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## GOP wins some, loses some elections

### '94 winner takes fall in runoff election

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer  
HOUSTON (AP) - Republican Steve Stockman, who came to Congress two years ago as an avowed tax cutter, was ousted after a single turbulent term by a former county tax assessor.

"It's been one long strange trip," Stockman said after losing to Democrat Nick Lampson of Beaumont, 53 percent to 47 percent, in one of three congressional runoff elections in Texas Tuesday.

Another freshman incumbent, Democrat Ken Bentsen, nephew of former U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, won re-election over GOP candidate Dolly Madison McKenna in the 25th District, while state Rep. Kevin Brady defeated Gene Fontenot in a battle of two Republicans in the 8th District.

The runoffs were necessary after federal judges ruled in August that some of the state's congressional districts were improperly drawn on the basis of race.

The judges threw out the results of the March primary and ordered the Nov. 5 special election. In three races, no candidate won more than half the vote, so the top two vote-getters advanced to Tuesday's runoff.

The focus, however, was on the predominantly blue-collar 9th District, where Stockman shocked the political establishment two years by defeating 42-year incumbent Democrat Jack Brooks.

"We're a democracy and I love the way our system works," Stockman said. "We don't use guns and we don't use bombs. We use a ballot box. It's the greatest system there is and we use it well."

The 40-year-old accountant achieved notoriety for his militia-friendly views, even receiving a cryptic fax from a militia supporter that seemingly foretold the Oklahoma City bombing. The fax, which others received as well, actually had been sent moments after the bombing.

Recently, a militia activist distributed fliers asking gun owners to "do whatever they can" to help Stockman win the runoff. Stockman, a staunch supporter of gun rights, denied militia ties.

On Tuesday, Lampson collected 59,217 votes to Stockman's 52,853. The voter turnout in the 9th District, which stretches from south and east of Houston along the Gulf Coast to Beaumont, totalled more than the other two Texas runoffs combined.

"I still think this district is a conservative district but they just didn't get out and vote," Stockman said.

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Photo by Georgia Tyler

### Picture of a million words

Ray Quillen, 222nd District Court reporter, shows the statement of facts and exhibits he prepared for an appeal of the murder conviction of Tanya Thaxton Reid last summer. Each stack represents one complete set of trial testimony of 2,794 pages and exhibits of 5,000 pages. The trial appeal is the longest Quillen has ever prepared in his work over the years as a court reporter.

## Energy prices lead inflation rise

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Inflation at the wholesale level jumped 0.4 percent last month as a slight decline in the cost of food was overwhelmed by the biggest increase in energy prices since April.

The Labor Department reported today that November's increase in the Producer Price Index, designed to measure inflationary pressures before they reach the consumer, matched an identical 0.4 percent October gain.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, wholesale prices edged up only 0.1 percent in November following a 0.3 percent drop in October.

In the inflation-sensitive bond market, interest rates were rising even before the report came out this morning and climbed a bit more after the figures were released. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds, a benchmark for long-term consumer and business borrowing costs, had increased to 6.54 percent this morning from 6.49 percent late Tuesday.

So far this year, wholesale prices have been rising at an annual rate of 2.6 percent while inflation at the consumer level has been rising only slightly faster at an annual rate of 3.3 percent. The government is scheduled to report on November consumer prices on Thursday.

In the report on wholesale prices,

the government said that energy prices jumped 2.3 percent in November, the biggest one-month gain since a 2.7 percent rise in April.

Gasoline prices were up 2.8 percent last month while natural gas was up 3.8 percent.

Food costs, which had shot up 0.8 percent in October, actually declined in November, edging down a slight 0.1 percent.

The decrease in food costs, the first in seven months, reflected a huge 17.7 percent drop in fruit prices as the cost of navel oranges plunged 57.4 percent, cantaloupe prices were down 33.3 percent and the wholesale cost of honeydew melons fell 20.4 percent.

The 0.1 percent increase in the so-called core rate of inflation after a big drop the previous month reflected in large part a turnaround in car prices.

## Republicans grab Texas senate hold

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer  
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - The Republican Party claimed a majority in a Texas legislative chamber for the first time in 124 years Tuesday, as state Rep. Robert Duncan picked up a historically Democratic West Texas Senate seat.

Duncan's victory over former Lubbock Mayor David Langston in their special election runoff cinched a 16-15 majority, which the GOP could boost to 17-14 in a 1997 election to replace resigning Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett.

"I think it's a significant win for the party," Duncan said at his downtown headquarters. "I think it really turns the momentum around in this state."

Final but unofficial results had Duncan finishing with 32,425 votes, or 57 percent, to Langston's 24,661 votes, or 43 percent.

John T. Montford vacated the seat last summer to accept Texas Tech University's lucrative chancellorship. Turner will resign his East Texas seat next month, right before he takes office in the U.S. Congress, giving the GOP a 16-14 edge until he's replaced.

Counties throughout Montford's sprawling district, which includes Lubbock and snakes through parts of Odessa, San Angelo and El Paso, tended to support Duncan, who

abandoned his House re-election race to run in a Nov. 5 special election.

Duncan won 30 percent of the initial vote to Langston's 24 percent, forcing a runoff because neither man gained a plurality. Despite the rout Tuesday night, state Democratic Chairman Bill White said it could have been worse.

The GOP last owned control of the Legislature in 1872, the year Democrats fed-up with post-Civil War Reconstruction stormed back into power.

While eager to wave his party banner, Duncan said Republicans won't divide the Senate along partisan lines.

"It's very important in the Texas Legislature that we approach problems in a bipartisan way, to avoid becoming like (the U.S.) Congress," Duncan said.

State Democratic chairman Bill White said that if Duncan really feels that way, he'll find resistance from his own party boss.

"People like (Tom) Pauken will try to make it more partisan," White said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, president of the Senate, gains his broad powers from the chamber's rules. Pauken said that bipartisan spirit is fine, but that the GOP must assert itself if Bullock tries to ramrod legislation.

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## Course of party becomes subject for speculation

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Now that Republicans have won control of the state Senate for the first time in this century, it's anybody's guess what they'll do with it.

State Rep. Robert Duncan's runaway victory over former Lubbock Mayor David Langston in their special election runoff for a historically Democratic West Texas Senate seat allows the GOP to reclaim the chamber, 16-15.

"I think it's a significant win for the party," Duncan said. "I think it really turns the momentum around in this state."

The GOP last controlled a legislative chamber during Reconstruction, after which Democrats fed-up with post-Civil War Republican rule stormed back into power.

Final but unofficial results had Duncan finishing Tuesday night with 32,425 votes, or 57 percent, to Langston's 24,661 votes, or 43 percent.

Duncan, along with Gov. George W. Bush and top Senate Republicans, has stressed that his party won't use its newfound power to divide the Capitol.

"It's very important in the Texas Legislature that we approach problems in a bipartisan way, to avoid becoming like (the U.S.) Congress," Duncan said.

Conversely, the GOP hierarchy wants its senators to form a strong bloc, which worries state Democratic Chairman Bill White.

"People like (state Republican Chairman Tom) Pauken will try to make it more partisan," White said.

Duncan and Langston, both Lubbock attorneys, emerged from a field of seven in the Nov. 5 special election in which the four Republicans earned 55 percent of the vote.

The rout should serve as a wakeup call, Langston said.

"I think that the Democratic Party is going to have to do a better job of showing what it stands for," said Langston, who will return to private practice and did not rule out a future run for office. "They hang that 'liberal' tag on you, and the 'L-word' is a killer."

Since conservative Democrat John T. Montford first assumed the seat in 1982, the district has grown progressively Republican. In fact, Langston said he voted in the GOP primary last March because the Democratic races were so insignificant.

Montford vacated his seat of 14 years last summer to accept Texas Tech University's chancellorship.

The GOP could extend its Senate majority to 17-14 in a 1997 special election to replace resigning Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett, who was elected to the U.S. Congress last month.

## HPD takes big STEP to prevent several violations by motorists

By SHERRI MARTIN  
Staff Writer

The Hereford Police Department took a big STEP toward preventing seat belt, child safety seat and speed violations over the Thanksgiving holidays.

The police department received a grant to implement STEP, or Selected Traffic Enforcement Program.

STEP, which is funded by the Texas Department of Transportation, provided funds for officers' overtime pay, gasoline for patrol vehicles and equipment, HPD Cpl. Terry Brown said.

The program was implemented Nov. 28 - Dec. 1. The police department divided the city into four quadrants. Officers in marked and unmarked cars patrolled each quadrant.

Officers issued 269 tickets during the four-day period. Of those tickets, 225 were written for

adult seat belts, he said.

"We issued a lot of citations for front passengers. A lot of people don't realize that even though the front passenger is an adult, that person must wear a seat belt," Brown said.

The compliance was 56 percent for seat belts in the city of Hereford, he said.

"After we were all done, we had 64 percent compliance. The state average compliance is 74 percent for seat belts, so we're still below the state average," Brown said.

He expects to see Hereford meet the state average, even possibly surpass it by next year. "It's going to take some time."

We made some pretty good gains," Brown said.

Because of the program, he said, officers are seeing more people who are wearing their seat belts.

"On the third day, we didn't write as many tickets," Brown said.

The purpose of the STEP program is to prevent traffic accidents, he said.

"We are not doing this to raise money or to do something mean, we just want people to wear their seat belts."

"The city gets very little of this money; most of it goes to the state. Over one-half of the fine is state court costs," Brown said.

The police department again will enforce the STEP program over the New Year's holidays, Dec. 30 - Jan. 2, he said.

Also, on New Year's Eve, officers will patrol the city for drunk drivers, Brown said.

"I would like over New Year's not to write a single safety belt ticket," he said.

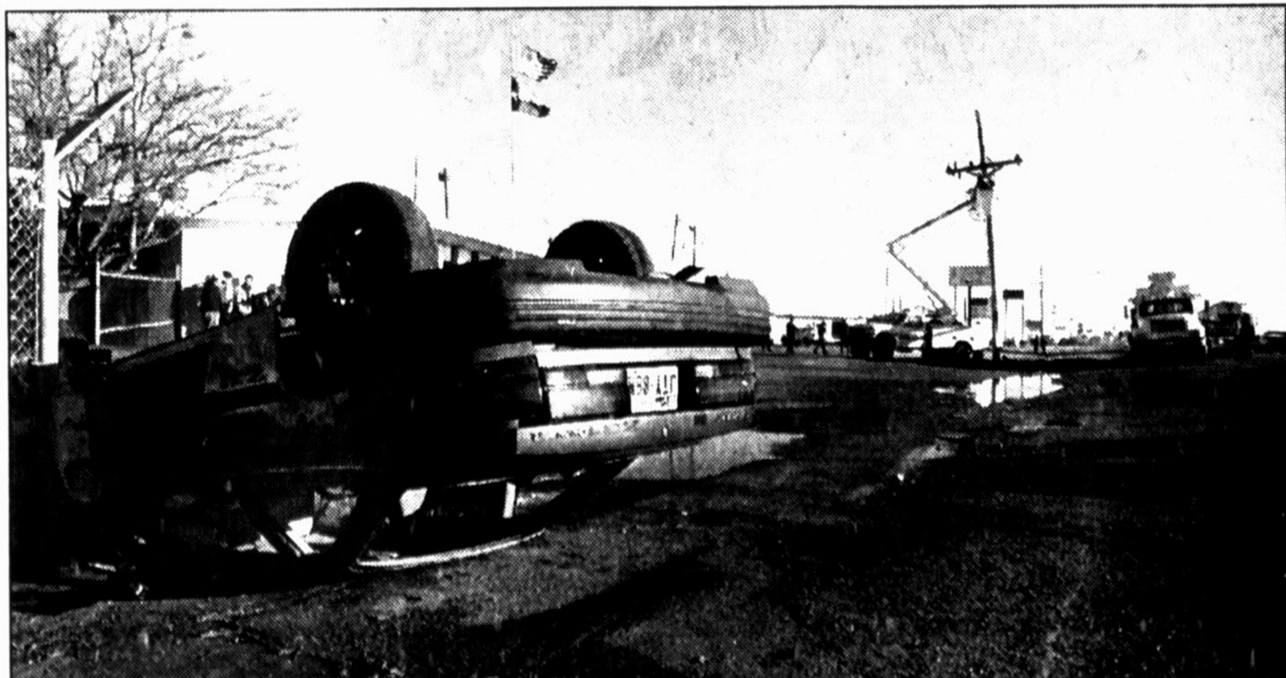


Photo by Mauri Montgomery

### Rollover

An Amarillo woman, identified by Hereford Police Department as Laura Ware, 35, was traveling east on Hwy. 60 when she veered off the road, struck an utility pole and rolled the car over. She sustained minor injuries.

