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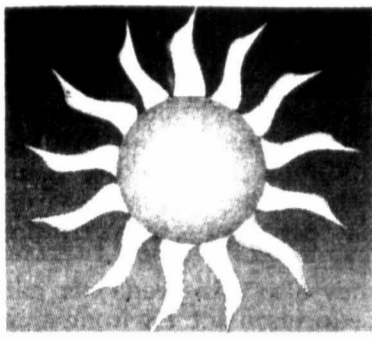
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**McLEAN** — The McLean City Council will meet in regular session Thursday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Items on the agenda include discussion on a proposed sewer line to the old Dairy Queen building, Christmas lights, 1994-95 audit review and approval, retirement funds, landfill contract with Pampa, delinquent bills, animal control, fire department hoses, firearms in city buildings and consolidation for local telephone rates.

Also on the agenda is discussion on raising gas rates to meet bond indebtedness and borrowing money for the sewer line to the Dairy Queen building.

Meetings are open to the public.

**PAMPA** — Board members of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation will meet Thursday at 3 p.m. to award a contract to one economic development strategy firm.

Joe M. White, Dallas, of the Pathfinders, and Dr. Iris Hicks, Tupelo, Miss., of the PACE Group, addressed a joint meeting of the PEDC and Pampa City Commission in December. City leaders were expected to meet Tuesday to examine the proposals from the groups and give PEDC directors input.

In other action, PEDC directors will consider the hiring of a part-time employee and a prospect request.

Meetings are open to the public.

**PAMPA** — Gray County residents can begin applying for a mailed election ballot beginning Friday, according to County Clerk Wanda Carter.

Residents who will be absent during early voting and on election day, who are ill or disabled or who are 65 years or older are eligible to receive mailed ballots.

For information, contact the County Clerk's Office in the Gray County Courthouse, or call 669-8004.

Primary elections are March 12. Early voting runs from Feb. 21 to March 8.

A number of county seats — including county sheriff, district attorney, commissioners and constables — are up for election this year.

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** (AP) — Working in unseasonably cold weather, NASA proceeded Wednesday with the countdown for this week's launch of space shuttle Endeavour on an international satellite-retrieval mission.

Test director John Stealey said lows around 30 degrees Fahrenheit have not affected launch preparations for Thursday's liftoff. The shuttle and pad are equipped with heaters to guard against dangerous ice buildup, he said.

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## Ground water project faces vote by board

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

A ground water project in Roberts County whose aim is to increase the quantity and improve the quality of drinking water for the 11 member cities of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority may get the go-ahead today.

The board of directors of the authority of which Pampa is a member are to meet today in Plainview to consider four items which if passed will move the \$76.5 million project closer to completion.

Both Dr. Bill Hallerberg and Jerry Carlson, Pampa's representatives to the authority, told the Pampa city commission Tuesday they plan to vote for the project.

The project crossed a hurdle Jan. 3 when Panhandle Ground Water District No. 3, White Deer and Quixx Corp., Amarillo, owner of the water rights, agreed to end a lawsuit in exchange for an acceptable production permit which may be transferred to the authority with the sale of the Roberts County water rights.

The permit allows 40,000 acre-feet per year production in normal years and 50,000 acre-feet per year production from the 35,813 acres of water rights in Roberts County. The permit also mandates the blending of Lake Meredith water with only enough well water to meet drinking water standards, according to John Williams, general manager of the authority.

The total water rights to be purchased for the project are on 42,765 acres, which includes other portions in Hutchinson County. The difference lies outside the water district's authority.

Pampa city commissioners voted to join the project at 3.6

percent — or \$9.455 million — to be financed by bonds which will be repaid when the wells begin to produce water in late 1999, Williams said.

Williams estimates construction to begin in early 1997 and be on line in late 1999. Bonds will be sold at the beginning of the project to finance the construction with the interest capitalized until the wells are completed.

About 30 to 35 test wells have been drilled, he said, and meet all quantity and quality standards except the one for sulfate content, which is slightly higher than expected. The CRMWA board must accept or reject that variation, he said.

The water meets standards for chloride content, he told commissioners.

Besides the permit proposal, the CRMWA board in executive session will consider results of the drilling and testing program, authorize extension of the closing date on the water rights sale and approve drafts of contracts with member cities.

Williams told commissioners the project was always conceived as a blending project to raise quality levels of Lake Meredith (besides the quantity issue).

The member-city contracts call for the CRMWA board of directors to establish the blends, taking into account the wishes of member cities, he said.

The object of the project, Williams explained, is to make enough water available for member cities in combination with well water.

"If you say, 'Can we get all of ours as well water?', that's a policy question for our board," he added.

Pampa city commissioners agreed in 1994 to join the project to improve the drinking water quality and reduce dependence on the local well field.

## Roping practice



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Andy Schroeder, 13, practices roping a chair Tuesday afternoon. He and his sister Lacy, 11, were taking turns trying out their roping skills. The youngsters said they have a horse which they ride and rope with sometimes.



(Pampa News photos by David Bowser)

Under gray skies, uniformed pallbearers carry the flag-draped casket of Police Chief Chuck Flemins as family, citizens, co-workers and law enforcement officers from across the state gathered at the First Baptist Church today to pay their last respects. Flemins died Saturday at his home of an apparent heart attack.

## Family and law enforcement personnel gather to say farewell to Chief Flemins

Pampa Police Chief Charles W. "Chuck" Flemins was buried today in the city which over 30 years ago gave him his start in the career which defined his life and passion.

At 11 a.m. today, a mile of mourners — family, friends and law enforcement officers from around the region — proceeded to Llano Cemetery East in Amarillo to say their final farewells to a man eulogized as one who "fought the good fight."

More than 650 people filled Pampa's First Baptist Church to hear Dr. Doug Harvey of the First Christian Church, Panhandle, deliver a final message on Flemins' life and work.

"The influence he left is going to be changing police forces, classrooms and courtrooms for years to come," said Harvey.

He praised Flemins' commitment to character, quality and compassion in police work.

As in the Apostle Paul's final letter to his young protégé Timothy, Harvey said Flemins "fought the good fight, ... finished the race and kept the faith."

He described Flemins as one of those rare people who found his



A funeral wreath pays tribute to Police Chief Chuck Flemins.

calling and pursued it passionately.

Harvey cited departmental changes under Flemins' administration including Citizens Police Academy, Citizens on Patrol and school-based police services, all designed to unify the department and community it serves.

In testimony to that, police-

men, deputies and troopers paid homage to one of their own, filling the sanctuary with their uniformed presence.

Officers Dave Wilk and Bo Lake flanked the casket as mourners arrived for the funeral.

Pampa police officers and civilian personnel sat together for the service. As the flag-draped coffin was carried from the church, officers saluted.

Departments represented included police departments from Amarillo, Borger, Canyon, Dumas, Fritch, Tulia, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Childress, Friona, Irving, West Texas A&M University, Amarillo College, Nazareth and Wichita Falls.

Sheriff's offices included Gray, Carson, Childress, Wheeler, Armstrong, Ochiltree, Hemphill, Donley and Deaf Smith.

Department of Public Safety troopers and Texas Rangers paid their last respects also.

Flemins, 55, died about 6:45 p.m. Saturday after suffering an apparent heart attack at his Comanche Trail home. He was rushed by Rural Metro ambulance to Coronado Hospital, where medical personnel were unable to revive him.

## Clinton vetoes welfare overhaul bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Asserting that the Republican welfare overhaul bill would do little to move people from welfare to work, President Clinton vetoed the measure but pledged to work with Congress on a version more acceptable to him.

He had promised to veto the final Republican plan to overhaul the nation's primary welfare programs and end the federal guarantee of aid to the poor, although he had given tacit support to a similar version that passed the Senate with 87 votes. He said in his veto message Tuesday night that he was determined to work with Congress "to enact real, bipartisan welfare reform."

The veto was Clinton's 12th, and

Congress was unlikely to override it. The final welfare bill, a melding of earlier House and Senate versions, cleared both chambers in December by margins smaller than the two-thirds majorities needed to override a veto. Only one of Clinton's previous 11 vetoes has been overridden.

Clinton charged that the bill was designed to meet an arbitrary budget target rather than to achieve serious welfare reform. He said it would make structural changes and budget cuts that would fall hardest on children and undermine states' ability to move people from welfare to work.

He said he wanted a welfare plan motivated by the urgency of reform rather than by a "bud-

get plan that is contrary to America's values."

"The current welfare system is broken and must be replaced, for the sake of the taxpayers who pay for it and the people who are trapped by it," he said. But the legislation was "burdened with deep budget cuts and structural changes that fall short of real reform."

Objecting specifically to cuts in foster care and adoption assistance, help for disabled children and legal immigrants, food stamps and the school lunch program, Clinton said the final legislation should reduce the magnitude of the cuts and the structural changes that had "little connection to the central goal of work-based reform."

## Elementary students to view Mr. Wizard program

The mysteries of science will be explored Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 1:30 p.m. at Travis Elementary when students will witness "Mr. Wizard's Science Challenges."

New guidelines set by the American Academy for the Advancement of Science ask teachers to use hands-on projects in an effort to improve the science programs in the nation's schools.

Don Herbert, better known as "Mr. Wizard" from NBC's *Watch*

*Mr. Wizard* and Nickelodeon's *Mr. Wizard's World*, has produced a program to bring this hands-on style of science to the school.

Herbert won't be present at the program, though his official assistant Tim Angevine will present the fast-paced show guaranteed to educate and entertain.

With the help of students in the audience, Angevine will work through a series of investigations and eventually discover

answers to each of the show's challenges. The show combines Mr. Wizard's informal style with stimulating science challenges designed to inspire creative thinking and enthusiasm for learning in young minds.

This is the fifth time Travis Elementary boosters have brought Mr. Wizard's show to Pampa. The show is produced by FCA Educational Services in conjunction with Mr. Wizard Studios.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**CLOWER, Estelle Wright** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo.

**JORDAN, Mamie Callaway** — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.

**RICHARDSON, C.L. "Chuck"** — Masonic graveside rites, 2:30 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

## Obituaries

### ESTELLE WRIGHT CLOWER

CANADIAN - Estelle Wright Clower, 90, a former Canadian resident, died Monday, Jan. 8, 1996, at Ashdown, Ark. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Park Cemetery at Amarillo with Pastor Mike Williams, of the First Christian Church at Canadian, officiating. Arrangements will be under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Clower was born Feb. 6, 1905, at Alba, Texas. She moved to New Mexico in 1936 with her family. She married Dan Clower on May 4, 1937, at Portales, N.M.; he died in 1974. The couple farmed in New Mexico for several years before moving to Colorado for a year. They settled in Gentry, Ark., until the late 1960s. They were Amarillo residents from 1972-1978. She relocated to Canadian in 1978 and lived there until 1983. She lived in Glenwood and Ashdown, Ark., until her death. She was supervisor of the school cafeteria at Gentry for 18 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church at Gentry.

Survivors include two daughters, LaQuida Parker of Wichita, Kan., and Viola Winters of Ashdown, Ark.; a son, Dan M. Clower Jr. of Canadian; three sisters, Daffia Bush of Portales, Imogene Green of Amarillo and Clarence Nelson of Aurora, Colo.; three brothers, Curtis Wright of Fresno, Calif., Alton Wright of Carlsbad, N.M., and Gerald Wright of Portales; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Little River Nursing Home, 340 Dell St., Ashdown, Ark. 71822.

### CHARLES W. 'CHUCK' FLEMINS

Charles W. "Chuck" Flemins, 55, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996. Services were at 10 a.m. today in the First Baptist Church of Pampa with Dr. Doug Harvey, pastor of First Christian Church of Panhandle, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery East, Amarillo, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Flemins was born Dec. 17, 1940 in Vernon. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past 3 1/2 years while he served as police chief. While in Pampa, he established a citizens police academy, a citizens-on-patrol program and several programs in Pampa schools. Prior to moving to Pampa he was chief of police in Panhandle for 7 1/2 years. With more than 30 years in law enforcement, Flemins began his career in Amarillo in 1962. He served in the patrol division, uniform follow-up division, detective sergeant in the burglary division and juvenile division. In June 1970, he entered private business. In 1981 he joined the patrol division of the Borger Police Department. In 1982, he returned to the Amarillo Police Department, and then returned to Borger in 1983. In 1984, he was promoted to chief of detectives in Borger. In May 1985, he accepted the chief of police position with the city of Panhandle.

He married Marcelline McClellan in Amarillo on Nov. 20, 1983. Flemins was a U.S. Navy veteran, from 1958 to 1961, serving on a transport ship, and he also served in the Navy Reserves from 1962-1964. He earned a degree in public administration from West Texas State University and held a masters peace officer certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. In 1970, he was nominated to Who's Who from West Texas State University political science department. He taught at Amarillo College through the regional police academy.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Panhandle, the Rotary International in Panhandle and Pampa, the Optimist International in Borger, as well as the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Association of Chiefs of Police, the Texas Police Chiefs Association (chairman of small city issues), the Texas Panhandle Peace Officers Association, Texas Homicide Investigators and the Amarillo Area Law Enforcement Association. He served on the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and the Advisory Committee for the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

Survivors include his wife, Marcelline, of the home; a son, J.D. Flemins of Abilene; two daughters, Richie Britton of Nacogdoches and Shannon Rink of Japan; two sisters; one brother; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association, 2404 W. Seventh, Amarillo, TX 79106.

### MAMIE CALLAWAY JORDAN

CANADIAN - Mamie Callaway Jordan, 97, of Canadian, died Friday, Jan. 5, 1996, at Palmdale, Calif. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church of Canadian with the Rev. Jack Lee, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Jordan was born June 7, 1898, in the state of Texas. She was a longtime Canadian resident. She received a teaching certificate from West Texas State University and taught at several country schools in the Canadian area. She worked at The Fair Store for many years. She worked in retail sales for 25 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Rebekah Lodge and the Woman's Club. She moved to Palmdale, Calif., in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Elaine Park of Norco, Calif.; a sister, Elizabeth Cook of Hamilton; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the Edward Abraham Memorial Home.

## Sheriff's Office

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

**TUESDAY, Jan. 9**

John Hardy King, 44, 904 E. Scott, was arrested on violation of probation from Potter County.

Jacky Dene Coble II, 34, Lefors, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief \$500 to \$1,500. He was released on an appearance bond.

Martha L. Towles, 34, 904 E. Scott, was arrested on a violation of probation.

Ruth Terry Hutchison, 50, Wheeler, was arrested in Randall County on a violation of probation.

Scott Allan Frith, 31, 625 Wynne, was arrested on violation of probation.

## Police report

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

**TUESDAY, Jan. 9**

Information and disorderly conduct were reported in the 1031 block of North Sumner at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Forgery was reported at Homeland, 2545 Perryton Parkway, on Dec. 23.

Assault - family violence was reported by a 41-year-old woman in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

**Arrest**

**TUESDAY, Jan. 9**

Myra Charline Holder, 47, 1031 N. Sumner #122, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was released on bond.

## Calendar of events

**BORGER PEP RALLY**

The Harvester cheerleaders are hosting a pep rally at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Pampa High School auditorium to cheer on the Pampa boys and girls basketball teams for their games against Borger on Friday. The public is invited.

