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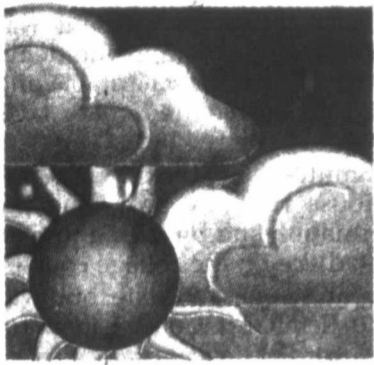
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AMARILLO — Texas A&M's all male singing group, the Singing Cadets, will appear in concert at Tascosa High School Auditorium on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 4 p.m.

The group, which has performed worldwide, will perform a variety of songs and music types.

Known as the "Voice of Aggieland," the Singing Cadets share the enthusiasm and pride of being part of Texas A&M University.

Originally organized in 1894 as the Texas A&M Glee Club, the group changed its name in the 1940s, but have maintained a crisp military style and diverse selection of music.

Members of the Singing Cadets major in a wide range of academic fields, but because A&M does not offer a music degree none are music majors.

Due to changes in the university over the last few decades, not all members are members of the Corps of Cadets, but there are still some.

The group has played for former president George Bush as well as having traveled throughout Europe.

Representing the Amarillo area is Jeremy Elliott, a graduate from Amarillo High School.

Tickets for the concert are available at Boatman's National Bank Downtown and Puckett and Medical Center Branches in Amarillo.

GRIFFITH, Ind. (AP) — A battery-operated Cabbage Patch Doll that can chew had to be taken apart piece by piece when it munched a 7-year-old girl's hair up to her scalp and wouldn't let go.

Sarah Stevens' aunt and the owner of the hair salon where the incident took place worked for 30 minutes Thursday to remove more than 20 screws, open the battery compartment and pull apart the mouth to free Sarah's blond hair.

Sarah was shaken but unharmed. "I have a little headache," she said.

The Cabbage Patch Snack Time Kids Doll is designed to chew automatically when plastic french fries or other items are placed in its mouth. It has no on-off switch.

Sarah's aunt, Kelly Nagy, who had brought her niece to the salon, had gone to check on the girl in the waiting room and found her leaning over a chair crying.

"She must have had it lying by her hair and it must have sucked it down," Nagy said. The salon owner sat Sarah in the barber chair and eventually was able to take the doll apart.

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Officers search streets for clues in teen's murder

A murder investigation today centered around the 800 block of Henry Street in connection with the shooting death of a Pampa High School student Christmas Eve.

Law enforcement officers walked the windblown dirt streets of East Albert and Henry this morning searching for clues in the Christmas Eve shooting death of Richard Lamont Proctor, 18, of 1109 Huff Rd.

Proctor was shot once with a larger caliber handgun, officers said, as he got into a blue-gray Cadillac Tuesday night. Authorities said they believe Proctor was sitting in the passenger side of the front seat and was pulling the door closed when a shot fired from behind the car shattered the rear window of the 1984 Cadillac and hit Proctor in the back of the head.

Officers indicated there were two 16-year-old boys with Proctor at the time of the shooting and that a high speed chase may have followed involving

the Cadillac and a red pickup.

Authorities said they found Proctor slumped over inside the car in the 100 block of West Albert when they arrived in response to a 911 call shortly before midnight Tuesday. The car was askew in the west bound lane of Albert when officers arrived.

The two juvenile witnesses were released early Christmas morning after being questioned by police.

Authorities were continuing their search today for a red, extended cab pickup made by General Motors that may have been involved in the shooting.

Pampa Police Chief Charles Morris said today that officers are investigating a number of tips phoned into his office concerning the shooting.

An autopsy, ordered by Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns, was conducted Thursday in Lubbock, officers said today. No preliminary autopsy results were available yet.

Durable goods orders unexpectedly decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket durable goods unexpectedly fell 1.6 percent in November, the first decline in three months, due largely to shrinking demand for electronic equipment.

The Commerce Department, in a report that suggested a moderating economy, said today orders totaled a seasonally adjusted \$171.8 billion, down from a revised \$174.6 billion in October. The 0.5 percent advance in October was even stronger than the government's initial estimate of just 0.1 percent.

Durable goods include products such as trucks and turbines expected to last more than three years. So far in 1996, orders are 5.6 percent above those of the same period of 1995.

Shortly after the report, prices rose in the inflation-sensitive bond market. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds, which move in the opposite direction of prices, slipped to 6.55 percent this morning from 6.58 percent late Thursday.

Many analysts had expected a 0.5 percent increase in orders, a key gauge of the nation's manufacturing sector.

It was the first drop since orders fell 3.6 percent in August. Continued losses could result in declining production and fewer jobs.

Orders for electronic and other electrical equipment plunged 9.3

percent in November, reversing a 16.9 percent jump a month earlier. Most of the decline was due to shrinking demand for electronic components and communications equipment such as telephones.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that new claims for jobless benefits fell by 15,000 last week to 335,000. Many analysts had expected a mere 5,000 decline.

The previous week's 350,000 level had been the highest since last July and raised concerns the labor market had been softening.

The four-week moving average of new weekly jobless claims dropped to 341,250 from 342,250 the previous week. Many analysts prefer to track the less-volatile four-week average because it smooths out the spikes in the weekly reports.

The Commerce Department report showed that transportation orders were unchanged in November after falling 6.8 percent a month earlier. They were held back by lack of aircraft tickets. All other transportation industries reported gains.

Excluding transportation, orders were off 2.2 percent, also the first drop since August and the largest decline since a 2.4 percent decrease in January 1993.

But orders for industrial machinery and equipment posted a 0.3 percent gain following October's 1.7 percent drop.

Livestock shows to open New Year in Gray County

In Pampa, the New Year opens with busy activities at the "bull barn" during the first three weeks, according to Gray County Commissioner Jim Greene.

January kicks off the annual stock shows, all featured in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion (bull barn), near the rodeo grounds in Recreation Park.

The Gray County 4-H Stock Show opens its annual stock show the first weekend, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, continuing through Sunday, starting at 2 p.m. The 4-H lambs, steers and swine will be judged at 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Danny Nusser, Gray County agriculture Extension agent, at 669-8033.

Weigh-in for the Top O' Texas

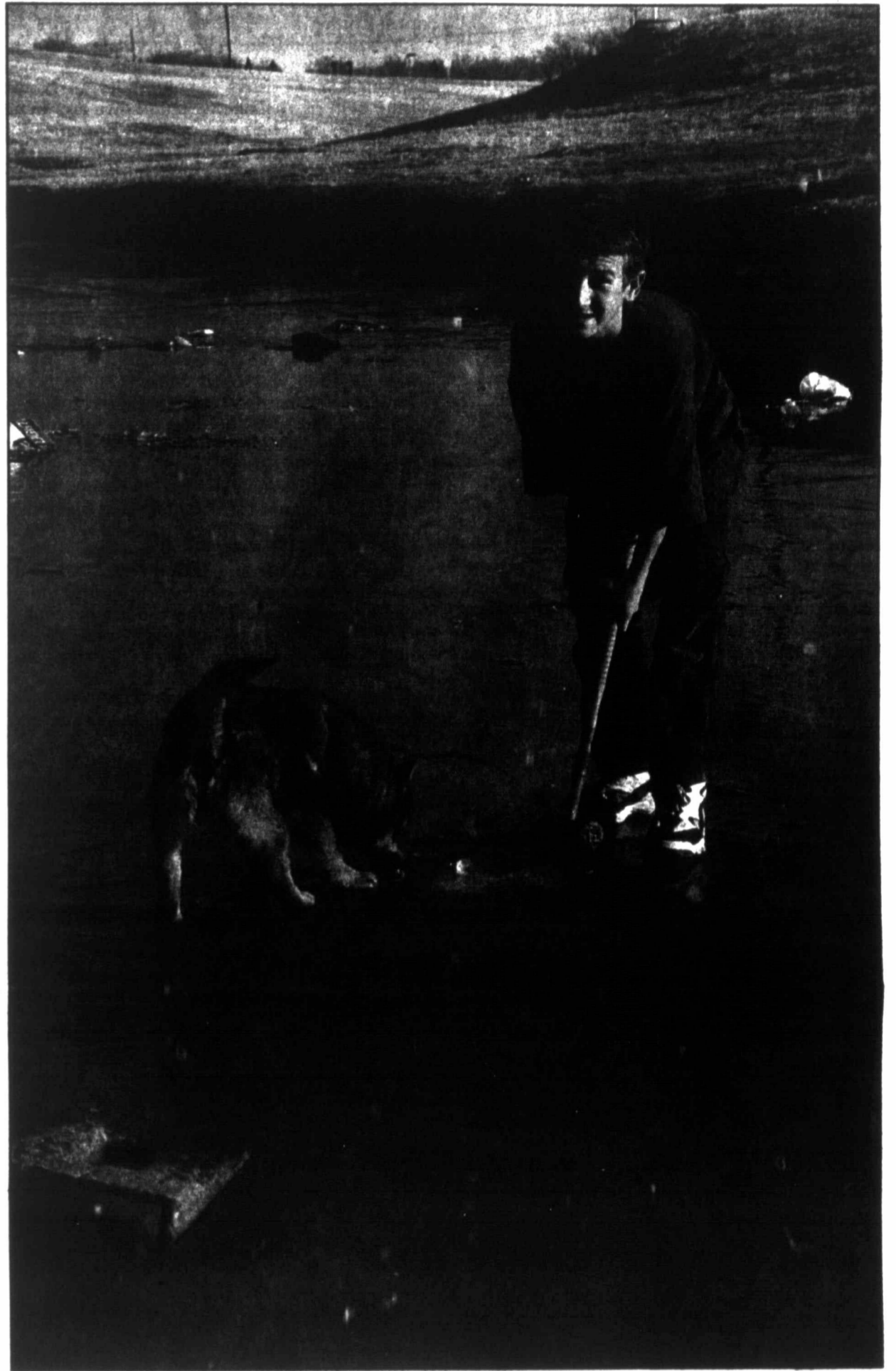
Stock Show is Friday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m., bringing competition from 14 eastern Texas Panhandle counties. According to Sherry Johnson, stock show secretary, judging starts at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, for sheep, steers and heifers. Rabbits are featured in the Saturday show and swine is featured Sunday, Jan. 12.

Gray County Stock Show and Sale is scheduled Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18, with the annual buyer's barbecue meal being served at 5 p.m. Saturday, prior to the sale.

Friday at 6 p.m. judging is scheduled for the show lambs, steers and rabbits at 8 a.m. Saturday, swine judging is held.

The auction, conducted by Helley Auctioneers of McLean, starts at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Winter play



(Pampa News-photo by Darlene Holmes)

Anthony Goldthrite, 11, enjoys his holiday break from school and the lull after the Christmas excitement this mild winter morning to chop at the ice in the creek in the park behind the M.K. Brown Municipal Swimming Pool. Joining in the play is his dog Mitzi, part chow and part schnauser. Anthony is a student at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

Icy storm grips Northwest cities, leaves thousands without power

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An icy storm that glazed the Northwest stranded holiday travelers, forced post-Christmas shoppers to try on their clothes by candlelight and left more than 180,000 homes and businesses without power in Oregon and Washington state today.

Two deaths were blamed on the weather. Ice-covered trees splintered or toppled onto power lines a region. It could take until Monday to restore all power.

"We've got a unique situation here where we've got ice on the trees and no frozen ground," said Vickie Rocker, spokeswoman for Portland General Electric Co. "The ground is soft and mushy, so the weight is just pulling over some of those trees."

Highways on the eastern edge of Portland were closed for several hours after power lines fell across the freeway. Snow and mud slides on Interstate 84 blocked traffic for eight hours.

A 58-year-old Portland man died of a heart attack while trimming broken tree limbs in his yard. And a 62-year-old woman was killed in a collision Thursday on an icy road in western Washington.

Much of downtown Portland and the city's airport were

among the areas that lost electricity Thursday. About 61,000 were still without power this morning.

In Washington, Puget Sound Power & Light Co. said 122,000 customers in the western part of the state were without power this morning.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport had dozens of delayed and canceled flights. Greyhound suspended some bus service from Seattle eastbound to Yakima, and south to some destinations in Oregon and California. Motorists who ventured out in much of the state found roads clogged with snow and ice.

At one point Thursday afternoon, all three major east-west routes through the Cascades were closed because of the weather. White Pass reopened, but Interstate 90 over Snoqualmie Pass and U.S. 2 over Stevens Pass remained closed, stranding scores of travelers and skiers.

The Red Cross opened a shelter at a senior center in North Bend, 28 miles east of Seattle, for those who couldn't get across Snoqualmie Pass. About 100 people spent the night.

More bad weather loomed in the Northwest. Snow was forecast across northern and central Oregon tonight. About 7 inches

fell on the Northwest and more was forecast for today.

Washington Gov. Mike Lowry ordered all non-essential state employees to leave work at 3 p.m. Thursday to get them home before dark and ease rush-hour congestion.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport canceled more than a dozen flights and delayed many others after losing lost power for three hours. Emergency generators kept the airport tower, runway lights and security equipment running.

The terminal, crowded with holiday travelers, was dark and airport businesses were forced to shut down.

In north Portland, Peter Riesterer, 18, was trapped for nearly an hour after a 25-foot tree limb crashed down on him while he was standing on a woodshed cutting limbs away from a power line leading to his house.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

Services today
HAIDUK, Edith Myre - Rosary, 7 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
Services tomorrow
BAILEY, Jasper E. "Jap" - 1 p.m., Mobeetie Methodist Church, Mobeetie.
HAIDUK, Edith Myre - Mass, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.
HUCKABY, Allie B. "Huck" - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
LOWE, Bill R. - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wellington.
RICHTER, Edna Ruth - 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WATTS, Edwin - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.
WILLIS, John W. - Graveside services, 3:30 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

BILL R. LOWE
WELLINGTON - Bill R. Lowe, 65, brother of Shamrock residents, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Johnny Tims and Joe Martin officiating. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.
 Mr. Lowe was born at Lillie and attended school there. He graduated from Quail High School in 1949. He married Mary Ann Richards in 1950 at Wellington. He served three terms as a Collingsworth County commissioner. He was a team roper. He was a former member of National Oldtimers Rodeo Association and Living Legends Rodeo Association. He was a member of First Baptist Church.
 Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann; a daughter, Susan Rainey of Wellington; a son, Andy Lowe of Tulsa, Okla.; six sisters, Rebbie Snider and Novia Martin, both of Wellington, Janie Lowe and Irene Barth, both of Shamrock, Letha Brownlee of Amarillo and Lorene Limer of Memphis; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; a great-grandson; and four step-great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center or to the American Cancer Society.

Obituaries

WALTER 'BUCK' BOLDEN
GAIL - Walter "Buck" Bolden, 71, brother of Groom resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996. Graveside services were to be at 3 p.m. today in Gail Cemetery with the Rev. Bobby Glen Murphy officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.
 Mr. Bolden was born at Quail. He married Mattie Tutwilier in 1970 at Amarillo. He was employed as a construction worker. He was a Baptist.
 Survivors include his wife, Mattie; eight daughters, Kay Bolden, Charlotte McKinney, Brenda Barnett and Sandra Sanders, all of San Angelo, Sue Wisdom of Farmington, N.M., Anita Hodgnett of Amarillo, Trish Payne of Ira and Debra Fronk of Littlefield; six sons, W.C. Bolden, Tommy Bolden, Jerry Bolden and Alan Bolden, all of Amarillo, and Ronnie Bolden and Billy Bolden, both of San Angelo; two sisters, Mary Faye Moley of Amarillo and Maudeen Moley of Plainview; three brothers, M.B. Bolden of Groom and Travis Bolden and Bill Bolden, both of Amarillo; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

LOIS FAGAN MEADOR
 Lois Fagan Meador, 88, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Meador was born March 21, 1908, at Wellington. She married Lester D. Fagan on March 10, 1928, at Plainview; he died in 1983. She later married Amos Meador on July 12, 1988, at Pampa. She had been a Pampa resident since 1935, moving from Lubbock. She taught piano in Pampa for 50 years and was organist at St. Paul United Methodist Church for over 30 years. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Borger and was a former member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pampa. She was also a member of Pampa Music Teachers Association and Treble Clef Club.
 Survivors include her husband, Amos, of the home; two daughters, Reba Eubanks of Pampa and Jean Kuhns of Dallas; two sons, Malcolm Fagan of Lake Mary, Fla., and Don Fagan of Amarillo; six stepdaughters; a stepson; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
 The family will be at 314 N. Purviance and requests memorials be to St. Paul United Methodist Church of Pampa or First Church of the Nazarene of Borger.

