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(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Clean Pampa Inc. Executive Coordinator Pamela Locke, center, speaks to those gathered for a tour of the new Recycling Buy-Back Center on Wednesday. About 50 people attended the festivities.

City, Clean Pampa hold ceremonies for opening of new recycling center

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Recycling and reusing materials has to be implemented across the nation because of skyrocketing costs that will be associated with landfills in the next few years. Linda Wyatt with the Texas Department of Health in Lubbock told a gathering in Pampa on Wednesday.

Wyatt was in Pampa for grand opening ceremonies of a recycling center. She congratulated the city of Pampa and Clean Pampa Inc. for jumping out in front of many Texas cities by doing research on and jointly opening the Recycling Buy-Back Center.



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Linda Wyatt with the Texas Department of Health speaks Wednesday to people gathered for grand opening ceremonies of the Recycling Buy-Back Center in Pampa.

The center, at 707 Municipal Drive in Hobart Street Park, officially opened at noon today. Hours of operation will be noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. It will accept donations of glass, plastic (with recyclable symbols 1 and 2), and tin cans. The center will also accept donations of or will purchase aluminum cans.

"There are a lot of reasons we're here today to try to begin a pretty large project in the city of Pampa," Wyatt told those assembled for a reception at the Pampa Community Building.

Rural Pampa couple indicted on federal drug charges

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AMARILLO - A Gray County couple was indicted on drug-related charges this week by a federal grand jury, Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Nichols said today.

Ervin Dale Prouse, 50, and Diana K. Prouse, 31, of rural Pampa, were indicted on identical charges of manufacturing and possessing with intent to distribute marijuana and with carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking crime. The two-count indictments were returned Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Amarillo.

The couple is scheduled to be arraigned at 10 a.m. Friday before a

Wyatt said Subtitle D, a set of regulations implemented by the federal government, and its mandates have caused many small landfills across the nation to close. She said of the regulations, "We're looking at doubling or tripling our costs in the next two years to put garbage in the ground in the landfills as we have in years past.

"So something like recycling has got to happen all over the country, and folks, we can't afford to ignore this problem anymore."

Wyatt said that residents must change their thinking about recycling and, as consumers, buy products that can be reused or recycled. "There is a new buzz word - recycling - every time you buy something, buy it responsibly and remember everything you buy has to be processed after you use it."

Another important step in getting citizens across the United States to recycle will be education of school-age children. "Something we'll start within the next school year is teaching young people about all the benefits and reasons for recycling," Wyatt said. "The very best use of your tax money is when we help you to educate people."

She said that getting in the recycling mode of thinking for many adults will be a change, but it can be done.

Wyatt said, "I'm trying, as is my husband, to learn to live with a garage full of recyclable containers. You really have to train yourself, but I can learn, and it shouldn't be difficult.

"... I admire Pampa's soul for having gotten here and gotten a jump on a lot of other people. You've gotten the civic cooperation necessary to become involved in a community wide recycling project."

Wyatt added, "What people have to learn is it's not a city problem, it's not a county problem, it's not a rural problem. It's a problem, period, and we've got to all learn to live with it and deal with it. We can't afford to continue to put expensive materials in the ground."

Dusty McGuire of Keep Amarillo Beautiful expressed her thanks to the city of Pampa and Clean Pampa for kicking off the recycling project. "Pampa has really done a great job. Thanks to all of you for helping our region," McGuire said.

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Hackler said the city of Pampa was excited about the center's opening because of the city's position that recycling is a joint responsibility of citizens and government working together.

Betty Henderson, chairwoman of the Clean Pampa Inc. Board of Directors, said the recycling center had been a goal of the non-profit organization for five years. She said it took help from the city of Pampa and others to reach fruition.

"This program addresses a goal of Clean Pampa to change people's attitudes about littering and look at recycling as a viable way to save landfill space."

Henderson thanked the city of Pampa for its help. "Any undertaking of this size needs the city's support," she said.

She and Hackler said Rick Stone, city of Pampa sanitation director, and Pamela Locke, executive coordinator of Clean Pampa Inc., played major roles in getting the center open. She also said the volunteer work of John Thacker, who designed one of the buildings at the site, and carpentry work of Jeff Boyd and Pat Bagley, all Clean Pampa board members, was of help and showed the community spirit involved in the project.

Henderson also introduced guests who have an interest in recycling, during the reception. They included John Bailey, a fourth-grade student at Stephen F. Austin Elementary School; Pampa High School DECA students; officials with BFI from Lubbock and Houston; city of Panhandle officials; McGuire of Keep Amarillo Beautiful; Greg Dankworth with Scrap Processing in Amarillo; Marvin Urbanczyk of Scarab Manufacturing in White Deer; Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce officials; city of Pampa officials; Clean Pampa board members; and Wyatt and Malcolm B. Laing, both with the Texas Department of Health in Lubbock.

The following businesses which donated either materials or money for the project were recognized by Henderson: Bartlett Lumber Co., Frank's General Store, A. Neel Locksmith, Laramore Locksmith, Pampa Concrete Co. Inc. and Alco. The local Wal-Mart was also recognized for moving its recyclable container to the site of the center for better management.

section of Texas 70 and FM 749.

Officials in the raid said they confiscated 100 marijuana plants and marijuana drying throughout various rooms of the farmhouse. Three underground greenhouses, covered with plastic, were located with growing marijuana, law enforcement officers said.

An airplane flying over the farm apparently spotted the greenhouses after the plastic reflected.

Also confiscated during the drug bust was about \$1,500 in cash and four firearms.

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He said Pampa has not had many successful blacks with roots in the city coming back to share their insights with minority children.

See ASSEMBLY, Page 2

Women of the Moose Lodge members, dressed as clowns, were among the volunteers helping with the Salvation Army Christmas distribution today. Top row from left are Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge, Betty Werley, Joann Franklin and Patsy Nichols. Front row from left are Demetrius Johnson, Nancy Davis and Justin Johnson.

Salvation Army distributing Angel Tree presents, food

The Salvation Army has been distributing its Angel Tree gifts and food for needy families this week, but Pampa commander Lt. Ernest Lozano said it's not too late for others still wanting to help others have a merry Christmas.

The Angel Tree gifts and food were distributed Wednesday and continues today at the Salvation Army office. That will end the official days of distribution, Lt. Lozano said, but efforts will continue to meet the needs of those applying for assistance in the holiday season.

He said some people have picked up the Angels, containing information on children for those wanting to help some child with Christmas, but have not yet returned the Angels and the presents to the Salvation Army office. He said those Angels can still be delivered to the office even though the official distribution date ends today.

"We will still get the gifts to the children," Lozano said. "... We'll be continuing to accept them, up to Christmas Day, if needed," to insure that each child listed on the Angel Tree gets his or her gifts for Christmas.

Despite contributions and collections around town, the Salvation Army Christmas fund is still short to take care of all those who have applied with the organization for assistance in the holiday season, Lozano said, adding that efforts to obtain those funds are still continuing.

Mail appeal letters have been sent out, and the Army is hoping to receive more funds yet from that campaign. In addition, volunteers will be manning the Christmas kettles at various locations throughout the city through Christmas Eve, he said.

Lozano said he wants residents to know that the volunteers at the kettles will accept personal checks to the Salvation Army Christmas fund, or contributions can be dropped by the office at 701 S. Cuyler.

He said he has appreciated those individuals and groups already making donations to the holiday drive. He said one of those donations recently received came from the Pampa Desert Storm Support Group, which had donated \$175, representing funds left over from the group's operations in the past year.

Black leader says assembly was good idea

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

While some in the minority community insist Pampa High School did them a disservice by only inviting black and Hispanic students to a Monday assembly to hear a black speaker, one minority leader is standing beside the district.

Charles King, a janitor at the high school who has distinguished himself as a community leader who encourages stronger family values among blacks, said he is irritated by complaints over the assembly.

Ruby Moultrie, a PHS graduate now teaching voice at South Plains College in Levelland, had been invited back to the school to discuss with students how she overcame the odds of being the youngest of five children in a low-income single parent family and went on to achieve success.

Moultrie told *The Pampa News* she was upset when she learned she would only be speaking to minorities, believing her message would be of value to whites as well.

However, she also said after talking with Principal Daniel Coward, she realized he intended no slight toward anyone and, in fact, had wanted it to be something special for minority students.

Later in the afternoon she addressed students of all races at Pampa Learning Center.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

SMITH, Flora Artie - 9 a.m., St. Paul Methodist Church, El Paso.

Obituaries

NINA HOUSE

HIGGINS - Nina House, 99, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1991. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rick Burkhalter, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery by Stuckley-Hill Funeral Home.

Mrs. House was a lifetime resident of Lipscomb County. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. Survivors include four grandsons; and two granddaughters.

FLORA ARTIE SMITH

EL PASO - Flora Artie Smith, 85, sister of a Pampa woman, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1991. Services will be at 9 a.m. Friday in St. Paul Methodist Church with the Rev. Gorton Smith officiating. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Kenneth Metzger, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Pampa, officiating. Graveside arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith was born in Retrop, Okla., and had been an El Paso resident for 27 years. She had worked as a bookkeeper at the Grain Elevator Co. She was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Smith.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Smith of Oklahoma City; two daughters, Eleanor Phillips and Dorothy Jean Rodehaver, both of El Paso; a brother, Robert Gilliam of Missouri; a sister, Betty Blake of Pampa; and 11 grandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing from 4 to 9:30 p.m. today at Martin Funeral Home.

DOROTHY IRENE STEEL

MCLEAN - Dorothy Irene Steel, 57, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gary Griffin, pastor of the Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Steel was born in Twitty and had lived in McLean most of her life. She married L.R. Steel in 1977 at Pampa. She had worked as a beautician at Alberta's Beauty Shop and was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, L.R. "Bud" Steel; two daughters, Gayle Edwards of Shamrock and Arlene Wilkinson of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Kathy Martin of Longview and Teresa Hutcherson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sons, Michael Griffin of Wheeler and the Rev. Gary Griffin of McLean; a stepson, Dale Steel of McLean; her mother, Buna Gudel of McLean; five sisters, Betty Campbell, Shirley Morris and Mary Basham, all of McLean, Arlene Back of Stinnett and Marlene Hamby of Miami, Texas; and 16 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		Chevron.....66 5/8	dn 1/8
Wheat.....3.44	up 1/8	Coca-Cola.....75	up 5/8
Milo.....4.13	up 1/8	Enron.....69 1/2	dn 1/2
Com.....4.46	up 1/8	Halliburton.....26 3/8	dn 1/2
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		Ingersoll Rand.....44 3/8	NC
Ky. Cent. Life.....5	up 3/8	KNE.....26 1/8	NC
Magellan.....62.70	up 1/8	Kerr McGee.....35 7/8	up 1/8
Occidental.....17 1/8	NC	Limited.....27	dn 3/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		Mapco.....60 1/2	up 1/8
Magellan.....62.70	up 1/8	Maxus.....6 5/8	NC
Puntan.....13.48	up 1/8	McDonald's.....36 1/2	up 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:		Mesa Ltd.....1 1/4	dn 1/8
Amoco.....47 1/2	dn 3/4	Mobil.....65 7/8	dn 1/8
Arco.....104 1/8	up 1/8	New Atmos.....20 3/4	NC
Cabot.....29 7/8	NC	Packer & Parsley.....11 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G.....13 1/8	NC	Penney's.....48 1/2	dn 1/8
		Phillips.....22 1/8	dn 3/8
		SLB.....58 7/8	dn 1/2
		SPS.....33 1/8	NC
		Tenneco.....28 1/4	NC
		Texasco.....57 1/4	up 1/8
		Wal-Mart.....53	dn 1/8
		New York Gold.....358.80	NC
		Silver.....3.85	NC
		West Texas Crude.....19.53	NC

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check is offered each Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell in downtown Pampa. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Emergency numbers

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

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Assembly

"I'm a custodian and my wife is a maid," King said. "But my daughter went off and got a forty- or fifty-thousand dollar education with grants and scholarships. It would be good if she could come back and share with the three black girls who are on the Honor Society what's out there for them."

