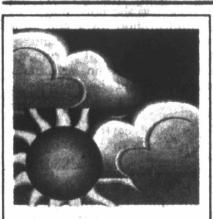


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Low tonight in low 20s, high tomorrow in low 50s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA - Government agencies have reported closings for the Christmas holidays.

All offices of Pampa City Hall except the police and fire departments will be closed today and Wednesday; they will reopen for regular services on Thursday. Lovett Memorial Library also is closed today and Wednesday.

Gray County offices will be closed today and Wednesday.

The Department of Human Services, Texas Workforce Commission and the Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed today, Wednesday and Thursday.

Department The of Agriculture and the United States Post Office will be closed only on Christmas day.

All banks and other financial institutions will be closed on Wednesday.

## Memo: Gore, Buddhist sect leader had meetings

seeking a White House meeting between Vice President Al Gore and the leader of a Taiwanese Buddhist sect, a Democratic fund-raiser reminded Gore's office of his previous visits with the leader and group members, a document shows.

John Huang set up the meeting. in March, a month before Gore attended a controversial fundraiser at a Buddhist temple in California, which Huang organized. In a memo to a Gore aide, Huang noted that Gore as a senator had met with the Buddhist leader in 1989 in Taiwan and as vice president with some of his followers in 1993 and 1995 in Los

Angeles. The memo, which was among thousands of pages of docu-ments that the Democratic National Committee recently turned over to congressional investigators, suggests that Gore had more extensive contacts with the Buddhist group than previously acknowledged.

The memo indicates that Gore's office approved the March 15 meeting with Venerable Master Hsing Yun, whom Huang described as the "highest Buddhist leader in Taiwan.

White House special counsel Lanny Davis confirmed Monday that the meeting did occur, but

**Gingerbread village** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - In he declined further comment. Huang was working at the DNC at the time he made the request.

Gore acknowledged this fall that the Democrats erred in arranging the fund-raiser with Asian Americans at the Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple in Hacienda Heights, Calif., in April. Gore said he thought it to be a "community event." The Democratic committee has returned some of the \$140,000 raised by the event because of questions about the origins of some contributions.

Similarly, a note from Huang to his fund-raising boss at the DNC, in which he pleaded the case of a South Korean businessman seeking a meeting with President Clinton, provides insight into the sort of favors big donors received.

Huang sent the memo to Richard Sullivan, the DNC finance director, on April 8, the same day the U.S. subsidiary of the businessman's electronics company, Cheong Am America Inc., gave \$250,000 to the Democrats. The DNC returned the money in September after responding to reporters' questions and finding that the money really came from the South Korean parent company.

Under federal law, foreigners who are legal U.S. residents and U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies are allowed to make campaign donations if the money was earned here.

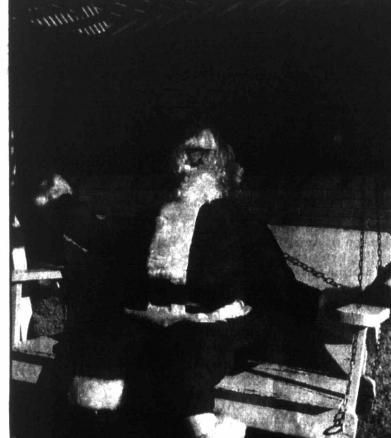
In a related development, the White House confirmed there were a total of four meetings this year in which presidential aides were briefed on suspicious donations that had been delivered this spring to Clinton's legal defense fund. Those donations were returned in June because of concerns about their origins but the matter wasn't disclosed until last week.

The AP reported Sunday that at a May 9 meeting, six senior aides, including the president's confidant, Bruce Lindsey, attended a briefing and raised concerns about offending donors if the oney was given back.

\n administration official said that in addition to the May meeting, Lindsey attended another meeting in November, and two more in December, the last just a week before the public announcement of the returned money.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the official described the meetings as "informational," in which the fund's director briefed White House aides on the latest developments. The subject of informing the

public about the problems did not come up until the December meetings, he said.



**Friendly Santa** 

(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes Passersby in the 2700 block of Navajo may find themselves surprised to see Santa just taking it easy on a sheltered bench. The Santa was placed outside their home by Ken and Carolyn Hall using a Santa suit that had been purchased as

a kit. Grandmother Francis Hall painted the face which greets a along the street during the t

There will be no edition of The Pampa News on Christmas, and all departments will be closed. Regular office hours and newspaper delivery will resume on Thursday.

WHEELER — Wheeler County Sheriff's officers were investigating an early morning burglary today in Wheeler.

Law enforcement officers said burglars apparently broke into a convenience store overnight by knocking a hole in the wall of the store.

Authorities said the burglary at the Speedi-Mart convenience store on Alan Bean Blvd. was reported about 5:30 a.m. today.

**PAMPA** — The staff of the Coffee Memorial Blood Center wants to remind residents there will be another blood drive on Friday, Dec. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Columbia Medical Center.

Holiday hero T-Shirts will be given to each donor.

The Blood Center staff reminds donors they can donate every 56 days.

For more information, call (806) 358-4563.

WASHINGTON (AP) -The flight plan has been filed and official clearance given for Santa Claus' annual Christmas Eve flight, the Federal Aviation Administration announced Monday.

Acting in the spirit of the holiday, the FAA gave the jolly old gent special clearance to operate below the 1,000-foot minimum flight level, and inspectors said he has been checked out in tricky rooftop landing maneuvers. Santa's sleigh has been

issued the special tail number, N-HOHÒ.

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#### (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Lelet Haesle, 2111 Chestnut, shows the gingerbread village she created for the Christmas holidays this year. She had always wanted to make a gingerbread house for Christmas and decided "to go crazy" and make a whole village. She spent one whole day baking the gingerbread and then began the decorating process. Her husband John said he felt like he didn't have a wife for two weeks, approximately how long it took to do all the decorating. Mrs. Haesle is a full-time registered nurse at Columbia Medical Center and worked on the village a few hours a day. The village can be stored for up to two years, she said, saying she plans to add to it next year.

## Christmas countdown: Last-minute shoppers

#### **By RACHEL BECK AP Business Writer**

Even President Clinton had to sneak out for some last-minute shopping, joining millions of other Americans who crammed into the nation's stores in the days before Christmas.

Despite the president's help, the burst of last-minute buying may not be enough to jolt sales to the levels that retailers had hoped for at the start of the season

"This is turning out to be just an OK Christmas," said Terence McEvoy, a retail analyst at Janney Montgomery Scott Inc. "While the weekend was strong, sales for the season will probably be on the lower end of expectations."

After a dismal Christmas a year ago, retailers were optimistic that shoppers would

thanks to a healthy economy, low inflation and high levels of consumer confidence.

Also buoying retailers' hopes was increased consumer spending, which the Commerce Department .eported Monday rose 0.5 percent in November, beating analysts' estimates.

But five fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas, coupled with high levels of consumer debt and foul weather in some parts of the country may produce a ho-hum holiday season.

"The cost of living is going up," said Teri Lutz, a mother of three who was looking for gifts at Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa, Okla. "Prices are so high. It's just so hard just buying the normal things" on her gift list.

Whether this season is a

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spend enthusiastically this year, cess or not, however, depends largely on spending volume in the last days before Christmas. President Clinton plunged in

among the nation's last-minute Christmas shoppers Sunday at glittering mall at Union Station, toting back a pair of shiny gift bags to the Oval Office.

A new survey of 800 homes by shopping was done.

peak," predicted C.O. Wilson, assistant store manager for J.C. Penney Co. Inc. at The Empire mall in Sioux Falls, S.D., where bad weather hurt business last

America's Research Group found 12 percent of respondents said they still had all their shopping to do as of late Sunday and percent said they may have some gifts to buy. Eighty-one percent said their Christmas

"It's going to be a late, violent

## Amarillo couple die in head-on collision

Pampa hospital today with 5:10 p.m. Monday on a bridge injuries suffered in a head-on collision that killed an Amarillo couple.

Marvin Edward Stimson, 27, and Will Knott, 26, both of Borger, were in stable condition today at Columbia Medical Center in Pampa with injuries suffered in a two-truck collision near Lefors shortly after 5 p.m. Monday that killed an Amarillo couple. Knott was in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

Ruie Howard Miller, 62, of Amarillo, died at the scene, according to Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns. His wife, Patsy Miller, 62, of Amarillo, was airlifted by helicopter to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Authorities said she died shortly before 7 p.m. in Amarillo.

Two Borger men were in a trucks collided head-on about six miles north of Lefors on Texas Highway 273.

Department of Public Safety officials said Stimson was north bound in a 1985 Ford pickup when he apparently crossed the median into the south bound lane of Texas Highway 273. Ruie Miller was south bound, driving a 1991 GMC Sonoma pickup, officers said. The two truck struck head-on in the south bound lane of the highway, officers said.

Authorities said Department of Public Safety troopers were investigating the cause of the accident this morning. They said that alcohol did not appear to be involved.

Drivers and passengers in both vehicles were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, authorities reported.

Officers said two pickup

## Cattlemen making profit despite swing in prices

making a profit at year-end on fed cattle, according to a Texas economist, but it will be 1998 before feeder cattle prices rise.

The \$18 swing in fed cattle prices was hard to contend with in 1996. Jim Gill, economist for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, said Monday during year-end comments at the association's headquarters here.

"In 1996 we started with cattle making about \$10 a head," Gill said. "By April the tion to increase another one permarket had deteriorated to cent and poultry production to where cattle were losing a increase another three percent. \$150 a head, but it came back and got in the black on the cattle traded about \$60," Gill profit side. At the end of the said. "That compares with \$68 year, we're probably making in 1995 and \$80 in 1994." \$20 to \$25 a head."

Cattle liquidation began in because of a drought, and will

AMARILLO – Cattle nen are grow nationwide through 1997, he said.

"I think because of the liquidation in 1997, feeder cattle prices will continue under pressure," Gill said. "It will be 1998 before we really see the full liquidation take effect and feeder cattle price will rebound some then.

He predicted beef production would be up one percent to over 25.5 billion pounds, close to record production.

Gill expected pork produc-

"In 1996, 650 pound feeder

Gill said that with the Freedom to Farm Act going 1996, especially in Texas into effect, he hopes that \$10 grain prices are history.

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# **Daily Record**

## **Services**

#### Services Thursday

Baptist Church, Guymon, Okla. Burial, 2 od ending at 7 a.m. today. p.m., Hugoton Cemetery, Hugoton, Kan.

#### **Obituaries**

#### **EVA MAE BALDWIN**

GUYMON, Okla. - Eva Mae Baldwin, 65, a former Lefors, Texas, resident, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Gibson officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hugoton Cemetery at Hugoton, Kan. Burial will be under the direction of Bunch-**Roberts Funéral Home.** 

Mrs. Baldwin was born at Pineville, Mo. She graduated from Rolla High School at Rolla, Kan., and from Panhandle State University at Goodwell in 1973, receiving a degree in elementary education. She married Harrison Franklin Baldwin Jr. in 1955 at Clayton, N.M.; he died in 1968. She had been a Goodwell resident for 13 years prior to moving to Guymon in 1988 from Lefors.

She taught elementary school in Straight, Hooker, Guymon, Liberal, Kan., and Lefors. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church and No Man's Land Senior Citizens Club

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Dickenson of Amarillo; a son, Perry Baldwin of Amarillo; two sisters, Yvonne Moore of Marlow and Kathrine Rawlins of Tempe, Ariz.; brothers, Gene Myers and Warren Myers, both of Rolla, Bill Myers of Liberal, Kan., Kenneth Myers of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Jimmy Myers of Haviland, Kan.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to No Man's Land Senior Citizens Club c/o Bunch-Roberts Runeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

#### **ERLA WALTON VALLASTER**

BORGER – Erla Walton Vallaster, 70, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Mason Funeral Home Chapel at Shattuck, Okla., with the Rev. Harry Stevenson, pastor of Shattuck First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Shattuck Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangeare, under the direction of ments Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vallaster was born north of Shattuck and attended Stoney Point Country School. She later graduated from Shattuck High School. She worked on a shell assembly line during World War II. She married James Wilson Vallaster in 1946; he died in 1984. The couple lived in Shattuck for several years, moving to Pampa in 1956 and to Fritch in the late 60s. She was a memer of First Christian Church of Fritch

#### Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the fol-BALDWIN, Eva Mae - 11 a.m., First lowing incidents and arrest for the 24-hour peri-

MONDAY, Dec. 23

The manager of Sirloin Stockade, 518 N. Hobart reported a burglary. Damage costs were not reported.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 100 block of South Ballard. Damage to a pickup is estimated at \$300.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Zimmers. Damage is estimated at \$200.

A 26-year-old female reported an assault with bodily injury in the 900 block Finley. She reported only minor injuries.

Theft of five wooden ornaments valued at \$125 was reported by a Celebration of Lights representative.

Theft of an \$800 diamond tennis bracelet was reported in the 1500 block of West 22nd.

Theft of a tool box and tools valued at \$2450 was reported in the 900 block of Terry Rd.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson. Damage to a car's side mirror is estimated at \$50.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson. Damage to a car's side mirror is estimated at \$50.

Criminal mischief was reported to three vehicles. Total damage estimates are approximately \$1000.

#### Arrests

Pete Garcia, 26, was arrested in the 2600 block of North Hobart for an assault with injury charge. He remained in jail.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 24** 

A hit and run was reported in the 2200 block of North Zimmers. Damage is estimated at \$700.

Theft of \$14 gas was reported from the Allsup's at 1900 N. Hobart.

#### Ambulance

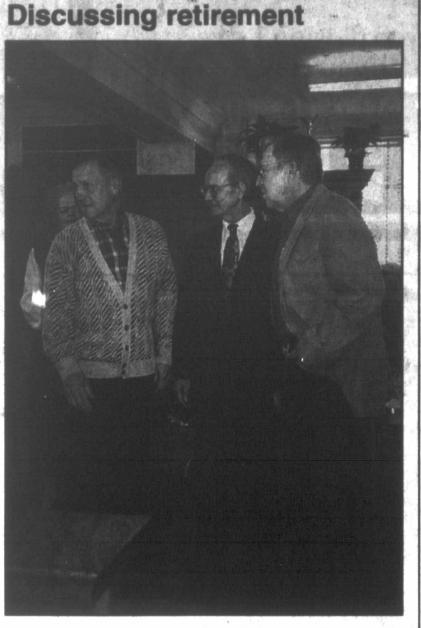
Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. MONDAY, Dec. 23

10:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Christy for a medical assist. One patient was transferred to Columbia Medical Center.

1:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transfer one patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

4:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transfer one patient to a local nursing facility.

5:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 273 and Gray County Road 17 for a automobile accident. One patient was transported to Medivac 1.



#### (Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Retiring County Auditor, A.C. Malone, center, shares retirement stories with retired County Judge Carl Kennedy, left, and retired commissioner Ted Simmons. Malone, who is retiring after 28 years with Gray County, served as auditor when Kennedy and Simmons were in office, he said. A reception in Malone's honor was held Monday afternoon at the Gray County Courthouse.

## **Obituaries**

#### **DILLIE ANN (GRIFFITH) SANDERS**

SHAMROCK - Dillie Ann (Griffith) Sanders, 99, longtime Shamrock resident, dies Monday, Dec. 23, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Shamrock with James Conner of Shamrock officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Sanders was born in Comanche, Texas. She had lived in Shamrock for 72 years. She married Frank Sanders in 1924 at Wellington; he died in 1970. She was a board member of the First National Bank in Shamrock and was a member of the First Christian Church in Wellington.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Sanders, in 1961. Survivors include three sons, Joel Sanders of Dallas and Charles Sanders and Harold Sanders. both of Shamrock; a brother, Ernest Griffith of Denton; a sister, Ruby Rae MoCharnuk of Georgia; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

## Firm seeks thalidomide use to treat leprosy type

WASHINGTON (AP) Thalidomide, a sleeping pill blamed for severe birth defects in 12,000 babies worldwide in the 1960s, may soon be used to treat a painful form of leprosy.

