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The Pampa News

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Good Evening!

AREA

PAMPA — Banks and government offices will be closed Monday for the New Year's holiday.

In Pampa, Gray County offices were closed today and will be closed Monday. City offices were open today, but will be closed Monday.

There will, however, be a swearing-in ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday for newly elected county officials. That ceremony will take place in the third-floor courtroom at the Gray County Courthouse at a meeting of the Gray County Commissioners Court.

All banks will be closed Monday, as will the U.S. Post Office. There will be no mail delivered Monday, but mail will be put out in post office boxes, and outgoing mail will be picked up in the late afternoon.

The city landfill will be closed Sunday and Monday. There will be no trash pickup Monday, but regular pickup schedules will resume Tuesday.

Pampa police, Gray County sheriff's deputies and state troopers will be out in force during the holiday in an effort to keep drunken drivers off the streets.

The Pampa News business, classified advertising and advertising offices will be closed Saturday and Monday for the holiday.

PAMPA — The Gray County Commissioners Court is scheduled to meet in their chambers at the courthouse here Monday at 9 a.m. to swear in recently elected members.

Republican Richard Peet will be sworn in as county judge, replacing outgoing County Judge Carl Kennedy.

Republican James Hefley of McLean will take over as Precinct 4 commissioner, a spot vacated by retiring Republican Ted Simmons. Jim Greene, incumbent, will begin another four-year term, the lone Democrat now on the county commission.

STATE

MERCEDES (AP) — School officials have decided to tear down an unfinished elementary school addition that was bungled by a construction contractor that went bankrupt.

"Everything that can possibly go wrong went wrong," said Monte Churchill, superintendent of the Mercedes Independent School District.

Engineers said it would cost more to repair the damage than raze the unusable shell of the addition to Kennedy Elementary School, which has already cost the district about \$1 million in planning and construction.

"Had it been completed and not rectified it would have been dangerous," Churchill said. "It would have been unstable in storm conditions."

Borderline Construction of Laredo fell into bankruptcy before the structure was completed, Churchill said. Soon afterward, Borderline's insurance company, Eagle Insurance, also filed for bankruptcy, he said.

Reyna Construction of Weslaco will now build the new addition. The superintendent was hopeful that it will be ready by September 1995.

AUSTIN (AP) — It may be the first official mistake of the new year in Travis County.

Jury summonses that went out last week told 3,300 prospective jurors to show up at the courthouse on Jan. 23, 1994, instead of 1995.

"It's just like anybody else writing checks at the beginning of the new year and putting the old year on it. It happens," said Michelle Brinkman, chief deputy of the district clerk's office.

But the error doesn't mean the prospective jurors are off the hook.

The jury office plans to wait a couple of weeks and then mail reminder postcards, which will double as correction notices. Ms. Brinkman said the second mailing will cost about \$300.

If prospective jurors still don't show up on their scheduled date, they will be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

Ms. Brinkman, whose office summons jurors for district, county and justice of the peace courts, says she doubts the slip-up will cause a problem.

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Two killed in abortion clinic shootings

By ROBERT TROTT
Associated Press Writer

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — Shootings at two abortion clinics a short distance apart today killed two women and wounded at least five other people.

The assailant at both scenes was described by witnesses as a man in his early 30s dressed in black. There were no arrests.

"He came running out with a shotgun," said a worker at a Planned Parenthood clinic, where the shootings began around 10:15 a.m. "If I didn't jump down the steps he would've shot me, too."

Detective Capt. Frank Hayes confirmed a woman died at the Planned Parenthood clinic in this Boston suburb. Three people were wounded there, and three others were wounded at the Preterm Health Services clinic a mile or

two away on the same street.

Patty Jacobs, a spokesman at Beth Israel Hospital, said one of the wounded women died later in the emergency room. She said the victim had suffered at least five gunshot wounds. It was not immediately clear which clinic she had been at.

"A man came in with a black duffel bag. He took out a rifle," said one witness at the Preterm clinic who declined to give his name. "He said, 'Is this Preterm?' The woman answering the phone said, 'Yes,' and he dropped the bag and opened fire."

Nicki Gamble, president of Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts, said an employee had been killed but had no other details. Speaking before the hospital said a second woman had died, she said one of the three wounded there was a staff member and the other two were people who escort patients.

At the Preterm clinic, one of the

wounded were a male security guard; there was no detail on the other two except that they were women.

Paramedics worked at the scene helping the injured.

"Someone ran into the office and said they're shooting people," said Kathy Circo, who works in a neighboring dentist's office.

The witness said the gunman shot the receptionist and an office worker, then fled down a hallway. A security guard at the clinic was wounded when exchanged fire with the man.

Witnesses said the gunman ran down the steps and then down the street about 20 feet, before turning and firing at a group of people who had just ran out of the building.

"It just shocked me to see everybody running out. Nobody was walking. People were jumping (off) the stairs," said

Debbie Davis, who was standing outside Preterm when the shootings took place.

It was the third fatal shooting at a U.S. abortion clinic in recent years. A doctor was shot and killed outside a Pensacola, Fla., clinic last year, and in July, a doctor and a volunteer escort were killed outside another Pensacola clinic.

In addition, a doctor was shot and wounded last year at a clinic in Wichita, Kan. There have also been a number of firebombings and other vandalism, including a September 1993 fire in Bakersfield, Calif., that did \$1.4 million in damage.

In Pensacola today, things were quiet and there was no plan for extra security at the clinics, said police Sgt. Jerry Potts. "We've had no activity here whatsoever," he said. "We keep the security beefed up continuously. We check them (the clinics). Today is no different."

Hell Week



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Members of the Pampa High School swim team are pretty tired after going through Hell Week. Hell Week is a period of twice-a-day practices and intensive training traditionally held in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Team members are, front row from left, Bobby Venal, Ketreia Thompson and Janet Dancel; middle row, Matt Haesle, Dakota Tefertiller, Ashlee David and Peggy Williams; and back row, Jeremy Nunn, Chris Nelson, Jakob Bullard and Justin Nelson.

Coalition wants term limit amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politicians who back off campaign promises to support strict term limits could face the voters' wrath in 1996, a new term limit advocacy group is warning.

"There could be more corrections in '96 if the politicians don't get the message," Paul Jacob of U.S. Term Limits said Thursday.

Jacob's group is heading a new group, called the National Term Limits Coalition, that is urging Congress to pass a constitutional amendment limiting House members to three two-year terms and senators to two six-year terms.

The new Republican majority has promised a vote on such an amendment within 100 days of the session beginning next month as part of its "Contract With America." But many term limit supporters within the GOP favor broader limits that would allow

lawmakers up to six two-year terms. A constitutional amendment must pass both the House and the Senate with two-thirds majorities and then be ratified by three-fourths of state legislatures. Support is strong in the House, but Senate passage is seen as being more difficult.

Other members of the new coalition include conservative commentator Pat Buchanan's American Cause, the Christian Coalition, Americans for Tax Reform, Citizens Against Government Waste, the National Taxpayers Union and the Small Business Survival Committee.

Grover Norquist of Americans for Tax Reform said his group opposes career politicians because "the longer politicians are in Washington the more they think of your money as their money."

Jacob cited figures suggesting that

75 percent of Americans support term limits, and 82 percent favor three terms for House members against 14 percent who supported six terms.

If the Republican leadership caves in on three-term limits, he said, "it's going to be at their political peril."

But other advocates of term limits warned against taking too rigid a position on the length of political service.

"While there are differences of opinion among the American people about how many terms a member of Congress should serve... the real number we should all be concerned about is 290 — the number of House members necessary to pass any constitutional amendment," Cleta Deatherage Mitchell of Term Limits Legal Institute wrote in a letter to incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Richard Armitage.

New York pays feds \$27 million for overbilling

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York is \$27 million poorer and an unemployed Vietnam veteran is \$4 million richer from a settlement over the state's 12-year pattern of overbilling the federal government for job training programs.

The state Department of Social Services figured out ways to fraudulently obtain federal funds intended for training workers who run Medicaid, foster care, and other pro-

grams, U.S. Justice Department officials said Thursday.

While some of the money went toward its intended purpose, other dollars went to hire janitors or equip Social Service offices with computers and fax machines, officials said.

The overbilling netted New York \$14 million over 12 years, Justice Department spokesman Joe Krovisky said.

The state doesn't admit any

wrongdoing, but agreed to the settlement to avoid an even more expensive court fight, said Social Services spokesman Terry McGrath. The problem stems from different interpretations of the billing requirements, he said.

Fifteen percent, or \$4.05 million, of the settlement paid Tuesday goes to a whistleblower, an out-of-work Vietnam veteran named George Denoncourt.

Sheriff's office returns \$132,000 to county budget

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, the Gray County sheriff is returning money to the county.

Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield said today that he would return more than \$132,000 to the county in funds budgeted but not used by his department.

"We were able to return this money through very efficient operation of the department," he said.

As the calendar year for 1994 closes, Stubblefield said his department was \$132,787.14 under budget. Its budget had been set at \$1,179,479 for the year.

"We were able to upgrade our equipment and acquire four new vehicles which were badly needed, and still we were able to turn back this amount of money," Stubblefield said.

This is the second year in a row that the sheriff's department has returned money to the county coffers. Last year, Stubblefield returned almost \$40,000.

"We turned back right at \$38,000," Stubblefield said of 1993.

He said that he hoped next year he would be able to upgrade other equipment.

"There are four more older cars we need to replace," he said. "I hope to get those replaced next year."

Stubblefield said that when he was elected two years ago, he pledged to run the department in a more efficient manner.

"I think we've done that," he said.

Since taking office, more than 2,000 prisoners have been booked into the county jail. The new jail, built just before Stubblefield took office, is larger and more complex than the old jail in the Gray County Courthouse. It is also more expensive to run, he said.

"Maintaining a building this size," Stubblefield said, "is comparable to maintaining a building the size of the courthouse."

He said state mandates over how his department, particularly the county jail, must be run determine much of the cost of the operation of the sheriff's office.

"People have to realize there are expenses that come with the job that we have to bear," he said.

Eagles delay county silt removal project

A couple of eagles that delayed a county silt removal project at Lake McClellan may have moved on.

"The Park ranger said he saw them about a month ago," Venita Roland, concessionaire at the lake, said today. "They come back every year, but I haven't seen them this year. I think it's due to no water."

With the dry lake bed, Gray County had planned to dredge the lake and remove silt that had built up in it, but in the fall two eagles were sighted at the lake. The silt removal project was put on hold at the request of the National Forest Service so the birds wouldn't be disturbed.

"It's a shame to waste all this nice weather," Gray County Commissioner Ted Simmons said during the commissioners' court meeting Thursday.

He said he hoped the project could be resumed after the first of the year.

Park Ranger Reggie Blackwell and zone biologist John Pierson were off for the holidays, a spokesman with the U.S. Forestry Service at the Black Kettle National Grasslands office in Cheyenne, Okla., said today. The Oklahoma office of the service oversees operations at Lake McClellan.

"The last we heard, there were still a couple of eagles over there," said Bryan Hajny with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife in Cheyenne today.

Daily Record

Obituaries

LUCIUS EDGAR GAULDING

Lucius Edgar Gauling, 63, also known as Michael Morgan, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 1994. Graveside services were to have been at 2 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery, with the Rev. M.B. Smith, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gauling was born Sept. 15, 1931 in Dumas. He was an Army veteran, a high school graduate and an electrician.

There are no known survivors.

Accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28

10:07 p.m. - A 1992 red Ford pickup, driven by Kamie Rushell Smyth, 19, of 220 N. Houston, backed out of a parking lot near County Road S and East Foster and was in collision with a 1984 red Camaro driven by Stacy Jo Neal. Neal was cited for no proof of insurance. Smyth was cited for backing without safety.

11:57 a.m. - A 1985 yellow Plymouth driven by David W. Moneymaker, 20, of Fritch, was in collision with a 1988 black and white pickup driven by Robert Harold White, 35, of Hedley, at the intersection of South Hobart and McCollough. Moneymaker was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa		
Wheat	1.70	up 1/4
Milo	1.81	up 1/8
Corn	4.22	dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation		
NOWSCO	10	NC
Occidental	19 1/4	NC
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation		
Magellan	66.86	up 1/8
Puritan	14.81	up 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Amoco	59 1/4	up 3/8
Arco	102 3/4	up 7/8
Cabot	28 3/4	NC
Cabot O&G	14	up 1/8
Chevron	44 7/8	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	52 1/4	dn 1/8
Diamond Sham	26	NC
Enron	30 1/4	up 1/4
Halliburton	33 3/8	up 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	32 1/8	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	32 1/8	up 1/8
KNE	22 1/8	NC
Kerr McGee	46 1/4	dn 1/8
Limited	18 1/4	up 1/4
Magco	50 7/8	dn 1/8
Maxus	3 1/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	29 1/2	dn 1/8
Mobil	85 1/4	up 1/4
New Atmos	16 1/8	dn 1/2
Parker & Parsley	20 1/8	up 1/4
Penney's	43 7/8	up 1/4
Phillips	33 1/8	up 1/4
SLB	50 1/2	up 1/8
SPS	26 7/8	up 1/8
Tenneco	42 1/4	up 1/4
Texas	60 3/4	up 1/8
Wal-Mart	21 1/2	dn 1/4
New York Gold	382.30	up 1/8
Silver	4.85	up 1/8
West Texas Crude	17.44	up 1/8

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

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

THREE PLACE

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

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS

MOBILE MEALS

Meals will not be delivered Saturday, Dec. 24 and 31. Next meal delivery is Jan. 7.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to honor Mrs. Myrna Biggers of Spearman, Deputy Grand Matron, District 2, Section 1, with a covered-dish dinner at the Pampa Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill. A stated meeting and official visit of the Deputy will follow at 7:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Officers are to wear Chapter dresses.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 29

Domestic violence was reported in the 700 block of Sloan.

Gail Sanders, of 2335 Chestnut, reported a building at 859 E. Frederic was burglarized.

Texas Department of Health at 600 W. Kentucky reported criminal mischief.

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County General Store, 2565 Perryton Parkway, reported criminal mischief.

