players for both sides do their jobs.

"It's just going to come down to the team that executes better and which team has more players making big plays," Sapolu said.

McLean girls outlast Kress in first round of Silverton Basketball Hoot-Out

McLean girls won a 27-25 squeaker over Kress Thursday night in the opening round of the Silverton Hoot-Out.

Heather Hess had 13 points and Rachel Galley followed with 8 to lead McLean scorers.

McLean held an 11-5 lead at halftime.

Jackson had 8 points and Hendricks 6 to lead Kress.

Kress beat McLean, 64-55, in the boys game.

Rojas was high scorer for Kress with 18 points while Durham added 12.

Jeremy Crutcher led McLean with 20 points and Ben Reeser added 16.

Almost every Pampa area basketball team will be in action tonight as the 1995-96 season moves closer to district play.

Wheeler hosts Canadian in a battle of area schools while Fort Elliott visits Alamo Catholic, Groom hosts San Jacinto, Miami is at Samnorwood and White Deer welcomes Wellington. Lefors has an open date.

Wheeler and Canadian boys and girls teams met once before

this season with the games ending with a split. Wheeler girls won a nip and tuck contest, 40-37. Canadian boys rolled to a 78-62 win.

Most of the area teams tip off district play Jan. 23.

The Groom girls are the defending District 5-1A champions and are expected to claim the title again. The Tigerettes open district play Jan. 23 against Wheeler.

Another defending district champion is the Fort Elliott boys, who open District 4-1A activity Jan. 23 against Allison.

49ers await another defensive surprise

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers have learned to expect the unexpected from Green Bay defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur, and that means bracing for some defensive twists in Saturday's divisional playoff.

"He's almost predictable in that he'll be unpredictable," 49ers offensive line coach Bobb McKittrick said. "Almost every down or every other down, they'll have changes in their scheme or their defensive front. So if you saw it last game, you probably won't see it this game."

Shurmur hasn't faced the 49ers (11-5) since coming to the Packers (12-5) two years ago, succeeding Ray Rhodes.

But he dealt with the 49ers at least twice a year while serving as the Los Angeles Rams' coordinator from 1982-90 and three times during his tour as Arizona Cardinals' coordinator from 1991-93.

Probably his most memorable effort against the 49ers came at Candlestick Park in 1990, when he surprised San Francisco by opening with a nickel defense and sticking with it throughout the game.

The Rams defeated the 49ers 28-17, ending an 18-game San Francisco winning streak that included the first 10 games of 1990. The rest of that season, every opponent used a game-long nickel package against the 49ers, including the New York Giants, who defeated the 49ers in the NFC title game to deny San Francisco a third straight Super Bowl appearance.

In 1992 while with Arizona, Shurmur presided over a defensive scheme that handed San Francisco one of only two regu-

lar-season losses that year.

"I think Fritz has always done as good a job as a defensive coordinator against San Francisco, going back to my time there, as anybody," said Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, the 49ers' offensive coordinator before taking the Packers job four years ago. "I think he always had a little wrinkle, a little something up his sleeve. He's done a great job here."

Last week, Shurmur deployed a 3-3-5 scheme to disrupt Atlanta's run-and-shoot offense in the Packers' 37-20 playoff win. The victory qualified them for the NFC semifinal against San Francisco, the first post-season meeting between the teams.

The 49ers haven't had a 100-yard rusher in a game all season, so Shurmur is expected to use some sort of nickel package to try to throttle the pass, the heart of the San Francisco offense. But just how that defense will deploy remains to be seen.

"The secondary will play maybe a handful of coverages," San Francisco quarterback Steve Young said. "There's only so many things you can do with the secondary guys. The front seven, you'll see a 3-3 look, three down linemen, three linebackers and five DBs. Then you'll see the nickel look, and it could very well be every down."

"We've also seen all kinds of combinations, so the coverages won't vary as much as the (pass) protection schemes for the front seven and that'll be interesting for all of us early in the game on Saturday, I'm sure."

However, Green Bay's defense won't be at full strength because of the limited availability of end Reggie White, whose torn hamstring likely will

reduce his availability to a handful of plays.

But Shurmur has shown a knack for innovation as well as giving the 49ers trouble.

"He's got pretty good talent there, particularly up front," McKittrick said. "He knows how to get the most out of people and attack our offense."