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# Local Roundup

## Mostly clear, windy

High winds, with gusts up to 52 mph, were recorded in Hereford Tuesday along with a mild high temperature of 71 degrees and an overnight low of 49 degrees. Winds are expected to continue at a brisk clip Thursday, at 10-20 mph from the northwest, with a high temperature in the 60-65 degree range, after an overnight low in the mid-30s. The next several days will bring highs in the mid-50s to 60 and lows, mid-20s to 30 degrees. No rain is in the forecast.

## Obituaries

### FIDENCIO GONZALES Dec. 9, 1996

Fidencio Gonzales, 25, of Dimmitt, died Monday. His brother, Robert Gil, resides in Hereford.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Ivey Chapel with the Rev. Emilio Perez of the Association of Christian Churches in Plainview officiating. Burial will be in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Gonzales was born in Hereford and had been a lifetime resident of Dimmitt. He was a member of Rose of Sharon Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include his parents, Andres and Gloria Gonzales of Dimmitt; two sisters, Oralia Lugo of Dimmitt and Guadalupe Gonzales of Amarillo; five brothers, Mario Moreno, Michael John Gonzales, Andres Gonzales Jr. and Adrian Gonzales, all of Dimmitt; Robert Gil of Hereford; and grandmothers, Rebecca Vargas and Andrea Gonzales, both of Dimmitt.

### EDITH EYVLENE DODSON Dec. 9, 1996

Edith Eylene Dodson, 70, of Amarillo, formerly of Hereford, died Monday.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Rector Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Larry Richard-

son, pastor of Palisades Fellowship Baptist Church, and the Rev. Gary Ashlock, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon.

Mrs. Dodson was born in Paul's Valley, Okla. She moved at an early age to Bovina, where her family farmed. After her marriage, she moved to Bremerton, Wash., and lived there two years. They then moved to Hereford. They owned a small grocery store and welding shop and started a small community church. They had a gospel music program on KPAN Radio in the early 1950s.

She moved to Amarillo in 1955 and owned a welding business. She had been a cashier at the Ferrel-Manor for many years and at the Union 76 Truck Stop for seven years. She retired three years ago as a cashier at the Radisson Inn.

She was an accomplished cook and compiled the cookbook, "Family Heritage Cookbook."

Survivors included two daughters, Judy Bozarth and Brenda Hickman, both of Amarillo; a son, Jack Dodson of Amarillo; two sisters, Francis Owen of Amarillo and Eunice Horner of Friona; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.



## City recognizes service

Employees of the City of Hereford, Jay Spain, left, and Johnny Carr, receive service pins, studded with a sapphire jewels, from City Manager Chester Nolen. Spain, city fire marshal, and Carr, parks supervisor, each has 25 years of service to the city.

## Guerrero resigns from company doing business with state lottery

DALLAS (AP) - Lena Guerrero has resigned as a lobbyist for a company that does business with the Texas Lottery Commission amid questions about her ties with lottery director Nora Linares, according to a published report.

The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions that Ms. Guerrero stepped down from Dittler Brothers, which provides scratch-off lottery tickets, shortly after her name came up in the lottery commission's recent questioning of Ms. Linares.

Teresa Harris, a spokeswoman for Dittler Brothers, said Ms. Guerrero believed her resignation would be in the company's best interest in light of "all the publicity."

The newspaper said Ms. Guerrero did not return repeated telephone calls to her home and office over 10 days. She could not be reached late Tuesday night by The Associated Press.

Ms. Guerrero had worked since September 1994 as a Dittler Brothers

lobbyist. In a report filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, she listed her fee at between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

She once was a rising figure in the administration of former Gov. Ann Richards but lost her seat on the Texas Railroad Commission in 1992 after admitting she lied about having graduated from the University of Texas.

Her name came up recently as the lottery commission looked into how Mike Moeller, a close friend of Ms. Linares, was awarded a \$30,000 consulting contract with GTECH Holdings Corp., the company that runs the lottery.

For five months beginning in October 1992, GTECH paid Moeller \$6,000 a month for consulting work in New Mexico. Moeller listed an address belonging to a cousin of Ms. Linares on the GTECH contract.

And Moeller last year took a trip with Ms. Linares to Santa Fe. They were joined there by Ms. Guerrero,

her husband and two high-ranking lottery employees.

In an apparent vote of no confidence, the lottery commission last month rejected the recommendation of Ms. Linares and the staff that Dittler's contract to provide scratch-off tickets be extended for another year.

The commission voted unanimously to seek new bids.

## Special fund is established

A memorial fund has been established to help the family of Diamond Celeste Vargas, a six-month-old baby who died Nov. 18, with funeral expenses.

Friends of the mother, Jessica Elaine Luna, have arranged with First BankSouthwest officials to handle donations.

## Iraq starts oil flowing in Mideast

By WAIEL FALEH  
Associated Press Writer  
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraqi oil began flowing to Turkey with U.N. approval today, and Baghdad hailed it as a sign that economic relief was on the way after six years of crushing sanctions.

Ahmet Bulca, technical chief of Iraq's state-run oil agency, said the company started pumping oil this afternoon in the 616-mile pipeline from Kirkuk, Iraq, to Yumurtalik, Turkey.

Iraq will pump 350,000 barrels of oil a day through the pipeline for the first few days, increasing the flow to 440,000 barrels a day next week, Bulca said.

Some 29,000 barrels gushed through the Iraqi-Turkish pipeline on Tuesday, the first day of a U.N. deal allowing limited exports to pay for food and medicine. The oil flow was stopped, apparently because Iraq started the deliveries before contracts with buyers were formally approved.

"Today, the fighting Iraqi people have started to gain the result of their patience with relief in their long struggle, especially children, women, old people and patients," said Saad Kassem Hammoudy of the Arab Popular Forces Conference, a pro-government organization.

The "oil-for-food" deal allows Iraq to sell \$2 billion in oil for six months. Profits from the sale will go for imports of food and medicine, U.N. weapons monitoring and compensation for Persian Gulf War victims.

The agreement is an exemption from trade sanctions imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait. The embargo does not bar Iraq from importing goods such as food and medicine, but Iraqi leaders have said the ban on oil sales has left the country without money to buy such necessities.

The United Nations approved the first Iraqi oil contract Tuesday, the sale of 75,000 barrels a day to the Turkish state-run company Tupras.

## Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Wednesday:

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Front windshield broken out of car in 100 block of South Douglas, with damage estimated at \$400.
- Two Hereford Junior High students were charged with disorderly conduct.
- Harassing phone calls reported in the 200 block of North Kingwood.
- Gasoline reported stolen out of car in 600 block of Irving Street.
- 16-year-old girl reported as a runaway in the 400 block of Paloma Lane, then located and returned to her home.
- Assault reported in the 600 block of Irving.
- Two curfew violations were issued.
- Two motor vehicle accidents with minor injuries reported.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Dispatched to Mr. Burger East, in reference to motor vehicle accident.
- Dispatched to Grand and Avenue G in reference to a vehicle that struck a telephone pole.
- Dispatched to Road 2943 in reference to a grass fire.

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- Domestic disturbance reported.
- Burglary of residence reported.
- No arrests.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-4-2  
(six, four, two)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

9-12-17-33-35  
(nine, twelve, seventeen, thirty-three, thirty-five)

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This was our third year to have a food drive to help the less fortunate of Deaf Smith County. I would like to take this time to thank all of those who made this year's drive a success.

The food drive was greatly aided by J.L. Marcum and Marcum Motors, Pizza Hut, Hereford Independent School District, Hereford Church of the Nazarene, Nazarene Christian Academy, AxTx Cattle Co., Juan Hernandez, H&R Manufacturing, Hereford Noon Kiwanis, KPAN Radio, Thrift Grocers, and especially, Pete Holcombe and Arrowhead Mills for contributions in so many ways.

Once again the food drive raised enough food to last the Good Shepherd Food Pantry an entire year. If you or anyone you know could use this assistance, please contact me at Cross Chiropractic, 364-8888, or go

by the Good Shepherd Closet on Tuesday or Thursday.

Dr. Keith D. Norvell  
Cross Chiropractic

Dear Editor,

I have always heard, people in West Texas are very friendly. How true that is!

Last Saturday, my daughter, grandson and I were on our way to Plano when we stopped near Bonham, and then our car would not start. A nice man from Hereford, Texas, stopped and with jumper cables got our car started and we were on our way again. His name is Bob Tucker. He would not accept pay. We would like to thank him again, for his kindness.

Sincerely,  
Donna McEwin and  
Becky Semple

I could not find a listed telephone for him.

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## New business

Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Hustlers hosted a ribbon-cutting Tuesday for the Gift Basket, 421 N. Main. Family and friends joined Steve and Diane Cathey, center, owners of the business which offers a variety of real and silk flower arrangements, bouquets and gift baskets.

he did reiterate that a GOP majority helps better ensure a conservative legislation.

The turnout was higher than expected, perhaps thanks to unseasonably warm temperatures. Final voter numbers were about double what both Duncan and Langston had predicted.

The two Lubbock attorneys emerged from a field of seven in the special election in which the four Republicans earned 55 percent of the vote.

While the candidates took pains to portray themselves as the "true conservative," their campaigns have painted the opposition as anything but.

The Duncan camp tried feverishly to link Langston with Michael Dukakis' failed 1988 presidential campaign. Langston's supporters said his attendance at one event overstated his role.

Meanwhile, Langston blasted

## RUNOFF

But Democrats did. Lampson had attracted a steady procession of national party figures to campaign for him in recent weeks, including Vice President Al Gore. All had urged Democrats the seat could be retaken if they voted.

"It's sweet," said Lampson, 51, also a former Democratic Party chairman in his home Jefferson County. "We worked hard. There's no question about that."

In the other race with a freshman incumbent, Bentsen easily beat Ms. McKenna, 57 percent to 43 percent.

"I think the combination of a good record, good campaign and good broad base support was enough to put us over the top," Bentsen, 37, a former investment banker, said.

Republicans were assured of keeping the third contested seat in the race to succeed retiring Republican Jack Fields.

Brady won easily, getting 59 percent of the vote to Fontenot's 41 percent.