County Commission to meet on Friday

Gray County Commissioners Court will meet in special session at 9 a.m. Friday to consider the janitorial service for the Gray County Courthouse and the courthouse annex.

A private contractor currently cleans the two buildings at a cost of \$3,100 per month, plus the county provides some supplies. Bids were opened on Monday by the Commissioners Court from four private contractors.

However, the Commissioners Court said it wanted to consider whether the work could be done as well in-house at less cost to the county.

The meeting will be held in the second floor courtroom of the courthouse. It is open to the public.

"There are a lot of scholarships and grants the counselors don't know about that are especially for minorities. My daughter worked in the scholarship office at the University of Texas, so she knows what's available."

King said because of some of the realities in American society, there are some messages minority students need to hear about overcoming the odds that white students may not need.

Such was the case, he believes, with Monday's assembly.

"No matter what Mr. Coward did, people would say he was wrong," King said. "We complain that they (whites) don't do anything for our people. Then when they do something, we accuse them of being patronizing."

King said he also believes it is easier for disgruntled parents to complain about what the school district is doing or not doing than it is to get involved and be part of improving the system.

"There was a financial seminar that Pampa (school district) had the other day," he said. "How many black parents that have seniors were there to find out what is available for their children to go on (to college)?"

He continued, "I believe there need to be some attitudes adjusted.

We are so quick to holler 'racism' and 'prejudice' without even first looking into the positive side. We look for negative attitudes. And we are passing that on to our children."

"When parents heard about this, they should have tried to find out why he (Coward) set this up the way he did before they jumped to a conclusion he was racist."

Instead of making the incident a negative one, King said he is hoping attention over the assembly will spur more minority parents to become involved in the school district by seeing that their input is necessary.

"We need to show our children there is more to life than basketball and football," King said. "There is drama, speech, music - and not only rap music, there is classical music."

He said when minority parents get more involved in their children's education, there will be no room for accusing the district of being prejudiced because the parents will be in on the planning and implementing of future events.

Coward and Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr have both issued requests for more parental involvement in the schools and said that certainly includes a desire for more minority involvement.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
Viola Flick, Canadian Jowannah Shackelford, Pampa
Zenaída Trejo, Pampa
Justin Mark Welch, Pampa

Births
To Zenaída Trejo of Pampa, a girl.
Dismissals
William M. Davis, Pampa
Patricia DeBose and baby girl, Wheeler
Van Freeman, Pampa
Mary Beth Holland

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Ruby Tibbets, McLean
May Turnbow (private pay), Shamrock
Dismissals
May Turnbow (acute care), Shamrock

Police report

Pampa police reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18

Donna Howard, 708 Doucette, reported a theft at the residence.

Valerie Miller, 1137 Seneca, reported a burglary at the residence.

THURSDAY, Dec. 19

Andy Lee, 844 E. Campbell, reported a burglary at the residence.

Police reported possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. found on a person being booked into Gray County Jail.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18

Wendell Mayberry, 22, 1218 Oklahoma, was arrested at 208 E. Brown on 14 warrants.

Brian David Young, 19, L. Ranch #5, was arrested in the 300 block of South Starkweather on charges of operating an unregistered vehicle, no valid motor vehicle inspection and no proof of liability insurance.

THURSDAY, Dec. 19

Jeffery Frank Allen, 27, 1209 S. Sumner, was arrested at Alcock and Price on a charge of driving while intoxicated (second offense). During booking at Gray County Jail, Allen was also charged with possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18
James C. White, 121 N. Warren, reported burglary of a building.

Accidents

Pampa police reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18

9 a.m. - A 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Troy Maness, 1001 Duncan, collided with a 1982 Buick driven by Patricia Lundy, Fritch, at Ballard and Craven. No citations were issued.

12:20 p.m. - A 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Laura Gray, 1120 Darby, collided with a parked 1986 Chevrolet driven owned Mrs. Joseph Dull, Rt. 1 Box 108D, in the 1100 block of Darby. No citations were issued.

DPS-Accident

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18

12:30 a.m. - A 1977 Ford, driven by Kenneth Carl Rogers, 39, Amarillo, failed to stop at a stop sign on Loop 171 at Texas 273 and traveled through several fences. Rogers, his 37-year-old wife, and 11-month-old baby were transported by AMT Paramedic Service to Coronado Hospital, where they were treated and released. Citations were issued.

Corrections

In "Museum Mementoes," printed in the Wednesday Lifestyles section, it was reported that Larry Rider was born in 1880. It should have said he was born in 1890. *The Pampa News* regrets the error.

The caption underneath a photo on Page 6 in Monday's edition incorrectly identified the high school students helping with Sharon Carter's kindergarten class in making gingerbread houses as being from Lee Carter's computer classes. The students instead were from home economic classes at the high school. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

More than 30 students from the Pampa Middle School Patriot Band pose for a group photo after being selected for Middle School All-Region Band honors recently. The band members will perform in concert Jan. 25 in Amarillo.

37 PMS students make All-Region Band

Auditions for the 4A-5A Middle School All-Region Band were held last Saturday at Travis Middle School in Amarillo, with 234 students from Amarillo, Borger, Dumas, Hereford and Pampa auditioning for the band.

Pampa Middle School led all schools in numbers trying out with 57, number of students chosen with 37 and number of first chair positions with seven. It was the only school to place at least one student in every section of the band.

Those earning the first chair position in their sections were Hugh Teng, flute; Kim McDonald, oboe; Robbie Payne, alto saxophone; Robert Cozart, tenor saxophone; Heather Fernuik, baritone saxophone; Ryan Bennett, trombone; and Amanda Kludt, euphonium.

In addition, All-Region honors went to Connie Townsend, Megan Nightingale and Stephanie Williams, flute; Jennifer Jones, Regina Hopson, Ashlee Bohannon, Sean Teng, Talyia Lane and Amanda Sims, clarinet; Johnny Murrell, bassoon; Lindy Sells, bass clarinet; Amy Clark, alto saxophone; and Shonie Garland, Blake Allen, Ty Newman, Cliff Hudson, Rick Brown, Jonathan Smith and Jaime Silva on trumpet.

Also gaining All-Region honors were Melanie Rutledge, Kerry Ford and Thorban Weaver, French horn; David Harris, Jeremy Nolte and Shane Mitchell, trombone; Nathan Knight and Matt Rheams, euphonium; Chance Jameson and Clint Smillie, tuba; and Sherie Minyard on percussion.

Four students were chosen as alternates: Brad Bean, alto saxophone; Jeremy Williams, trumpet; Nikki Koehler, French horn; and James Barker, trombone.

Those chosen for the All-Region Band will perform in concert on Jan. 25 at the Randall High School Auditorium in Amarillo. The All-Region Band will be directed by Ben Gollehon, a former Pampa Junior High and Hereford High School director, now presently music supervisor for the Goose Creek School District in Baytown.

The Pampa Middle School Band is directed by Bruce Collins and assisted by Jeff Hogan, Julie Collins, Charles Johnson and student teacher Christy Woodriddle. Private instruction is provided by Joe Dicosimo, Katrina Hildebrandt, Robbie Pepper, Roy Wheeler and Brad Bledsoe.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE Co. 1064 N. Hobart, 665-4410 Adv.

MR. DETAIL Wash and vacuum. \$12, 665-9566. Adv.

ADDINGTON'S CHRISTMAS Hat Specials: All Resistal 20% off, Black felt \$69.95, gray \$79.95. Special group \$10. Adv.

DIXIE PARTS, come in and register for NAPA Toy Truck. Russell Bockman from Miami, Tx, was winner last week. Drawing December 23, 411 S. Cuyler. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH: Fall and Winter Sale 50%, 60% and 75% off. Adv.

EVERYTHING 30, 50, 75% Off excluding Rocky's. The Clothes Line. Adv.

PEGGY'S PLACE, 301 W. Kingsmill is introducing a new soup, salad and deli bar! We will also be open Christmas Day, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with breakfast and traditional dinner buffets only. Closed New Year's Day. Adv.

SENIOR CITIZENS Christmas Dinner, Friday, December 20. Come join us! Adv.

COLOR WORKS Salon welcomes Ruthie Reynolds Richey. Visit her at 809 W. Foster, or call 669-0902. Adv.

NINNY'S BUCKET - All items 20%-50% off. Adv.

FOR SALE new wooden pedestal table and chairs - Jade green. 669-6195, 665-0325. Adv.

JO AND Helen will have their Jewelry in Coronado Inn Lobby, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. Adv.

ADDINGTON'S CHRISTMAS Coat Specials: Special Timpeco Down coats \$29.95. All Walls coats 20% off. All Satin windbreakers \$26. All denim jackets \$29.95 and \$39.95. Adv.

STILL LOOKING for a Christmas gift for that hard to buy person? How about an electric or gasoline powered weedeater. Our 1992 models now in. Pampa Lawn Mower, 501 S. Cuyler, 665-8843. Adv.

HIRED GUN playing at Knight Lites Friday and Saturday, 618 W. Foster. Adv.

BOBEE J'S Plaza 21, 2143 N. Hobart will be open 1:00-5:00 Sunday. Adv.

CITIZEN'S BANK & Trust Company, 300 W. Kingsmill. Invites you to celebrate the Season with them, join us for punch, coffee and fruitcake in the lobby. Friday, Monday and Tuesday. Adv.

COUNTRY LOFT: Friday special Lasagna, homemade desserts. Holiday baking. 665-2129, 201 N. Cuyler. Adv.

STRAIT SHOOTER will be at City Limits this weekend. Adv.

COME IN for last minute gifts! The Mustard Seed and Olde Town Kitchen. 420 West Francis. All Christmas ornaments 50% off. Adv.

ADDINGTON'S CHRISTMAS Jean Specials: Levi Silvertab and 550 all on special. Acid washed Wranglers \$29.95. Special group men's jeans \$5. Adv.

UPPERDECK BASEBALL Final Edition sets sale price \$15. Selection of complete sets and wax boxes also on sale. Major League Sports, 321 N. Ballard. Adv.

FRIED CHICKEN Dinner Special Thursday. 3 pieces of chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes. \$3.99. Second dinner \$2.99. JC's Restaurant. Adv.

PARMESAN CHICKEN all day Friday. Breaded, skinless, boneless chicken breast on a bed of spaghetti, topped with Swiss cheese, spaghetti sauce and parmesan cheese with salad. \$4.95. Second order \$3.95. JC's Restaurant. Adv.

YES - WE have rhythm! Everything in Christian Music from Praise and Worship to Rock, Pop, and Soul. The Gift Box. Adv.

LOWEST PRICES in Pampa on all supplies! Check the rest, then buy from the best. James Coins, Cards, Comics, Pampa Mall, open til 8 p.m. now thru Christmas. Soon to be expanding. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, rain likely with a low near 30 degrees and southeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Friday, continued rain, possibly mixed with sleet and a high in the mid 30s. Wednesday's high was 38 degrees; the overnight low was 29 degrees. Pampa received 0.26 inches of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Cloudy to mostly cloudy through Friday. Rain likely over Panhandle, South Plains and Concho Valley tonight with showers or thunderstorms possible. A chance of showers or thunderstorms elsewhere tonight. Turning colder Friday in the Panhandle and South Plains with rain likely. Rain may be mixed with sleet during the late afternoon in the Panhandle. A chance of showers or thunderstorms elsewhere on Friday. Lows tonight in low 30s Panhandle to near 50 Big Bend. Highs Friday from mid 30s Panhandle to near 60 Big Bend.

North Texas - Rain and scattered thunderstorms through Friday, rain heavy at times. Steady to slowly rising temperatures tonight with temperatures remaining in mid 40s to mid 50s. Highs Friday in the 50s to near 60 south.