Shurmur said his frequent defensive changeups often have been dictated by injuries or the personnel he has available to him. But he also believes an element of intrigue is useful against a team like San Francisco, which seems to be most productive when it can get into an offensive rhythm.

The 49ers "play the game so fast that you just have to try to find a way to maybe cause a little hesitation, and hopefully that slows the game down to your pace a little bit," Shurmur said.

Offensively, the Packers, led by MVP Brett Favre, run a similar offense to the 49ers. But they'll be trying to move the ball against San Francisco's top-ranked defense, which has experience against the 49ers-style offense, having practiced against it every day during training camp.

"The only way we can go in and beat San Francisco — we come in first of all on a roll, feeling confident, playing well — and go in there and play that way," Favre said. "We can't go in hot and then play average and expect to beat them."

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Boston	12	17	.414	11		14	16	.467	12	
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By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

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The toughest season of Tim Shula's career turned out to be his last. After 347 victories in Super Bowls, two NFL titles and the only perfect season in league history, Shula has decided to quit.

It was a tough decision, one I haven't had to make in 33 years of coaching, Shula told WTVT-TV on Thursday, his 68th birthday.

He planned to announce his resignation in a news conference at 4 p.m. EST today.

As recently as Sunday, Shula said he would honor the final year of his contract next season. But there had been speculation about his future for much of the season as Miami, the preseason AFC favorite, struggled to a 9-7 record.

The team with a high payroll and low morale saved its worst game for last, a 37-22 collapse in the first round of the playoffs last Saturday at Buffalo.

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Coaches say final SWC race wide open

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The final Southwest Conference basketball schedule kicks off Saturday, but don't look for nostalgia from Texas coach Tom Penders.

Conference games have never meant much to him. In fact, he says, they've been a hindrance to getting into the NCAA tournament, the only goal that matters to Penders.

"Every year we take care of our business and play a tough non-conference schedule and get our power rating up and then once league play starts I water or power rating go steadily down the drain," said Penders, the dean of SWC coaches.

Penders isn't concerned about offending anyone in the league or providing bulletin board material because he already feels as if every SWC team guns for Texas.

He can't wait to get to the Big 12 Conference, a move that has been in the works for more than a year.

"It's like you have been divorced and you've got to live with your ex-wife for two years," Penders said. "We will be going to a league in which only a couple schools will be pointing to us on their schedules."

"Everyone will have their own rivalries and big games, but it won't be a holy war every time we play."

"It won't be, 'Ha ha. We beat Texas. We ruined your season.'"

That said, Penders isn't picking his team to repeat as SWC champions this year. Preseason pundits branded Texas Tech, Rice and Houston as the frontrunners in the league. And that's fine with Penders, whose team lost six of its top seven players last year and promptly knocked off then-No. 11

North Carolina last week, earning a spot in the Top 25 at No. 23.

"Most of our kids are a long way from gelling," Penders said. "Tech is the heavy favorite and most publications have Houston and Rice ahead of us. I am not about to put any pressure on this team."

Here's a breakdown of the SWC heading into league play in the order of teams' overall records:

TEXAS TECH — At 9-1 heading into Saturday's game at East Tennessee State, Tech is living up to its preseason billing. The Red Raiders have victories over Oklahoma, Old Dominion and Brigham Young with their only loss to Eastern Michigan.

Tech is leading the league in rebounding and has yet to get the production expected from last year's top scorer Jason Sasser, who is averaging 16.4 points per game after posting 20.1 points per game a year ago.

"He is trying too hard and probably pressing right now," said Tech coach James Dickey.

Koy Smith leads the Red Raiders, averaging 17.4 points per game.

RICE — The Owls, 7-3 heading into Thursday night's game at Navy, have been winning despite inconsistency in their lineup. Both 6-11 center Shaun Igo and forward Jesse Cravens have missed games due to injury.

But Rice beat Vanderbilt on the road and won the Spartan Classic tournament at Michigan State with victories over Idaho State and Central Michigan.

The Owls lead the league in field goal percentage and 3-point field goal percentage. Senior forward Tommy McGhee has hit 28 of 50 from behind the arc for a league-leading 56 percent accuracy.

TEXAS — The Longhorns, 7-3 heading into Saturday's game

against Rice, are leading the league in scoring behind the SWC's top scorer, Reggie Freeman, who is putting up 25.2 points per game.