"We're thrilled," Brady, 41, said,

Duncan for supporting the school finance laws, even though it was a bipartisan effort.

Duncan, a rising two-term legislative star, was Bush's point man on last session's tort reform law. Langston officials criticized Duncan's proximity to the insurance industry, especially his representation of insurance companies before the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission.

Duncan built about two-thirds of his approximately \$420,000 campaign kitty from out-of-district sources, including political action committees.

Langston had received no PAC money as of Nov. 30, the last finance reporting date. However, more than \$50,000 of his \$140,000 in donations came from state Democrats.

The Texas GOP gave little monetary support to Duncan. However, Republican leaders like U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Gov. George W. Bush made campaign trips across the vast district.

noting that the courts' voiding of earlier results meant he had run four times for the seat in 1996. "It's been a long year."

Fontenot, a physician and hospital investor, lost for the third time in two years. He unsuccessfully has spent more than \$3.4 million of his own money in hopes of winning a House seat.

Despite the two Democratic wins Tuesday, Republicans still retain control of the House next year, holding a 227-207 advantage with one independent House member. In Texas, Democrats hold a 17-13 edge in the state congressional delegation.

Republicans, however, locked up control of the Texas Senate for the first time since Reconstruction as West Texas voters selected GOP state Rep. Robert Duncan over Democrat David Langston, a former mayor of Lubbock.

Duncan's victory gave the GOP a 16-14 majority in the 31-member Senate, with one seat to be decided early next year.

# Lifestyles

Ann Landers

## If overweight aunt requires two seats, reader must expect to pay

Dear Ann Landers: My beloved aunt has been wanting to go visit her children in Toledo for several years. She is a working woman of modest means. My sister and I (also working women) would like to buy her a ticket for her birthday in February. The problem is as follows:

Aunt "Maisie" weighs at least 550 pounds. There is no way she can fit into a regular seat on a plane.

We phoned two airlines and were told we would have to buy two tickets in either coach or first class. Isn't this discrimination? Shouldn't this be considered illegal under the anti-discrimination act? Please respond in the column. The public should know about this. -- Livid in Boston

Dear Livid: Sorry, I must side with the airlines. They are in the business of selling space. If your aunt requires two seats, you must expect to pay for them.

I phoned American Airlines and asked if there were any other restrictions against morbidly obese passengers. The reply was "Only one. They may not be seated in the emergency-exit row." P.S.: Others excluded from the emergency-exit row are passengers under 15 or over 65, those with handicaps and non-English-speaking travelers.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a dear sister with whom I have been close since childhood. Last year, "Agatha" called from her home 2,500 miles away and asked if she could use my credit card to rent a car when she came to visit me.

Agatha's credit cards were

revoked several years ago. If I loaned her my card, I would be responsible for any damages to her car. I am a struggling single mother of two and cannot afford such financial risk.

When I told Agatha, "Sorry, I don't lend my credit cards to anyone," she told me off and hasn't spoken to me or answered my letters for more than a year.

I love Agatha very much, even though we don't always agree. How can I get her to understand? -- Miss My Sis in Michigan

Dear Michigan: Agatha sounds as if she is not only irresponsible but unreasonable. Chances are, had you loaned her your credit card, eventually, you would have been stuck with her charges and then the relationship would have blown up anyway.

If your sister has ignored you for over a year because of this incident, she is a "user." But do keep the lines of communication open in case she wants to reconnect. Make it easy for her.

Dear Ann Landers: I've had enough of those "you owe me sex" letters. It has never been determined how much sex is "normal." Furthermore, no one knows exactly why some people have a stronger sex drive than others.

I refuse to believe something is wrong with me because I don't want my husband hot and wild all the time. I know that sex is important in a marriage, but if that's all there is, the marriage is doomed. -- Jamestown, N.C.

Dear N.C.: Amen, sister. When the first flames of passion die down,

if there is nothing of substance to keep the embers glowing, the fire goes out.

Good sex is like the frosting on the cake, but it's the meat and potatoes that provide the nourishment.

**Gem of the Day:** It has been said that the difference between savagery and civilization is a little courtesy. There is no telling what a lot of courtesy might do, but it's worth a try. I recommend it.

Is life passing you by? Want to improve your social skills? Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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## Senior Citizens

### MENUS

THURSDAY-Mexican stack, pinto beans, Spanish rice, salad fixing, tostados, apricots; or turkey stack.

FRIDAY-Fried pollack, tarter sauce, au gratin potatoes, brussels sprouts, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, cheese cake with lemon topping; or hamburger steak, peaches.

MONDAY-Chicken strips, green lima beans, steamed cabbage, pasta garden salad, cornbread, vanilla pudding; or Polish sausage, BBQ sauce, D'zerta pudding.

TUESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered Normandy vegetables, cranberry salad, rolls, chocolate cake; or oven baked chicken, sliced pears.

WEDNESDAY-Sliced lean ham, cheese grits, mixed vegetables, jellied citrus salad, cornbread, plum cobbler; or smothered steak, D'zerta salad, plums.

### ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m., Thrift Store open, blood pressure 9 a.m.-12 noon.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open, HSCA board meeting 12 noon.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m., Christmas dinner party 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., retired teachers 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., doll class 6-9 p.m., Miracle Ear 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Diabetic Support Group 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m.

## La Madre Mia Study Club holds party in Clark home

La Madre Mia Study Club met Monday in the home of Merle Clark for its annual Christmas party.

Holiday foods prepared by Cindy Cassels, Bettye Owen, Betty Taylor, Francyne Bromlow, and June Owens were served to the group.

During an informal meeting, community projects were discussed. Gifts were exchanged at the

conclusion of the meeting.

Those attending were Linda Cumpston, Kay Hall, Mary Herring, Susan Hicks, Glenda Marcum, Gladys Merritt, Jan Metcalf, Lavon Nieman, Nancy Paetzold, Susan Robbins, Tricia Sims, Mysedia Smith, Georgia Sparks, Marine Watson, Nicky Walser, Mary Beth White, Judy Williams, Bromlow, Cassels, Clark, Owen, Owens and Taylor.

## Ex-resident's husband named outstanding electrical engineer

Scott T. Acton of Stillwater, Okla., has been named the Outstanding Young Electrical Engineer of 1996 by Eta Kappa Nu. Acton is married to Leslie (Conkright) Acton, the daughter of James C. and Janice Conkright, formerly of Hereford.

Dr. Acton is an assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Oklahoma State University where he directs the Oklahoma Imaging Laboratory.

Eta Kappa Nu is the international

honor society for electrical engineers. The Outstanding Young Electrical Engineer award is presented annually to an electrical engineer under the age of 35 for "outstanding achievements in his chosen profession as well as for meritorious service in the interest of his fellow man."

Acton was recognized for his contributions to the field of image processing.



SCOTT T. ACTON

## New Arrivals

Curtis and Lara Cotten of Amarillo, formerly of Hereford, are the proud parents of triplets, two boys and a girl, born Dec. 10 in North West Texas Hospital.

Ryan Thomas weighed 1 pound, 12 ounces; Julia Brooke weighed 1 pound, 13 ounces; and Mason Carter weighed 1 pound, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Gayle and Kay Cotten of Hereford and Jim and Sandy McBride of Amarillo.

Great-grandparents are Betty Crouch of Keene and Lee Roy McBride of Pampa.



## Bridal shower held

Shelly McCaffree, bride-elect of Rex Baxter, was the honoree during a bridal shower in the home of Mary Beth White. Greeting guests were, from left, Shanna Brister, sister of the bride-elect; Bradyn Brister, niece of the bride-elect; Mary McCaffree, mother of the bride-elect; the honoree; Rena Baxter, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom; and Carolyn Baxter, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

## Bride-elect of Baxter is honored

A bridal shower honoring Shelly McCaffree, bride-elect of Rex Baxter, was held Saturday in the home of Mary Beth White.

Guests were greeted by the honoree; Mary McCaffree, mother of the bride-elect; Carolyn Baxter, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Rena Baxter, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom; and Shanna and Bradyn Brister, sister and niece of the bride-elect.

Refreshments of pound cake with lemon sauce, olive cheese balls, quiche, sparkling grape juice and coffee were served by hostesses Mysedia Smith and Judy Williams.

The table was decorated with three brass angels surrounded by rose bowls, garland and holly berries centered on a red cloth. Crystal and brass appointments were used.

A comforter was the gift from hostesses Karen Abney, Connie

Backus, Mary Herring, Francyne Bromlow, Cindy Cassels, Merle Clark, Bettye Owen, Marline Watson, Pat Scott, Sue Sims, Delores Webster, Eloise Smith, Teena Reinauer, Linda Block, Linda Cumpston, Karen Payne, Alva Lee Peeler, White, Smith and Williams.

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# Homemade gifts from kitchen show that you really care

**By BARBARA ALBRIGHT**  
For AP Special Features  
There is nothing quite like a homemade gift to show that you care. The following are some ideas to help you with your holiday giving.

Present your host with an attractive jar of Chunky Salsa as a zesty counterpoint to all the sweets of the season. It's great with grilled meat and chicken. And it's always delicious served with chips. This particular recipe gets a refreshing zing from freshly squeezed lime juice.

Chocolate Thumbprints is a delightful recipe from Holly Garrison's newest book, "The Cookie Book" (Macmillan). These intensely chocolate, walnut-coated cookies are each filled with a rosy dab of jelly. The book is filled with lots of other cookies that are well-suited for gift-giving. For the baker on your list, the book itself is a winner.

During the holidays when dried fruits and nuts abound, use some of them to make Fruit and Nut Mini

Loaves. Substitute the same amount of your own favorite fruits and nuts. You can also use chocolate chips. These loaves freeze well, so you can always be prepared to give a homemade gift as well as be able to serve a made-from-scratch bread to guests.

Anne Byrn's recipe for Georgia Pecan Orange Biscotti comes from her new book, "Food Gifts for All Seasons" (Peachtree Publishers). This book is beautifully illustrated and gives inspired recipes for food gifts all year long. Byrn recommends presenting the biscotti upright in a glass container or on a beautiful plate.

**Chunky Salsa**  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 cup coarsely chopped onion  
1 cup diced green bell pepper  
35-ounce can tomatoes, drained and coarsely chopped (reserve 1/2 cup of juice)  
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lime juice  
2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh

cilantro or Italian parsley

In a large heavy saucepan, heat the oil over high heat. Add the onion and bell pepper; saute for 5 to 6 minutes, stirring frequently, or until tender. Add the tomatoes and juice; bring the mixture to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to low; simmer for 6 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the salsa is slightly thickened. Remove the pan from the heat. Stir in the lime juice, hot pepper sauce and salt to taste. Cool to lukewarm and stir in the cilantro. Spoon the salsa into clean jars. Keep refrigerated for up to 5 days. Makes about 3-1/2 cups.

Recipe from: Tabasco Pepper Sauce

**Chocolate Thumbprints**  
3 ounces (3 squares) unsweetened chocolate  
1 cup (2 sticks) salted butter or margarine, at room temperature  
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
2 large eggs, separated  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour

Approximately 1 cup finely chopped walnuts

1/3 cup raspberry or strawberry jelly

In a small, heavy saucepan, melt the chocolate over very low heat, stirring constantly until smooth. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside. (Or, melt the chocolate in a microwave oven.)