**MATH & SCIENCE EXPLORER POST**

The Math and Science Explorer Post will be discussing the fields of mechanical engineering and electrical energy during a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Hoechst Celanese Administration Building.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

The Texas Tech immunization clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Texas Tech Health Center, 600 W. Kentucky, and will be open Thursday, Jan. 11, from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4:30 p.m. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	4.83	Cabot O&G	15	dn	1/8
Milo	6.01	Chevron	54 3/4	dn	3/8
Corn	6.52	Coca-Cola	73 5/8	dn	1/2
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.					
NowSCO	13 5/8	Columbia/HCA	52 1/2	up	1/2
Occidental	21 5/8	Diamond Sham	26	dn	1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.					
Magellan	84.42	Enron	37 3/8	dn	7/8
Puritan	17.08	Halliburton	47 1/4	dn	1/8
The following 9-30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.					
Ameco	71 5/8	Ingersoll Rand	37	dn	3/8
Arco	115 7/8	KNE	28 5/8	NC	
Cabot	53 7/8	Kerr McGee	64 1/8	dn	1/2
		Limited	16 1/2	up	1/8
		Mapco	54 1/2	dn	1/8
		McDonald's	43 7/8	dn	1/2
		Mobil	114 1/4	dn	1/2
		New Atmos	23	up	1/8
		Parker & Parsley	20 3/4	dn	1/4
		Penney's	46 7/8	NC	
		Phillips	34	dn	3/8
		SLB	67 1/2	dn	1/4
		SPS	33 1/8	dn	1/8
		Tenneco	48 5/8	dn	1/2
		Texasco	79 5/8	dn	3/8
		Wal-Mart	22 5/8	dn	3/8
		New York Gold	396.50		
		Silver	5.49		
		West Texas Crude	19.88		

## Ambulance

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

**TUESDAY, Jan. 9**

7:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of East Harvester on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

4:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10**

4:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Coffee on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

## Fires

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

**TUESDAY, Jan. 9**

8:55 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to 1232 Duncan on a carbon monoxide alarm.

10:39 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to 1801 N. Dwight on a carbon monoxide alarm.

7:43 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to 2610 Cherokee on a dumpster fire.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

# Republicans talking of bypassing Clinton as budget talks break off

WASHINGTON (AP) - With budget talks broken off again, Republican congressional leaders say they may try to bypass the White House and pass veto-proof spending legislation with the help of conservative Democrats.

President Clinton and the Republicans declared an impasse Tuesday following another lengthy budget session at the White House that failed to resolve major differences over the future of Medicare and Medicaid spending and the size of a tax cut.

In the absence of a budget agreement, there's a possibility that many government offices once again will be forced to close on Jan. 27, when the latest temporary federal funding measure expires. There already have been two government shutdowns since the budget talks began in earnest in November, furloughing some federal workers for a record total of 27 days.

Lack of a quick breakthrough also increases the danger the parties will give up any hope of an agreement and let the voters decide next November, effectively paralyzing many federal programs in the coming year.

"I think it's the president's move," Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas said following the meeting. "We stand ready to continue discussions when the White House has new ideas to present."

Clinton, telling reporters a "final agreement is clearly within reach," maintained that the two

sides were making progress in finding a formula for balancing the budget by 2002. He said talks would resume in a week, giving their staffs time to search for areas of compromise.

But Republicans were far less certain about the timing of renewed talks and held out as an option sidestepping the president and taking their latest proposals directly to the House and Senate floors.

"In my estimation, that may be the most productive way for us to move forward," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said that with the backing of "Blue Dog" Democrats - conservatives who are promoting their own balanced budget plan - Republicans might have veto-proof majorities for their Medicare, Medicaid and welfare plans.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., disputed that, saying his forces could sustain any presidential veto because the conservative Democrats opposed the large Republican tax cut proposals.

Gingrich said any attempt to push a new budget proposal through Congress would not come until after Clinton delivers his State of the Union address, scheduled for Jan. 23.

Regular trading hours on Wall Street had ended before the news broke Tuesday, but prices of Treasury bonds tumbled nearly a point and interest rates soared in late afternoon trading.

Hours after the budget talks broke off, Clinton vetoed a Republican bill for overhauling welfare programs and turning most of them over to the states.

Clinton said in his veto message that welfare must be considered in the context of related issues like Medicaid and the earned income tax credit that are at the heart of the ongoing budget battle.

Clinton offered to cut \$37 billion deeper into projected Medicare, Medicaid, welfare spending and the earned income tax credit over seven years, bargainers said, speaking on condition of anonymity. But that still left Republicans seeking about \$100 billion more in savings from those programs than Clinton wants.

They also disagreed over paring education and environmental programs.

GOP proposed savings in those areas were "well beyond what is necessary to balance the budget," Clinton said.

"I don't believe we can go any further" in reducing spending levels on social programs, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said.

But Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., contended that the Clinton budget was "not a good enough budget for our times" because it merely trimmed programs without making essential reforms in the way Washington does business.

# Christopher opens new round of Mideast talks

JERUSALEM (AP) - Secretary of State Warren Christopher today opened a new round of talks with Israeli and Syrian leaders in an effort to step up the pace of their peace talks. Big gaps remain between the two sides, he said.

Negotiations have now reached the point where the two sides can see the tradeoffs necessary for a settlement, Christopher said on his way from Washington. "We've come to a critical point in the negotiations where we need to coalesce on some of the main issues," he said. "We need to bring them together and to move forward at an intensified pace."

Christopher began the new round of talks with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who already has signaled Syria it can have the Golan Heights back for the right peace terms. The prime minister was preparing for King Hussein, an Arab leader who has made peace with Israel and on the warm terms Israeli negotiators said last week they want from Syria.

On Friday, Christopher meets in Damascus with Syrian President Hafez Assad, hoping to get a response to proposals Israeli negotiators made in talks that receded last Friday.

Christopher's departure was delayed for 3 1/2 hours because of blizzard conditions at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., outside Washington. And on the way across the Atlantic, the automatic pilot failed, causing the plane to list from side to side, as the secretary's 16th negotiating trip to the Middle East got off to a bumpy start.

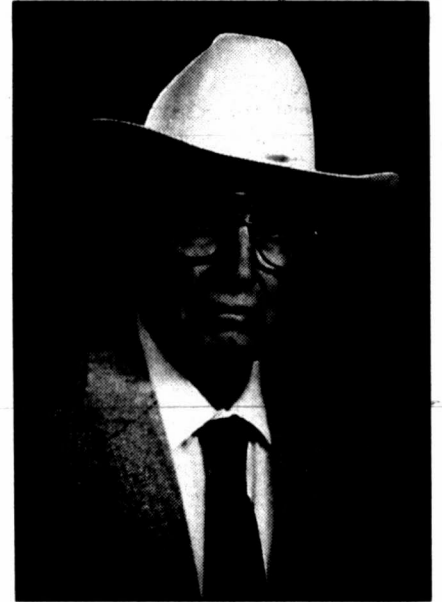
Christopher said he was looking for the "best next step" to reach a peace settlement after more than four years of on-and-off peace negotiations.

Next weekend, he will meet with Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization, focusing on elections

scheduled for Jan. 20 for a legislature to help him run the West Bank and Gaza.

Arafat has blamed Peres for the assassination of an Islamic militant who is believed to have masterminded suicide attacks against Israel. He also lauded Yehiya Ayyash in a departure from his recent refusal to praise terrorists.

"I'm going to be reminding him," Christopher said, "as every time I've been with him, about his commitment to bring an end to terrorism."



James Lewis

## Crime of the week

More than \$5,000 in musical instruments and electronics were stolen from a West Brown Street building between Friday, Jan. 5, and Saturday, Jan. 6.

Thieves entered the building through a rear window and stole:

- Alesis Quadra Synth synthesizer, Ovation natural wood 12-string acoustic guitar, hot pink Charvel electric guitar, black Fender electric guitar, black Fender bass guitar, and Sony Discman compact disc player.

Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers wants any information which might lead to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime or any other felony crime or narcotics trafficking.

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## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**

Clear tonight with a low near 28 and northwest winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Thursday, sunny with a windy change to cooler weather. A high near 55 with gusty northwest winds to 20 mph. Friday and Saturday, sunny with highs in the 60s and lows in the 20s. Tuesday's high was 55; the overnight low was 32.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid to upper 20s. Thursday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs in low to mid 50s. South Plains:

Tonight, clear. Lows in low 30s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs 55-60.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 34 northwest to 44 southeast. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 56 northeast to 65 southwest.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 40. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 60s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid 40s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in upper 60s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 50 coast to mid 40s inland. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 60s coast to low 70s inland.

**BORDER STATES**

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy north. Fair skies south. A slight change of showers and higher elevation snow showers northern mountains during the afternoon and evening. Lows 5 to 25 mountains and north, mid 20s to 30s south. Thursday, fair skies and a little cooler. Highs upper 30s to low 50s mountains and north, 50s to 60s south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows from low 20s northwest to upper 30s southeast. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in upper 40s to mid 50s.

# Court rules Clinton harassment case should go forward

WASHINGTON (AP) - An Arkansas sexual harassment case against President Clinton can go to trial, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday, setting the stage for a Supreme Court battle.

Clinton's attorney argued that Clinton should not be questioned under oath on such matters while serving as president. But an appeals panel in St. Louis decided on a 2-1 vote that the case brought by a former Arkansas state employee, Paula Jones, can proceed.

"The president, like all other government officials, is subject to the same laws that apply to all other members of our society," the court ruled. "A sitting president is not immune from civil suits for his unofficial acts."

"Obviously, we're a little disappointed, but there was a very strong dissenting opinion ... which we believe the Supreme Court will follow, assuming it takes the case," said Robert Bennett, Clinton's attorney.

If the top court did agree to take the case, there's virtually no chance a trial would start before the 1996 election. The Supreme Court would not hear arguments until October at the earliest, and a decision would not be expected until sometime next year.

Jones, a former Arkansas employee, alleges that Clinton sexually harassed her during an encounter in a Little Rock hotel suite in 1991. She has said she rejected Clinton's suggestion that they engage in sex.

Clinton has denied ever having an encounter with Jones, and has said he cannot recall whether or not he ever met her. Bennett has tried to have the case dismissed on grounds of presidential immunity.

In a statement, Gilbert Davis, one of Jones' attorneys, said his client was "very pleased" with Tuesday's ruling. "This goes beyond the parties in the case because it stands on the proposition that no one is above the law," Davis said.

He said the next step - barring any further legal delays - would be taking sworn statements from

Clinton and a former Arkansas state trooper that Jones has alleged first told her that Clinton was interested in meeting her in the private hotel suite.

Bennett argued in September that letting the Jones' case proceed would set the precedent of exposing sitting presidents to lawsuits by anyone who disagrees with their policies. In addition, Bennett has contended that the lawsuit would unfairly distract Clinton from the performance of his official duties - an argument often employed by government officials to avoid testifying in civil proceedings.

But Davis, Jones' attorney, has asserted that his client is due the same rights to a fair and speedy trial as anyone else - whoever the defendant is.

Bennett has two weeks to appeal the three-judge panel's decision by asking the full 8th Circuit court to consider the matter.

If the full appeals court agreed, Bennett and Davis would get to re-argue their cases - a process that could take months.

If the 8th Circuit court declined to hear the case, Bennett then would have 90 days to file an appeal with the Supreme Court.

"It is a case I would expect they would hear," Bennett said. "You have some very important constitutional issues here."

Unless Bennett were to request an expedited review, the court would not consider the matter until its next term beginning in October.

Two Reagan administration appointees, Arlen C. Beam and Pasco M. Bowman, signed the appeals court's majority opinion. Donald R. Ross, who dissented, was appointed to the federal bench in 1970 by President Nixon.

The development in the Jones case comes as the first family is fighting renewed questions about Hillary Rodham Clinton's credibility stemming from recent revelations about her role in the Whitewater affair and in the firing of seven White House travel office workers.

## Area briefs

**AMARILLO** - Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle will meet Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m. at Amarillo Public Library central branch.

A short business meeting will be held followed by a presentation and mini-workshop on research by guest speaker Vanessa Reeves.

Admission is free RWTP members, \$5 for non-members.

Romance Writers of America is an organization whose main purpose is to encourage and inform both published and non-published writers of romantic fiction.

For more information, call Dee Pace at (806) 356-0216.

**AUSTIN** - Students enrolled in grades 9-12 can still submit entries to the Young Texas Writers Awards Program. Deadline for submissions has been extended to Jan. 31.

Twelve scholarships, ranging from \$50 to \$150, will be presented for best work in four categories: poetry, short story, essay

and journalism. Single or multiple entries will be accepted in all categories for a one-time entry fee of \$5.

The program is sponsored by the Austin Writers' League with some funding provided by the Texas Commission on the Arts and Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Awards will be presented in March at a reception in Austin.

For guidelines, call the Austin Writers' League, (512) 499-8914.

**PAMPA** - Buckner Family Based Services, in conjunction with First Baptist Church of Pampa, will offer a parent education class beginning this month.

The class will start Thursday, Jan. 18, at the church, 203 N. West, and continue once a week for 12 weeks. Each week's session includes a meal, child care program, the parenting class and a family play activity.

To enroll or for more information, call Buckner Family Based Services at (806) 374-8101.

# Forecasters predict more snow for Eastern states

By NED KILKELLY  
Associated Press Writer

With much of the snow pushed to the side and the white beauty turned into a towering mess, Easterners are emerging from their hibernation and struggling to get back to life as it was before the blizzard of '96.

"I've been cooped up too long with my husband and I needed to see somebody else's face," said Billie Maben, who finally was able to get out of the house and drive to a video store in Stafford, Va.

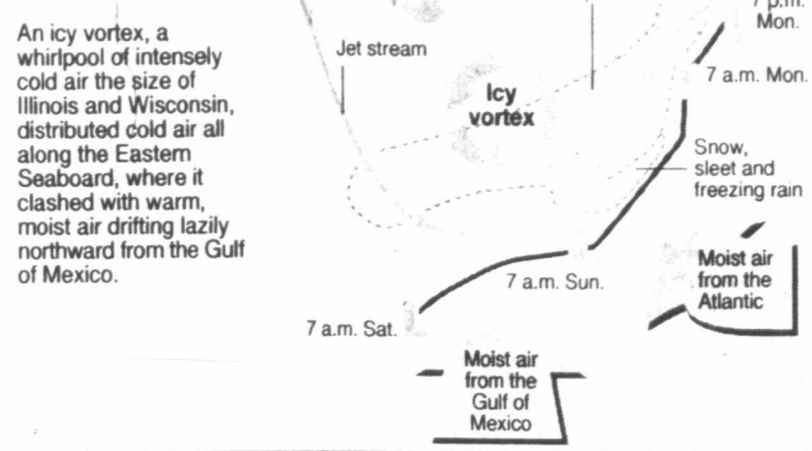
But for a region that had been paralyzed from a storm that caused at least 96 deaths and dumped 1 1/2 to 3 feet of snow, the respite may be brief.

Already, light snow fell overnight in New York, Massachusetts and Maryland. And forecasters say more snow could arrive in a storm this weekend, but it was too soon to predict how much.

Most airports along the East Coast reopened Tuesday, freeing many travelers who had waited days for runways to be cleared of plowed snowdrifts as high as 20 feet.

Those openings meant backlogs of flights and long waits for travelers. But perhaps none was as long as United Flight 801, bound for Tokyo out of New York's Kennedy Airport. It

## Blizzard



pulled out of the terminal Tuesday, and spent the next 7 1/2 hours either taxiing on the runway or stuck in a snowbank - the whole time with its 264 passengers on board.

"We're close to rioting," said Tanya Clark, a passenger who called The Associated Press from a phone on the plane at the height of the ordeal. She said the captain had threatened to have unruly passengers arrested.

Many commuter train lines resumed full service this morning. Amtrak said it would resume normal weekday schedules today along its busy Northeast Corridor between Richmond, Va., and Boston.

Officials in New York and Philadelphia urged commuters to leave their cars at home and use public transportation. "We saw the good, the bad and the awful," Ridge said Tuesday after touring Philadelphia with Mayor Edward G. Rendell.