Celgene Corp. of Warren, N.J., announced Monday it was applying to the Food and Drug Administration for a new drug application for thalidomide in the treatment of erythema nodosum leprosum, an inflammation associated with leprosy.

The company said it also plans to file a new drug application early next year to use thalidomide for the treatment of wasting, a severe weight-loss disorder common among HIV and **AIDS** patients.

Thalidomide has never been approved for general prescrip-tion use in the United States, but the drug was once sold in 48 other countries as a prenatal sleeping pill and for treatment of morning sickness. It was banned worldwide in 1962 when it was blamed for birth defects - facial deformities, malformed limbs and defective organs - in some 12,000 babies.

Makers of thalidomide applied for license to sell the drug in the United States about 35 years ago, but the drug was never approved because FDA scientist Frances Kelsey uncovered signs of toxicity that its manufacturer had denied.

The U.S. application was withdrawn after the drug was linked to birth defects, but some American women got thalidomide overseas or through research trials.

Currently, thalidomide is available in the U.S. only through physicians and only for compassionate use (patients with disorders that do not respond to any other therapy), or for clinical trials.

To limit the risk of new birth defects, use of thalidomide by women of childbearing age is severely restricted. These patients must either be sterile or

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Survivors include two daughters, Lela Charleene Ray of Pampa and Mary Katherine Haskins of Amarillo; three sons, James Wilson Vallaster of Granbury, John Joseph Vallaster of Morton and Samuel David Vallaster of Sanford; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

#### **MARGARET PALMER WHITE**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – Margaret Palmer White, 102, mother of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996, in Oklahoma City. Memorial services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Columbia Medical Center. Turpin Methodist Church at Turpin, Okla., with the Rev. Bill Smith officiating. Burial will be in Kismet Kan., under the direction of Miller Mortuary.

Mrs. White was born June 15, 1894, in Barber County, Kan, to William and Clara Ormiston. She married Elmore H. Palmer on Dec. 18, 1912. at Meade, Kan.; he died July 17, 1938. She later married LeRoy White; he died Feb. 7, 1977. She had been a Seward County resident from 1903 until moving to Liberal, Kan., in 1929. She attended Liberal High School. She v. orked at Annex Cafe, the Blue Bonnet Courts, Red Cross and the medical arts. She was a member of Western Avenue Church of Christ, Rebekah Lodge and V.F.W. Auxiliary, all of Liberal.

At age 100, Mrs. White was the oldest person to compete in the Masters Track and Field competition for seniors. She took up shot putting with her son, Wendell Palmer of Pampa, when she was 98 and became the first 100-year-old shot putter in the United States and the world. She appeared on Good Morning America, Donahue and The Jay Leno Show and had been the subject of numerous newspaper features and radio interviews all over the world. She was nominated for induction into the Masters Track and Field Hall of Fame this year, along with her son, who competes in the 60-64 age division in Masters competition

Survivors include three sons and a daughterin-law, Wendell and Margaret Palmer of Pampa, Donald Palmer of Topeka, Kan., and Earl Dean Palmer of Oklahoma City; five daughters, Clara Griggs of Duncan, Okla., Eunice Pool of Amarillo, Margaret Parmelee of Turpin, Okla., Edna Olinger of Hugoton, Kan., and Florence Herring of Waskom, Texas, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren, including grandchildren David Palmer of Plainview, Tom Palmer and Charlotte Palmer, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Pattie Young and Rick Young, both of Skellytown; and great-grandchildren, Brennen Young, Cole Young and D.J. Young, all of Skellytown.

The family requests memorials be to Turpin United Methodist Church Building Fund, Box 68, Turpin, OK 73950 in c/o of Miller Mortuary of Liberal; or to a church of choice.

#### **Emergency numbers**

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8:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2600 block of North Hobart for a possible trauma. No patient was transported.

10 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West.

11:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one patient to

### Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Chevron	dn 3/8
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Amoco	New York Gold	368.50
Arco	Silver	4.77
Cabot	West Texas Crude	25.86

## **Calendar of events**

#### **PAMPA AREA SINGLES**

Pampa Area Singles invites all singles to a pot luck supper and dance, featuring Gary Orr, on Saturday, Dec. 28, at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner, Pampa. Supper starts at 7 p.m., dance at 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Those attending are asked to bring a food dish or dessert if they can. No smoking or alcohol use permitted. For more information, call 669-7370 or 665-2829

#### Fires

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

#### MONDAY, Dec. 23

11:18 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to Highway 60 and Gray County Road 4 for a car fire.

5:17 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to Highway 273, five miles west of Lefors, on a vehicle accident.

## **Sheriff's Office**

The Gray County Sherift's Office reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 23 Deputies responded to a reported theft of over \$500 and under \$750 at a ranch on West 2477. Deputies responded to a reported theft of credit cards at 203 Walnut.

## Russia puts monkeys in space

MOSCOW (AP) - A Russian Cosmodrome, about 300 miles spacecraft carrying two monkeys below the Arctic Circle in northbristling with electrodes and western Russia, and reached its monitors blasted off from an designated orbit, said Ivan Arctic cosmodrome today on a two-week space trip.

The Bion-11 project, sponsored by the United States, Russia and France, is to study the effects of Lapik, 4, and Multik, 3, and an weightlessness. It has angered animal rights activists in the bugs, seeds and bacteria. West, who question the need for animal research after so many years of human space flight. The Soyuz-U booster was

launched from the Plesetsk

## Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the low 20s. Christmas Day, some high cloudiness and warmer, with a high in the low 50s. Breezy. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. Monday's high was mostly sunny and warmer. cloudy north and fair south. 34; the overnight low was 11. **REGIONAL FORECAST** 

West Texas – Panhandle: Mostly clear with lows from mid and South Central: Tonight, clear warmer on Christmas with highs teens north to low 20s south. and cold. Lows near 30, low 20s upper 30s and 40s mountains Christmas Day, gradual increase Hill Country. Christmas Day, and northwest with 50s to mid in high cloudiness and warmer, increasing cloudiness. Highs in 60s east and south. with highs from around 50 to upper 50s. Upper Coast: Tonight, mid 50s. Wednesday night, part- clear and cold. Lows near 30 Lows from mid teens to mid 20s, ly cloudy with lows from low to inland to near 40 coast. Christmas Day, mostly sunny.

Safronov, spokesman for Russian military space forces.

Atop the booster is a capsule holding two male macaques, assortment of newts, snails, flies,

If all goes as planned, they will return to Earth in two weeks and undergo several months of study before retiring to a zoo or research institute.

mostly clear. Lows in the 20s. Christmas Day, partly cloudy. Highs from upper 50s to low 60s. Wednesday night, fair. Lows in upper 20s to mid 30s.

North Texas - Tonight, clear 50s inland. and cold. Lows 21 to 26. Christmas Day, increasing high cloudiness late west, otherwise Windy west. Highs 48 northeast to 55 west.

upper 20s. South Plains: Tonight, Christmas Day, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s.

protected by multiple contraceptives.

In its new application, Celgene said it is asking approval to use thalidomide to treat a relatively rare condition associated with leprosy.

About 2,200 new U.S. cases of leprosy, a bacterial infection also known as Hansen's disease, were reported to the federal government between 1984 and 1993. Only 30 percent to 50 percent of such patients develop the inflammatory condition Celgene proposes to treat with thalidomide.

About 2.4 million people worldwide are infected with leprosy and the World Health Organization has endorsed the use of thalidomide in treatment of these patients.

Highs in low 50s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, clear and cool. Lows near 40. Christmas Day, mostly cloudy. Highs in mid 50s coast to upper

**BORDER STATES** 

New Mexico – Tonight through Christmas Day, partly Lows tonight single digits to around 20 mountains and north South Texas - Hill Country with 20s elsewhere. Little

Oklahoma - Tonight, clear.

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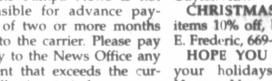
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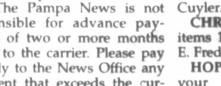
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#### THE PAMPA NEWS - Tuesday, December 24, 1996 - 3

## State stops accepting drug taxes to avoid letting drug dealers off

DALLAS (AP) - What a tug of war this someone twice for the same crime,"

double jeopardy since it applies only to two of his clients by having them pay people charged criminally.

Since then, in an attempt to get their clients off the hook on drug charges, have County prosecutors "told the state

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defendant can't be prosecuted for the crime.

Texas decided that "you can't punish people, the office reports.

And the winner is ...

ing taxes on illegal drugs constitutes Oct. 16 court decision, he tried to free won't accept any more drug-tax payments. opinion says. part of their tax bills.

Unfortunately for those clients, Dallas suggested that they pay their "drug" taxes. comptroller's office not to accept on any The idea is that once the tax is paid, the drug-tax payments," Milner said.

Since the law taxing confiscated drugs ime. The Court of Criminal Appeals of collected about \$2.3 million from 150

About 1,200 other defendants' tax received a \$49,070 tax bill from the Texas court's decision, it quickly contacted the

"As much as we enjoy taxing drug lords, we don't want to jeopardize criminal prosecution," Welch said.

The appeals court ruled that using the tax as a punishment in addition to criminal prosecution violated the Fifth Amendment, which protects people from being punished twice for the same offense. ly sent it back to Texas.

is. Drug dealers are rushing to pay taxes on their ill-gotten gains, and prosecutors are begging the state comptroller's office not to accept the money. In October, Texas' highest criminal court ruled that a 1989 state law assess-ing taxes on illegal drugs constitutes

Stennett mailed the comptroller's office a check for \$100, marked "tax," the court decision says. Next, he filed court papers alleging that paying the tax would bar his criminal prosecution.

Appeals in the case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which eventual-

interfering with our prosecution."

No Dallas County defendants are likely to be released for paying drug taxes, he said.

But some defense lawyers said a few of their clients may have slipped through before the change.

"It does create that interesting type of question: What if I sent a payment to the comptroller and said, 'payment on 1996 The case that spurred the ruling When the Dallas County district attor-involved Mark Stennett of Houston, who ney's office learned of the Texas appeals for 1996?" asked attorney Stuart Parker. drug taxes.' Would it give me a freebie

## More education needed for restaurants on alcohol sales to minors, TABC officials say

tion found most violations of laws prohibiting sales of alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21 occurred in restaurants.

Officials of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said it indicates that perhaps they need to give restaurants more attention.

"We concentrate on the night clubs and the convenience stores," said Lt. David Ferrero of the Beverage Commission. "We need to take a better look at the restaurants."

Teenagers working undercover for the commission went into 495 bars, stores and restaurants around the state during October and November. Ferrero said all the undercover volunteers sent into restaurants were told to say that they were meeting somebody and order a beer.

Statewide, 44 percent of the 495 businesses that were randomly selected for the sting sold alcohol to minors. Bexar County's rate, 60 percent, was the worst in the state. Travis County's rate, 29 percent, was the lowest.

Minors were served alcohol at fourteen of 49 Travis County businesses checked in the sting. Of those, twelve were restaurants, leaving authorities the stores, restaurants and bars and asked to buy or with the impression that they may need to better be served alcohol, Smelser said. educate restaurant owners.

The purpose of the statewide sting, officials said, was to find out whether one-day of training for bartenders, waiters and other alcohol servers would

AUSTIN (AP) - A recent statewide sting opera- help businesses avoid selling alcohol to minors. The commission asked each business whether the person who had waited on the undercover youth had taken the commission class.

> The Legislature is considering making mandatory the training which is now voluntary, said Sam Smelser, the assistant chief of enforcement at the commission.

The sting showed that alcohol sellers and servers Austin district office of the Texas Alcoholic were 16 percent less likely to serve to minors if they had taken the course, he said.

Smelser said he was disappointed with the number of businesses that readily served minors.

"I'm not very happy with it," he told the Austin American-Statesman. "I think we could do bettter, and I think the industry could do better by a long shot. We need to look at what we're doing and how we're doing it and see how we can do it better."

The commission expects alcohol servers to ask for identification if the customer looks to be in their 20s, Smelser said.

We try to teach a little common sense. If they look 35, we don't want you to slow them down," he said

During the sting, youths aged 14 to 18 went into

If the person attending them asked their age, they were told to take out their real identification and say their age, he said. The legal drinking age in Texas is 21.

## Widow of slain manager files wrongful death suit

ment.

alleges that Todd Brigham's June Department is about two min- shooting could have been avert-

a manager who was shot to should have called police when Addison," Cantrell said. "That death during a domestic dispute Bell threatened to kill another sort of thing just doesn't happen in Humperdink's Restaurant has customer. Had they done so, the up there.' filed a \$6 million wrongful death shooting would never have Mark Clements, who repre-lawsuit against the establish- occurred, the lawsuit said, not- sents the widow, said an investiing that the average response gation by the Addison Police

DALLAS (AP) - The widow of The lawsuit said employees stature, nature and magnitude in

Michele Brigham's lawsuit time for the Addison Police Department concluded that the

#### (Pampa News photo by Dariene Holmes)

Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris, left, selects winners' names in a drawing for the donated Holiday Collector's Barbie Doll and a Nintendo 64 game, assisting Roxanne Carter, of Amarillo, executive director of The Bridge (A children's advocacy center) and Sandy Carr, interviewer, right, on Friday, Dec. 20. The lucky winners are Nan Ezzell, publisher of Canadian Record newspaper, and Dr. Jack Albracht of Albracht Chiropractic of Pampa. Mrs. Ezzell said the doll will be given to a child through the Canadian Sharing and Caring program. Dr. Albracht said his children, Sara, Jordan, Brenna and Matthew, and their friends will enjoy the game during their Christmas vacation from school. The Bridge benefited approximately \$500 from the ticket sales, which will help fund Pampa's center.

## Rain spawned gnat overload anticipated in northeast Texas

NEW BOSTON, Texas (AP) - where the larvae live before they blood of cattle, horses and other



northeast Texas are bracing for an usually cost about \$9,000. infestation of southern buffalo gnats and small pets in 1979 and 1992.

The emergence of the black fly likely to start between Christmas communities and companies. and New Year's Day, said Eric Service agent in Bowie County.

vae is cost-prohibitive, Lum said.

The regular treatment would be biotoxin, to the rivers and streams

Owners of livestock and pets in become flying insects. That would Cost of the chemical, which is

like those that killed young calves nontoxic to humans, is shared by small grants from the states of Texas and Arkansas and supplespecies from the larval stage is mented by donations from local

But because of the high volume Lum, Texas Agricultural Extension of water being released from Lake Wright Patman, the cost to apply Because of high water levels the chemical in area streams and caused by rain in early November, rivers would be as much as the usual treatment to kill the lar- \$200,000. A certain concentration Patman Dam to the Red River. is necessary to kill the larvae.

"And we don't even know if to apply Bacillus thuringensis israe- the treatment will be effective at lensis (BTi), a naturally occurring flow rates this high," Lum said. The buffalo gnat feeds on the

animals. During intestations in 1979 and 1992, many horses injured themselves in attempts to escape thousands of flying, biting gnats. Young calves and small pets died from the bites.

Lum is recommending that owners move their livestock away from the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek, where the heaviest swarms of gnats will occupy a five- to 10-mile band from a few miles below Wright

death could have been pre- utes. vented if his colleagues had responded promptly to death lawyer threats a customer made before the shooting. Richard Gene Bell, 35, fatally

shot Brigham before killing Crissa Bearden, 24, and himself suburban Addison.