In a large bowl, with an electric mixer set at medium-high speed, beat together the butter and sugar for 2 to 3 minutes, or until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg yolks, vanilla and melted chocolate until blended. With the mixer set at low speed, beat in the flour. Gather the dough into a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes. (At this point, the dough can be tightly wrapped in aluminum foil and refrigerated for up to one week or frozen for up to three months. If frozen, thaw in the refrigerator before proceeding.)

Adjust two racks to divide the oven into thirds. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease two baking sheets.

In a shallow dish, with a fork, beat the egg whites until foamy. Pinch off pieces of the chilled dough and shape them into 1-1/2 inch balls between the palms of your hands. Dip each ball into the egg white, then roll in the walnuts. Arrange the balls on the prepared baking sheets, spacing them about 1 inch apart. With your thumb, make an indentation in each dough ball. With the tip of a teaspoon, fill each indentation with jelly. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, just until firm. Reverse the sheets on the racks and from front to back once during baking. With a wide turner, immediately transfer the cookies to wire racks to cool completely.

Store in a tightly covered, shallow container, separating the layers with sheets of waxed paper. Makes about 36 cookies.

Recipe from: "The Cookie Book"

by Holly Garrison (Macmillan)

**Fruit and Nut Mini Loaves**  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup plain low-fat yogurt, at room temperature  
12 tablespoons (6 ounces) butter, melted and cooled  
2 large eggs, at room temperature  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1/4 teaspoon grated orange peel  
1/2 cup chopped dried apricots  
1/2 cup chopped dates or golden raisins

1/2 cup raisins  
1/3 cup unsalted pistachios  
1/3 cup chopped walnuts  
1/3 cup chopped almonds  
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly butter eight 4-1/2 by 2-1/8 by 1-1/2 inch (1 cup) miniature loaf pans. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugars, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In another bowl, combine the yogurt, butter, eggs, vanilla and orange peel. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture, add the yogurt mixture; stir just to combine. Stir in the dried fruits and nuts. Turn the batter into the prepared pans and smooth the tops of the loaves. Bake the loaves for 30 to 35 minutes, or until a cake tester or toothpick inserted into the center of one loaf comes out clean. Remove the pans to a wire rack. Cool for 10 minutes before removing the loaves from the pans. Cool completely on the rack. Makes 8 miniature loaves.

**Georgia Pecan Orange Biscotti**  
3/4 cup pecan pieces  
1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup (2 ounces) unsalted butter, softened

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon grated orange zest

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place the pecans in a 9-inch pie pan and toast in the oven for 5 to 7 minutes, or until the pecans are deep brown and glossy. Watch carefully so the pecans don't burn. Chop the pecans finely and set aside.

Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine the butter and sugar. Using an electric mixer, beat on medium speed until light and fluffy. Beat in the vanilla, egg and orange zest. Fold in the dry ingredients and nuts; mix until thoroughly blended.

Line a baking pan with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Form the dough into a 3- by 12-inch strip. Mound the dough up slightly in the center of the strip so that the sliced biscotti will be slightly thicker in the middle.

Bake on the middle rack for 18 to 20 minutes, or until lightly golden. Remove the pan from the oven and let the cookie loaf cool for 10 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees F. Either on the pan or on a cutting board, slice the loaf of dough diagonally into scant 3/4-inch thick slices. You should have between 12 and 16 slices. Turn the slices so that a cut-side is down. Spread the slices evenly on the pan.

Return the pan to the oven and bake for 20 minutes, turning the cookies over halfway through baking. Turn off the oven and let the cookies cool for 1 to 2 hours in the oven with the heat off. They should be quite crisp. Store in an airtight container. Makes 12 to 16 biscotti.

Recipe from: "Food Gifts for All Seasons" by Anne Byrn (Peachtree Publishers).

## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Wednesday, Dec. 11, the 346th day of 1996. There are 20 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
Fifty years ago, on Dec. 11, 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

**On this date:**  
In 1719, the first recorded sighting of the Aurora Borealis took place in New England.

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1872, America's first black governor took office as Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana.

**Keywanettes will sponsor service project Saturday**

Hereford Keywanettes are sponsoring a city-wide service project Saturday.

The project, "Stepping Out in the Community," will provide Keywanettes to perform tasks for local residents, such as putting up Christmas lights, helping with holiday house cleaning or raking leaves in the yard. There is no charge for the services.

If you could use some help with tasks such as these, call Jessie at 364-4575 or D'Ann at 364-4224 before noon Saturday.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires, Argentina, thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1936, 60 years ago, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; which responded in kind.

In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon -- the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

Ten years ago: The government of South Africa drastically expanded its 6-month-old media restrictions by imposing prior censorship and banning coverage of a wide range of peaceful anti-apartheid protests.

Five years ago: A jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual assault and battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman. European Community leaders meeting in the Dutch city of Maastricht hammered out a compromise for a loose federation of their countries.

One year ago: Utah Congresswoman Enid Greene Waldholtz held an emotional news conference in which she publicly addressed the scandal surrounding her personal and campaign finances and blamed the mess on her estranged husband, Joe.

Today's Birthdays: Producer Carlo Ponti is 83. Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn is 78. Actress Betsy Blair is 73. Actor

Jean-Louis Trintignant is 66. Actress Rita Moreno is 65. Actor Ron Carey is 61. California state senator Tom Hayden is 57. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 56. Senator Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 55. Actress Donna Mills is 53. Senator John Kerry, D-Mass., is 53. Singer Brenda Lee is 52. Actress Lynda Day George is 50. Actress Teri Garr is 48. Actress Bess Armstrong is 43. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 42. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Mötley Crüe) is 38. Actor Rider Strong ("Boy Meets World") is 17. "I see no wisdom in saving up indignation for a rainy day." -- Heywood Broun, American journalist (1888-1939).

**HRSEA members attend Yule party**

Approximately 40 members and guests of Hereford Retired School Employees Association met Monday at the Hereford Community Center for a Christmas party.

Following a covered dish dinner, representatives of HRSEA who met with Senator Teel Bivins earlier in the day gave a report on his comments concerning the Texas Teacher Retirement System.

Frances Crume led the group in singing Christmas carols while Leta Kaul accompanied on the piano.

Door prizes were given away during the festivities and Crazy Bridge was played at the end of the program.

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# Sports

## Monterey edges Whitefaces

The Hereford boys' basketball team battled until the end with Lubbock Monterey Tuesday in Whiteface Gym, and the game down to who hit the last shot.

It was Monterey. The Plainsmen scored the last five points of a back-and-forth non-district game and won 52-49.

"There were a lot of big possessions in the game," Herd coach Randy Dean said. "The bottom line was they made their last shot and we missed our last three."

There were nine lead changes in the second half. The second-to-last one came when Hereford's Bryant McNutt made a tough shot in the lane, was fouled and hit the free throw for a 49-47 lead with 3:10.

Monterey hit 3-of-4 free throws after that, and Dee Wilson hit a 15-footer which gave the Plainsmen a 50-49 lead with 47 seconds left. Shawn Luna's two free throws with 15 seconds left pushed the lead to 52-49 - the final score.

Hereford got three shots in the final minute - all taken by McNutt and all missed, including an off-balance three-point attempt at the buzzer.

Hereford slumped to 4-9, while Monterey improved to 9-3.

"We did some things right tonight and put ourselves into a position to beat an awfully good team," Dean said. "We've just got to believe these

close games will eventually turn our way."

Monterey's Wilson led all scorers with 30 points, which was 58 percent of his team's total. He hit 10-of-13 free throws.

Hereford was led by Johnathan Keenan, who scored 14 points - all in the first half. C.J. Kubacak scored 12, and he was followed by: Isaac Walker, 8; McNutt, 8; Cory Schumacher, 5; and Jason Myers, 3.

Monterey nearly ran away with the game early, taking a 17-5 lead, but Keenan's three-pointer and a basket by Kubacak cut the lead to 17-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Keenan hit another trey to start the second then he had four points in a 6-0 run that gave Hereford its first lead at 20-18. The game was a see-

saw battle from that point on - it was tied at 30-30 at the half, and Hereford led 42-41 at the end of the third quarter.

Hereford won the junior varsity game, 66-58. Three Hereford players scored in double figures - Mitch Wagner with 14, Eric McNutt with 12 and Matt Cosby with 10 - and James Miller added eight points.

The Herd sophomores also beat Monterey, winning 42-38. Corey Ortiz led the way the 16 points and Cory Marsh added nine.

Both sub-varsity teams did well in tournaments over the weekend.

The sophomores tied for first in a round-robin formatted tourney in Plainview, going 2-1. The victories were 67-52 over Levelland and 59-46

over Lubbock Coronado, and the loss was 53-47 to Plainview.

Marsh exploded for 24 points in two of the games - Coronado and Plainview - and scored 17 in the other for a three-game total of 65 points. Robert Chavarria kicked in 15 points against Levelland.

The Herd JV captured the consolation prize in the Amarillo JV Tournament by beating Pampa, 39-36. Cosby led the charge with 17 points, including five treys.

Hereford was knocked into the losers' bracket by Palo Duro, 88-68. Jeremy Urbanczyk led Hereford with 14 in that game, and Cosby and Eric McNutt added 13 each.

The Herd JV rebounded to beat Tascosa, 71-41, getting 18 from McNutt and 10 from Wagner.



### Loose ball

Two players, including Hereford's Isaac Walker (face not visible) dove for a loose ball during the Herd's game against Monterey Tuesday in Whiteface Gym, but another Monterey player came up with first. Johnathan Keenan (10) has his eye on knocking it loose again, while C.J. Kubacak (44) looks on.

## Pats provide challenge for Dallas

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys face their biggest challenge in a season of challenges at Texas Stadium on Sunday against a New England team that has developed into one of the NFL's very best.

"It's a crisis game as far as I'm concerned," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday. "We've got to nail down the division at home and not take a chance on getting the job done in Washington in the last game of the season."

In their previous games regarded as their toughest this season, the Cowboys have won in Philadelphia

and Miami, beaten San Francisco and Green Bay, and knocked off the Redskins to seize the lead in the NFC East.

But the Patriots (10-4), who can win the AFC East by defeating Dallas, loom as the biggest roadblock of the season.

The Cowboys (9-5) can win a record fifth consecutive NFC East title by beating the Patriots, who have already clinched at least a wild card.

"This is a big game for a lot of reasons," coach Barry Switzer said. "And we're playing probably the hottest team in the NFL."

The Patriots have never beaten the Cowboys in the regular season (0-6), but defeated them 31-7 in the preseason as most of the Dallas players, including Emmitt Smith, took the day off.

"I was impressed with them when I saw them in the preseason," Switzer said.

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## 4A's No.1 Canyon overwhelms Herd

The Canyon Lady Eagles showed why they're the No. 1 ranked basketball team in Class 4A, easily handling 15th ranked Hereford Tuesday in Canyon.

The Lady Eagles blew out Hereford 61-36 in the District 1-4A opener for both. Hereford dropped to a 7-5 record, while Canyon, the defending champions of Class 4A, stayed perfect at 13-0.

Canyon took a 17-5 lead after one quarter and extended that to 28-17 at halftime and 42-25 at the end of the third quarter.

"They're good," Herd coach Eddie Fortenberry said with deliberate understatement.

"Their half-court pressure continued to hurt us, which makes it tough to get in our offense," he said. "We made some unforced errors, for our part. We made some mistakes that they didn't cause. You've got to play a perfect game to beat them."

Catie Betzen scored 11 points, but she was the only Lady Whiteface who scored in double figures. Julie Rampley was limited to eight points after scoring 27 against San Angelo Central Saturday. Misti Davis added seven

points. Makesha Rives and Briar Baker each scored three and Kari Barrett and Sarah Ramey had two points each.