Texas has wins over DePaul, Providence, Oregon State and North Carolina with losses to Utah, Louisville and Nebraska.

Penders' "hockey theory of shots on goal" offense, also known as run-and-gun, has produced nearly 150 more field goal attempts than Longhorns' opponents.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN — The Horned Frogs (8-5) have found life after Kurt Thomas, the SWC player of the year last season, a little easier thanks to freshman Damion Walker, who is averaging 23.7 points and 10.7 rebounds per game.

Walker scored 31 in a victory against Middle Tennessee State and grabbed 20 rebounds in a win over Southeast Louisiana.

TCU leads the league in free throw percentage and blocked shots, behind James Penny's average of 2.1 blocks per game.

TEXAS A&M — The Aggies, 6-4 heading into Thursday's game against Bethune-Cookman, have been led by their backcourt of Tracey Anderson and Derrick Hart, both junior college transfers.

Over the past five games, Hart is averaging 22.4 points and has hit 22 of 44 3-point attempts.

Anderson, who leads the league in steals, has been bothered by a groin pull and missed a couple games. The Aggies are 5-2 when he is in the lineup and 0-2 when he is out. Kyle Kessel leads the SWC in assists.

HOUSTON — Plagued by eligibility problems to star forward Tim Moore and junior college transfer Lonzell Gowdy, the Cougars were 4-6 heading into Saturday's game against future Conference USA stablemate No. 3 Memphis.

Moore, an All-SWC performer who averaged 20.1 points and 10.6 rebounds per game last year, and Gowdy missed the first six games of the season.

Since rejoining the Cougars, Gowdy is starting at point guard and Moore is averaging 14.5 points and 12.5 rebounds. Houston ended a five-game losing streak by winning its last two games against Northeast Louisiana and Texas Lutheran.

SOUTHERN METHODIST — Under first-year coach Mike Dement, SMU (4-6) has played a mine-filled non-conference schedule. The Mustangs' losses have come against Creighton, Missouri, Oklahoma State, Arkansas, Arizona State and Oklahoma.

SMU, which faces No. 4 Kansas on Saturday before opening league play at Houston on Monday, is leading the league in scoring defense, holding opponents to an average of 59 points per game.

Troy Matthews scored a career-high 31 points, including seven 3-pointers, in leading SMU to a 79-67 victory over Pennsylvania on Dec. 30.

BAYLOR — With an NCAA scandal behind them, the Bears (4-7) are attempting to build on a 9-19 record last season under second-year coach Harry Miller.

Sophomore center Brian Skinner, who was voted co-freshman of the year in the SWC in 1994-95, is leading the league in blocks. He recorded the SWC's first triple-double of the season in a victory over Louisiana Tech on Dec. 30 with 15 points, 11 rebounds and 10 blocks.

Freshman Damond Mannon has started all 11 games for the Bears and is their second leading scorer with 14 points per game to go along with an average of 5.1 rebounds and 4 assists.

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

TRANSACTIONS

AUTO RACING
PAYTON COYNE RACING—Signed Hiro Matsushita, driver.

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Logan White scouting supervisor, and Gil Kubski, Marc Ziegler, Jim Robinson, and Dean DeCillis territorial scouts.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Chuck Finley, pitcher, on a three-year contract.



CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with Mario Diaz and Steve Dunn, infielders, on minor-league contracts.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Designated Jimmy Rogers, pitcher, for assignment.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Named David Wilder director of minor leagues.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with Lance Parrish, catcher, on a minor-league contract.

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Public Notice

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The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive informalities and technicalities. The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at a scheduled meeting in February, 1996.

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Public Notice

The Landmark Club has made application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a private club license renewal to be located at 618 W. Foster, City of Pampa, County of Gray, and will operate under the tradename of The Landmark Club. Officers being W. E.

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TOP O Texas Scottish Rite meeting Friday, January 5th, 7:30 p.m. for Installation of Officers. Everyone invited.