EDITH MYRE HAIDUK
AMARILLO - Edith Myre Haiduk, 77, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. this evening in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with Monsignor Kevin Hand, pastor, and the Rev. Pat Carathers, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Vega, officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery at White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Haiduk was born July 24, 1919, at Greenville. She married Fred Haiduk on June 14, 1938, at White Deer. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1993, moving from the family farm in Groom. She was a 50-year member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer and had served as past president of the Altar Society. She was a homemaker and was chosen as Homemaker of the Year in 1951 out of nominees from 51 counties by Scripps-Howard "Save the Soil and Save Texas" program.
 In 1966, she was elected vice president of the National Council of Catholic Women and was recognized as Amarillo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's "Woman of the Year" the following year. She served on the board of Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle from 1964-72. She was a member of the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club in Pampa and the Texas Farmer's Union Pioneer Committee.
 Survivors include her husband, Fred; a daughter, Myrna Bromon of Vega; a son, Harry Paul Haiduk of Amarillo; a brother, Bill Melton of Leonard; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

EDWIN WATTS
WHEELER - Edwin Watts, 71, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Fletcher, pastor of Northwest Baptist Church of Amarillo, and Ted Lawler, with Caprock Health Services of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.
 Mr. Watts was born Aug. 5, 1925, in Somerton, Ariz., to Richard and Annie Watts. He attended school at Kelton. He worked in the ship yards in Portland, Ore. He married Luella E. Sherfield on Aug. 13, 1947, at Wheeler; she preceded him in death. He was a longtime Wheeler County resident. He farmed, was a master carpenter and worked at Twitty Gas Plant and Ashland Chemical Company near Shamrock, retiring in 1983. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the 817 Bombardment Squadron in Europe and North Africa during World War II. He was a top turret gunner and engineer on a B-17 airplane and was honorably discharged April 3, 1946, as technical sergeant.
 He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Richard Watts, in 1990, and Julian Watts, in 1921; and a great-grandson, Holden, in 1994.
 Survivors include his children, Linda and Curt White of Cheyenne, Okla., Richie and Judy Watts of Hammon, Okla., Jerry Bob and Teresa Watts of Wheeler, Nancy and Randal Patterson of Groom and Amy Carter of Amarillo; his siblings, Elmeda Elder of Oklahoma City, Okla., Virginia Patterson of Blackfoot, Idaho, Garland (Pete) Watts of Pampa, Dale Watts of Hull and his baby sister, Monta Boyd of Amarillo, his caregiver for the past four years; his mother-in-law, Myrtle Deen, of Tulsa, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several brothers- and sisters-in-laws; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.
 The family requests memorials be made to Wheeler Fire Department, to Wheeler Volunteer Ambulance or to a favorite charity.

JOHN W. WILLIS
 John W. Willis, 83, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 27, 1996. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Willis was born April 22, 1913, at Ava, Mo. He married Josephine "Pat" Willis on May 14, 1949, at White Deer; she died in 1993. He had been a Pampa resident since 1923. He owned and operated Willis Welding Shop for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the European Theater during World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.
 He was preceded in death by two brothers, Edgar Paronto and Wilbur Paronto; and two sisters, Bernice Hughes and Ethel Reese.
 Survivors include three daughters, Pearl Burney of Pampa, Fern Hackler of Abilene and Frances Klinger of Ponca City, Okla.; a brother, Lawrence Paronto of Pampa; five grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

ALMA LOUISE HOLT
 Alma Louise Holt, 89, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 27, 1996. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Holt was born July 8, 1907, in Coryell County, Texas. She married J.W. Holt on Dec. 18, 1927, at Valley Mills. She had been a Pampa resident since 1937, moving from Bosque County. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.
 She was preceded in death by a brother and by a sister.
 Survivors include her husband, J.W., of the home; a daughter, JoAnn Sweatt of Odessa; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Charlene Holt of Pampa and James and Laura Nell Holt of Dallas; six sisters, Lidia Cox of Valley Mills, Clara Steinkamp of Crawford, Edna Carlson of Houston, Lillie Campbell and Christine Chaney, both of Dallas, and Ella Mae Calfee of Bryant, Ark.; four brothers, Bill Kleibrink of Clifton, Gus Kleibrink of Waco, Fred Kleibrink of Lampasas and Ed Kleibrink of Mount Calm; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

Sheriff's Office
 The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
THURSDAY, Dec. 27
 Sheriff's deputies responded to an assault and a domestic violence incident in the 1200 block of north Garland.

Correction
 The pickup with a Christmas tree coming out of its hood, pictured on Page 1 in Thursday's edition, is NOT abandoned, but is sitting on the owner's property in preparation for restoration work.

Report: Gingrich did seek legal advice

ATLANTA (AP) - Internal memos show that lawyers advised Newt Gingrich not to involve tax-exempt foundations in political projects, although the House Speaker told a congressional subcommittee he didn't seek legal advice on the matter until later, a newspaper reported today.
 The memos from Gingrich's Republican fund-raising committee, GOPAC, show that lawyers as early as 1990 advised against or urged caution in involving charitable or educational foundations in political

projects, according to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. Last week, as part of a settlement with a House ethics subcommittee, Gingrich said he "was wrong" to not seek legal opinions on a college course and other projects that led to an ethics complaint against him.

The newspaper also said that documents obtained from Kennesaw State College through a Freedom of Information request in 1993 show that while Gingrich was organizing a course there called "Renewing American Civilization," he continued to consult one of the attorneys who advised him three years earlier against such projects.

In a memo to a Kennesaw State dean five months before he began teaching the course, Gingrich stated: "Gordon Strauss will be my lawyer for all finance, ethics and legal questions, so he needs to be involved also."

Strauss, who the *Journal-Constitution* said was paid by GOPAC, was the author of a memo delivered to GOPAC in 1990 noting that charitable and educational groups were barred under tax laws from engaging in political activity.

The ethics subcommittee last week found that Gingrich violated House rules by providing the panel with false information and by failing to seek the appropriate legal advice on the college course.

The course started at Kennesaw State but was moved to the private Reinhardt College in north Georgia after the state Board of Regents passed a rule banning politicians from teaching at public colleges.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.15	
Milo	4.02	
Corn	4.82	

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

Occidental	23 7/8	up 1/4
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	18.47	
Puritan	17.42	

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

Amoco	82 3/8	dn 1/8
Arco	137 1/4	dn 1/4
Cabot	25 1/4	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	18 1/4	NC
Chevron	46 3/8	up 1/8
Coca-Cola	33 5/8	up 3/8
Columbia/HCA	40 3/8	dn 1/8
Enron	43 7/8	up 1/8
Halliburton	62 7/8	up 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	45 5/8	up 1/4
KNE	39 5/8	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	73 3/8	up 1/4
Limited	18 3/8	dn 1/8
Mapeco	34 5/8	NC
McDonald's	46 5/8	NC
Mobil	124 3/8	dn 1/2
New Atmos	23 3/4	NC
Parker & Parsley	37	dn 1/4
Pennsey's	48 5/8	dn 1/4
Phillips	45 1/2	up 1/4
SLB	105 5/8	dn 1/4
SPS	35	dn 1/8
Tenneco	46 3/4	up 1
Texaco	99 3/8	up 1/8
Ultramar	99	NA
Wal-Mart	24	NC
New York Gold	369.50	
Silver	4.86	
West Texas Crude	25.12	

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 26
 7:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells for a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 11:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Wells for a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 12:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to a local residence.
 5:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the Perry Lefors Airfield for a patient transfer to

Columbia Medical Center.
 8 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Mary Ellen for a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 8:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
FRIDAY, Dec. 27
 12:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 Block of North Hobart for a trauma. No one was transported.
 5:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Purviance on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest for the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 26
 A hit and run accident was reported in the 700 block of North Frost. Damage is estimated at more than \$500.
 Theft of a pair of ladies shoes was reported at 1327 N. Hobart. Shoes are valued at \$10.99.
 Theft of gas, value of \$9.92, was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wells.
 A hit and run accident was reported in the 1000

block of Huff Road. Damage is estimated at \$600.
 Theft of a Helping hand extension wrench was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wells. Value is \$5.69.
FRIDAY, Dec. 27
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. A broken window is estimated at \$50.
Arrests
 Rodney Earl Jones, 29, was arrested on a charge of assault resulting in bodily injury and on a Gray County sheriff's warrant. He was booked into Gray County Jail. He remains in custody.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 26
 10:14 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 420 N. Ward on an alarm malfunction.
 11:58 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1909 N. Wells on a medical assistance call.
 5:49 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 218 W. 25th on an unintentional tripping of the fire alarm.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
THURSDAY, Dec. 26
 A 1987 Chevy Camaro had the left rear quarter panel damaged by an unknown vehicle between the hours of 11 p.m. on Dec. 25 and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 26 while legally parked at 705 N. Frost. Damage is estimated at over \$500.
 A 1976 Buick Riviera, legally parked in the 1000 block of Huff Road, had the left rear quarter panel damaged by an unknown vehicle. Damage is estimated less than \$500.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

NEW YEAR'S Eve Party, 8 p.m. to midnight, Landmark Club, 618 W. Foster. Adv.
DANCE NEW Year's Eve - Moose Lodge. Make reservations now! Members and guests. Adv.
EARLY ADVERTISING Deadlines for the Pampa News, for January 1st and 2nd. Questions - 669-2525. Adv.
HOME DELIVERY. All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.
CHIROPRACTOR; Robert R. Loerwald D.C. Back Pain, Neck Pain, Non Force Treatment. 669-7676, 1716 N. Hobart. Adv.
WE WILL be closed today. We will open Saturday at 9 a.m. and start our Inventory Clearance Sale in both shops. Watson's Feed & Garden and Celebrations Gift Shop, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.
RED BARN Sale, 10 a.m. Saturday, 1 rack of clothes 1/2 price. Table of 1/2 price items. 1414 S. Barnes, south on Hwy. 273. Adv.
CHANEY'S CAFE - Friday 5-8 p.m. Catfish, spaghetti and meatballs, barbeque Polish, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.
PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.
THEE PLACE
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.
MOBILE MEALS
 There will be no Southside Senior Citizens Center mobile meals on Dec. 28.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy tonight with a low in the mid 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy with a high near 60. Saturday night, low in the mid 30s. Sunday, variable cloudiness with a high in the low 60s. Thursday's high was 40; the overnight low was 23.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with lows in low to mid 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy with highs from mid 50s to around 60. Saturday night, partly cloudy with lows in low to mid 30s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows mid 30s to low 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 60s to low 70s. Saturday night, fair. Lows in the 30s.
 North Texas - Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows upper 40s west to mid 50s southeast. Saturday, morning clouds and

fog east and south central portions. Otherwise partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms southeast. Highs mid 60s to low 70s.
 South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, increasing late night cloudiness and fog with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle. Lows in the 50s. Saturday, early morning fog and light rain or drizzle. Otherwise mostly cloudy with a chance of mainly afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with late night fog and a slight chance of light rain or drizzle. Lows in the 60s. Saturday, early morning fog and light rain or drizzle. Otherwise mostly cloudy with a chance of mainly afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight and Saturday, dense late night and early morning fog with intermittent light rain or drizzle. Otherwise mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday afternoon. Lows in the 50s inland to the 60s coast. Highs in the 70s.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight, mostly cloudy, with a chance of lowland rain and mountain snow northwest third. Lows mid teens to low 30s mountains, upper 20s to near 40 elsewhere. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and mountain snow showers northwest third, mainly during the morning. Variable cloudiness elsewhere, with isolated showers south central mountains and southeast. Highs upper 30s to low 50s mountains and northwest, 50s to mid 60s elsewhere.
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TWA explosion, U.S. election, Olympic bomb voted top stories of 1996

By HELEN O'NEILL
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fire ignites the nighttime sky. Death darkens the Olympics. Rumors, theories and tears abound.

And the year ends with haunting questions about two of the biggest mysteries of 1996: the explosion of a Paris-bound TWA jet over Long Island, and the bombing at Atlanta's Centennial Park during the summer Olympic Games.

The TWA explosion was the biggest story of the year, according to the annual Associated Press poll of newspaper editors and broadcast news directors; the Olympic bombing placed third, after the elections.

The arrest of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski, the ValuJet crash in the Florida Everglades, the overhaul of the nation's welfare system, the Olympic Games, the shutdown of the government, the booming economy and the wrath of last winter's great blizzard filled out the list.

For the first time in years, no international stories secured a spot, perhaps because there was such a wealth of national news from which to choose. This is the AP's 60th survey; last year's top story was the Oklahoma City bombing.

The voting ended Dec. 16, so some late-breaking stories — for example, the hostage siege at the Japanese embassy in Lima, Peru — were not considered.

The top 10 are as follows:
1. TWA EXPLOSION. The sad, lingering saga of TWA's Flight 800 was overwhelmingly voted the year's top story. The jet mysteriously exploded moments after taking off from John F. Kennedy International Airport on July 17, killing all 230 people on board.

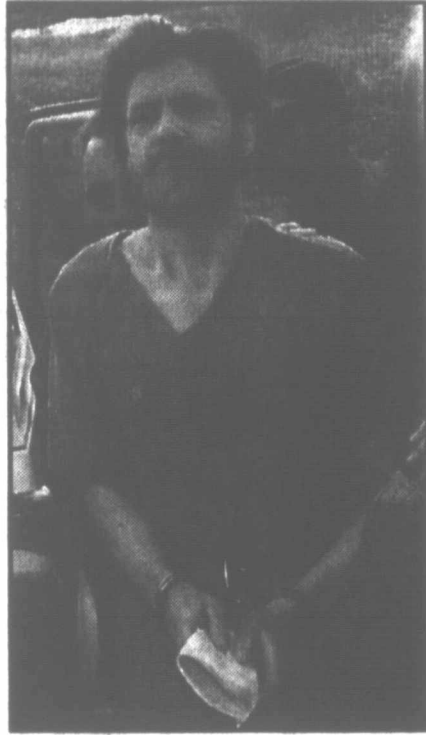
The images were heart-wrenching; Sixteen members of a high school French Club from Montoursville, Pa.,

wiped out on their first trip to France; charred bodies and fuselage scattered over the Atlantic, dredged up with sickening slowness over the next several months; 15 empty coffins for the bodies that couldn't be found.

Ritualistic press conferences and memorial services did little to ease the pain. The emotions of grieving families were further battered by the ever-changing theories: a bomb, a missile, static electricity in the fuel tank. Still no answers.

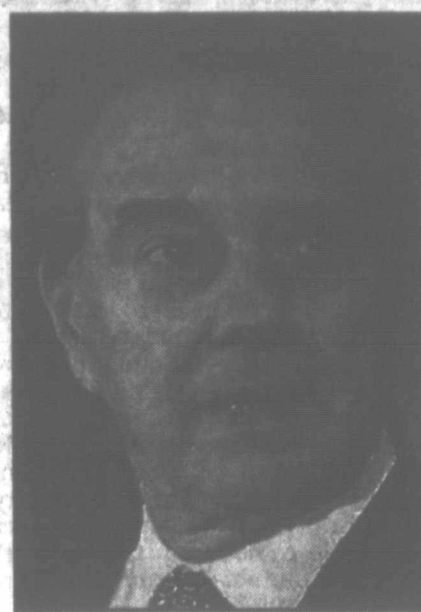
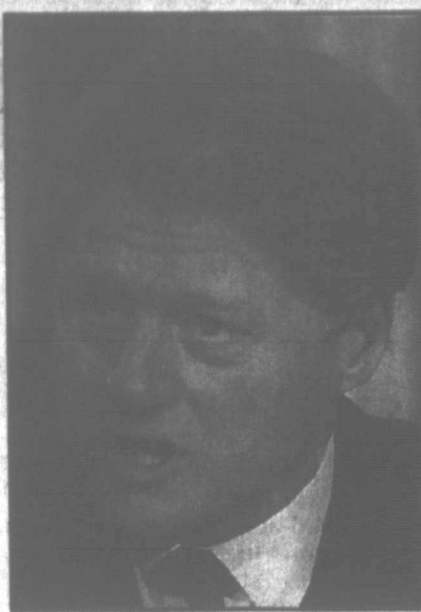
"We just have to wait till the pain stops and we can smile again," says Carol Olsen of Macon, Ga., who lost her 20-year-old daughter, Becky.