South Texas - Numerous showers with widely scattered thunderstorms most sections through Friday. Warmer. Lows tonight in low 50s north to near 70 lower valley. Highs Friday in upper 60s north to low 80s in the lower valley.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Saturday through Monday
West Texas - Panhandle: A good chance of snow Saturday. Mostly cloudy Sunday and fair Monday. Highs in the 30s Saturday warming into the 40s Sunday and

Monday. Lows in the 20s. South Plains: A chance of snow Saturday. Mostly cloudy Sunday and fair Monday. Highs in the 30s Saturday warming into mid 40s to low 50s Sunday and Monday. Lows in the 20s. Permian Basin: A chance of snow Saturday. Mostly cloudy Sunday and fair Monday. Highs in the 30s Saturday warming into upper 40s to low 50s Sunday and Monday. Lows in upper 20s to low 30s. Concho Valley-Edwards Plateau: A chance of rain Saturday. Mostly cloudy Sunday and fair Monday. Highs in the 40s Saturday warming into the 50s Sunday and Monday. Lows mostly in the 30s mountains and the 40s along the river.

North Texas - Rain and thunderstorms likely Saturday, ending from the west Sunday. Decreasing cloudiness Monday. West: Lows in the 30s. Highs in upper 40s to low 50s. Central: Lows in upper 30s north to mid 40s south. Highs in mid 50s to near 60. East: Lows in mid 40s to near 50. Highs in the 60s Saturday and Sunday and the 50s Monday.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms mainly Saturday and Sunday, locally heavy rain possible. Cooler with the highs in the 50s Hill Country to near 60 South Cen-

tral. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to the 40s South Central. Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms mainly Saturday and Sunday, locally heavy rain possible. Cooler with the highs in the 60s to near 70. Lows in the 50s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms mainly Saturday and Sunday. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 50s inland to the 60s coast. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms mainly Saturday and Sunday, locally heavy rain possible. Cooler with highs in the 60s. Lows in the 50s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Periods of rain through Friday with a chance of thunderstorms. Rain heavy at times especially central and east. Rain may change to snow in the Panhandle Friday afternoon. Near steady temperatures with highs Friday from mid and upper 30s Panhandle to upper 40s extreme southeast. Lows tonight low 30s Panhandle to near 40 southeast.

New Mexico - Winter storm watch tonight mountains and north. Winter storm watch Friday entire state. Tonight freezing rain eastern plains, snow mountains and north, areas of snow central valleys. Becoming breezy through the central mountains and central valleys. Four to 6 inches of snow possible mountains and north. Friday, snow likely statewide, mixed with freezing rain eastern plains. Two to 6 inches of snow possible, a foot or more possible mountains. Breezy northern half. Highs Friday 20s and 30s mountains and north with 40s to low 50s elsewhere. Lows tonight near 5 to near 20 mountains and north with 20s to low 30s elsewhere.

President Bush visits Texas to sign new transportation bill

COPPELL (AP) — Dressed in a windbreaker, President Bush stood at a muddy construction site along State Highway 360 and signed a new transportation bill that he vowed will bring a needed boost to the recession-bound economy.

Bush said the act will pump \$11 billion into the national economy immediately and will support more than 600,000 new and existing jobs this fiscal year, including 41,000 jobs in Texas.

He delivered his address just a few miles north of a General Motors plant where workers were gathering to hear whether they would be laid off, as rumored.

GM said Wednesday that one of its two plants making large, rear-wheel drive cars would be shut down in 1992. It said a decision would be later on whether the Arlington plant or the Willow Run plant outside Ypsilanti, Mich., would get the ax.

Bush conceded that the economy clearly is in trouble and having difficulty emerging from the recession.

"Many families are having a rough go of it," he said.

"This bill will launch the post-Interstate era of America's surface transportation system" that President Eisenhower began 35 years ago, Bush said.

"But really, it is summed up by three words — jobs, jobs, jobs." The president said about 4 million jobs will be created over the bill's six-year life.

"This act ... will help curb congestion through projects that link highways like State Highway 360 and mass transit like the rapid-light rail system between Dallas, Fort Worth and DFW Airport," he said.

The crowd applauded as Bush signed the bill then toured the construction in a mid-morning drizzle.

The bill he signed Wednesday authorizes \$119.5 billion for highways and \$31.5 billion for rapid transit. Included in the bill's \$7 bil-

lion for Texas is \$1.3 million for a 11-mile extension of State Highway 360, where the bill-signing ceremony occurred.

The \$30 million project will extend State Highway 360 south to U.S. 287, providing a new connection between DFW Airport and the Super Collider site about 35 miles south of Dallas, near Waxahachie.

After the ceremony, the president departed from his official schedule to take seven highway construction workers to lunch at a hamburger restaurant north of DFW Airport. He sat elbow-to-elbow with the workers in a corner booth as Randy Travis crooned on the juke box and cafe

regulars looked on in stunned silence. "Is the barbecue any good here?" Bush asked waitress Serena Warrick. "Yes, sir, best in town," she replied.

He decided on chicken fried steak instead. Unable to decide between mashed potatoes or french fries, he requested both and a helping of corn.

Bush shook hands with restaurant workers before he was whisked to a hotel at DFW Airport to join about 700 members of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

"Out at that construction site, not far from here, I stood there, and

I thought of the incredible vigor of this region, all fueled by transportation infrastructure," Bush said.

Arnold Oliver, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation, was among about 150 other transportation officials and construction workers for the ceremony at the construction site, which is about midway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

"I suppose no one's ecstatic about the bill because we're not sure what it says," Oliver said.

"The fact is, it's just a drastic change from the past," he said. Federal transportation funds rarely allow such flexibility, making planning more difficult.

Grand jury: Officers justified in shooting gunman

BELTON (AP) — Three law officers who exchanged gunfire with mass killer George Hennard were justified in their shooting, a Bell County grand jury has ruled.

All three officers were cleared of any wrongdoing by the panel, which reported Wednesday that each officer's use of deadly force in Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen "was justifiable under the laws of the state of Texas."

The grand jury also said in its report that Hennard was the only one in the restaurant who was hit by gunfire from officers Alex Morris, 49, Ken Olsen, 35, and Jody Fore.

Morris and Olsen are members of the Killeen police department's organized crime division. Fore is a Texas Department of Public Safety investigator and instructor assigned to Waco.

"There was absolutely, unequivocally, positively, no victim hit by friendly fire, either living or deceased," Bell County District Attorney Arthur "Cappy" Eads said.

Hennard smashed his pickup into the Luby's Cafeteria on Oct. 16. Armed with two semiautomatic pistols, he stalked the crowded restaurant, fatally wounding 23 people. It was the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

Minutes after the rampage started, the three officers stormed into the restaurant, exchanging gunfire with Hennard and wounding him three times.

Eads said ballistics tests showed conclusively that the 23 patrons who were killed and the 14 who were wounded in the worst mass shooting in U.S. history were struck by shots fired by Hennard from his Glock 17 and Ruger P89.

The district attorney said three bullets, two fired by Morris and one by Olsen, hit Hennard, who ultimately killed himself with a bullet to the head in a restroom alcove of the restaurant. Shots fired by Fore did not strike Hennard, Eads said.

Hennard was wounded in the left thigh, heel, forearm and chest, according to an autopsy conducted at the Southwest Institute of Forensic Science at Dallas. According to the autopsy report, the bullet that struck him in the chest passed first through his forearm.

Officials had credited the officers with ending Hennard's killing spree, saying that he stopped shooting patrons after they entered the restaurant.

The grand jury spent about an hour reviewing evidence from the shooting, focusing primarily on the DPS ballistics report that found there were about 110 rounds fired during the 15-minute incident, about 80 of them by Hennard.

At a news conference following 264th District Court Judge Jack W. Prescott's acceptance of the reports and discharge of the grand jury, Eads said Morris, Olsen and Fore fired a total of 30 shots during an exchange of gunfire with Hennard.

The grand jury's review included "every bullet fired, every fragment, every projectile, every shell casing and every metal jacket that was found" in Luby's, Eads said.

"It's a horrible, tragic thing that is now over, although the impact on this community will last forever. It has been devastating," the district attorney said.

Freedom Newspapers' chief executive officer to retire

IRVINE, Calif. — D.R. "Bob" Segal said he will retire as president and chief executive of Freedom Newspapers Inc., parent company of The Pampa News in Pampa, Texas.

Segal, 71, said he will continue to work until a successor is chosen. A search committee composed of the 12 Freedom Newspapers' directors has begun searching for a replacement.

Segal said he will remain for a time as a director and adviser to the company after turning over his day-to-day responsibilities.

"We still do as Ben Franklin did," said Segal, musing on his long

news career. "We try to amuse, entertain and inform people."

His management creed: Find good people, give them the tools they need and then stay out of the way.

Segal began his career with Freedom in 1945 as an Orange County Register reporter in California and advanced to city editor. He then worked in a series of management positions at Freedom newspapers in Texas, North Carolina and New York before being named president and chief operating officer of Freedom Newspapers in 1978. A few years later he was named chief executive.

"Bob Segal has been the architect of Freedom Newspapers' growth and success over the last decade and more," said R. David Threshie, publisher of the Register. "He'll be difficult to replace as CEO, but we will have the benefit of his knowledge and wisdom in an advisory capacity and on our board."

Segal has written an often-whimsical column for the Register's Sunday editorial page since he returned to Orange County in 1978. "We need to laugh at ourselves sometimes," he said. He added that he will continue to write the column.

Charges to be dropped against clerk who said agents terrorized her

HOUSTON (AP) — Charges will be dropped against a convenience store clerk who refused to open her security booth to state liquor agents before police could arrive to check out the men, a prosecutor says.

District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said Wednesday he will draw up the dismissal motion himself because he wants court records to show that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission does not wish to pursue the case.

Maria Delacueva, 47, was handcuffed and taken to jail by the agents after police officers arrived and verified the identity of the clerk.

Ms. Delacueva said the store had been robbed before and she feared that the agents, dressed in plain clothes, were robbers when they began pounding on the door and demanding entry.

"Oh, thank the Lord! My prayers have been answered," Delacueva said when told of the decision to drop the charge accusing her of a violation of state liquor laws.

Delacueva said the three men showed credentials and demanded to check her receipts about 9 p.m. on Nov. 13. The woman told authorities that she was aware there had been 1,600 convenience store holdups in the city this year in which 11 people have been killed.

The booth where she worked was kept locked because the store operates a check-cashing service.

Acting TABC Administrator Jeannene Fox told Holmes in a letter that she considers the charges valid but does not feel that "any significant public purpose would be served by further pursuit of the matter at this time."

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Opinion

Gymnastic George flip-flops too well

Is President Bush trying out for the gymnastics competition in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona? He's doing more flip-flops than Mary Lou Retton.

He flipped on his "no new taxes" pledge, then flopped when he raised taxes. He flipped when he drove Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait, then flopped by failing to finish the job with a march to Baghdad.

Recently, Bush flipped by opposing the bill by Sen. Edward Kennedy to impose racial quotas on U.S. businesses, then flopped by signing into law a plan, sponsored by Sen. John Danforth, that effectively will do the same thing. The Danforth plan, like the Kennedy plan, will adjourn our centuries-old legal tradition of assuming that the accused is innocent until proven guilty. Under the Bush-Danforth quota bill, a business must either (a) impose employment quotas to avoid a lawsuit, or (b) risk being accused of discrimination, after which it would automatically be judged guilty unless it could conduct its own "disparate impact" studies - often at great expense - to prove its innocence.

Then Bush flipped when his administration attempted to outlaw "unfair preferences" in hiring by federal agencies. Since the U.S. government now consumes 25 percent of the U.S. economy, and its actions often set a precedent for U.S. businesses, this would have been an important step in ridding our society of discrimination. But Bush flopped, saying that administration underlings had sneaked out the proposal. Yet the main "culprit" was C. Boyden Gray, the president's legal counsel and friend.