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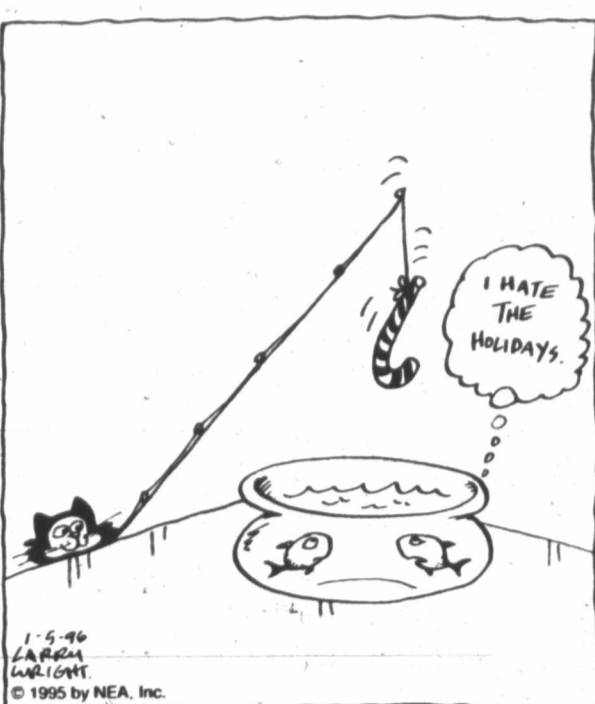
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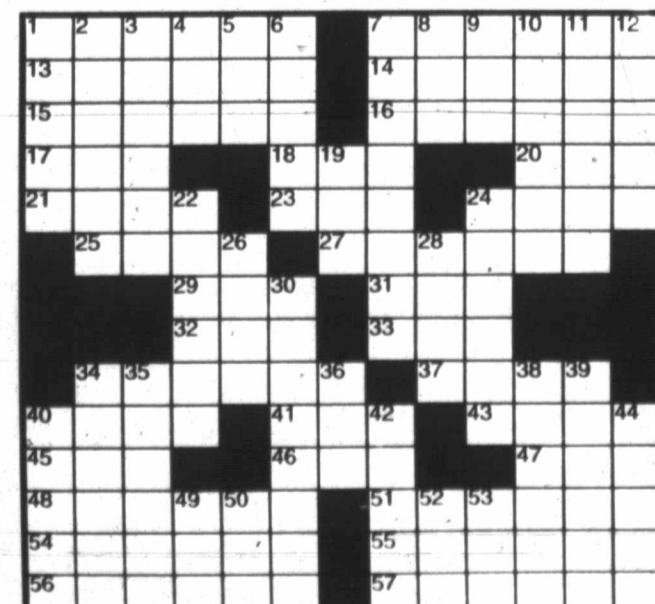
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Dole's budget stance controversial, baffling to supporters

WASHINGTON (AP) — On his way recently to a bargaining session at the White House, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole displayed no second thoughts about passing legislation to reopen the government despite lack of a balanced budget deal with President Clinton.

"I never thought they were connected in the first place," said the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination.

But GOP orthodoxy says the two are linked, and Dole's decision to advance a bill Tuesday sparked anger among some Republicans and disagreement even among his strongest supporters in the presidential race.

Predictably, rival campaigns sought to exploit the episode.

"Should you choose to join the Gramm campaign you would always be welcome," Rep. Joe Barton of Texas wrote Dole's House supporters in a bid to pry loose some defectors.

The letter, by Gramm's chief House supporter,

was written on Gramm campaign stationery and made unflattering references to Dole's general support for the Bosnian peacekeeping mission and his action on the budget.

Thus far, no defectors have been spotted, and Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., chief deputy whip and a Dole supporter, predicted no long term consequences.

But presidential contender Pat Buchanan derided Dole in a statement on Thursday for an "almost addictive reversion to back-room deal-making. ... This is the antithesis of the kind of leadership our party and our nation needs most."

In an interview in his Capitol office, Dole seemed comfortable with his decision.

"What I want to do is get back on our message," he said. "Our message is not a government shutdown. Our message to the American people is a balanced budget in seven years."

Shutting the government, he said, "doesn't put any pressure on Clinton. It doesn't put any pres-

sure on us. It's unfair to people who want to work and from a conservative viewpoint I don't understand why you pay people for not working, and in essence that's what we've agreed to do. Particularly when they're willing to work."

"I think it will work out all right," he said.

Dole also said there was "no rift between me and" House Speaker Newt Gingrich, architect of the GOP revolution. While many House Republicans have criticized Dole in recent days — House GOP Whip Tom DeLay said he had caved in to Clinton — Gingrich has not.