James Davis Anderson reported an assault by threat at Wal-Mart.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28

Jeffery Ray Estes, 29, of 1009 Terry, was arrested in connection with possession of under two ounces of marijuana. He was released on bond.

Thomas Randall Townsend, 39, of 641 N. Wells, was arrested in connection with a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was released on bond.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. No incidents were reported.

Arrests

THURSDAY, Dec. 29

Cecil Ray Williams, 43, who lives east of Pampa, was arrested in connection with a reported violation of a protective order. He remained in Gray County Jail today.

Lee Betty Weatherwax, 34, 212 N. Gillespie, was arrested in connection with an aggravated assault. Weatherwax was in Gray County today.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions Pampa		George Miller (to extended care)	
Blas Arzola	Canadian	Palmer Cotham	Nellie Martin
Madge Caviness	Christine Pruitt and baby girl	Wilma Kimbrell Eula	McLean
Danielle Frazier	Kisha Rigby and baby girl	George Miller (extended care)	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
There were no admissions reported.			Dismissals
			Shamrock
			Elmer Bockman

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 29

4:27 p.m. - A grass fire was reported two miles east of Pampa on Gray County Road J, just off Farm Road 749. Three units and five firefighters responded, but the fire was out by the time they arrived.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700



(AP photo)

A Palestinian man throws a burning tire over a barricade during clashes with Israeli soldiers today following a demonstration in which Palestinian protesters and Jewish peace activists stormed an army blockade at a disputed construction site near the occupied West Bank village of Al-Khader.

Violence erupts as Palestinians, Jewish peace activists protest expansion of site

By GWEN ACKERMAN
Associated Press Writer

AL-KHADER, West Bank (AP) - Israeli soldiers clashed today with Palestinians and Jewish peace activists who stormed an army blockade at a disputed construction site in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

At least two Palestinians and two soldiers were injured, and 25 demonstrators were detained. An ambulance driver who gave his name only as Moussa said he took 11 injured Palestinians to the hospital.

The violence erupted on the ninth straight day of protests against the expansion of Efrat, a settlement of 5,000 Jews just south of Bethlehem, on land claimed by Palestinians.

The army clamped a curfew on the nearby Palestinian town of Al-Khader. Down the road from the construction site, soldiers fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse Palestinian youths setting up roadblocks, burning tires and throwing stones.

On the main road to Jerusalem, hundreds of demonstrators blocked traffic to protest the expansion.

The construction threatens to disrupt Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and has become a test of

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's readiness to confront Jewish settlers, most of whom oppose Israel's 1993 peace accord with the PLO.

The protests in the Palestinian village of Al-Khader erupted Dec. 22 when settlers from Efrat sent bulldozers to blaze a road for a new neighborhood.

Today, soldiers enforced an army ban on demonstrations issued Thursday, keeping protesters 200 yards from the construction site. But crowds of Palestinians tried to storm the blockade around the site, shouting "God is Great."

More than 100 soldiers locked arms to try to keep them away, repeatedly pushing back the crowd. One Palestinian was kicked to the ground and a soldier was scratched in the ear.

Moments later, dozens of Palestinian youths pelted the soldiers with stones and ignited a tire on the main road. One soldier was struck in the forehead, falling to the ground with blood dripping down his face. A second Palestinian man fell to the ground and was taken away by ambulance.

A half hour into the scuffle, the army put the area under curfew and troops bellowed through bullhorns for everyone to go home.

Twenty-five protesters were

detained, most of them Israelis.

A telephone call from PLO leader Yasser Arafat was broadcast over a loudspeaker to the protesters.

"I tell you that your struggle is blessed because it expresses your commitment to the land," Arafat said.

Palestinians say the rocky, 150-acre plot, was confiscated from them illegally. Settlers from Efrat claim they bought the land after a previous Israeli government earmarked it for their use.

Galia Golan, an activist with Israel's Peace Now movement, said the construction was particularly ill-timed, during sensitive negotiations to expand Palestinian self-rule beyond the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho into the rest of the West Bank.

"This is a time when we need to demonstrate both to Israelis and Palestinians that we mean it when we are talking peace," Golan said.

Rabin has ordered Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair to investigate the expansion, a signal that he would consider halting the project.

Israel radio said Ben-Yair may recommend to the weekly Cabinet session Sunday that construction be stopped for security reasons, giving Rabin a face-saving solution.

Fighting rages in and around Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - Moscow's warplanes and artillery battered the edges of the Chechen capital today and bombarded a factory district, where a blazing oil refinery threatened to blow a tank of deadly ammonia.

The leader of the breakaway Chechen republic, Dzhokhar Dudayev, urged Boris Yeltsin to call a New Year's cease-fire as Russian forces reinforced their positions on the outskirts of ravaged Grozny, Russian reports said.

Up to 40,000 Russian troops poured into the mostly Muslim republic of 1.2 million on Dec. 11 to crush its 3-year-old independence bid. Growing criticism at home and abroad has not curbed the Russian offensive.

The Russian government press service reported a major clash between Russian troops and Chechen fighters overnight on the edge of Grozny.

In the center of the capital, the presidential palace remained unscathed by the bombs that devastated the buildings around it.

Residents were trapped in the city, unable to find transportation out and afraid to run the gauntlet of death to escape on foot.

"It's just me and my son, we're all alone," said Lyudmila Dmitrova, one of hundreds of ethnic Russians who have nowhere to go.

Chechnya's parliament appealed to world leaders to exert pressure on the Russian leadership and to provide aid to prevent environmental damage from the fires at burning oil facilities in Grozny.

Air strikes pounded the already devastated city and targeted the industrial district for a third straight day. Smoke continued to billow from a bombed-out refinery, and the fire there threatened to ignite a tank of deadly ammonia nearby, officials said.

Russia blamed the refinery fire on Chechen mines, not the virtually nonstop Russian airstrikes pounding Grozny. "None of the refineries has been bombed or shelled," the press service insisted.

Dudayev renewed his call for peace talks in a telegram to the

Russian government on Thursday, calling his offer unconditional.

But today, Russian lawmaker Magomed Tolboev said Dudayev demanded that Russian troops withdraw first, the Interfax news agency reported. Moscow has said that condition is unacceptable.

Dudayev, riding out the air raids in a bunker underneath the presidential palace, suspended peace talks on Dec. 14, three days after Russia began its military operation.

It wasn't clear whether his call for talks on Thursday was a sincere attempt at compromise or an effort to drum up more international pressure on Moscow to halt its offensive on the Caucasus Mountains republic.

An ecumenical group of clerics from the Caucasus region met in the southern Russian city of Vladikavkaz and issued a statement calling for peace in Chechnya.

The clerics also called on people to help refugees, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

An estimated 100,000 people have fled the fighting in Grozny and elsewhere.

New home sales fall 2.5 percent in November

WASHINGTON (AP) - New home sales fell 2.5 percent in November, the first drop in five months as rising borrowing costs dampened consumer demand.

The Commerce Department also said today that sales activity was much weaker in the August-October period than previously reported.

It was the latest sign that higher interest rates were beginning to slow the economy. Sales of previously owned homes also fell in November.

Sales of new homes totaled 693,000 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, down from a revised 711,000 in October, when sales rose 1.4 percent, the Commerce

Department reported. The original October estimate was 726,000.

But activity in November was mixed, with strong sales in the Northeast and Midwest, which were offset by large declines in the South and West.

Although sales increases for August and September also were revised downward, the November drop was the first since sales plunged 9.2 percent last June.

Analysts said that while some home buyers were being priced out of the market in recent months, others were able to take advantage of increased jobs and incomes to offset higher borrowing costs.

Still others were able to switch from fixed-rate loans to adjustable-rate mortgages with lower initial costs.

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 9.18 percent in November, up from 8.93 percent in October and 7.15 percent last February.

A jump from 7 percent to 9 percent would add \$209 to the monthly payment on a \$150,000 mortgage.

Sales of previously owned homes fell in November to the lowest level in 17 months, according to a report earlier this week by the National Association of Realtors.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy tonight with a 30 percent chance of showers mixed with snow after midnight. Low in the upper 20s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Morning clouds will burn off to sunshine by Saturday afternoon. High Saturday in the middle 40s. For the remainder of the New Year's holiday, partly cloudy and colder, with daytime highs in the 30s and overnight lows in the teens. The high Thursday was 53; the overnight low was 33.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, a chance of showers, possibly mixed with snow or changing to light snow after midnight. Lows in upper 20s. Saturday, mostly cloudy in the morning, becoming sunny by afternoon. Highs in mid to upper 40s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20. South Plains: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the 30s. Saturday, mostly cloudy early, decreasing cloudiness by afternoon. Highs 45-50. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows 20-25. North Texas - Tonight, cloudy

with a chance of rain. Lows in the 30s west, 40s elsewhere. Saturday, decreasing cloudiness west. Mostly cloudy central and east with a chance of rain. Highs 53 northwest to 65 southeast. Saturday night, partly and colder. Lows 24 northwest to 44 southeast.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Lows near 40 Hill Country to the 40s to near 50 south central. Saturday, decreasing clouds and breezy. Highs in the 60s to near 70. Saturday night, partly cloudy windy and colder. Lows from near 30 Hill Country to the 30s to near 40 south central. Coastal Bend: Tonight, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Lows in the 50s. Saturday, decreasing clouds and windy with widely scattered morning showers. Highs in the 70s inland to near 70 coast. Saturday night, partly cloudy, turning colder. Lows in the 40s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the 50s inland to the 60s coast. Saturday, partly cloudy with widely scattered morning showers. Highs in the 70s inland to near 70

coast. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Lows in the 50s coast to near 50 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, a chance of snow north central and northeast with skies becoming partly cloudy west and south. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest with 20s to mid 30s lower elevations east and south. Saturday and Saturday night, mostly fair skies. Highs upper 30s and 40s mountains and north with mid 40s to mid 50s south. Lows teens and 20s mountains with 20s and 30s lower elevations. Oklahoma - Tonight, rain likely. A few thunderstorms possible in central Oklahoma and the Red River Valley. Rain possibly becoming mixed with freezing rain in north-west Oklahoma towards morning. Lows in upper 20s northwest to mid 40s Red River Valley. Saturday, a mix of freezing rain. Sleet and snow across northern Oklahoma. Rain elsewhere, with possibly a thunderstorm in southeast Oklahoma. Precipitation ending from the west during the day. Colder. Highs from low 30s northwest Oklahoma to mid 50s southeast Oklahoma.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisements.

EASY'S POP & Cheese Shop, let us make your cheese, fruit and vegetable trays for your party or your next get together. Adv.

AARP TAX Aid-Help elderly people with tax returns. Call Ernie Wilkinson, 665-0356 Adv.

MOOSE LODGE. Make reservations for New Year's Eve. Dance to Road Hard (country & western). Members and guests. 669-5461. Adv.

SHOP SANDS Fabrics After Christmas sale. Save from 10% to 75%!! Adv.

PARTY DRESSES 50% OFF. VJ's, Pampa Mall. Adv.

NEW YEAR'S Eve Party - make reservations now! Panhandle Desperado Friday and Saturday. City Limits, 665-0438. Adv.

KNIFE COLLECTION for sale, approximately 600 pieces, acquired 1975-85. Numbered series, limited editions, sheaths and boxes. Call for more information and complete listing, 665-6853 or 669-2165. Adv.

I KNOW a Flatfoot who Fixes His own Heels, With the Help Of His Friend! More Later! Adv.

EASY'S CLUB & Grill - Food Special Steak and Lobster \$13.95. Adv.

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U.S. stance on Korea: We don't spy with low-flying helicopters

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Throughout the deadlock with North Korea over captured Army pilot Bobby Hall, the U.S. response to charges of spying was, in effect: Sure we spy — but not with unarmed helicopters flown by newcomers at 100 feet.

One pilot with flying experience along the demilitarized zone puts it this way: "We don't put people at risk when we have machines that can do the job for us."

An examination of the record and interviews with U.S. military officials suggest that "Razorback 19," the Army helicopter flight into North Korea that left one pilot dead and a second in North Korean hands for 13 days, went awry as a result of bad luck, inexperience and a lack of technology to back up what turned out to be faulty human reckoning.

After nearly two weeks of increasing tension, the two sides appear to have agreed to disagree. State Department spokesman Michael McCurry said the

United States secured the release of Chief Warrant Officer Hall by agreeing to express regret for the incident and working with the military in South Korea to prevent a recurrence.

But McCurry said the United States still insists the overflight was an accident.

Hall was handed over to U.S. officials at the Panmunjom truce village on the border of North and South Korea at 8:16 p.m. CST Thursday, 10:16 a.m. Friday local time.

According to U.S. officials, the flight was one of dozens that might take place daily near the demilitarized zone.

One pilot is said to have been training the other how to fly in the highly restricted air space near the border — and to stay south of a buffer zone that ranges from four to 10 miles below the border and is intended to prevent just this kind of incident.

The Army routinely flies over the region near the demilitarized zone to train in case of war, deliver supplies to ground troops and look for evidence of any North Korean incursion into the South. Pilots are partic-

ularly on the lookout for evidence of tunnels.

A pilot who has flown Army helicopters along the DMZ said it was absurd to think U.S. military commanders would rely on an unarmed helicopter to gather intelligence over the North when the military has unmanned drones, highflying spy planes, camera-equipped satellites and sophisticated eavesdropping equipment that can do the job better and more safely.

"We work hard to keep people out of harm's way in this business," said the pilot, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hall's helicopter went down over North Korea on Dec. 17. His partner, Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon, was killed in the crash-landing and was buried Wednesday.

Though officials say the flight over North Korea was inadvertent, there's no doubt the U.S. does spy on North Korea. Indeed, the Pentagon relied on electronic intelligence sources to first pinpoint the time of the downing.

And earlier this year, when tension with North Korea over nuclear weapons was high, Pentagon officials were

able to describe in detail how many tanks and soldiers the North Koreans had clustered near the border.

In the current case, there are reasons the North Koreans might be suspicious.

The helicopter was shot down more than 10 miles northwest of a checkpoint beyond which it should not have flown. A senior military official described the landmark as easy to see.

Also, the OH-58A helicopter was part of a newly arrived battalion of Apache attack helicopters. One job of the OH-58A, as the North Koreans have said, is to precede the Apache into battle as a target spotter.