2. U.S. ELECTION. Bill Clinton sailed into a second term after an expensive — and many said uninspiring — presidential campaign. From the start, the Democratic president's lead in the polls was



(AP photo)

Former University of California at Berkeley math professor Theodore Kaczynski is escorted into the federal courthouse in Helena, Mont., after being arrested as a suspect in the deadly Unabomber attacks.



(AP photos)

President Bill Clinton, left, won a second term as president over Republican candidate Bob Dole after an expensive campaign that left many Americans bored with the presidential race.

luxurious. He easily — if only temporarily — deflected questions about ethics, Asian money and Whitewater.

Republican challenger Bob Dole fumbled and stumbled and berated the media for his problems, including his inability to sell a 15 percent tax cut.

Presidential politics aside, the Republicans held onto Congress and re-elected Newt Gingrich speaker.

3. OLYMPIC BOMB. He was hailed as a hero, hounded as a suspect and finally cleared by the FBI. Richard Jewell said he was "just doing his job" when he spotted a suspicious satchel in Centennial Olympic Park and notified police. The July 27 explosion killed Alice Hawthorne of Albany, Ga., and injured more than 100 others; it stained the already besieged games, and further diminished Americans' sense of security.

It also changed Jewell's life forever. For nearly three months, every detail of the 33-year-old security guard's past was aired in the press, until the FBI announced he was not a suspect.

The bomber has yet to be found.

4. UNABOMBER ARREST. A hermit professor, living in a tiny, isolated cabin in Montana, was fingered by his brother, who recognized similarities between Theodore Kaczynski's writings and those of the technology-obsessed "unabomber."

Kaczynski's arrest on April 3 apparently ended an 18-year search for the elusive bomber, whose lethal packages killed three people and injured or maimed 23 others. Kaczynski, a former assistant professor of mathematics at the University of California at Berkeley, pleaded innocent.

5. EVERGLADES CRASH. "We're on fire. We're on fire," a voice cried from the cabin, moments before ValuJet Flight 592 plunged into the Everglades on May 11, killing all 110 people aboard. Recovery proved gruesome and grueling. Divers wore special protective suits as they searched in waist-high swamp muck and razor-sharp sawgrass, while sharpshooters tried to protect them from alligators.

The fire that caused the

crash was eventually blamed on improperly boxed oxygen canisters and the quirky little airline with the happy face logo and the super cheap rates was grounded for 15 weeks. One result: a continuing investigation into the safety record of discount airlines and the ability of the Federal Aviation Administration to monitor them.

6. WELFARE ENDS. Acknowledging that the new law was "seriously flawed," President Clinton signed it anyway, ending welfare as we know it.

At its heart, the legislation dismantled Aid to Families With Dependent Children, a 6-decade-old program that guaranteed the nation's needy a federal safety net. Now they must rely on their states for help. The law comes with strict new rules, including a lifetime limit of five years, stringent work requirements, and cuts in food stamps and aid to immigrants and disabled children.

Supporters said the new law would get people on their feet, but criticism came from many quarters: from states that said they couldn't meet the deadlines, from social workers who said the new system will plunge more people into poverty, from three top federal officials who resigned in protest.

"I think a lot of people will start starving," said Shawn Cornett, a 22-year-old welfare recipient in Kentucky.

7. CENTENNIAL GAMES. A bomb explodes, buses break down and a feisty little gymnast flips on an injured ankle and wins the nation's heart. The 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta will be remembered for the bombing, for rampant commercialism, for transportation problems and "warm and fuzzy" television images designed to appeal to women.

And for sports heroes: Muhammad Ali lighting the flame, Kerri Strug being carried to the podium to collect

her gold medal, Carl Lewis winning his ninth gold medal, Michael Johnson triumphing on gold-shod feet.

8. GOVERNMENT SHUTS DOWN. Thousands of federal workers began the year with partial paychecks or no pay at all, while tourists at the Capitol could view only the outside of darkened museums and monuments.

Republicans blamed Clinton for the partial government shutdown — the second in as many months — because he vetoed several spending bills that would have financed federal agencies for the year. Democrats blamed Republicans for insisting on unacceptable spending cuts. The stop-and-go government chugged on until April, ending with a \$159 billion budget compromise for which both parties claimed victory.

9. THE BOOM CONTINUES. The stock market soared, the deficit was down and unemployment neared a seven-year low. The economy is undoubtedly healthy — too healthy, some think. Witness the nervous reaction to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's December speech cautioning against "irrational exuberance" in financial markets, which sent stock markets tumbling from Tokyo to New York. But soon, they resumed their upward climb.

10. BIG BLIZZARD. A monster storm paralyzed the Northeast and Midwest, breaking all kinds of records and capping a never-ending winter. The Jan. 8 blizzard, which dumped 20.1 inches on New York City, grounded cars, buses, trains, planes and just about anything else that moved. At least 50 deaths were blamed on the blizzard.

Nine months later a bumper crop of births was blamed on the same thing. "We'd played every board game we had. There was nothing else to do," said Amy Lauriat of New York, who delivered her so-called "blizzard baby" in late September.

State briefs

Rotten wood probably aided prison escape

EDINBURG (AP) — Five inmates apparently escaped from the Hidalgo County jail with help from rotten wood inside an aluminum-covered dormitory, Sheriff Henry Escalon said Thursday.

Officials said the escapees apparently cut a 2 1/2-foot hole in the aluminum dorm and climbed over a 10-foot outside fence late Saturday.

Mexican officials caught Juan Pablo Aguilar Rodriguez, 17, a Mexican national, and Artemio Gonzales Lopez, 20, of Weslaco, at a bus station in Rio Bravo, southeast of McAllen on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

Aguilar is being detained at a state prison in Reynosa, Mexico; authorities arraigned Lopez Thursday on an additional escape charge and set bond at \$100,000. Lopez was previously in custody for aggravated assault of a peace officer, attempt to take a weapon from a peace officer and evading arrest, officials said.

Three fugitives remain at large: Jesus Mendoza, 23, of McAllen, convicted of murder and possession of a controlled substance; Stephen Noyola Guajardo, 18, of McAllen, charged with assault, possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest; and Gilbert Guerra Guerrero, 26, of Weslaco, charged with possession of a controlled substance and deadly conduct. Mexican officials believe all three are in Mexico.

The temporary buildings were built to eliminate overcrowding and were initially designed to hold low-risk inmates, which include those who have committed nonviolent crimes. However, since the jail is low on the number of beds for high-risk inmates, many such inmates have been put in the temporary buildings.

Search continues for plane headed from Del Rio to Austin

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Civil Air Patrol led a search for a single-engine that departed Del Rio on Christmas night but failed

to arrive at Austin.

Rescue crews spent Thursday searching the direct path that an Austin couple reportedly were to fly between the two cities.

"It really doesn't fly over many large towns. That's the problem," Lt. Col. Fred Deyeso of the Civil Air Patrol said Thursday of the route from Del Rio to Austin. "It's really a direct route over very few airports."

Authorities haven't identified the missing couple.

Deyeso said crews would head out again today. Ten planes would search the region, he said.

Philanthropist dies on Christmas Day at age 83

DALLAS (AP) — Virginia Long Murchison, who survived two well-known husbands — Dallas oilman Clint Murchison Sr. and rancher Edward B. Linthicum — is dead at 83 from pneumonia.

She died Christmas Day at Zale Lipshy Hospital, where she had been since suffering a heart attack about two weeks ago. The Murchisons were early jet-

setters, owning property in Dallas, other parts of Texas and beyond. Their holdings included the Del Mar Race Track in California, near one of their homes.

Mrs. Linthicum was a model for a Dallas clothing wholesaler before she met Clint Murchison Sr. through mutual friends. In 1943, she became the second wife of Murchison, father of original Dallas Cowboys owner Clint Murchison Jr.

In 1970, the year after the elder Murchison died, she married Linthicum, who imported and bred Arabian horses, raised cattle and invested in oil. He died on New Year's Eve in 1987.

Mrs. Linthicum was an active Dallas philanthropist, supporting the arts and education.

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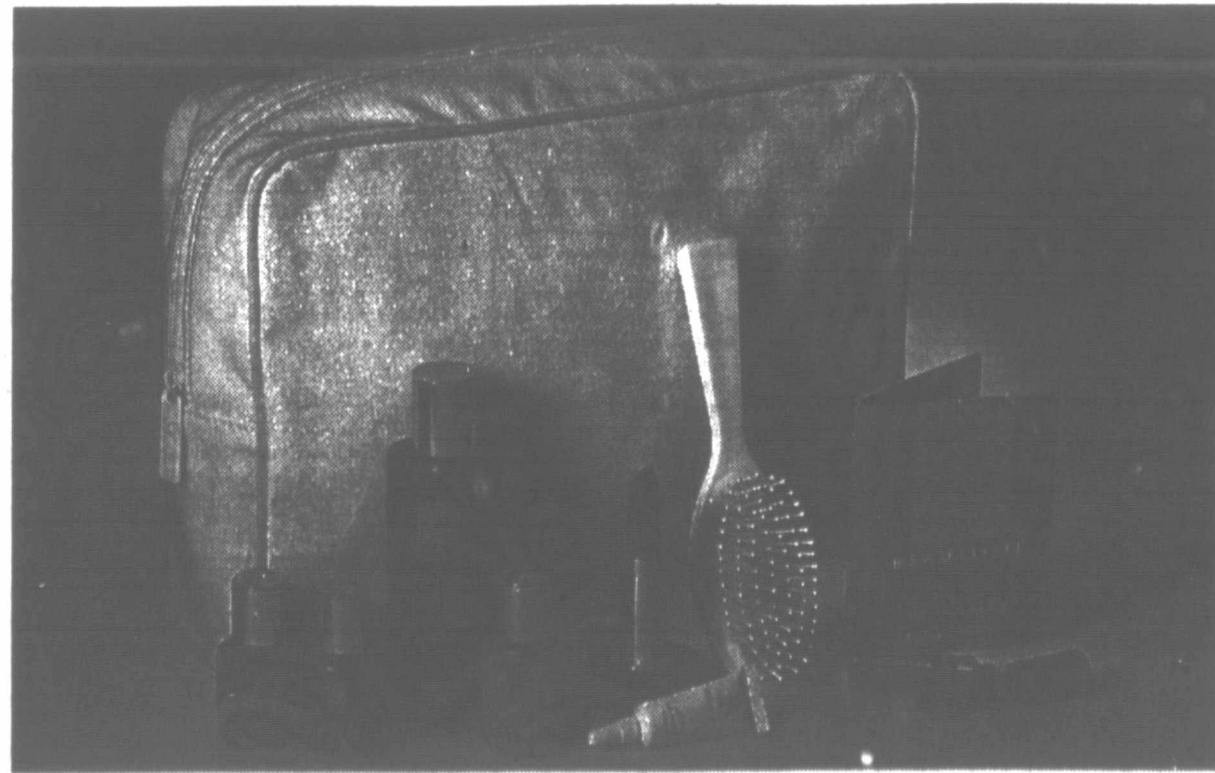
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Texas Editorials

Waco Herald-Tribune on "ebonics":

What is the purpose of education? Is it to hone minds so they can accomplish great things? Or is it to assure young people that, "Never you mind, just get by with what you've got"? On the subject of giving children skills they need to succeed, the Oakland, Calif., school board seems intent on telling them not to bother.

The school board has voted to recognize so-called Black English, or "ebonics," as a second language. So doing, it not only promotes a lie, it also promotes a cancerous attitude about education. The lie is that ebonics is a language. Absolutely false. Black English is slang that incorporates English. It is a dialect.

There's nothing unusual about slang, and no reason to be judgmental about it unless one is trying to instruct on the proper way to use English. In a classroom, that judgment must be persistent and consistent.

To elevate slang as a language, or even to treat it as acceptable in a classroom setting, is to ignore the fact that mastering English is essential to success.

English is all that binds us as a nation. Religion doesn't bind us. Color doesn't bind us. While respecting that this is a nation of diverse cultures, without a common language we are just a mass of people.

We don't need mean-spirited attempts at mandating one tongue as in "official language" efforts. We need policies that accommodate many tongues, since assimilation takes time.

However, when the subject is English, schools shouldn't be viewing slang as anything other than an incorrect version of the real thing.

Granted, what may be at work here is an effort to tap into the federal trough. Were "ebonics" to be treated as a second language in a bilingual program, Oakland schools would qualify for some of the federal dollars used legitimately to teach English to non-English speakers. Oakland schools cite a distressing average GPA of 1.8 among black students as a reason to try doing something different. Maybe different tactics are needed, but this isn't one that will succeed.

In Waco, though test scores of minorities are far too low, the gap between those of minorities and whites has been closing steadily. Since these are standardized tests, the closing of this gap means that minority students can and do learn to use English as intended and as needed in the real world.

These students will not need to rely on slang to survive. Those who never graduate from slang can rightfully say that someone led them astray, or never led them at all, as they sought to be all they could be.

The Dallas Morning News on Elmo scalping:

So you couldn't find a Tickle Me Elmo doll - you and about 100 million other parents. Don't worry, a lively secondary market in furry red dolls has started.

Wednesday's classified ad section contained 99 ads offering Tickle Me Elmos. One owner wants \$1,000. Others request \$350 or best offer. Soon there may be Elmo kidnappings and ransoms instead of classifieds and prices.

What the heck is Elmo?

The doll began as a character on public television's educational program *Sesame Street*. It's a cousin to Bert and Ernie and Big Bird. It is the Cabbage Patch Kid of Christmas 1996.

Because of its educational TV origins, bystanders have to wonder whether the whole Elmo stampede was a subterfuge to teach Capitalism 101. It is a perfect example of a market system: inelastic supply, inexhaustible demand and a price curve that rises steeply until Christmas, after which it plummets. Adam Smith would be proud.

The disquieting side of the Elmo craze is its juxtaposition of wildly overvalued Christmas toys - and the holiday stories of hunger, homelessness and helping the poor. The Salvation Army bell ringer grateful for a handful of pocket change dropped in the kettle vs. the hundreds of dollars some folks are willing to spend on an Elmo.

This toy fad says more about parents, marketing and media than it does about a child's dreams for Christmas. However hard it is to find an Elmo, it's easier than giving kids what they need most - nurturing parents, stable homes, consistent discipline and boundless love 365 days a year.

Tickle Me Elmo will be fodder for garage sales within a year. Tickle your kids. Their laughter lasts longer and never needs batteries.

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101 ALLEGATIONS

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Nasty Yuletide gifts from Sony

Wouldn't it be nice if the culturati who inundate us with all manner of squalor - moral relativism, gutter language, graphic violence, cheap sex - had decided to take a break during the holidays? Is it too rude to ask those whose apparent life mission is to disturb, shock and insult to refrain from their activities during the Christmas season?

Well, yes. Timing is everything in the world of entertainment. Those dedicated to pushing the envelope have used the birthday of Jesus Christ as target practice. Two recent developments illustrate just how militarily anti-Christian some members of the entertainment community have become. Ironically, and perhaps not coincidentally, one example comes from Columbia Pictures, the other from Columbia Records - both are under the Sony Corp. umbrella.

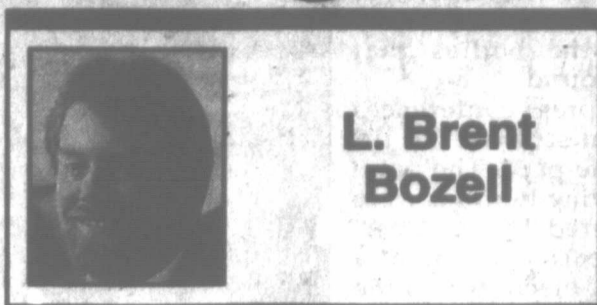
Due out this week is Columbia Picture's *The People vs. Larry Flint*, starring actor provocateur Woody Harrelson. The movie has created a stir (much to the delight of the producers, I assume) by having its proposed poster artwork banned by the Motion Picture Association of America. It featured a picture of Harrelson dressed only in a loincloth made from an American flag, crucified on the gigantic groin of a scantily-clad woman.