Named as defendants in the law-

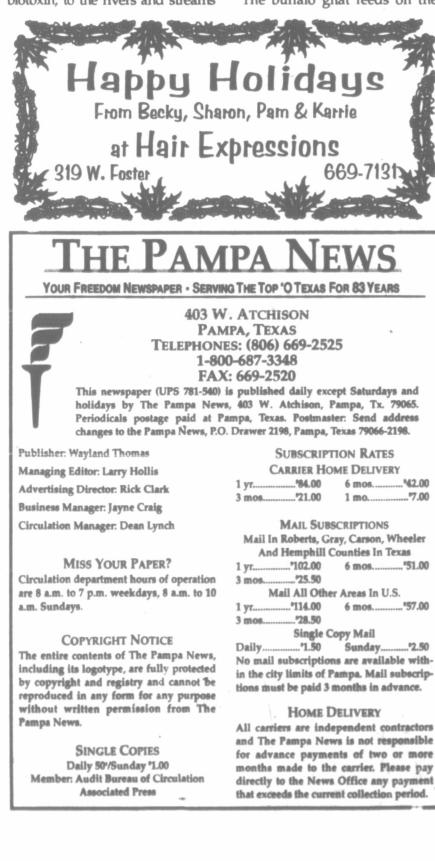
Garry Cantrell, a Dallas Humperdink's, said Monday rant about 12:45 p.m. June 7 to that restaurant employees could not have reasonably foreseen the bled relationship. They said the extreme violence, despite unruly couple began quarreling, and behavior at the couple's table for Bell went out to his car, where he at Humperdink's Restaurant in about 25 minutes before the was seen rummaging. shootings.

"It's a horrible, horrible event, alleges, that Ms. Bearden told a suit are Humperdink's and its par- but you can't foresee an inter- waitress that Bell had threatened ent company, the Texas Ram Corp. vening criminal act of that to kill her.

Relatives said Ms. Bearden representing met Bell for lunch at the restaugive a final farewell to their trou-

It was at that time, the lawsuit





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#### Let Peace Begin With Me

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

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Larry D. Hollis

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## Opinion **Child labor still** flourishes today

UNICEF's 50th anniversary State of the World's Children report arrives just before the holiday's, but the tidings are not of joy. Yes, 96 percent of the world's children live in countries that have ratified the landmark 1990 Convention on Rights of the Child. But many of the countries that signed that document are paying scant attention to its measures.

Yes, attitudes toward children's rights are changing, thanks to that convention. And we can celebrate that a new awareness of their rights has helped save millions of children's lives since 1990. But the changes are not coming quickly enough: According to the report, more than nine million children under five die each year in developing countries from causes that could have been prevented with antibiotics and inoculations.

The main focus of the report, though, is on child labor, and its revelations are grim. The general statistics are appalling (and, sadly, familiar): 100 million children are working today - one out of three in Africa, one out of five in Latin America. But the particulars are even more unsettling, because they paint a picture of a nightmarish world where children are cynically exploited.

Child labor is gaining in the developed world. A U.S. General Accounting Office study showed that child-labor violations rose 250 percent in the United States between 1983 and 1990.

- In many countries, child laborers generally belong to ethnic minorities and are assigned to the most hazardous jobs. In northern Europe, they tend to be Turkish or African; in Argentina, Bolivian or Paraguayan. In 1990, more than half of the Mexican-American children working in New York farms had labored in fields wet with pesticides, a survey showed.

- An estimated one million children each year are used in prostitution. - In Africa, children orphaned by AIDS must work because they have become heads of their households.

# Middleton denies wrongdoin

I just got a letter via facsimile from Robert Luskin, the Washington lawyer who represents Mark Middleton, the former White House aide. It seems that Middleton was offended by one of my recent columns. I owe Middleton an apology, writes Luskin, for statements that were "false, damaging and unfair."

Well, the very last thing I want to be is false or damaging or unfair to anyone, including those who, in the words of the Washington Post, play on their White House connections to promote their personal business dealings. So let us examine my comments and Middleton's rebuttals and let the folks out there in Readerland be the judge.

First of all, I challenged President Clinton's recent comparison of Middleton (and John Huang, the Democratic fundraiser suspected of soliciting illegal campaign contributions from foreign nationals) to Richard Jewell, the Atlanta security guard falsely accused of last summer's Olympic bombing.

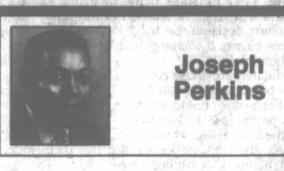
Luskin asserts that my "account of Mr. Middleton's activities reflects precisely the 'shoot' first' mentality that characterized the stampede after Jewell." But I beg to differ.

Jewell toiled in anonymity for a private security firm. He kept his nose clean, never did anything vaguely illegal or unethical. Not in his wildest dreams - or nightmares - could he have expected that anything he might do would earn him public enmity.

Middleton, on the other hand, was a public servant. He drew a White House paycheck, working as an assistant to the president's former chief of staff, Thomas "Mack" McLarty. When you labor at the highest level of government, as Middleton did, you must fully expect media scrutiny when you commit acts that appear either unethical or unlawful

And that is precisely what Middleton did.

After leaving the White House in February 1995, Middleton returned to his old stomping grounds at least 65 times. On six of his visits he saw the president, including one occasion on which he was accompanied by James Riady, who, along with Huang, is at the center of the "Donorgate" scandal. The Los Angeles Times reported last month that Middleton and Riady engaged Clinton in a discussion of U.S. trade policy with China.



On at least ten of Middleton's visits, he brought along business clients to dine with him in the White House mess. One of those clients was Siti Hediati Harijadi, who happens to be the daughter of Indonesian President Suharto. Middleton is trying to broker a business deal for the despot's daughter. To my mind, Middleton's use of the White House mess for meetings with foreign business clients was improper (and quite possibly illegal). I also maintain that Middleton's use of the White House to ingratiate himself with his business clients has the suspicious odor of influence peddling

Middleton's lawyer sees things differently. He says Middleton conducted no business meetings at the White House, arranged no meetings between his business clients or prospective clients and any White House official (including the president), and never suggested to his business clients that he had any influence at the White House.

Then why, I ask, has Middleton been barred from the White House premises? And to whom was White House press secretary Mike McCurry alluding when he stated, "The White House looks askance at anyone misrepresenting themselves as a representative of the White House"?

It should also be mentioned that federal law prohibits persons who've worked at the White House from lobbying the government on any issue on which they have been "personally or substantially involved." An even tougher standard applies for "senior" White House staffers. They may not lobby the White House on any issue.

Middleton insists that none of his 65 visits to the White House, many of which were with business clients, were either business-related or lobbying efforts. So I guess that the American people are face to face, man to man.

#### **Today in history**

Metropolitan Ópera in New York.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt days left in the year. This is Confederate Army formed a private appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower captivity. supreme commander of Allied forces as part of Operation Overlord.

In 1951, Gian Carlo Menotti's "Aida" had its world premiere in Amahl and the Night Visitors, the first opera written specifically for television, was first broadcast by NBC-TV.

Jacques Halevy's "La Juive" at the the U.S. hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds - one second for each day of

supposed to conclude that all of his visits were

I will concede one point to Middleton, because I

have no hard evidence to the contrary. He says he

had absolutely nothing to do with the suspicious

\$425,000 campaign donation that Indonesian cou-ple Arief and Soraya Wirladinata made to the

His lawyer states that "Middleton's only con-

nection to the entire family was to deliver a

machine-signed get-well note from the president

to Mrs. Wiriadinata's father, who was gravely ill

DNC general chairman Donald Fowler said last

month that Wiriadinata contributed the huge sum

which is suspected to have really come from the

billionaire Riady family - because "the president had expressed concern" about his father-in-law, via the get-well note that Middleton hand delivered.

I neglected to mention, in my previous column,

In July 1995, according to Business Week, the

former White House aide visited Lin Yang-kang, a

presidential candidate in Taiwan, and offered to

arrange meetings with Clinton or other top U.S.

politicians. A spokesman for Lin, the news maga-

zine reported, said Middleton did not specifically

ask for money but made it clear his visit to Taiwart

Separately, a Hong Kong magazine reported that an official of Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui's ruling

Kuomintang Party offered Middleton a \$15 million donation - illegal under U.S. law - to thank Clinton

for granting Lee a U.S. visa for his June 1995 state-

side visit. Middleton denies this ever occurred, but

I stand by my previous conclusion that

Middleton is a shady operator. And while he and

his lawyer insist he has done nothing wrong, that

he is a victim of false accusations, I maintain that

But, again, I'll let the readers decide. If a major-

ity of you folks out there feel that I have unfairly

sullied Middleton's good name and reputation,

you let me know. I'll hop a plane to Washington

and apologize to the former White House aide,

the Justice Department is investigating.

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Ten years ago: French hostage Aurel Cornea, held in Lebanon for nine-and-a-half months, was released by his pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim captors.

Five years ago: A day before In 1906, Canadian physicist Reginald In 1968, the Apollo 8 astronauts, resigning, Soviet President Mikhail In 1524, Portuguese navigator A. Fessenden became the first person orbiting the moon, read passages S. Gorbachev, briefed Russian Vasco da Gama - who had discov- to broadcast a music program over from the Old Testament Book of President Boris Yeltsin on nuclear weapons-firing procedures. Gorbachev also held a farewell meet-

of Congress in Washington D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

In 1865, several veterans of the social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's opera Cairo, Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

he is no (Richard) Jewell.

The report points toward solutions – first among them educa tion as "the single most effective way to stem the flow of schoolage children into abusive forms of employment." It also proposes legislation to protect children, the promotion of anti-poverty programs that empower the poor and campaigns to push multinational companies to take more responsibility for their actions.

The United States could provide much needed leadership in all these initiatives. For starters, it could ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The pact is based on the principle that children's essential rights should be made a priority, and it obligates countries to take children's best interests into account. Inexplicably, the United States is one of six countries – along with the Cook Islands, Oman, Somalia, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates - that still have not signed.

What are we waiting for?

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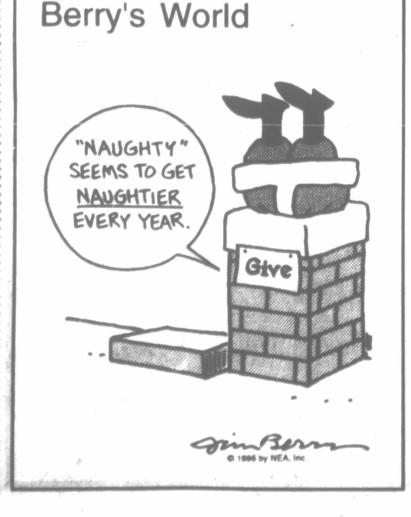
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ered a sea route around Africa to radio, from Brant Rock, Mass. India – died in Cochin, India.

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 24, the

On Dec. 24, 1814, the War of 1812

officially ended as the United States

and Britain signed the Treaty of

359th day of 1996. There are seven

Today's Highlight in History:

**By The Associated Press** 

Christmas Eve.

Ghent in Belgium.

On this date:

In 1920, Enrico Caruso gave his vision broadcast.

In 1851, fire devastated the Library last public performance, singing in

Genesis during a Christmas Eve tele-

In 1980, Americans remembered ing with staff members.

## earning to discern fact from fiction.

Recently, I wrote a column about how statistics are frequently used to mislead folks, either intentionally or because of poor understanding. Making my point, though inadvertently, I made a mistake in figuring a percentage in one of my examples.

So, you see, I was telling you the truth. Be wary when you see statistics used by journalists, politicians and flacks. Here I've given you a perfect example of a columnist and at least three editors who do not know how to figure a simple percentage (I divided my "is" by the wrong "of.")

Not only did I illustrate my point, I gave readers a chance to point out my goof – some with good humor and some with malicious glee. My aim is always to provide a service to my readers. But the task of winnowing out truth from error is so important in this age of propaganda that it is always a subject worth revisiting. The late Sen. S:I. Hayakawa from California was famous as a general semanticist and educator long before he got into politics.

In one of his several useful books, Hayakawa pointed out the differences among facts, reports and opinions. A fact is something that can be verified. A report is an account of something often by people who did not witness what they are reporting. Many news stories are reports of reports, and sometimes reports of reports of reports.

A report can be accurate but not factual. If I report that Joe Smith said the moon is made out or you might disagree. Opinions are neither true who knows the difference.

## **Charley Reese**

of cheese and he actually said it, then the report is accurate. The moon, however, is not made out of cheese, so it is factually false.

In a crime story, for example, what you read is the newspaper's report of the police report, which in turn is based on the reports of witnesses at the scene of the crime. But some of those witnesses may have lied.

Journalism, by the way, does not claim that its reports are factual, but only that the report itself is accurate. An accurate report of a politician's speech may, in fact, be an accurate report of a bunch of lies, but it is not up to the reporter to make that determination in a news story.

An opinion is a judgment about something. For example, if I tell you city hall is located at Maple and Main Street, you can go down to that intersection and verify the information. On the other hand, if I tell you that the city hall is an ugly building, you can't really verify that. That is an opinion, not a fact. You can look at the building and decide for yourself. You might agree with my judgment about its appearance,

nor false. They are just subjective judgments. All judgments presuppose a set of criteria by which a thing is judged. The criteria which are rarely ever spelled out, determine the judgment. So a worthwhile question to ask whenever you run into an opinion or judgment is: What criteria did that person use to arrive at that judgment?

Whether you believe William Clinton to be a good or bad president depends on what criteria you use to evaluate presidential performance. Different criteria will produce different judgments on the same issue.

Even though I'm what's called an opinion writer, I would advise you in the field of general information to be more concerned about facts than you are about other people's opinions. As someone once said, opinions are like elbows: Most people have at least two. Naturally, if you have a nealth or legal problem, then you will recognize that not all opinions are equal and will seek out someone whose criteria for making judgments are the result of specialized knowledge.

It doesn't matter if some art expert tells you a painting is beautiful. If you think it's ugly, don't buy it. Your opinion is the only one that counts in aesthetic matters. But it makes a great deal of difference whether a cell is malignant or benign. Better seek the opinion in that case of someone

## trageous Personage contest w

Since I am the inventor of the Outrageous Personage contest and since I write the rules, I really don't need loopholes. But I found one anyway, and I am herewith exploiting it to certify the nomination of a dead person.

It's Richard Nixon, who else?

In 200 hours of recently released tape recordings, the 37th president repeatedly slurs Jewish supporters of Democratic causes. "Please, get me the names of the Jews," he told his chief of staff, H.R. (Bob) Haldeman, on Sept. 13, 1971. "You know, the big Jewish contributors to he Democrats ... Could you please investigate some of the (expletive deleted).

The next day, Nixon was still stewing about the opposition's Jewish donors and Haldeman suggested they "get a zealot who dislikes those people" to investigate them. Responded Nixon (I will edit his remarks slightly in deference to our family audience): "Go after them like a son of a beach."

The loophole? The rules don't mention the deceased. They forbid foreign nationals and groups, but not the departed. So Nixon is now officially a nominee. And I hereby amend the rules to preclude any more dead folks. Hah! Too late, Kennedy haters.

The Outrageous Personage contest, now in its eighth year, seeks to honor the most absurd, asinine, boorish, frivolous, hypocritical, inane, preposterous people to strut across the public stage in a given January-December period. If they gobble like turkeys, bark like dogs, stink like ring-tailed skunks, send me their names. The contest is sponsored by the Spear Foundation and the back yard.



Association of Sagacious Pundits, which will explain why the OPs are sometimes referred to as the ASP awards.

Some of the notables who have been nominated so far include Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, Pat Buchanan, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Sen. Orrin Hatch, Parson Pat Robertson, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Lewis Farrakhan, actor Marlon Brando, entertainer Rush Limbaugh, nitwit Geraldo Rivera, authors Joe Klein and Gary Aldrich, and former Clinton political guru Dick Morris. To this list of luminaries, we add:

- Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind. Soon to be chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, this goofball once demanded an investigation of Socks the cat's postage expenses. He is obsessed with the notion that Vince Foster was murdered and once staged a "re-enactment" of the alleged homicide by firing a .38 into a fake head in his

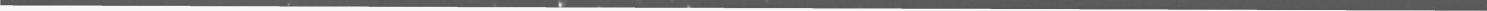
Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill. She took another in a series of trips to Nigeria to lick the boots of the dictator of the moment. This time it was Gen. Sani Abacha, who has locked up the nation's elected president and thousands of dissidents and allegedly looted the treasury of more than \$1 billion.