Democratic opponents are giddy with delight at the White House somersaults. "The administration is changing course so frequently," cracked Rep. Vic Fazio of Sacramento, "it's hard to know what direction they're taking." Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman and spin-control Houdini, announced that the original administration line was just an "early draft" that was "widely misinterpreted."

One might be inclined to believe old Marlin if the latest flip-flop hadn't been part of a pattern. Bush seems not to know, or to care, enough to give firm direction to his administration, especially on domestic policy. Doesn't he realize that Americans are very concerned about the state of the country? People standing in unemployment lines, or businessmen on the brink of bankruptcy, can only think of one thing: the sinking U.S. economy, made worse by high taxes and more regulations, such as the quota bill Bush just imposed on businesses.

Over the past month Bush has, in another flip-flop, dumped plans to take action to get the economy moving again. We'll now have to wait until his January State of the Union Address, he says, for him to advance his program. But another flip-flop could change that tentative schedule. An administration that flips this much less than a year before an election is setting itself up for a ballot-box flop.

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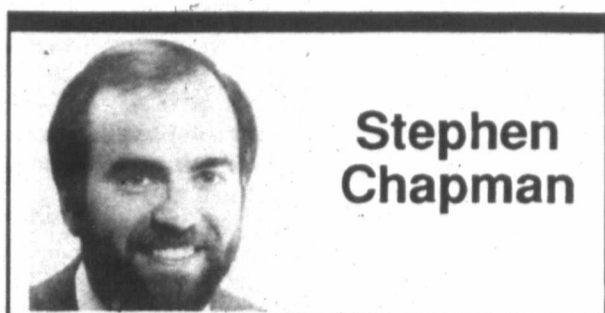
When the Bush administration recently proposed a universal health card to provide patient information and simplify billing, *Washington Post* columnist Robert Kutner waxed scornful. "It is very much like cards carried by Canadians, the British, Germans, Swedes and inhabitants of other civilized nations, with the one key difference that you're on your own when it comes to paying the bill," he wrote. "It is a bit like a credit card with no line of credit."

Imagine that. Americans who want health care will continue to be deprived of the option of consuming all they desire and sending the bill to someone else. They will actually be expected to pay (or arrange for an insurer to pay) for their treatment as if it were any other commodity. What could be more outrageous? Next thing you know we'll be expected to pay for our own food, shelter and clothing.

Kutner is wrong in his thinking about health care, but he has plenty of company. When Americans complain about their medical system, they aren't unhappy with their doctors, the quality of treatment or the availability of services. More than 90 percent say they are personally satisfied with their care.

But thanks to Medicare, Medicaid, public hospitals, tax-subsidized employee health insurance and other government programs, Americans have gotten the idea that every person has a right to the best care at someone else's expense. If medical care is a right, it's deeply unjust to demand any financial sacrifice from its recipients. Here, the entitlement ethic has spread far and wide. Everyone wants to live at the expense of everyone else.

This desire is encouraged by the belief that people elsewhere have invented a way to do just that. Canada allows patients to choose their private doctors, but virtually all bills are paid, and all fees set,



Stephen Chapman

by the government. Its approach has reputedly given Canada both lower medical costs and better health than the United States. Canadians, unlike Americans, are also happy with their system.

But it's easy to see why it enjoys such popularity: It's practically free. The U.S. Postal Service may not work very well, but if you could send anything from a first-class letter to a truckload of furniture at no cost, you'd probably be content with it. Neither mail nor medicine can really be delivered for free - citizens pay directly in fees or indirectly in taxes. But by separating the payment from the service, the government allows its constituents to think they're getting something for nothing.

Getting health care "free" distracts Canadians from disagreeable facts such as these: Their health care costs have grown faster than ours in the last 20 years, people needing surgery generally have to endure long waits and many forms of technology that Americans take for granted are pathetically scarce. If Canadians enjoy better health than Americans, it's largely due to causes unrelated to medicine, like lower rates of crime and poverty.

Letting Washington assume all responsibility for paying for every citizen's medical care is sup-

posed to save us all huge sums in administrative costs by substituting a single payer for the hundreds that exist now. If you believe this, you'll believe that cars would be cheaper if only one manufacturer were allowed to sell them.

That's no stranger than thinking the demand for medical care won't soar once patients are freed from the burden of payment. If the government assured every American a new car every five years at public expense, the nation would soon find itself spending a lot more on automobiles.

Prescribing more government involvement as a cure is like asking the doctor who botched your appendectomy to handle your heart bypass. Economist Milton Friedman notes that since Medicare and Medicaid began in 1965, the average cost of a day in the hospital has risen eightfold. Yet the number of beds has dropped, and improvements in health have slowed.

By spending more on medical care, the government has caused us all to get less medical care. It has also rapidly driven up the cost of treatment, making it harder for anyone but the government to afford.

If Washington were to find a way to spend less - say, by requiring every household to buy private health insurance to cover major expenses - the demand for health care would fall, doctors and hospitals would be forced to reduce their prices and total expenditures on health care would decline. The efficiencies generated by competition would provide the same benefits to health care recipients that Japanese automakers have provided to American consumers.

But that approach would also force Americans to recognize that they can't have all the health care they want for nothing. Right now that delusion seems too inviting to resist.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 1991. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 19, 1843, Charles Dickens first published his classic Yuletide tale, *A Christmas Carol*, in England.

On this date:
In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing *Poor Richard's Almanac* in Philadelphia.

In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay, in which he wrote, "These are the times that try men's souls."

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pa.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corporation began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia.



All those 'crotchety' people

I'm not certain exactly when grabbing one's crotch became part of the entertainment industry.

Perhaps it began with baseball players. They grab their crotches a lot but usually they are doing more adjusting than grabbing.

Then, actress Roseanne Barr appeared at a baseball game and grabbed her crotch.

Next came Madonna. Maybe Madonna was before Roseanne Barr but it really doesn't matter.

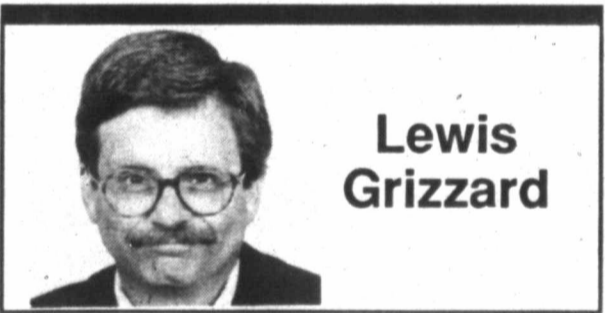
What matters is she went on stage in front of a lot of people and grabbed her crotch. Does that help a musical performer hit a wider range of notes?

Now comes Michael Jackson. I saw his new video, "Black or White," in which Michael Jackson grabs his crotch. There is a report that that particular part of the video is going to be cut out. Those who enjoy watching people do this sort of thing will be quite disappointed, I am sure.

Michael Jackson's message in the video seems to be it doesn't matter what color you are. It obviously doesn't matter to Mr. Jackson, who used to be black, but appears fairly white in the video. As a matter of fact, if one looks closely at him, one will notice a rather striking resemblance to today's Michael Jackson and the late Natalie Wood.

Natalie Wood, just for the record, once portrayed the famous stripper, Gypsy Rose Lee, but at no time during the movie did she grab her crotch.

Michael Jackson does a lot of dancing in "Black



Lewis Grizzard

or White." He dances with some African guys carrying spears and shields. Then he dances with some Native American Indian persons. He also dances with the Siamese version of the June Taylor Dancers and next we find him dancing with Russians. If Michael Jackson was a Native American Indian person, and he might well be after his next facial overhaul, his name would be Dances With Half the Population of the World.

There's a lot of strange stuff that goes on in "Black or White."

Michael Jackson turns into a panther at one point. He also takes a crowbar and smashes up a lot of cars.

I've been trying to figure out the symbolism there. Maybe Michael is Fred Astaire, the panther is Ginger Rogers and the crowbar represents Michael's deep-seated fear of automobiles (Isuzuphobia).

Michael also dances on top of the cars he is smashing. This time he dances alone and this is where he grabs his crotch.

Do you think he simply was hit with an irresistible urge to do that or did his choreographer tell him to do so?

"OK, Michael, right after you do your pirouette and the two leg kicks, grab your crotch. I'll signal you when it's time to let go."

I am hardly one to suggest artistic censorship of any kind. And if anybody wants to watch Michael Jackson, Madonna, Roseanne Barr or Jimmy Swagart, for that matter, grab their crotches, it's OK by me. I do want to point out a few things.

If Elvis had lived and was still performing, I don't think he would have ever gone as far as grabbing his crotch in public.

Elvis did engage in an occasional pelvic thrust, but I think it was more a natural response to his rhythm than something used to shock his audience. Also, isn't grabbing one's crotch in the aforementioned manner tantamount to encouraging our children to masturbate? You know where that can lead to ... shooting pool and blindness.

And one last thing: Didn't Pee-wee Herman get slapped in a jail for doing basically the same thing Michael Jackson does on his video?

At least Pee-wee had the decency to pick a dark place.

Contest: Name this new holiday

By BEN WATTENBERG

I confess, I have been looking for a moment of opportunity. The establishment of the new mega-state of Ukraine offers it. Now is the time to declare the victory in the Cold War. All we have to figure out is a date, a name and a ritual. So let's have a contest.

The Cold War lasted almost half a century. It's perpetrator, the Soviet Union, is now history, not only disgraced, but disbanded and diminished. (Without Ukraine's 50 million people, there can't be a threatening world class power over there. Even a renescent Russia would only have about 60 percent of the U.S. population.)

The victory in the Cold War is a testament to democracy. It's often said, typically by conservative gloom-pots, that free people lack discipline. That has now been shown to be untrue.

The Cold War revealed that free peoples, represented by freely elected governments of every political stripe, would stay a long course to save

themselves from potential despotism. They would tax themselves and draft their children in order to destroy an evil empire. In doing that, the current generation has lifted a massive mortgage off the backs of succeeding generations.

It's a particularly American victory. America led the coalition; American taxpayers paid the heaviest share of the bill.

As the U.S.S.R. disintegrated, it was said to be important that America not officially gloat about it. Gorbachev might lose face among the hard-liners, and that would make reform more difficult. But now, with Ukraine and Russia separately independent, there is no nation remaining whose face needs saving.

And so we ought to have an annual holiday. In fact, we ought to invite our allies and our former adversaries to join us in such an end-of-the-Cold War celebration. The world could use a shared party.

Annual festivals remind us of what we hold dear, and to what we

aspire. This celebration of the near-global victory of democracy could help us renew our commitment to our cause.

Does it make sense to spend trillions to win a Cold War and then risk letting some of the fruits of victory spoil because we won't send a couple of billions to ex-Soviets facing a winter of hunger? When those ex-Soviets still have nukes and nuclear experts who may get desperate in world that seeks their hardware and their expertise?

It could remind us that Americans love a great cause, that there is none greater than liberty, and (if further public motivation is needed in an election year) that great causes make great politics. So far the U.S. government has done a better job at preventing despotism than at promoting democracy.

The way to establish the holiday for democracy's triumph is by a grass-roots contest. Readers are hereby notified of their grass-roots contestant-eligibility status.

"End-of-the-Cold War" is not a good name for a holiday; neither is

"Now-that-Ukraine-is-independent." So, first task for contestants: Come up with a name. It must be short. Most holidays are one-words, excluding "Day"; some have two words ("New Year's" and "April Fools"). The maximum is four ("Martin Luther King Jr.").

Second task: On what date shall it be celebrated? Why?

Third task: How should it be celebrated? (We eat turkey for Thanksgiving, set off fireworks on July Fourth ...)

Brevity is encouraged; no entry may contain more than 650 words, the length of this newspaper column. The winning entry, or entries, will be published, in whole or in part, in this space. As Mickey Spillane once titled, *I, the Jury*. Further, I reserve the right not to pick any winner at all. (One contest brought sensationally good results; another pulled in junk.)