The weather was clear, with visibility of six miles. These flights are surprisingly low-tech ventures, with pilots looking at maps on their laps and trying to spot landmarks below.

"You're more concerned about avoiding the mountain peaks around you, and trying to use a map while avoiding them is a full-time job," said Retired Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub, chief of staff of the United Nations force in South Korea during the 1970s.

Turkish plane crash kills 55

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A jetliner that crashed in eastern Turkey, killing 55 people, stirred controversy because of reports the pilot insisted on landing despite a snowstorm that drastically cut visibility.

The Turkish Airlines Boeing 737 crashed on Thursday afternoon just two miles from the airport at Van, about 50 miles from the Iranian border.

The death toll increased to 55 today when one of the injured passengers died in a hospital, the state radio said. The report said 18 survivors remained hospitalized, while the three others were discharged.

The plane was making its third attempt to land after two previous tries were aborted because of the harsh weather, said Faik Akin, a spokesman for the national carrier.

The Anatolia news agency quoted an air traffic controller telling the pilot that the visibility was only 300 feet at Van airport.

"I will try once more," the pilot said moments before the crash, according to Anatolia.

"Do not land. I cannot even see you. I can only hear the plane's engine. Return to Ankara," the air traffic controller reportedly answered.

"Pilot gambled; passengers paid the price," read a headline across the front page of the Istanbul daily *Sabah*. "Obstinacy brought the disaster," said a headline in another mass circulation daily, *Milliyet*.

Atilla Celebi, the national carrier's general director, said it was too early to speculate on the cause of the crash.

The passengers included military personnel on their way to southeastern Turkey, where the army is battling Kurdish rebels. No foreigners were said to be aboard.

Tolga Bakanyildiz, a flight attendant who survived the crash, told a morning television news show that he could not see out the plane's window. "Then I felt a heavy bump and hot water poured over me," Bakanyildiz told Channel 6.

Freed U.S. pilot is headed home

By GREG MYRE
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — American pilot Bobby Hall looked wan and dazed, but maintained his military bearing as he took off on a long-awaited flight home after 13 days in captivity in North Korea.

Hall, captured after his helicopter went down over North Korea on Dec. 17, was freed after the U.S. government expressed regret for what it called a navigational error — not a spy mission as claimed by the North.

The incident threatened the fragile relations with the hard-line communist state that had improved over the past two months.

President Clinton, after a late-night conversation with Hall, told reporters the Army helicopter pilot "was held for too long."

Wearing the green flight suit he wore when his helicopter went down, Hall walked to freedom in Panmunjom, the border village in the Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas. Military officers from both North Korea and the United States were present for the brief, solemn ceremony on a cold and overcast morning.

"He seemed naturally somewhat dazed to have emerged from 13 days of captivity to see generals lined up on both sides of the DMZ waiting for him to cross," said State Department official Thomas Hubbard, who had worked out the final details of Hall's release.

Hall's co-pilot, Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon, was killed when the helicopter went down. His body was returned last week.

Hall, 28, was flown by helicopter to a U.S. military base in Seoul for a medical checkup. Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord, appearing on network talk shows this morning, said the pilot was "given a thumbs-up" by doctors there.

Lord said he did not know what Hall had told U.S. military officials about his days in captivity. Hall delivered a brief statement on the tarmac at Osan Air Force Base outside Seoul.

"First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest sympathy for Mrs. Hilemon," Hall said. He also thanked Hubbard for his "speedy return back to the free world."



Bobby W. Hall

Then he boarded a U.S. military plane that left for McDill Air Force Base in Florida, his home state.

Hall's family in Brooksville, Fla., cheered when they got word he had been released. Tears streamed down the face of his wife, Donna, and mother, Diane.

Clinton had called them a few hours earlier to tell them of the impending release.

Hall's case was extremely sensitive because the United States did not want to undermine the nuclear accord signed in October between the U.S. and North Korea.

It was further complicated by a lack of clear information about who is in charge in North Korea. There have been hints of a power struggle between civilian and military officials since North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung died in July.

His son, Kim Jong Il, is his presumed successor but has not formally assumed power.

In Washington, U.S. officials said they believe the deal that eventually was struck had won Kim's endorsement.

U.S. and North Korean officials agreed on a written statement that said the U.S. helicopter inadvertently strayed into North Korean airspace, American officials said.

"We did offer our sincere regrets for the accidental intrusion," Hubbard told a news conference.

He said the countries also agreed to discuss how to prevent such incidents in the future, adding this was not a new policy but part of a U.S. effort to reduce tensions with the North.

Bush picks Democrat for insurance position

HOUSTON (AP) — Republican Gov.-elect George W. Bush has picked a Democratic state representative as state insurance commissioner, according to a story published today in *The Houston Post* that cites Capitol sources.

Elton Bomer of Montalba will soon be announced as Bush's choice to replace Interim Commissioner Rebecca Lightsey, whose term ends Feb. 1, the newspaper reported.

Lightsey, a longtime consumer activist, replaced Commissioner Robert Hunter, a Gov. Ann Richards' appointee who resigned the \$150,000-a-year post earlier this month.

Ginny Bomer, the East Texas lawmaker's wife, said he was vacationing and unavailable for comment Thursday. Spokesmen for Bush would not comment on a pending appointment, the newspaper reported.

Another Democrat also is in line for a seat on the three-member Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the newspaper reported.

State Rep. Robert Saunders, D-La Grange and vice chair of the House Environmental Regulation Commission, would replace Pam Reed, whose term expires in August.

Commissioner Peggy Garner's appointment by Richards has not yet been confirmed by the Senate.

Bush has said he might ask the Senate to reject confirmation of some Richards appointees.

John Hildreth, executive director of Consumers Union in Austin, said that while Bomer "served with distinction" in the House, "He has not

able to describe in detail how many tanks and soldiers the North Koreans had clustered near the border.

Representatives of the insurance industry were not available for comment late Thursday, the newspaper reported.

During the four years he was not in the Legislature, Bomer's business interests included lobbying on behalf of the Texas Telephone Association, Texaco Inc., Texaco Refining and Marketing, the Wichita Falls Board of Commerce and Industry and BSI Western Inc. of Houston. The latter firm hired Bomer to lobby on solid waste disposal issues.

State law requires an insurance commissioner to have 10 years experience as an executive or as an attorney or accountant. The commissioner also must have five years experience in insurance or insurance regulation.

Bomer currently serves as executive vice president of East Texas National Bank in Palestine.

Capitol sources said Bush aides researched Bomer's background and determined he meets the qualifications.

The 1993 Legislature, as part of a major overhaul of insurance regulation, replaced the three-member State Board of Insurance with a single commissioner who wields considerable clout.

"There is a lot of good or bad that can be done by an insurance commissioner," said Hildreth.

The report of the pending appointment came only one day after the release of a Travis County grand jury's letter to Bush concerning the insurance agency.

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

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Wayland Thomas
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Texas Editorials

The Houston Post on casino gambling:

Hurrah for Gov. elect George W. Bush's latest stand on casino gambling. He's not only against it but says he will fight a constitutional amendment to legalize it. That's the kind of leadership Texas needs — not just a leave-it-to-the-people stance trying to please everyone.

It's refreshing to see a top politician who not only thinks casino gambling would be bad for Texas, but is willing to speak out to stop its legalization.

With Bush's vow to fight them, promoters of casinos should give up their effort to get casinos legalized by constitutional amendment this session. A governor can't veto a proposed constitutional amendment. But in Texas, voters still have to approve any amendment and the governor can be a powerful force against ratification.

Rolls and statements by legislators and their leaders indicate casino legalization is far short of the two-thirds voting majority needed for a constitutional amendment. House Speaker Pete Laney indicates he would urge voters to defeat it. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock displays no enthusiasm for it.

As for Bush, we wish he would strengthen his anti-gambling position by promising to veto a bill to legalize off-track betting on horse and dog races. While announcing he would campaign against casino gambling, the governor-elect said he had serious reservations about legalizing such gambling on the races, but did not say what he would do about it. Such proliferation of gambling would also be bad for Texas and we urge him to declare war on it, too.

The Dallas Morning News on deadly driving:

As the New Year approaches, many Texans believe celebrations and bottles of holiday cheer go hand in hand. Sadly, however, friendly reminders against drunken driving often fall on deaf ears.

For that reason, come Jan. 1, a new state law called "ALR" will begin articulating the message loudly and clearly: Anyone caught driving while intoxicated will automatically have his or her driver's license suspended. Formally called "administrative license revocation," the statute should be an attention getter, especially among those who enjoy using their cars to get to work, run errands or lead a social life. Consider the following penalties:

— Any driver arrested for drunken driving will have his or her license revoked for 90 days if that driver refuses to take a chemical blood alcohol test.

— Any driver who fails that test will have his or her license suspended for 60 days.

Sound tough? Better buckle up. It gets worse. It will be particularly strict on those drivers whose licenses have been previously suspended for a drunken driving or an intoxication manslaughter conviction. Such people will lose their licenses for 120 days for failing the test and 180 days for refusing the test. And reinstatement of their licenses after the period of suspension will cost \$100.

Everyone knows drunken driving is very serious. But as if it were not enough of a threat to traffic safety, there also have been reports recently that up to a third of all traffic deaths may be linked to drowsy driving. Laws can be passed against driving while in a state of inebriation, but how to punish sleep deprivation? At the least, the new figures confirm that "falling asleep at the wheel" is deadly behavior. That should be a word to the wise, or at least the weary who need a reminder to pull over and rest.

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Those oh so loony drug laws



William F. Buckley Jr.

She is my baby sister, I am her godfather, and though she has run her own life for many years, there is now, however temporary, a dependency, or rather a need, and it boils the blood with anger that I cannot help her. Why? Because the idiot squad might see the transaction and put one or both of us in jail.

What she wants is, as she puts it, a little "cannabis." Because she is undergoing an agonizing jolt of chemotherapy resulting in wracking nausea.

How does she know cannabis would help her? Dumb question. A) She knows, or knows of, people who have had relief from the wretchedness she suffers from, from a puff or two of marijuana. And B) so what if it did not work? If she doesn't get relief, she doesn't get — end of experiment. What are they afraid of, that while recovering from cancer and taking a marijuana cigarette she will become a crack addict?

I said to her over the telephone: Why don't you just go out on the street and get it? Answer: "I know it's all over the place, but I actually don't know where physically to go. And anyway, all the vendors expect people in their teens or 20s, and I wouldn't fit. They'd look at me suspiciously."

"Why don't you get Anne" — her daughter lives 25 miles away — "to go and get it for you?" Answer: "I wouldn't ask her. She's totally law-abiding, and I wouldn't want to embarrass her."

So why doesn't her big brother, sitting here in New York pecking away on the word processor, haul his big behind to get some and send it to her? Answer: Because big brother actually doesn't know to turn right or left when he leaves the building, and wonders (since he is a resourceful type) whether he

should buy one of those trained dogs and ask him to lead big brother to the nearest marijuana plant.

But mostly because big brother is a coward, and there is just that chance that a lurking narc would spot him paying cash for enough marijuana to relieve baby sister and decide that it was a dreamy photo-op — not on the order of Zapruder or Rodney King, but it would be fun to be the cause of sending that right-wing encephalophone off to prison for a couple of years for violating the drug laws.

Newt Gingrich reported a few weeks ago that he had heard it said that one-quarter of the White House staff had been taking drugs at least in the few years leading up to their employment in the White House. This was denounced by Leon Panetta et al. as the most irresponsible blather yet from that king of irresponsibility, the speaker-elect. But then somebody noticed the 1991 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse. What it said was that 18.4 percent of respondents between the ages of 26 and 34 reported that they had used an illegal drug during the last year.

Now people tend to protect their own reputations, even anonymously. Nobody, answering a poll,

would confess to having racial prejudice. So we can assume that if 18 percent reported having experimented with an illegal drug, probably the figure was higher.

So? So if the government's own surveyors inform us that approximately 25 percent of the people of that age occasionally use an illegal drug, why should it surprise us that the young people of the same age who went to work for the White House and work there now should be different? It isn't as though Bill Clinton's White House was approached as one might approach work for a Carthusian monastery.

Probably the White House people Gingrich and his informer were talking about had used marijuana. Statistics published on Dec. 13 report a slight increase by school-aged children in the use of that drug.

What about the war on drugs? Well, what about it? Should we fight it more fiercely? Execute the kids?

Thinking on the subject is so far gone in putrefaction that the simplest questions go unanswered. Researchers in San Francisco spent a couple of years developing a plan for exploring the clinical effects of cannabis on people suffering from certain maladies. They proposed to test the effectiveness of the drug in treating the wasting syndrome associated with AIDS. But the Drug Enforcement Administration has apparently contrived to get the National Institute on Drug Abuse to deny the necessary marijuana for testing from the government's farm in Mississippi.

You shut your eyes in frustration. If somebody discovered that marijuana would cure AIDS, would the narcs still prowl the street vendors?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 1994. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Dec. 30, 1894, suffragist Amelia Jenks Bloomer died in Council Bluffs, Iowa; she had gained notoriety for wearing a short skirt and baggy trousers that came to be known as "bloomers."