Schools from northern Georgia to New Hampshire were closed Monday and Tuesday. Pupils in Philadelphia had another snow day today, but New York City's 900,000 school kids were due back this morning after the first snow days since 1978.

"I don't think my son remembers what school looks like," said Meredith Moss of Dayton, Ohio,

In Washington, federal workers who were first told to report to work today were then told to stay home for a third day after from 1 to 3 inches of new snow fell Tuesday.

In Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, where as much as 47 inches of snow fell, six people, including three children, were stranded at a campsite and a seventh person was stuck at a lean-to.

Helicopters dropped food and water to them on Tuesday and may be used to attempt to rescue them today if ground crews can not get there first.

Digging out meant grocers could finally restock shelves. Milk and bread were especially scarce in some spots, but many merchants hoped supply trucks would make it through by today.

"This is ridiculous," said Joan Snyder, a mother of two who lugged groceries home on a child's plastic sled in Philadelphia. "We'll be having scrambled eggs for dinner - again."

For some, like Yayoi Numazawa, who shopped at Philadelphia's Reading Terminal Market, she has had just about enough of the snow and the cabin fever.

"I was bored," she said. "I wouldn't go out and I was eating like a pig."

# Prison officials launch investigation of soy food agreement

HOUSTON (AP) - An investigation has been launched into the state prison system's contract with a Canadian company to promote soy-based foods in prison.

The inquiry began after authorities learned that Patrick H. Graham, arrested last week in Houston on charges of plotting to help a convicted murder escape had business cards identifying himself as a representative of the company, VitaPro Foods Inc., of Montreal.

Sources told the Houston Chronicle that Graham's alleged connection to VitaPro caught members of the Board of Criminal Justice by surprise. Board chairman Allan Polunsky ordered the investigation, the newspaper reported.

"They are looking into the who, what, where and why," one source said. "Their interest has been piqued."

Board member John Ward of Gatesville would not confirm or deny the investigation but said, "We're committed to getting to the bottom of Patrick Graham's claims, whatever they may be. I don't know if Patrick Graham is involved in VitaPro or not."

VitaPro President Yank Barry said Graham,

a private prison developer, was not a licensed broker for the company but had solicited business for VitaPro in Louisiana. He also said he never authorized business cards for Graham.

"He placed two small orders for which he was paid a commission," Barry said.

Ward said he never heard Graham's name mentioned when the Department of Criminal Justice was negotiating its agreement with VitaPro about a year ago.

The agency agreed to buy soy-based substitutes for meat for use in Texas prisons and to market, package and distribute the company's product to prisons in other states.

The idea was to help defray prison operating costs, and initial projections indicated the state could make \$4 million the first year. Agency spokesman Glen Castlebury said he wasn't sure how much soy product the prison system has sold but called it "fairly insignificant."

"We've not been real aggressive on that. We don't have any out-of-state salesmen," he said.

Castlebury said he knew nothing of an internal affairs investigation into VitaPro and

said Graham had nothing to do with Texas' negotiations with the company.

Former prison board Chairman Charles Terrell of Dallas, who now owns a private corrections company, played a key role in brokering the Texas deal for VitaPro.

Graham had nothing to do with VitaPro's business with Texas, Terrell told the newspaper.

Andy Collins, who approved the VitaPro agreement as executive director of the Department of Criminal Justice, was unavailable for comment. Collins left his position as head of the department on Jan. 1 to go into private business.

Graham, 45, was arrested in the parking lot of a Houston restaurant on Thursday, after a monthlong investigation by the Harris County District Attorney's Office, the FBI and the Department of Criminal Justice.

He was accused of soliciting \$750,000 to arrange the escape of Dana McIntosh, a former computer company executive from Dallas serving a 75-year sentence for stabbing his wife, Susan, to death in 1990 to collect life insurance.

# Henry Lee Lucas takes stand, tearfully denies killing 'Orange Socks'

SAN ANGELO (AP) - Henry Lee Lucas gives a simple but sketchy explanation for his link to the "Orange Socks" homicide: He confessed but didn't do it.

Lucas cried on the witness stand Tuesday while denying he committed the 1979 murder that sent him to Death Row.

"I wasn't playing games," he said. "I had my reasons."

Lucas testified for about 15 minutes before U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings, who will decide if and when the drifter will get executed for his conviction in the death of a hitchhiker who was found Oct. 31, 1979, wearing just a pair of orange socks.

The man who at one time confessed to hundreds of slayings - and later recanted - was polite and soft-spoken, coughing and apologizing for his tears.

Assistant Texas Attorney General Gena Blount asked Lucas why he told then-Sheriff Jim Boutwell of Williamson County he killed "Orange Socks" if it wasn't true.

"Only on his request," Lucas said.

The hearing was set to continue today before Cummings, who last fall issued a stay three days before Lucas was set to be executed.

Lucas testified Tuesday after sitting through a day and a half of testimony from witnesses who described him as a chronic liar.

Lucas said he was working in Florida as a roofer the day the woman's body was found off Interstate 35 near Georgetown. He testified that he knew details of the slaying only because "it was in the (case) file."

Defense attorneys are trying to prove that Lucas was manipulated

ed for months by overzealous investigators who wanted to clear their unsolved murders. Lucas had some access to their case files and made his confessions after being tipped off with leading questions, several witnesses said.

"Henry had the run of the jail in Georgetown," said Parker McCollough, who represented Lucas in his 1984 capital murder trial in San Angelo. "It was unprecedented the kind of freedom he had."

But Clayton Smith, a Texas

Ranger on the investigation team, said he never saw anyone feed information to Lucas to clear a case. During the hours he was around, Smith said, Lucas was never left alone to peek at case files.

Defense attorney Danny Britts asked whether Smith believed that Lucas had committed all of the slayings initially attributed to him.

"No," the state's witness said. "I do not believe that Henry Lucas killed 200 or 600 or whatever he said he killed."

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**Opinion**

**An American is an American ...**

For the last 129 years, one policy has been constant: Anyone born in America is an American.

But public resentment of illegal immigration has raised the question whether that should continue to be so. A House committee is considering legislation that would end the automatic grant of U.S. citizenship to children born here of illegal immigrants.

The motive is understandable. There is something vexing about the idea that foreigners who sneak into this country in violation of our immigration laws can gain a permanent place for their children by the mere fact of giving birth here. Some mothers admit coming here to have their babies partly because of the citizenship lure.

But the remedy is far worse than the problem. In the first place, a law repealing birthright citizenship would violate the 14th Amendment, which states that "all citizens born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States." A constitutional amendment - one at odds with a long national tradition - would be needed.

That would be a drastic step for what is at worst a minor problem. The number of illegals bearing kids here has been wildly exaggerated, and the phenomenon is almost entirely limited to border areas. Contrary to the claims of Rep. Brian Bilbray, D-Calif., having a child here doesn't earn an illegal immigrant immunity from deportation. The National Council of La Raza says any undocumented foreigner picked up by the Immigration and Naturalization Service is likely to be expelled, regardless of the legal status of her kids.

Denying citizenship to offspring of illegal immigrants would hardly stop foreigners from coming here, since the vast majority are seeking something else - jobs, opportunity, freedom and everything else that America has to offer.

The main effect would be to create a class of people, like the Turks in Germany, who would be born here and spend their lives here but remain permanently barred from full membership in society - as would their own children born here.

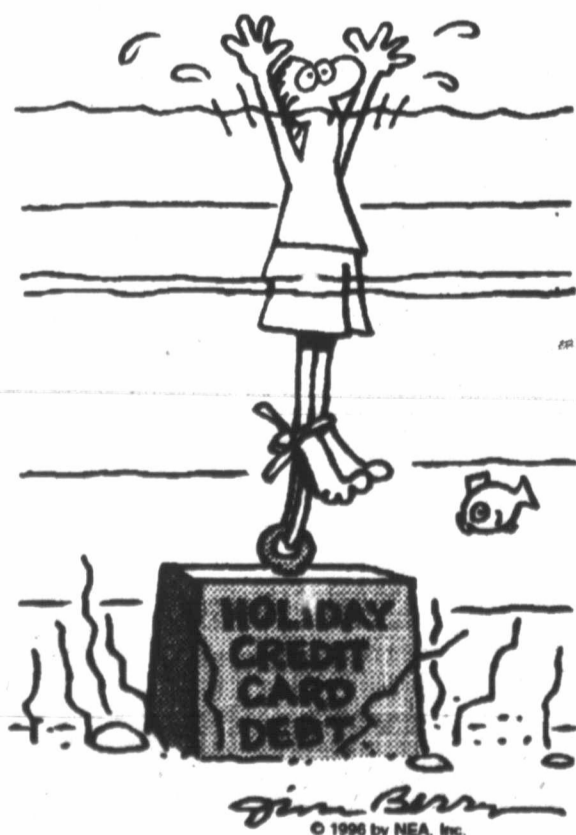
Critics of immigration often complain that newcomers refuse to assimilate, which is rarely true. But you could hardly find a better way to discourage assimilation than this.

The problem of illegal immigration certainly deserves better border control, more immigration agents and the like. It doesn't warrant tinkering with basic American traditions.

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**Berry's World**



Gen. Al Haig and other contemporaries have blasted it in television interviews. Pundits like Mona Charen and Joseph Sobran have denounced it in their columns. Perhaps this is no great solace to them, but Oliver Stone's *Nixon* could be worse.

By hook or (probably) by crook, John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon in the 1960 presidential election, but in a comparison of Stone films, *Nixon* wins easily over *JFK*. Anthony Hopkins' performance in the title role of the former is far superior to Kevin Costner's as Jim Garrison, the protagonist of the latter. But there is a more important distinction. *JFK* was a screamingly irresponsible act of conspiracy-mongering, an attempt to make an evil something out of nothing, or out of nothing much. *Nixon* drops regular hints about shadowy powers-that-be, but it is primarily a character study - and an accomplished one.

One of the things *Nixon* does right is to de-emphasize the matter of Nixon's ideology since, ultimately, he didn't have one. Sure, he chose Spiro Agnew as his running mate, had Pat Buchanan writing speeches for him and viscerally despised the elite Eastern liberal establishment. However, his turn toward mainland (what we and he used to call Red) China, detente with the Soviet Union, not to mention a host of statist domestic initiatives (such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and wage and price controls) eliminate him from consideration as a conservative. This, one supposes, spares him from Stone's wrath on that score. Were Stone to make a Ronald Reagan biopic - which he's likely to do eventually - his contempt for the Gipper's conservative principles would be the driving force, but Nixon's lack of deep philosophical convictions allows Stone to concentrate on personality rather than on politics.



**L. Brent Bozell**

No Stone film, however, is devoid of a political message, and when *Nixon* deals with issues, it suffers. Nixon's work in the Alger Hiss case is explained as political opportunism and then raised again, time after time, throughout the movie. Hiss, one is led to believe, was simply a victim of Nixon's political ambitions, even though it would be hard to find anyone to the right of Gus Hall who still thinks Hiss was innocent.

Worse is the depiction of Nixon's wee-hours visit to the Lincoln Memorial in May of 1970, just after the Kent State killings. It is part of the historical record that he did converse with antiwar protesters who were spending the night at the Memorial, but Stone's preposterous embellishment makes it one of those "hypothesized" scenes to which the opening titles refer.

In the film version, Nixon tells an angry young female protester that he, too, wants peace, but she will have none of it. She asserts that even if he wanted to, he couldn't stop the war because the power is in the hands of "the system." A few seconds later, after Nixon has been led away from the protesters, he remarks to aide Bob Haldeman that

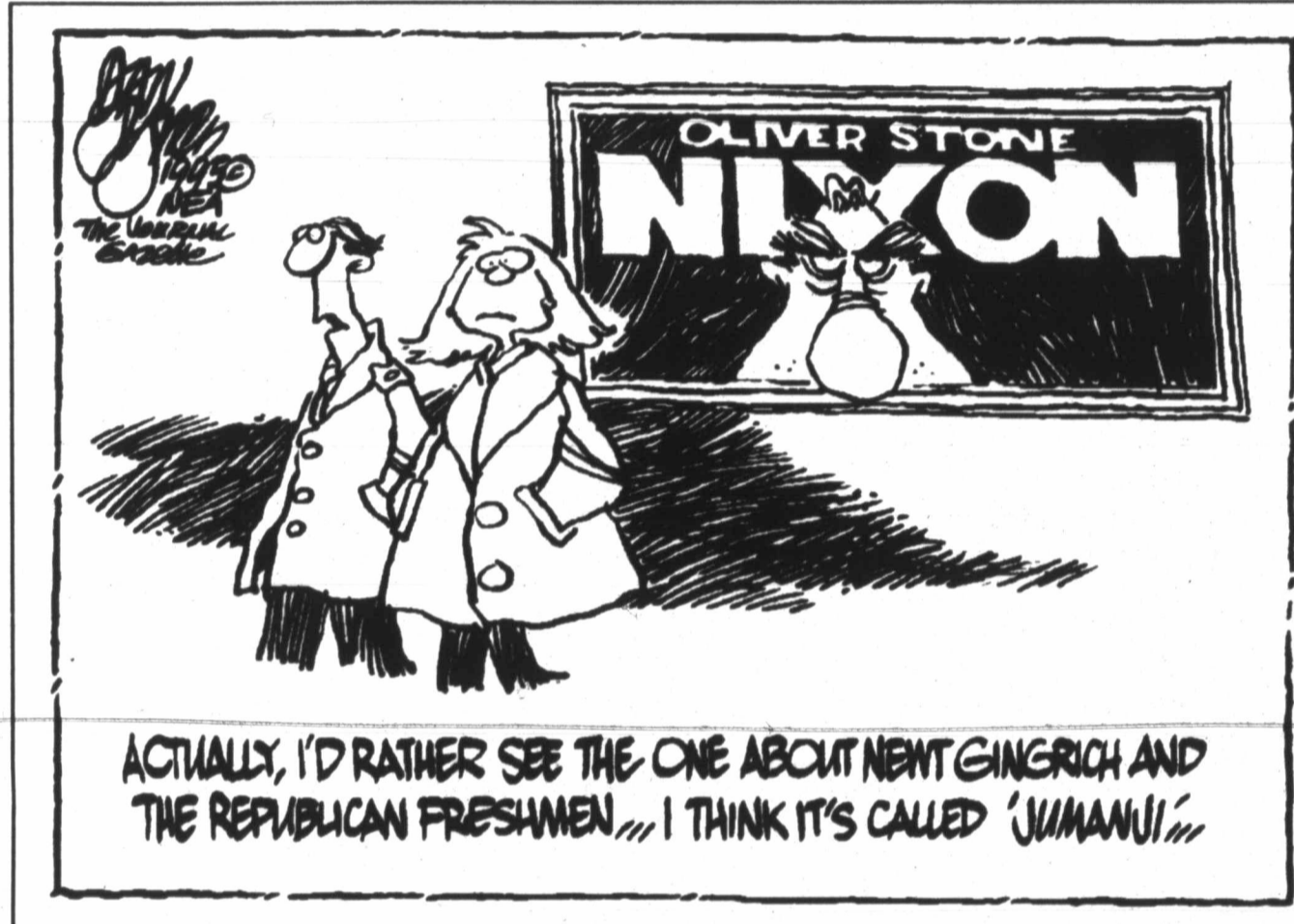
the woman understands "something it's taken me 25 years in politics to understand."

What might that be? That "the CIA, the Mafia, the Wall Street bastards" are really in charge of America - didn't you know? As Richard Reeves pointed out in *The New York Times*, it is a case of Stone blatantly putting words in Nixon's mouth. The two most *JFK* like scenes concern a group of extreme-right, racist Texas businessmen who offer to do dirty deeds on Nixon's behalf. During their first meeting, held the day before Kennedy's fateful visit to Dallas, the group urges Nixon to run for presidency in 1964. He declines, citing Kennedy's political invincibility. Who says Kennedy will be running next year? asks one of them darkly. Stone's message seems to be that Nixon played hardball and sometimes crossed the ethical line, but he was no criminal - at least in the grand sense.