Entries can be submitted to this columnist, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Park Ave., New York, NY 10166.

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Kennedy Smith's accuser drops anonymity

By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press Writer



(Palm Beach Post Photo by Lannia Waters)

Patricia Bowman testifies during William Kennedy Smith's trial in West Palm Beach, Fla., earlier this month.

MIAMI (AP) — For many Americans, William Kennedy Smith's accuser had no name, and no face. Tonight, Patricia Bowman tells her story on national TV without the electronic shield that protected her during the rape trial.

"She is not going to hide for the rest of her life," her mother, Jean O'Neil, said in today's New York Daily News.

"For her this is part of the healing process," Mrs. O'Neil said. "She is a very strong woman and she wants this to be a message of strength to other women. She knows that what she is doing is very important."

Ms. Bowman's interview Tuesday with Diane Sawyer will be broadcast on ABC's "PrimeTime Live" tonight.

With Ms. Bowman's decision to go public, The Associated Press and many other news organizations that had previously withheld her identity named her and carried photographs or news footage of the 30-year-old woman Wednesday.

Ms. Bowman accused Smith of raping her March 30 at his family's Palm Beach estate. A jury last week acquitted the 31-year-old nephew of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. The trial included nearly 10 hours of testimony by Ms. Bowman.

"Now that the trial's over, I think she wants to get out and reaffirm her story, and if that's what she's chosen to do, I hope she's prepared to cope with the opinions the public might have," said Sandy Duncan, coordinator of Palm Beach County vic-

O'Neil, said in today's Miami Herald.

Ms. Bowman was born in Akron, Ohio. Her mother, Jean, 62, divorced her father, Robert Bowman, and married O'Neil, 69, former chairman of General Tire, now

ly. "We believe our decision to name her was journalistically fair and responsible throughout," said spokeswoman Peggy Hubble.

Steve Brill, president of cable television's Court TV network, which provided pool coverage of the trial, said it would rebroadcast some of Ms. Bowman's testimony, unaltered.

A Boca Raton-based supermarket tabloid, The Globe, was the first in the United States to identify her — last April.

Palm Beach County State Attorney David Bludworth charged The Globe with violating a state law against identifying accusers in sex crimes. A judge dismissed the case in October, ruling the 1911 law was unconstitutional.

Nancy Ziegenmeyer, a Grinnell, Iowa, woman who was raped in 1988 and later told her story to the Des Moines Register in a series of articles that won the newspaper the Pulitzer Prize, applauded Ms. Bowman's decision.

"The more women that choose to come forward — and I emphasize choose — the easier everyone's work is going to be to get that message out about what rape is and what rape is not," she said.

"For her this is part of the healing process. She is a very strong woman and she wants this to be a message of strength to other women. She knows that what she is doing is very important."

— Jean O'Neil
Patricia Bowman's mother

tims' services, which counseled Ms. Bowman.

Smith's lawyers were skeptical, especially since their client was found innocent.

"She went to so much effort to protect her privacy," lawyer Mark Schnapp said. "I don't understand her motive."

Another Smith lawyer, Mark Seiden, said the TV interview illustrates "her desire for attention ... what I think she always wanted."

Her lawyer, David Roth, emphasized that she was not paid by ABC. She rejected offers of up to \$500,000 from other sources before the trial, he said.

"Now's the time to let everybody know and get on with our lives," her stepfather, Michael "Gerry"

GenCorp. Ms. Bowman lives in Jupiter, Fla., with her 2-year-old daughter.

"Her attorney said it was her decision to come forward in the ABC interview and she now expects to be identified and that her photo will be published," said Martin C. Thompson, AP managing editor. "AP's policy of not identifying accusers in rape cases unless they choose to come forward remains unchanged."

CNN and CBS also showed her name and face Wednesday. CNN ran footage of Ms. Bowman testifying; when it was aired during the trial, her face was obscured with an electronic blob and her name was edited out when used in the courtroom.

NBC had identified her repeated-

Summit dragnet, activist arrest deepen sullen mood of Kuwaitis

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — The price of a black-market liter of Scotch made its annual holiday jump this week, from \$105 to \$245. But 10 months after the Persian Gulf war, many feel the New Year will bring little to celebrate.

On the positive side, the oil fires and the omnipresent greasy atmosphere they brought are gone. City water may run brown and many phones are combined as party lines, but the utilities are back.

Where wrecked cars and barbed wire once marred the view, Asian sweepers now whisk gum wrappers off new lawns.

Stores are crammed with everything from Swedish leather couches to plastic Santas. Shoppers are oozing cash, the government has provided full back pay and forgiven consumer loans.

A man walked into the Behbehani General Motors showroom recently and bought four cars — one for himself, one for his wife, one for weekends and one in case any of the others breaks down.

"It's funny how people are just throwing money away," said dealer Yousef Behbehani.

But the consumption does not alleviate a sullen mood pervading Kuwait 10 months after the gulf war.

The government has canceled all official New Year's festivities due to the continued detention of over 1,000 Kuwaitis in Iraq. That spread to the public, which is keeping weddings and other parties low-key.

Crime is up 25 percent. At nighty diwanis, discussions in private homes on issues of the day, security and defense are constant topics. Backyard tents have replaced camping trips to the mine-infested desert.

Ultimately there's the unrealized promise of a "new," more democratic Kuwait nourished during the occupation.

Kuwait's ruling emir, Sheik Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah set elections for October 1992 and earlier this month the Kuwaiti Democratic Forum was founded as the first open political party.

But women still can't vote and political oppression is far from over. Seeking to foster democracy in the postwar gulf, the University Graduates Association organized a seminar.

Professor Abdel Latif al-Mahmoud of Bahrain University made a speech objecting to the lack of democracy, to the government filling its ranks with unqualified princes.

He was arrested at Bahrain airport on Dec. 14 and may face subversion charges and his speech became an instant fax machine best-seller.

But the arrest has Kuwaiti academics worried that the gulf war honeymoon for political prisoners is over.

"We felt after the gulf war things should open up a little bit and people should be able to discuss things. It is obvious that nothing is happening and nobody learned," said

Abdullah Tawil, president of the alumni group.

Kuwait's jails are brimming this week ahead of the Dec. 23-25 gulf summit, the first by regional rulers since the war ended.

Roadblocks sprang up Saturday, causing two-hour traffic jams. Hundreds caught without passports or a security I.D. were jailed unless their families could produce the documents.

Diplomats said the government was especially worried about infiltrators. Since the war, a number of infiltrators from both Iran and Iraq have been caught, apparently trying to organize political groups.

Newspapers were banned from reporting on the checkpoints.

Editors say the government's lengthy list of taboo topics includes the opposition, deportations, critiques of government ministers and the fight over tangled citizenship laws. They cannot indicate which articles were censored.

"No one knows how this country is being run and we can't ask questions about it in the newspapers," said popular columnist Ahmed al-Ruba'i. Information Minister Badr al-

Yacoub says censorship is "the minimum under the law," which mandates censorship for reasons of morality and national security.

Military problems include a failure to recruit new troops and frustration over unfulfilled demands for an investigation into the chaos during the Iraqi invasion. Defense Minister Sheik Ali Al-Sabah has said it will come in time, but critics want a public airing.

The defense pact signed with Washington in September curbed immediate security fears, even though the last U.S. combat troops left Dec. 15.



Christmas is not a holiday for Muslims, but hotels in emirates like Dubai that allow alcohol plan huge New Year parties. Flights from Kuwait are fully booked.

A sense that the real cost of the war has yet to be reckoned hampers uninhibited celebration.

Said editor Mohammed Rumaithi of the government-backed Sawt Al-Kuwait daily: "The nation is out of the emergency room and now the pain of the operation is starting to bite."

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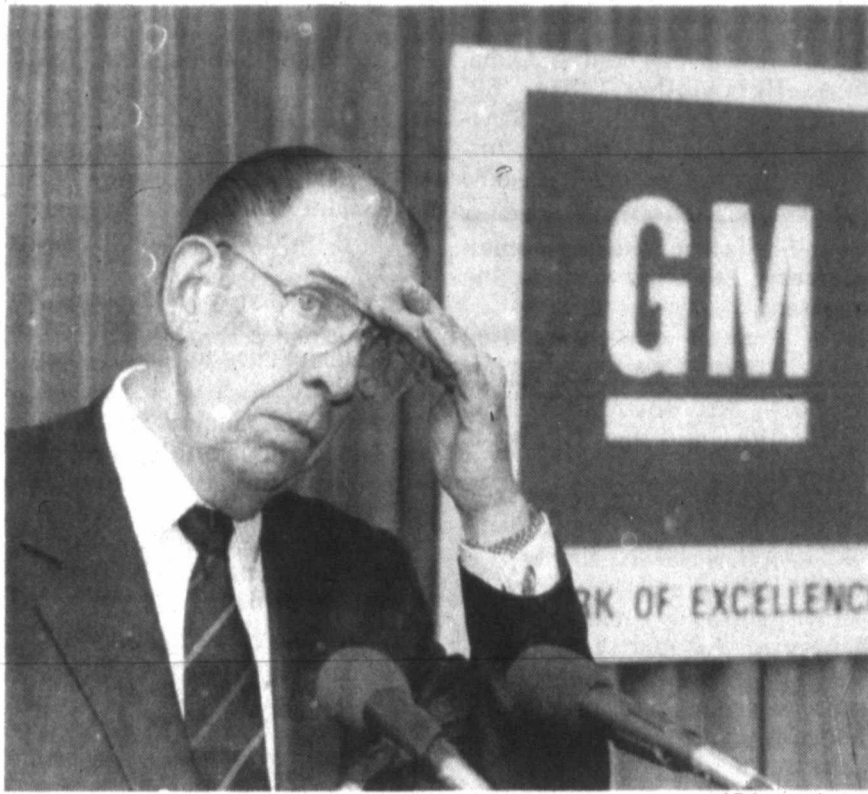
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General Motors unveils plans to cut 21 plants, 70,000 jobs



General Motors Corp. Chairman Robert Stempel rubs his head during a press conference Wednesday in Detroit as he announces a plan to curtail costs and consolidate operations at GM. The program calls for trimming salaried and hourly workforces and idling 21 plants.

By FREDERICK STANDISH
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp., the world's largest automaker, has unveiled plans to turn itself into a "lean and responsive" corporate machine by closing 21 plants and eliminating 70,000 jobs.

In announcing the plan Wednesday, GM Chairman Robert Stempel promised the company would reverse staggering losses and return its car and truck manufacturing operations to profitability by 1995.

The announcement was short on specifics, however, leaving many workers wondering about their future.

The restructuring drew praise from Wall Street analysts, who have been clamoring to learn how the automaker would deal with falling stock prices and record losses projected at \$6 billion to \$8 billion in North America this year.

"This is something General Motors should have done awhile ago," said auto analyst John Kiman of Kidder Peabody & Co. in New York.

GM stock fell 12 1/2 cents to \$27.75 on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday. Wall Street's credit-rating companies viewed GM's announcement relatively positively but kept the automaker's securities under review.

The United Auto Workers union, which represents about 300,000 GM workers nationwide, condemned the plan.

"Unfortunately, by capitulating to Wall Street's shortsighted, greedy marching orders, General Motors has chosen ... a self-serving path," UAW President Owen Bieber and Vice President Stephen Yokich said in a statement.

"That may be welcome news in New York and Tokyo but it's bad news for GM employees and more bad news for the American economy."

GM said it will close six assembly and 15 parts plants among its 125 factories in North America over the next four years and will eliminate 70,000 jobs, or nearly 18 percent of its work force in the United States and Canada.

"General Motors will run its business in an increasingly lean and responsive manner," Stempel said.

Stempel did not specify which factories will close, except to say that only one of two plants making identical products — Chevrolets, Buicks and Cadillacs — will remain open. Those plants are in Arlington, Texas, and outside Ypsilanti, Mich.