On this date:

In 1853, the United States bought some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

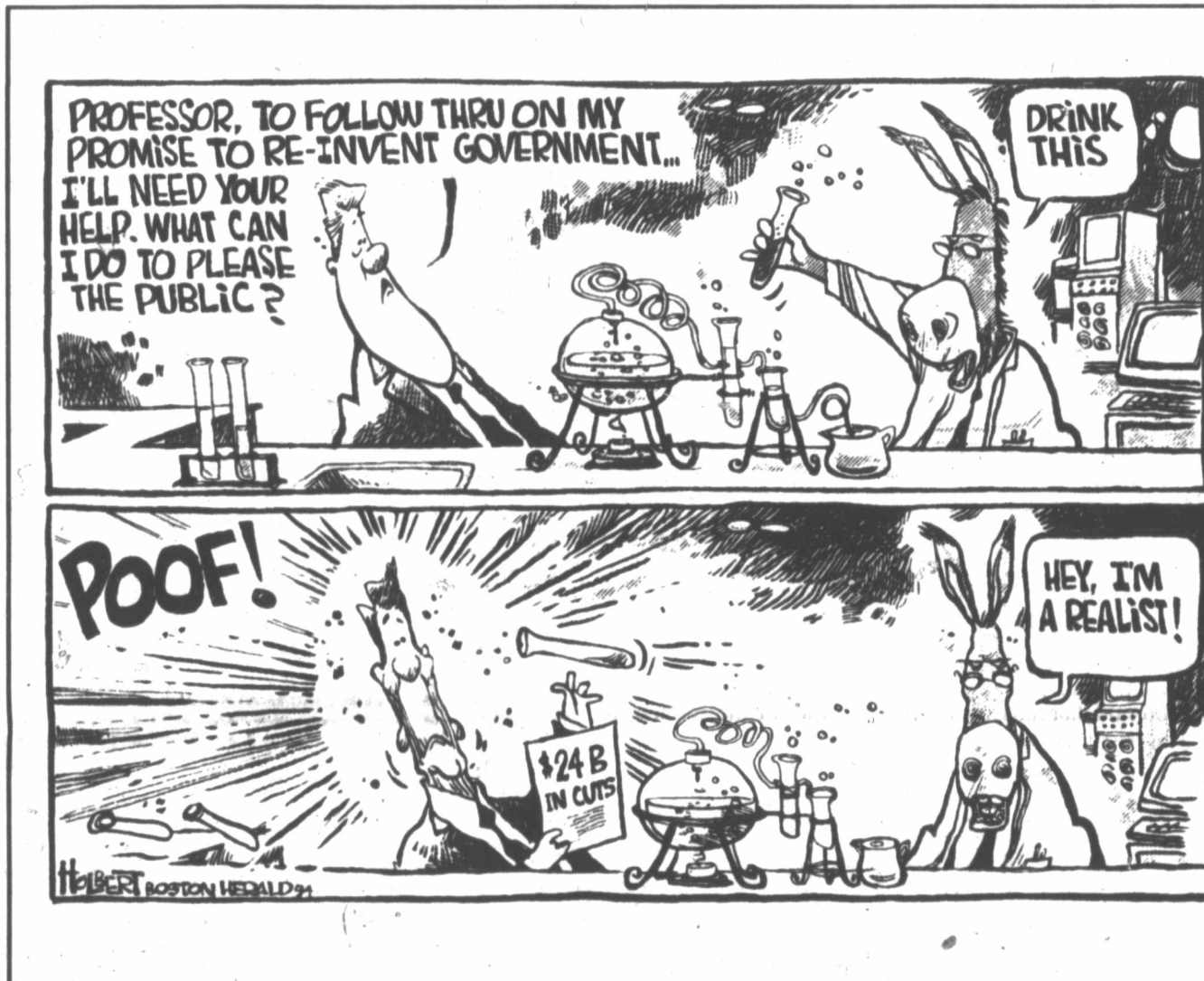
In 1865, author Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India.

In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

In 1911, Sun Yat-sen was elected the first president of the Republic of China after the fall of the Chinese dynasties.

In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike, at the Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich.



Why so angry, Ms. Polly?

What does the governor of Wisconsin have in common with state Rep. Polly Williams?

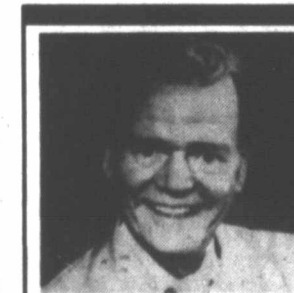
He's a man, and she's a woman. He's a Republican, and she's a Democrat. He's white, and she's black.

What the two share is a determination to overhaul public education in Wisconsin. And the state legislature, in agreement with them both, has closed ranks to implement a most extraordinary coalition.

The Republicans in the legislature have elected this Democrat to chair its Urban Education Committee. So, let Polly Williams introduce Polly Williams with her own recent utterance:

"Liberals, caving in the teachers' unions, have created a monstrous welfare system. ... Many African-American leaders do not really represent urban minorities. Most of them would rather die than send their own kids to inner-city public schools, yet they casually consign other people's kids to those same failed institutions."

The incoming Republican speaker of the



Paul Harvey

Wisconsin Assembly, David Prosser, says, "It is time for Polly to have the power and the staff she needs to advance educational reform."

I talked to Polly Williams and asked her to specify her recommendations. When she does, I will relay those to you. But here's one recommendation this ultimately bipartisan lawmaker has already shared:

"While we get going applying CPR to our sick, sick school system, the people who got us into this mess should not even be invited to the discussion

table." She says, "They've had their turn, and they flunked out. Now, they should get out of the way."

I said, "You're angry."

"You bet," Williams said. "There came a time when usually mild-mannered, turn-the-other-cheek Jesus stormed into the temple and began smashing up the furniture." She said, "It's time to get angry!" Golly, Ms. Polly!

While earnest efforts are being made to restore public schools — and how — it's worth noting that home-schooling is succeeding. Sixteen thousand children in 50 states are being schooled at home, and their grade average in all subjects is significantly higher than in public schools.

More than half (54.7 percent) of these home-schooled students are achieving individual scores in the top 25 percent of our total student population. And 79.6 percent achieve individual scores above the national average.

Maybe our public-policy people can learn some lessons from the stay-at-homes.

AID begins battle to keep funding

WASHINGTON — When J. Brian Atwood talks to his staff, he sometimes sounds more like Gen. George Patton than the head of the foreign aid agency that he is.

"We are at war," Atwood says, imploring his troops to close ranks against an anticipated Republican-led effort to put foreign aid on the chopping block. In public, he is more diplomatic, shunning battlefield analogies.

To critics of Atwood's Agency for International Development, a country swimming in an ocean of debt has no business spending \$13.7 billion to help other nations. Why not let beleaguered taxpayers keep the money rather than subsidize failure abroad? the critics ask.

Atwood, of course, has a different view, and he has been relentlessly spreading AID's gospel since the fall election returns left the agency feeling much like a turkey before Thanksgiving.

During the first five weeks after the elections, Atwood was a ubiquitous presence, giving nine speeches and 15 interviews with the news media.

AID also initiated a television advertising campaign for the first time in its 33-year history. "By helping others, we help ourselves," the 60-second public service ad proclaims, also implying that AID programs have generated 920,000 U.S. jobs at nominal cost.

Victories have been elusive for the foreign aid program since the triumph of the Marshall Plan in

George Gedda
AP Special Correspondent

rebuilding Europe after World War II. In the 1970s, AID barely survived a congressional effort to abolish it.

Over the years, some of the biggest aid recipients, Somalia and Liberia among them, have descended into misery and chaos. Not long ago, AID paid \$423,000 to train 14 youths from Guinea. But after training here, none bothered to go back home.

Atwood and his team are credited with ending some past abuses, but they believe misconceptions linger. Far from being an expensive handout program for suspect Third World regimes, AID says it only costs \$20 a year per taxpayer household and that most of the money is spent in the United States.

Since taking over at AID in 1993, Atwood, 53, has tried to stress American self-interest rather than altruism as the rationale for AID. He has recast AID's image, portraying the agency as a vehicle for American exports, promoting democracy and environmental protection abroad and for curbing population growth — all issues affecting the U.S. national interest.

Atwood also says 20 percent budget cuts imposed since he took office make further reductions unrealistic. "We're already robbing Peter to pay Paul," he

says. If the United States becomes an aid dropout, he says, Japan and Germany, both generous donor countries, could snare Third World markets that might otherwise belong to U.S. exporters.

Many Republicans are not impressed; among them, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, who will take over as chairman of the Senate Appropriations foreign operations subcommittee next month.

For starters, McConnell wants to eliminate AID and transfer a sharply scaled-back aid program to State Department supervision. He would eliminate \$800 million slated for Africa and \$450 million in population programs. He would spare programs where, he says, the United States has a national security interest, as in the Middle East and Russia.

That plan may seem extreme to Atwood but is too wishy-washy for columnist Pat Buchanan, who believes virtually all programs should be eliminated, including the \$5 billion in economic and military assistance spent annually on Egypt and Israel, the two largest recipients.

"Egypt and Israel are friends," Buchanan says. "But we do friends no favor by putting them on the welfare rolls, which is what foreign aid is. It creates dependency, breeds corruption, corrodes honest relations and bloats government at the expense of the private sector."

And, he says, many in the new Congress think exactly as he does about AID but so far are keeping their thoughts to themselves.

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Four unidentified youths sport gold teeth at the Fulton Mall in the Brooklyn borough of New York on Thursday. The latest in faddish fashion, called fangs, rap caps or fronts, are worn over the teeth, and the removable gold teeth covers, often studded with diamonds or designs, are glittering on the incisors and bicuspid of image-conscious teenagers around New York City. One teen was shot to death Wednesday after two men robbed him on a subway platform; his mother alleges the men were after the youth's diamond-studded gold teeth she got him for Christmas.

Officials urge runaways to use hotline

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials have urged children who are living on the street to get help by calling a toll-free and confidential runaway hotline.

"The holidays can be a lonely and depressing time for homeless youth away from their families," Jay Smith, director of the Texas Runaway Hotline, said Thursday.

The request for runaways to seek assistance came as charges mounted in the torture of a 17-year-old homeless boy in Houston.

The teenager, who remained hospitalized in poor condition, was sodomized with a curling iron, doused on his head and genitals with flammable liquids and set afire with a cigarette lighter.

He was kept in a closet at an apartment, taken out only to be beaten further, police say. The violence was in apparent retaliation for a drug theft.

Thirteen people, mostly homeless youth, had been charged in connection with the torture.

Theresa Tod, executive director of the Texas Network of Youth Services, said violence on the street is escalating, but that doesn't stop children from running away.

"When kids leave home they are in crisis. They really don't have a plan. They just want to get away. They don't think about the consequences of living on the streets," she said.

In Texas, more than 120,000 children ages 7 to 17 run away from home annually, Smith said.

Smith said the hotline, which is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, can help runaways contact their families or direct them toward food, shelter, health care and counseling.

In 1993, the federally funded hotline received about 15,000 calls. The hotline's biggest request for information concerned shelter, 48 percent; and counseling, 22 percent.

Ms. Tod said that runaways experience a higher level of physical and

sexual abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, and are at a greater risk of contracting the virus that causes AIDS.

"Just about any risk factor that you can associate with adolescents will typically be higher with runaways," she said.

Mitch Weynand, executive director of Middle Earth Youth Options, said sometimes running away is the best choice for a child who is being abused.

"But once they take off we need them to find us because we have trained counselors and a lot of resources that we can direct towards that youth's care and towards that youth's safety," he said.

Smith said new statewide television and radio ads, along with 160,000 pieces of runaway prevention material for schools, law agencies and youth service organizations, will help young people become more aware of the services that are available.

Mailers rush to beat postal rate increase

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — Postal carriers, who have been loaded down with holiday mail for weeks, are hauling extra stacks of advertisements and catalogs sent by businesses trying to beat the postage rate hike.

On New Year's Day at 12:01 a.m. local time, the cost of mailing a first-class letter will rise to 32 cents. Other postal rates will go up as well.

The new rates have meant brisk bulk mailings and increased activity this week at post offices nationwide.

Mildred Slagle, a retiree in Frederick, stopped in the downtown post office Thursday to exchange her roll of 29-cent stamps for a roll of 32-cent stamps.

"It was a \$3 dollar difference. It's not really a big deal, but I think to businesses it is," Slagle said. "Remembering back to the 5- and 3-cent stamps — it's quite a change."

Margaret Brown, who bought her first 32-cent stamps and a supply of 3-cent ones to use with her leftover 29-cent stamps, agreed.

"If it keeps going up, it might be cheaper to call," Mrs. Brown said.

The Postal Service has been selling temporary 32-cent stamps since Dec. 13. The stamp bears the letter G, an American flag and the words "Old Glory" but carries no price.

Stamps with the new postal prices will be released this spring. When the new rates were announced earlier this month, the U.S. Postal Service governing board said the increase — the first in four years — would reap an additional \$4.7 billion in 1995 for the Postal Service, which lost \$914 million in its last fiscal year.

The surge of mail sent by businesses and individuals trying to save a few cents started several weeks

ago, said Greg Frey, a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C. Most of the extra volume is third-class mail, such as advertising, some parcels and catalogs, he said.

Extra trucks and temporary workers the Postal Service hired for the holidays were kept on to help handle the anticipated volume, he said.

Wayne Rogers, district manager at the Columbus, Ohio, post office, said third-class bulk mailings there were up 20 percent this week over the same period last year. Carrier volume is up about 12 percent from the same week in 1993.

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Federal judge: Same-sex harassment not illegal

BALTIMORE (AP) — Harassing someone of the same sex isn't illegal under federal discrimination law covering sexual harassment, a federal judge ruled.

The federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 doesn't cover a person claiming to have been the "victim of sexual harassment by a supervisor or co-worker of the same gender," U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Harvey II ruled Wednesday. It was the latest of several contradictory rulings on the question.

Harvey dismissed a suit filed by David Hopkins, a former employee of Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. who claimed his male supervisor, Ira Swadow, made unwelcome advances. Hopkins said Swadow pointed a magnifying lens at his groin and questioned him about his sexual activities among other incidents.

Both were laid off as part of restructuring last year.

Harvey wrote that Hopkins may have been justifiably offended by his supervisor's remarks but did not have

a harassment case under existing federal law. He noted that the supervisor allegedly harassed men and women equally, according to testimony.

Hopkins said he would appeal the ruling. Swadow has denied he made the remarks.

Federal courts in other states have ruled that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, covers same-sex harassment cases. But other judges have followed Harvey's reasoning.

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Religion

Religious right, debates over role of women top 1994 religion stories

By DAVID BRIGGS
AP Religion Writer

The electoral success of religious conservatives, expanded roles for Catholic women and the debate over feminist images in Christian churches were the top religion stories in 1994.

In a poll of members of the Religion Newswriters Association, the top religion story of the year was the role conservative religious groups such as the Christian Coalition played in getting out voters to contribute to the GOP election landslide. Issues such as abortion and school prayer are expected to be on the agenda of the new Congress.