"I don't feel that (it) was obscene," says director Milos Forman. "It was tasty and funny." Harrelson is even more blunt, "There is no single image you can look at and say, 'That's obscene.'"

This kind of thinking explains why, in the season when we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus, not even the youngest and most vulnerable human life is off-limits.

Columbia Records has just issued *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*, featuring such rock acts as Bush, Henry Rollins and Juliana Hatfield.

Believe it or not, in the stores alongside traditional holiday recordings by the likes of Andy



L. Brent Bozell

Williams, was a Christmas album promoting the pro-abortion position. (Proceeds go to organizations like Rock for Choice, which believes abortion "should be safe, legal and accessible for all women regardless of age or income.") Just when you think the entertainment industry has hit bottom, the bottom drops out.

Oh Come All Ye Faithful certainly won't be a big seller. These benefit efforts seldom are. It's hard to imagine any of its cuts receiving much radio airplay. Its impact on the world of music will be negligible. But none of that is important. This record is a political statement, and an aggressively nasty one at that. It turns the stomach that someone would have the idea for it, that artists would contribute to it, that a huge corporation would release it, that some would buy it and that others would be thereby enriched. Its very existence speaks volumes about societal decay.

There have been at least four pro-abortion albums since 1992, and the shock value's gone. So what to do to rekindle the controversy? *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* answers the question by juxtaposing what happened on the first Christmas with the modern horror of abortion. The organizers first conceived an incredibly tasteless concept, then fleshed it out with such in-your-face details

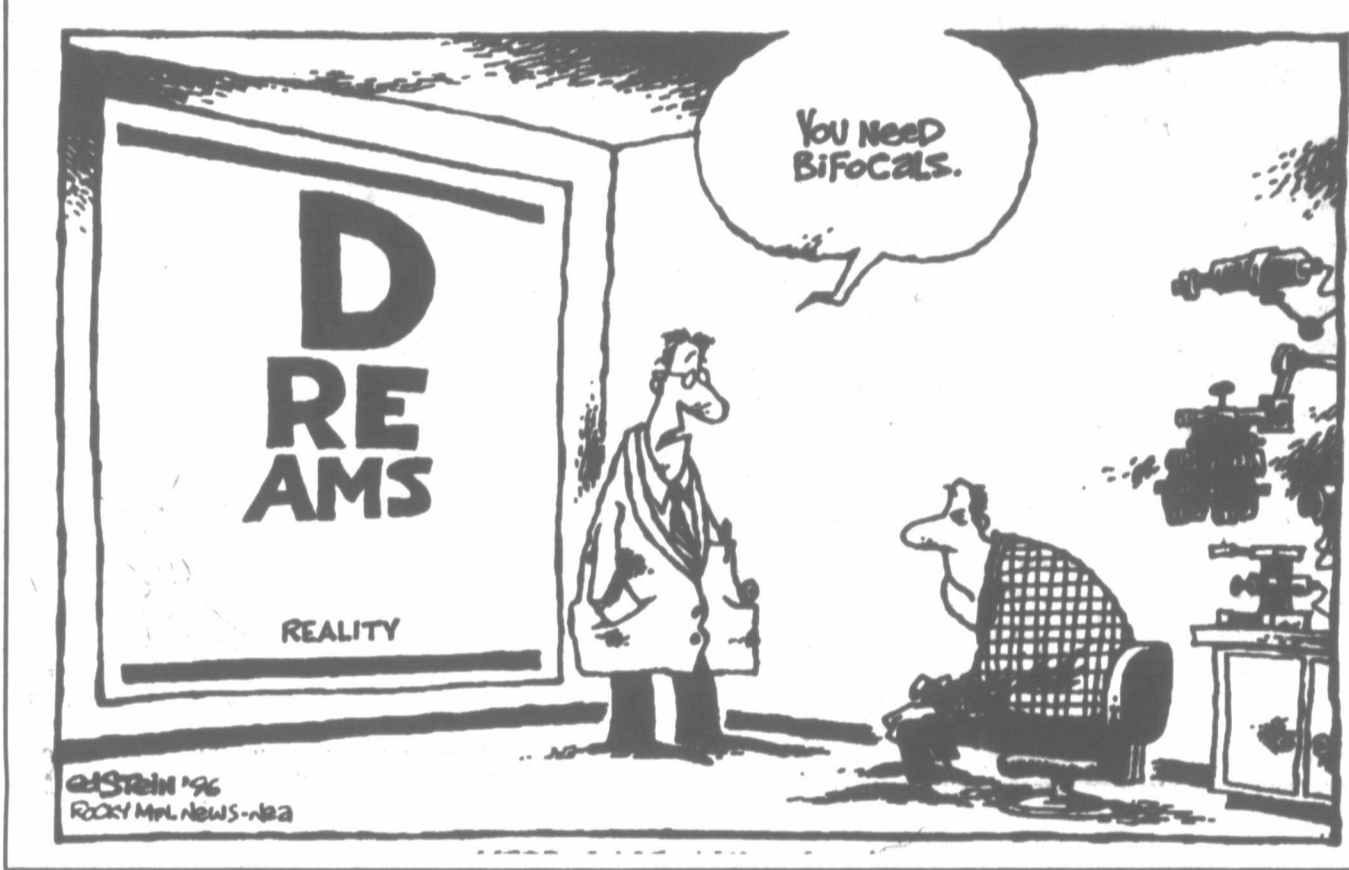
as the smutty double entendre in the title and an assertion in the liner notes that legalized abortion is "the most spiritual of gifts."

To complete the package, the album booklet contains an abundance of pro-abortion propaganda. One page includes suggestions for activism ("Call or write lawmakers - tell them to keep their laws off our bodies ... Read feminist books like *Backlash* by Susan Faludi") and a coupon for Rock for Choice merchandise (T-shirts, baseball caps, stickers).

Another page has a postcard pre-addressed to Speaker Newt Gingrich asking him to "provide additional resources for clinic protection nationwide and to vigorously carry out an investigation into all violent anti-abortion groups." *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* is dedicated to Shannon Lowney and Leanne Nichols, the Brookline, Mass., clinic employees killed by the late John Salvi two years ago. At a time when carolers sing, "Holy infant, so tender and mild," the blood money from sales of this LP promotes the slaughter of innocent life. Sleep in heavenly peace, indeed.

Imagine, just imagine, the reaction from the entertainment community were Columbia to release *What Child Is This?*, a Christmas album dedicated to the tens of millions of babies slaughtered since Roe vs. Wade, with printed materials urging listeners to read the Bible.

What does one make of a popular culture where the most obnoxious of insults are tolerated, even encouraged, while the most noble of sentiments are deemed wholly unacceptable? The Christmas season is supposed to be the season when we're our best selves: thoughtful, charitable, compassionate. In that light, the horror of abortion is especially tragic at Christmas. It used to seem that even pro-choiceers tacitly conceded that point. Today, they celebrate it.



Today in history

Today In History
By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 27, the 362nd day of 1996. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 27, 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the HMS Beagle. (Darwin's discoveries during the voyage helped form the basis of his theories on evolution.)

On this date:
In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France.

In 1900, militant prohibitionist Carry Nation carried out her first public smashing of a bar, at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kan.

In 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York City.

In 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York City.

In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

It's time to rein in federal courts

Thoughtful observers, scanning the horizon for the first signs of hot new political issues, would do well to note the growing concern over the politicization of the courts.

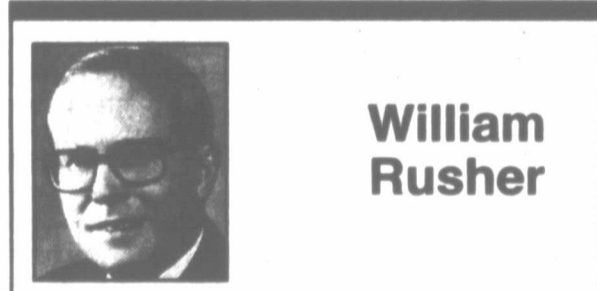
In writing the Constitution, the Founding Fathers assumed that the courts would be involved only in interpreting the laws, not making them. As such, they deserved protection from political pressures, and hence were granted life tenure.

But in the past half century, under the leadership of aggressively "activist" judges, including many justices of the Supreme Court, the federal judiciary has moved boldly toward the making of brand-new laws that would never have gotten through Congress or obtained the president's signature.

Consulting their own political inclinations, and brazenly disregarding the plain text of the Constitution on the ground that it is an "evolving" document, the courts have proclaimed new "rights" that in many cases conflict with the long settled understanding of the Constitution's meaning.

Thus, in recent decades, the courts have actively involved themselves in the management of school systems, busing children to distant schools over the opposition of their parents, and even ordering tax increases to finance school improvements they have decreed. Lately, individual liberal judges have indefinitely enjoined the enforcement of two initiatives adopted by massive margins by the people of California, on the thinnest pretexts of possible unconstitutionality.

The Supreme Court itself recently invalidated a



William Rusher

Colorado initiative which simply barred localities from granting special status to homosexuals. Two Circuits have sanctioned assisted suicide. Now the Supreme Court of Hawaii is poised to rule that the state has no "compelling interest" in refusing to give legal sanction to gay marriages - marriages that must then be recognized by all 49 other states under the Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause. (Congress has passed a law to the contrary, but watch the Supreme Court knock it down.)

To each of these outrages, the predictable liberal response has been that we must at all costs "respect the independence of the judiciary." This was a valid argument back when the courts stayed out of policy-making, but no longer. If the courts want to get into the kitchen and make policy, they'll have to be prepared to take the heat, as the president and the Congress do. The problem has been that the public seems indifferent or unconcerned over these growing judicial encroachments.

That, however, may be about to change dramatically. The November issue of *First Things*, a respected conservative monthly edited by Richard John Neuhaus, a brilliant Catholic priest, contains a long symposium featuring such formidable thinkers as Robert Bork and Hadley Arkes, in which the proposition is advanced that "The government of the United States of America no longer governs by the consent of the governed ... What is happening now is the displacement of constitutional order by a regime [i.e., the judiciary] that does not have, will not obtain, and cannot command the consent of the people."

This assault moved a number of neoconservatives to protest that *First Things* was challenging the very legitimacy of the U.S. government. In its Nov. 11 issue, the *Weekly Standard* fired a warning shot across *First Things'* bow, to this effect:

But in the *Weekly Standard's* Dec. 16 issue, interestingly, the lead editorial is entitled, "It's Time to Take on the Judges." Without alluding to its disagreement with Neuhaus, neoconservative's premier Washington publication denounces "the brazen interference of the judicial branch of government in the decision-making authority of the American electorate." It goes on to call for serious consideration of limits on judicial terms and jurisdiction, as well as "the steady publicizing of judicial outrages."

Republicans, and conservatives generally, take note: Here are the makings of a formidable issue in the years ahead. If our judicial legislators don't back off, and fast, an important segment of American opinion is getting ready to come after them.

Bill, Newt take heat off each other

No favors intended, but House Speaker Newt Gingrich and President Clinton can't seem to help helping each other. Gingrich's confessed ethical lapses have shifted the focus away from Democratic fundraising wrongs.

That's a temporary turn.

But in defending their man, Republicans are blunting arguments they had been aiming, or saving, for the Democrats and Clinton. And that may have an impact on the congressional investigations into Democratic and White House conduct.

This time it's ethics and fund raising. But since they came to power, the lead Democrat and the sometime lead Republican each has been an issue, and a telling target, for the other man and his party.

In 1994, Gingrich and company saddled Clinton with the image of a big government, liberal Democrat, helping Republicans wrest away control of Congress in those off-year elections. Then Gingrich and his new GOP majority overreached, had the government shut down in budget disputes, and suffered the political blame. That marked the beginning of Clinton's political comeback to a second term.

Now they've both got problems - and explanations that are not dissimilar.

Clinton blames inadequate reviews of campaign donations at the Democratic National Committee for the illegal foreign contributions the party has been refunding - \$1.5 million so far.



Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

He also said an innocent mistake led to improper White House handling of FBI background files on Republicans.

That's about what Gingrich said to the findings of a House ethics panel that he'd violated House rules in having tax-exempt organizations finance a college course and workshops, and that he had made inaccurate statements to the panel.

He said it was unintentional but wrong. That admission avoided hearings, and shored up his backing for re-election as speaker on Jan. 7, a party-line vote even his most ardent Democratic foe said will keep him in power. The ethics settlement on Saturday led two Republicans who had been wavering to say they will vote for Gingrich.

There'll still be punishment, to be recommended by the full, bipartisan ethics committee and voted by the House. GOP leaders want a mild reprimand, administered the day Congress convenes and chooses the speaker.

While Republicans have the votes to close the case, what they are saying in the process will echo when the investigations they will control get going on the Democrats and Clinton next year.

"Newt is standing up saying, 'I made a mistake,'" Rep. Susan Molinari, R-N.Y., said. "The president has stood up and said, 'We've made mistakes.'"

"So ... if there's investigations that prove out that these were honest mistakes and no one benefited, then I think the American public expects us all to join together and lead this country."

The Gingrich allegations, admission and defense chorus began on Saturday, a day after Clinton had to concede that "it was clearly inappropriate" for a Chinese arms dealer to be admitted to a White House coffee for Democratic donors on Feb. 6. He said he was disappointed at it, and would tighten the screening process.

A Justice Department task force is looking into Democratic fund-raising conduct, and issued subpoenas last week for White House documents and records from Clinton's legal defense fund, where \$460,000 in donations arranged by an Asian-American businessman were deemed questionable and were returned.

Clinton said contributions were properly checked at his presidential campaign committee and for the fund to defray his legal expenses. But on Friday he said it was the Democratic Party that "did not apply the proper review" and so accepted illicit donations.

In the lull of two holiday weeks, those would have been dominant topics. Now it's the Gingrich case instead.

Drought was hot news topic in Texas for 1996

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
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Other headlines may prove more sensational when the year in Texas is reviewed.

But no event in 1996 packed the wallop of the seemingly endless drought, which punched a hole in the state's agrarian economy and rippled through other sectors.

Whether it was Rio Grande rafting companies that watched their business slow to a trickle or Christmas tree farms offering stunted specimens, the drought left a profound impression on Texas and many of its inhabitants.

The final damage estimates are pending.

But state officials have projected that the drought will cost Texas farmers and ranchers \$2 billion in lost production. The loss to the state economy overall is pegged at \$4.9 billion — making the drought one of the worst natural disasters to hit Texas this century.

"When you look at losses incurred by the farmers and ranchers of this state, you're looking at something that hit them dramatically and had a devastating impact on them this year," said Texas Department of Agriculture spokesman Gene Acuna.

This year's wheat harvest was the smallest since 1989. While cotton fields around Lubbock have bounced back, cotton patches elsewhere suffered. Cow-calf producers also took it on the chin, many liquidating huge herds because of skyrocketing grain prices.

Even though rains swept through much of the state in recent months, the book can't be closed on this drought.

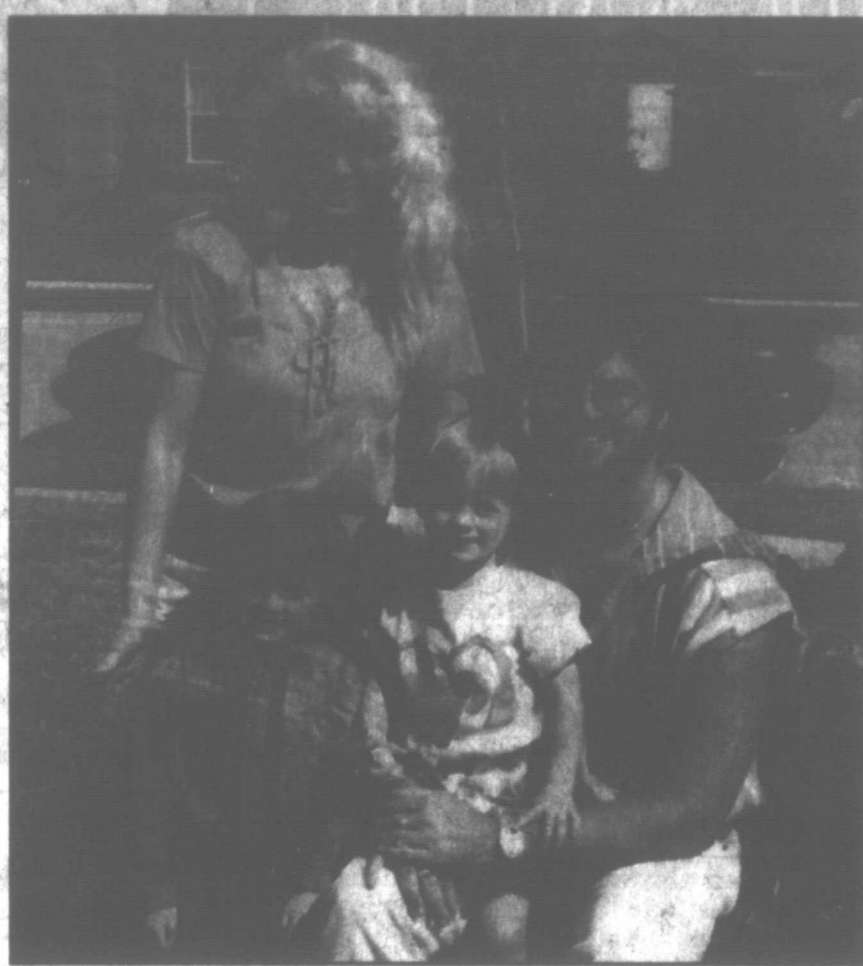
"People ask when the drought is going to be over," Acuna said. "Farmers and ranchers tell you the drought will be over when the stock tanks are full again and the creeks are full again."