Vice President Al Gore. With his lengthy lament at the Democratic convention of his sister's death due to lung cancer, Gore ascended to the rank of Master of Hypocrisy. His family has grown tobacco, and he took tobacco contributions for several years after his sister's terrible struggle with the disease.

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers chief John Lo Frumento. Last August, he acknowledged that ASCAP had been attempting to collect royalties from Girl Scouts for the copyrighted songs they sing round the campfire. "They buy paper, twine and glue for the crafts," he told the Wall Street Journal. "They can pay for the music, too."

GOP senatorial candidate Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota. He publicly questioned whether his opponent, Sen. Paul Wellstone, had ever burned the American flag. When Wellstone accused him of an "absolute lie," Boschwitz said he was just checking and was pleased to hear Wellstone had nothing to hide.

Note: The current contest ends when the ball falls on New Year's Eve. Send your nominations to me, care of the Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.



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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - A woman and her boyfriend face felony charges of injury to a child for injuring the woman's fouryear-old son's genitals while dis-ciplining him during toilet-train-

The injuries forced doctors to amputate part of the boy's penis, and he has since undergone reconstructive surgery, police spokesman Dee Anderson said.

"A lot of people who deal with childhood injuries were just shocked," Anderson said. "This boy was in pain for 10 to 14 days before he was brought to the hospital. They could not imagine the amount of pain this child was going through."

The mother brought the boy to Dallas-Fort Worth Medical Center in Grand Prairie on Nov. 10.

Felony charges of injury to a child and injury to a child by omission have been filed against Angela Christine Thornton, 24, and Jesus Manuel "Chuy" Hernandez, 36.

Ms. Thornton is in Tarrant County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail. She was in custody on an unrelated charge of violating ten years' probation she received in July for food stamp abuse.

a major-Hernandez had not been unfairly putation, arrested as of this morning, a shington spokeswoman said. use aide,

Serious bodily injury to a child is punishable by up to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

At the time of the child's hospitalization, Ms. Thornton and Hernandez denied any prior 511 knowledge of the injury and told police that the child bathed,

dressed and cared for himself, Anderson said.

"The mother claims that the day she brought him to the hospital was when she learned of his injury," Anderson said. "She said

she saw it while he was bathing." Authorities contend the couple tied a string around the boy's penis to keep him from wetting his pants and left it there for 10 to 14 days.

**AAL aid for Good Samaritan** 



#### (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) Branch No. 4049 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pampa recently had a fund raiser for Good Samaritan Christian Services Inc. AAL matched the \$450 that was raised in the fund raiser, called Helping Hands, with the money always going for needy people and related organizations. Presenting the check for Good Samaritan are, from left, Joy Thomas, AAL branch president; John Norris, Good Samaritan board representative; and Hilmar Heinritz, AAL branch treasurer.

## Shots fired in Belgrade during street clashes with government opponents

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Shots were fired against Milosevic and his annulment of Nov. 17 today from a crowd of Serbian President Slobodan local elections won by the opposition. Milosevic's supporters during street clashes with

Witnesses reported the gunfire as a group of anti-Milosevic activists cornered a smaller pro-Milosevic gathering on Belgrade's main Knez Mihajlova street. Radio Index said at least two shots were fired.

A witness, Zlatko Mihajlovic, told The Associated Press that a man was shot in the head and a woman was also wounded. Doctors at a hospital where the man was taken said he was shot above the right ear, but his condition was not life-threatening. No information about the woman was available.

Witnesses said police detained the gunman.

Hundreds of helmeted riot police intervened, surrounded government buildings in downtown Belgrade and separated demonstrators. After appeals from their leaders, most opposition sup-

porters moved away. The gunfire and the police action dramaticall demonstrators retreated The opponents tore up a Milosevic banner and escalated tensions in what had been more than four weeks of relatively peaceful demonstrations set his picture on fire.

Before the shooting, several skirmishes had brogovernment opponents. A witness said two people ken out in central Belgrade, with opposition demonstrators hurling mud and sticks at Milosevic supporters.

> Several people were injured in the melee that erupted after the gunfire.

> Swinging clubs, police tried to separate opposition crowds from the tens of thousands of Milosevic supporters gathered on Terazije Square.

> The square, site of a rally orchestrated by lieutenants of the Serbian president, is only 500 yards away from Republic Square, where the opposition was gathering today for a 35th straight day of protests against Milosevic.

The opposition demonstrators shouted, "Fascists, fascists" at the police.

Earlier, tens of thousands of student opposition demonstrators charged at Milosevic supporters with sticks and hurled mud at them. Several exchanged blows before the pro-government

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## Letters to Santa

**Merry Christmas** To Santa,

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#### To: Santa Clause I want the Barbie Dream

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From: Emily Keeton

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Boom box and a Nike hat. Also a GT bike. And a soccer ball with a indoor soccer bag. And \$25 dollars and 50c. Also a Michael Jordan poster. And a hocky stick with roller blades. 20 gallon salt water fish tank. Sega Saturn Games like soccer, baseball, Race car, and Street fighter 2.

From Cam Stewart

About one-third are unadopted

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## Volunteers work to give orphans happy holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) - An 500,000-plus children in foster exhausted volunteer trying to care.

make Christmas special for hundreds of orphans walked into a adolescents who have lost the love room chaotic with wrapping of their natural parents through paper and ribbon and exclaimed: abuse, neglect, abandonment or "I need gifts for two young death, said Gina Stracuzzi, a ladies, medium build, 15 or 16 spokeswoman for the foundation, years old." which offers scholarships and independent living skills to help

"One might be perfume - right there," Taewon Kim said pointing to a bottle on the floor.

"Here's a nail dryer," another little kids. The teenagers are forvolunteer said. gotten about," she said. "They're

"That might work," Kim not cute and cuddly," replied. of their own.

Each year, the Orphan Foundation of America aims to find personalized gifts for about 300 foster care children from Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia and West Virginia.

Christmas lists were carefully checked. And the presents - from boom boxes to in-line skates, designer clothes and Walkmans were bought, wrapped and carefully marked with each child's name.

But when some invited foster care youth didn't show up at a recent party, and others did, gifts had to be rerouted.

After working weeks to pro-vide each child with a special, individualized gift, the helpers just got up like it was another found themselves battling the day. I was more worried about very problem they sought to where I was going to eat next," allay: attaching names to the said Johnson, who lives with a nameless faces of America's foster family in Lanham, Md.

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Anderson said investigators needed more than a month to obtain arrest warrants because of the statements from doctors and medical records needed for the investigation and the lengthy process of determining who was

responsible for the injury. Officials with Child Protective Services took emergency custody of the boy on Nov. 15, said Helen

Grape, an agency spokeswoman. Child Protective Services took the boy and three of his siblings who are eleven months, two and five - from their home and placed them in foster care.

CPS officials said the boy's biological father has expressed interest in obtaining custody of the child.

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Arafat, Netanyahu fail to reach agreement

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) – sides would meet again A meeting between Israeli Prime Wednesday morning to continue effort by Ross, who arrived in the Minister Benjamin Netanyahu their work, and that Arafat and region over the weekend, negoand Palestinian leader Yasser Netanyahu would "try to get tiators had predicted that a deal Arafat ended today without a together again soon." deal on a troop pullback in The two leaders met at the Erez Marwan Kanafani, a spokesman Hebron, the last West Bank city Crossing between Israel and the for Arafat, said after the meeting under Israeli control.

Both men left the meeting without speaking to the media.

Dennis Ross, tive" and said it had moved the two sides closer to an agreement. But "we don't have an agreement yet," he said.

Ross said negotiators from both being made by both sides."

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autonomous Gaza Strip in what that the gap between the two was only their third meeting sides was "narrowing, but it still since Netanyahu was elected in President May. They met alone for more Clinton's Mideast envoy, called than an hour before being joined few minutes after the meeting to the meeting "extremely produc- first by Ross and later by other negotiators.

Both sides feel that they made real progress today," Ross said. "There is clearly a sincere effort

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After an intensive mediation could be reached by today. The two leaders met at the Erez Marwan Kanafani, a spokesman

exists." Arafat left Gaza by helicopter a

take part in Bethlehem's annual Christmas Eve festivities.

A deal on Hebron would be the first major development in the peace process since Netanyahu took office.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - State Prison in Nashville to the Luther King Jr., was hospitalized in critical condition today. State Correction Department he was in critical condition but Tenn. He was sentenced to 99 Tennessean newspaper reported story three days later. that Ray was suffering from

near death.

James Earl Ray, convicted assas- Columbia Nashville Memorial sin of civil rights leader Martin Hospital, the department said.

Ray pleaded guilty in the April 1968 slaying of King, who was shot on the balcony of the spokesman Jim Rose confirmed Lorraine Motel in Memphis, would give no details. The years in prison but recanted his

He spent much of the time liver failure, while television sta- since then filing a barrage of tion WSMV reported he was fruitless appeals. Ray claimed that he was set up by a man Ray, 68, was transferred named Raoul whom he met in Saturday night from Riverbend Montreal.

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## MTV cartoon stars make big splash at box office

**By LYNN ELBER AP** Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -They're more than teenage TV couch slouches now. Beavis and Butt-head Do America posted the biggest December movie opening ever with \$20.1 million in ticket sales during the weekend.

The animated feature, starring the doltish, sex-crazed youths featured in MTV cartoons, overtook the \$18.1 million December record held by 1991's Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country.

Industry experts called the surprisingly strong debut a boost for young MTV Films.

"We were shocked ... no one at the studio or MTV Films could have projected this kind of success," said MTV executive Van Toffler.

In other debuts, the horror film Scream took fourth place with \$6.4 million, edging out the George Clooney-Michelle Pfeiffer romantic comedy One Fine Day, which grossed \$6.2 million.

My Fellow Americans had the most pallid debut for a widely distributed film, with a scant \$2,409 average, \$84.8 million, \$2.9 million. The film starring four weeks. Jack Lemmon and James Garner received mediocre reviews.

A trio of films debuted in limcollected \$175,000 on 21 screens; average, one week. Marvin's Room pulled \$50,000 on collected \$2,700 on one screen.

The top 10 movies at North million, two weeks. American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by \$4.7 million, 1,955 locations, studio, gross, number of theater \$2,391 average, \$16.7 million, locations, receipts per location, two weeks. total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by million, 2,112 locations, \$1,475 Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. Beavis and Butt-head Do America, Paramount, \$20.1 milaverage, one week.

2. Jerry Maguire, Sony, \$13.1 million, 2,531 locations, \$5,186 average, \$36.3 million, two million, 1,990 locations, \$1,225 weeks.

3. 101 Dalmatians, Buena weeks.

#### creates web site for Santa Top weekend may be busy wrapping gifts and preparing for his worldwide tour, but that hasn't kept him Veekend of Dec. 20-22, 1996 All dollar figures in millions Gross to date, weaks in relation, number of scree Inits and Bull-head Do America \$20.1 20.1, one week, 2,190 screens \$13.1 36.3, two weeks, 2,531 screens **101 Delmetiene** \$7 \$84.8, four weeks, 2,901 screens cream \$8.4 \$6.4, one week, 1,413 screens **One Fine Day** \$6.2 \$6.2, one week, 1,946 screens The Preacher's Wile \$5.2 \$15.3, two weeks, 1,989 screens Mars Attacks! \$4.7 \$16.7, two weeks, 1,956 screens Jingle All the Way \$3.1 \$47.4, five weeks, 2,112 screens My Fellow Americans

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Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

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"The Preacher's Wife," 6. two screens and In Love and War Buena Vista, \$5.2 million, 1,989 locations, \$2,605 average, \$15.3

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> 10. Daylight, Universal, \$2.4 average, \$20.4 million, three

#### from chatting a little with children across the country. Ichat Inc., an Austin software company, has had a Santa chat room on the World Wide Web, part of the Internet, since Dec. 2. Questions from children across the country pour in for four hours each day and Santa

responds to each within minutes. "We've been having a blast," said Charlie Wood, an on-line operations manager for Ichat.

Wood and a University of Texas student have shared the duties of opening Santa's on-line mail. He said questions have ranged from the simple and polite, like "Santa, how are you?" to more difficult queries, such as, "Do you really exist?"

"There are probably 10 or 15 questions we get all the time," Wood said. "Because it is a different set of kids every day, we keep answering them.

Wood and the student have talked to parents who work at the company for advice to make sure children get acceptable answers to even the toughest questions.

In one exchange, a boy identified only as Dustin told Santa he wanted a little brother.

"That's a wonderful thing to ask for," Santa replied. "But I can't bring one down the chimney. You're going to have to ask your parents for that one."

Insisting on Santa's help, the boy asked where his parents could get a little brother. "They don't just get one, they

make one," Santa said. "They can probably explain it better than I can.'

Pushing even harder, the boy said, "I'm scared to ask them, and I feel better asking you, so how does it work?"

Santa sent back a private message referring the boy to a priest or family member.

Ichat, in business since August 1995, incorporates chat-room technologies into existing web sites. That allows people logged onto an information site to talk to each other and to talk to the Web site creators. The Internet is a vast connection of computers across the globe. The World Wide Web is a part of the Internet that incorporates sound, pictures and text. There's no advertising on santa.ichat.com and submitting a question requires only minimal registration.



## Nation briefs

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#### **Black lawmakers support** proposal to move flag

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) -Black state lawmakers on Monday backed the governor's plan to take down the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse dome and move it to a monument nearby.

The 35-member black caucus was divided as late as last week over whether to go along with the plan, which Gov. David Beasley offered in hopes of resolving the bitter flag dispute.

were 50 percent fewer cancer body is going to be satisfied in move the flag to an eye-level terms of this compromise, but it monument on the Statehouse in is a step forward," said state Rep. grounds.

John Scott, a Columbia Democrat and the caucus chairman. "It's a beginning."

Morry Christma

The plan is identical to a Senate measure that died in the House in 1994. The Legislature has yet to take up the proposal.

The Confederate flag has flown from the Statehouse dome since 1962. Critics say it is racially divisive and a symbol of slavery; supporters say it honors Civil War dead and is part of the state's heritage.

Beasley, a Republican, gathered "We recognize that not every- bipartisan support for the plan to

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#### Study boosts belief that selenium fights cancer

study bolsters research touting Selenium, a mineral found in seafood and liver, as a cancer fighter.

The study found that when compared with people who received a placebo, patients who took daily doses of selenium had 63 percent fewer cases of prostate cancer, 58 percent fewer colon or rectal cancers and 45 percent fewer lung cancers.

In the selenium group, there deaths than in the placebo group, researchers reported Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association

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## Teledyne to pay \$11.5 million settlement

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from 1986 to 1990 Teledyne adminis- products failed while in use.

Teledyne Industries Inc. has military aircraft at 15 Air Force bases agreed to pay \$11.5 million to set- through its operating division at tle allegations it defrauded the Neosho, Mo. The government said Air Force and failed to test mili- the company's accounting system was so lax that it could not account Ássistant Attorney General Frank for all of the aircraft parts, many of Hunger said Monday that Teledyne which simply disappeared, and will pay \$4.75 million to resolve a altered or destroyed records about

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1993 and 1994. There have been In the lawsuit, the U.S. alleged that no reports that the wire or cable

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But the researchers cautioned that their results need to be replicated because the study initially was designed to measure only whether selenium would help prevent skin cancer – and it didn't.

Dr. Graham A. Colditz, an epidemiologist at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, called the study "promising but preliminary."

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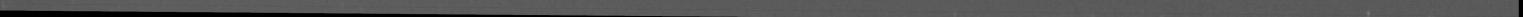


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## Houston factory explosion kills eight, injures two

## By JOAN THOMPSON Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - Karin Norred found out that her son had been killed in a factory explosion when someone arrived at her door and said there was a "little problem" at the plant.