Fortenberry said his team put forth a great effort against a team that is ranked nationally in several polls and publications - Street and Smith's magazine put the Lady Eagles fifth nationally.

"No team is going to outthrust our kids," Fortenberry said.

Hereford has a slightly easier challenge to face Friday, when Dumas comes to Whiteface Gym. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. There will be no junior varsity game.

Dumas is 4-8 but 1-0 in district after edging Pampa, 43-42, Tuesday in Dumas.

In the other 1-4A game played Tuesday, Borger beat Caprock 40-38. Randall was off.

Hereford's JV girls got a big win by defeating the Canyon JV Tuesday before the varsity game.

Hereford improved to 6-1 with the 49-45 victory. Lyndi Carlile and Valerie Guzman led the effort with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

## Purcella stays red hot at NFR

Hereford's Steve Purcella and his team roping partner, Steve Northcott of Odessa, continued to do well at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

The pair stayed in the overall lead by finishing third in Tuesday's go-round.

The rodeo will continue through Sunday, with one performance each day.

### Tuesday's go-round

1. Speedy Williams, Sanderson, Fla.-Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, 4.4 seconds, \$8,365; 2. Randy Polich, Aztec, N.M.-Nick Sarchett, Scottsdale, Ariz., 4.5, \$6,268; 3. (tie) Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas-Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, Daniel Green, Valley Springs, Calif.-Chris Green, Valley Springs, Calif. and Liddon Cowden, Merced, Calif.-Brent Lockett, Visalia, Calif., 4.7, \$2,325; 6. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla.-Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., 4.9, \$464.

### Finals average

1. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas-Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 28.2 seconds on five head; 2. Speedy Williams, Sanderson, Fla.-Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, 34.6; 3. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif.-Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., 46.4; 4. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas-Tom Bourne, Marietta, Ga., 48.1; 5. Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas-Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 57.1.

### World standings

Team roping heading-1. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$69,836; 2. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$59,565; 3. Speedy Williams, Sanderson, Fla., \$58,775; 4. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$55,956; 5. David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$53,946.

Team roping heeling-1. Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, \$69,836; 2. Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, \$60,544; 3. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$59,565; 4. Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., \$54,705; 5. Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., \$52,756.

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# Spurs welcome Robinson, new coach; they lose

By The Associated Press  
Even the Admiral couldn't resist the listing Spurs.  
David Robinson's first appearance this season didn't make much of a difference for San Antonio, which lost for the 10th time in 11 games with a 93-76 loss to the Phoenix Suns.  
Robinson's return also coincided with the debut of general manager Gregg Popovich as the Spurs' interim head coach. Popovich replaced Bob Hill, who was fired earlier on Tuesday.  
"I felt like I was brought out of mothballs, and I'm sure in some ways it probably hurt them," said Popovich, a former Spurs assistant. "I could have made some decisions quicker, but I'm sure the mothballs had something to do with it."  
So did Wesley Person, who tied his career-high with 29 points for the Suns, who won their fourth straight.

Robinson's return is the first good thing to happen all season to the Spurs, who began the season 3-15 while their All-Star center rested his ailing back.  
Robinson had nine points and nine rebounds in 20 minutes - nine in the

first half, 11 in the second. He left the court several times during the game to stretch his back in San Antonio's locker room.  
"I thought we played better," Robinson said. "We were more competitive. We just have to put the whole game together and get our confidence back."

**Rockets 96, Timberwolves 94**  
At Minneapolis, Clyde Drexler made an off-balance, driving layup with 1.3 seconds to play as Houston improved to the NBA's best record to 18-2.  
Drexler scored a season-high 36 points, and Hakeem Olajuwon had 29 for the Rockets.  
Chris Carr had a chance to tie the game in the final second for Minnesota, but missed the first of two foul shots.

**Mavericks 100, Clippers 95**  
Chris Gatling scored 14 of his 30 points in the third quarter for Dallas at Los Angeles.  
Jason Kidd added 18 points and George McCloud had 17 for the Mavericks.

Malik Sealy and Loy Vaught led the Clippers with 14 points each.  
**Jazz 110, Pacers 86**  
At Salt Lake City, Utah set a franchise record with its 15th consecutive victory, getting a career-high 21 points and 15 rebounds from Greg Ostertag.  
Karl Malone scored 14 of his 22 points in the second half and Jeff

**Knicks 85, Bulls 73**  
The boos got worse before Patrick Ewing got better.  
Ewing, playing for the first time since he criticized New York fans, heard some of the loudest boos of his career as New York defeated Washington for the 13th straight time at Madison Square Garden.  
Ewing was booed during player introductions and nearly every time he touched the ball, but he scored four straight baskets after an 0-for-8 start.  
"That's their reaction," Ewing said of the boos. "I said what I said and I meant what I said. I'm not sorry."  
The 12-year veteran finished with 15 points on 7-for-21 shooting.

Hornacek added 15 points as the Jazz improved to 17-2 for the season.  
**Warriors 101, Raptors 91**  
Joe Smith had a career-high 36 points and a season-high 17 rebounds as Golden State won at Toronto.  
Latrell Sprewell added 23 points, Chris Mullin 16 and the Warriors outbounded the Raptors 51-32 in ending Toronto's four-game home winning streak.

**Hawks 89, Nuggets 88**  
Steve Smith made a jumper in the lane with 3.9 seconds left to cap a brilliant second half.  
Smith managed only two points in the first half, but scored 18 in the final two quarters as Atlanta won its seventh straight at home.  
After Dale Ellis missed with 10.5 seconds left, the Hawks set up a play for Smith, who took a pass from Mookie Blaylock, spun in the lane and sank an 11-footer.  
**Heat 76, Cavaliers 74**  
At Cleveland, Voshon Lenard banked in a wild shot at the buzzer.  
After Bobby Phillips tied it at 74 with two free throws with 24 seconds left, the Heat set up a 3-point attempt that

Dan Majerle missed from the top of the circle.  
The rebound bounced toward the sideline, and after chasing it down, Lenard dribbled through defenders before making a double-clutch jumper.  
**Pistons 93, Bucks 85**  
At Milwaukee, Joe Dumars scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and Grant Hill added 26 as Detroit won its fifth straight.  
The Pistons opened the final quarter with consecutive 3-pointers by Dumars and Terry Mills to go in front 75-70, and never looked back.

The Bucks were led by Vin Baker's 28 points.  
**Magic 99, Blazers 93**  
At Portland, Gerald Wilkins scored 10 of his 18 points in the last 5:16 to help Orlando snap a four-game losing streak.  
Penny Hardaway, playing for the first time since Nov. 17, scored 16 points, including a clutch 3-pointer just before the 24-second buzzer sounded to put the Magic ahead 87-83 with 4:30 remaining.  
Clifford Robinson led Portland with a season-high 33 points.

# Astros, Tigers swap 10 players

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Sports Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) - Forget about keeping up with the Joneses. General managers have to worry whether they can keep up with the Smiths.  
Randy Smith pulled off another big trade with his dad's team Tuesday, an afternoon that also saw reliever Mel Rojas get a \$13.75 million, three-year deal with the Chicago Cubs.  
Randy Smith, the Detroit Tigers' general manager, made a potential 10-player trade with the Houston Astros, where Tal Smith is team president.  
Detroit's largest deal since 1957 saw the Tigers acquire center fielder Brian Hunter, shortstop Orlando Miller, closer Todd Jones and right-hander Doug Brocail for catcher Brad Ausmus, left-handers C.J. Nitkowski and Trever Miller, right-hander Jose Lima and infielder Daryle Ward. The Tigers also will get either another player or cash.  
Two years ago, when Randy was GM of the Padres, San Diego made a 12-player trade with the Astros.

"I never talked to my father about this deal," Randy Smith said. "I've been dealing with Gerry (Hunsicker, the Astros general manager) for better than six weeks on this thing."  
Once again, Randy appears to have gotten the better of the deal. Last time, San Diego got Ken Caminiti, who went on to become the NL MVP this season.  
In Hunter and Miller, Detroit got a pair of regular starters. The Tigers, coming off a 109-loss season, got a closer in Jones, who had 17 saves last season.  
"We talked about trying to improve the major league club without mortgaging our future, and I believe we did that today," Randy Smith said.  
Meanwhile, Rojas signed just three days after becoming a free agent, getting a deal that gives him a \$250,000 signing bonus and \$4.5 million in each of the next three seasons.  
Rojas, who turned 30 Tuesday, saved 36 of 40 chances last season, going 7-4 with a 3.22 ERA in 81 innings.

"We feel we have one of the best bullpens in the National League," said Cubs general manager Ed Lynch, who also considered signing World Series MVP John Wetteland. "We feel Mel is durable and successful at getting left-handed hitters out. He is a ground-ball pitcher, too. That's a perfect fit for us."  
Florida, which failed to sign Rojas, instead signed Dennis Cook for \$1.7 million over two years. Cook, 34, was 5-2 with a 4.09 ERA with Texas last season, appearing in a career-high 60 games.  
"It gives us a chance to get a left-hander out there so that we can stabilize (the bullpen)," Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski said.  
Elsewhere, it appeared the Yankees were making moves to sign left-hander Mike Stanton, perhaps as soon as today, while still discussing contracts with two other free agent pitchers: Roger Clemens and David Wells.  
And the Marlins were said to be pursuing outfielder Moises Alou, also

among the 12 players who became free agents Saturday when service time from the 1994-95 strike was restored.  
Cleveland kept its setup man, re-signing Eric Plunk to a \$5.55 million, three-year contract.  
And in an effort to bolster its pitching without spending too much money, the Cincinnati Reds agreed to a one-year contract with left-hander Kent Mercker and agreed to minor-league deals with Ricky Bones, David Nied and Rodney Bolton.  
In a signal that it probably won't re-sign Kevin Elster, Texas agreed to a \$275,000, one-year contract with infielder Bill Ripken, the brother of Baltimore's Cal. San Diego, meanwhile, announced it was withdrawing its \$12.5 million, three-year offer to Greg Vaughn.  
Among players eligible for salary arbitration, Rich Amaral agreed to a \$1.1 million, two-year contract with Seattle, up from his \$450,000 salary last season, and Colorado left-hander Mike Munoz agreed to a \$330,000, one-year contract, a raise of \$40,000.

# Fresno State wins at Massachusetts

By JIM O'CONNELL  
AP Basketball Writer  
AMHERST, Mass. (AP) - Skip Haram was being interviewed by a local television station, a moment high school basketball coaches don't get to enjoy all that often.  
In the middle of an answer, he was hugged from behind by his former star player who had just put on quite a show for No. 16 Fresno State in its record-setting 102-81 victory over

Massachusetts.  
Chris Herren, the New England player of the year at Fall River High School in 1994, returned to his home state and scored a career-high 25 points to lead the Bulldogs (6-1).  
Fresno State scored the most points by an opponent in the Mullins Center and became the first non-conference opponent to win in the building that opened during the 1992-93 season.