In the petty sense, of course, he was, although *Nixon* shows that it wasn't inevitable. Haldeman (played by James Woods) states persuasively that with a simple apology from Nixon soon after the break-in, Watergate would not have become a colossal scandal. Unfortunately, Nixon, weighted down by his own insecurities and resentments, covered up, causing severe short-term damage to his country and to his party.

That you feel for Nixon is mostly attributable to Hopkins' work. The real star of *JFK* was not Costner but the Conspiracy, whereas Hopkins had to excel for *Nixon* to succeed artistically. He does, and it does.

Stone calls himself a historian. Richard Nixon was a complex phenomenon, providing ample grist for a serious movie maker. But Stone cannot bring himself to stay within historical lines. In the end, *Nixon* is just another unbelievable Oliver Stone production.



**Today in history**

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 10, the tenth day of 1996. There are 356 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense." In his call for American independence from England, Paine wrote, "Everything that is right or reasonable pleads for separation."

On this date:  
In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.

In 1863, London's Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public. In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

In 1928, the Soviet Union ordered the exile of Leon Trotsky.

In 1946, 50 years ago, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.

In 1946, the first man-made contact with the moon was made as radar signals were bounced off the lunar surface.

**Why must TV make apes of viewers?**

"All I need is a book that will teach my kid to kick Cody's (expletive deleted)." "Get this (expletive deleted) off my platform." "If we can nail the (expletive deleted) during his deposition ..."

But, on TV, they don't delete the expletives. They spit them out, as on the foregoing occasions. And we, audience? We bestow the expected laughs.

What we eminently don't do, because it would be un-modern, is rise from our chairs and say: Hey, Trash-Mouth, don't talk like that around here! And because we don't rise from our chairs, they talk like that. And because they talk like that, even the family hour on television - 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. - is turning into a linguistic cesspool.

In a special report, Virginia's Alexandria-based Media Research Center spotlights the overthrow and extinction of the one hour of TV that was supposed to be a family haven. "There was a sense of what material was appropriate for children and what wasn't, and there was a general understanding that the latter would not air before 9 o'clock. This understanding began to crumble a few years back and is now largely in ruins."

"The family hour's decreasing respect for parental authority and traditional values has been troubling, but the deterioration of standards has been most noticeable in two areas: language and sexual content."

MRC undertook a four-week survey of what used to be the family hour. The results were dismal. "We found," says the report, "40 treatments of premarital sex during this one-month period; these outnumbered



**William Murchison**

treatments of marital sex by a 10-to-1 ratio. The vast majority of premarital-sex portrayals condoned the behavior by presenting it non-judgmentally or matter-of-factly." As for all the vulgarisms the study turned up, use your imagination. This is a family newspaper.

MRC explains what goes on here: "The networks' rush to appeal to the 18-to-49 demographic coveted by advertisers has left young viewers (and their parents) under served." To say the least!

At this point, a moss-encrusted pundit who grew up in the '50s lays aside the family-hour survey. He would render some observations of his own.

MRC's concern - rightly - is for that large corner of the culture occupied by the television audience. But there is a larger concern: the culture as a whole, which includes people too busy or tasteful to bother with "Melrose Place" and "Roseanne." We are coarsening that culture - cheapening it, wearing it out. This will be news, no doubt, to the

television moguls. High standards, low standards - whattaya talking about, and who cares anyway?

Here's what I'm talking about: men and women on the one hand, and animals on the other. There's a difference. Or hadn't the moguls noticed?

Men and women live lives in which restraint and respect play large roles. Animals do their own thing, and why not? Being an animal is no big deal. A dog can do it - a pig, an ape. The human destiny, which partakes of the divine - at least our civilization used to believe it did - is higher by far. The journey is infinitely more demanding.

The decline of religion in modern times - say, the last 200 years - blurs the human-animal distinction. Respect and restraint? What for? Where's the fun in all that?

The TV moguls don't think in terms of debasing their audience; they think about making money. Throw some bananas to the apes - watch them clap their paws in glee. So the moguls reason. Never mind if such treatment makes the apes even apeier, as it certainly must when the language of respect withers and dies and the aimless rutting of orangutans becomes the model of sexual fulfillment. Now, never mind all that. Just count the cash.

We do have a problem here, and it's worse than the name that contemporary TV scripts apply to that portion of the anatomy designed for sitting. Our most influential cultural medium, television, is demolishing the culture. What a lot of dumb expletive-deleted we are if we sit by and allow it to happen.

**An update on the 'borking' of Gingrich**

On Nov. 24, 1994, I published a column that still seems so pertinent that I think I'll begin by quoting from it:

"From the moment the outcome became apparent on election night, it was inevitable that national attention would focus with almost ferocious intensity on Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich. His power and clear determination to change the American national agenda guaranteed that."

"With Gingrich's new eminence, however, has come a less welcome change in his status: He is now, and will be for at least the next two years, the chief target and whipping-boy of the liberal media. If (improbably) he doesn't yet know what that entails, he will find out."

"Liberals are pleasantly accustomed to having their worst enemies destroyed with the help of the media. One of the earliest and best examples was Joe McCarthy. Another and far bigger one was Richard Nixon. For a few heady years it even seemed possible that first Ronald Reagan and then George Bush might actually be brought down by the wide-sweeping scythe of impeachment, if only Lawrence Walsh's endless investigations could get somewhere."

"But the modern era of ritual murder by the liberals and the media, on the model of the Aztecs (who cut out the hearts of their victims with an obsidian knife), didn't get under way until they grimly destroyed that honorable and scholarly



**William Rusher**

man, Robert Bork, whom President Reagan had nominated for the Supreme Court."

That bloody job took only a few weeks, but gave birth to a brand-new verb: to "bork" someone.

"Clarence Thomas was slated to be borked, but escaped - mostly by the sheer force of his own titanic and outraged personality. Now it's Newt Gingrich's turn, and the drums are already throbbing."

"Gingrich is a brilliant man - a Ph.D., in fact - and highly articulate. He is solidly conservative, and determined to deliver the changes he believes the voters want. But he can also be abrasive, and this is the trait the liberal media are counting on. They think Gingrich is their meat."

"Take that news clip - you must have seen it - in which Gingrich declared, 'We will cooperate, but we will not compromise.' People who also saw the longer version of his remarks know that this rather

arbitrary-sounding formulation was preceded by a paragraph in which Gingrich said, 'We will not compromise on our core beliefs' - a much more limited and reasonable proposition. But the media ran the short version about as often as they ran the clip of the L.A. police beating Rodney King, and the effect on viewers was much the same."

"It will be up to Gingrich to learn to avoid furnishing his enemies with out-of-context sound bites like that one. No one expects him to change overnight into a Francis Assisi, but if he keeps on letting the liberals cast him as Savoranola, he too could wind up being hanged and burned."

Well, 13 months have passed, and I must say that, purely as prophecy, that column stands up pretty well. If the speaker had taken its comments to heart, both he and we could have been spared a lot of trouble.

Now, however, the damage has been done, and all we can do is live with it. Not much can be done to repair it without fatally crippling the House Republican agenda, which Mr. Gingrich lightly has no intention of doing. (I do wish, though, that he would switch to double-breasted suits, or at least button his jacket, to spare everybody the sight of that vast expanse of white broadcloth.)

Newt Gingrich's personal fate is in the lap of the gods. But if he were to disappear from the national scene tomorrow, his basic achievement would remain: the first - and most critical - turn away from Big Government in the history of the United States.

## Nation briefs

**Clinton vetoes measure but vows to reach agreement**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Asserting that the Republican welfare overhaul bill would do little to move people from welfare to work, President Clinton vetoed the measure but pledged to work with Congress on a version more acceptable to him.

He had promised to veto the final Republican plan to overhaul the nation's primary welfare programs and end the federal guarantee of aid to the poor, although he had given tacit support to a similar version that passed the Senate with 87 votes. He said in his veto message Tuesday night that he was determined to work with Congress "to enact real, bipartisan welfare reform."

The veto was Clinton's 12th, and Congress was unlikely to override it. The final welfare bill, a melding of earlier House and Senate versions, cleared both chambers in December by margins smaller than the two-thirds majorities needed to override a veto.

**Author states Kennedy, Nixon grudging friends**  
NEW YORK (AP) — John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon — friends?

While many people viewed the two men as bitter rivals, there "turked a more complicated, more enduring relationship which began in a kind of cordial coexistence," Christopher Matthews writes in *Kennedy and Nixon*. Excerpts of the book appear in the February edition of *Vanity Fair* magazine.

Both men were elected to the House in 1946. Early on, Matthews writes, Kennedy pointed Nixon out to friends, telling one that Nixon was "going places."

In 1947, when Nixon was to go on a fact-finding mission to Europe, Kennedy stopped by his office and dropped off the names and phone numbers of women he should look up in Paris. Nixon's secretary, Dorothy Cox, said she didn't think Nixon, who was married, took the numbers because "he was far too embarrassed."

**Cop killer going free after 37 years in prison**

ANGOLA, La. (AP) — More than 37 years after he was sentenced to death for shooting two white policemen he claimed were Ku Klux Klansmen trying to kill him, Moreese "Pop" Bickham walked out of prison a free man.

Bickham, who had seven stays of execution during his time on death row, was released from the Louisiana State Penitentiary precisely at 12:04 a.m. Wednesday.

Outside the main prison gate, he picked up a handful of dirt and kissed it.

"I'm glad to see my friends on the outside, but I hate to leave my friends on the inside," Bickham told reporters and others at an informal reception at a prison administration building prior to his release.

He expressed remorse about killing the two officers and apologized to their families.

## Woman's tale of abduction, sexual assault was bogus, police believe

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A woman who told police she was abducted and sexually assaulted at knifepoint has been arrested on a charge of making a false report to a peace officer.

Police say the false report caused police to use valuable investigation time and they intend to throw the book at her.

"It was a waste of our time," said police spokesman Lt. Scott McCollum. "We could've been making more progress with real cases."

The woman, who was not identified, faces a class B misdemeanor charge of making a false report to a peace officer and faces up to 100 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.

College Station police also will seek restitution for the cost of investigative hours spent on the case, McCollum said.

Police reports said they interviewed the woman for almost a week before she admitted that she invented her story of being seized and sexually assaulted in a College Station field.

Officers believe the woman, who is 22, made up the story because she had fought with her husband, was upset about it, and wanted to gain his sympathy.

The woman has been released from the Brazos County Jail after posting \$300 bond.

## Community Calendar

### January

13 — CLEAN PAMPA CHIPPING OF THE GREENS will be turning collected Christmas trees into compost. Christmas trees should be dropped off at 900 N. Duncan by Jan. 13. Residents may collect compost at the same site. Also, old Christmas cards may be delivered for recycling to Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center, FirstBank Southwest or National Bank of Commerce. For more appreciation, contact Pam Green at 665-2514.

13-14 — TOP O' TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE, Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

16 — TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL CLUB regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., Coronado Inn dining room. For more information, contact Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Vernell Houska at 669-7402.

16 — SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER BOARD MEETING, 4 p.m., at the Senior Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call Mary Wilson at 669-0515.

18 — PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, regular meeting, 7-8 p.m., Coronado Hospital Medical Building (NOT in the hospital). For more information, contact Kathy Gist at 665-4742 or Emily Washington at 669-7619.

20 — GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE, Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

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29 — LEAGUE OF PAMPA WRITERS to present local artist Grant Johnson at the Lovett Memorial Library conference room at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tomoko I. Mechler on Tuesday or Wednesday between 1-3 p.m. at 665-3002.

30 — TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL CLUB regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., Coronado Inn dining room. For more information, contact Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Vernell Houska at 669-7402.

### February

1 — ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meeting at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway. All future meetings for 1996 will be on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call and ask for Chrys at 665-0356. Also, memorials for the American Heart Association need to be sent in care of Edna Trask, 1810 Beech, Pampa, TX 79065. For more on this, call Chrys at 665-0356.

2 — WOMEN TO WOMEN will be hosting Jerry Lane on topic of substance abuse. For more information, call Kay at 665-0842.

9 — PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL BAND to host its Spaghetti Supper from 5-8 p.m. in the Pampa High School cafeteria. For more information, contact Jane Jacobs at 665-3878.

10 — PAMPA COMMUNITY CONCERN ASSOCIATION INC. presents the Glenn Miller Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. For more information, contact Mrs. E.H. Brainard at 665-4579.

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241.

## Construction of steel fence begins to curb border crime

SUNLAND PARK, N.M. (AP) — Construction of a steel fence to help shield Sunland Park from border-jumping criminals gives Maria De Franco no new sense of security.

Quite frankly, she sees no need for the 1.3-mile-long barrier, regardless of the frequent reports she has heard about the train-robbing gangs and drug traffickers known to slip in from Mexico.

"It's not necessary," De Franco of Sunland Park said Tuesday as the U.S. Border Patrol began building the fence. "The majority of people who come over aren't thinking about committing crimes."

Law enforcement agencies generally agree that most crossers aren't criminals, but they do see good reason for the fence.

"It's a problem area, to make a long story short," said Border Patrol spokesman Doug Mosier. "We hope this fence will generally make the area more manageable."

The region became particularly volatile after the Border Patrol blockaded a section of the Rio Grande in nearby El Paso, Texas, pushing many illegal crossers

west into New Mexico, authorities have said.

The agency believes the \$150,000 fence will help authorities deter that increased illegal immigration and control crimes committed by gangs who regularly loot U.S. trains that pass just yards from the border.

The bandits have even been known to leave booby traps for agents and have fired shots at pursuing officers.

Authorities say the problems also spill over into Sunland Park, which suffers burglaries and larcenies attributed to criminals from nearby Anapra, a section of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Once completed in about a month, the 10-foot-high fence will seal off a desert plain bordered by a steep mesa and Mount Cristo Rey, a craggy mountain with a large cross on its summit.

Mosier said the fence will funnel illegal immigrants to rougher terrain outside town, where they will be easier to apprehend, while also making it harder for criminals to come and go.

## Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL)-- A new drug has been approved that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain. This material has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis..." and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis... relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis... is an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream and is available immediately without a prescription and is guaranteed to work. Use only as directed.

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## Discovery Center show to discuss critical periods of man's exploration

AMARILLO — *The Endless Horizon*, narrated by actor Patrick Stewart, is a planetarium star show that highlights critical periods of exploration that have shaped our view of the world and of the universe.

The show may be viewed in the Discovery Center's Planetarium Jan. 13-March 3. Show times are Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person, and Discovery Center members will be admitted free.

What sparks the torch of exploration? Is it the dream of distant shores, wealth, or power? Exploration is motivated by all of these factors, but often it is for the pure joy of scientific discovery, Center officials noted.

As people trace exploration through the ages, by land, by sea and in more modern times, the exploration of space, they see that the unique relationship between scientific discovery and exploration has led to advances

in science theory, technology and our concept of the Universe.

The major periods of man's exploration to be discussed in the planetarium show are:

The Exploration of the Oceans: It was the prospect of quick wealth that motivated the first great age of exploration. Spices and silks from the Far East had always been traded in Europe, but the rise of hostile Islamic kingdoms astride the ancient trade routes complicated trade and thus created shortages and steep price increases.

It was clear to the merchants and nobles of Renaissance Europe that a direct route to the orient that avoided the Arab middlemen would offer both enormous profits and a plentiful supply of these commodities.