And even as Dole was being buffeted by the criticism, Gingrich and the House seemed to be moving his way, however grudgingly.

Subject to approval by the full House Republican membership, GOP officials were hoping to approve legislation today to send most federal employees back to work with full pay, while restoring many of the services that have been shut off.

Outside the House, Dole's decision looked to some like smart presidential politics.

"I think in the short run it helps Dole as a candidate because I think he has made the calculation that the nomination is all but won and it's time to start moving back to the center," said Larry McCarthy, a GOP media consultant with ties to the front-runner's campaign.

"I don't think Bob Dole makes this if he's in the middle of a really contested nomination battle," he added.

At the same time, even Dole's strongest allies expressed disagreement.

"Nothing's going to shake my support" said Rep. Todd Tiahrt, a first-term lawmaker from the senator's home state of Kansas.

Still, he said, "in my humble opinion the only way to keep the president at the table and negotiating (on a balanced budget) is to stay the course."

Others said Dole may have damaged his campaign.

Russian troops eagerly await Bosnian mission

KOSTROMA, Russia (AP) — Days away from the start of Russia's mission to Bosnia, rosy-faced soldiers shifted from foot to foot and shivered as they assembled on their base's frigid parade grounds.

Winter can be especially cruel for the under-funded Russian army. But no one in the Kostroma paratroopers battalion was complaining about his assignment to the Balkans.

For starters, it isn't the Russian quagmire of Chechnya. There also will be fatter paychecks and the honor of showing Russia's colors in the world's No. 1 military hot spot.

"All our soldiers wanted to go to Bosnia," said Denis Dementiev, 21, as the 98th Airborne Division had its final review Thursday at the Kostroma military base.

"First is pride in our service, and second is money," he said.

The paratroopers will be in a contingent of 1,500 Russian troops flying to Bosnia this month to enforce the peace alongside NATO soldiers.

Nagging questions, including funding and concerns about the Russians' historic bias toward the Serbs, have cast a shadow over the peacekeeping mission.

But the mood at the base about 200 miles northeast of Moscow was upbeat on Thursday, sub-zero temperatures notwithstanding.

Marching before top commanders on a frosty parade ground, the soldiers filled the air with puffs of breath as they toted their Kalashnikov assault rifles, grenade launchers and other weapons, then tuned up their tanks and trucks and chatted with visiting reporters.

It is a seasoned group, selected from among the many who volunteered. A majority fought in the year-old war in breakaway Chechnya, and many served in Afghanistan, Angola or Tajikistan.

Lt. Gen. Vyacheslav Kholilov reminded the men that there is still shooting in Bosnia, and

appealed to their pride: "In you, the people in the Balkans will see the best of Russia."

Senior Cpl. Valery Tikhomolov, 46, said he grew up hearing propaganda about the Cold War enemy but claimed there was never any animosity at the soldiers' level.

"We always wanted to work together with the Americans and NATO. We are happy that the time is finally here," he said. "Military strength is only good when it means fulfilling the peace."

Dwindling government support, which has dogged the army since the Soviet collapse and contributed to unexpected losses in Chechnya, has left uncertain the starting date, funding and status of 500 reservists in Sarajevo.

Only today did the upper house of parliament, the Federation Council, formally approve the sending of troops to Bosnia. Now the army can set a final timetable for the arrival of the troops, 60 Russian planes and 12 trainloads of equipment, including 120 armored vehicles and 300 trucks.

The legislative action will increase officers' and soldiers' meager salaries many times over, to several hundred dollars a month.

Russian troops were part of the U.N. peacekeeping force being replaced by the NATO-led mission. This time, however, they'll be stationed in a U.S.-patrolled sector of northwestern Bosnia, working alongside Americans, Turks and a Swedish-Norwegian contingent.

So sensitive is the arrangement that the Russians, unlike other allied troops in the 60,000-strong force, will not answer directly to U.S. Army Gen. George Joulwan, the supreme NATO commander in Europe.

The orders will instead be transmitted through Russian Col. Gen. Leonty Shevtsov to allow the Russians to avoid the appearance of taking orders from NATO.

Part B Medicare enrollment sign-up period end March 31

If you are 65 or over and do not have Part B Medicare coverage, you will have a chance to sign up for the Part B medical insurance during the 1996 annual enrollment period, according to Joe Deschaine, Social Security manager at Pampa.