Herren attended Boston College out of high school, was injured in his first game there and didn't play that season. He transferred to Fresno State and had to sit out a year.  
"I'm just really happy we won and I was able to play well after not playing well against Oregon and really not playing at all for the last two years," said Herren, who said he needed 20 tickets for the game. "It was really nice to play well against UMass, especially in front of my family and friends."  
Herren was 3-for-10 from the field against Oregon last Saturday, the

Bulldogs' first loss of the season and the first game of a 10-game road trip that ends Jan. 6.  
Elsewhere in the Top 25, it was No. 4 Villanova 89, Pennsylvania 62; No. 12 Indiana 74, DePaul 57; No. 19 Xavier, Ohio 94, Long Island 86; and No. 20 Arkansas 137, Troy St. 70.  
No. 4 Villanova 89, Penn 62  
At Philadelphia, Tim Thomas had 15 points, and the Wildcats (6-0) put the game away with a 14-7 run early in the second half.  
Jason Lawson had 13 points for the Wildcats. Brown and Malik Allen added 10 each.

# Tech discounts bowl tickets

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech is offering over-the-counter tickets to its Alamo Bowl game against Iowa late this month at a reduced price beginning Wednesday morning, the school says.  
The school on Tuesday offered 2,185 upper level sideline tickets for \$20, or \$15.50 off face value, for the

Dec. 29 game at the Alamodome in San Antonio.  
It also is selling \$60.50 club level seats and \$40.50 lower level seats at normal price.  
Tech has offered the discounted tickets via telephone since Monday.  
"The support from the Tech community has been great and the telephone lines in our ticket office have been ringing nonstop," interim athletic director Gerald Myers said.

# Aggies blast Ga. Southern

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Tracey Anderson scored a career-high 25 points and Texas A&M held Georgia Southern to four second-half field goals in a 83-38 victory Tuesday night.  
The Aggies (5-1) led 32-25 at halftime but started the second half with a 32-2 run.  
Georgia Southern hit only four of 24 shots in the second half - 0-11 from 3-point range - and 13 points overall as Texas A&M led by up to 48 points.  
Calvin Davis joined Anderson in double figures with 13 points, while Dario Quesada grabbed 10 rebounds for the Aggies. Elvarado Rolle led the Eagles (2-3) with 8 points.  
The Aggies also outbounded Georgia Southern 40-27.

# Reds owner hospitalized

CINCINNATI (AP) - Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott was hospitalized Tuesday for treatment of pneumonia. She was listed in fair condition.  
"I've got pneumonia, honey," Schott told radio station WLW. "I hope I get out tomorrow or the next day."  
Schott, the managing partner of the Reds since 1984, was being treated at Jewish Hospital.

# Grambling coach may be out

GRAMBLING, La. (AP) - After a 3-8 season, numerous injured players, an NCAA investigation and criminal charges against four players, a strained Achilles tendon is the least of Eddie Robinson's problems.  
That's especially true since Grambling's president has told

college football's winningest coach that his services are no longer needed.  
Grambling president Raymond Hicks met with Robinson, 77, last week and asked him to resign as coach and assume the vice president's duties. Hicks said in a statement on Tuesday that he didn't ask Robinson to quit the job he's had for 56 years.

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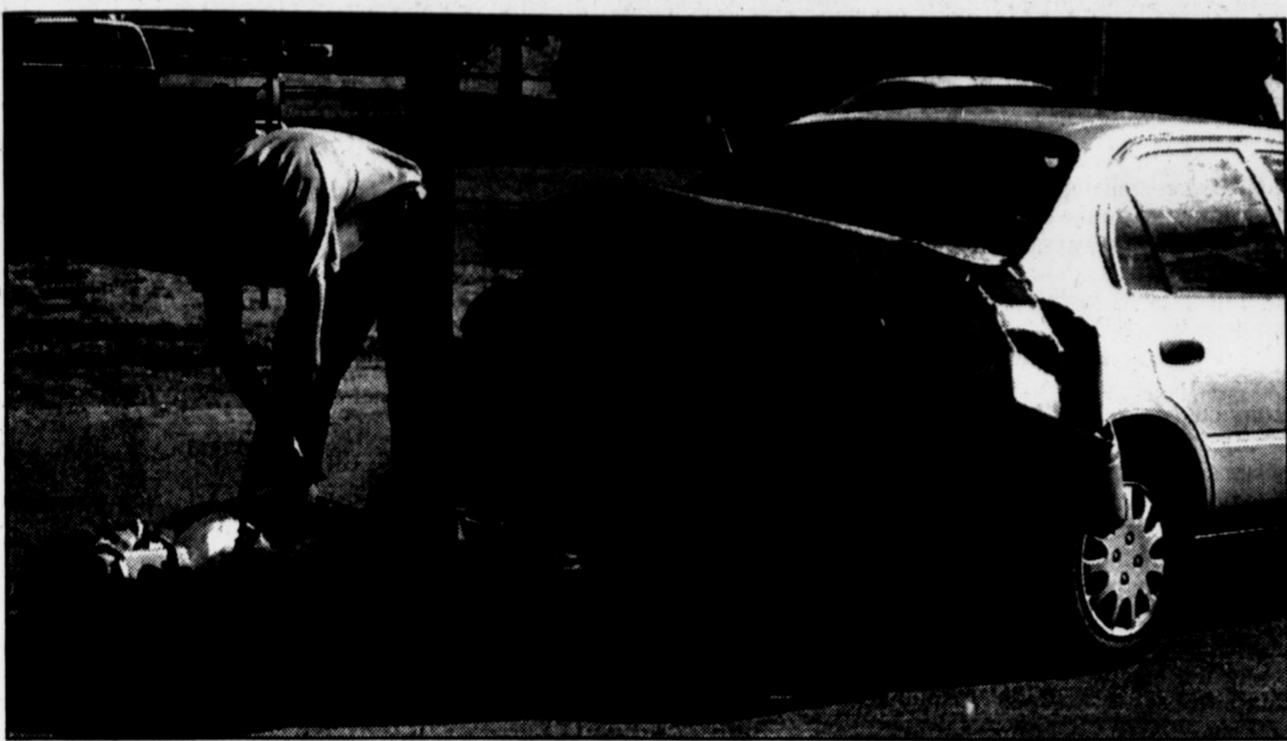
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Photo by Sherri Martin

## Oil heiress dies Tuesday

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) - Oil heiress Carolyn Skelly, who played hostess at lavish parties at her Newport mansion, died there Tuesday after a long bout with pneumonia, her granddaughter said.

She was in her 90s, said granddaughter Dollie Briggs, who lived with her.

Ms. Skelly inherited her wealth from her father, oil baron William G. Skelly.

Ms. Skelly, a major contributor to the Republican Party, hosted fund-raisers for former President George Bush and the late Texas Gov. John Connally.

She was described as "a wonderfully generous Texas hostess," said her friend, Eileen Slocum.

A resident of Dallas, Ms. Skelly moved to Newport in 1978 when she bought Bois Dore, a

36-room mansion in the French chateau style.

Her abundant jewels and their disappearances kept her in the headlines.

She was abducted at LaGuardia Airport in New York and robbed of \$1 million in jewelry in 1982. Two years later, two women including her former maid were charged with stealing more than \$2 million in jewels from her Newport estate.

In the summer of 1986, Ms. Skelly awoke to find a knife-wielding burglar making off with a pillowcase full of jewelry worth more than \$3 million.

"She was never afraid of anything," Ms. Briggs said.

Born in Indiana, Ms. Skelly was raised in Tulsa, Okla., and moved to Dallas.

She married the late Freeman Burford, but resumed her maiden

name after they divorced.

Last week, Ms. Briggs threw a surprise party for her grandmother, turning the mansion into a circus complete with a 7,000-pound elephant, stilt walkers and jugglers.

"She loved it," Ms. Briggs said. "All her friends were there. In a sense, that released her."

She is survived by two daughters, Ann Fletcher of Newport and Southampton, N.Y., and Carolyn Brady of Houston; and one son, William Burford of Fort Worth, Texas.

She also leaves seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, although details were not complete. There will be no visiting hours.

## Live hookup brings Unabomber suspect to New Jersey for plea

By JEFFREY GOLD  
Associated Press Writer  
NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - A live video hookup brought Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski to New Jersey so he could plead innocent to charges he sent a mail bomb that killed an ad executive in the state two years ago.

Kaczynski, held without bail in Sacramento, Calif., spoke only three sentences in a slightly jerky transmission at his arraignment Tuesday, confirming that he could hear the proceeding, that he waived his right to attend in person, and his plea.

Kaczynski, 54, previously pleaded

innocent to four California bombings that killed two people in Sacramento, where a November trial date has been set.

U.S. District Court Judge Dickinson Debevoise rejected a prosecution bid to try Kaczynski in New Jersey on June 30, saying it was too early. He has not ruled on a defense request to move the trial to California, where defense lawyers want to try both cases at once.

Federal authorities believe Kaczynski, a Harvard-trained mathematician who left a promising academic career to become a recluse in Montana, used bombs to kill three people and injure 23 others between

1978 and 1995. He was arrested April 3 at his cabin in Lincoln, Mont.

The ad executive, Thomas Mosser, 50, was killed when he opened the package-bomb at his New Jersey home on Dec. 10, 1994. In a letter to The New York Times four months later, the Unabomber wrote that "we blew up Thomas Mosser" because he was with the public relations firm Burson-Marsteller, and that the company helped Exxon repair its image after the Valdez oil spill.

Burson-Marsteller has denied working on the spill for Exxon.

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U.S. SENATOR

into common criminals. Businesses large and small have been harassed, municipalities nearly bankrupted, workers thrown out of jobs and consumers forced to pay an estimated \$130 billion annually for regulatory overkill.

Congress has one new tool to slow the grinding out of regulations that are burdening our economy and threatening U.S. competitiveness. Tucked inside a bill raising the national debt ceiling was one of the most significant but little known successes of the 104th Congress: The Congressional Review Act, which I worked hard to move through the Senate.

Here's how the new law works:

- Federal agencies now must submit all proposed new regulations to Congress for review.
- During the review period, Congress may pass "resolutions of disapproval" under expedited procedures (meaning they cannot be subject to a Senate filibuster).
- The President can then sign the resolutions, or veto them.

Moreover, when agencies submit their regulations to the Hill, they must now also submit them to the General Accounting Office (GAO). The GAO is charged with conducting cost/benefit and regulatory flexibility analyses for each. The law also ends the practice of "regulation by guidelines," because it requires agencies to submit their interpretive rules and guidelines to Congress as well.

This process will shine a spotlight on the most egregious examples of bureaucratic excess. And it will attempt to introduce common sense into the regulatory equation. Congress now has the authority to play the role of traffic cop, standing watch to ensure that taxing regulations do not run a red light — and to guarantee that government observes both the spirit and the letter of the new law.

The Congressional Review Act was modeled after the Constitution's system of checks and balances. It has the potential to ensure that America no longer has to struggle with an overwhelming regulatory burden that make us less productive, but no better, safer or healthier. And maybe we can bring those jobs back to America.

### Regulatory Checks and Balances

Regulatory reform is, literally, a matter of life and death. Nearly 7,000 Americans were dying each year while the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) dragged its feet on approving the Ambu CardioPump, a CPR device used in every other advanced industrialized nation for years before it was available here.

Regulatory reform is also a matter of jobs and livelihoods. Not only does the FDA take years longer than other industrialized nations' regulators to approve medical devices, but a survey last year reported that FDA red tape has driven 58 percent of U.S. medical-device companies to move their entire manufacturing organizations overseas.

Common sense is the element missing from our regulatory methods — from the FDA to the Environmental Protection Agency to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. And common sense became a scarce commodity over the last four years, when the number of regulations and regulators increased exponentially. During that time, the Federal Register was jammed with longer, more onerous, more numerous regulations than were issued in any four-year period since late 1970s.