Ranking No. 2 was the Catholic Church's attempt to define the role of women in the sanctuary. Pope John Paul II ruled out any further discussion of opening the priesthood to women, but the Vatican gave its approval for female altar girls. Meanwhile, the U.S. Catholic bishops in November said women should be encouraged to move into the top ranks of church theologians and administrators.

The fallout over a "Re-Imagining Conference" in 1993 in Minneapolis was the third most important religion story of 1994. Organizers of the feminist conference attended by more than 2,000 people said it was an attempt to challenge women to find new ways to view God and spirituality. But critics claimed it was marked by heresy and goddess worship, and numerous protests and threats to withhold contributions were received at the headquarters of some Protestant denominations.

The story of Paul Hill, a former minister condemned to die for killing an abortion doctor and escort outside a Pensacola, Fla., clinic July 29, was ranked fourth. Hill, who contended he committed a justifiable homicide, also was the first person convicted under a new federal law protecting clinics.

Rounding out the top five was the forward progress of the historic peace accord between Israel and the PLO. The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. In June,

Israel and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations.

The Church of England's historic ordination of 32 women priests at Bristol Cathedral on March 12 ranked sixth on the list of the top religion stories. The decision to ordain women priests won wide acceptance, but also drew protests. In the United States, Episcopal Bishop Clarence C. Pope Jr. of Fort Worth, Texas, announced he is planning to move to the Roman Catholic Church after he retires Jan. 1.

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The murder-suicide of 53 disciples of a doomsday sect, the Order of the Solar Temple, ranked seventh. Forty-eight bodies were discovered Oct. 5 in two burned-out Alpine chalets and a farmhouse in two remote Swiss villages. Five other bodies were discovered shortly before in an apartment in Canada belonging to the cult leaders.

Sexual abuse issues in the Catholic Church ranked eighth. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago said he was "totally vindicated" after he was dropped from a sexual abuse lawsuit. In November, a committee of bishops issued a report saying the church should put victims first in policies on sex abuse.

Faced with dozens of lawsuits, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., expressed concern about the possibility of bankruptcy.

In ninth place was two Catholic publishing success stories: Pope John Paul II's best-selling "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" and the new English-language version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Religious involvement in the United Nations population conference in Cairo was No. 10. Catholic and Muslim delegates expressed concerns about language on abortion and sexual morality. The plan developed in Cairo referred to unsafe abortion as a major public health concern, but said reproductive health should conform to the laws and religious, ethical and cultural values of a country.

In other voting, the pope was judged to be the religion newsmaker of the year, and the Episcopal House of Bishops was the top vote-getter for the Into the Darkness Award for attempting to keep secret drafts of its sexuality statement.

Thirty-seven religion writers picked the top 10 stories from a list of 50 choices compiled by Bill Thorkelson, a free-lance religion writer from

Local briefs

St. Mark C.M.E. Church located at 406 Elm Avenue invite those interested to attend their Annual New Years Day Fellowship this Sunday after the morning service. Games, conversation, T.V. and refreshments will be part of the activities.

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Ministry has grown since fatal accident

NEW CONCORD, Ky. (AP) — The work that two young church leaders were doing with a bus ministry didn't die with them a year ago; it is being carried on by others as a tribute to them.

Bryan and Carol Luffman were delivering Christmas packages to underprivileged children last year when their church bus was hit head-on by another vehicle.

The church bus burst into

flames, and both died in the accident. The Christmas packages also were destroyed.

A day after the crash, people throughout the area donated money, clothing and food to the 11 needy families whose packages the Luffmans were delivering.

A year later, the bus ministry has grown to four buses and a Chevy Suburban to pick up children for events at Blood River Baptist

Church.

In January, church members will start tutoring children in school-work each Sunday after the morning worship service. Children will eat a lunch prepared by church members and then will start their lessons.

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Agent Orange deadline extended

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP) - A federal judge extended a deadline Thursday for thousands of Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange to file claims for the remainder of a multimillion-dollar injury compensation fund.

U.S. District Court Judge Jack Weinstein of New York signed an order pushing the Saturday deadline back to Jan. 17.

The Agent Orange Settlement fund was created 10 years ago after veterans and their families reached a \$184 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit against makers of Agent Orange. About \$21 million remains unclaimed.

Weinstein, who set the original deadline in 1984, ordered the extension after Aetna Insurance Co. of Connecticut, which administers the fund, was swamped with thousands of calls from veterans rushing to file claims.

Aetna had been getting as many as 1,000 telephone calls a day for the past three weeks, said claims administrator Maria Martinez.

An Associated Press story on Tuesday triggered still more calls, and Aetna added five extra phone lines to handle them. Still, Martinez said, the company was able to take only 2,068 of 2,541 calls that came in Wednesday. Another 1,500 calls had

come in by 4 p.m. Thursday, Martinez said.

Agent Orange is a vegetation-destroying chemical U.S. military aircraft sprayed in Vietnam to make it difficult for enemy soldiers to hide and find food.

Veterans said the chemical caused such illnesses as cancer and produced birth defects in their children.

To qualify for compensation, veterans must be totally disabled and show they served in areas where the chemical was sprayed between 1961 and 1971.

About 39,000 veterans and their families have received money from the fund, which is supported by Dow Chemical, Uniroyal, Monsanto, Hercules, Agricultural Nutrition, Diamond Shamrock and Thompson Chemical.

Aetna will take telephone inquiries about the fund Friday from 8 a.m. to midnight and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The phone number for applications is (800) 225-4712, fax number (203) 636-0444. From Jan. 3 through Jan. 17, Aetna will take calls on week days, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Deadline for postmarked applications is no later than midnight Jan. 17, 1995. The address is Agent Orange Veterans Payment Program, P.O. Box 110, Hartford, Conn., 06104.

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Lifestyles

Newsmakers of the area



(Courtesy photo)

Sherry Ammons (left) and Sherry Diggs (right), pose with Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc., recently after attaining the positions of independent sales directors for Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. As sales directors, they will provide training, guidance, leadership and motivation to other Mary Kay independent beauty consultants. In preparation for the new positions, Ammons and Diggs attended a weeklong training seminar at Mary Kay's international headquarters in Dallas. The sessions provided training on product knowledge, sales techniques, business management and fashion trends.



Valenzuela

Belinda Valenzuela, daughter of Salvador and Alicia Valenzuela, has graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a bachelor of science degree in multidisciplinary studies with a specialization in English. While attending the university, Valenzuela has been named to the president's list with a grade point average of 4.0 and the dean's list with a 3.5 GPA or above. She has been accepted to

the graduate program at Texas Tech. Valenzuela plans to pursue a master's degree in administration.

Jennifer Irene Dorsey of Pampa was among 365 degree candidates recognized at The University of Texas at Tyler fall commencement. Dorsey was a candidate for a bachelor of science degree.

Dawn R. Miller was among 44 students who graduated from the American Institute of Commerce in Davenport, Iowa. Miller, the daughter of Thomas and Vicki Miller, graduated with a diploma in the business/pc computer specialist program.

Precisionism: Searching for a national identity

MONTCLAIR, N.J. (AP) — "Precisionism in America 1915-41: Reordering Reality" is a chronicle of a very important modern art movement in United States history.

Over 140 paintings, drawings, prints and photographs from nearly 60 art institutions and private collectors are on display at the Montclair Art Museum.

The pieces represent works by artists associated with Precisionism, including Charles Sheeler, Georgia O'Keeffe, Niles Spencer and Ralston Crawford. Precisionism was part of an international, constructive "call to order" after the destruction at the end of World War I.

Throughout the two decades-long movement, artists depicted architecture and artifacts of the country's rural, pre-industrial past. Their works reflected America's search for a national identity.

Funding for the exhibition and a catalog co-published by the museum and Harry N. Abrams, Inc. was provided by The Henry R. Luce Foundation, Inc., Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation, Inc. and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

After Jan. 22, 1995, the exhibi-

tion will travel to the following locations:

—The Norton Gallery and School of Art, West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 11 to April 2.

—The Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio, May 7 to July 4.

—The Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 5 to Nov. 5.

Gardening record can be invaluable

By JAMES E. WALTERS

PHOENIX (AP) — A month-by-month gardening record of what you did and when you did it will simplify things and is good insurance against mistakes.

It need not be elaborate. But you need a way to compare results and adjust what worked last season or needs changing.

The start of the new year is a perfect reminder to launch such a project, if you haven't started one, or to improve and recheck the present system.

Keep records of triumphs, mistakes and possibilities for better things. However, remember the reason for gardening is to relax and enjoy yourself. If it becomes "work," it's time to re-evaluate.

For years, I used a dozen 10-by-12-inch envelopes, labeled by the month. Into them went such things as: Queen Sophia marigolds started in April do better than those started a month or so later. Opening that envelope early in April jogged the memory to plant Queen Sophia seeds as soon as possible.

My neighbor has a piece of large, white cardboard — ruled off by months — inside her garage. On it she pencils in or erases reminders.

A friend who is an engineer can garden mainly on Saturdays. Each Friday, he asks his computer what needs doing the next day.

The computer is so natural for this that my records now are kept on one, too. But nothing elaborate is necessary. Keeping the record is

what's important.

You need to record basics such as plant name, date planted and your assessment. It's helpful to have date of first bloom or harvest, flower colors, exposure, location and culture tips.

That way you have a composite assessment, say, of the potatoes tried in the past 10 years or when the first rose is likely to bloom.

You also will know which vegetables or flowers must be planted by mid-February and

which trees should be fertilized in January and how much to apply.

Keeping adequate records actually simplifies things, too, by eliminating the chance you will repeat past mistakes or overlook what did so well another time.

There are many commercial programs on gardening available for computers. Some are quite detailed. One even keeps track of available space in the garden, suggests planting and harvesting dates for the crops you want to plant, estimates seeds needed and provides a record of when an insect pest first was sighted each year.

Others suggest color combinations for flowers, eliminating guesswork. There's even one (Land Designer) that shows how to lay out a sprinkler system and test the design before you install it.

Keep records, also, of what fertilizers were used and when plants were pruned.

With fertilizers, a month-by-month record will insure against falling into the trap that if some is good, more may prove better.

This may sound odd where killing frost still is likely, but February is the prime month for most fertilizing here in the subtropical, desert Southwest. So my February printout includes nearly every landscape plant.

Bags of various fertilizers are loaded into a wheelbarrow and rolled to each plant once a month. By checking against the printout, such a system insures that each plant gets considered.

Another basic is not to fertilize a struggling plant, since it is having enough trouble without the added pressure of new growth.

It also is important to know as much as possible about your soil and the fertilization needs of your plants. The Cooperative Extension Service or university agricultural schools will have specific recommendations for your area or state.

Convenience in handling is the major advantage of chemical fertilizers. In most cases, slow-release types multiply this advantage. But organics improve the soil's tilth and water- and nutrient-holding capacity and have been the method of choice through much of horticulture history.

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Brutal gap between reality and dreams

By CATHERINE CROCKER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The art tells of a brutal gap between reality and dreams.

A father drowns in an ocean of work as clocks tick around him. A girl is torn apart by the hands of her parents in a custody battle.

This is the children's reality.

A girl jumps into her mother's arms in a field of flowers under sunny skies. A mother in pink kneels down to her small daughter; their faces almost touch. A boy and his family go to an amusement park.

These are their dreams.

The exhibit at Christie's auction house, "Children's Voices: Images of Mothers and Fathers," is a children's perspective on what it is like to grow up in the fractured and fragile family of the 1990s.

The 54 pictures tell of a wrenching gap between their present lives and their hopes for the future.

The show was organized by the National Parenting Association, a New York-based organization

founded two years ago by Sylvia Ann Hewlett, an economist, author and mother of three. Last winter, the group asked students from kindergarten through 12th grade at 45 New York City schools to participate in the project.

The children were asked to create two images: one of their parents and one of themselves as a future parent.

The schools submitted almost 500 pictures to the National Parenting Association, which selected 54 for the show. Hewlett said she was overwhelmed by the results.

"It is amazing how close to the bone, how tragic and how soaringly joyous" the children's art is, she said.

Their paintings, often accompanied by poems or written lines of explanation, explore difficult themes, such as divorce, poverty, neglect, violence, abandonment by a parent and time pressures.

Some of the pictures are positive. A father and son stand side by side with baseball caps on. "Winning is not everything but playing with your parent is" reads

the title. A daughter helps her mother set the table. "My mother and I work like a team," writes the sixth-grade artist.

But the majority of the pictures are a grim portrait of childhood in urban America. A ninth-grade girl shows her mother as the face of a clock with money floating around it. "Her life is based on work and making money," she writes.

Then there's the searing image of a 12th-grader holding his hands to his head as his parents, gray images behind him, stand with their backs to each other. The mother, pregnant, weeps. The father holds a bottle.

"Argument breaks out," he writes. "Cry, scream, shout."

But the children have high hopes for themselves as parents.

A 12th-grader's portrait of her mother shows one side consumed with rage, the other with sadness. A picture of a joyful family picnic, "My Future Family," by the same girl, hangs next to it.

"Perhaps the raw power of these images will spur us grown-ups to action — as parents and citizens — and help create the conditions that allow our children to

thrive," Hewlett says.

The show will be exhibited at the Children's Museum in June. There are tentative dates for showings at the U.S. Senate's Russell Long building in Washington, D.C., and the Kennedy Library in Boston.

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Sexual orientation is about doing what comes naturally

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old lesbian. Learning to accept my homosexuality was difficult, to say the least. But while I am finally happy with my life, the misinformation and misunderstanding of homosexuality continue to appall me. Please print this open letter to all homophobic individuals:

I am one of three girls, raised in a loving family, as close as you could get to the sitcom families of the '50s. I have never been abused, molested or raped — nor have I ever had a really bad experience with a male. It was my last boyfriend (and still best friend) who helped me come to terms with who I am.

Nobody ever tried to convert me to lesbianism, and I know of no gay person who has ever successfully converted anyone else; it's not possible! For many years I felt there was something wrong with me. I tried desperately to be "straight." I even contemplated suicide. I feared my family would reject me, although in the end they turned out to be very supportive.

There was no significant difference in the way my sisters and I were raised. Genetics, nature or God's will is the explanation for my orientation. My sisters and I are very much alike except for our sexual preference. All three of us like mysteries, romantic comedies, David Letterman, ballet and ethnic foods. Our sex drives are strong, and we all sleep in the nude with our lovers. The only difference is



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

that mine is a woman, and theirs are men.