The Exploration of the Continents: Only a few years after the first voyage of Columbus, Spanish conquistadors began exploring the newly discovered continents. Like the

navigators and mariners, they too were primarily interested in wealth and conquest. Gold and slaves were to be had for the price of wanton murder. Whole civilizations perished as Spanish explorers founded a colonial empire at the point of a sword.

Exploration Beyond the Earth: Throughout the nineteenth century, as explorers redefined the geography of the continents, the body of scientific knowledge grew as well. By the first years of our century, devices were being created that would profoundly influence exploration as well as the course of history.

In 1903, at about the same time the Wright Brothers launched their first primitive flying machine, Konstantine Tsiolkovski, a Russian mathematics teacher, conceived of a method to launch an artificial satellite. Prompted by two world wars, the technology of flight and the science of rocketry developed at an astounding pace.

## State jail system touted as a huge success

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's revised jail system for nonviolent criminals could reduce the number of people who become repeat offenders, backers of the revision say.

"The community corrections concept of a state jail system is exactly what this state needs," said Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville, a sponsor of the law.

"If there's going to be a type of felon that you have a chance to rehabilitate, it's going to be non-violent offenders, and the best way to handle those is by community corrections in their particular locale," he said Tuesday.

Community probation departments are the "backbone" of the system, Place said. The state jail

facilities themselves are designed to provide programs and a space for those who break terms of probation, he said.

The system, which began in 1994, was meant to free up more expensive prison space by reclassifying some crimes as state jail felonies. The program included construction of regional jails and an emphasis on probation and rehabilitation for nonviolent offenders.

But there were concerns over the program, especially a provision for automatic probation for repeat offenders, and it hasn't been used as much as envisioned.

As of Friday, of 16,052 bed spaces in nine state jail units opened so far, just 1,618 were

occupied by people convicted of state jail felonies.

Last year, lawmakers made changes that took effect Jan. 1, including elimination of the automatic probation for repeat offenders.

Other changes allow people with two prior state jail felonies to be sentenced to prison and authorize judges to put someone on probation under the state jail felony law for up to 10 years, double the original time.

The changes likely will mean state jails will be used more, Place said. But he added, "The success of the program is not going to be gauged by the number of people who wind up in a state jail facility."



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## British official says London can't stop China from dismantling Hong Kong's ruling bodies

HONG KONG (AP) - In a stark illustration of Britain's dwindling power in Hong Kong, the British foreign secretary said Tuesday that London cannot stop China from dismantling the colony's legislature and other elected bodies after its return to China in 1997.

For Hong Kong, Malcolm Rifkind's comments were a reminder that with just 539 days left until the Chinese takeover, the colony's center of gravity is shifting toward Beijing.

"We cease to be the sovereign power next year," Rifkind said before departing on a three-day trip to Beijing. "It is no use me suggesting to you or to the people of Hong Kong that the United Kingdom can suddenly produce some formula which will deal with the determined Chinese desire to dismantle institutions."

"What we can do is ... make it unequivocally clear that we share the views of the Hong Kong people as to the damage that would be done," he said.

China has promised that Hong Kong will have a high degree of autonomy after 1997 and that its free-wheeling capitalist system will be left unchanged for at least 50 years. But over Hong Kong protests, it has vowed to disband the colony's legislature and other elected bodies.

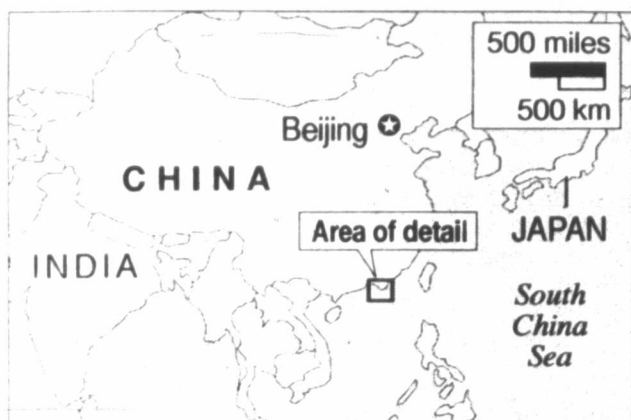
Rifkind said he believed the Chinese would heed Britain and Hong Kong's words and keep Hong Kong prosperous. But after meeting Tuesday in Beijing with his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, all Rifkind could report was that "we continue to hope that the Chinese government will reconsider the matter."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Chen Jian said Tuesday that China will not change its position on the Hong Kong legislature and blamed Britain for introducing democratic reforms in Hong Kong without Beijing's consent.

In Tuesday's meeting, Rifkind said he raised the issues of abuse in Chinese orphanages, the harsh sentence for dissident Wei Jingsheng and the need for dialogue with the Dalai Lama on Tibet.

He said he told Qian that the best way for China to dispute the allegations that its orphanages deliberately allow infants and children to die of starvation and neglect was "to allow complete transparency ... to show that there's nothing to hide."

A recent report by the New York-based Human



Rights Watch-Asia documented the abuses in Chinese orphanages. A British television network also screened a documentary Tuesday on the same subject - a report that Chen, the Chinese spokesman called "a serious disruption to Sino-British relations."

China has denied all the allegations. Rifkind said his meeting with Qian did have some concrete results - including an agreement to allow all permanent residents of Hong Kong to keep that status and a pledge that China would not block arrangements for a container port for Hong Kong.

## Federal judge frees reporter on her own recognizance

HOUSTON (AP) - After losing an appeal at the highest state level, the *Houston Chronicle* has gone to a federal judge with its fight to protect a reporter's sources.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Tuesday upheld a contempt citation issued after newswoman Jennifer Lenhart refused to identify grand jurors who spoke with her about the grand jury's deliberations into a shooting that involved a police officer.

The court returned the case to the court of State District Judge Mike McSpadden, who issued the contempt order on Dec. 19. McSpadden scheduled a hearing on the case for today.

But attorneys for the newspaper immediately appealed to U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal, raising the same arguments they raised in state courts. Rosenthal ordered Ms. Lenhart free on her own recognizance until he can hold a hearing on the matter.

Travis Allen, 17, died July 15 after being shot twice in the back in the living room of a house. Police said Allen broke into the house and refused to come out as ordered. He was shot, Leal said, as he continued to struggle and appeared to be reaching into his pocket.

Ms. Lenhart wrote a story on Sept. 29 quoting two unnamed grand jurors who discussed deliberations and criticized the panel's failure on Sept. 26 to indict the officer.

## American's training program reviewed

DALLAS (AP) - American Airlines' captains are receiving 20 percent fewer hours of training each year under a program that is now under federal scrutiny following a fatal crash in Colombia.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines, which for years has been seen as the leader in pilot training, made the changes to its program in late 1994.

Now, after four unrelated crashes by American and AMR's Eagle commuters, Federal Aviation Administration investigators are looking at American's training practices.

With the FAA's blessing, American started bringing captains to its Flight Academy once a year instead of twice, according to a company spokesman.

Before the changes, American Airlines' captains would get 10 hours of simulator training annually during two visits to the flight school in Fort Worth. Now, captains get eight hours of

simulator training per year during one visit to the school.

While the training time for captains has been pared, the airline has added simulator time for co-pilots.

Also, the airline has started combining simulator training for captains and first officers with an aim of teaching them to work together better. Previously, there had been some individual teaching.

Standards for the commuter line, American Eagle, have not been changed. The turbo-prop division of AMR Corp. has already had a review of its training procedures following an Oct. 31, 1994, crash that killed 68 near Roselawn, Ind., and an Eagle crash Dec. 13, 1994, at Raleigh-Durham, N.C., that killed 15.

American itself suggested pilot error may have been involved when Flight 965 from Miami crashed into a mountain on Dec. 20 near Cali,

Colombia, killing 160 people.

Mike Overly of the Aviation Safety Institute in Columbus, Ohio, and editor of the *Aviation Safety Monitor*, says that the Cali crash unlikely will be directly attributed to changes in training. But he pointed out that such changes can be a factor.

"... Whenever recurrency training drops in anything, not just aviation, it becomes trouble. The frequency of training probably has a non-measurable effect, but an effect on proficiency in the cockpit," he said.

American already had been dealing with a separate investigation of an incident that occurred Nov. 12, when a company MD-80 sheared tops of trees before landing at the Hartford, Conn., airport. One person was injured during the evacuation. The National Transportation Safety Board said the airline went below minimum altitudes.

## World briefs

### Kidnappers of Europeans threaten to destroy dam

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) - A person claiming to represent the kidnappers of two European women threatened Tuesday to destroy a hydroelectric dam unless the government meets their demands.

The women were seized Jan. 1 from a hotel in San Carlos, near the Nicaraguan border, by a group that identified itself as the Viviana Gallardo Commando.

The kidnappers want more than \$1 million in ransom as well as freedom for attackers who took over the Costa Rican Supreme Court in 1993.

A person identifying himself as one of the kidnappers called Channel 7 TV in San Jose on Tuesday and made the threat against the Arenal dam.

The kidnapped woman are Regula Susana Siegfried, 50, a

Swiss national who lives in Costa Rica, and Nicola Fleutchaus, 24, a German tourist.

Costa Rican police and Nicaraguan soldiers have been combing the mountainous area where the kidnappings took place but have reported no sign of the kidnappers or the victims.

This was the third kidnapping in three weeks in Costa Rica. Two other women abducted in separate incidents were freed unharmed after their families paid ransom.

### New Indian law bans abortions of female fetuses

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - India has banned abortions of healthy female fetuses, an attempt at eliminating the widespread practice of aborting female fetuses in this male-dominated culture.

The law took effect Jan. 1, but was announced only on Tuesday.

India's parliament passed the legislation, which bans abortions if tests such as amniocentesis or sonograms show the fetus is female, in August 1994, but it could not become law until all state legislatures gave their consent. That happened at the end of 1995, said N.N. Sharma, a spokesman for the Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

For first offenders, the law prescribes imprisonment of three years and a fine of \$300 - two months of an average middle-class salary. Subsequent offenses will draw up to five years in prison and a fine of \$1,500. Mothers, fathers and doctors all can be punished under the law.

There are no national statistics available on female infanticide or abortion of female fetuses, but the disproportionate number of males in India show it is a widespread practice.

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## Baron imprisoned in Sicilian hotel suite for half a century

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) — For half a century, Giuseppe Di Stefano has inhabited Suite 202 of the Sicily's most historic hotel, leading a life that exquisitely captures the flavor of this island of silent oaths and secret societies.

The mysterious baron never leaves his three-room suite at the Grand Hotel delle Palme. A barber comes every six weeks. Room service brings all his meals, and a maid tidies up each day. An administrator pays his rent. The reception desk turns away all requests for visits. The 89-year-old De Stefano's only companion is a 24-hour nurse.

This is the baron's existence as pieced together from those who know him. But why does he live this strange life?

The baron, you see, lives under a Mafia-imposed exile. Or so goes the story.

Hotel personnel know it well. Out one day on the grounds of his vast estate in Castelvetrano, Di Stefano came across a young trespasser and killed him. The young man's father, a mafioso, came to the baron with a death sentence. The baron pled for an alternative: permanent exile from Castelvetrano and from the world.

The tale is repeated by word of mouth and surfaces now and again in news stories. True or not?

"The myth of the baron is a mystery," said Enzo Caruso, the hotel's manager. "Sicilians like mysteries. They like to think that a man can live in the shadows."

Secrets represent knowledge, so the "more secrets he has, the more important the man is," Caruso explained.

Caruso acknowledges the publicity isn't bad for the hotel,

though its history speaks for itself.

Composer Richard Wagner completed Parsifal here. Mob boss Lucky Luciano ate in its restaurant. French writer Raymond Roussel committed suicide in one of its rooms.

In September, Italian politician Giulio Andreotti, a seven-time former premier, stayed one floor down from Di Stefano for the opening of his trial on charges of association with the Mafia. Andreotti, the dean of postwar Italian politics, is accused of trading favors with mobsters, and even exchanging a kiss of respect with the boss of bosses.

Years ago, the baron used to appear for four-hour lunches in the gilt-and-mirror dining room with a few friends, wearing silk shirts, a scarf and a white linen jacket. Toti Librizzi, the Grand Hotel bartender who has been around for 30 years, remembers the baron's white and brown shoes.

Di Stefano was a man of "culture," Librizzi said. In years past, the baron would go to the kitchen and direct the cook in preparing the traditional and largely forgotten recipes of Sicilian cuisine.

These days, he sees only a trusty handful of hotel staff. He calls to the reception desk when he is ready for the suite to be cleaned. Then he'll make chit-chat, often inquiring about how full the hotel is, or read a book. He used to listen to classical music in the evening, but the stereo seems to be gone, said a member of the staff.

Now television news can be heard on the other side of the suite door. But no one answers a knock — protecting this most Sicilian of mysteries.

## State briefs

### Livestock quarantines end in several states

AUSTIN (AP) — Quarantines of livestock in several states, including Texas, because of a vesicular stomatitis outbreak have been lifted, the Texas Animal Health Commission announced Tuesday.

Vesicular stomatitis is rarely fatal to animals, but it causes blister-like lesions inside the mouth, on the tongue and lips and around the hooves and on the teats. The painful blisters cause animals to refuse to eat, drink or walk. Vesicular stomatitis usually brings about significant weight loss.

Colorado lifted the last quarantine in December, and no new cases of VS have been reported, according to the animal health commission.

A vesicular stomatitis virus outbreak began in New Mexico in May. Outbreaks also were confirmed in Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming and Utah. One horse in Henderson, Texas, was diagnosed with vesicular stomatitis, prompting a quarantine of parts of Rusk, Cherokee and Smith counties.

Infection lasts about two weeks, and affected animals usually display symptoms two to eight days after exposure.

### Judge OKs reorganization plan for El Paso Electric

AUSTIN (AP) — El Paso Electric Co. is on its way out of bankruptcy protection following a judge's approval of a plan to reorganize the company's \$1.9 billion debt.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Frank Monroe approved a plan Tuesday to reduce the debt by \$700 million by restructuring it.

If successful, the plan will put the utility on solid financial foot-

ing for the first time in four years, company officials said.

El Paso Electric is only the nation's second utility since the Great Depression to seek protection in bankruptcy court.

The focus "can now be on customer service," said David Wiggins, who will step down as head of El Paso Electric after a new chief executive officer is named. "We think that will be a major improvement."

### Request for delay in Reeves murder trial refused

GATESVILLE (AP) — A judge on Tuesday ordered jury selection to begin as scheduled in the trial of an Arlington man charged with murder in his second wife's death in 1978, which originally was ruled a suicide.

State District Judge Phillip Ziegler denied the state's request for a continuance. He said defendant Jack Wayne Reeves had asserted his right to a speedy trial and the state has failed to show a need to delay.

Coryell County District Attorney Sandy Gately had asked Ziegler to postpone the Jan. 22 trial so Bosque County could try Reeves first for murder in the death of his fourth wife.

Reeves, 55, faces trial in the death of Sharon Reeves at the couple's Copperas Cove residence in July 1978. She died of a shotgun blast to the chest. An autopsy of her exhumed body led pathologists to conclude her death was "suggestive of homicide," and Reeves was charged last March with murder.

The remains of Reeves' fourth wife, Emilita, were discovered in October in a remote area near Lake Whitney in Bosque County. Reeves was charged with her slaying later that month.

## Newsmakers

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford recently announced its 1995 fall semester honor rolls.

A hundred students were named to the President's Honor Roll which requires an undergraduate earn all A's in 15 or more hours during the semester. Area students named to the President's Honor Roll include: Marina E. Ramirez of Pampa.

Five hundred and sixty-eight students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll which requires a 3.0 ("B") grade point average upon completing 15 semester hours of undergraduate work with no grade lower than a "C". Area students named to the Dean's Honor Roll include: Stacey E. Collum of Pampa; Roger T. Chase of Shamrock;

Chad R. Harrison and Angie L. Martin, both of Wheeler; and Connie J. Rutledge of White Deer.