"I don't think my son was a little problem," she said Monday. The blast that killed eight workers and injured two others

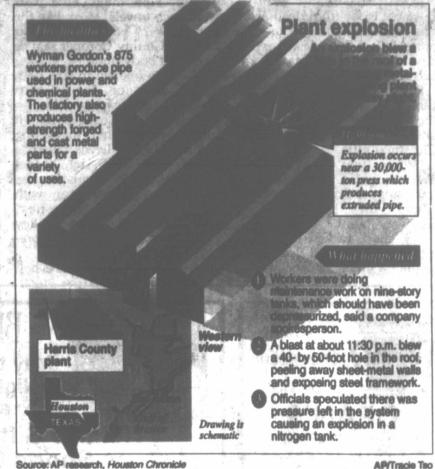
at the Wyman Gordon Forging Co. plant in Houston Sunday night left families and employees mourning on Christmas Eve.

"We work diligently on safety so we would never have a day like this," Dave Gruber, the company's chief executive officer, said in a statement. "Like a family, we've come to be together with those families who instead of celebrating Christmas will be grieving for a tragic loss."

Officials were investigating the cause of the explosion, which occurred as workers were doing routine maintenance on huge pressurized tanks at the plant. The blast blew a jagged hole in the roof and peeled away exposing the steel beam framework.

Body parts were thrown as far unteer fire chief.

"It reminded Hollywood," he said, likening strength metal parts for a variety



part of the sheet-metal walls, an airplane crash. 'You have to down the plant Monday for the tell yourself: Is this really what holidays. I'm looking at?"

The factory, which employs 875 nance work on nine-story tanks, as 100 yards from the building, workers, produces pipe used in which should have been depressaid Erik Petocz, an assistant vol- power and chemical plants, as well as airplane engine parts. ident of the company's forging me of Wyman Gordon also makes high-

Workers were doing maintesurized, said Doug Whelan, pres- to funeral plans for grieving famdivision.

"We can only assume there was the scene to a disaster movie or of uses. Workers were to shut pressure left in the system," and

the maintenance work caused the explosion in a nitrogen tank, Whelan said Monday at a news conference outside the plant.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration had not received any complaints about the plant, said Diana Petterson, spokeswoman for OSHA's Dallas office. She said OSHA hadn't inspected the factory since 1994, when it was under different ownership.

At another Wyman Gordon plant, in Tilton, N.H., an employee was crushed to death in 1993.

Longtime worker G.H. Bell said the deaths Sunday were especially devastating because some of the victims were related to other workers.

"They were sons of older employees," Bell said.

Four of the dead had worked for the company for four months or less; the other four had 29 or 30 years at the factory.

One of the injured, Greg Dargin, 31, was hospitalized with burns on his chest, face and arm, and metal fragments in his chest, his wife Linda Dargin said. He had been employed at the company for two weeks.

The other injured worker, Jimmy Galindo, 57, was in stable condition.

As holiday festivities gave way ilies, Ms. Norred, whose 25-yearold son, Jody, was killed, said her thoughts were with her granddaughter.

#### New outbreak of Ebola kills eight in Gabon

GENEVA (AP) - A new outbreak of Ebola has killed eight people in Gabon and health officials worry that the virus may spread into the African country's capital, the World Health Organization said Monday.

Cases of the highly contagious disease were concentrated near the central Gabon town of Booue. about 175 miles east of Gabon's capital of Libreville, the agency said.

One person also died in a district of Libreville and another case was reported at a hospital in the large, central town of Lastourville.

The virus re-emerged in early December after an initial outbreak in October. The number of people afflicted was unclear, the agency said.

"Until all the contacts have cleared the (21-day) incubation period there is always a risk of further spread," said Lindsay Martinez of WHO's Ebola division.

Ebola, one of the world's deadliest diseases, causes massive internal bleeding and is spread through bodily fluids. It kills up to 80 percent of those infected, and there is no treatment or cure.

Ebola has killed about 800 people worldwide since it was first identified in Zaire in 1976. Last year, the virus struck an urban area of Zaire and killed 245 people.

#### Three week farmer protest costs Greece \$1.6 billion

ATHENS, Greece (AP) -Farmers dismantled the last of near Chechnya, where Russian Monday after a nearly month-long recently ended a nearly two-year protest, but threatened to renew war.

the action if the government doesn't meet their demands for higher subsidies and cheaper fuel.

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World briefs

The 24-day demonstration has dealt a \$1.6 billion blow to the economy, financial analysts said. Farmers in central Greece drove the last of their tractors and trailers off highways, byways and railroad tracks Monday. Farmers in other regions began lifting the blockend decision to suspend the protests until January.

Farmers are demanding higher agriculture subsidies, cheaper fuel and a renegotiation of \$1.7 billion in debts owed to the stateowned Agricultural Bank. They have blocked scores of road and rail links with their fleet of about 10,000 tractors and trailers.

#### Seven die in shootout in southern Russia

MOSCOW (AP) --- Seven people died in a shootout with security troops in a region of southern Russia plagued by ethnic and religious tensions, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Monday.

The shootout happened Sunday at a checkpoint in the Prigorodny district of North Ossetia when security officers tried to stop a passing car and the occupants opened fire with automatic weapons, the agency said.

All seven people in the vehicle died and three security officers were wounded, ITAR-Tass said.

Tensions between Christian Ossetians and Muslim Ingush have been high in the Prigorodny region for years. The region is their road and rail blockades troops and separatist guerrillas.



## Tony Bennett out of hospital following emergency hernia operation

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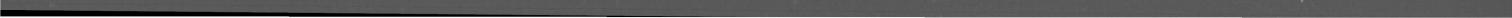
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Singer Tony Bennett was White House on Saturday to released from Georgetown attend a holiday dinner hosted University Medical Center by President Clinton and his Monday after undergoing wife. He was treated by White House physicians and rushed

appreciation once again to appearance is Jan. 31 and Feb. the President and Mrs. 1 at Constitution Hall in Clinton and the White Washington. Bennett was



WASHINGTON (AP) - hernia just after arriving at the wishes to me over the past Bennett said in a statement. two days and express my His next public concert



## Republic of Texas orders 'Ranger' badges

AUSTIN (AP) - Jeweler Kelly Smith says he didn't think he would run afoul of the law when he theft of governmental property," Richard McLaren, accepted an order in September to manufacture the group's self-styled ambassador and consul gensterling silver "Ranger" badges for the Republic of Texas "defense forces."

"You know what, I'm just an artist," Smith said. 'I just make jewelry. I don't care if you want to play Roger Ramjet.' I'll make your insignia and I'll make it nice."

The Republic of Texas movement does not recognize Texas law and claims Texas is a sovereign nation illegally annexed by the United States in 1845.

But the Smiths do recognize Texas law.

"Texas Government Code 411.017. I know it all too well," said Lisa Smith, Kelly's wife and the marketing partner of the couple's business.

That section of the law prohibits the manufacturing, selling or possession of a badge that bears an insignia similar to that of the Texas Rangers, which is a division of the Department of Public Safety. Violation is a misdemeanor.

It's a felony to send such a badge through the mail.

The badges were never delivered because, the Smiths say, the group did not pay for the badges, leaving them stuck with an inventory of 75 badges they can't sell.

And the Smiths also face possible destruction of their business by the Republic.

"We plan to file a lien against the business for eral, said Monday from the group's "embassy" in Fort Davis.

The Republic paid a \$3,500 down payment, but the couple's bank rejected a \$3,496 check to cover the balance.

Attorney General Dan Morales issued a warning this month against accepting checks issued by the Republic because they were drawn on a fictitious Republic of Texas trust.

Lisa Smith said she found out about the badge law only after the bank rejected the check.

"When the Republic defaulted on the contract, I tried to find out what our market was for the badges as collector's items - so I called the cops," she said.

In fact, she called the Texas Rangers.

Smiths would be prosecuted for making the badges.

"Obviously, we don't prosecute children who wear badges that say sheriff on them," said Mack Martinez, chief of the county attorney's intake division. "A decision whether to prosecute would depend on the circumstances in which the badges were used."

## State briefs

#### **Patients of unlicensed surgical** assistants file suit

HOUSTON (AP) — A classaction lawsuit has been filed against some unlicensed surgical assistants by patients.

The lawsuit was filed Monday by a group of patients who alleged civil fraud and deception by such medical personnel and six Houston-area hospitals that have used them.

John H. Kim, a lawyer who filed the lawsuit in state court, contends there are more than 10,000 patients and potential plaintiffs.

Officials of Assistant Surgeons of Texas Inc., one group of such medical professionals, could not reached for comment Monday, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The surgical assistants and



some health care providers have fire in a remote area known as defended the use of surgical Charlie's Pasture, near the Port assistants, saying they provide Aransas ferry landing. quality services while reducing medical costs to consumers.

#### Police shoot fugitive after 18-hour standoff

PORT ARANSAS (AP) - Athan 200 rounds at officers and police helicopters.

at 2:45 p.m. and died several several weapons he carried, offiminutes later, authorities said.

Harrison had kept officers when police responded to a car Chief Don Perkins.

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shots, hitting a nearby fisherman and Nueces County deputy Jerry Nash. It wasn't immediately clear why the gunman opened fire on the pair, both of whom were expected to recover.

The gunman fired several

gunman was shot to death A manhunt was started about Monday after an 18-hour stand- 9:30 p.m. Sunday, and officers from off during which he fired more several law enforcement agencies secured a four square-mile area.

As police closed in on Preston Harrison, 36, was shot Harrison, he opened fire with cials said.

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"It wasn't just like a war, it was pinned down since 8:45 p.m., a war," said Port Aransas Police

## Coroner gift shop packs 'em in for the holidays LOS ANGELES (AP) - T-shirts, hats, mugs, note pads ter than the mall," said Ms. Business is far from dead at the and beach towels. Most, like the Lewis. "I think at first we had a

Los Angeles County Coroner's "undertaker" boxer shorts, bear office. In fact, in the last shopping the L.A. County Coroner seal or a curiosity about the coroner." days before Christmas, they've a chalked body outline.

the offbeat and irreverent the offbeat and irreverent About two years later, it director who dropped by for a answer to those last-minute moved from what marketing few gifts, said he thinks the gift Christmas gifts.

"When you've thought of everything else, you come here," said shopper Emmet Ryan, who works for the California Highway Patrol. The shop, tucked in a small

office on the second floor of the pared. coroner's office, is chock-full of

been buried in customers. For many, Skeletons in the Closet, the agency's gift shop, is The shop opened in late 1993, selling one or two T-shirt designs and a beach towel.

director Marilyn Lewis called "a closet" into a 15- by 20-foot room. About 70 items are on sale, including an apron with "extra hands" and "spare ribs" and a personalized toe-tag key chain - for the perennially pre-

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shop is a positive idea. "This lightens things up a bit,"

he said. "(Death) is not a bad thing, it's part of life.'

Besides, people in Los Angeles are just a bit odd anyway, he said, and others around the world want to buy a piece of California weirdness.

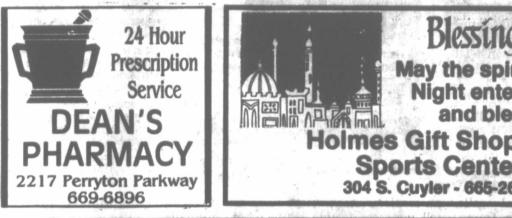
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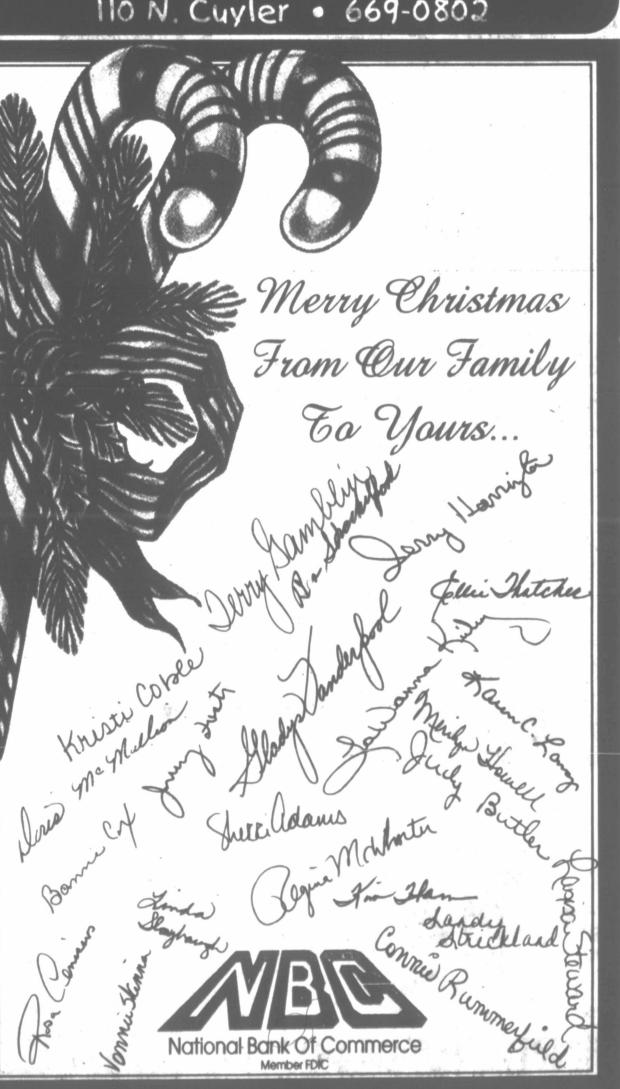
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## New rules allow doctors to use experimental drugs on some dying patients

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to revive patients from cardiac arrest knowing he might be dooming the few survivors to life with severe brain damage - and potentially brain-saving medicines have gathered dust inside drug companies.

Now a new federal rule that for such drugs to finally be tested. But it has some medical ethicists evoking the specter of Nazism.

"1996 is the 50th anniversary of Nuremberg," where trials of Nazi doctors concluded humans should never again undergo such horrific, involuntary experimentation, noted Georgetown University bioethicist Robert Veatch. "In the United States, we are commemorating that event by adopting regulations that flatout are in violation of the Nuremberg code."

Counters Food and Drug Administration Deputy Commissioner Mary Pendergast: The rule is to try to help patients "on a path to certain death" who now face treatments "that are the modern-day equivalent of bloodletting."

Trauma victims often owe their lives to treatments given while they were unconscious. A doctor may have time to discuss options with family, but ultimately makes an individual decision experiment is done, the panel, about which FDA-approved therapy offers the best chance.

But for many victims, like munity how it fared. patients whose hearts suddenly So far, the FDA ha stop, there is no good therapy. Even when Rosenthal revives these cardiac-arrest patients at that has not yet begun. Now sci-George Washington University's entists are designing similar trials emergency room, lack of oxygen for drugs to protect brain cells often has ruined their brains. during cardiac arrest, and a seda-Rosenthal cites a survey of 109 cardiac arrest victims that found cocaine and are so violent that of the 59 survivors, only eight recovered enough brain function treat a life-threatening complicato ever return to work and just 20 tion called acidosis.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Dr. were even able to go shopping alone.

Yet he knows of drugs that appear to work in animal testing but can't be sold because federal law based on the Nuremberg knowing that for four years, code said doctors could not give patients experimental treatments unless they or their family first understood the risks and consented. His patients not only are allows doctors to experiment on unconscious, but the damage is certain dying patients without done within minutes, not their consent has cleared the way enough time to track down a rel-

ative. - Only if doctors got a federal waiver saying the research was no riskier than daily living - a standard few emergency treatments meet - were such experiments legal.

But a 1994 congressional investigation concluded some doctors were making maverick decisions to test these patients with no oversight to ensure they weren't harmed

So the FDA spent two years talking to emergency room doctors, ethicists and others to devise a solution, which took. effect last month.

Under the new regulation, doctors can test promising therapies for untreatable, life-threatening emergencies if a panel of hospital experts agrees there is no feasible way to get consent from the patient or a relative. Also, the community must have been informed of the planned experiment to ensure residents find it acceptable. Once the called an institutional review board or IRB, must tell the com-

So far, the FDA has approved just one experiment under the new rules, a test of artificial blood tive for people who overdosed on doctors can't get close enough to

## Hostages joke and debate at ambassador's 'party

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Although the two- captives down to a select group of 140 but none of us wanted to test this." story house stinks of the unwashed, freed Peruvian and Japanese VIPs. hostages say civilization persists inside its walls, where rebel captives trade life stories, dreams and jokes.

a hostage, wryly remarked that it was the in ten men took communion. longest cocktail party he had ever held.