In some cases, these regulations are just plain silly. In others, their enforcement turns hard-working Americans

## Fox threatens to pull Time Warner's access to stations

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.  
Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN (AP) - Are you ready for no football?

Time Warner, the parent company of Austin CableVision, says the Fox television network is threatening to pull its access to some local Fox stations, including Austin's, in retaliation for Time Warner's decision against carrying the network's new, all-news station.

If the alleged threat is carried out, some television viewers around Austin and other U.S. cities could miss NFL football playoffs, the Super Bowl and popular Fox shows like "The X-Files" and the "Simpsons."

"They're holding our viewers in Austin and other cities hostage," Michael Luftman, a Time Warner spokesman, said Tuesday.

Other cities that could be blacked out, according to Time Warner, include Tampa, Fla., Milwaukee, Kansas City, Mo., and Greensboro, N.C.

Fox is in the process of buying its local affiliates in those cities. If the network cuts off Time Warner from the affiliates, cable subscribers may still be able to get the local Fox stations. But they would have to disconnect their cable and reconnect rooftop or "rabbit-ear" antennae to do so.

But Fox officials say they haven't threatened to pull any access from Time Warner cable systems.

"The last people we want to be adversely affected are the viewers," said Bill Squadron, a vice president for News Corp., which owns Fox.

Squadron wouldn't say stations won't be pulled from any Time Warner systems, but said News Corp. is focused on renegotiating contracts with Time Warner by Jan. 1.

Time Warner has sued Fox in a Florida state court over the matter. It wants the court to rule that under current contracts, Fox must allow the cable provider to carry local stations owned by the network.

The cable company also wants the court to make clear that Fox can't block affiliates it doesn't own from dealing with Time Warner.

Fox is buying the local stations in

question from New World Communications Group. As part of the purchase, New World has turned over to Fox the right to renegotiate retransmission contracts.

Squadron said the contract dispute centers around Fox getting a "fair deal" for its programming.

"Fox obviously has very valuable programming," he said. "We need to have a fair and reasonable agreement."

Luftman said Fox wants Time Warner to pay for access to the local stations, but Squadron wouldn't say whether Fox considers a fair deal to include payments.

Time Warner has made deals with local stations on advertising and channel space, but has never paid for access, Luftman said. He said paying — and being forced to charge customers — for access to local stations that non-cable subscribers get for free is not an option.

"The whole idea of us paying for a local broadcast signal is a non-starter," Luftman said.

Time Warner has opted to carry the new, MSNBC news station, owned by Microsoft Corp. and the NBC television network. Luftman said the cable company doesn't have channel space for Fox's news station.

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# Texas crop report

## Spinach crop looks favorable, despite viruses

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - A favorable spinach harvest is expected this year despite the possibility of the virus curly top in crops, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Frank Daniello said that yields are looking good this year, but there have been viruses popping up within the last few weeks.

"The fresh market has been looking good," Daniello said, "but now we are seeing a lot of viruses showing up."

He said that there has not been a confirmation on which viruses may be out there, but speculation is that it is curly top.

"The crop looks good, except for some problems with curly top virus, which is probably a result of high insect counts this fall," Jose Pena of Uvalde, Extension economist, said. Curly top is transmitted through flighty insects such as aphids, said Pena.

With the high fall insect counts in many parts of the state, conditions are good for the virus to spread.

"You see certain viruses every year, but if this year's spreads like we think, it could be pretty bad," Daniello said.

It is too early to predict any estimates on the virus count, Daniello said, but this year's crop could be in danger.

"It is too early at this point to say anything, but coming into the harvest yields are looking good," Daniello said. "but I haven't seen viruses this bad in 8 to 10 years."

While producers need to be wary of the curly top virus, white rust problems are down.

Dr. Lynn Brandenburger of Weslaco, Extension horticulturist, said that white rust is a harmful fungus in the water molds category which is associated with spinach, but because of the dry weather this year there have been fewer cases of it.

"White rust has to have free water on plants like dew or rain for the spores to germinate," Brandenburger said. "Since it has been dry, there has been very little white rust present."

This year's yields are expected to be slightly above average even with the problems of curly top.

The average yield in Texas is 200 to 250 bushels per acre. Daniello said that this year's yields have been higher than normal.

Brandenburger said the processing market spinach yields should be in the range of 8,000 to 10,000 pounds per acre.

"We may even be a little above average," Brandenburger said, "we are just keeping our fingers crossed."

As with any agricultural commodity, the spinach industry is a big gamble, said Brandenburger.

"It is not a done deal until it is over in March," Brandenburger said, "but we are optimistic."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

**PANHANDLE:** Moisture adequate. Pastures rated fair to good. Wheat crop in good condition. Cotton harvest nearly complete. Sorghum harvest complete; above average yields. Corn harvest complete; above average yields. Sugarbeet harvest complete.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Moisture very short to adequate. Ranges and pastures in fair condition; need moisture. Supplemental feeding of livestock required. Harvest of many crops winding down. Cotton and sorghum harvest nearly complete.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Moisture

adequate to surplus. Pastures in fair condition. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding required. Cotton crop slowly opening; some harvest under way. Cotton rated fair. Wheat planting complete.

**NORTH TEXAS:** Moisture surplus to short. Winter pastures need sunshine. Cattle in good shape; cattle feeding required. Wheat fields drying out. Peaches in growers starting to prune trees. Pecan harvest continues.

**EAST TEXAS:** Moisture adequate. Pastures in fair to good condition; limited grazing. Supplemental feeding required. Cattle condition good; reports of acorn poisoning. Wheat improved with recent rains. Pecan harvest nearly complete; good yields.

**FAR WEST TEXAS:** Moisture short to adequate. Rangelands in good condition. Cattle in good condition.

Cotton harvest under way. Sorghum immature. Grain is weighing well; moisture content is bearable. Pecan harvest light. Sunflowers harvested.

**WEST CENTRAL TEXAS:** Moisture adequate to surplus. Range and pasture condition fair. Supplemental feeding in progress. Oats growing well with slight burn from hard freeze. Early planted wheat in good shape. Greenbug count remain low. Sorghum production fair.

**CENTRAL TEXAS:** Moisture adequate. Pastures providing grazing for stocker cattle. Warm season pasture browning. Peanut prospects look favorable. Pecan harvest continues; quality and yields disappointing.

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS:** Moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures in fair to good condition; moisture has been beneficial. Cattle feeding continues; some acorn poisoning occurring. Peanut

harvest complete. Pecan harvest complete; light yields.

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS:** Moisture short. Forage conditions improving in pastures and ranges. Wheat and oats improved. Livestock in fair condition. Spinach harvest for the fresh market under way. Vegetable harvest under way.

**COASTAL BEND:** Moisture short to adequate. Pastures in fair shape; mostly dormant. Cattle being fed. Fall gardens fair to good. Irrigated peanuts producing fair yields. Winter row crop fertilization under way. Some producers not harvesting pecans.

**SOUTH TEXAS:** Moisture very short. Pasture and range conditions fair. Livestock condition good. Supplemental feeding continues. Fall sorghum approaching harvest. Sugarcane unaffected by weather. Hay cutting continues.

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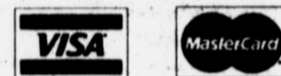
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### Names in the News

ROME (AP) - Ex-porn star Ilona "Cicciolina" Staller gets to keep her 4-year-old son.

Italy's highest appeals court Friday rejected a bid by her ex-husband, pop artist Jeffrey Koons, who sought to enforce a New York judge's ruling that Staller turn over the boy.

Staller's lawyer, Rossella Di Tullio, said the court upheld a 1995 decision awarding Staller custody of Ludwig Maximilian.

Koons and Staller - who also served a term in Parliament - married in 1991. They met when Koons hired her to pose in sexually explicit photos, paintings and sculptures.

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) - Home is where the TV show is for Martha Stewart.

A zoning board voted 5-2 to renew her permit to tape her cable program at her estate, even though she admitted breaking the rule against taping on weekends and at night.

The improper taping was done Sunday night because of a scheduling conflict with a special guest: Miss Piggy.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - Violinist and conductor Yehudi Menuhin cut short a visit to South Africa because his 100-year-old mother is ill.

Menuhin left Thursday for San Francisco to be with his mother, Marutha, said Jacques Sellschop of the group promoting Menuhin's tour.

Menuhin will miss conducting four concerts, including one at a church in the black township of Soweto, as part of his 80th Birthday Celebration Tour.

DALLAS (AP) - Oscar winner Shirley MacLaine returns to Houston next month to attend the Texas premiere of "The Evening Star," the sequel to "Terms of Endearment."

It's been 13 years since MacLaine played the domineering Aurora Greenway in "Terms of Endearment," which won five Academy Awards, including best picture and best supporting actor, for Jack Nicholson.

In the sequel, Aurora contends with her unruly grandchildren, one of whom is played by Juliette Lewis. Nicholson returns in a cameo.

Both movies, based on novels by Larry McMurtry, were shot in Houston.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Carla Gugino has split "Spin City."

Ms. Gugino, who plays Michael J. Fox's nosy reporter girlfriend on the popular ABC TV show, left to pursue a movie career, her publicist, Stephen Huvane, said Tuesday. Her last appearance will be in the Dec. 17 episode.



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### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EMMA LUKE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of EMMA LUKE, DECEASED, was issued to the Independent Executor on the 14th day of November, 1996, in the proceeding indicated below his signature hereto, which is still pending, and that the said Independent Executor now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County of Deaf Smith, are hereby required to present the same to him, CLARENCE A. BETZEN, the Independent Executor of the said Estate, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The mailing address is 406 Douglas, Hereford, Texas 79045, being in the County of Deaf Smith and State

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# German zeppelins to be reborn

By **TERRENCE PETTY**  
Associated Press Writer  
FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany (AP) - The era of the great German zeppelins ended over a New Jersey airfield in 1937 when the Hindenburg - with swastikas on its tailfins and wealthy passengers in its luxury quarters - burst into flames during a trans-Atlantic flight.

That disaster, plus the advent of trans-Atlantic airliners, led to the demise of the magnificent airships. But the zeppelin is about to be reborn. In April, a subsidiary of the concern that built the original zeppelins expects to complete the first new model since the Nazi era. The prototype, the LZ N07, is one-third the length of the massive Hindenburg and lacks its luxurious accommodations. It will take passengers on short jaunts over Europe, not across the Atlantic. Five preliminary orders have been placed for the new high-tech

zeppelins - by tourism companies and by scientific institutes that plan to use them for atmospheric research.

The Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik company hopes that governments also will shell out \$7.5 million to buy zeppelins for sea patrols, military surveillance and environmental testing.

Blimps, which unlike zeppelins have no internal frame, have been flying for years. But they have more limited maneuverability than zeppelins and need large ground crews to help them land.

The new zeppelin has three swiveling 200-horsepower propeller engines. This feature, says Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik, will enable it to hover, take off and land like a helicopter and move through high winds that blimps cannot withstand. Top speed will be 86 mph.

An American with 11 years' experience flying blimps, Scott Danneker, has been hired as test pilot.

"I remember reading a zeppelin book back when I was in seventh grade. I've been hooked on them ever since," says the 42-year-old from Elizabeth City, N.C., who will take the zeppelin prototype on its maiden flight, probably next summer.

Components of the LZ N07 are being housed in various buildings in Friedrichshafen as engineers finish work on the prototype.