For communities with drought-depleted reservoirs, Corpus Christi key among them, the crisis won't really be over until new sources of drinking water have been tapped or reservoirs replenished.

Beyond the weather, crime marked a steady drumbeat as Texas broadcast outlets and newspapers chronicled the top stories of the year.

In two high-profile criminal cases, prosecutors in the Dallas-Fort Worth area fingered an unlikely set of suspects — two seemingly straight-arrow teenagers on the cusp of fast-track military careers; and a young suburban mom accused of knifing her two young sons.

Fresh-faced Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora and her boyfriend, Air Force Academy cadet David Graham, landed on



(AP photo)

Darlie Routier, standing, poses with her husband Darin and two sons Damon, left, and Devon in this 1993 family photo at their Rowlett home. Mrs. Routier's arrest in the slaying deaths of her two sons is one of the top new stories in Texas for 1996.

the cover of People magazine after being arrested last September in the killing of 16-year-old Adrienne Jones of Mansfield.

Police contend the pair killed Miss Jones to exact revenge for a short-lived tryst Graham had with the victim. Graham reportedly told police that his fiancée's "womanly vengeance" required appeasing.

"Well, Diane's beautiful eyes have always played the strings of my heart effortlessly," Graham allegedly wrote in a statement to police that his attorney contends was coerced. Graham and Miss Zamora remain jailed on murder charges, awaiting trial next year.

As 1997 dawns, Darlie Routier of Rowlett goes to trial on charges she stabbed to death her 6-year-old and 5-year-old sons. If convicted, she could face the death penalty.

Mrs. Routier, whose trial has been moved to Kerrville because of pre-trial publicity, has passionately professed her innocence, claiming an intruder broke into her home. Police contend the evidence doesn't square with her story that an intruder stabbed the boys and inflicted serious injuries on her during a struggle.

Beyond the unlikely crime defendants, a pair of more traditional suspects made banner news. Convicted child molester Larry

Don McQuay brought new heat to long-running controversies over mandatory prison release rules and criminal recidivism. The self-described "child-molesting demon" touched off a public debate with his proposal that he be surgically castrated.

Public furor was provoked when McQuay was paroled in April under mandatory release rules after serving six years for the 1989 assault of a 7-year-old San Antonio boy. In the ensuing hullabaloo, McQuay agreed to unusually stringent parole conditions and remained behind bars after being indicted on new charges stemming from incidents in 1989 with another child.

In a Houston courtroom, Mexican drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego was brought to justice after being arrested in Mexico and spirited into the United States. Accused of moving tons of drugs through the Rio Grande Valley, Garcia Abrego was convicted last October of trafficking nearly 15 tons of cocaine.

Some of the state's biggest sports stars weren't immune from legal entanglements of their own.

The Dallas Cowboys may have repeated as Super Bowl champs in January, but their star was tarnished by a series of off-field controversies. Wide receiver Michael Irvin was embroiled in a messy

tale of drugs and topless dancers, eventually pleading no contest to felony cocaine possession. The saga drew him probation and a five-game suspension.

Irvin wasn't the only Cowboy to tangle with the NFL. Shante Carver was suspended for six games for an alcohol-related substance abuse problem. And in December, defensive tackle Leon Lett was suspended for a year after testing positive for cocaine.

The year also generated sad memories, as several notable Texans died.

Former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan, whose eloquent defense of the Constitution inspired the nation during the Watergate hearings, died in January at age 59. Ralph Webster Yarborough, a populist known for flamboyant oratory during his nearly 14 years in the U.S. Senate, died just weeks later at age 92.

In the world of politics, 1996 proved to be an interesting, sometimes unpredictable year.

School teacher Victor Morales rode his white pickup truck to fame and the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination. But the political neophyte found himself unable to drive over well-funded Republican incumbent Phil Gramm, who was eager to redeem his early washout in the presidential primaries.

After trudging through the snows of New Hampshire and the stockyards of Iowa, Gramm refocused his sights on Texas and a third Senate term. Outspending his rival more than six-to-one, Gramm prevailed.

As went Morales' fortunes, so did those of the Democratic Party. Democrats couldn't beat back a Republican tide that has handed the GOP strength not seen in Texas since the 1870s.

For the first time in more than a century, Republicans control a chamber of the Texas Legislature. They also boast control of the Governor's Mansion, both U.S. Senate seats, the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the Texas Supreme Court and the State Board of Education.

While Republicans made gains, Ross Perot found his own appeal waning dramatically. The cranky independent took only 8 percent of the popular vote this year — down from his 19 percent showing in 1992.

A trio of federal judges in Houston injected a pinch of turmoil into the election season by redrawing nearly half of the state's 30 congressional districts. Republicans initially viewed redistricting as a boon. But when all was said and done, the GOP managed a net gain of only one seat, leaving Democrats with a 17-13 edge.

World briefs

Charles under fire over shotgun foolery son

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles is under fire for playing with his twelve-year-old son while the two were carrying shotguns during a traditional pheasant hunt the day after Christmas.

Newspapers today carried photographs of Prince Harry and his father grinning as the young prince dodged a mock clip round the ear from Charles after a cheeky remark. The Daily Mirror reported Harry half stumbled as he dodged his father's hand.

The Daily Mirror quoted its photographer as saying Harry's gun appeared to have its breech shut, in the firing position. Buckingham Palace refused to say if the shotgun was loaded at the time.

The incident on Queen Elizabeth II's country estate offended many in the nation that last month banned most handguns after 16 children were shot to death at a Scottish school in March.

Crowded stands collapse at rodeo, killing eight-year-old

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Crowded bleachers collapsed during a rodeo in the West Coast state of Jalisco, killing an eight-year-old girl and injuring about 200 people.

The 15-foot-high stands were designed to seat 600 people, but were packed with more than 1,000 for the Christmas Day rodeo. Rosa Martinez, a county supervisor in Tizapan del Alto, said in a telephone interview Thursday.

"It was like a wave hit it. It collapsed in a few seconds," Martinez said.

Sixty of the injured were hospitalized with broken bones, she said.

Police said a bull had been tethered to one of the main support beams and may have contributed to the collapse. Police arrested the rodeo organizer.

Civil servant arrested for burning cook to death

CHANDIGARH, India (AP) — Police have arrested a top civil servant and charged him with homicide for ordering his cook to

be set on fire as punishment for taking a few days off without permission.

Amit Jha, a district administrator in the northern state of Haryana, was arrested on Wednesday hours after his cook, Matwar Singh, died from burns he suffered on December 12.

Jha, who was released on bail Thursday, has denied the allegations.

Government workers in Haryana have staged noisy protests over the incident. Singh was employed by the government, but worked as a cook in his boss's home.

Police said Singh had told physicians that other members of Jha's household staff were ordered to set him on fire because he had taken five days' unauthorized leave.

Lebed announces own party, says Yeltsin too ill to govern

MOSCOW (AP) — Alexander Lebed, the headstrong former general fired by Boris Yeltsin, formed his own political party today and claimed that the Russian president is too ill to govern.

"The man elected president has stopped running the country," Lebed said during a 90-minute speech to supporters.

The popular Lebed, who has never concealed his presidential ambitions, has been eager to re-enter the political fray since Yeltsin fired him as national security advisor in October amid infighting in the Kremlin.

Lebed presided over the founding session of his new Russian Popular Republican Party, or RPRP, which he described as a centrist party aiming to unite those "disappointed in both communists and the so-called democrats."

And in an interview published today, the gruff populist claimed that Yeltsin was too ill to lead the country.

"I know for sure that Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin is a very sick person," Lebed told the liberal Nezavisimaya Gazeta. "He must resign because of his poor health."

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Attorneys representing female cadets make hazing allegations

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Lawyers for two female Citadel cadets who say they were hazed are asking the school to turn over cassette tapes, information on confiscated pornographic pictures, evidence of alleged branding and e-mail about hazing.

Kim Messer of Clover and Jeanie Mentavlos of Charlotte, N.C., need the information to decide whether it is safe to return to the military college Jan. 12 after Christmas break, attorney Tim Kulp said Thursday.

The women were the targets of hazing that included setting their clothes on fire, being shoved with rifles and being forced to drink alcohol, their attorneys say. They

left the corps during finals after their allegations became public.

They are among four women admitted into the formerly all-male corps this year after the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a similar all-male admissions policy at the Virginia Military Institute.

The State Law Enforcement Division and the FBI are looking into the allegations.

After the allegations became public, the college suspended two cadets and relieved five others of their military command duties.

The request by the women's attorneys seeks:

— A tape lawyers say was taken from Ms. Mentavlos after

upperclassmen discovered she was carrying a hidden tape recorder, and the names of everyone who came in contact with the tape.

— A statement attorneys say Ms. Mentavlos gave after an incident in which she says she was hit in the face with cardboard and wounded, and the names of everyone who came in contact with her statement.

— Copies of all documents related to any seizures of alcohol, pornographic pictures, weapons, indecent songs or music, indecent material downloaded from the Internet, fire-making material and flesh-branding tools from cadets of all

ranks in the 1996 school year.

Kulp said he is not implying the women were branded or that it is common practice at the school.

"Sometimes it is hard to separate fact from fiction. You hear all kinds of stuff," he said. "So we want to hear it from them."

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Religion

Home work on values: Weekly Mormon tradition focuses on family

By DEBORAH KOVACH CALDWELL
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — Once a week, Brent and Ella Romney gather their six kids — from 15-year-old Brandon to 2-year-old Brooke — into the living room of the family's big old house.

Romney teaches a lesson, interrupted only occasionally by the girls' somersaults and the boys' grousing that they'd rather be playing baseball. After the lesson, the Romneys sing a song, play a game, say a prayer and eat a snack.

They call it a Family Home Evening. They might also call it the secret to Mormon success.

Started in the 1960s in the midst of the sexual revolution, the Family Home Evening remains a bulwark of traditional Mormon values — even as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as it is formally named, deals with a quiet revolution in family issues.

"I'm very concerned with what's going on around us, all the things pulling our kids, all the things thrown at them constantly, like sex, and bad language and music," said Mrs. Romney, 38, a homemaker and volunteer director of a children's performing group called Sunshine Generation. "But I realize we have to live in the world. So I like the Family Home Evenings because we can

talk about these things."

On a recent Monday night, seated near a fireplace decked out in lights and eight stockings, the kids each offered an example of something that made them happy the previous week. They talked about dentist appointments, sleepovers and 8-year-old Brielle's outing with her dad.

Then Romney began a lesson about how to treat people's differences. He blindfolded Bradley, 13, and asked him to imagine how he would feel if he couldn't see. He asked Blake, 11, to untie 5-year-old Bryce's shoes while wearing socks on his hands. He told a story of a boy who was bullied at school. The kids listened wide-eyed.

The home evening lasted an hour. Then kids switched on Monday Night Football and began rushing around the house.

The Latter-day Saints publish a 346-page guide to Family Home Evenings, which includes 37 lesson plans on topics such as rules in the home, making "righteous choices" and appreciating the separate roles of men and women.

It is this last topic that Mormons continue to discuss. At the Latter-day Saints General Conference meeting this fall, its president and elders issued a new round of pronouncements, particularly about single mothers and working women. In his address, church president Gor-

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don B. Hinckley said that although he agrees with traditional Mormon teaching that women should stay home to raise children, he also understands the reality that most women hold paying jobs.

"It is well-nigh impossible to be a full-time homemaker and a full-time employee," Hinckley said. "(But) I know how some of you struggle with decisions concerning this matter. ... Do the very best you can."

His statements came a year after the church issued a major proclamation that strongly affirmed traditional marriage and child-rearing by women as ordained by God. That proclamation was viewed as an effort to hold the line in favor of conservative values.

One reason for this emphasis is that Mormons believe that before they're born they live in a family as pre-mortal spirits. Eventually, they're sent to earth by God to claim their bodies and to be trained as parents. When Mormons die, they believe they are

reunited with their families for eternity.

Jan Shippy, an expert on Mormons who teaches religion at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, said this year's pronouncement may be the result of church leaders' growing realization that they have large numbers of single and divorced female members, many of whom are converts.

The Mormon church has one of the highest conversion rates of any world-wide religious group. Every three years, Mormons add 1 million new members; 90 percent of the membership worldwide has joined since 1960. Texas is home to 182,000 Mormons.

"If you are a single mother and you need a male presence in your life and that of your children, this church probably gives it to you more than any other," Ms. Shippy said. "There is a kind of surrogate fatherhood involved in being a part of the Mormon bishop's flock."

So while the Latter-day Saints

continue to emphasize traditional family through efforts such as the home evenings, they are also gradually broadening their concept of the family—which may be why the home evening manual includes a section on how single adults can join a group.

Even in the Romney's local congregation — called a ward — change is afoot. Among the 150 families who are part of the ward at Midway Road on Northwest Highway in Dallas, there are only a few traditional Mormon families. Many are singles, divorced people and couples without children.

The Romneys — who were both reared in El Paso as Mormons — say they intend to keep their own family bonds strong and serve as an example to converts.

"If you're Mormon, it's not just a Sunday thing. It's a whole way of life," Mrs. Romney said as she and her husband sat in the living room after the home evening. The children were in the kitchen eating brownies made by Bradley for the event. "And if the religious values are taught in the home, it seems to stay with them more. ... Were it not for our emphasis on the family, we probably would be like a lot of other churches."

The kids know that Sundays are set aside for church and family and that a weekly home evening will be held each week. They know the older kids babysit

the younger kids. They know their parents' rules about curfews, dating and grades.

The Romneys believe that these rules free their children from having to make too many choices at a young age. As a result, they say, there is more harmony between the children and their parents and between father and mother.

Mrs. Romney said she is happy and secure in her role as mother and nurturer. "I'm going what I'm supposed to be doing," she said.

Her husband feels strongly about it.

"A woman's greatest role is within the walls of her own home," said Romney, 39, internal audit director for Amre Inc. "I think the message of the church has been very consistent the last 30 years. If there's been any change, it's been the public perception of how strong the stance is. The father is always the patriarch of the home. The relationship between a man and woman has not changed."

Still, gradually and without fanfare, Mormons are adjusting to transformations in the rest of society.

"A lot of the wards are changing," Mrs. Romney said. "President Hinckley knows it's happening. But I think he realizes the basis is in the home and he wants to keep it going, no matter what the family situation is."

Religion briefs

PAMPA — The Pampa Area Unified Ministerial Alliance announces its second citywide, all denomination, Fifth Sunday Worship Service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at M.K. Brown Auditorium in the Heritage Room.

Following the success of the first Fifth Sunday Worship Service on Sept. 29, the Ministerial Alliance immediately began planning the worship service for December.

September's service attracted over 250 Pampa residents to participate in singing of praise songs and hymns, listening to the combined choir which had participants from many churches, and hearing the sermon by the Bishop Sam Husley of the Episcopal Diocese.

This worship service will include more singing, the combined choirs and preaching by Lynn Hancock, pastor of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church. Pampa area residents of all faiths are welcome to this combined worship.