GOODWELL, Okla. — Oklahoma Panhandle State University at Goodwell recently announced its 1995 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll.

One hundred and sixty-seven students were named to the honor roll, requiring a grade point average of between 3.30 - 3.99 with an enrollment in twelve or more hours. Area students named to the honor roll include: Catarina Campos, biology major, and Tamara Dreher, elementary education major, both of Pampa; Shan Til Hext, elementary education major, of Candian; and Ambryn Wheeler, elementary education major, of Skellytown.

## Earnings up despite blizzard; '12 Monkeys' at top

By JEFF MEYER  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite a blizzard that paralyzed the East, box office earnings for the first regular weekend of the year were up nearly 20 percent, and 12 *Monkeys* led the way with \$13.8 million.

Total ticket sales topped \$80.2 million Friday through Sunday, up from about \$67 million during the first non-holiday weekend of 1995, analyst John Krier of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. said Monday.

"It's amazing business was that good. Some cities were practically closed down (by the weather), but it just didn't hurt as much as some thought it would," Krier said. "I can't explain it."

Universal's 12 *Monkeys*, a gritty time-travel thriller starring Bruce Willis, Brad Pitt and Madeleine Stowe and directed by Terry Gilliam, was a powerhouse in its first weekend of wide release, outdistancing the rest of the field by more than \$6 million.

The Jack Lemmon-Walter Matthau comedy *Grumpier Old Men* was second with \$7.9 million, followed by *Jumanji* with \$7.5 million, *Toy Story* with \$7.1 million and *Waiting to Exhale* with \$6.2 million.

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of January 5-7, 1996	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
12 <i>Monkeys</i> \$14.2, two weeks, 1,530 screens	\$13.8
2 <i>Grumpier Old Men</i> \$41.6, three weeks, 2,037 screens	\$7.9
3 <i>Jumanji</i> \$68.4, four weeks, 2,530 screens	\$7.5
4 <i>Toy Story</i> \$160.8, seven weeks, 2,469 screens	\$7.1
5 <i>Waiting to Exhale</i> \$45, three weeks, 1,403 screens	\$6.2
6 <i>Father of the Bride Part II</i> \$60.2, five weeks, 2,148 screens	\$5.7
7 <i>Heat</i> \$44.6, four weeks, 1,341 screens	\$5.5
8 <i>Sabrina</i> \$38, four weeks, 1,976 screens	\$4.7
9 <i>Tom and Huck</i> \$18.4, three weeks, 1,606 screens	\$2.6
10 <i>The American President</i> \$54.1, eight weeks, 1,181 screens	\$2.2

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

Monday by Entertainment Data Inc. and Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. 12 *Monkeys*, Universal, \$13.8 million, 1,530 locations, \$9,034 per location, \$14.2 million, two weeks.

2. *Grumpier Old Men*, Warner Bros., \$7.9 million, 2,037 locations, \$3,882 per location, \$41.6 million, three weeks.

3. *Jumanji*, TriStar, \$7.5 million, 2,530 locations, \$2,973 per location, \$68.4 million, four weeks.

4. *Toy Story*, Disney, \$7.1 million, 2,469 locations, \$2,860 per location, \$160.8 million, seven weeks.

5. *Waiting to Exhale*, Fox, \$6.2 million, 1,403 locations, \$4,413 per location, \$45 million, three weeks.

6. *Father of the Bride Part II*, Disney, \$5.7 million, 2,148 locations, \$2,678 per location, \$60.2 million, five weeks.

7. *Heat*, Warner Bros., \$5.5 million, 1,341 locations, \$4,104 per location, \$44.6 million, four weeks.

8. *Sabrina*, Paramount, \$4.7 million, 1,976 locations, \$2,404 per location, \$38 million, four weeks.

9. *Tom and Huck*, Disney, \$2.6 million, 1,606 locations, \$1,603 per location, \$18.4 million, three weeks.

10. *The American President*, Columbia, \$2.2 million, 1,181

locations, \$1,908 per location, \$54.1 million, eight weeks.

11. *Sudden Death*, Universal, \$2.1 million, 1,658 locations, \$1,280 per location, \$16.9 million, three weeks.

12. *Goldeneye*, MGM, \$2.07 million, 1,432 locations, \$1,444 per location, \$96.3 million, eight weeks.

13. *Nixon*, Disney, \$2.02 million, 977 locations, \$2,064 per location, \$10.3 million, three weeks.

14. *Sense and Sensibility*, Columbia, \$1.9 million, 190 locations, \$10,012 per location, \$6.7 million, four weeks.

15. *Balto*, Universal, \$1.1 million, 1,315 locations, \$855 per location, \$8.5 million, three weeks.

16. *Dracula: Dead and Loving It*, Columbia, \$1.0 million, 1,302 locations, \$772 per location, \$9.9 million, three weeks.

17. *Casino*, Universal, \$786,385, 574 locations, \$1,370 per location, \$38.7 million, seven weeks.

18. *Cutthroat Island*, MGM, \$775,407, 1,085 locations, \$715 per location, \$8.8 million, three weeks.

19. *Four Rooms*, Miramax, \$507,910, 322 locations, \$1,577 per location, \$3.4 million, three weeks.

20. *Leaving Las Vegas*, MGM, \$409,904, 48 locations, \$8,540 per location, \$3.2 million, 11 weeks.

## Human rights group asks censorship of on-line supremacist groups

BOSTON (AP) — White supremacist groups that once spread their racist messages at rallies and in leaflets are now going high-tech on the Internet — a trend a leading Jewish human rights group wants to stop.

The Simon Weisenthal Center on Tuesday began sending hundreds of letters to Internet access providers asking them to refuse to carry messages that "promote racism, anti-Semitism, mayhem and violence."

"Good idea? No, say providers and civil libertarians. They argue that public debate is the way to defeat hate."

The Internet allows users to "show the whole world what's wrong about what the hate speakers are saying," said Mike Godwin, staff counsel for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group dealing with computer communications.

"The correct place to try and put

pressure is on the people who create the content, not the person who provides access to it," said CompuServe spokesman William Giles.

The roughly 250 hate groups in the United States, whose previous methods reached a limited audience, now "have a magnificent marketing technology dumped in their laps," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Weisenthal center, based in Los Angeles. "They are able to dress up their message in a way that looks ... presentable."

Slick web sites are springing up every day, with names such as Aryan Nations, Skinheads U.S.A. and The Aryan Crusader's Library. Ernst Zundel, a prominent Canadian Holocaust revisionist who has a homepage called Zundel'site, says he should have as much of a right to post a web page as anyone else.

"The Internet is the first and last truly free marketplace of

ideas, for the time being. It levels the playing field," Zundel said. "To curtail the freedom for some will curtail the freedom for all."

The Weisenthal Center's request is part of a growing debate over whether Internet service providers should be viewed as publishers responsible for what moves on their networks, or carriers who simply provide access to a service without monitoring what is communicated.

The Weisenthal Center argues that the services are publishers who have a civic responsibility not to promote bigotry.

Godwin says Internet service providers should be treated like bookstores, which exercise some control when they decide to specialize in science fiction instead of mysteries, but are not expected to read every book and be held responsible for the books' contents.

Prodigy spokesman Brian Ek said the service does employ sys-




tems operators who monitor content on its proprietary bulletin boards and can remove any messages with "blatant expressions of bigotry, racism or hate."

But what exactly meets that definition is hard to pin down: "You make a decision when you see it."

For example, when one subscriber pointed out a "repugnant" bulletin board message saying the Nazi extermination of 6 million Jews was a good thing, Prodigy removed it.

Joe Bunkley — who operates the "1st WWW Banned Media Page," a web site that links to virtually every other white supremacist and neo-Nazi Internet site — had a strong message for those who would want to stop him from posting his views.

"You cowards who want my page shut down can't deal with either the diversity or the free interaction of ideas," he said.

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR REQUESTED USERNAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Use lowercase letters for your username. Must be eight (8) characters or less.)

Individual Dial-Up Service:

One time setup fee.	\$30.00
Monthly service fee;	\$30.00

Commercial Dial-Up Service:

One time setup fee.	\$250.00
Monthly service fee. (non-dedicated)	\$100.00
Monthly service fee. (dedicated)	\$150.00

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Subject to agreement available at Pampa Cyber Net.

## Common Heritage Of Christians And Jews Is Cause For Kinship

DEAR ABBY: The Long Island woman who was devastated because her Jewish daughter indicated she may become Catholic should take comfort that Catholics are the only people who did what Jesus did. Jesus was a Jew who regularly went to synagogue and observed the services. He strictly observed the commandments and celebrated all the Jewish holidays. As Catholics may go to temple, you the Hanukkah festivities, host or attend a Seder etc.

In so doing, the Catholic is not "being Jewish." Catholics have not traditionally celebrated the Jewish holidays because for centuries Jews and Catholics saw one another as adversaries.

Today Jews and Catholics realize that they share the heritage of the Hebrew Scriptures and that they can best resist the rapid disappearance of all religion from public life by working in harmony. It is Catholic to celebrate the miracle of the temple lamp, and much more so to celebrate the time when Jews were saved by the body and blood of a lamb, a foreshadow of the Lamb whose body and blood redeemed us all.

When this woman's granddaughter asks her mother, "Why are we going to Grandpa's for Passover if we're not Jewish?" the answer should be "God calls us to honor our father and our mother; they celebrate Passover and we honor them by being with them on important occasions. Also, because we are cele-



Abigail Van Buren  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

brating the Passover as Jesus did each year of his incarnate life. Finally, because Jesus instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion at his last Passover Seder."

MARTY BARRACK, BURKE, VA.

**DEAR MARTY:** Thank you for an excellent letter. I was touched by the number of readers who reached out to help "Devastated in Long Island" come to terms with her daughter's decision. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** This letter is in response to the Jewish mother who was devastated by the prospect of her daughter's conversion to Christianity, and therefore her granddaughter's religious upbringing. I'm a Christian and would love to be able to say I'm Jewish — but I can't.

Jewish history is Christian history. That's what the Old Testament is. I feel a kinship with Jews because we worship the same God and study the same people: David, Isaiah, Moses, Noah, Daniel, etc.

This is my heritage as well. I would love to celebrate the Jewish holidays because I believe they are important. We should remember that God spared the firstborn of Israel when the Angel of Death passed over the homes whose doors were marked with the blood of the lamb.

This young granddaughter will be blessed to have the opportunity to learn her full religious heritage. To a Christian, Jesus is the Christ who fulfills all Jewish prophecy.

Where does that leave the grandparents and uncles who are committed to Judaism? Honored and loved, and just as much a part of her life as the other side of the family. ENCOURAGED AND DELIGHTED IN KENTUCKY

**DEAR ABBY:** One more for "Annoyed in Minnesota," who was offended by people who responded to questions by saying, "I don't care."

My mother tells the story about my grandfather who was driving his buggy down the road and came across a man who was walking.

Grandpa asked the fellow if he wanted a ride, and the fellow replied, "I don't care."

Grandpa said, "I don't care either. Giddyup!"  
LYNN BARTEAU, ST. CHARLES, MO.

to an important matter today, it will be imperative to grasp the big picture. Pay attention to details, but do not exclude other information.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Money-making ideas used by a successful friend may not work as well for you today because you will lack his or her expertise. Do not gamble.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** The allegiance you expect from an associate might go to your opposition today. His or her positions will be more compatible with the competition.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Those who labor at your side will not cover for you today. Do not wander away from your work. You must remember your responsibilities.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Someone you think is wild about you does like you, but not to that extent. It will be best not to boast that you have him or her wrapped around your little finger.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If you entertain at your place today, don't overindulge your guest with too much

food or booze. Remember that they still have to drive home safely.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You would be wise at this time to take your assignments as seriously as your boss does, or else he or she may question your value to the organization.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Do not treat your monthly budget as merely scribbling on a scrap of paper. You could regret your actions later if you have a financial shortfall.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Today try to avoid getting involved with a person who makes big promises, but seldom keeps them. This individual is still looking for gullible people.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You must guard against the tendency to underestimate your adversaries in commercial, social or political situations today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Do not hang your hopes for happiness on the acquisition of material goods. Life's true offerings are priceless intangibles like loving and being loved.  
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## Horoscope



Thursday, Jan. 11, 1996

Your chart indicates that in the year ahead you might start weeding out a few unproductive relationships. These will be replaced by new associations that offer greater possibilities.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today for the sake of your image, don't exaggerate your accomplishments even if the people around you are doing the same thing. 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 \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** In regard



"How come we never hear about FATHER-of-pearl?"



"Cat food commercial."



For Better or For Worse



Ario & Janis



Garfield



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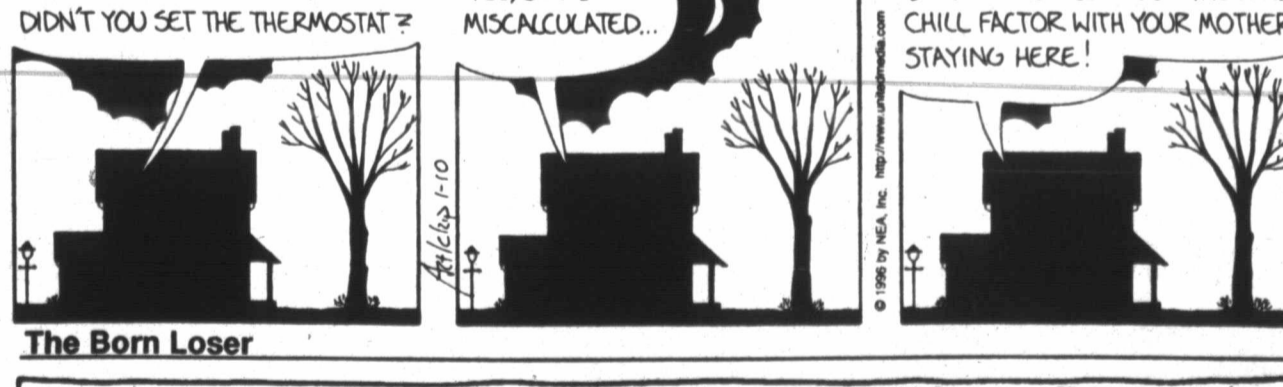
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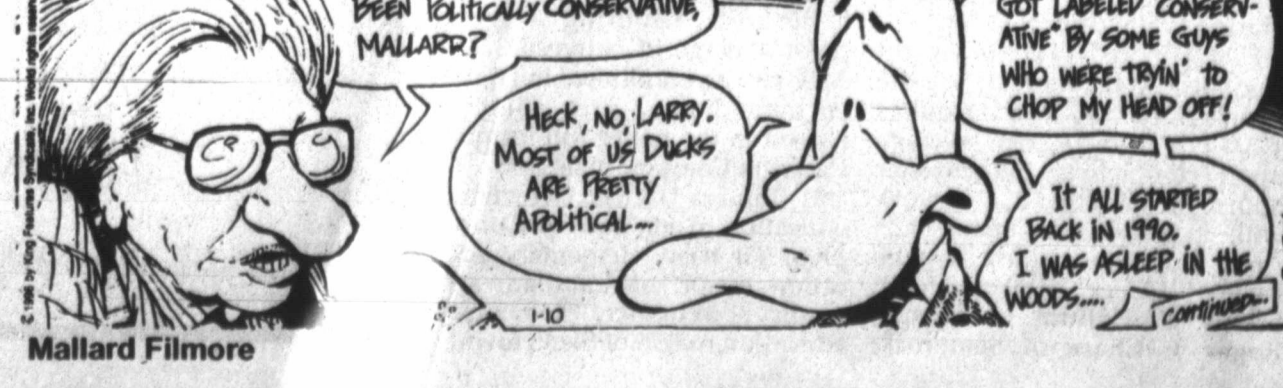
Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore

### The Family Circus



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### Alley Oop



### Peanuts



### Frank And Ernest



### Peanuts



### Mallard Filmore



### The Family Circus





## Sports

## Notebook

## BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa won three of four games in middle school boys' basketball action Monday.