A person's sexual orientation, be it heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual, is a natural part of a person that can't be changed. It is God-given. Since it is what nature intended, it should be celebrated. It can't possibly be immoral.

AN ORANGE COUNTY LESBIAN

DEAR LESBIAN: Thank you for your honesty. I have always believed that one's sexual orientation is genetically predetermined before birth. Homosexuals have, for too long, suffered because of fear, ignorance and prejudice. Homosexuals are born — not made.

DEAR ABBY: My mother died recently in a nursing home after a four-year illness.

With few exceptions, I visited her nearly every day after work and

took time to feed her dinner. I was grateful for the excellent care and compassion shown to her. In fact, after she passed away, I wrote the nurses and staff a letter expressing my gratitude.

Abby, no one at the nursing home sent a note, sympathy card or any offering of condolence to me.

My husband says they did "their part" by caring for Mom and not to give it any more thought.

It still made me feel bad. I would like your thoughts on this, Abby.
MOIRA, UTICA, N.Y.

DEAR MOIRA: With such a clear-thinking, fair-minded husband at your elbow, you need not seek answers from Dear Abby.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 31, 1994

In the year ahead, you might receive greater recognition in your chosen field. Those who are not acknowledged more can anticipate a move to a place where they are more appreciated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Major improvements in your social life are indicated for the near future. You will be more valued by your current associates than those you've known in the past. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O.

Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Old contacts could prove to be more commercially useful than your newer acquaintances. Maintain relationships with those who have proven loyal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't rock the boat in situations that are presently running smoothly. Lady Luck is more likely to repeat her favors in areas where she has already proven generous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Fresh opportunities might be revealed to you if you broaden your perspective. Adopt a long-range view instead of focusing on the immediate future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Signals may reappear from a situation that caused you some concern in the past. Now you can turn these negative indicators into something positive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This could be a significant day for you concerning a joint venture. If you have something promising on the drawing board, solidify it now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today may

mark a turning point in your career. The tides are presently shifting in a direction favorable to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Step in and assume direct management over a matter pertaining to your material security. Stop leaving things up to others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Enlarge your range of social interests by seeking out new people, new groups and new activities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Before starting a new endeavor, take steps to complete one you've already begun. The old can be integrated into the new if handled properly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A financial swing is stirring and the results should be to your liking. The trend might start off slow, but it will gain substantial momentum.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Proper compensation or rewards might materialize for one of your original projects. This is not the time to toss in the towel on this matter.

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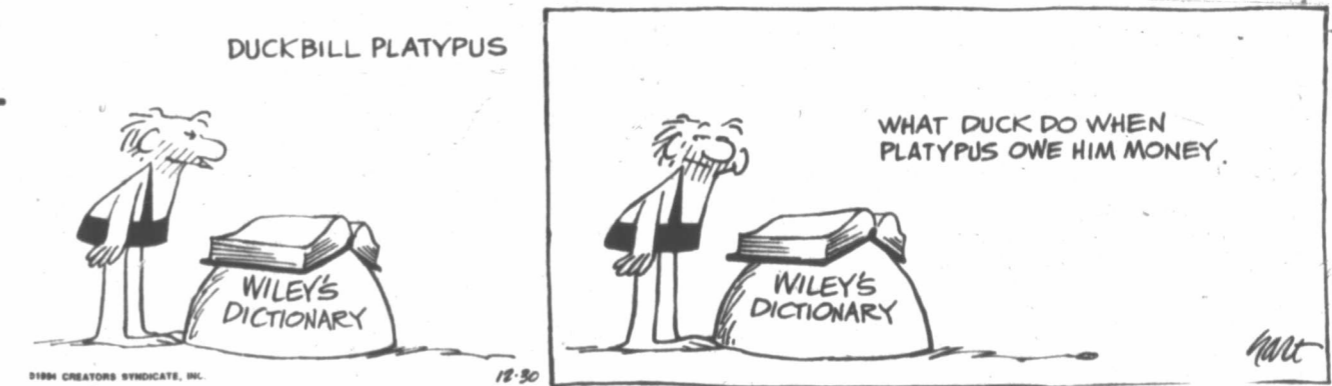
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FOOTBALL

DENVER (AP) — Wade Phillips, with ownership having lost faith in him and his staff following a 7-9 season, was fired as coach of the Denver Broncos.

Phillips, the son of former NFL coach Bum Phillips, was elevated from defensive coordinator after the 1992 season when Dan Reeves was dismissed. Phillips led the Broncos to the playoffs with a 9-7 mark in 1993, losing in the first round to the Los Angeles Raiders.

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Tom Flores, 6-10 this season and 14-34 in three years with the Seattle Seahawks, was fired as coach and general manager. Flores, 57, joined Seattle as president and general manager in 1989 and replaced Chuck Knox as coach after the 1991 season. He won Super Bowl titles with the Los Angeles Raiders in 1981 and 1984.

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Parcells, who guided New England to a 10-6 record and a wild-card playoff berth in his second season with the Patriots, was selected the 1994 Associated Press Coach of the Year.

Parcells, who also won the honor in 1986 when he led the New York Giants to the NFL title, received 29 votes from a panel of 98 writers and broadcasters. Pittsburgh's Bill Cowher was second with 25 and Chicago's Dave Wannstedt third with 22.

NEW YORK (AP) — San Francisco's Steve Young, who set a single-season record for passing rating and led the NFL quarterback ratings for the fourth consecutive year, is the NFC's Offensive Player of the Month for December.

Minnesota defensive tackle John Randle of Minnesota and Vikings kicker Fuad Revez also were honored in the NFC. New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe, Cleveland safety Eric Turner and San Diego kick returner Andre Coleman were selected in the AFC.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Los Angeles Rams president John Shaw told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that only a few issues remain to be ironed out to clear the way for a move to St. Louis.

MIAMI (AP) — Tommie Frazier, who hasn't played in more than three months, will start at quarterback for No. 1 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

Answering the most asked question of the week, coach Tom Osborne announced that Frazier will start against No. 3 Miami instead of Brook Berringer, who was 7-0 as a starter after Frazier was sidelined by blood clots in late September.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Ron Cooper, 9-13 in two seasons at Eastern Michigan, replaced Howard Schnellenberger at Louisville.

Cooper, 33, signed a five-year contract with a base salary of \$100,000. He is one of five black head coaches in NCAA Division I-A.

Schnellenberger resigned this month after 10 years to coach at Oklahoma.

BASKETBALL

ATLANTA (AP) — Lenny Wilkens matched Red Auerbach's victory record at 938 as the Atlanta Hawks rallied to beat San Antonio 127-121 in overtime.

Wilkens, 938-790 in 22 seasons, can break the mark tonight in Cleveland, where he spent seven seasons before joining the Hawks last season. Auerbach was 938-479 in 20 seasons, 16 in Boston where he won nine titles.

TEANECK, N.J. (AP) — Personal problems, not a benching in a blowout loss the previous night, caused Kenny Anderson to skip New Jersey's practice Wednesday, the All-Star guard said.

Anderson, who apologized to coach Butch Beard, did not say what the personal problems were. Beard said Anderson, who missed his second practice because of a sore right shoulder, was fined an undisclosed amount of money and that his status for tonight's game against Indiana was uncertain.

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Scottie Pippen recanted some of his harsh criticism of Chicago Bulls general manager Jerry Krause, saying some of his comments Wednesday night were taken out of context.

Pippen said management allowed the Bulls to disintegrate from three-time champions to a .500 team and Krause lied by saying the All-Star forward wasn't put on the trading block.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A Municipal Court jury returned a guilty verdict in the second trial of a motorist involved in the collision that injured Sacramento guard Bobby Hurley last Dec. 12.

Daniel Wieland, 37, faces up to six months in county jail for the misdemeanor reckless driving conviction.

NEW YORK (AP) — New York center Herb Williams underwent surgery to repair a fractured bone on his left middle finger. Williams, injured Wednesday night against Detroit, is expected to miss four-to-six weeks.

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Seattle guard Vincent Askew was suspended for the SuperSonics' 96-95 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers without pay after refusing to re-enter Wednesday night's game against Philadelphia.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK (AP) — The two sides in the NHL labor dispute apparently have until Jan. 16 to start the season or lose it completely.

The league informed the NHL Players Association in Toronto that if play does not begin by then, it will be impossible to play a 50-game season.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has said that's the minimum number of games he would consider, and that is the number of games at which the NHL Board of Governors has authorized him to cancel the season.

RED DEER, Alberta (AP) — Jeff Friesen, selected 11th overall by San Jose in the 1994 draft, scored two goals as defending champion Canada beat the United States 8-3 to improve to 3-0 in the world junior championships.

In the first game, Andreas Karlsson scored two goals as Sweden beat the Czech Republic 4-3 to remain tied with Canada.

By The Associated Press

With 15 weekend bowl games beginning today, the focus of attention will be on No. 1 Nebraska against No. 3 Miami in the Orange and No. 2 Penn State against No. 12 Oregon in the Rose — and individually on Tommie Frazier.

Frazier, sidelined since late September because of a blood clot in his right leg, will start at quarterback for Nebraska (12-0) against Miami (10-1) in the Orange Bowl New Year's night at Miami.

It was a difficult decision for Cornhuskers' coach Tom Osborne to pass over Brook Berringer, who directed Nebraska to seven victories after replacing Frazier.

"The thing you want to remember is we could probably win the game with either guy, or we could lose the game with either guy playing," Osborne said Thursday after announcing his decision.

He also said that both quarterbacks would play, but did not specify for how long.

"I'm a little disappointed," Berringer said. "But I won't let that effect the way I play because I'll be in there in the first half."

Frazier, meanwhile, was confident he would play well despite his long absence.

"I feel I haven't missed a beat," he said.

No matter which quarterback is in there, he will be operating behind a huge offensive line that has allowed only six sacks and been called for only four holding penalties all season. It also has opened gaping holes for the nation's top rushing attack.

On the other hand, Miami's defensive line, which averages nearly 40 pounds less per man, has been equally efficient, making up for its lack of size with quickness and speed. The Hurricanes, with the nation's top-ranked defense, have allowed an average of 97 yards rushing per game, with only one back — Pittsburgh's Billy West — having gained more than 100.

Warren Sapp, the Lombardi Award winner, led Miami in sacks

and quarterback pressures despite constant double-teaming.

"It ain't the size of the dog, it's the bite," Sapp said. "And we go for the jugular."

The game could determine the national championship, as could Monday's Rose Bowl game between Penn State (11-0) and Oregon State (9-3) at Pasadena, Calif.

The Nittany Lions' awesome offense has made them three-touchdown favorites over the surprising Ducks, who are playing in their first Rose Bowl game in 37 years.

Penn State had the nation's most prolific offense this season, averaging 520 yards and 47.8 points. Oregon, which allowed an average of 331.7 yards and 17.7 points, is frightened of Penn State's offensive firepower.

"Penn State offensively is without question one of the best teams ever in college football," Oregon coach Rich Brooks said. "They have great weapons and their offensive line is outstanding."

Leading the Nittany Lions' offense is tailback Ki-Jana Carter, who rushed for 1,593 yards, and quarterback Kerry Collins, who completed 66.7 percent of his passes for 2,679 yards and 21 touchdowns.

The quick-striking offense helped Penn State overcome its defensive deficiencies.

"We have not been as good a defensive team as I had hoped because of injuries," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said. "We were very fortunate that some of the people on the offensive side were able to make things happen."

Friday's bowl games are the Gator Bowl at Gainesville, Fla., between Tennessee (8-4) and No. 17 Virginia Tech (8-3); the Holiday Bowl at San Diego between No. 10 Colorado State (10-1) and No. 20 Michigan (7-4); the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas, between Texas (7-4) and No. 19 North Carolina (8-3); and the Heritage Bowl at Atlanta between South Carolina State (9-2) and Grambling State (9-2).

Saturday, it will be the Liberty

Bowl at Memphis, Tenn., between Illinois (6-5) and East Carolina (7-4), and the Alamo Bowl at San Antonio between Baylor (7-4) and No. 24 Washington State (7-4).

In addition to the Orange Bowl Sunday, No. 23 North Carolina State (8-3) will play No. 16 Mississippi State (8-3) in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta.

Monday's other bowl games include the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans between No. 5 Florida (10-1-1) and No. 7 Florida State (9-1-1); the Fiesta Bowl at Tempe, Ariz., between No. 4 Colorado (10-1) and Notre Dame (6-4-1); and the Cotton Bowl at Dallas between Texas Tech (6-5) and No. 21 Southern California (7-3-1).

Also, the Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla., between No. 13 Ohio State (9-3) and No. 6 Alabama (11-1); the Hall of Fame Bowl at Tampa, Fla., between Wisconsin (6-4-1) and No. 25 Duke (8-3); and the Carquest Bowl at Miami between South Carolina (6-5) and West Virginia (7-5).

Harvesters fall to Justin Northwest in semifinals

FORT WORTH — Pampa lost to Justin Northwest, 72-65, Thursday night in the semifinals of the Lions Club Holiday Tournament.

Pampa plays the Waxahachie-Everman loser at 6:30 tonight for third place. It will be the second consecutive year the Harvesters will be playing for the third-place trophy.

Rayford Young drilled in 27 points to lead the Harvester scoring against Justin Northwest. Coy Laury followed with 19 points while J.J. Mathis had 11, Duane Nickelberry 5 and Jason Weatherbee 3.

Durmond Freeman led Justin with 26 points.

Justin led Pampa by 23-16 at the end of the first quarter, but the Harvesters rallied to tie the score at 31-all at halftime. Justin went ahead by nine, 53-44, going into the final quarter.

Pampa's record is now 14-4 for the season. Justin improves to 17-1.

Pampa advanced to the semifinals after downing Cleburne 61-35 in a Thursday morning winner's bracket game, putting the season record at 14 wins and three losses. Wednesday the Harvesters had demolished Arlington Heights 80-51 in the first round.

"We're playing for a trophy," said Assistant Coach John Darnell on Thursday afternoon before Thursday night's game with Justin Northwest.

Darnell noted that this is the seventh year in a row for the Pampa team to advance to the semifinals in the Fort Worth tournament.