The white-collar work force of 91,000 in North America will be reduced to 71,000 by 1995, and the number of blue-collar workers will fall from about 300,000 to an estimated 250,000 during the same period, Stempel said.

Under GM's current union contract, which expires in 1993, laid-off blue-collar workers continue to collect nearly full pay.

GM said it will try to cut white-collar staff through attrition, buyouts and early retirements, but Stempel would not rule out layoffs. Hiring will be frozen in

1992, except for technical specialists.

GM's share of the domestic vehicle market has dropped to 35 percent from a high of 45 percent in the late 1970s, when soaring oil prices boosted the popularity of small foreign cars.

While all of the Big Three automakers closed plants and slashed jobs during the 1980s, GM's cutbacks were considered modest in comparison to those at Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. Analysts blamed GM's heavy losses on too many plants and workers in relation to sales.

The uncertainty of the closures sent ripples of concern through the nation, as civic leaders and autoworkers hoped their plants would be spared.

"We're just holding our breath. We don't know what's going to happen," said George Grishman, 64, who works at GM's Arlington assembly plant.

The Arlington plant and the Willow Run plant near Ypsilanti employ about 5,500 workers in all.

"They don't want us to have a good holiday, is what I think," said Douglas Russell, who has worked at Willow Run for 21 years.

Those who have already gotten the bad news include workers at two Lansing, Mich., plants that produce six-cylinder engines. Those plants will be phased out beginning in 1993, GM announced.

Stempel also said GM will close at least one of its five plants making mid-size front-wheel-drive cars. Those plants are in Oshawa, Ontario; Doraville, Ga.; Oklahoma City; Kansas City, Kan.; and Ramos Arizpe, Mexico.

Over-35 age group responsible for increased cocaine use, survey shows

By CAROLYN SKORNECK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stop blaming the kids. It's not the youngsters who are making the nation's drug abuse problem worse. It's the folks age 35 and above.

The new National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, being formally released today, indicates the number of current users of illicit drugs — people who used an illegal substance in the previous month — dropped to 12.6 million this year. That's down from 12.9 million last year and 14.5 million in 1988.

But the number of people 35 and older considered current users increased during that time. The 2.3 million in 1988 became 3.2 million last year. This year, they numbered 3.4 million.

The statistics were compiled from the 1991 household survey and from reports on the year's second quarter from the Drug Abuse Warning Network of hospital emergency rooms.

Among other findings:

- The number of monthly cocaine users rose this year to 1.9 million from 1.6 million in 1990.

- Weekly cocaine users increased to 855,000, up from 662,000 last year.

- Drug-related emergency room cases in the second quarter this year rose 8.5 percent over the corresponding quarter of 1990. Cocaine involvement leaped 30 percent, while heroin mentions went up 16 percent.

- Inner-city emergency rooms saw 24 percent more drug-related cases, while suburban emergency rooms saw such cases increase by 3 percent.

- Whites accounted for most of the second quarter drug-related emergency room visits at 101,100, up 3.9 percent. But the number of blacks leaped 27 percent to 45,600. Hispanics rose 9.8 percent to 13,400.

- "The problem seems to be collapsing into groups within our society who can least afford the problems caused by their addiction:

older and inner-city addicts," said Bob Martinez, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

But there was some good news, too, including the finding that among adolescents, age 12 to 17, current use of any illicit drug dropped steadily from 1.9 million in 1988 to 1.4 million this year.

"It means that we are shutting down the pipeline into drug addiction, especially among young Americans," Martinez said in a speech to be delivered today. His office released a copy of the text Wednesday.

"Keep in mind that we are in a two-front war — against casual use and against frequent or hard-core use," said Martinez, whose first national drug control strategy since

assuming his new job is due out next month. "We are winning the first, especially among our youth."

But the second front "is hardening among inner-city and minority individuals," he said.

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics, said the findings "indicate that we are not turning the corner on the drug problem as the administration has been saying for the last year."

"We have a serious drug problem, and whether it's old users or new users, we don't have policies in place that adequately address the problem, particularly among those hard-core drug abusers," Rangel said.

But Martinez criticized Congress

for failing to fund programs targeted at those addicts, such as a \$99 million treatment expansion program. Congress gave the matching-funds program \$9 million for 1992.

People 35 and over fueled this year's overall increase in the number of current cocaine users. Of the 1.9 million total, 523,000 are in the older age group, a huge increase over last year's 181,000. The number of younger people using cocaine monthly dropped from 1.42 million to 1.34 million.

"These are '70s kids who are grown up," said Bruce Carnes, director of planning, budget and administration for Martinez's office.

This over-35 group, including yuppies who made snorting cocaine fashionable a decade ago, is keeping its values and attitudes as it ages, he said.

As for marijuana, people 35 and older bucked the downward trend that saw overall monthly use drop steadily from 11.6 million in 1988 to 9.7 million this year. Use by the older group grew from 1.5 million to 2.4 million.

The survey polled about 32,000 people and nationwide statistics were developed from the results, Carnes said.

He said the margin of error varied with each number.

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Lifestyles

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus

The only thing I want for my Christmas gift is I very much would like my Grany-Ree and Papa Elmer to get better they are sick I also would like Jesus Prince of peace to make this world a better place to live for my future family.

Hugs and kisses
Hayle Garrison

Dear Santa,

We have been pretty good this year Santa. Randy wants a Super Cruncher, the Nintendo game, Robert wants a part three Ninja Turtle Game. Chris wants a game computer and Legos. Randy also wants Super Shredder and a Ninja Turtle game. Robert says he wants the Lego man that comes with the ship. Chris wants a Lego picker upper. Please be careful on your way.

Love,
Chris, Randy and Robert

Dear Santa,

My name is Crissie Boring. I am 3 years old. How are you reindeer? I love them. My Christmas tree has candles. I want a phone with a phonebook. I want a play doll and two bumper cars like Molly's and some dress ups, Play couches, play mirror, play wooden kitchen, play house, play window, curling iron, ironing board, play camera, play TV, play coasters, VCR, and play radio, play mail box and play light.

I love you, Crissie Boring
P.S. Take my toys to Noni's. I will be there for Christmas with my cousins.

Dear Santa Claus,
Ho!Ho!Ho! How are you doing?

We are doing fine at school. James and Marc want 10 speed bikes. Saul wants a Super train and some Fast Brats shoes. Zach wants a Game Genie and Game Gear. Marc wants a Game Boy. James wants a Christmas Tree and a Nintendo game. Marc moved to Amarillo. Please go see Marc at his new house.

Love,
James, Zachary, Saul
Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave you some milk and cookies when you come to my house and leave me a bad truck. I love you.

Jarred Moler

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Jordan Bynum and I am 16 months old. I have been very good this year. (My mama said so.) For Christmas, I would like a new baby doll and a rocking horse.

Santa, please don't forget my friends Chad and Dylan and especially my cousin Tryniti. (She wants a new baby doll, too.) Thank you, Santa. I will leave you something good to eat. (Do you like bananas?)

Merry Christmas
I love you,
Jordan Bynum

P.S. Don't work too hard!

Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old. My name is Justin. My sister's name is Krysta. She is one year old. We would like a doll, vacuum, doll bottles etc. for Krysta. I would like a mop, refrigerator for Christmas. I have been a good boy and so has Krysta. She is a good girl.

Thank you Santa,
Justin and Krysta

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the letter you have sent me. I will send you a letter and this is the letter I am sending to you and bring lots of presents.

Love, Justin Moler

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a drink and wet baby with the food for it. a tall fake hourse that I can ride with a saddle, make up set, a poster of Dillon on 90210 BuBerly hills, the party tape both of them, a watch with lipstick in it, a bottle of plants eny kind, surgical earrings, girl moose, hair gel, play do, gem suit, play do set, 90210 poster of evryone, shoes, bows, phone red, to bone for my dogs, a toy mouse for max jaxs.

right me,
Lindsey

Dear Santa,

We've been good this year. Please bring us good toys, like puzzles and Nintendo games and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Holly would like a Go Go My Walking Puppy. Matt would like a Sega and two TVs because he has a Nintendo and he want another TV to go with the Sega.

Holly also wants a math computer and that's all she wants.

Matt wants 16 Nintendo Games and a Barbie car for his sister. matt also wants a football. Holly would like her mom to have something special like a computer.

See you Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Love,
Matt and Holly

Dear Santa

How are you. I have been very good. I can't wait tell Christmas can you. I would like a minny and micky mouse watch. I want rollerblads alot. I want Holaday Mermaid also. I want Little miss Singing Mermaid. I want a bike too. I want Monompoly Junior also. And clothes.

Love Jennifer

Dear Santa,

I don't want very much for Christmas this year. All I rely want is Show Boot & a Game Boy & some games to go with it.

& I want Polly Anna To. My sister wants The Jungle Book & a Doll. I hope you get it for us.

From Katie & Bonnie Holmes

Weekend retreat planned at Bishop DeFalco Center

A weekend retreat, "Through the Valley of Grief and Beyond", will be offered Jan. 10 - 12, at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The non-denominational week-

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaylee Brooke Ledbetter. This will be my first Christmas. I am fixing to be 1 yrs old. For my 1st Christmas I would like a Cabbage Patch, Puffalump doll, and a telephone. We will be leaving you a snack of cookies and milk. Have a safe trip and Merry Christmas! P.S. Happy Birthday Baby Jesus Kaylee Ledbetter

Dear Santa,

My name is Kirby Broadus, and I am 2 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like to have a baby doll, a few clothes for my baby doll, and a few for myself. Also I would like to have a kitchen set and maybe some new shoes. Don't forget all my friends and the other children in the world. And also my mommy and daddy. I will leave you a snack on the table.

Love, Kirby

Dear Santa,

My name is Lindsey Ledbetter and I am 6 years old. I like to play ball and Barbies. I also like to play

with my dogs named Bogey and Oley.

Anyway, I've been a very good girl. Here are just a few of the nice things I've been doing this year:

- playing nicely with my brothers/sisters and friends
- eating all my vegetables (even those that are yucky!)
- doing my homework
- going to bed on time

So here's what I'm wishing for this Christmas:

1. rabbit
2. Tawfan
3. Prs
- 4.-Moovechnt
5. Trampoline
6. Babey Uto
7. Nrsrey Babey
8. Cumputr
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10. Nim

Thanks Santa!
Your Pal,
Lindsey
P.S. In case you're hungry, I'm leaving you yummy cookies. Oh, and if you've forgotten where I live, my address is:
1706 grape

Weekend retreat planned at Bishop DeFalco Center

end program provides information on the process of grief, time for personal reflection and supportive dialogue in small groups.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Dog's dishwashing duty is frowned upon by vet

DEAR ABBY: This concerns "Name Withheld," who wrote: "I invited my sister-in-law over for dinner. She came and brought her dog. After dinner, she took a plate of leftovers, set it on the floor, and let her dog lick the plate clean. I was appalled!"

You, too, were obviously "appalled" because you suggested that "Name Withheld" should buy her sister-in-law a couple of doggie dishes.

Abby, a dog's saliva is antiseptic — that's why dogs instinctively lick their wounds. I would much rather have my dog lick my spoon than take a taste of a spoon that has been in a human mouth.

Aren't dogs wonderful?
JAN IN ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR JAN: Dogs are indeed wonderful, but Dr. Erwin David, my veterinary expert, says: "Dog saliva is by no means antiseptic. Several species of bacteria have been found in the saliva of clinically healthy dogs; so for hygienic reasons, I would advise Jan to keep her dog dishes and people dishes separate."

in a retirement home shoplift a couple of inexpensive items (a lipstick and bottle of nail polish) in a shopping center store.

As a court reporter for more than 20 years, I have seen it demonstrated over and over that shoplifting is very often a sign of stress — especially in older people. It covers all social strata: movie stars, executives — people with plenty of money in their pockets at the time. A little investigation will usually uncover the recent death of a spouse, illness, depression or some other emotional distress.