Pampa defeated Canyon, 42-34, in the 8th grade game. Russell Robben was high scorer for Pampa with 16 points, followed by Tommy Lozano with 9.

Canyon won the B team game, 37-35, in overtime. Jason Kogler and Matt Heasley led Pampa in scoring with 6 points each.

In the 7th grade division, Pampa rolled to a 49-24 victory. Brandon Albus had 11 points and Gary Alexander 10 to lead Pampa scorers.

Pampa also won the B team game, 29-28. Urdal Jernigan had 10 points and James Ledford 6 to lead Pampa.

The Pampa White team will compete in the White Deer Middle School Tournament Thursday through Saturday. The other middle school teams will play at Hereford next Monday with the games starting at 5:30 p.m.

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department is sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up.

Entry deadline will be Feb. 7, and the season will begin Feb. 14.

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

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

For more information, contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## SOCCER

CANYON—Pampa opened the high school soccer season with an 8-0 win over Canyon Tuesday.

The Harvesters jumped out to a quick start, scoring three goals within a 7-minute period.

Lucas Jaramillo led the Pampa attack with 5 goals. Ale' Nunes scored 2 goals while Nick Smiles added 1 goal and 2 assists.

"The kids did great," said Pampa coach Warren Cottle. "It's always nice to win that first one."

Pampa hosts Lubbock Monterey at 2 p.m. Saturday in Harvester Stadium.

## FOOTBALL

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Money and the challenge of building the NFL's losingest franchise into a winner weren't enough to shake Steve Spurrier's allegiance to the Florida Gators.

The architect of one of college football's most explosive offenses spurned an offer to coach the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Tuesday, saying he hopes to remain at his alma mater for years to come.

"I guess my roots are awfully deep here," said Spurrier, who won the Heisman Trophy at Florida in 1966 and has enjoyed unprecedented success since returning to the school as coach six years ago.

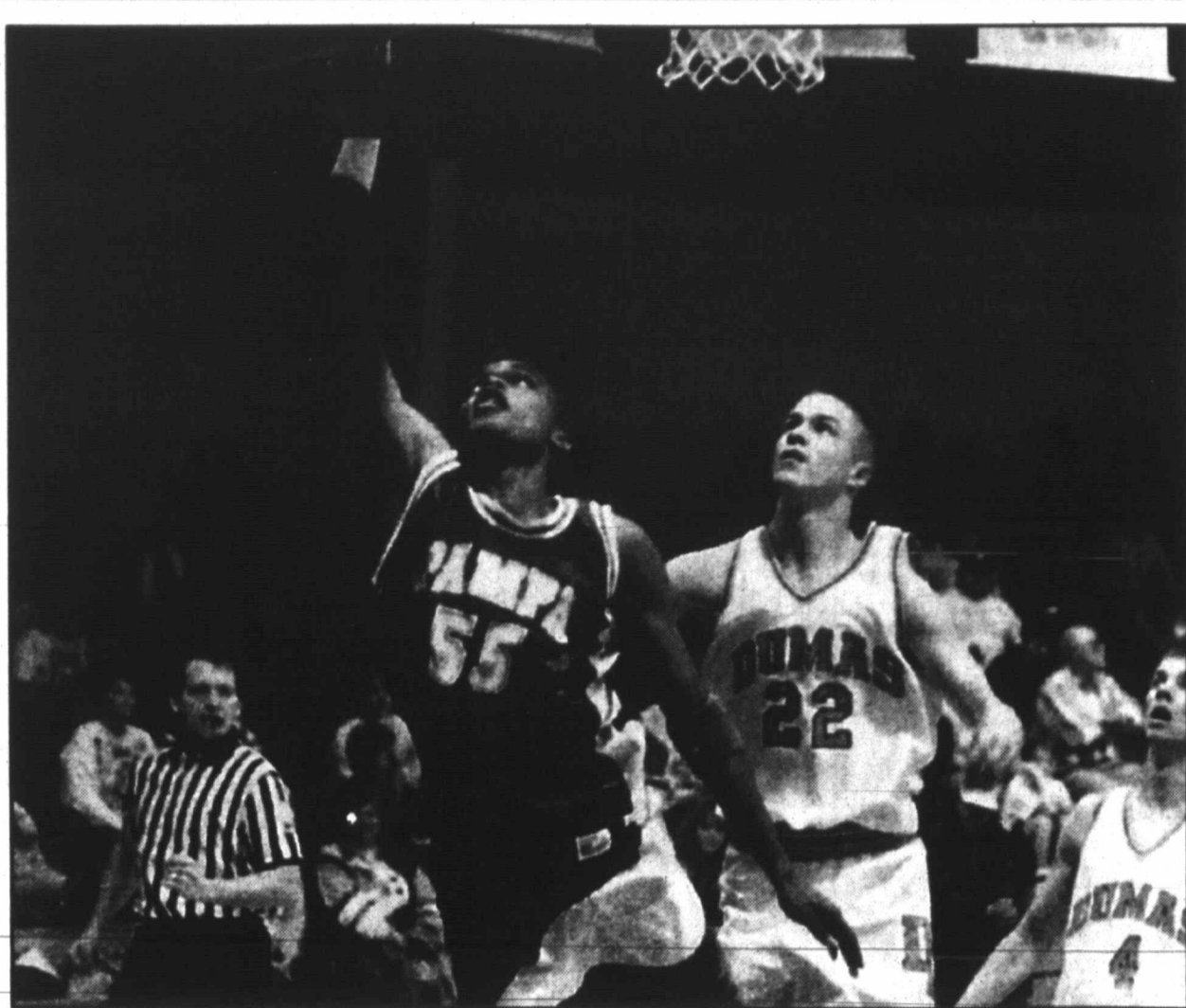
"I doubt I will ever get another NFL opportunity. But I'm not looking for one," he added. "I'm looking to coach the Gators. The lifestyle here living in Gainesville is a wonderful situation."

The Bucs reportedly offered Spurrier a financial package that included a salary of about \$2 million per season, plus part ownership in the team, which hasn't had a winning season since 1982.

The 50-year-old coach acknowledged a longtime fascination with the Bucs job, dating to his days as coach of the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits in the mid-1980s, but decided to reject the offer.

Spurrier was the Bucs quarterback during the team's inaugural season in 1976 and was passed over twice when the club made coaching changes in the past 11 years.

Since returning to alma mater in 1990, Spurrier has compiled a 61-13-1 record.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa guard Rayford Young scores on a fast break layup in the second half against Dumas Tuesday night.

## Harvesters demolish Dumas

DUMAS — An explosive first quarter has been Pampa's trademark against District 1-4A foes this season.

Tuesday night was no exception as the Harvesters rolled to a 94-64 win over Dumas. Pampa scored 21 straight points and were ahead by 20, 28-8, at the end of the first quarter.

Pampa remains unbeaten in district play at 3-0 and for the season the Harvesters are 17-3. Dumas is 4-12 overall and 0-3 in district.

The Harvesters hit a dry spell in the second quarter and went almost four minutes without scoring, but Pampa was still up by 14 when Coy Laury scored from inside.

"We came ready to play and it was a well-played game. People

get pumped up when they play us and Dumas is just like the other teams in this league. They're trying to win as many games as they can," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

Laury and Rayford Young paced Pampa in scoring with 22 points while August Larson tossed in 19. Devin Lemons added 10 points.

Justin Calvert led Dumas with 33 points.

Pampa had a big advantage on the boards, outrebounding Dumas, 43-19. Laury pulled down 14 rebounds to lead Pampa.

The Harvester cheerleaders are sponsoring a pep rally for the Pampa High boys and girls basketball teams on Thursday

night before their games with Borger on Friday.

The pep rally will be held at 7:30 Thursday night at the high school auditorium and the public is invited to attend.

## Pampa 94, Dumas 64

P — Coy Laury 22, Rayford Young 22, August Larson 19, Devin Lemons 10, Jason Weatherbee 9, Chris Miller 6, J.J. Mathis 4; Lynn Brown 2; **Three-point goals:** Larson 4, Young 2, Weatherbee 1, Laury 1.

D — Justin Calvert 33, Matt Milligan 8, Jason Brown 7, A.J. Johnson 4, Brandon Skipworth 4, Mauricio Fuentes 3, Ratt Sanchez 2, Benny Reynaga 2, Cody Anderson 1; **Three-point goals:** Brown 2, Calvert 2.

## Marino would stay, Johnson says

MIAMI (AP) — Jimmy Johnson wants NFL record-setting quarterback Dan Marino to stay right where he is if Johnson decides to coach the Miami Dolphins. But Johnson warns that teams can get too dependent on a superstar like the Dolphins' signal caller.

"I think Dan Marino is a great player, and I think that's a plus," Johnson told the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale for today's editions. He indicated he wouldn't plan to trade Marino, a sure bet for the Hall of Fame.

"When you have a player of Dan Marino's caliber, you sometimes fall into a trap of letting him try to win the game for you all the time," Johnson said. "You have to have a winning football team. My experience is that you have to have the special teams and defense to be a good team."

"That's how I felt about Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith in Dallas. They're great players. But if they're out, you have to be

good enough to win anyways." Johnson says the Dolphins' problem with dissension "without question, has to be dealt with."

"I wouldn't anticipate that being a problem," Johnson said Tuesday from his home in the Keys.

The former coach of the Dallas Cowboys and Miami Hurricanes said he and Dolphins owner H. Wayne Huizenga had been in contact, would meet soon and would like to work something out this week. Huizenga reportedly had the flu Tuesday.

Johnson will be in Dallas this weekend as an analyst for Fox television at the NFC Championship Game between Green Bay and the Cowboys, his former team. Dallas would be an ironic backdrop to announce the new job, considering the clash with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones that forced Johnson to leave after winning back-to-back NFL titles.

Several members of the Dallas Cowboys noted Tuesday their former coach would definitely have a quick impact if hired by the Dolphins.

"Whatever his name is, Haagen Daz (Huizenga). ... I hope he is not a control freak, because if he is, Jimmy won't have that job long," said tackle Nate Newton.

If Johnson does get the job, running back Emmitt Smith has a warning:

"Total shakedown. Total shakedown. I mean he's going to trim the fat and make some muscle out of their squad."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said: "I think it would be great for him to get back in the NFL."

The eventual coach must still determine how long Marino will be with the team.

Marino has one year remaining on his contract. His agent, Marvin Demoff, and the Dolphins hit a snag in negotiations this season over an extension.

## Title tilt new territory for surging Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers will be on familiar ground Sunday for the NFC Championship against the Dallas Cowboys, having lost five times at Texas Stadium since 1993.

And yet, this is all so new.

Whereas the Cowboys are making their fourth straight final four appearance, the Packers are playing in their first NFC title game since beating the Cowboys in the fabled "Ice Bowl" in 1967.

Only nine players on the Packers' 53-man roster have played in a conference championship, and only five of those were starters at the time: linebacker Fred Strickland with the Rams in 1989, quarterback Jim McMahon with Chicago in '85 and '89, receiver Mark Ingram with the New York Giants in 1990, and guard Harry Galbreath and tight end Keith Jackson with Miami in 1992.

"There's something you have to talk about and deal with there," said Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, who has led the Packers (13-5) to four straight winning seasons for the first time since the Vince Lombardi era.

"I wouldn't call it a problem. But it is something that is on my checklist to cover because there was such an euphoric state after the win" over defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco Saturday, Holmgren said. "But a couple of the guys recognized the fact that there is still the possibility of a couple more ball games."

The Packers have won eight of their last nine. On Christmas Eve, they won their first NFC Central title in 23 years by beating the Pittsburgh Steelers, the team favored to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl.

After manhandling the Atlanta Falcons 37-20 in the wild-card

round, the Packers stunned San Francisco, the team most people thought the Steelers would see in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 28. That run has given the Packers the feeling that this is their year, even if they're not as talented as the Cowboys.

"We can taste it," said flanker Robert Brooks, who broke Sterling Sharpe's team record with 1,497 receiving yards. "I mean, I can feel it. I don't know if you guys can feel it, but I can feel it."

Brooks said Saturday's 27-17 thumping of the 49ers instilled a confidence the Packers lacked in previous trips to Texas.

"Now we know how good we are," Brooks said.

"If we execute, don't turn the ball over, we're tough to beat," split end Anthony Morgan said.

"Ain't nobody tense," Morgan insisted. "I think last year when we went down there to Dallas, we were tense. But now when we do down there, you're going to see guys come in with their chests up high."

The Cowboys have ended the Packers' season the last two years with 27-17 and 35-9 playoff wins.

But MVP Brett Favre said the difference this time is that the Packers aren't expecting to lose. Favre said the last two seasons guys were satisfied just getting to Dallas and were thinking about offseason hunting trips instead of an upset.

The Cowboys are 9-point favorites this time, but "we expect to be in this game and we expect to beat Dallas," Favre said.

"Sure, we had our tails beat when we went down there. I'll give this to Dallas: They played extremely well against us every time we played them," Favre said.

## Fort Elliott wins squeaker

BOOKER — Fort Elliott freshman Ty Wood hit a free throw with no time left on the clock to give the Cougars a 57-56 win over Booker Tuesday night.

Wood was fouled just as the final buzzer sounded. He finished the game with 10 points.

Donnie Barr poured in 22 points to lead the Cougars in scoring while David Helton chipped in 14.

Booker was ahead of us by 11 points after three quarters, but they went cold and our boys

hung tough in the fourth quarter and did a good job coming back," said Fort Elliott coach Curtis Smith.

Booker beat Fort Elliott, 93-41, in the girls' contest.

Lauren Brooks tossed in 22 points to lead Booker while Amanda Shields netted 19 for Fort Elliott.

Fort Elliott boys have an 11-6 record while the Fort Elliott girls are 8-7.

Fort Elliott is scheduled to meet Adrian this weekend.

## Dumas defeats PHS girls

DUMAS — Dumas downed Pampa, 44-36, Tuesday night in a District 1-4A girls' basketball game.

Dumas is 13-8 overall and 2-1 in district. Pampa is 11-9 overall and 0-4 in district.

Shayna Higley paced Dumas in scoring with 14 points while Jennifer Jones led Pampa with 13.

Pampa held a two-point lead, 19-17, at halftime, but the Lady Harvesters scored only two points in the third quarter, allowing the Demonettes to go

up by 10 going into the final period. Pampa wasn't able to get closer than six points in the last eight minutes.

Chandra Nachtigall had 9 points, Jane Brown 8 and Kristi Carpenter 6 for the Lady Harvesters.

Pampa beat Dumas on the boards, 24-21, with Brown collecting 8 rebounds for the Lady Harvesters. M. Ratliff had 7 rebounds for Dumas.

In turnovers, Pampa had 16 compared to 8 for Dumas.

The Lady Harvesters host Borger at 6 Friday night.

## River Road Matmen down Pampa in dual

PAMPA — River Road won over the Pampa Matmen, 45-33, in a wrestling dual Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Three Pampa matmen, Jeremy Wright, Mark Fondren and Chance Hogan, won by pins.

In the 103 pound division, Jeremy Wright of Pampa lost to Justin May of River Road 0-6.

The 119 pound division was open.

In the 125 division Stephen Russel of Pampa lost to Brandon Kinara of River Road 10-13.