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — A chalice used to minister to sailors

along the rough-hewn New York waterfront 149 years ago has been returned to duty at a Florida seaport ministry, decades after it was stored in a cabinet and forgotten.

The Seafarer's House at Port Everglades is the new home of the chalice, once used at a floating church for sailors anchored in the Hudson River.

The Floating Chapel of the Holy Comforter was established in 1843 as a mission to save sailors' souls. The early mission often fed, clothed and weaned the mariners off alcohol.

The maritime church disbanded in 1900, and all its accouterments were sent back to New York's Trinity Episcopal Parish.

Six years later, Trinity was asked for help furnishing the new St. John's Episcopal Church in Dania, and St. John's inherited the chalice.

When the church moved to Hollywood, the chalice was stashed in a cabinet. The Rev. Hobart Gary of St. John's discovered it while taking an inventory several months ago. He traced the chalice's history

to the floating chapel.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Alabama Baptists overwhelmingly approved a compromise designed to end two years of conflict over appointments to the Samford University Board of Trustees.

"It was very decisive," Samford President Thomas E. Corts said of the recent vote. "The primary thing is, we've got protection."

Samford, with ties to state Baptists dating back to 1841, in 1994 stripped the state convention of its right to elect board members and gave trustees the right to elect their successors.

The school said it needed to become self-perpetuating to guard against the political infighting that has affected other Baptist universities as fundamentalists and moderates fought for control of the church.

The move angered many Baptists, but the convention defeated attempts the past two years to discontinue funding for Samford.

Grandfather now serving as priest

By THOMAS BARTLETT
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO (AP) — When Edward Maddox's 5-year-old grandson learned he was going to seminary to become a priest, he said "Grandpa, you're too old to go to school."

"You're telling me," was Maddox's reply. One would expect a 65-year-old man who has lived in the same house for 30 years, raised seven children and spent most of his life teaching high school to settle down, read a few books and spend some time in the garden, right?

Not Maddox. On Saturday, Dec. 14, at St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption, he was ordained as a priest. It was the official start of a new vocation for a man who just reached the age most people retire.

"I'm being recycled," he said. After two-and-a-half years at seminary in San Antonio, where he learned how to study all over again and struggled with using a computer, he's ready to begin his new work in the church.

While he said he's happy about completing seminary, he just can't seem to work up too much excitement for the change.

"I've been through a lot at my age and it's hard to get too excited," Maddox said. "When I wake up and see the face of Christ, the Blessed Mother and God our Father and all of the faithful departed, that's when I'll really have a great excitement."

Maddox began his seminary training about a year after his wife, Ruby Lee, died in 1993. He said they had discussed the possibility of him entering the priesthood.

"I had a wonderful wife," Maddox said. "But with every loss, God seems to multiply the blessings." He was already serving as a deacon at St. John's Catholic Church when Father Bob Mahoney suggested he consider becoming a full-time minister.

At first, he hesitated. But after much consideration, he decided to answer what he believed was God's calling.

Maddox's third-oldest daughter, Maria Prentis, lives in Houston, where she is an analytical chemist.

She said his decision didn't come as a total surprise to her.

"Most people are surprised because he has already lived his life as a family man," Prentis said. "At first I asked him if he was sure that's what he wanted to do. He said 'yes' and we've all stood behind him."

John McCarthy is bishop for the 22-county Diocese of Austin, which includes McLennan County. While many black men have served as priests, McCarthy said, Maddox is the first to be ordained in the Diocese of Austin in its 48-year history.

"He's the first one we've had of the home-grown variety," McCarthy said. While entry into the priesthood at Maddox's age is somewhat rare, the bishop said, it's not an unheard-of occurrence.

"I think it's part of a trend in society," McCarthy said. "Forgetting the priesthood for a moment, people in all walks of life are starting second vocations late in life. Lawyers are becoming doctors — it's becoming more common."

Maddox will be sent to one of the parishes in the Diocese of Austin and likely serve as an associate pastor. He could possibly serve under a pastor who is younger than he is — but that's nothing new for Maddox.

"I was the oldest student in seminary," he said. "I'm used to it."

Maddox taught high school in New Jersey and Waco before becoming assistant principal at University High School in 1980. He retired in 1985 and did volunteer work at Providence Health Center, among other activities. He converted to Catholicism in the mid-1970s after growing up in Baptist and Methodist churches.

"I liked the idea of Mass," he said. "Now I'll be leading it." It is also the fulfillment of a strange prediction. About 30 years ago, Maddox said, his wife's grandfather told him one day, out of the blue, that he would be a minister. Maddox just shakes his head when he thinks about it now.

"I wish I knew what had made him say that," he said.

Jingle singer now recording religious albums

By GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Johnny Barranco devoted his talents to a Christmas album titled *Happy Birthday Lord Jesus*, a project that took him far afield from his days of penning beer tunes and business jingles.

Last year, Barranco gave up a 20-year New York career in the jingle business to move back to his native Mississippi. He founded Judah Records and developed the album.

One more record has followed. The 45-year-old father of two said he tried to use a different type of music to appeal to "children young and old that just have a lot of joy inside them."

"The last thing I wanted to write was some Captain Kangaroo, Mr. Rogers, hoopy-do for kids," he said. "Parents get tired of it. People don't give children enough credit as far as their sophistication in taste."

In the first Barranco & The Kids production, 12 elementary schoolers and Barranco share their versions of Christmas favorites like "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World," as well as others written by Barranco.

He started the album last August and finished it in October, too late for many markets, he said.

Several thousand copies were sold last year, but it is getting a bigger release and more attention this year.

"It's real Christmasey and gives you the spirit," said David Mangham, a Methodist church music minister in Jackson. "It's like combining the two things that give people the soft warm fuzzies — children and Christmas."

Barranco said working with the youngsters "made me feel really young."

"I love the naive parts of the kids, the innocent way they are. They're not jaded," Barranco said. "It reminds you what life is all about."

He said there was a time he forgot about the slower pace, working out of his home in New York in the competitive jingle business.

"Twenty years of Madison Avenue will tear you up," he said.

Barranco had moved to New York in 1972 at age 21 after playing in bands around Mississippi. His voice can be heard on countless jingles. "Be all that you can be," he sang for the U.S. Army Reserves. "The taste is gonna move ya," he croons of Juicy Fruit. He has also sung jingles for Coors Light, Old Milwaukee Beer and Strohs.

When the jingle business moved more toward rap music, Barranco said, he decided to move home to Jackson and explore new opportunities. He was also undergoing a spiritual change, he said.

"I thought it was a courageous move," said Ken Ascher of New York, a friend and collaborator on past projects. "John was a big success as a singer. His lyrics can be very eloquent or very colloquial."

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Lack Of Communication Leads To Teen's Tragic Pregnancy

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter from Carol Montgomery of Tucson, who wrote about a teen-ager who was afraid to tell her parents she was pregnant, so she secretly gave birth to a boy and strangled it. Now she is charged with first-degree murder. Ms. Montgomery uses this story to support her view that condoms should be distributed in high schools, thus making sex "safe."

Abby, her argument is fundamentally flawed. She assumes that the girl and her boyfriend, having access to condoms, would have used them. Last time I looked, the pregnancy rate among unsexed teen-agers is continuing to rise in spite of condom distribution. Obviously, some teen-agers armed with information and condoms are using neither.

The real tragedy of Ms. Montgomery's example is that the parents were unaware of what was happening with their daughter and also unable or unwilling to communicate their love to her.

When I was a teen-ager, my parents lovingly told me the facts about sex and expressed their hope that I'd wait until marriage. However, they also made it clear that if I chose to become sexually active and became pregnant, I would always have a home with them and they would love me, no matter what. Their strategy worked, and in spite of having raging hormones, I waited.

Instead of assuming that teen-agers have no self-control and handing them condoms, perhaps we

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

should encourage parents to talk with their kids, and decide how sexuality should be handled.

I can think of no better gift to give my children than keeping the lines of communication open so that, even in the darkest of times, they can come to me and we can figure out a solution together.

SARAH V. BAUMANN,
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR SARAH: Your common sense and compassion rate an A-plus. However, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a not-for-profit corporation for reproductive health research, the pregnancy rate among sexually experienced teen-agers ages 15 to 19 has declined 19 percent in the last two decades — an encouraging indication that sexually experienced adolescents are using contraceptives more effectively than did their counterparts in the past.

Read on for what two students have to say regarding this issue:

DEAR ABBY: May I add to the sex education debate? The more valid information young people have, the better their choices. Waiting until "the wedding night" to have the facts-of-life chat is too late, and so is 16!

We know that the only kind of diet that really works is one that tells what we can eat, not what we cannot eat. That also holds true for sex education. Being told what we shouldn't do (i.e., don't date, don't have sex) rarely prevents kids from becoming sexually active.

Parents can share their values and beliefs, and let their children know that they are trusted to make wise choices in tough situations. Sign me ...

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to offer this suggestion to any single who would like to beat the holiday blues.

Don't deny yourself the pleasure of your own company. If, despite your best efforts, you anticipate being alone on a holiday, make plans to go out and do something you enjoy.

Being alone can offer surprising dividends. Although the company of friends is pleasant, solitude can enable you to experience things in a more focused manner.

SAN ANTONIO SINGLE ROSE

DEAR ROSE: I agree. "Alone" and "lonely" are not synonymous. A wise individual makes the most of the moment.



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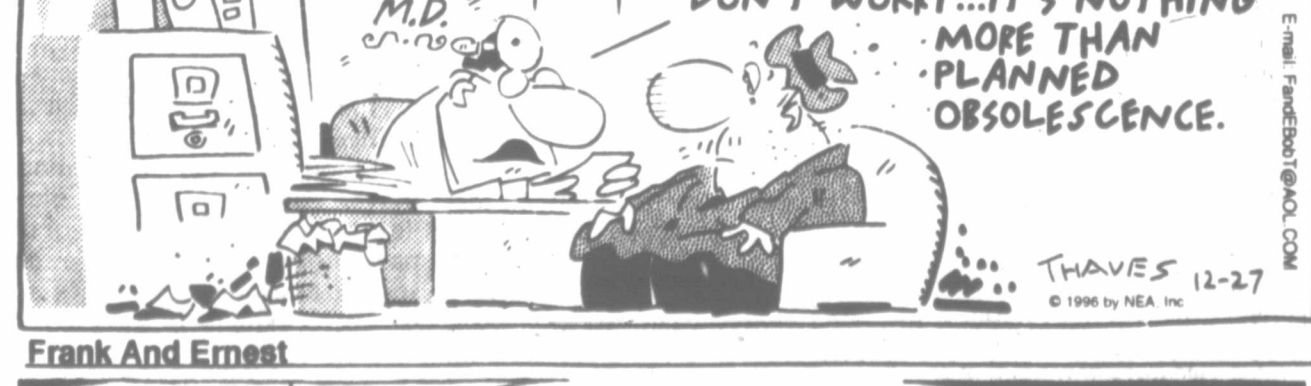
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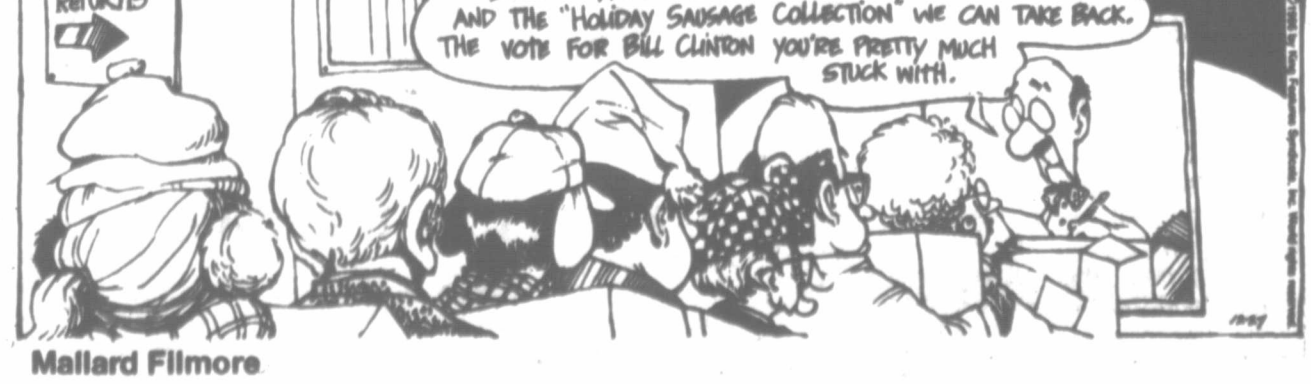
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Horoscope



Sunday, Dec. 29, 1996

It will be better not to alter your mode of operation in the year ahead, especially in regard to a project you've been nurturing patiently. You are on the right track.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you decide to invest in a risky venture today, don't involve your friends. If the deal goes sour, you might lose your friends as well as your money.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Unfortunately, you might be judged solely on your outward appearance today. Therefore, you should make an effort to act and look your best.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though no one will grade the quality of your work today, complete your assignments as if someone were. Take pride in what you do.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to be prudent regarding your financial expenditures today. Do not let friends persuade you to engage in expensive activities that you cannot afford.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In your eagerness to please or impress others today, you must take care not to get involved in anything that does not serve your best interests.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Generosity

is usually one of your most admirable virtues, but don't give away too much today. Try to find the right balance.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to collect a long-standing debt, it might be necessary to confront the debtor more aggressively than you have in the past.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you yield to pressure from an associate too easily today, you might make a decision that will benefit him, but it will not be good for you.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try not to place your burdens on someone else's back today. If this person does not fulfill his obligation, you will not have much room to maneuver.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone you encounter socially today may not be what he appears to be on the surface. Try to look underneath this person's charming exterior.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It will be important for you to think for yourself today. If you permit others to make decisions for you, you might have regrets in the future.



"Xylophones look like they should have railroad tracks on them."



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Notebook

FOOTBALL

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Wayne Fontes, who won and lost more games than any coach in Detroit Lions' history, was fired after the team's worst performance in four seasons.

A playoff flop, Fontes was dismissed after eight seasons, making him the sixth NFL coach to lose his job since the regular-season season ended last weekend. Two others were fired during the season.

Fontes, with one year left on his contract, goes out with a 67-71 record, including 5-11 this season. He was 1-4 in the playoffs.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida coach Steve Spurrier, preparing his No. 3 Gators for a Sugar Bowl showdown against No. 1 Florida State, said he's not a candidate to replace June Jones as coach of the Atlanta Falcons.

A year ago, Spurrier rejected a lucrative offer to take over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Since returning to his alma mater in 1990, Spurrier has led Florida to five Southeastern Conference titles, including the past four.

The Falcons fired Jones on Monday after a 3-13 season.

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings cornerback Corey Fuller has been fined \$30,000, nearly one-tenth of his base salary, for poking Green Bay center Frank Winters in the eye Sunday.

The fine was believed to be the largest ever levied against a Minnesota player and was among the steepest handed out by the NFL this season. Winters also was fined \$7,500 for a late hit that provoked Fuller.

BASKETBALL

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Charlotte Hornets forward Scott Burrell was scheduled to have surgery today to remove torn cartilage from his right knee.

Burrell, who last week had worked his way back into the starting lineup after recovering from a dislocated shoulder, is expected to be sidelined for 6-8 weeks. He was injured Sunday against Boston.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland forward Rasheed Wallace underwent surgery on his left thumb, and is expected to be out of the lineup for at least four weeks. Wallace fractured the same thumb last season as a rookie with Washington. He was injured Monday night against the Bullets.

CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — Eastern Washington guard Rodrick McClure and his stepfather were killed in a two-car accident in Las Vegas.

McClure's stepfather, James Addison, was driving McClure to McCarran International Airport to catch a flight to Spokane. McClure, 21, died at the scene and Addison died at a Las Vegas hospital. Eastern Washington's game at Washington was postponed from Saturday to Sunday.

HOCKEY

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Michael York and Mark Parrish each scored two goals and Brian Boucher made 39 saves as the United States opened the World Junior Championships with a 4-0 victory over Switzerland.

In the other Group A game, the Czech Republic beat Germany 8-2. In Group B play, Russia edged Slovakia 4-3, and Finland routed Poland 7-0. Canada, looking for a record fifth consecutive title, opens today against Germany.

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Darcy Regier, unable to agree with general manager-coach Mike Milbury over the direction the New York Islanders are taking, was fired as the team's assistant general manager.