And rebels who seized his home during but chose to remain. an extravagant reception a week ago debate politics with a brain pool of captives who run embassies, universities and international aid programs.

Inside the walls of the occupied compound, there is no gun-pointing or threatening. Only a routine set up by hostages to stay sane and fit: lectures and debates, card-playing, exercise sessions, toiletcleaning duty and sleep.

"There's conversation, disagreements, discussions. It's a very special environ-ment, a microclimate," said Javier Diez Canseco, a Peruvian congressman freed Friday.

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On Sunday morning, hours before the largest hostage release in the six-day crisis, Catholic priest Juan Julio Wicht said Mass Japanese ambassador Morihisa Aoki, still on a stairway inside the compound. Eight

The priest was offered freedom Sunday,

The roughly 20 young rebels patrol the their backs, politely shooing hostages back into their assigned rooms.

The gunmen take turns napping and, unlike the hostages, always look alert.

Nobody even thinks about trying to escape, the freed hostages said. The rebels told hostages early on that

they'd mined the rooms, roof and patio where guests at the gala reception dropped their hors d'oeuvres last Tuesday night in the lightning rebel takeover.

The Tupac Amaru rebels have freed the pollster Alfredo Torres told the El majority of their hostages, winnowing their Comercio newspaper. "We had no proof, everybody's hero.

Argentine businessman Julio Soriano, who got out Sunday, at one point encountered a dozing rebel seated on the carpet, his automatic rifle lying in his lap.

"I thought about my son and I decided not to do anything," he told a Buenos Aires radio station.

After the rebels released the women and elderly, the hostages organized themselves. halls calmly, automatic rifles slung over In each crowded room, they elected a governor who delegated the cleaning of bathrooms, the emptying of ashtrays, the col-lecting and distribution of meals that had to be shared among three to four men.

In some of the plush, carpeted rooms, hostages were assigned a square meter of space after furniture was pushed into corners. In others, they had to sleep in shifts. One of the three Americans in Andre

Deschenes' room "was an example to us because he taught me how to sleep stand-"You knew there was no point in any ing up," the Canadian trade official told reporters Monday.

Throughout, Ambassador Aoki was

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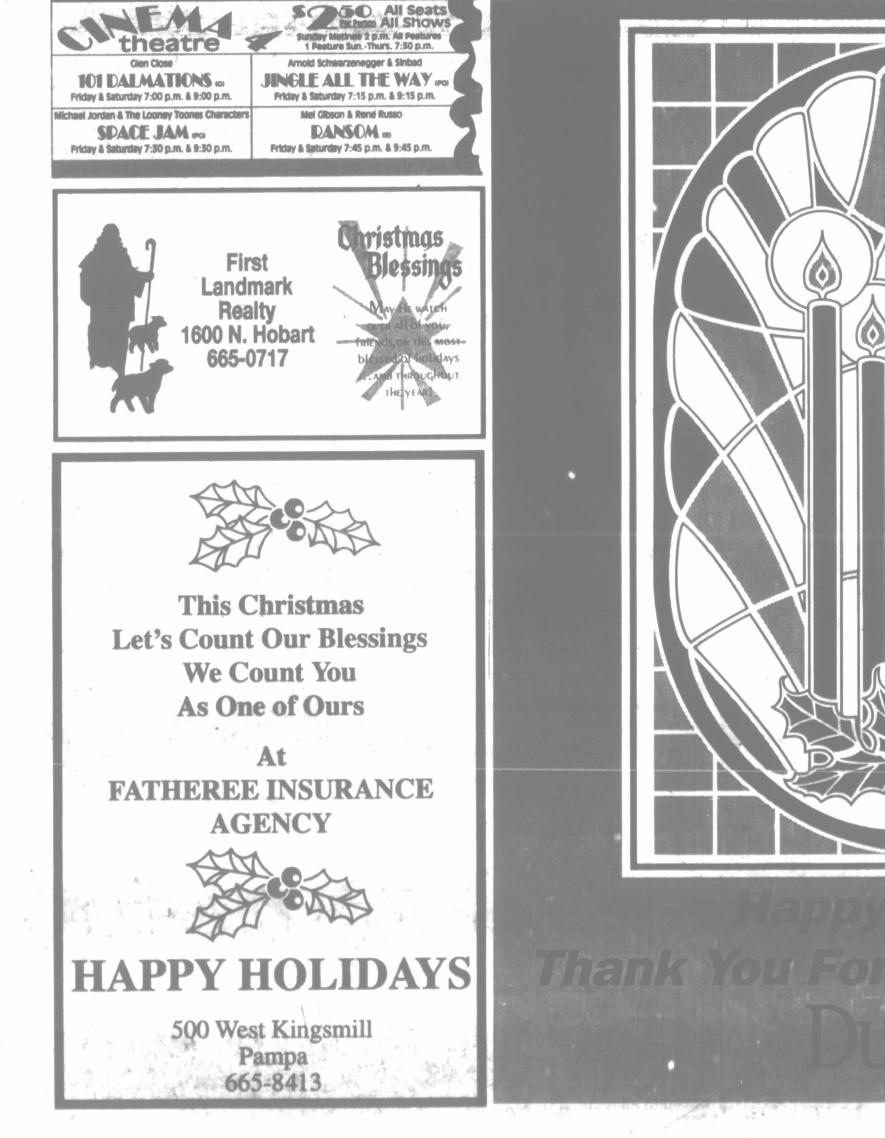
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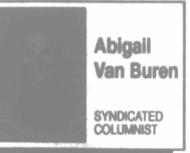
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**Congratulations for the number** of hours you have served as a hospital volunteer. And thank you for the item you saved from my column. I agree, it's worth a rerun, and here it is:

the hospital volunteers a big favor? Please tell your readers that mail addressed to "Buzz" Jackson, "Skip" Jones or "Tootsie" Brown will proba hospital.

hospital records. The patients are registered under their legal names (first, middle and last). We have no idea who "Liz," "Corky," "Red" or

son" and found none. However, I did later learned that the patient called



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Some important changes you've hoped for might begin to happen in the year ahead. Partners and associates can be a big help, so don't forget these people when it's time to enjoy the rewards. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Some-

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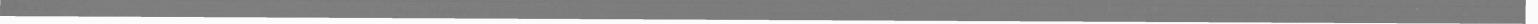
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#### Matt Lauer to replace Brian Gumbel

anticipated, Today show news program.

Lauer will team with cotime officially Jan. 6.

ments three years ago. He would fill in as a host when Gumbel went on vacation.

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"From the day I first asked Matt knowledge to one day ascend to the anchor chair," said Jeff Zucker, Today's executive producer

WNBC-TV in New York City. He NBC said.

NEW YORK (AP) - As widely began his television career as producer of the noon news at reader Matt Lauer was named to WOWK-TV in Huntington, replace Bryant Gumbel as co- W.Va., in 1979 and has worked anchor of the top-rated morning in Boston, Philadelphia, Providence and Richmond. -

Gumbel leaves after 15 years anchor Katle Couric for the first as the program's host on Jan. 4. He still hasn't said what he'll be Lauer, 38, has been groomed for the job since he began doing the show's four news installsaid to be wooing him.

Gumbel's exit comes as Today has been on a ratings high. It has won the weekly morning compe-

reader starting Jan. 6. An Since 1992, Lauer has been announcement on a permanent host of news programs for replacement will come later,

## Feds plan to punish doctors who prescribe marijuana

NEW YORK (AP) - The federal govern-ment plans to punish doctors who pre-sures that relax restrictions on the medical challenge the new state laws in court. scribe marijuana and other illegal drugs to use of some illegal drugs. seriously ill people under new laws "I think we are going to end up with a approved by voters in California and smaller group of these physicians than we Arizona, The New York Times reported ourselves once expected," Drug Monday.

tors who help supply such drugs to patients and strip their prescription licens- them." es, officials told the newspaper. Voters in

**Enforcement Administration chief Thomas** Authorities plan to prosecute some doc- Constantine said. "And we are going to take very, very serious action against

The plan to move against doctors follows a half-dozen federal departments.

Federal officials also plan to launch a public-relations campaign to remind Americans of the dangers of illegal drugs. The measures are part of a package of recommendations offered to President Clinton on Friday by Gen. Barry McCaffrey, his drug-policy adviser. The plan was based on recommendations from

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## Yeltsin returns to office fired up after hiatus

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin returned to his office at the Kremlin Monday declaring himself "ready for battle" after six months on the sidelines with heart trouble.

Arriving in his black stretch Mercedes, Yeltsin said he was "full of energy and strength" after his Nov. 5 quintuple heart bypass

Clad in a fur hat and an overcoat, he emerged unaided from his limousine at about 9:40 a.m. and spoke briefly with reporters as aides hovered nearby. "I'm ready for battle," he said.

Yeltsin's return effectively marks the start of his second term. His heart trouble struck at the end of June, only days before his July 3 re-election victory. Since then, the 65-year-old leader has made only rare public appearances.

The president looks slimmer and more alert than before the surgery, and his breathing seems less labored. Doctors say his heart function is normal and he could work for another decade.

The Russian leader called British Prime Minister John Major, one of several items on a busy

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agenda that included meetings with his defense and security councils and a special tax commission.

Yeltsin, who always has governed with big, bold strokes, said he was impatient with the country's social problems and warned his staff there would be a reckoning for anyone who slacked off during his absence.

Shaking up his staff would allow Yeltsin to reassert his authority, but it probably wouldn't amount to much more than rearranging the furniture. Most of Russia's entrenched problems can't be fixed by presidential decree.

It remains unclear whether Yeltsin can infuse new life into policies that have failed to solve the country's most important problems: an economy that's still shrinking, millions of workers who have been unpaid for months and lingering tension in the breakaway Chechen republic.

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#### WRESTLING

PAMPA — The Pampa High School Harvester wrestling team took five wrestlers to the Holly, Colo., Wrestling Tournament Saturday and returned with four of them placing in the competition.

Senior Tanner Winkler placed first in the 215 pound division, while senior Ryan Bruce placed third in the 171 pound division.

Bruce also won an award for the most pins in the least amount of time: three pins in one minute 59 seconds. He pinned two guys in 30 seconds and one in 59 seconds.

Junior Steven Russell placed third in the 130 pound division, and junior Chris Bruce placed fourth in the 160 pound division.

Freshman Dustin Meeks competed in the 171 pound division in his first wrestling meet.

Pampa had won the tournament in 1994 and 1995. Pampa took only five players but placed four, while some other teams had 10 to 15 players at the meet.

Coaches are Chad Chairez and Scott Lewis. The next meet will be Jan. 3.

#### BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and

Entry deadline will be Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. and the season will begin on Jan. 29.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$200 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of 10 players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart.

For more information, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m.

#### **By RON SIRAK** AP Golf Writer

Repeat after me: There was more to golf in 1996 than Tiger Woods. There was more to golf in 1996 than Tiger Woods. There was more to golf in 1996 than Tiger Woods.

While the season will be remembered as the Year of the Tiger, there were a lot of other things in 1996 that deserved to be filed away in the memory banks of any real golf fan.

Player of the Year: Woods was the newsmaker of the year, but the top player on the PGA Tour was Tom Lehman. At age 37, Lehman emerged as a consistent competitor who was at 'is best when it mattered most. His play was as impressive as his mental toughness. After losing the U.S. Open with a bogey on the last hole, he bounced back to win the British Open less than a month later and closed the season with a runaway win at the Tour Championship. Lehman finished in the top 10 13 times in 24 starts and in the history of golf, a study in determiset a record by winning \$1,780,159. As determined as they come.

Laura Davies was also overshadowed by

times overseas. She led the European Tour LPGA Tour by less than \$75,000 despite playing six fewer tournaments.

Tour. He won twice, including the PGA Seniors, and was only \$12,000 behind Jim Colbert on the money list despite playing in nine fewer tournaments.

Rookie of the Year: Repeat after me become the first woman to win a \$1 million in a season.

Round of the Year: The more time that faded. passes the more the 67 by Nick Faldo in the last round of the Masters will be appreciated as much as the 78 by Greg Norman is remembered. It was one of the most memorable head-to-head matchups

- but Davies was the player of the year. She win her second consecutive U.S. Women's Course that day to win. Moments: Tom ing two major championships - and five Open championship. It was the lowest Watson winning the Memorial for his first times overseas. She led the European Tour round of the tournament — matching the victory in nine years. ... Phil- Mickelson money list and was second to Webb on the final-round score by Kris Tschetter, the winning four times and Mark Brooks winrunner-up six strokes behind Sorenstam. ning three times, including the PGA Sorenstam was brilliant the entire tourna-Hale Irwin gets the nod on the Senior ment, hitting 51 of 56 fairways and finishing 8 under par, a record for the U.S. Women's Open. She was the sixth woman to win consecutive Opens and has a chance to be the first to win three in a row. Shot of the Year: Norman's 7-iron into Tiger Woods. Karrie Webb was just as the water on No. 12 at Augusta ended a obvious a choice on the LPGA Tour. The five-hole stretch in which Faldo went from ing 40 pounds and playing like she will 21-year-old Australian won \$1,002,000 to four strokes behind to two ahead despite making only one birdie. The tournament was over before the ripples from that ball

The last round of the LPGA Championship was played on a brutally cold and wet day when the wind gusted to 30 mph. On the second hole - a 400-yard dogleg right - Laura Davies took out a pencil minus the eraser, teed the ball about nation and near perfection by Faldo and a 4 inches off the ground, lofted the ball into field, defeating Scotland, the 1-20 favorite, painful-to-watch unraveling by Norman. the wind at her back and rode it over the in the Dunhill Cup. Colin Montgomerie, There were few rounds under pressure dogleg to within 22 paces of the green. It the second-ranked player in the world, a rookie on the LPGA Tour - Karrie Webb as magnificent as the final-round 66 symbolized how she overpowered the losing to Gaurav Ghei, ranked 696th.

Championship. ... Steve Stricker emerging as a top player with his first two victories and five other top-three finishes. ... Jack Nicklaus winning The Tradition. Jack Nicklaus shooting 66 in the second round of the British Open. Jack Nicklaus saying he will play the U.S. Open again in 1997.... Nancy Lopez, who turns 40 on Jan. 6, losend her three-year drought in 1997. ... 19-year-old Kelli Kuehne winning a second consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur then turning pro in November. ... The International Team coming back after losing seven of the first 10 matches to nearly win the Presidents Cup, falling when Fred Couples' 25-foot putt on the 17th hole of the final match closed out Vijay Singh. ... India, the 1,000-1 last pick in the 16-team



## Dallas Cowboys begin defense of Super Bowl title with workout

#### **By DENNE H. FREEMAN AP Sports Writer**

Yes, there was more than Tiger Woods in golf in 1996

IRVING (AP) - The Dallas our offense." Cowboys begin defense of their Super Bowl title today with their eran tight end Jay Novacek or bye." first playoff workout and coach defensive end Charles Haley Barry Switzer was excited that available because of back tight end Eric Bjornson will be in injuries. attendance.

The Cowboys sleep-walked said if there was any chance through a 37-10 loss to the we'd have Novacek for the Washington Redskins on Sunday, resting their regulars for Saturday's divisional playoff game with the Minnesota back was feeling better. Vikings at 3 p.m. in Texas Stadium.

the team another day off, sched- offs. uling practices for the Vikings to start today.

the Vikings and we'll start get- The Cowboys last faced the thing to do.

we've had him for the first day "were brisk. This is kind of a of practice in several weeks," Switzer said. "We need him in

The Cowboys won't have vet-

(Quarterback) Troy Aikman game, he would be here now," Šwitzer said.