In the 130 pound division Eric Zamundo was pinned by Stony Escoto.

In the 135 pound division, Mark Fondren got the pin over Adam Ornelas after 55 seconds.

In the 140 pound division, Chance Hoagan got the pin after 45 seconds.

Justin David was pinned by

Matt Miller of River Road.

Michael Ramariz was pinned by Barret Ward.

Clint Curtis won over Lennard Christenson 5-2.

Ryan Bruce was pinned by Hoagie Hull in the third.

Aaron Wiseman was pinned by Rowdy Lundergren.

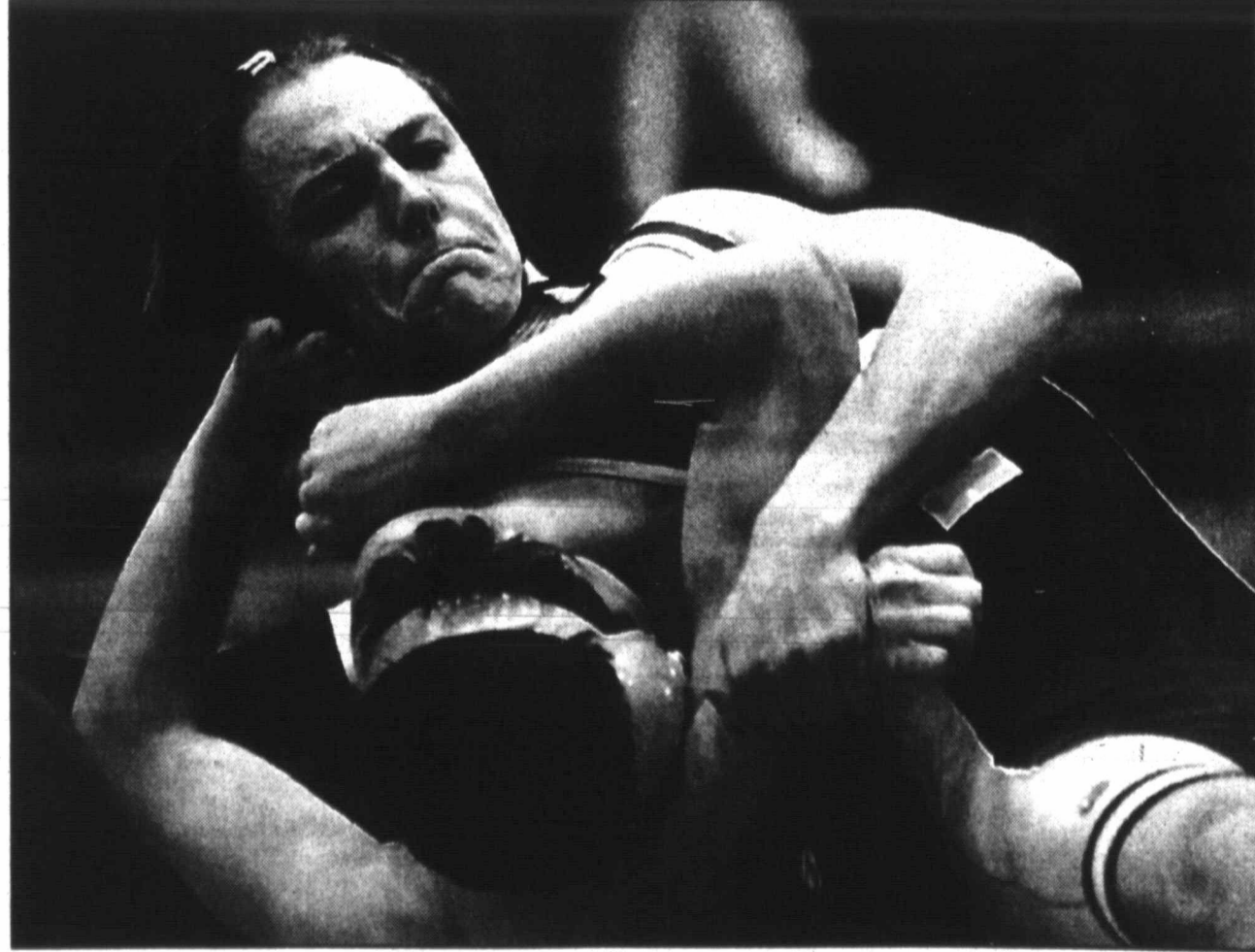
Allen Conteras won by open.

In the 215 pound division, Tanner Winkler was pinned by Josh Sursa in the third.

Jeff Gatlin won by forfeit.

In the J.V. division, Julio Silva was pinned Jason Martin with 1:10 left in the second.

Boys Ranch won over Caprock, 61-16, in another dual last night.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Pampa's Mark Fondren scores a pin in the 135-pound division Tuesday night.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL
Tuesday's Major College Scores
By The Associated Press
EAST
Boston College 72, Notre Dame 57...

Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
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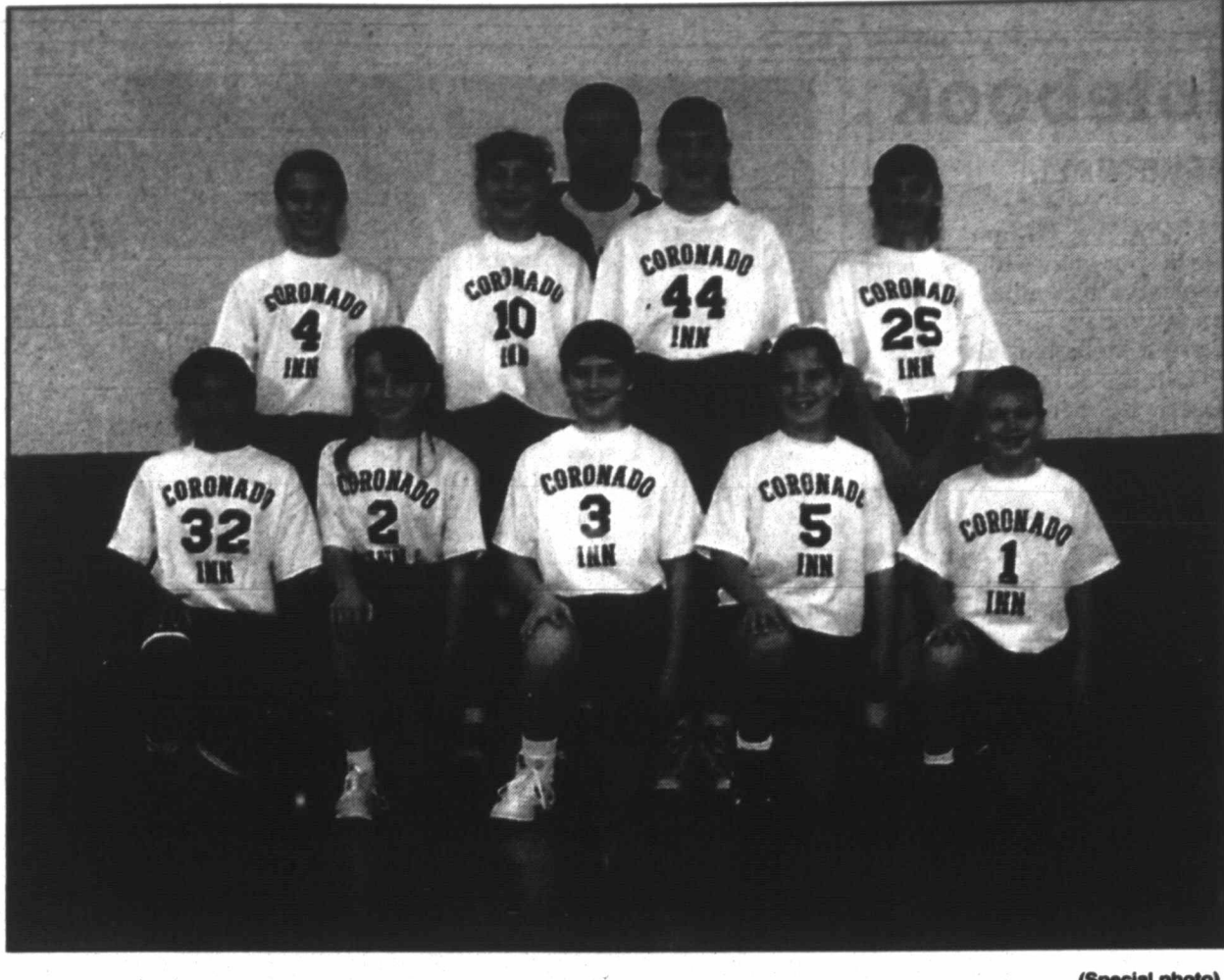
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Elliott 6-15 5-9 20, Person 4-10 2-2 12,
Robinson 2-6 7-14 11, Del Negro 4-10 0-2
9, Johnson 6-14 2-3 14, Rivers 4-7 0-0 9...

High school statistics
Pampa Harvester individual basketball statistics through 18 games are listed below.

Pacers-Mavericks, Box
INDIANA (91)
McKey 7-12 4-5 18, D Davis 4-7 2-7 10,
Smits 7-19 6-7 20, M Jackson 5-13 2-2 12...

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LEFORS — Lefors downed Hedley, 82-75, Tuesday night in boys' basketball action.

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Tuesday's Sports Transactions
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American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Mike Heath manager of Birmingham of the Southern League.

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## Chechen rebels reportedly free Russian hostages, leave in buses for homeland

By SERGEI KARPUKHIN  
Associated Press Writer

KIZLYAR, Russia (AP) — With local officials, 160 hostages and two dead comrades in tow, Chechen rebels headed home today after freeing up to 3,000 people they had held for a terrifying day in a southern Russian hospital.

The raid on the town of Kizlyar, in which at least 23 people were killed, seemed intended to bring home to the Russians that Chechen fighters are far from defeated and are capable of unleashing surprise terror attacks outside their war-ravaged republic.

Abdul Musayev, the spokesman for the Interior Ministry of Dagestan — the republic where Tuesday's raid took place — told The Associated Press that at least six Dagestani officials and 160 hostages departed with the rebels.

The column of 11 buses and two trucks stopped about 6 miles from the border with Chechnya, apparently because a bridge they needed to cross had been blown up. The rebels demanded the Russian Interior Ministry allow them to use another route and guarantee safe passage through Chechnya, news reports said.

Meanwhile, in Moscow, the Russian government today indicated it intended to take a tough line with the rebels.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said the rebels would be punished but that no action would be taken that would endanger the hostages' lives.

"We aren't going to start frontal attacks, or act according to an eye-for-an-eye principle, since we feel convinced that death only brings death. But the bandits and the terrorists will be punished," Chernomyrdin said.

Zairbek Magomedov, duty officer at the Dagestani Interior Ministry, said about 3,000 hostages were freed as a result of talks between Dagestani officials and the rebels. Some of the hostages were suffering from shock, he said.

About 250 rebels and the remaining hostages left Kizlyar at 7 a.m., Masayev said. Russian troops in light tanks were guarding the entrances to Kizlyar but there was no sign of a large military buildup.

The convoy was expected to head for the region of Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest town where fierce fighting erupted last month, Masayev said.

The Chechens, who seized a hospital in Kizlyar on Tuesday, had demanded full Russian withdrawal from their republic in exchange for the hostages' freedom. It was not clear why they decided to drop the demand.

Tuesday's raid was almost a replay of a June attack in which Chechen rebels seized hundreds of



AP/Ross A. Toro

hostages in a hospital in the southern town of Budyonnovsk. More than 100 people died before negotiations won the hostages' release.

Russia sent tens of thousands of troops into Chechnya in December 1994 to reclaim the small southern republic from secessionist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev. The war has killed up to 30,000 people, mainly civilians, and uprooted 600,000.

The overwhelming military might has given the Kremlin nominal control, but the Russians and their Chechen allies still face rebel attacks in and around the borders of Chechnya.

The rebels in Kizlyar were led by 28-year-old Salman Raduyev, Dudayev's son-in-law.

"We can turn this city to hell and ashes," Raduyev, who sported a green Islamic war band around his forehead, threatened in an interview broadcast Tuesday evening by Russian TV.

"Budyonnovsk and Kizlyar will be repeated again until Russia recognizes Dudayev and the Chechen republic."

Raduyev said he and his fighters encountered no interference as their bus and five trucks traveled to Kizlyar, a town of 44,000 people about 60 miles northeast of the Chechen capital Grozny.

The 23 people reported killed in fighting Tuesday included 13 rebels, five police officers and five civilians. Dozens were reportedly wounded.

The fighting appeared to be diversionary, allowing the rebels to seize hundreds of hostages and push them into the four-story hospital building.

## Student shares his travels via computer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Visor, head-mounted cameras, beanie-mounted antenna and wraparound computer on his waist. Steve Mann looks like he just stepped out of a low-budget science fiction flick.

But Mann is for real, and so is the gear that allows the doctoral student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to transmit what he experiences. His travels are fed instantaneously to the Internet's World Wide Web, where anyone can dial in and look at the world through Mann's eyes.

Someday, the idea may help people with vision problems see the world through their own eyes.

Mann's system was one of the early sites on the Web. Since then, thousands of people have checked it out.

"We imagine a world with doors unlocked and pictures on the wall where strangers will come in and look at them," says Mann, sitting in MIT's Media Lab, where some of the cutting-

edge theories on computers have been developed. "Sometimes I might leave my door unlocked and allow people to come into my brain."

The computer Mann wears around his waist does much more than transmit pictures from his cameras onto the Web. He also gets to view the pictures simultaneously through tiny computer screens on his visor — making him part man and part machine.

Because he is seeing exactly what his camera sees, he need never look beyond the screens. For example, he can walk down a hallway looking only at the tiny computer monitor on his visor.

He also can read his e-mail, surf the Web and do his computer work as he waits in line at the bank.

"I don't always have it on, but I've always got it with me," he says.

Mann, 32, started the project when he was a high school student in Toronto, using scavenged

computer parts and toy walkie-talkies to build a prototype.

The effect of talking to Mann is disconcerting. His eyes often shift between the person he is talking with and his computer screen, depending on which is more interesting.

"There are times when you want to be isolated. You still want to be aware of your surroundings but scale them out. I often turn the outside world gray while I do my work. All those things can be better done with a curtain between me and the outside world," he says, his eyes bathed in the cold white light of the tiny monitors in his visor.

Mann says his machine does have practical uses. He can send pictures while shopping, allowing his wife to choose which grapefruit looks better from the comfort of her armchair.

He hopes that someday, the visor will help people with retinal damage by having an image projected onto the good part of the eye, allowing them to see.

## Mexican feeder cattle imports down at start of year

SANTA TERESA, N.M. — The number of Mexican feeder cattle coming into the United States has dropped drastically from this time last year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA Market News Service reported Tuesday that 4,960 head of feeder cattle, cattle going into feedlots for finishing,

have been imported into the U.S. from Mexico so far this year. The number compares to 20,258 head imported the first week a year ago.

Cattle industry officials said last year's number reflected an extended drought in Mexico and the devaluation of the peso. The lower number this year, most


likely, officials said, indicate many of the cattle herds south of the border have been liquidated.

The numbers include only cattle shipped into the U.S. at border crossings in Texas and New Mexico. It does not include cattle crossing the border in Arizona. There are no active ports of entry for cattle in California.



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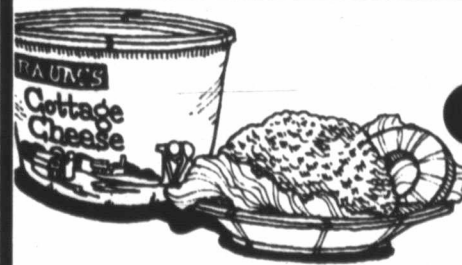
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