The same is true of exhibitionists — as in the case of Pee-wee Herman, for example. I couldn't believe that no one came forward with this bit of information. Check it out. We need to put our arms around these people and ask, "What's the problem?"

To haul them out publicly and label them "criminals" is ignorant and unsympathetic.

KAY D., SAN FRANCISCO
DEAR KAY: Orchids to you for pointing out that good people will often behave uncharacteristically under pressure or stress.

Problems? Write To Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. All correspondence is confidential.

DEAR ABBY: This is in reference to "In a Quandary" — the person who saw an older woman who resides

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Sports

Shootin' the Breeze

By J. Alan Brzys



Tidbits from a landfill can often save the day

Most journalists I know are pack rats. If you've ever seen my desk, you'll agree. Above it is a humorous card sent to me by a friend which states: This isn't a desk, it's a landfill. I rarely throw anything away because I know someday I'll need it.

Case in point, I held on to programs and my all-important notes from the Top O' Texas Rodeo held in Pampa in July. I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt they would some day be invaluable.

Sure enough, my pack rat instincts again are paying dividends. Let me explain.

One of the great aspects of Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) competition is the uncertainty of who will become champion for the year in his or her event. It is determined at the end of the National Finals Rodeo (NFR).

The NFR finished Sunday in Las Vegas and results appeared in these pages.

I was pleased to see the road to championship titles for several of the PRCA stars this year wound its way through Pampa and the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

It's real testament to the quality of rodeo contestants the Top O' Texas Rodeo attracts each year.

Robert Ethauer of Goodwell, Okla., won the Top O' Texas saddle bronc event on his way to capturing the 1991 PRCA saddle bronc championship.

Ote Berry of Checotah, Okla., finished second in Pampa's bulldogging competition on his way to winning the 1991 world steer wrestling championship at the glittery city.

But here's the real gem I uncovered from the rodeo pile. Although calf roper Fred Whitfield of Cypress, Texas, missed his tie at the Top O' Texas Rodeo and won nary a dollar, he did win the world calf roping championship at Vegas with \$115,040 in 1991 earnings.

So what, you say. Well, here's the kicker. Scribbled on the border of one dried and crinkled program I found the following tidbit that convinces me veteran rodeo announcer Clem McSpadden is tops in the rodeo game and my behavior as a pack rat is justifiable.

The night he introduced Whitfield - 1990 PRCA rookie of the year - to the Pampa-area crowd, this is what he said.

"Folks, this could well be this year's world champion calf roper."

Enough said?

Remember the item in this column concerning the Hunters for the Hungry program sponsored by Bud Light? Apparently it's working.

According to a news release that arrived in the mail Wednesday, more than 25,000 meals have already been provided to needy Texans this deer hunting season thanks to hunters who have donated their kill to Hunters for the Hungry.

The release quotes Sister Francis Klinger, president of End Hunger Network, as reporting that an estimated 10,000 pounds of venison have been donated to processing plants around the state.

"We have been extremely pleased with the response to the program so far," Sister Klinger is quoted as saying. "Texas hunters who have donated their deer should be proud of their contributions to the less fortunate this holiday season."

The demand apparently continues and hunters are encouraged to continue to bring their deer to any of the 150 participating processing plants around the state.

For more information about the program, call 1-800-992-9767 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday Through Friday.

BITS and SPURS ... I finally found something upon which I can agree with former President Richard Nixon. John Madden, a former NFL head football coach who currently is employed as TV football analyst definitely has the stuff necessary to run for president. I'd consider slanting my ballot on a counter-trey in Madden's direction. And he'd definitely fit in with the boys on the bus.

Harvesters land All-State honors

Staff and wire report

Pampa Harvesters Zach Thomas and Phil Sexton were named to the first team of *The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 4A All-State team* announced Wednesday.

Sammy Laury was selected to the second team and Todd McCavit and Laury received honorable mention.

"I think it's an honor to all of us at Pampa High School, specifically in the athletic department," said PHS head football coach and athletic director Dennis Cavalier in a telephone interview this morning. "We all are a part of the honor that was bestowed on these guys," he said. "We're proud of their accomplishments."

"It's a team game," Cavalier added. "I consider it a team honor. Of course, it goes to individuals, but it's the willingness to adapt their individual skills to the team that makes it an honor."

Players selected for all-state honors were chosen by sports writers and editors from throughout the state using statistics from regular-season play.

Lineman Phil Sexton, a 6-2, 230-pound senior, made the first team defensive line with 146 tackles.

Zach Thomas, a 6-1, 225-pound senior, was selected first team defensive linebacker. He is credited with 58 solo tackles, 138 assists and 10 sacks.

Sammy Laury, a 6-2, 180-pound senior, tied for second team offensive running back with 1,375 yards rushing on 205 attempts, and 12 touchdowns. Laury, who broke the decades-old PHS single-season rushing record, also received honorable mention in punting.

Todd McCavit, a 6-1, 166-pound senior, received honorable mention in kicking.

Concerning the individual players, Cavalier said, "Zach (Thomas) is an outstanding player on both sides of the ball. He's an outstanding athlete that has developed, and consistently displayed, outstanding play each game throughout the season."

"Phil Sexton ... has played several positions in the best interest of the team and has showed great leadership on a daily basis."

"Sammy (Laury) holds the all-time single-season rushing record for Pampa High School and has displayed the consistency necessary to

be an All-Stater throughout the season. He's an outstanding player in that (punting) category.

Todd (McCavit) started out as a specialist kicker. He's been consistent and level headed when the pressure was on," said Cavalier.

"Due to need this year, he agreed to be a position player in the defensive secondary. What stands out in my mind is his two key interceptions in the Hereford game this season," said the head coach.

Pampa finished the year at 11-3 after a state quarterfinals loss to Sweetwater.

The Bastrop Bears, who didn't lose a game but missed the playoffs because of two forfeits for rules violations, placed four players on the AP first team.

Bastrop spent much of the season ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press poll, but dropped to third in the final poll and was nudged from the playoffs after forfeiting two crucial district games for using a player ruled academically ineligible.

Alamo Heights' Glenn Winship, who passed for 2,825 yards and 39 touchdowns during the Mules' perfect regular season, was the offensive player of the year.

Alamo Heights coach Gaylard Fenley said Winship has the perfect balance of athletic ability and good values.

"He's got great character. He's the kind of youngster you'd want your son to be," Fenley said. "If he makes mistakes and does things wrong, it doesn't get back to us."

In addition to leading the football team to a 19-1 record in the regular season his past two years, Winship led the Mules' basketball team to the state finals. Alamo Heights won a semifinals game over Pampa in triple overtime, 80-76, but not before Winship's heroics in the second extra period.

"He hit a 3-point shot as time ran out in double overtime," Fenley said. "What's so remarkable about it is it was the only 3-point shot he took that year."

The Class 4A defensive player of the year was Delithro Bell, a 6-foot, 195-pound linebacker for Tyler Chapel Hill. Bell finished the year with 123 tackles and four interceptions.

Chapel Hill defensive coordinator Barry Anderson said Bell's high



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys) Pampa two-way standout Phil Sexton (90) reaches for a pass in a playoff game earlier in December at Texas Tech's Jones Stadium in Lubbock.

school career was defined in the first series he played as a sophomore.

"The first series he started he returned an interception 60-something yards for a touchdown," Anderson said. "He's got all the attributes you'd want for a linebacker. He's big and strong and has a nose for the ball. If the ball was there, he was around it."

Bell is joined on the first-team defense by linemen Brian Cox of Little Cypress-Mauriceville, Jay Grosfield of Dumas, Ronnie James of McKinney and Sexton of Pampa.

The other linebackers were Benford, who had 15 sacks, and Pampa's Thomas, who had 194 tackles and 10 sacks.

Taje Allen of Lubbock Estacado, Typail McMullen of Lubbock Dunbar, Nick Roberson of Big Spring and Chris Sedberry of Boswell were the first-team defensive backs.

Derrick Dickerson, who averaged

40.3 yards per kick for Dallas A.M. Smith, was the punter.

Winship was joined on offense by his favorite receiver, teammate Trey Watson, who caught 53 passes for 1,062 yards and 14 touchdowns. Canyon Randall's Anthony Benson, who caught 43 passes for 1,001 yards and seven scores, was the other first-team receiver.

The offensive linemen were Keith Chiles of Dallas Roosevelt, David Roberts of Austin Westlake, Jason Soules of Sweetwater and Mouser.

The running backs were Michael Martin of Dallas White, Michael Ross of Carrizo Springs and Hubbard. All three ran for at least 1,700 yards during the regular season.

Sulphur Springs place-kicker Mark Sevier, who booted 40 extra points and made seven of 10 field-goal attempts, also was named to the first team.

Cowboys quartet makes Pro Bowl

By DENNE H. FREEMAN AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys are beginning to get some respect from their peers.

Four Dallas Cowboys offensive players made the Pro Bowl on Wednesday in voting by NFC players.

Quarterback Troy Aikman, who was among the honored quartet, said it's the type of thing that happens to winning teams. Aikman is the first Cowboys quarterback to make the Pro Bowl since Danny White in 1982.

Wide receiver Michael Irvin, tight end Jay Novacek, and running back Emmitt Smith were voted to play in the Feb. 2 Pro Bowl as starters for the NFC while Aikman was voted in as a reserve.

It's the first time since 1985 that more than one Cowboys player has made the team. Smith was the only

Dallas representative last year, no Dallas player was named in 1989, and only Herschel Walker made the team in 1988 when he was with the Cowboys.

Irvin is the first Cowboys wide receiver to make the Pro Bowl since Tony Hill in 1985. He leads the NFL in receptions with 83 catches and 1,354 receiving yards.

"This is the kind of recognition you get when you start having success," said Aikman, who has missed the last three games with an injured knee. "As you have success the awards start coming in."

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said he was happy that the Cowboys, who have clinched a wild card berth for the first time since 1985, were starting to get some national acclaim.

"I told the team that individual awards reflects back on the team," Johnson said. "As you have success you starting getting awards. I

thought (offensive coordinator) Norv Turner was a big part of our success on offense."

Johnson said he was disappointed that no offensive linemen or defensive players were named.

"Over a period of time we'll get some awards in the other positions," Johnson said.

Dallas plays Atlanta on Sunday and Falcons quarterback Chris Miller said by telephone that he has respect for the Cowboys no-honors defense.

"They don't have any big name players yet but they have some guys who will be all-pro and Pro Bowl in the future," Miller said.

Aikman said he wasn't surprised he made the Pro Bowl for the first time, saying "I felt I had as good a showing as anybody when I was in there. I feel I've had a good year."

Aikman is expecting to play on Sunday against Atlanta.

"I need to play to test the knee," he said. "I need to play so everybody will feel good about me playing in the playoffs. I'd like to see some action and see how it (the knee) responds."

Aikman, who admitted "there's a possibility I might not play at all," said he still didn't have 100 per cent mobility because of a slight tear in the knee.

"I'm not as mobile as I was," he said. "I'm not 100 per cent. But I can move on it laterally. The doctors say I can't hurt it. There may be a little pain but I can handle that. The plan is for me to get some playing time this week but nobody knows for sure."

Steve Beuerlein, who has won three games as a starter, will start against the Falcons.

"I understand my role on this team," Beuerlein said. "You're not going to hear me complain about Troy playing."

Oilers dominate AFC Pro Bowl list

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston Oilers veteran Bruce Matthews wasn't concerned about the Pro Bowl when the all-star guard agreed to move to center this season.

But he'll be joining seven teammates in Honolulu in February anyway, making his fourth Pro Bowl appearance and his first at center.

"When I moved to center I never thought about the Pro Bowl," Matthews said Wednesday. "I knew if I played hard, it would take care of itself. It's a tremendous honor to go at two positions because it means I have been consistent."

Matthews and his Oilers teammates will comprise more than a fourth of the AFC starters for the NFL's all-star game Feb. 2. The Oilers have a league-high six starters and two backups headed for the Pro Bowl. Of those, four are veteran Pro Bowlers.