Every year, the government offers a three-month open enrollment period from Jan. 1 to March 31. This period is to give you a second chance if you did not enroll when you were first eligible or you dropped your coverage in the interim.

If you enroll during the current sign-up period, your coverage will begin July 1, 1996. For 1996, the cost for Part B coverage is \$42.50 per month. Most delayed enrollees pay a 10 percent surcharge for each year they could have been enrolled

but were not, Deschaine said.

Part B coverage, also called "medical insurance" helps pay for doctors' care, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services. People are offered the option of signing up for Part B at the time they are automatically enrolled in Medicare's Part A program. Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital care and certain other services.

People who want to sign up for Part B Medicare coverage can call any Social Security office or call the Social Security toll free number, 1-800-772-1213.

The Pampa Social Security office is located at 125 S. Gillespie, telephone 669-1010. Office hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on national holidays.

Arbor Day group offers free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1996.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Golden Rain trees, two Washington Hawthorns and two American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers — and also provide winter berries and nesting

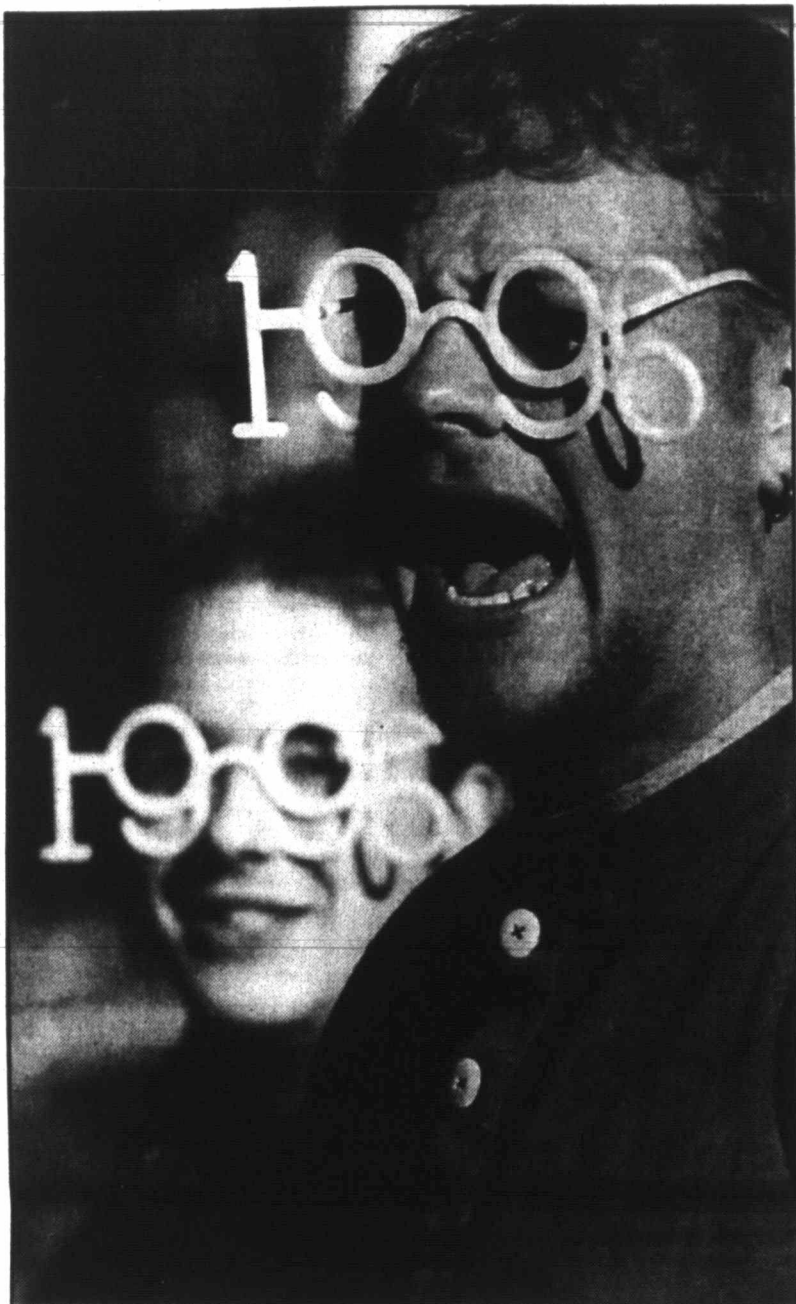
sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31, 1996.