Novacek said last week his

Haley, who had an operation a month ago, is working toward Coach Barry Switzer then gave playing sometime in the play-

"I think if we get to New Orleans (Super Bowl), Haley will "We have a lot of respect for want to suit up," Switzer said.

ting ready for them on Tuesday," Vikings in 1995, winning 23-17 in "It meant nothing losing the Switzer said Monday. "I believe overtime. It's the first time defensive No. 1 statistics," resting our top players against Dallas has been in the first round Campo said. "We were executing This is the first time the It was critical going into the Switzer said tight end Eric Cowboys have hosted a wild- stretch run that we rested all of Bjornson, who has played hurt card game since 1983 and it has our players." most of the season, could be the met with lukewarm response for biggest benefactor of being held the fans. There are still some yards to 4,362 for Pittsburgh. The 3,000 tickets available and public Cowboys allowed 4,382 and "Eric will practice and that relations spokesman Rich were second against the pass and will be the first time this year Dalrymple said sales on Monday 10th against the rush.

new thing for this generation of fans to have to buy tickets over Christmas week at short notice. Usually, we've had a first-round

Dalrymple said a blackout wouldn't be imposed until the close of business on Thursday if there's still no sellout, and he said he doesn't anticipate that happening.

The biggest fallout from the Washington game was the 483 yards surrendered by the defense which cost them the top ranking in the NFL statistics. Dallas finished third behind Green Bay and Pittsburgh.

Defensive coordinator Dave Campo said resting the regulars against the Redskins in a game that meant little was the right

and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### FOOTBALL

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) -The Atlanta Falcons started over again, firing coach June Jones after a 3-13 season that kept alive the team's streak of never having consecutive winning records.

Jones, who had two years left on his contract, was 19-29 in three seasons, guiding the Falcons to only their fifth playoff berth in 1995, Team president Taylor Smith vowed to hire a proven winner as coach or general manager and give that person total control of the franchise.

EL MONTE, Calif (AP) -St: Louis running back Lawrence Phillips pleaded no contest to drunken driving, and was placed on probation for three years.

The former Nebraska star also was fined \$1,000 plus penalty assessments – a total of \$2,900 - and must serve 80 hours of community service, half at the Los Angeles County morgue. He was arrested in Los Angeles. County on June 15 after police allegedly saw him speeding in a car with a flat tire.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -Detroit's Barry Sanders became the first NFL player to surpass 1,500 yards in three straight seasons and won his third rushing title with a 175-yard performance in the Lions' 24-14 loss to San Francisco. He finished with 1,553 yards, 15 more than Denver's Terrell Davis

#### BASEBALL

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners got the lease they wanted for a new \$405 million stadium project on a 4-3 vote by the board of the Washington State Major League Baseball Public Facilities District.

After voting by a similar count to reject a move that action be postponed to allow time for a public hearing, the board adopted the 20-year lease a day before the deadline set by Mariners' owners.

#### (AP photo)

Dallas Cowboys tight end Jay Novacek will remain out of play for the playoffs due to a back injury.

## **Spurs' Robinson breaks** bone in loss to Miami

**By The Associated Press** 

## Just when San Antonio was

starting to get on track, the Spurs scored a season-high 33 points to lost David Robinson again.

games of the season with back 20 points and 12 rebounds for problems, broke a bone in his left Orlando. Tyrone Hill and Terrell foot in the fourth quarter of Mon- Brandon each scored 20 points day night's 90-79 loss to Miami.

surgery this week and will be out Timberwolves 107, Jazz 98 about six weeks. San Antonio is 3-3 with Robinson and 3-15 with- Marbury scored a career-high 33 out him this season.

bit all season," said Robinson, season-high 20 points for the who was on crutches in the lock- Wolves. Karl Malone had 22 er room. "I just came down on it points and 13 rebounds for Utah, and started to get into defensive which has lost four of seven. position, and could feel some- Bucks 81, Rockets 76 thing pull in it. I knew it was hurt At Houston, Sherman Douglas right away. I was just praying scored 11 of his 19 points in the that it wasn't broken."

points for the Heat, who won straight loss. The Bucks overcame their 12th straight road game. a 37-point performance by The NBA record for consecutive Hakeem Olajuwon, who led a secroad victories is 16 by the Los ond-half rally that fell just short. Angeles Lakers, who did it dur- Nuggets 112, Suns 109, OT ing their 33-game overall winning streak in 1971-72.

New York 82, Atlanta 76; Orlando overtime. Stith, Antonio McDyess 89, Cleveland 84; Minnesota 107, and Mark Jackson each hit two Utah 98; Chicago 113, New Jersey free throws in the final 27 sec-81; Milwaukee 81, Houston 76; onds, helping the Nuggets over-Denver 112, Phoenix 109 in over- come a late barrage of 3-pointers time; Washington 106, Portland by Phoenix. Rex Chapman scored 84; and Sacramento 100, Los 18 points for Phoenix. Angeles Clippers 88. Bulls 113, Nets 81

scored 24 points and Scottie first half and Chris Webber had Pippen 20 as the Bulls won their 23 points and 11 rebounds for seventh straight. Kerry Kittles Washington. Arvydas Sabonis and Ken 'all Gill scored 19 points led the Blazers with 23 points and each for the Nets, who lost for the eight rebounds. sixth time in seven games. Knicks 82, Hawks 76

At New York, Charles Oakley mond scored 23 points and the grabbed a season-high 18 rebounds Kings led all the way en route to and New York held Atlanta with- their season-high third straight vicout a basket for almost seven min- tory. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf had utes in the fourth quarter. Patrick 20 points for Sacramento, while Ewing scored 17 points for the Olden Polynice added 14 points Knicks, who won for the 10th time and 14 rebounds. Rodney Rogers in 11 games. Steve Smith led the had 20 points for the Clippers.

Magic 89, Cavaliers 84 At Orlando, Rony Seikaly help the Magic stop a five-game Robinson, who missed the first 18 losing streak. Horace Grant had

Hawks with 22 points.

for Cleveland, which had its five-The Spurs center will have game winning streak snapped.

At Minneapolis, Stephon points to lead the Timberwolves "Seems like we've been snake- over Utah. Terry Porter scored a

third quarter as Milwaukee hand-Alonzo Mourning scored 32 ed the Rockets their fourth

At Phoenix, Bryant Stith scored 36 points, one short of his career Elsewhere in the NBA, it was high, as Denver beat the Suns in

#### Bullets 106, Blazers 84

At Portland, Juwan Howard At Chicago, Michael Jordan scored 23 of his 27 points in the

Kings 100, Clippers 88

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## Brodeur, Hasek fire up Sabres-Devils again

#### By The Associated Press

Martin Brodeur and Dominik Hasek allow very few goals to begin with, and when they play against each other, the two goalies are virtually impenetrable.

Brodeur and Hasek each made 37 saves Monday night as the New Jersey Devils and Buffalo Sabres played to a 0-0 tie in East Rutherford, N.J.

Regarded as two of the NHL's top goalies, Brodeur and Hasek had dueled through scoreless periods before.

In April 1994, Brodeur and Hasek didn't allow a single puck past them for 125 minutes as the Sabres and Devils needed four overtimes to decide Game Senators 6, Canadiens 0 6 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals.

win, while Brodeur was the loser with 49.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Washington 3, Tampa Bay 1; Boston 3, Chicago 3; Florida 4, the New York Islanders 3 in overtime; Pittsburgh 6, Toronto 5; Ottawa 6, Montreal 0; San Jose 2, Dallas 1; Colorado 4, Calgary 3; Phoenix 2, Anaheim 1; Montreal this season. and Edmonton 7, Vancouver 0.

It was the first scoreless tie in Devils history and the sixth for the Sabres, their second this year.

The Devils extended their unbeaten streak to seven (5-0-2). For Brodeur, the shutout was the 15th of his career and his third this season.

Buffalo had its four-game winning streak stopped. Hasek recorded his fifth shutout of the season, tying Patrick Roy of Colorado for the NHL lead. It was the 20th shutout of Hasek's career. Capitals 3, Lightning 1

Peter Bondra scored his team-high 16th goal and Dale Hunter added three assists as Washington sn^pped its six-game road winless streak. Bondra scored at 4:39 of the first period, and Joe

Juneau scored on a power-play goal at 17:16 to put the Capitals up 2-0.

Bondra has 15 goals and 19 points in 18 games against Tampa Bay, which dropped its fourth straight.

**Bruins 3, Blackhawks 3** 

Troy Mallette scored with 6:30 left in the third period as Boston overcame a pair of disallowed goals to earn a tie.

Alexei Zhamnov, Bob Probert and James Black scored for Chicago. Ed Belfour stopped 34 shots for the Blackhawks, who halted Boston's seasonhigh three-game winning streak.

Rob DiMaio and Adam Oates also scored for the Bruins, who extended their home unbeaten seven-game winless slide. streak to six games (5-0-1).

Panthers 4, Islanders 3

Ray Sheppard's goal at 1:46 of overtime spoiled Edmonton.

a three-goal third-period comeback by New York. Sheppard came in on a two-on-one break, stopped in the left circle and sent a high wrist shot over the glove of Islanders goalie Eric Fichaud.

Florida played its fourth road game in a fivenight stretch.

#### Penguins 6, Maple Leafs 5

At Toronto, Pittsburgh's newest line - Mario Lemieux, Jaromir Jagr and Ron Francis - continued its devastating play by combining for 10 points.

Jagr had three assists to go with his league-leading 32nd and 33rd goals while reclaiming the NHL scoring lead. Lemieux scored his 22nd and 23rd goals and assisted on another, and Francis added an assist.

Daniel Alfredsson had a goal and three assists, That night, Hasek made 70 saves in Buffalo's and Ottawa limited Montreal to just 14 shots.

The Senators scored four power-play goals and Ottawa goalie Damian Rhodes earned his third career shutout as Ottawa's defense stifled Montreal. Sergei Zholtok and Alexandre Daigle each scored two goals apiece for Ottawa, 2-0-1 vs.

Sharks 2, Stars 1

Darren Turcotte scored with 20 seconds left as San Jose snapped a four-game losing streak by winning at Dallas.

Turcotte shot Jeff Friesen's centering pass by Andy Moog for his eighth goal this season.

Kelly Hrudey had 22 saves for the Sharks, who beat the Stars at Reunion Arena for the second time this season by a 2-1 score. Avalanche 4, Flames 3

At Denver, Eric Lacroix scored a wraparound goal at 19:15 of the third period and Joe Sakic scored his 300th goal for Colorado.

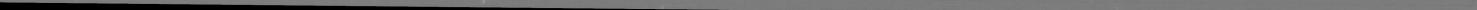
Sakic's 40-foot shot in the third period was his 15th goal of the season and made him the third player in franchise history to reach 300 goals; Michel Goulet had 456 and Peter Stastny 380. **Coyotes 2, Mighty Ducks 1** 

Jeremy Roenick scored with 3:43 left in the third period and Nikolai Khabibulin made 37 saves as Phoenix won its third straight road game.

Mike Gartner also scored for the Coyotes, who won for the fifth time in six games. It was the first triumph by the franchise at Anaheim Arena, where they had lost their previous six games - all as the Winnipeg Jets.

Oilers 7, Canucks 0 At Vancouver, Bob Essensa made 26 saves for his first shutout this season as the Oilers ended a

Ryan Smyth, Andrei Kovalenko and Dean McAmmond scored two goals each for



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**By TOM CANAVAN** 

near his locker room.

Reeves just smiled.

"To a fault," he said.

reporters said.

before George Young began a press confer-

ence at Giants Stadium to officially announce

After shaking hands and expressing best

That pretty much sums up Reeves' four

years with the Giants. He came to New York

hoping he could work within a system that

doesn't give the coach as much say in per-

sonnel matters as the general manager and

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complained in public and in private, and that

cost him his job Monday as much as three

before the season ended, the 52-year-old cre-

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wished Reeves luck in finding a new job.

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## **49ers defeat Detroit Lions** to end regular season play

While Steve Young and Jerry Rice season with his fifth passing title piled up personal honors, the San in six years. Prancisco 49ers took what many called a meaningless game and turned it into a tuneup for the playoffs.

With their postseason place already ensured, the 49ers beat the Detroit Lions 24-14 Monday night. San Francisco (12-4) plays host to Philadelphia on Sunday, and Detroit (5-11) simply goes home.

It is the first time the 49ers have gone into the playoffs as a wild card since 1985 - and the team is well aware of the rarity of wild cards reaching and winning the Super Bowl.

When people talk about how it's impossible, I think it's going to drive our team," tackle Harris Barton said. "We've won it with so many different angles and so many different variables, I think make sure Rice kept the title. the confidence is there."

That confidence was certainly boosted Monday night as the 49ers succeeded in taking a victo- with him. When I watch him it ry into the playoffs despite Barry Sanders' dash to his third NFL rushing title. The 49ers' firstround opponent already had Sanders, who ran for 175 yards. been decided when Carolina defeated Pittsburgh on Sunday for the NFC West title.

win meaningless game.' But it season with at least 1,500 rushing meant something to us," said yards.

Kansas tops basketball poll By JIM O'CONNELL **AP Basketball Writer** 

Kansas is no stranger to the No. 1 ranking in college basketball, having been there in each of and were followed by Indiana, the last five seasons. The current New group of Jayhawks apparently Louisville, Xavier, Ohio, Texas, likes the view.

In their longest run since the No. 1 streak that began in the 1992-93 season, the Jayhawks (10-0) were on top Monday for the fourth consecutive week. Last season, they managed to have a No. 21 Fresno State and No. 24 three-week run at No. 1.

Since moving to No. 1, Kansas has beaten Cincinnati, UCLA, Fresno State earlier in the season, George Washington, North was ranked for seven weeks in Carolina-Asheville and North the 1994-95 season and that was Carolina State. The streak figures the school's first appearance in to go at least one more week as the the poll since 1977. mes are against

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Young, who finished the regular

Young, who completed 11 of 14 passes for 96 yards and threw a pair of 1-yard touchdown passes to Ted Popson and Derek Loville, stayed in the game for the first half. Young, who missed all or parts of eight games because of injuries, finished the season with five solid games, lifting his passing rating to 97.2 and surpassing Green Bay's Brett Favre (95.8).

Rice stood on the sidlelines with Young after the first half, but caught five passes for 49 yards to boost his season reception total to 108, the most in the NFL.

Behind him is Detroit's Herman Moore, who had eight receptions to finish with 106. Moore stayed in the game, but the 49ers defense worked to

"I tried, but this man is impossible," Moore said. "It's an honor to be standing on the same field makes me work harder."

While the 49ers were able to hold back Moore, they couldn't stop

Sanders finished the season with 1,553 yards, surpassing Denver's Terrell Davis' 1,538 "The headline might be '49ers yards. It was his third straight

> ranking ever, and was followed by Cincinnati, Utah, Arizona and Villanova.

North Carolina and Duke switched places at 11th and 12th Mexico, Minnesota, Alabama and Texas Tech.

The last five spots were Maryland, Arkansas, Stanford and the newcomers, Oregon and Boston College.

Falling from the rankings were UCLA.

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Boston College (5-1), which

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1d Dean ach for Honest coach Dan Reeves looking for new job Reeves and management met in January, wanted to go in a different direction." and neither side budged. General manager George Young would neither fire Reeves nor ed about 15 minutes later, speaking from the EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Minutes change the way he did things. Reeves refused

to resign. Reeves, who led the Broncos to three Super his firing, Dan Reeves greeted two reporters Bowls in 12 years before coming here in 1993, ended up staying this year even though it was obvious the two sides had trouble work- Giants conducted the NFL draft, particularly ing together.

Because an employee asks for changes "Dan, you're probably the most honest and doesn't get changes, it doesn't mean you

coach I've ever dealt with," one of the eliminate an employee," Young said. Owner Wellington Mara felt a successful season might have convinced Reeves that the Giants' way does work.

"I didn't see him as a lame duck this year," Mara said. "I was confident we'd have the kind of year that would make him want to

stay.' That never happened. The Giants started slowly, played inconsistently and never got couldn't work within that system, Reeves above the 500 mark in finishing 6-10.