In one cavernous hall is the airship's frame, made of aluminum alloy and of carbon fiber. At 247 feet, it is longer than a Boeing 747. In another building is the gondola, which can carry two crew members and 12 passengers.

The zeppelin's skin is a multilayer laminate consisting of a material called Tedlar and a polyester fabric. The skin, called an envelope, will be inflated with nonflammable helium, as are blimps. Hydrogen, which caused the Hindenburg explosion, is

no longer used. The 804-foot Hindenburg, the largest aircraft ever to fly, carried about 1,600 passengers between Germany and the United States in 10 flights in 1936.

Its last flight began on May 3, 1937, when it left Frankfurt for a landing field at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey. As it approached the mooring mast at Lakehurst, it exploded, killing 35 of the 97 passengers on board and one person on the ground.

"This is one of the worst catastrophes in the world!" radio announcer Herbert Morrison cried in a famous broadcast. "Oh, the humanity and all the passengers!"

The disaster ended commercial travel on rigid airships. The last zeppelin, Graf Zeppelin II, flew espionage missions for the Nazis at the start of World War II but was dismantled because the air force chief considered zeppelins useless.

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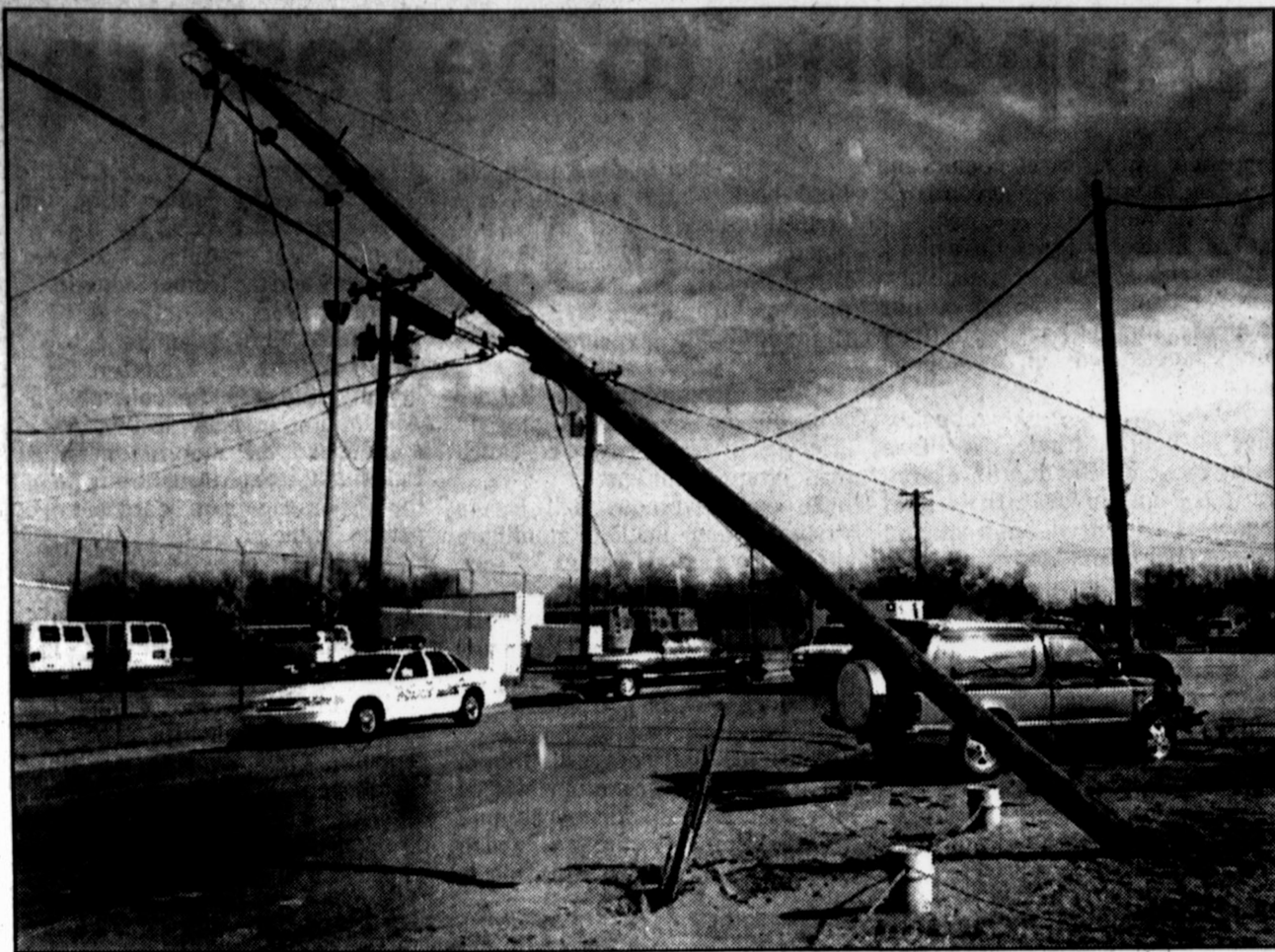


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### One vehicle accident

The utility pole on the intersection of Avenue G and Grand Avenue went down after being struck by a 1987 GMC blazer. The driver, Manuel Garcia, 17, was traveling east in the 800 block of Grand Avenue when he reached for an object and lost control of the vehicle. The accident occurred at 12:26 p.m. Tuesday.

**State Capital**

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — Gov. George W. Bush's call for property tax relief could negatively affect funding of public education in Texas, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney said last week.

Bullock compared the present funding system, in which property-rich school districts send money to property-poor districts, to a house of cards.

"You remove one card and the whole house may fall down," he said.

"Property taxes and (the school-funding formula) are joined at the brain. Any changes in one will unquestionably change the formula itself," Bullock told incoming legislators at an orientation meeting.

Laney agreed with Bullock and said he is waiting for Bush to release a plan that can be studied and assessed.

The governor has made cutting the \$10 billion homeowners and businesses pay in school property taxes a priority for the 1997 legislative session, which will convene Jan. 14.

#### Sharp Calls for Cuts, Savings

State Comptroller John Sharp last week delivered his fourth Texas Performance Review report, calling for more than \$3.5 billion in taxpayer savings over the next five years.

"Once again," Sharp said, "we've scoured state government for outdated programs and new ways to save Texans money."

The report, titled "Disturbing the Peace: The Challenge of Change in Texas Government," presents 428 detailed proposals for saving taxpayers more than \$1.2 billion during the 1998-99 biennium and more than \$3.5 billion by the end of 2002.

Sharp proposed cutting 6,600 fully funded but unfilled state jobs, saving more than \$470 million during the next biennium.

He proposed cutting 1,720 current state jobs over the next two-year period through an early retirement incentive plan and other measures.

And among other proposals, he called for:

- Abolishing the Texas Department of Commerce and shifting the agency's duties to a new non-profit public/private entity; and

- Issuing Texans lifetime driver's licenses, with free-of-charge updates required every 12 years.

About three-quarters of the savings recommended in Sharp's previous performance reviews have been adopted by the Texas Legislature.

**Private Schools, Public Funds**  
Lake Travis Independent School District board member Fred Walker, who sponsored a proposal to use taxpayer dollars to pay for private school tuition, is busy with plans to open a new private school that could benefit from the plan.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported Walker is proposing the Parents as Partners Scholarship Program, a tuition reimbursement plan for the district of 2,900 students.

At the same time, he and his pastor at the Lakeway Ecumenical Church are working to build support for the construction of a Roman Catholic school adjacent to a 20-acre site where a new Catholic church is to be built next year in this community a few minutes West of Austin.

Supporters say vouchers would give parents more control over their children's education, but critics say a voucher system would take tax dollars away from public schools.

Annette Cootes, a spokeswoman for the Texas State Teachers Association, told the *American-Statesman*, "There will definitely be a lawsuit filed if (Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses) allows it to proceed."

#### Other Capital Highlights

- Texas Banking Commissioner Catherine Ghiglieri said 24 state banks in Texas will be examined less frequently beginning in 1997. She said the resulting reduction in regulatory costs will be passed along to the affected banks through a decrease in their assessments for examinations. The reduction in examinations for the 24 banks will be from once every 12 months to every 18 months for well-run banks with assets of \$100 million to \$500 million.

- Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro has suggested that Gov. Bush call out the National Guard or get prison inmates to help fight beach erosion in Southeast Texas. Unusually high tides have eaten away more than 50 feet of beach on the Gulf of Mexico in Galveston and Brazoria counties, Mauro wrote in a letter to the governor. Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said the governor's office is reviewing Mauro's plan.

- A Christmas tree is to go up this week at the south end of the Capitol's Great Walk, where a permanent underground tree stand and tree anchors were designed into the sidewalk. The 30-foot Eastern Red Cedar came from land adjacent to Bastrop State Park, southeast of Austin.

- A state audit released last week said the Lone Star Card, which debuted about a year ago, is working well. More than a million Texas welfare recipients use the plastic cards, which resemble credit cards, to receive welfare benefits electronically.

- Regulators at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission are considering a crackdown on industrial polluters that have operated under a "grandfather" clause in the 1971 Texas clean air law. A report is expected in about a week.

## Simpson's lawyer poses theory of two assailants in murder trial

By **MICHAEL FLEEMAN**  
Associated Press Writer  
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson's lawyer has posed the theory of two assailants, one who was "occupying" Ronald Goldman in a caged-in area while another killed Nicole Brown Simpson.

Pointing to patterns in Ms. Simpson's blood, lawyer Robert Baker noted what he called a newly discovered shoe print about four feet from her body, as well as similar-looking prints closer to her body.

Yet nowhere in the bloody puddles are shoe prints from Goldman - prints he presumably would have left had nobody been there to keep him from going to Ms. Simpson's rescue or running away through her blood, Baker theorized.

Baker spelled out the scenario Tuesday during questioning of former Detective Tom Lange, brought back to the trial as a defense witness after testifying earlier for the plaintiffs.

Lange, who returns today, agreed that the blood patterns suggested

Goldman probably had been in the caged-in area next to the front steps while Ms. Simpson was being attacked.

But that was all he would agree to. "If someone was in front of and behind Nicole Brown Simpson, there had to be a second assailant occupying Ronald Goldman, isn't that true?" Baker asked.

"No," Lange said emphatically. Baker sought to bolster his theory by showing Lange a photo of what he portrayed as a bloody shoe print about four feet from Ms. Simpson's body, suggesting that Goldman had to have been restrained if Ms. Simpson's killer could wander that far from the body.

Again, Lange would only agree with Baker to a point.

"That would be significant if there was a shoe print four feet to the west of Nicole Brown Simpson, wouldn't it?" Baker asked.

"Certainly," Lange said. But when Baker asked Lange if it appeared to him to be a shoe print, the detective responded, "No... I don't

know that it is a shoe print."

Earlier in the trial, an FBI shoe print expert testified that the impression could be a shoe print, but he wasn't sure since the photo was not of high enough quality. That expert testified that prints that could be identified belonged to an Italian shoe in Simpson's size and in the same style Simpson is seen wearing in a photograph.

Lange's testimony came on the first full day of the defense's case, as the focus of the trial shifted from emotional testimony by victims' relatives to a dissection of the police work.

An attack on the Police Department proved successful for Simpson at his criminal trial, which ended in his acquittal in the June 12, 1994, killings. Simpson is now being sued by the victims' families.

In other testimony Tuesday, Lange's former partner, Philip Vannatter, acknowledged he didn't seal an envelope containing Simpson's blood.

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