Glasses for the new year



Danny Monaco, left, and Ben Reilly wear glow-in-the-dark 1996 glasses which they have been selling in New York's Times Square. Reilly tries to attract customers by yelling "... two dollars today, three dollars tomorrow." They hope to sell more than 2,000 of the glasses as the new year begins.

Cows, circus clowns teach kids with language problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Language-disabled children can use computer games with flying cows, circus scenes and funny noises to train their brains to hear and recognize the rapid-fire sounds of normal speech, according to a study published today.

The games, developed by the University of California, San Francisco, and tested at Rutgers University, use computer-generated speech that has slowed the consonant sounds that trip across the tongue in milliseconds, far faster than some children can understand.

Contests within the games force language-disabled children to concentrate on sounds such as "da" and "pa" and this, in turn, attunes the brain to grasp the subtle differences. As the children improve, the games automatically speed up until the troublesome sounds clip along at near-normal speed.

Two studies on the computer training technique were published today in the journal *Science*.

Training for just a month enabled a group of children to

advance their speech recognition by two years, and later tests suggest that this skill helps when they started learning to read, said Steve Miller, a researcher at Rutgers University.

Children are lured to the games by colorful animation, flying farm animals, silly characters and contests that reward success, said Miller.

In a farm game, for instance, children are told "your job is to catch the cow" and a comical bovine starts flying around the barnyard.

As it flies, the computer produces a series of sounds that will change suddenly and unexpectedly. The child releases a button to indicate the change has been heard.

Miller said, for example, a child playing the game would hear "pack, pack, pack, pat." At the sound of the last word, the child reacts.

"If he is quick enough, he gets a point and the cow runs into a barn," said Miller. "If it's a miss, the cow keeps flying around."

After three correct tries, the discrete sounds get slightly harder to detect.

World briefs

Rescuers searching for last crash victim

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Search dogs have been sent to the Andean mountain where an American Airlines jet crashed two weeks ago to try to find the only remaining missing victim, a 9-year-old New Jersey boy.

The attorney general's office, meanwhile, said it will investigate whether negligence by Cali air traffic controllers caused the crash. The Boeing 757 from Miami had been headed for the southwestern Colombian city when it went down.

The attorney general can recommend only disciplinary action such as firing or suspension. The prosecutor general's office has said it has no plans to conduct a criminal investigation.

Colombian forensic tests found alcohol in the remains of the plane's pilot, Nicholas Tafuri. But the airline said that doesn't necessarily mean he was drinking before the crash. Experts say the decay of body tissues after death can create alcohol.

Scientists create first atoms of antimatter

GENEVA (AP) — Physicists have created the first atoms of antimatter, giving scientists a glimpse of what they say could be a "completely new anti-world."

The breakthrough was announced Thursday after months of careful checking of data. Physicists say it is possible that the universe could contain stars and planets made entirely of anti-matter — objects that up to now scientists could only imagine.

The antimatter atoms were pro-

duced last September at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) in Switzerland by Professor Walter Oelert and his team from Erlangen-Nuremberg University in Germany.

Ordinary atoms are made up of a number of electron particles in orbit around a nucleus. Antimatter atoms have the same basic structure, but are made up of anti-particles. Every sub-atomic particle is known to have a corresponding anti-particle.

Diana meeting with lawyers to discuss her options

LONDON (AP) — Back from a Caribbean break, Princess Diana meets with her lawyers today to discuss what to do about the queen's demand that she and Charles divorce and be quick about it.

One of the lawyers, Anthony Julius, said Thursday that contrary to reports in some newspapers, Diana has made no decision about a divorce. "It is not true that the princess has agreed to a divorce. There is no decision on that yet," he said.

But the *Daily Express*, which reported Thursday that Diana has told advisers she had agreed to divorce, was unabashed by his remarks.

The London tabloid today insisted that she has accepted that her marriage will end in divorce "but is determined not to reveal her view publicly until she has achieved a settlement with which she is fully satisfied."

A *Daily Express* rival, the *Daily Mirror*, had a similar but less detailed report Monday quoting unidentified friends of Diana saying she had decided to agree to divorce.

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