Johnson's Olympic feats voted year's top sports story

By LARRY SIDONS — AP Sports Writer

Michael Johnson was bigger and better than any runner he encountered at the Olympics. Turns out he also was bigger and better than the Summer Games themselves.

Johnson's sweep of the 200 and 400 meters at the Olympics, never before accomplished by a man in the same games, was voted the top sports story of the year in an Associated Press poll released Thursday.

Johnson's feat, capped by a record-shattering 19.32-second time in the 200, narrowly won the story of the year honors over the event where it happened, the Centennial Summer Games in Atlanta.

Olympic athletes and events dominated the balloting by AP print and broadcast members, with five of the top 10 stories coming from Atlanta.

Johnson's double-gold performance was first with 606 points, followed by the Centennial Games with 587.

Third was the saga of Tiger Woods. The 20-year-old won a record third consec-

utive U.S. Amateur championship, then passed up his last two years at Stanford to turn pro. He promptly won two of the first seven PGA Tour stops he entered to begin what is expected to be a dominant era of men's golf.

Evander Holyfield's victory over Mike Tyson for the WBA heavyweight championship was fourth, one place ahead of Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls winning a record 72 regular-season games and their fourth NBA title in six seasons.

Kerri Strug's vault on a badly injured ankle to cap a gold-medal performance for the U.S. women's gymnastics team was sixth; the overall strong showing of American women's team at the Summer Games was eighth; and Carl Lewis' victory in the long jump for a record-tying ninth gold medal was 10th.

Two baseball stories completed the top 10 — the New York Yankees' World Series triumph (seventh) and the settlement of baseball's four-year labor strife (ninth).

There was not a football story among the top 10. The drug problems of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys was 11th, with Don Shula's retirement as

the NFL's winningest coach 16th.

Conceived as a high-tech celebration of the 100th birthday of the modern Olympics, the games produced performances and memories worthy of gold medals — Johnson's rocket speed, Strug's winning vault, Muhammad Ali's quaking hand as he lit the Olympic flame.

But the Summer Games also had to deal with huge problems.

A pipe-bomb exploded in Centennial Olympic Park, the main gathering place of the games, killing one person and injuring 111 others. Computer and transportation systems, advertised as strong points of Atlanta's organization, flopped. With a \$1.7 billion budget raised entirely from private sources, the games acquired a commercial tone that sometimes overshadowed the sports and attracted a tacky sideshow of T-shirt and beer vendors.

The appeal of the Atlanta Olympics could be seen in a host of statistics.

It had more than 10,000 athletes from 197 nations, with every country invited sending a team. It sold more than 11 million tickets, more than the games in Los Angeles and Barcelona combined. NBC

set ratings records with its Olympic telecasts, attracting an estimated 209 million viewers in the United States.

"I believe we underscored the popularity of the Olympic movement," said Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. "We built on it and enhanced it in our own way. We welcomed millions of people — that's a lot of folks. And they had a great time."

Two decades ago, with the Montreal Games leaving a billion-dollar public debt and world politics gnawing away from all sides, the Olympics were near death. Now, they are sitting on \$6 billion in television rights fees, international companies pay \$50 million apiece to become sponsors and the appeal of the games as both a sports event and a marketer's dream is virtually universal.

"There's the sports element, and the political element, and the nationalism element that doesn't exist elsewhere," said Jim Andrews, vice president of IEG Marketing, a Chicago-based sports marketing company. "It's a massive undertaking. It steps away from the pack." Just like Michael Johnson.

Regional indoor soccer champions



The Young Guns won the Regional Indoor Soccer Tournament championship in the U-12 Division earlier this month in Amarillo. As regional champions, the Pampa team qualifies to compete in the North American Indoor National Championship, which will be held in Detroit, Mich., in March 1997. Team members are, front row from left, Johnny Story, Ryan Barnes, Mathew Robben, Taylor Rowe and Sammy Silva; second row, Luis Campos, Mark Garza, Max Simon, Hal Rogers and Chance Crain; and back row, coaches Mike Crain, Ed Garza and Benny Silva. The team is sponsored by Rick's Body Shop.

Harvesters down Boswell in overtime tourney action

By MATT HUTCHISON — Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — The Pampa Harvester basketball squad left for Fort Worth on Christmas Day hoping to turn around what, so far, has been a mediocre season for the defending 4A state champions.

The Harvesters faced a taller team from Boswell in the first round of the Whataburger West Side Lions Club Tournament on Thursday afternoon, and after two overtimes came out the victor by a margin of nine points, 61-52.

The Harvesters held the lead six times in this topsy-turvy battle, but trailed throughout most of the first half due to the dominant rebounding of the Pioneers. In fact, Boswell out-rebounded the Harvesters 20 to 9 in the first two quarters of play.

The Harvesters were down by a point going into the second half, 23-22, but they came alive in the third quarter, matching Boswell's intensity and even controlling the lead for some of the quarter.

At the end of the third, the Pioneers still retained a slender ribbon of a lead, 35-34, and tried to remain ahead in the fourth quarter by exploiting their obvious size advantage.

The Pampa trio of Devin Lemons, Samarios Osborne and Kaleb Meek were able to defensively stun the Pioneers inside post game with their aggressive play and rebounding in the final quarter of regulation.

Pampa's defense helped them forge a 4-point lead in the quarter, but as the clock ticked down Boswell's intensity increased, and with about a minute and a half left in regulation play, Pampa trailed the Pioneers by a bucket.

August Larson was able to drain the tying shot, and the clock slowly wound down until there was no choice but to battle it out in overtime.

In the first overtime, Boswell jumped out to an early albeit small lead with the Harvesters playing catch-up for the first three minutes. Eventually the Harvesters evened the score and gave Boswell the chance to win the game with the last single-overtime possession.

The Pioneers, however, were unable to convert, and both teams were left to ponder how much more overtime their respective benches could handle.

The second overtime was all Pampa. Triggered by a Shannon Reed steal, the Harvesters played as if they had just hit their second wind, leaving the faltering Boswell Pioneers in their wake.

Leading scorers for the Harvesters include Shawn Young, with 18 points and four rebounds; August Larson, who tallied 17 points and four rebounds; and Devin Lemons, who contributed a double-double, 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Harvesters advanced into the winner's division of the tournament and were to play their second game of the tournament at 2 p.m. today.

Denver's Davis named NFL Offensive Player

DENVER (AP) — Terrell Davis is on his cellphone, simultaneously talking while fighting holiday rush-hour traffic.

With the instincts that made him The Associated Press' NFL Offensive Player of the Year, it would be logical for Davis to weave through the crush of cars like they were slow-footed defensive tackles.

"I've got a big truck, so I can't do that," he said. "If I had a little sporty car, maybe I could."

Davis could easily trade in his Ford Bronco for something more flashy — he earned a \$100,000 bonus for winning the AFC rushing title this year — but that wouldn't be Terrell.

The Denver Broncos' second-year running back seeks about as much attention for himself as a street curb, a refreshing characteristic in the me-first world of professional sports.

"He hasn't let becoming a star in this league change him in any way, shape, form or fashion," Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "He's still Terrell. He still comes works hard. He doesn't think he's a star."

How many NFL star running backs played nose guard in high school? Survived two years in Georgia's air-Zeier passing offense? Needed only two seasons to go from a sixth-round draft pick to offensive player of the year?

"If you were in my situation, would you have thought of something like this happening? Probably not," Davis said. "For me, everything happened so fast. When I was on special teams that first year, my only thing was to try

to make the team, try to make the practice squad. Then, hopefully the next year I could come in and play running back a little bit."

Hard work on special teams and strong runs in the preseason earned Davis a starting spot out of training camp in 1995. He went on to become the lowest-drafted running back to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season.

The Broncos rewarded him with a five-year, \$6.8 million contract before this season, and Davis scowled at the notion that fame and fortune might lead to a sophomore jinx and an enhanced ego.

He proved himself by setting Denver single-season records for yards rushing (1,538), touchdowns rushing (13) and total TDs (15), while still doing the less noticeable things in Mike Shanahan's intricate West Coast offense.

"I've never seen Emmitt Smith lead block for Daryl Johnston on the goal line. I've never seen Barry Sanders lead block for one of his running backs on the goal line. I've seen Terrell Davis do it," said Sharpe, an All-Pro selection himself.

"That's what impresses me the most. Everybody knows he can run the football. Everybody knows he can catch the football out of the backfield. But what can he do with the football when he doesn't have it in his hands? I think that's what sets him apart."

The Smith-Sanders comparisons are growing increasingly valid after Davis became the 14th player in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards in his first two seasons. But asking Davis to make the comparison himself is like asking Picasso to play paintball.

Texas checking roster for Fiesta Bowl

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas tight end Pat Fitzgerald jokes about making sure every player on the roster for the Fiesta Bowl is who he says he is.

The 20th-ranked Longhorns (8-4), who will face seventh-ranked Penn State (10-2) on New Year's Day, can laugh about it now. They weren't laughing a year ago.

The day before last year's Sugar Bowl matchup against Virginia Tech, the Longhorns gasped upon learning that they had an impostor on their roster.

A defensive back they had known all season as 23-year-old Ron McKelvey was exposed as Ron Weaver, a 30-year-old who used someone else's Social Security number to change his identity and extend his college football playing days.

After a story about his true identity surfaced in his hometown newspaper in Salinas, Calif., Weaver disappeared from the team's hotel in New Orleans without an explanation.

There were reports that he had gone undercover to write a tell-

all book. Players struggled to recall what they had ever told him, fearful their conversations would come back to haunt them in print. Strategy for the Sugar Bowl became an afterthought on the eve of the most important bowl game for Texas in more than five years.

The following day, Texas took an early 10-0 lead before losing to Virginia Tech, 28-10, finishing the season 10-2-1 and without the bowl victory they had hoped would prove the program had returned to national prominence.

Players don't openly blame the episode for the loss, but it may have contributed, they say.

"I think it was too bad," said offensive guard Dan Neil. "It tarnished a great year for us and the trip to the Sugar Bowl."

"I'm not going to blame the loss on that. But people kind of lost focus because no one knew how to react," Neil said. "The result of it all left a lot of heads spinning."

Center Ryan Fiebigger remembers players trying to joke about

it at the team's final practice before the Sugar Bowl in an effort to loosen up.

"We were running around saying we weren't really who we were," he said. "I would say, 'I'm not Ryan Fiebigger. I'm someone else.'"

But the circus atmosphere surrounding Weaver's double identity ate at players even more after the game.

"Once it sunk in that we were playing in our first major bowl game in several years and the Weaver ordeal had become the focus, I was irritated," Neil said.

"I don't know how much it took away from the game, but it was so mentally draining thinking about all the things that were going on," Fitzgerald said. "I'm not going to attribute the loss to that, but it definitely had an effect on the team."

After exhausting his eligibility at Sacramento State in 1989, Weaver said he took the identity of McKelvey, an acquaintance from California, simply because he wanted to keep playing football.

Hanspard, Lethridge target of Hawkeyes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Running back Byron Hanspard isn't the only Red Raider the Iowa Hawkeyes are bracing for in the Alamogordo.

Zebbie Lethridge, Texas Tech's versatile quarterback, also could pose problems, and the No. 21 Hawkeyes intend to be ready for him when the teams battle Sunday night in the Alamogordo.

"Our defense has to be aware of Zebbie Lethridge and his ability to run and scramble," said Iowa defensive coordinator Bob Elliott. "We certainly haven't played against a quarterback like him."

Lethridge has taken advantage of defenses keying on Hanspard to account for more than 2,000 yards of offense for Tech (7-4).

"It's to my advantage to try to keep the defense off balance as much as possible. I can either drop back and pass or I can also

run," said Lethridge, who ran for 342 yards and threw for 1,686 on 117-of-267 passing.

Lethridge had been slowed by a pulled hamstring, but he said getting some rest this month has helped.

"I feel the best I've felt since the first game of the season," Lethridge said Thursday. "Right now, all I want to get is a bowl victory."

Iowa defensive back Damien Robinson said Lethridge's abilities will be tough to counter.

"You have to stay in your lane and stay focused and hopefully sack him before that arm gets started," Robinson said.

The Red Raiders expect Iowa (8-3) to be aggressive defensively. Tech is taking particular note of Robinson, a senior from Dallas who leads Iowa with six interceptions and 13 pass breakups.

"He has a great knack for dis-

tinguishing between run and pass," said Texas Tech offensive coordinator Rick Dykes. "He's one of the better players we've faced all year."

As for Hanspard, he wants his football future to remain a mystery for now so he can concentrate only on the Alamogordo.

The Doak Walker Award-winning junior rushed for 2,084 yards this season.

Since then, speculation has swirled about whether Hanspard will remain in school for his final season of eligibility. He said he's already made a decision, but he's waiting until Monday morning to announce it.

A licensed Pentecostal minister who blends Bible lessons with his football philosophy, Hanspard said he won't be making any adjustments in his running style to combat Iowa's defense.

NFL Playoffs
At A Glance
 By The Associated Press
Wild Cards
Sunday, Dec. 29
 Jacksonville at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
 Minnesota at Dallas, 4 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Dec. 30
 Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
 Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, Jan. 4
 San Francisco, Philadelphia or Minnesota at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
 Buffalo, Jacksonville, or Indianapolis at Denver, 4 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 5
 Pittsburgh, Buffalo or Jacksonville at New England, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
 Dallas, San Francisco or Philadelphia at Carolina, 4 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
 TBA
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
 At New Orleans
 TBA, 6:18 p.m.
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
 At Honolulu
 TBA, 8 p.m.

National Basketball Association
At A Glance
 By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	21	7	.750	—
New York	19	8	.704	1 1/2
Washington	13	13	.500	7
Orlando	10	14	.417	9
Philadelphia	8	18	.308	12
New Jersey	6	18	.250	13
Boston	5	19	.208	14

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	4	.862	—
Detroit	20	7	.741	4
Cleveland	17	9	.654	6 1/2
Atlanta	16	10	.615	7 1/2
Charlotte	15	11	.576	8 1/2
Milwaukee	15	12	.556	9
Indiana	13	12	.520	10
Toronto	10	18	.357	14 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	22	6	.786	—
Utah	21	6	.776	1/2
Minnesota	11	17	.393	11
Dallas	9	17	.346	12
Denver	8	20	.286	14
San Antonio	6	19	.240	14 1/2
Vancouver	6	23	.207	16 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	20	9	.690	1/2
Portland	14	15	.483	6 1/2
Sacramento	12	17	.414	8 1/2
Golden State	11	17	.393	9
L.A. Clippers	10	18	.357	10
Phoenix	8	19	.296	11 1/2

Wednesday's Games
 L.A. Lakers 106, Phoenix 87

Chicago 95, Detroit 83
 Thursday's Games
 Toronto 98, New Jersey 98
 Atlanta 108, Chicago 103
 Atlanta 95, Detroit 86, OT
 Minnesota 95, New York 80
 Miami 96, Orlando 78
 Houston 101, Milwaukee 90
 Golden State 113, Dallas 108
 Philadelphia 118, Denver 88
 Utah 99, Portland 94
 Seattle 94, San Antonio 86
 Sacramento 111, Vancouver 88
Friday's Games
 Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 Miami at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
 Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 Orlando at New York, 1 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Utah, 3 p.m.
 Atlanta vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Boston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's College Basketball
Major Scores
 By The Associated Press
EAST
 No major team scores reported from the EAST.
SOUTH
 No major team scores reported from the SOUTH.
MIDWEST
 Wisconsin 74, Ball St. 59
SOUTHWEST
 No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.
FAR WEST
 No major team scores reported from the FAR WEST.
TOURNAMENTS
 ECAC Holiday Festival
 First Round
 Georgia Tech 58, Hofstra 47
 St. John's 68, Manhattan 61

National Hockey League
At A Glance
 By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	20	8	4	48	111	86
Philadelphia	21	12	3	45	110	86
New Jersey	19	12	3	41	90	81
N.Y. Rangers	18	15	5	41	133	105
Washington	15	19	2	32	98	101
N.Y. Islanders	12	15	8	32	94	97
Tampa Bay	11	19	4	26	95	109

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	19	14	3	41	108	96
Pittsburgh	17	15	4	38	128	120
Hartford	16	12	6	38	105	111
Boston	13	15	6	32	97	117
Montreal	12	18	6	30	114	128
Ottawa	11	15	7	29	92	99

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WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	19	11	6	44	108	72
St. Louis	18	12	2	34	105	124
Phoenix	16	17	4	34	93	113
Chicago	14	18	6	34	95	99
Toronto	14	22	0	28	100	129

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	20	10	5	45	123	85
Edmonton	15	18	4	34	121	114
Vancouver	16	17	1	33	101	111
Calgary	13	19	5	31	93	108
Anaheim	12	17	5	29	98	107
San Jose	13	18	4	30	89	111
Los Angeles	13	19	4	30	98	122

Thursday's Games
 Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 3, tie
 Buffalo 5, Hartford 1
 Ottawa 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
 N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 1
 Florida 3, Tampa Bay 3, tie
 Toronto at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
 St. Louis 4, Chicago 4, tie
 San Jose 6, Vancouver 1
 Los Angeles 5, Phoenix 2
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 Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
 Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 Ottawa at Hartford, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
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 Chicago at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
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 Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Edmonton, 10:30 p.m.