Of Thursday morning's action, Darnell said the Harvesters "jumped out ahead and just couldn't let up." During the game, team members were brought out onto the court from the bench to help out, with all but two scoring. "If they weren't scoring, they were all giving good rebounding and providing a good defense," he said.

Pampa leaped to a 19-10 lead in the first quarter and then continued to maintain a solid lead through the other three quarters. Pampa gained 12 more points in the second quarter to Cleburne's 10 and gathered another 12 points in the third quarter

while keeping Cleburne to only 3 points. In the final quarter, the Harvesters added another 18 points to their total while Cleburne managed only 12 points.

Darnell said the Harvester team members provided "great defense" while performing as "a pretty good shooting team."

Leading scorer for the victory over Cleburne was Rayford Young, with 21 points, shooting 70 percent from the field. He also was the second leading rebounder with six.

Coy Laury, with 55 percent shooting, was the second leading scorer against Cleburne with 12 points. He was the leading rebounder with 10.

Also helping with the win was the third leading scorer, Zeke Weatherbee, who had a good three-for-three three-point shot from the field and two from the free zone for 11 points. Weatherbee also provided three steals.

In Wednesday's action against Arlington Heights, the Harvesters showed a good defensive effort and offered an intensive offense to jump off to an early lead and maintain it for the victory, Darnell said.

Pampa opened the play with a 21-8 lead in the first quarter, then snapping up another 21 points in the second quarter to lead 42-21 at the halftime mark. In the second half, the Harvesters picked up another 19 points in the third quarter to Arlington Heights' 14 points. Pampa repeated with another 19 points in the final quarter to ward off Arlington Heights' final 16 points.

Young also was the leading scorer for the Wednesday game, with 26 points, gaining an 11 of 17 shooting day for 65 percent, Darnell said. He also was the third leading rebounder with five.

Laury was the second leading scorer with 18 points and the leading rebounder with nine. Weatherbee was the third leading scorer with 11 points.

Also helping with Wednesday's victory was Duane Nickelberry, who had a "good, all-around day," Darnell said. Nickelberry had nine points, six rebounds and seven steals to help Pampa move into the winner's bracket game Thursday morning against Cleburne.

NFL plans busy weekend

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Just think, a weekend of wall-to-wall NFL games featuring the NFC Central.

The playoffs start this weekend with the wild-card games, including four of the five teams from what used to be the black-and-blue division. All four games are replays of regular-season contests, which guarantees nothing.

And, for an added attraction, we may be seeing Joe Montana for the last time.

In order of appearance ...

Detroit (plus 4) at Green Bay

These two split in the regular season, Green Bay winning 38-30 in Milwaukee then losing 34-31 in Detroit, making it 69-64 Packers. And the Packers won this same wild-card game 28-24 in Pontiac last year when the Lions somehow forgot to cover Sterling Sharpe in the last minute.

But this is the frozen tundra, the first playoff game in Green Bay since the Ice Bowl 27 years ago, so forget those scores. Dave Krieg started what might be one of his fades Monday and that was in Miami, where the weather was conducive to passing. Also, Sharpe is out with a neck injury.

Nonetheless ...

PACKERS, 13-10

Kansas City (plus 3) at Miami

Montana against Marino, probably for the last time.

The Dolphins won 45-28 three weeks ago, but that was with Steve Bono at quarterback for the Chiefs.

It may make no difference, although Kansas City is marginally healthier this time. The Dolphins are 6-2 at home and home field is what the playoffs are all about.

DOLPHINS, 37-28

New England (plus 3) at Cleveland

Mentor (Bill Parcells) against pupil (Bill Belichick) for the second time this year.

The last time was at the same site Nov. 6 and Belichick won, 13-6, the last loss for the Pats, who won their final seven regular-season games.

Things change in the playoffs, and Parcells' team has improved measurably since then. He also has one big edge over Belichick, Drew Bledsoe over Vinny Testaverde.

PATRIOTS, 20-17

Chicago (plus 6 1/2) at Minnesota

The Vikings won in Chicago 42-14, then barely escaped at home when Kevin Butler missed a field goal in overtime and Warren Moon found Kris Carter for the winning touchdown pass.

So now we hear how tough it is for one team to beat another three times in one season and we hear how Moon may not be at full strength.

What's missing is that the Vikings are the better team.

And they're playing at home.

VIKINGS, 20-3

Last Week: 9-5 (spread); 10-4 (straight up) Regular Season: 102-117-5 (spread); 140-84 (straight up)



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Groom's Misty Homen scored 13 points as the Tigerettes beat Memphis, 60-35, Thursday.

Groom teams take tournament openers

GROOM — Both Groom teams scored 16 points each to lead Wheeler's scoring attack. Travis Steven added 11 points.

In the girls' division, Groom rolled by Memphis, 60-35. It was the 100th victory for the Groom seniors.

Melanie Priemel was the Tigerettes leading scorer with 17 points. Misty Homen added 13.

Michelle Jones was high scorer for Memphis with 14 points.

Area basketball

Groom slipped by Happy, 46-45, in the boys first-round game.

Bo Burgin led the Tigers with 17 points while Bryan Crowell added 11.

Also in the boys bracket, White Deer beat Valley, 72-63, with a strong fourth-quarter effort. The Bucks were trailing, 44-43, going into the final eight minutes.

J.W. Lanham had 18 points and Torey Craig added 17 to lead the Bucks in scoring.

Josh Scoggins had 19 points to lead Valley.

Memphis downed Groom junior varsity, 68-27.

In other girls action, White Deer outlasted Clarendon, 51-48.

Jennifer Stamps topped White Deer in scoring with 13 points, followed by Amanda Tackett with 11.

Korey Knorpp scored 19 to lead Clarendon.

Valley defeated Groom junior varsity, 59-38.

CLAUDE — Wheeler defeated Adrian, 74-52, Thursday in the consolation bracket of the North Plains Tournament.

The Mustangs, 4-6, play San Jacinto tonight in the six-team tournament. Phillip Wiggins and Jarrod Ledbetter

scored 16 points each to lead Wheeler's scoring attack. Travis Steven added 11 points.

In the girls' bracket, Wheeler downed Claude junior varsity, 67-50, in the consolation round.

Leading the way for Wheeler were Stacy Maddux with 15 points, Corby Chick and Mika Goad, 12 points each.

Erin Skelton led Claude JV with 13 points.

SLATON — Pampa Lady Harvesters lost both games in the Slaton basketball tournament.

On Wednesday, the Pampa team fell to Post, 58-52.

Pampa led at the end of the first three periods — 12-7 in the first, 24-21 in the second, and 42-36 in the third.

For Pampa, Mitsy Scribner scored 17 points, followed by Jennifer Jones with 13. Serenity King and Kristi Carpenter scored seven points each and Tashia Wilson had five. Erin Alexander and Jane Brown scored two points each.

For Post, the two highest scorers were Holly Hardin with 14 and Christie Oden with 10.

On Thursday, the Lady Harvesters came back to play Merkel.

Merkel beat Pampa, 43-41.

The teams were tied 12-12 at the end of the first period. At the end of the second period, Merkel was up by one, 21-20. At the end of the third period, Pampa was leading 31-29.

Serenity King scored 12 points against Merkel. Jennifer Jones scored eight, Tashia Wilson had five; Misty Scribner, Erin Alexander and Jane Brown had four points each; and Candice Nachtigall and Kristi Carpenter has two points each.

High scorers for Merkel were Tina English with 16 and Lekeshia White with 11 points.



(AP photo by Jack Smith)

Brigham Young fullback Hema Heimull is pulled down by Oklahoma's Cedric Jones in the third quarter of the Copper Bowl.

Cougars claw OU in Copper Bowl

By ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Brigham Young made it a game Oklahoma will want to forget.

It took John Walsh one play Thursday night — a 43-yard toss to tailback Jamal Willis — to become Brigham Young's third-leading career passer in what might have been the junior quarterback's final college game.

It took him just 3:44 to put the 22nd-ranked Cougars on the board in a four-touchdown, 454-yard passing performance for a 31-6 Copper Bowl victory.

Walsh and the Cougars (10-3) dashed Oklahoma's chances for a 29th straight winning season and hopes of a happy sendoff for departing coach Gary Gibbs.

"We had our clock handed to us," said Gibbs, who finished 44-23-2 in six years. "BYU dominated us. Every time they needed a play, they made a play."

The Sooners (6-6) averted their first shutout in 131 games, dating to 1983, when Jerald Moore scored on a 2-yard run with 9:08 remaining.

Gibbs resigned under fire, and his successor, Howard Schnellenberger, watched from Arizona Stadium as Walsh, and BYU's defense, kept the Sooners on their heels all night.

The junior quarterback complet-

ed 31 of 45 passes, setting a Copper Bowl record for completions. He completed 19 of 26 for 286 yards in the first half as the Cougars built a 17-0 lead.

"The line did a good job and the receivers got open," he said. "All I had to do was throw the ball."

It was the Cougars' ninth 10-win season in coach LaVell Edwards' 23 years.

The Sooners, operating behind sophomore substitute quarterback Terence Brown, gained only 61 yards before intermission and didn't cross midfield until only 53 seconds remained in the third quarter. By then, BYU led 24-0.

The Cougars held Oklahoma to 235 total yards while gaining 556 against the 12th-ranked defense in the country.

Walsh, a 6-foot-4 junior considered a top NFL prospect, finished the Cougars' 77-yard opening drive with a 7-yard touchdown to Bryce Doman. He ended his passing show with a 28-yard strike to Doman with 5:19 left for the final score.

In between, he threw touchdowns of 25 and 4 yards to Mike Johnston. Walsh completed 10 of his first 11 passes and operated BYU's ball-control passing offense perfectly, keeping Oklahoma's defense on the field for 18:25 in the first half.

Jamal Willis, who rushed for 41 yards and caught seven passes for 103 more, said, "They had a hard

time holding our receivers. They're not used to WAC receivers. We run a lot of crazy routes and they weren't used to seeing it."

Brown, filling in for Garrick McGee, recovering from spinal meningitis, managed only one significant drive, of 65 yards. He kept the drive alive with an 11-yard pass to Albert Hall on fourth-and-11 from the BYU 35.

Gibbs said he didn't think it was fair that Brown was forced into this situation.

"We took a wide receiver, put him in at quarterback with one week's preparation, and you saw the results," Gibbs said.

The Sooners forced a punt on BYU's second possession, then held the Cougars to David Lauder's 22-yard field goal after squelching a drive at the Oklahoma 4. But Walsh gutted the Sooners on the next possession, an 89-yard scoring drive.

He completed third-down passes of 37 and 33 yards to Willis and Hema Heimull before finding Johnston for a 25-yard TD.

Walsh's third-quarter TD pass to Johnston capped a 75-yard, 13-play drive.

Walsh passed for 3,712 yards and 29 touchdowns during the season, and 8,390 yards during his career. He needed only 29 to become the Cougars' No. 3 career passing leader, passing Robbie Bosco.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowl Games
By The Associated Press

All Times EST
Thursday, Dec. 15
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
UNLV 52, Central Michigan 24

Sunday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 38, Gray 27

Alamo Bowl
At Honolulu
Boston College 12, Kansas State 7

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Utah 16, Arizona 13

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Virginia 20, Texas Christian 10

Thursday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Brigham Young 31, Oklahoma 6

Friday, Dec. 30
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
South Carolina State (9-2) vs. Grambling State (9-2), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Gainesville, Fla.
Tennessee (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (CBS)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado State (10-1) vs. Michigan (7-4), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Texas (7-4) vs. North Carolina (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Dec. 31
At San Antonio
Baylor (7-4) vs. Washington State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Illinois (6-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 1
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
North Carolina State (8-3) vs. Mississippi State (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (12-0) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Monday, Jan. 2
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
West Virginia (6-4-1) vs. Duke (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Ohio State (9-3) vs. Alabama (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

East-West Shrine Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Colorado (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (6-4-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

Carquest Bowl
At South Carolina (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas Tech (6-5) vs. Southern California (7-3), 1 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Penn State (11-0) vs. Oregon (9-3), 4:50 p.m. (ABC)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (10-1) vs. Florida State (9-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 14
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 22
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League
By The Associated Press

Wild Card Playoffs
Saturday, Dec. 31
Detroit at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Miami, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1
New England at Cleveland, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 4 p.m.

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 7
Cleveland, Kansas City or New England at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay or Minnesota at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8
Detroit, Green Bay or Minnesota at Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
Cleveland, Miami or New England at San Diego, 4 p.m.

NOTE: The division champion with the best record plays the surviving wild-card winner with the lowest ranking record. The division champion with the second-best record plays the other remaining wild-card playoff winner.