About halfway through the season, Young started to feel a change was needed. Two days after the season ended with a 23-22 loss The complaining almost got Reeves fired to New England, the general manager termi-after posting a 5-11 record in 1995. A month nated Reeves after four seasons and a 31-33 record that included one playoff berth.

"I'm the different direction," Reeves insistsame podium Young had used in the Giants' locker room. "They want someone who is agreeable, not only with the way they do things, but how they do things.

Reeves had serious concerns with how the their use of a psychological test to evaluate potential choices. He said talented players were taken off the board because of test results.

only a tool," he said. "You can't use them as gospel. When a psychologist has more to do with the draft than you as a head coach, then I have a problem with that."

as the Giants' two Super Bowl wins fade into history, refused to address his differences with Reeves.

Mara defended the team's draft procedure. He insisted only a small number of potential draft choices were ever eliminated, and he maintained Reeves probably had more choice in personnel matters than did his two predecessors, Ray Handley and Bill Parcells.

"Dan Reeves is one of the most honest and truthful men I have ever been associated "I'm not apologizing for anything," said with," Mara said. "His perception of what

hawks' next Washburn and Brown before they begin the Big 12 season.

Forest, Kentucky, Wake Michigan and Iowa State held spots 2-5 for the second straight week, with the Jayhawks again the runaway No. 1 choice of the national media panel with 63 first-place votes and 1,743 points.

Wake Forest (8-0) received six first-place votes and 1,674 points, 75 more than Kentucky (8-1). Michigan (8-0), which beat then-No. 6 Arizona in overtime last weekend, received the other No. 1 vote and had 1.521 points, 101 more than Iowa State (8-0).

Clemson moved up two spots to sixth, the school's highest season.

lost to Connecticut earlier in the season, dropped out of the rankings last week despite not losing. but returned this week after a road victory over Holy Cross.

Fresno State (6-3), ranked as high as 13th this season, dropped out having lost three of its last four. The Buildogs beat Massachusetts after losing at Oregon, then lost at Texas and to **Texas Tech at Las Vegas** 

UCLA (3-3), ranked fifth in the preseason poll, has fallen steadily under interim coach Steve Lavin since an opening home loss to Tulsa. UCLA lost to Illinois last week in its first road game of the

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#### ated a stir, saying he would not return after his contract expired in 1997 unless the way Young, who fired Reeves after a 10-minute goes on in our draft room and mine are very meeting Monday. "We made a decision and different. the front office did things changed. The Light Of His Love May Christ's May the spirit of Christmas warm your heart love light a and give you peace. May the true meaning of candle of Christmas be a beacon to light your way. hope and joy DEAN'S in your heart. PHARMACY **WAYNES** 2217 Perryton Parkway 669-6896

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"The psychological tests are great, but it's

Young, who has come under more scrutiny



## Democrats want to keep Gingrich probe open

ment of Speaker Newt Gingrich for violating persistent questions about the pending sanc- ious to learn his recommendations to the sub-House rules and thwarting Republican tions. plans to swiftly close the politically volatile probe.

said Monday they opposed GOP plans for have a sanctions vote on jan 7. We need more voting on Gingrich's punishment – and also his re-election – when the 105th Congress Besides the emerging strateg convenes Jan. 7.

Republican leaders divulged their strategy in well-orchestrated appearances last weekend: dispose of the case with a vote to reprimand Gingrich – a lesser sanction – and follow immediately with a vote to re-elect him as speaker.

House rules by failing to seek legal advice on mine the procedure. his use of tax-exempt organizations and for transmitting inaccurate, incomplete and to be public unless the committee votes to that he himself wrote," Armey said. unreliable information to the ethics panel.

so that the ethics committee can meet and resolve this issue and bring it to the floor on Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, a member of the gory fits. GOP leadership.

"We are not interested in having an expedited penalty phase," said a key leadership Foreshadowing pitched partisan battles aide, willing to discuss the case only on conahead, House Democratic leadership aides dition of anonymity. "We are not in a hurry to

> Besides the emerging strategy of delaying tactics by minority Democrats, an untested ethics process also is working against the Republicans.

Under changed rules, the House ethics committee must hold its first-ever hearing on sanctions. Committee attorneys and members still have unanswered questions about secret hearings. Gingrich on Saturday admitted to violating the process and will need some time to deter-

For instance, the general rule is for hearings close them. But if any matter could "defame, "It's our hope that over the next 10 days or degrade or incriminate" a member, the hearing must be closed unless the committee votes to hold it in public. Ethics panel opening day and get it behind us ... ." said lawyers haven't yet figured out which cate-

If the punishment issue is not resolved by hearing by James Cole, the outside counsel from continuing as speaker.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrats are Jan. 7, Gingrich could be re-elected with the working for the ethics subcommittee that eyeing a strategy aimed at delaying punish- case still hanging over him - and would face investigated the speaker. Democrats are anxcommittee, hoping his findings were stronger than the charges in the 22-page "Statement of Alleged Violation" that the speaker signed on Saturday.

Gingrich's chief political enemy, House Democratic Whip David Bonior, demanded Sunday that the hearing be public.

"It ought to be an open hearing so the American people can have this laid out and can understand the dynamics" of the subcommittee's work, Bonior said.

However, Majority Leader Dick Armey, the second-ranking House Republican, said Bonior helped write rules that permitted

"So I found it very interesting that David would demand that the committee do something that would be in violation of the rules

The Democratic aide said the goal of Democratic leaders is to have a public hearing on the penalty and said Republicans would prefer to have it done quietly.

Gingrich is fighting for the lesser penalty of a reprimand on the House floor. A more Also unclear is the role to be played at the severe censure resolution would prevent him

## **Bail denied for FBI agent** charged in spying case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - A tions in New York led the veteran FBI agent charged with bureau to suspect it had been selling secrets to Russia was penetrated by Moscow's agents. ordered held without bond Monday.

than \$224,000.

In denying bail, U.S. District Judge Thomas Rawles Jones the FBI's New York office said, "This is one of the most assigned to hunt and recruit serious charges that can be Soviet KGB officers, and during brought. The weight of the 1989-92, he worked on top evidence is certainly substan- secret records and personnel tial."

The 13-year bureau veteran is Washington. the second FBI agent ever charged with spying.

Director Louis Freeh said that in said he told them that from 1987 the spring of 1993 information to 1992 "I have provided you from defectors and the failure of with everything that I was some counterintelligence opera- aware of."

A list was drawn up of everyone who knew about the failed Earl Edwin Pitts, 43, was operations, including Pitts. arrested last Wednesday, fol- Later, a cooperating Russian lowing an undercover investi- official, identified Pitts as the gation, and charged with selling FBI agent who wrote him a letsecrets to Moscow for more ter in 1987 volunteering to spy for Moscow.

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In their investigation, FBI At the time of Pitts' arrest, FBI Russians contacted Pitts. They

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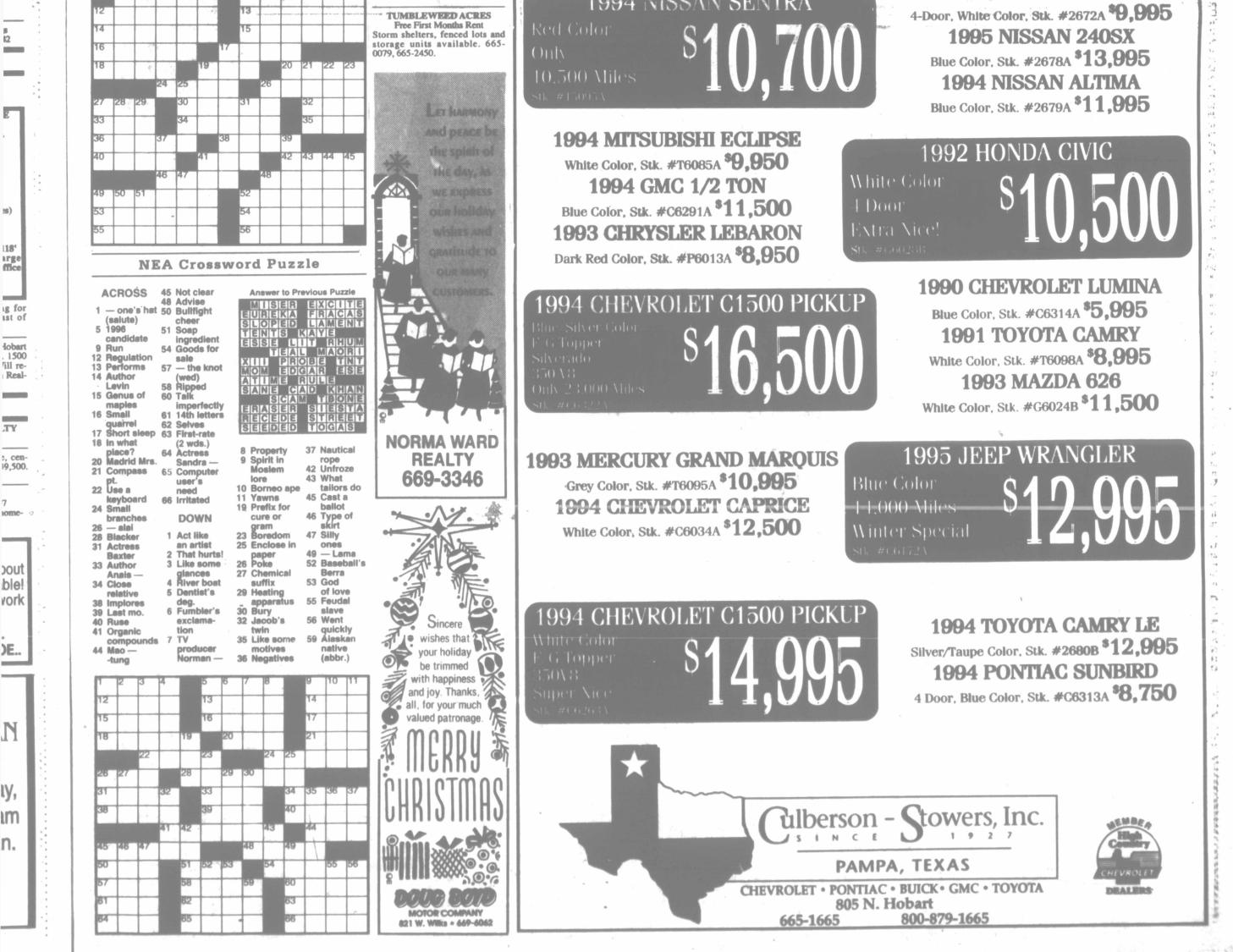
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#### intons' key aides discussed money brought

senior White House aides met with the fund's director and expressed concerns cions about its origins. about offending donors if the money was returned, officials confirmed.

staff, Margaret Williams, the officials not be identified. said.

in two large manila envelopes that had Democratic fund-raiser whose activities been delivered to the defense fund on have come under scrutiny, John Huang.

WASHINGTON (AP) - A month after March 21 by Charles Yah Lin Trie, an the first family's legal defense fund, six friend of the president. The money was eventually returned because of suspi-

Cardozo, the fund's executive director, The high-level meeting on May 9, included deputy chiefs of staff Harold which is likely to draw the interest of Ickes and Evelyn Lieberman, White investigators, included the president's House counsel Jack Quinn and associate most trusted adviser, Bruce Lindsey, counsel Cheryl Mills, according to the itics, government and business that we and Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief of officials. They spoke on condition they do," Clinton said.

Meanwhile, Clinton said he remained The purpose was to discuss \$460,000 reluctant to criticize Trie and another

ventually returned because of suspi-ions about its origins. Others at the briefing by Michael an interview published in the Los Angeles Times

> "One thing we know is that the culture out of which they come doesn't draw the same bright lines between pol-

> Lindsey's attendance at the May meeting marks the first time that the president's closest confidant has surfaced in the week-old controversy.

Williams' presence reflects the contin-

it is not clear to me ... to what extent they House informed of the questionable contributions were returned. knew exactly what they were doing and donations. Cardozo told them on April While some of the donat delivered.

> According to one official, Cardozo made clear at the May 9 meeting that appeared completely proper. trustees for the defense fund felt that, "out of an abundance of caution," the proper course would be to return the contributions.

said Sunday the question was not money."

"The reason I have not been more crit- uing interest of Mrs. Clinton, who was whether to return the donations but learning about suspicious donations to Asian-American businessman and ical of Charlie Trie or John Huang is that among the first people at the White rather what to tell the donors when the

While some of the donations were 4, two weeks after the envelopes were suspicious because they were given in sequentially numbered money orders by supposedly different people, many

The White House "was antious that ; the donors might feel the money was being returned simply because they were Asian-Americans," said one per-White House aides expressed concern son familiar with the meeting. "The: to Cardozo about offending contribu- White House was concerned about tors if their donations were returned, what the fund was going to tell the the officials said. A White House aide donors if they sent them back their

## Queen Elizabeth II sends 22 sketches by Michelangelo to U.S. to exhbit in Washington museum

WASHINGTON (AP) immense frescoes and carved mas- the drawings, some smaller than sive sculptures, he also liked to do a sheet of typewriter paper. little pen and ink sketches. His were happy to get them as gifts.

known to have compelled the 16th museums century master to give him one.

King George III of England two Influence: Drawings from ence on artists even in after the younger man's death. children and it is likely that his Michelangelo not only painted centuries later started collecting Windsor Castle."

friends, amused by the contrast, 22 of them for an exhibit at of fresco in a day, producing Washington's A powerful duke in Florence is Gallery of Art and other U.S. sion," wrote Paul Joannides, who he got from me," the 67-year- 12 or 13 when they first met. "Michelangelo and His

inherent surprise ... in the painter two lived in Florence and Rome ings that are also in the show. Queen Elizabeth II has lent who could cover square meters at the same times and must have National drawings of watchmakerly precicalled put the exhibit together.

Michelangelo's own day, includknown one another.

old Michelangelo growled in a

t the same times and must have nown one another. "What Raphael had of art,

The drawings had great influ- letter - still bitter 20 years late 50s, he would never have back to earth by a bolt of lightning.

Visitors can judge for them- love for Tommaso was as much "There was and remains an ing his great rival, Raphael. The selves from two Raphael draw- paternal as sexual," according to oannides.

drove his father's chariot too close "Michelangelo was then in his to the sun and had to be brought

## Crash victim's engagement ring returned

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) -An FBI official says he's getting an engagement ring back to a woman who lost her fiance in the explosion of TWA Flight 800 because "it's the right thing to do."

The diamond ring, found floating amid the debris of the plane after the explosion, was to be returned to Julie Stuart. She had fought for the ring's return since the July 17 crash, which killed her fiance, Andrew Krukar.

"This is bittersweet," Ms. Stuart, 31, said Monday. "I only wish it was the way it was supposed to be, with Andy placing it on my finger. I miss him so much."

Ms. Stuart receives the ring from FBI assistant director James Kallstrom in a private meeting in Manhattan.

"It's the right thing to



Kallstrom said. "My heart goes out to her and all the victims' families all the time, but especially during this holiday season."

Ms. Stuart and her fiance, 41, had purchased the 1.6carat ring in June in Bridgewater, Conn., where they lived together.

Krukar took Flight 800 for Paris, the ring tucked in his briefcase inside a burgundycolored box with gold piping. Ms. Stuart was to meet him there two days later, when the couple planned to formally seal their engagement.

A day after the Boeing 747 exploded over waters off Long Island, searchers ...covered the ring box floating in the water. A week later, a friend of Krukar's in Paris spotted a photo of the box in a French magazine and recognized it.

Since then, Ms. Stuart has pressured TWA and others for the ring's return.

"Mr. Kallstrom is the only one to come through for me,' she said. "He promised I would get the ring back and now he's personally going to turn it over to me. ... I am very grateful he's done this. It means so much."

Officials have said the return of belongings of Flight 800 victims has been delayed by the investigation into the crash and by the need to positively identify the owners.



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