College Bowl Games
At A Glance
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Thursday, Dec. 19
 Las Vegas Bowl
 At Las Vegas
 Nevada 18, Ball State 15
Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
 At Memphis, Tenn.
 Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Carquest Bowl
 At Miami
 Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Copper Bowl
 At Tucson, Ariz.
 Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
 At Atlanta
 Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
 At San Antonio
 Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 30
Baylor Bowl
 At San Diego
 Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
 At Atlanta
 Howard (9-2) vs. Southern U. (7-4), Noon (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
 At El Paso, Texas
 Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Independence Bowl
 At Shreveport, La.
 Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
 At Miami
 Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1), 7 p.m. (CBS)
Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
 At Tampa, Fla.
 Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Clare Bowl
 At Jacksonville, Fla.
 North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
 At Dallas
 Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rice Bowl
 At Pasadena, Calif.
 Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
 At Tempe, Ariz.
 Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 8 p.m. (CBS)
Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
 At New Orleans
 Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 11
East-West Shrine Classic
 West vs. East, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 18
Senior Bowl
 At Mobile, Ala.
 North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)
Sunday, Jan. 19
Hula Bowl
 At Honolulu
 East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Three-way tie put Hurricanes in Carquest instead of Orange
 By The Associated Press
 The Miami Hurricanes, Syracuse Orangemen and Virginia Tech Hokies all wanted to play in the Orange Bowl.
 A three-way tie for the Big East title meant that only one of them could.
 The tiebreaker went to Virginia Tech, and that's why Miami and Syracuse will be playing in the Carquest and Liberty Bowls, respectively, rather than on New Year's Eve in the Orange Bowl.
 Syracuse met Houston in Memphis today, while Miami and Virginia Tech square off tonight in the Carquest.
 Tonight's other bowl matchup is Utah against Wisconsin in the Copper Bowl.
 Elsewhere this weekend, Clemson faces LSU in the Peach Bowl on Saturday and Iowa meets Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl on Sunday.
Carquest Bowl
 At Miami, the 19th-ranked Hurricanes (8-3) are trying to start a new tradition under second-year coach Butch Davis, one in which national prominence continues while the team's renegade image is left in the past.
 Last season, Miami was banned from a spot in a bowl by the NCAA because of a financial aid scandal and other violations. It could have been the Hurricanes' 13th straight berth in a major bowl.
 Now, the Hurricanes are in a lower-rung game for the first time since 1981, and they are looking for their first bowl victory since beating Nebraska in the 1991 Orange Bowl.
 Virginia (7-4) is making its fourth straight bowl appearance.
Liberty Bowl
 At Memphis, the 23rd-ranked Orangemen (8-3) were passed over by three bowls before set-

ting for the Liberty Bowl, and one-fourth of the Orangemen voted not to accept the bid.
 But coach Paul Pasquoloni assures fans that his team knows what is at stake when they meet Houston (7-4).
 "We're playing for a Top 20 finish," Pasquoloni said. "When you win your last game of the year, it makes the winter, spring practice and the summer a lot easier. And it enhances your pre-season expectations."
 Syracuse has won its past eight bowl games, and winning Friday would go a long way toward easing the disappointment from ending the regular season with a 38-31 loss to Miami.
 Houston is in its first bowl since 1988. The Cougar had their first winning season since 1990 following a 2-9 record last year.
 Houston earned its bid as the Conference USA co-champion by winning four games in its final possession, including two in overtime.
Copper Bowl
 At Tucson, Mike Fouts, the son of former San Diego Chargers quarterback Dan Fouts, will lead Utah (8-3) against Wisconsin (7-5). A starter since the third week of 1995, Fouts has helped Utah win 15 of its last 20 games.
 This year, Fouts threw for 2,526 yards and 21 touchdowns with only seven interceptions — good for eighth place nationally in passing efficiency — on what was primarily a running team.
 Although the Badgers had 36 sacks this season, including 14 in Big Ten games to lead the conference, opponents threw for 2,940 yards, the most in Wisconsin history, against them.
 Wisconsin is led by 260-pound Ron Dayne, who set a freshman rushing record with 1,863 yards.

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 Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of M. Doyle Webb, deceased, were issued on December 17, 1996, in Docket No. 8193, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to Mary Webb and Christine Johnson, as Joint Independent Administrators. Claims may be presented to the Joint Independent Administrators at the address as follows: c/o Mary Webb, P.O. Box 173, McLean, Tx. 79057.
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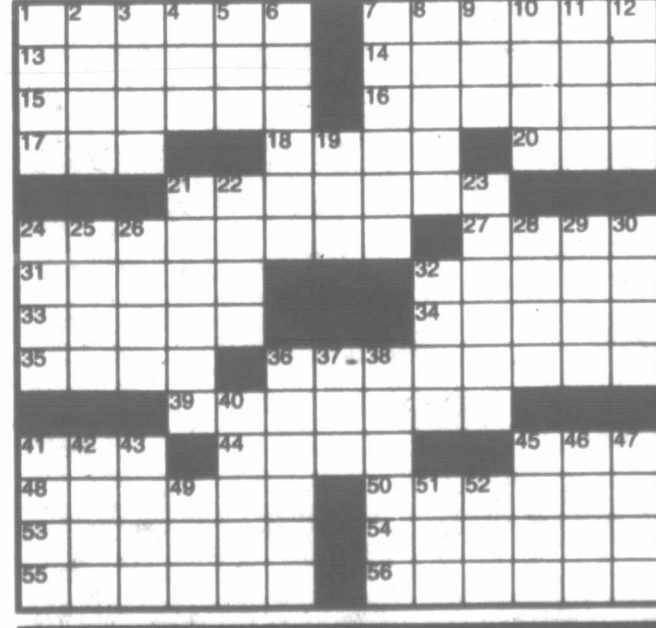
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Bombs and bridges mark world news for 1996

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP Special Correspondent

The year dawned to the 1,500-horsepower roar of NATO tanks, rumbling over a pontoon bridge into the Bosnian winter.

It ends in the perpetual summer of central Africa, where an army of aid workers and an air bridge of food and supplies are helping tens of thousands find new lives in the wreckage of genocide and war.

In between in 1996, seventh year in a Decade of Disorder, peacemakers tried to build bridges — and cross chasms of hatred — in a host of other places as well. But it was often in vain.

A Buddhist sage diagnosed the problem in the plainest terms.

"The world is getting hotter," Thailand's supreme patriarch observed last Jan. 1. "Only compassion can bring calm and peace."

As the year wore on, there was more passion than compassion — in the streets of Monrovia and Colombo, in the villages of Algeria and Afghanistan, in the hills around Jerusalem, where Jews and Arabs fell to killing each other in numbers not seen in decades.

But more than a casualty toll, more than a balancing of books between war and peace, a year is a parade of faces:

Of Boris and Bill, smiling in victory. Of Saddam defiant, Boutros dejected, Benazir dethroned. Of bearded bullies in Kabul, herding the faithful to prayer. Of a prayerful pope in Rome, haggard and flinching in pain.

The faces of two ex-presidents in prisoner blue confronting their fate, hand in hand, in Korea. Of war criminals and wanted posters. Of madmen gone mad with guns, killing 17 in a Scottish kindergarten, killing 35 in the peace of an Australian afternoon.

One can calculate 1996's bottom line in many ways. In dollars and cents, for example.

In the "Year of the Rat," a year of prosperity on the Asian folk calendar, the world economy grew at an almost 4 percent clip, best since 1988. Trade and globalization flourished. A \$21 billion foreign takeover of a U.S. company looked almost routine.

Or measure it in calories: In a boom year, an estimated 800 million people still remained undernourished in the global South. "Such contrasts between poverty and wealth cannot be tolerated," Pope John Paul II chastised the wealthy North at a world food summit.

Or in parts per million: Probably 6 billion-plus tons of carbon, a record, were poured into the atmosphere in 1996. But the ledger had a plus side, too: CFC emissions headed downward as industrial nations largely stopped producing the ozone-eating chemicals.

Or in kilotons: French and Chinese nuclear explosions in 1996 may have been the last of this first atomic century. Since September, at least 129 governments have signed a treaty ban-



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, above left, smiles after pressing the button turning on a pipeline carrying oil from Iraq after United Nations approval for the country to sell \$2 billion worth of oil to buy food and medicine earlier this month. However, Saddam's military intervention earlier in the year in a fight among Kurds — in Iraq's northern "protected" zone — drew U.S. retaliation that left his defenses damaged but his grip on power unshaken.

ning nuclear tests. Or simply count the ballots: Fifty-six nations held elections in 1996 as democracy sank deeper roots worldwide. Peace also took hold — in some places.

Guatemalans signed a deal to end 36 years of guerrilla war. In Mexico, a pact on Indian rights turned a southern uprising down to a simmer. In Russia's breakaway Chechnya, a truce was declared.

But the pillars of peace too often proved shaky. The Chechen rebels and Russians found the habit of skirmishing hard to break. In Mexico, a new guerrilla force emerged. In Liberia, a small country with warlords enough for a continent, the latest Monrovia peace agreement looked ever more fragile.

And in the Middle East a tunnel drilled beneath the structure of Palestinian-Israeli peace rocked its foundations.

First a new Israeli government stalled the peace timetable. Then it opened a tourist tunnel near a Muslim holy site. Tensions exploded and 79 Palestinians and Israelis were killed in three days of violence. "Please, please give us a chance to make this thing work," President Clinton implored Israeli and Palestinian leaders at an emergency Washington summit.

But making peace work in 1996 looked no easier than ever.

Just weeks before the White House talks, Clinton let cruise missiles do his talking to Iraq. President Saddam Hussein's military intervention in a fight among Kurds — in Iraq's northern "protected" zone — drew U.S. retaliation that left his defenses damaged but his grip on power unshaken.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban army's Islamic zealots drove the government from Kabul and then drove Afghans to the mosque.

In central Africa, the bloody

clash of Tutsi and Hutu finally spilled over from Rwanda into eastern Zaire, driving hundreds of thousands of Hutu refugees either back home to Rwanda or deeper into the Zairian bush. World governments first organized, then disbanded, an intervention force. But the civilian aid brigades stayed on.

And in Sri Lanka, the "teardrop" island traumatized by ethnic war, the image that will last is another freeze-frame of horror — of broken, bloody bodies in the heart of Colombo, more than 80 killed by a terror bomb.

Terror also lost battles in 1996, including two big ones in New York.

The blind Egyptian sheik, Omar Abdel-Rahman, was put away for life for a grand U.S. bombing conspiracy. And Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, alleged terrorist mastermind and amateur defense lawyer, was convicted in another conspiracy trial.

Islamic extremists claimed authorship of some of the year's most shocking acts: the slaughter of seven French monks held hostage in Algeria; the "mistaken" massacre of 18 Greek tourists outside an Egyptian hotel; the deaths of dozens of commuters in three bus bombings in Israel.

In June, a gigantic truck bomb exploded outside U.S. military housing in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 Americans. A bankroller of Islamic militants, Osama bin Laden, later issued a call for "holy war" against U.S. troops in his Saudi homeland. But senior Saudi Islamic scholars condemned the attack.

"Anyone who carried out such an act will never go to heaven," they said.

In a world on edge, the terrorist's hand could be seen even where it may not have been.

Suspensions of terrorism died hard in the loss of TWA Flight 800 off New York, one of five airliner plunges into the sea that claimed at least 759 lives in a

costly year for commercial aviation. The last, off the Comoro Islands in the Indian Ocean, was the shocking climax to a bungled skyjacking.

Beyond all the headlines, after all the bloodshed, the places that didn't make the nightly news in 1996 were, in a sense, news, too: the Haitis and South Africa, the El Salvador and Mozambiques that managed to cross their deepest chasms in years past and find a hopeful road ahead.

For the U.S. Army tanks rolling into Bosnia as the year began, the road led to places called Orasje and Brcko and Tuzla, to months on duty in the bleak front lines of peacekeeping, and to building another bridge, to the future, for the people in one unhappy land.

"The last four years brought only pain, grief and misery to me and my family," a Bosnian soldier told The Associated Press last New Year's.

"There is no way 1996 could be worse. It can only be better."

Low as it was on compassion, calm and peace, 1996 for some didn't need to be the best of times.

A little better was enough.

New bomb detection devices to be installed in U.S. airports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning next month, sophisticated X-ray machines designed to detect explosives in checked baggage will begin arriving in major U.S. airports.

Under a \$52.2 million contract, 54 machines will be built and installed in 1997 by InVision Technologies of Foster City, Calif., the Federal Aviation Administration said Thursday.

The new technology, already tested in San Francisco and Atlanta, goes beyond the familiar X-ray machines passengers send their carry-on equipment through as they make their way toward airport gates.

The new CTX-5000 uses the technology of medical CT scans to map objects inside luggage from several angles. It combines these views to create cross-sectional images, analyzing them to identify potential explosive materials.

The old machines were designed to spot something obviously threatening that a passenger might carry onto the plane, such as a handgun, said FAA spokesman Bob Ropelewski. Checked baggage wasn't even scanned.

Now, the concern is terrorism, and a bomb could be stowed in a piece of checked luggage, Ropelewski said.

"Explosives are much easier to hide, to disguise, to shape into a fairly innocuous-looking thing that won't catch the eye of someone looking at an X-ray machine," he said.

"Unfortunately, we're moving into a new era where simple skyjackings have been superseded by something much more devious and deadly."

For security reasons, the FAA

would not say which airports will be first to receive the new machines.

The contract follows the government's stepped up security efforts since the explosion aboard TWA Flight 800 last summer. Investigators have yet to determine the cause of that crash.

But the idea for a sophisticated bomb detection system isn't new. In 1990, Congress ordered the systems be developed for airports, but efforts were hampered by technical problems, as officials worried whether they would actually work.

"There has been a lot of dissatisfaction or skepticism about the real effectiveness of the basic equipment, which is one of the reasons it's taken so long," Ropelewski said.

The CTX-5000 is the only detection system to have passed the FAA's certification test.

If a suspicious image is detected, a red light blinks and an operator is told to do further inspection. The initial process takes just seven to 15 seconds, the FAA said.

In other efforts to improve security, the FAA wants to hire 300 more special agents, upgrade security requirements and improve background checks on airport employees.

In September, President Clinton endorsed the recommendations of a White House panel on aviation safety, including a call for new detection systems.

The government has the option to purchase additional systems in 1998. If all options are exercised, the contract would be worth \$110.9 million, the FAA said.

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Runaway rhino shot and killed

BROUSSARD, La. (AP) — A rare, 3 1/2-ton white rhinoceros broke out of its enclosure, crossed a highway and charged three veterinarians before it was shot and killed.

The female was about 15 feet away from Zoo of Acadiana veterinarian Eric White when he dropped her Thursday with a bullet between the eyes, curator Ron Cline said.

"He was so shook up I took the rifle and finished her off," Cline said.

Veterinarians had hoped the animal could be subdued with a tranquilizer dart.

The African white rhino is a protected species that is second only to the elephant in size among land mammals. This one was about five feet at the shoulder and about ten feet long.

The rhino, which had been at the privately owned Zoo of Acadiana for only a couple of weeks, broke through a sturdy welded pipe fence after fighting with a male rhino, Cline said.

A deputy spotted the rhino crossing U.S. Highway 90 shortly before 4 a.m., sheriff's Lt. Ken Franques said.

Authorities surrounded the rhino after daybreak. A curator from the Baton Rouge Zoo and a Louisiana State University veterinarian, both armed with tranquilizer guns, circled forward along with White. He carried a hunting rifle, just in case.

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