Sunday, Jan. 15
AFC and NFC Championship, 12:30 and 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 29
Super Bowl at Miami, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 5
Pro Bowl at Honolulu, 6 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	22	6 .788	—
New York	14	12 .538	7
New Jersey	12	18 .400	11
Boston	10	17 .370	11 1/2
Philadelphia	10	17 .370	11 1/2
Miami	9	17 .346	12
Washington	7	18 .280	13 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	19	8 .704	—
Indiana	16	9 .640	2
Charlotte	15	12 .558	4
Chicago	14	13 .519	5
Atlanta	12	16 .429	7 1/2
Detroit	9	16 .360	9
Milwaukee	8	17 .324	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	19	8 .704	—
Houston	17	9 .654	1 1/2
San Antonio	14	10 .583	3 1/2
Denver	13	13 .500	5 1/2
Dallas	12	12 .500	5 1/2
Minnesota	6	19 .240	12

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	21	8 .728	—
Seattle	18	9 .667	3
L.A. Lakers	16	9 .640	4
Sacramento	14	12 .538	6 1/2
Portland	13	12 .520	7
Golden State	10	16 .385	10 1/2
L.A. Clippers	4	24 .143	17 1/2

Thursday's Games
Miami 126, L.A. Clippers 83
Atlanta 127, San Antonio 121, OT
Charlotte 125, Orlando 123
Houston 126, Golden State 124
Portland 104, Denver 93
L.A. Lakers 94, Seattle 95

Friday's Games
San Antonio at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 8 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT
WOODSTOCK, Vt. (AP) — Latest skiing conditions as supplied by Sno Country Reports (conditions are subject to change due to weather, traffic and other factors):

Friday, Dec. 30
NORTHEAST
Connecticut
Mohawk Mtn. — loose granular 5-15 base 8 trails 4 lifts am 8:30a-10p
Mt. Southington — packed powder 6-14 base 3 trails 3 lifts am 9a-10:30p
Snow Ridge — packed powder 6-20 base 3 trails 2 lifts am 8:30a-10:30p
Ski Sundown — machine groomed 8-36 base 7 trails 4 lifts am
Woodbury — loose granular 10-40 base 3 trails 2 lifts am 9a-10p

Maine
Black Mtn. — Plan to reopen Dec 31
Camden — machine groomed 6-15 base 1 trail 1 lift am 9a-9p
Eaton Mtn. — loose granular 18-24 base 8 trails am 9a-10p
Lost Valley — machine groomed 2-6 base 6 trails 1 lift 40% open
Mt. Abram — packed powder 6-36 base 6 trails 2 lifts am 8:30a-4p Wnd:6-12
Mt. Cannon — machine groomed 6-10 base 3 trails 1 lift am 9a-10p
Saddleback — machine groomed 20-42 base 8 trails 3 lifts am 8:30a-4p
Shawnee Peak — loose granular 12-36 base 11 trails 3 lifts am 8:30a-10p 35% open

WINDY
Sugarloaf-USA — machine groomed 18-40 base 43 trails 11 lifts am 8:30a-3:50p
Sunday River — machine groomed 25-47 base 67 trails 14 lifts am 8a-4p 27.1 miles 40% open

Massachusetts
Berkshire East — packed powder 12-40 base 8 trails 3 lifts am
Blanford — Plan to open Dec 31
Bousquet — loose granular 10-20 base 8 trails 3 lifts am 9a-10p
Bradford — loose granular 2 trails 2 lifts am 8:30a-10p
Brodie Mtn. — loose granular 6-40 base 11 trails 4 lifts am 9a-11p 6 miles 30% open
Wend:12-15
Whitcomb — machine groomed 6-20 base 12 trails 6 lifts am 8:15a-4p Wnd:14-15-7/16

New Hampshire
Attitash-Bear Peak — machine groomed 14-26 base 26 trails 7 lifts am 8a-4p 115 acres Wnd:20-25
Balsam Wilkes — machine groomed 10-36 base 7 trails 3 lifts am 9a-4p 30 acres 30% open
Black Mountain — loose granular 10-40 base 6 trails 2 lifts am 8:30a-4p 1.75 miles 40% open Wnd:10-15
Bretton Woods — machine groomed 12-24 base 11 trails 5 lifts am 8:30a-10p 4 miles 40% open
Cannon Mtn. — loose granular 15-30 base 20 trails 6 lifts am 9a-4p
Cranmore — loose granular 12-24 base 15 trails 3 lifts am 9a-9p
Dartmouth — loose granular 12-24 base 4 trails 3 lifts am 9a-4p 1.5 miles 12 acres
Gunstock — machine groomed 12-24 base 17 trails 6 lifts am 8:30a-10p
Highlands Mtn. — machine groomed 10-22 base 2 trails 2 lifts am 9a-11p
King Pine — loose granular 6-18 base 8 trails 3 lifts am 9a-9:30p
King Ridge — machine groomed 6-18 base 6 trails 4 lifts am 9a-9p
Loon Mtn. — loose granular 8-30 base 22 trails 8 lifts am 8a-3:45p 50% open Wnd:26-15-9/16

Mt. Sunapee — loose granular 4-24 base 12 trails 6 lifts am 8a-4p
Pen Peak — machine groomed 6-24 base 6 trails 3 lifts am 8:30a-4p
Ragged Mtn. — loose granular 10-20 base 10 trails 4 lifts am 8:30a-4p
Temple Mt. — packed powder 8-16 base 3 trails 3 lifts am 9a-9p
Trotterville — machine groomed 14-26 base 30 trails 9 lifts am 8a-4p 152 acres Wnd:11/15

Whaleback — loose granular 6-24 base 2 trails 2 lifts am 10a-10p
Wildcat — loose granular 18-26 base 20 trails 5 lifts am 8:30a-3:30p

New Jersey
Belle Mtn. — packed powder 12-24 base 1 trail 1 lift am 9a-10p
Campgaw — machine groomed 7-40 base 3 trails 2 lifts am 9a-10p
Cranshaw — packed powder 6-15 base 2 trails 1 lift 8:30a-5p
Hidden Valley — packed powder 10-40 base 6 trails am
Vernon Valley-Great Gorge — packed powder 21-33 base 13 trails 5 lifts 9a-5p

New York
Bellaire Mtn. — loose granular 8-18 base 10 trails 4 lifts am 9a-4p Wnd:11-15-4/16
Big Tupper — packed powder 6-18 base 2 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p
Bobcat — Plan to open Jan 2
Brookline — packed powder 5-20 base 2 trails 2 lifts am 9a-10p
Bristol — frozen granular 10-20 base 8 trails 2 lifts am 9a-10p
Cockaigne — packed powder 36 base 2 trails 2 lifts am 8:30a-10p
Dry Hill — loose granular 6-36 base 2 trails 1 lift am 9a-10p
Goos Mtn. — frozen granular 6-16 base 14 trails 5 lifts am 9a-4p 7 miles
Great Peak — loose granular 2-12 base 7 trails 4 lifts am 8:30a-10p
Holiday Mtn. — loose granular 10-20 base 2 trails 2 lifts am 10% open
Holiday Valley — loose granular 24 base 18 trails 7 lifts am 8:30a-10:30p
Honor Mtn. — packed powder 14-76 base 41 trails 14 lifts am 8a-4p 15% open
Hunt Hollow — loose granular 6-20 base 5 trails 1 lift am 9a-10p
Kissing Bridge — loose granular 24 base 3 trails 2 lifts am 8a-10:30p
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Colorado
Loveland — packed powder 20-21 base 26 trails 5 of 10 lifts 40% open 8:30a-4p
Wolf Creek — packed powder 63-64 base 4 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Montana
Great Divide — 2 new packed powder 12-24 base 25 trails 3 of 3 lifts 60% open am 9a-9p scopen
Lost Trail Powder Mtn. — powder 42-47 base 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p thru Jan 2
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Montana Snowbowl — powder 23-54 base 4 of 4 lifts 95% open 9:30a-4p thru Jan 2
Rocky Mtn Hi — packed powder 40 base 2 of 2 lifts 9:30a-4p thru Jan 2
New Mexico
Ski Rio — packed powder 36 base 62 trails 3 of 3 lifts
Snow Canyon — packed powder 1 of 2 lifts
Taos — packed powder 56 base 72 trails 11 of 11 lifts 100% open am

Utah
Snowbird — packed powder 60 base 8 of 8 lifts 95% open
Solitude — 2 new packed powder 60-65 base 60 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-4:30p xc:17km

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Boreal — packed powder 120-130 base 41 trails 9 lifts 9a-9p
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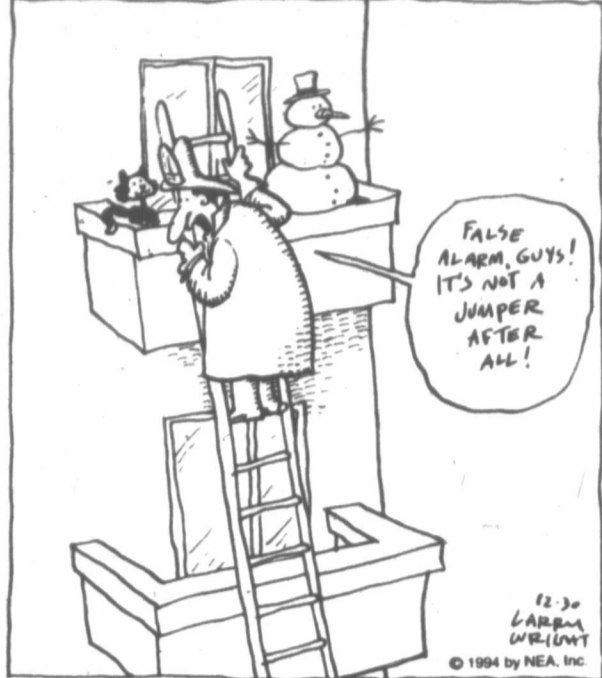
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Clinton says he'll seek second term, work with GOP

By TERENCE HUNT
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton declared Thursday he will seek re-election in 1996 despite the repudiation of his administration in November's elections. He said his top priorities next year will be tax breaks for the middle class and reforms in welfare and health insurance.

"There's the talkers and there's the doers," he said, claiming that his administration has produced results where Republicans failed during 12 years in the White House. In an Oval Office interview, Clinton also said he wants his wife, Hillary, to remain an activist in his administration despite the failure of health-reform legislation that she championed.

"Ordinary voters were convinced — wrongly — that we want the government to run their health care and take their choice away," the president said. He added, "I'm not discouraged or despondent" that health reform failed. He said he would work with Republicans on the issue in a "more step-by-step fashion." Clinton said he sent a letter Wednesday to congressional leaders urging coop-

eration on health reform.

"I know that what I proposed didn't pass last year ... but the problem didn't go away," he said.

In light of his political troubles, Clinton was asked if there were any circumstance under which he might not seek re-election. "No," he replied without hesitation. "As long as I have my health and I'm doing a good job."

"I intend to seek re-election but that is not uppermost in my mind," he said. His focus will be on easing the financial burdens on middle-class Americans and reforming the welfare system, he said.

"I believe with all my heart that I'm doing what's right for this country," he said. "Other people talk about problems; I try to do something about them."

With threats of a Democratic challenge for the presidential nomination rising from the left and right, Clinton shrugged off the speculation, saying, "I don't know and I'm not worried about it."

A relaxed-looking Clinton, dressed in cowboy boots and a blue blazer, sat down for a series of year-end interviews during the day.

On foreign policy and national security issues, Clinton made these points:

— Helicopter pilot Bobby Hall, captured by North Korea, "was there on a routine training mission. They (the U.S. pilots) made a mistake but it was a mistake, just an honest mistake. They were in air space where they shouldn't have been." An agreement for Hall's release was announced later Thursday.

— Without addressing specific U.S. action to shore up the crumbling Mexican peso, he said, "We're talking to the Mexican government about what we can do." He commended Mexico for its "serious commitment" to economic, social and political reform, adding: "I would like to see that commitment rewarded."

— CIA Director R. James Woolsey Jr., who resigned Wednesday, deserves credit for uncovering the Aldrich Ames spy case. "The sins were committed earlier" in other administrations. "We shut it down."

Despite some calls in Congress to cut the post-Cold War CIA budget, Clinton said the intelligence community is still vital to U.S. interests. "In many areas of the world, I can tell you we would be better served if we had more intelligence."

With Republicans poised to take control of Congress, Clinton said, "I'm looking forward to this next year with

a great deal of optimism and hope for our country."

He said he envisioned working with the GOP on welfare reform and a line-item veto but said his top priority would be enactment of his "middle class bill of rights," a \$60 billion package of tax cuts for families, college-education incentives and tax breaks for retirement savings.

"What I do not agree with them on is that somehow government is inherently the problem," Clinton said. "There is a role for government in a modern society."

He said government "cannot create opportunity but it can expand it. Government cannot force people to be responsible. They can reward responsibility and give incentives. Governments can strengthen partnerships."

"So, where would I be different" from the Republicans? he asked.

"I don't think that we ought to get into a bidding war over tax cuts and ignore the important need to keep restraint on the deficit. And we have restrained this deficit. We have now taken \$10,000 in debt off every family in this country since I've been president," he said.

Suggesting that Republicans have won the public relations battle with Democrats, Clinton complained, "There's the talkers and there's the doers."

Dole says book deal for Gingrich raises questions

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Entering a fray so far dominated by Democrats, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said Thursday that incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich's reported \$4.5 million book deal "raises questions that need to be addressed."

Dole told a group of reporters he "did not want to pass judgment" on the deal disclosed last week or get into a "quarrel with Newt." But he added, "it's not too popular around people who talk to me. They think it's a lot of money."

He declined to suggest ways the issue could be addressed, saying it "really is a decision Newt has to make." But he offered a candid assessment of the political implications if it's left to fester too long.

"I can already see when you start cutting programs that might affect low-income Americans that becoming an issue," he said, adding later he feared it would remain fodder for talk shows.

Gingrich's spokesman, Tony Blankley, played down Dole's remarks.

"My response is after being badgered by a number of reporters he made a few comments that I took to be intended in an entirely friendly way," Blankley said.

His fellow Republicans have been generally silent on the book deal reached by Gingrich.

But Democrats immediately pounced on the revelation that Gingrich was to receive a \$4.5 million advance for writing two books for the publishing house owned by media giant Rupert Murdoch.

They noted that Gingrich could have great influence over communications legislation that could affect Murdoch.

House Democratic Whip David Bonior, D-Mich., called it a "sweet-heart" deal that "proves once again we need an independent, professional nonpartisan outside counsel to investigate the ethical cloud which has settled over the head of Newt Gingrich."

Gingrich already faces an ethics complaint in the House concerning tax-free donations to a college course he taught.

Dismissing Bonior's criticism as "lame," Dole said he had not talked to Gingrich about the book deal and was uncertain exactly how the speaker-to-be could put the matter behind him.

"I think it does raise some questions that need to be addressed," he said. Pressed to elaborate, Dole declined to be more specific.

"I don't know how you do it. I think that has to be something he has to address. I think we just need to lay it to rest because I don't want to see it hanging around so that every time an issue comes up we have talk about the book deal," he said.

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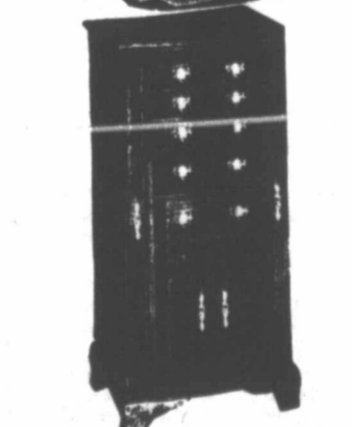
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