"It's just something special to go over there with someone on your team and have some fun over there," Matthews said.

Offensive lineman Mike Munchak, despite missing several games with a bad knee, was selected by his fellow players and NFL coaches to play in his seventh Pro Bowl in balancing results announced Wednesday.

It will be his fifth consecutive appearance.

Only former defensive end Elvin Bethea, whose last selection in 1980 was his eighth, has represented Houston more in Pro Bowl games than Munchak.

Joining Matthews and Munchak in the starting lineup will be cornerback Cris Dishman, defensive end William Fuller, wide receiver Hayward Jeffries and linebacker Al Smith. Backups include quarterback Warren Moon and defensive end Ray Childress.

Moon, who will be at the Pro Bowl for fourth straight year, now holds the NFL season record for completions, with 382. He also leads the league with 4,454 yards passing and is third in the AFC with 23 touchdown passes. He will back up starter Jim Kelly of Buffalo.

"It's always a great honor," Moon said. "It never gets old because you are voted on by your peers. Kelly has had a great year and deserves to be the starter."

Childress also will be making a fourth Pro Bowl appearance. He is recovering from a rib injury suffered in Houston's victory Sunday at Cleveland and was not expected to play in the regular season finale

Saturday against the New York Giants.

"I'm just happy to make the team. I'm very proud," Childress said.

Dishman, Fuller, Jeffries and Smith have been named to the Pro Bowl for the first time in their careers.

"It's something special when your peers feel like 'he's one of the best players in the league.' It really means a lot," said Fuller, who has a career-high 14 quarterback sacks this year and needs just two more to set a team record.

Robinson quits Rams

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - John Robinson patiently posed alongside Georgia Frontiere for the Rams' annual team picture - for the ninth and final time.

Shortly afterward, Robinson confirmed that he was resigning as the Los Angeles coach.

His 153rd game with the team will be his last, Sunday night against the Seahawks in Seattle.

"It's time for me to move on," said Robinson, whose team has lost its last nine games to fall to 3-12 heading into the season finale.

Jeffries leads the NFL with 96 receptions, including seven for touchdowns.

"I felt like the last couple of years I came into my own," Jeffries said. "It took me a while to progress, to get to that point. But it's a good feeling to know that the hard work that I've put into the game has earned me a lot of credit."

Dishman tops the Oilers with six interceptions and Smith leads the club with 130 tackles.

Robinson said he thought the change would benefit both him and the Rams.

"I have submitted my resignation and it has been accepted," he said after practice at Rams Park. "It's the right time and the right thing to happen ..."

"This ends a 16-year stint as a head coach in Southern California, be it at SC (the University of Southern California) or here. Thirteen of those seasons were very successful seasons and, as I look back, I had a lot of fun, we had a lot of wins. And I look back at it with great memories."

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Morris leaves home to nest with Blue Jays

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Minnesota's money wasn't enough, so Jack Morris went for Toronto's big bucks and forced Frank Viola to turn his attention to Boston.

Morris, who led his hometown team to a thrilling World Series just two months ago, said goodbye Wednesday when he agreed with the Blue Jays on a \$10.85 million, two-year contract that makes him the highest-paid pitcher in baseball.

That took away an option for Viola, who is nearing agreement on a three-year deal with Boston that is thought to be worth approximately \$14 million.

While this was going on, Mitch Williams, the top free agent reliever of the offseason, returned to the Philadelphia Phillies for \$9.2 million over three years.

It was only Feb. 5 when Morris signed with Minnesota, tearfully talking about how much it meant to be home after a 14-year career in Detroit. He was born in St. Paul, Minn., and led his team to triumph, going 18-12 during the season and 4-0 in the postseason.

"It was a tough decision, a big decision," Morris said. "I've got to do the best I can for my future. I have some mixed emotions. Some good things happened in Minnesota, but good things could happen here. For personal reasons, this offer is much superior to Minnesota's, and in my own way of thinking, it was what I had to do."

Minnesota offered \$8 million guaranteed over two years, and some in the

Twin Cities considered Morris a traitor. The memories of his greatest game, a 1-0, 10-inning victory over Atlanta in Game 7, are still fresh.

"It was one of the greatest years of my career," said Morris, a 36-year-old right-hander. "I'm getting a ring out of it and I don't want to say anything bad. I love Minnesota and I always will. ... To the fans, all I can say is that it was a great year and my feelings haven't changed towards the community. I think that if they were in my position, they'd understand."

Twins general manager Andy

MacPhail, anticipating a multimillion extension for Kirby Puckett, said he couldn't go higher.

"If one of the rich organizations wants to blow you out of the water, they will," MacPhail said. "It's a rowboat going against a battleship. It gets more difficult every year."

Morris, who becomes the second-highest paid player behind Mets outfielder Bobby Bonilla, gets a \$1.85 million signing bonus, \$3.5 million for 1992 and \$4.5 million for 1993. The Blue Jays have a \$5 million option for 1994 with a \$1 million buyout.

"We operated on the assumption that Morris would sign today with Toronto," said Viola's agent Craig Fenech. "I always believed that that was going to be the case and so did Frank."

Viola, a 31-year-old left-hander, rejected a \$13 million, three-year deal from the New York Mets during the season, then slumped to 13-15 with a 3.97 ERA.

Boston is the only team publicly known to be interested in Viola. Red Sox general manager Lou Gorman said Monday that Viola was Boston's second choice for a free agent starter after Morris.

Fenech wouldn't say if he was close to a deal with any team and wouldn't say how many teams he was dealing with.

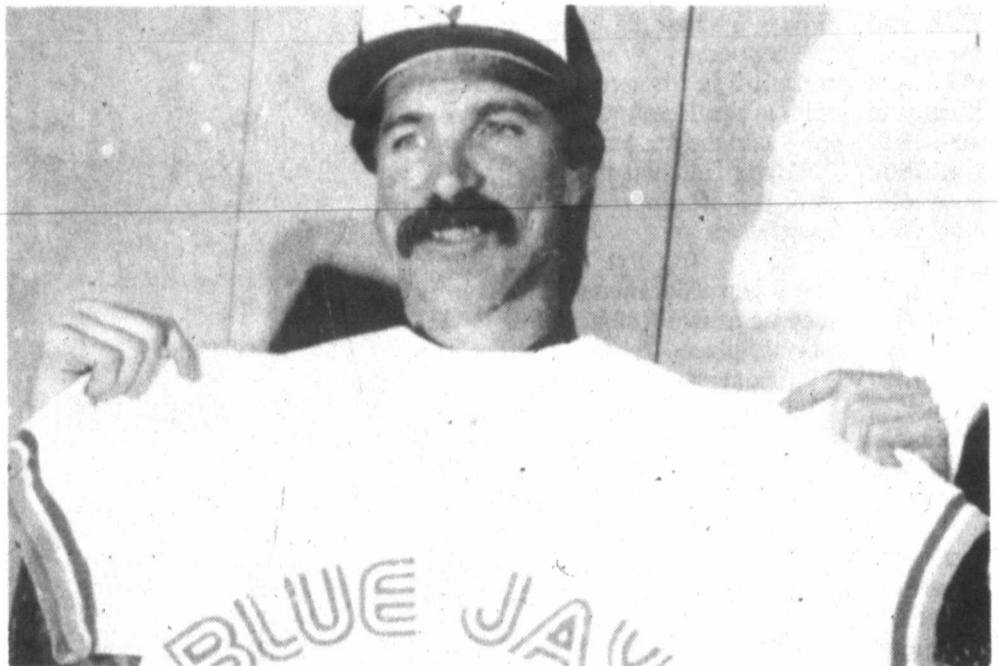
"I've had several conversations today with several clubs," Fenech said. "I think we advanced the ball and we'll see what happens next."

Williams, 27, was 12-5 with a 2.34 ERA in 69 games last season. He saved 30 games, the second-highest total in Phillies history and the most ever by a left-hander.

He became a free agent after the World Series and asked for a four-year deal, but found no one wanted to guarantee a contract that long for a reliever with a history of wildness.

"I wanted to experience free agency," Williams said. "I wanted to find out what I was worth and we did. We didn't have too many offers. ... But you never can tell what you'll find on the free agent market."

Williams, who made \$1,912,500 last year, agreed to a deal with a \$1.2 million signing bonus, \$2 million in 1992, \$3.5 million in 1993 and \$2.5 million in 1994.



Jack Morris holds up a Toronto Blue Jays jersey during a news conference in Toronto Wednesday.

Heat atones for landslide loss; Cavs lose

By The Associated Press

Coaches are always telling their players that blowouts are best forgotten — both for the winner and the loser.

The Miami Heat followed that advice Wednesday night, and the Cleveland Cavaliers ignored it. As a result, one day after Cleveland routed Miami 148-80 in the worst blowout in NBA history, the Cavaliers lost 102-93 at New Jersey and the Heat defeated Indiana 118-112 in overtime.

"We were flat-footed and kind of sleepwalked," Cleveland coach Lenny Wilkens said. "We played a terrific game last night, but tonight the defense was bad and the execution was poor. We just didn't do the things we normally do. We have to be consistent night after night."

The Cavs shot 38.5 percent from the field and turned the ball over 22 times, including 16 steals by New Jersey, which got 22 points from Derrick Coleman and 20 from Drazen Petrovic.

The Nets, leading by four at halftime, used 17-6 and 14-2 spurts in the third quarter to

open an 81-60 lead, and Cleveland couldn't catch up although John Williams scored 17 of his 23 points in the final period.

At Miami, Glen Rice hit five 3-pointers and scored 22 points, and Grant Long scored six of his 20 points in overtime for the Heat.

"This was as rewarding a victory as we've had because of the circumstances last night," coach Kevin Loughery said. "In the overtime, we hung in tough and we made some big plays."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Boston 131, Milwaukee 117; Utah 107, Philadelphia 105; Detroit 117, Charlotte 97; Washington 96, San Antonio 93; Denver 123, Phoenix 109; and Golden State 104, the Los Angeles Clippers 100.

Rik Smits, held to seven points in regulation, took advantage of Rony Seikaly's disqualification with six fouls to score the first four points of overtime, giving the Pacers a 107-103 lead.

But Miami didn't fold this time, scoring seven consecutive points on a basket by Steve Smith, Rice's fifth 3-pointer and two free

throws by Long to move in front 110-107 with 1:57 left.

After another basket by Smits, Long hit an 18-foot baseline jumper and Smith added a 15-foot turnaround jumper to put Miami ahead 114-109 with 37 seconds left.

Bullets 96, Spurs 93
Michael Adams scored 35 points and Washington ended an eight-game losing streak by winning at San Antonio.

Harvey Grant of the Bullets and David Robinson of the Spurs were ejected with 5:59 remaining after a brief flurry of punches.

San Antonio trailed 89-78 at the time, but the Spurs rallied without Robinson, who scored 25 points. They scored nine straight points to pull to 95-93 with 34 seconds left on a 3-pointer by Sean Elliott, who also finished with 25 points.

But Washington controlled a jump ball with 6.5 seconds remaining and Pervis Ellison hit a free throw at the 3.3-second mark to build the margin to three.

Antoine Carr's 3-point shot at the buzzer was short.

Sports Scene

Class 4A Football

DALLAS (AP) — Here is the Class 4A All-State high school football team as voted by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

FIRST TEAM

- Offense**
 OL Keith Chiles, Dallas Roosevelt, 6-2, 280, Sr.
 OL Jason Mouser, Bastrop, 6-0, 267, Sr.
 OL David Roberts, Austin Westlake, 6-5, 250, Sr.
 OL Jason Soules, Sweetwater, 6-4, 210, Sr.
 C Clint Pearson, Bastrop, 6-2, 220, Sr.
 E Anthony Benson, Canyon Ranch, 6-2, 185, Sr.
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 E Trey Watson, Alamo Heights, 5-11, 155, Sr., 53-1,062 and 14 TDs.
 QB Glenn Winship, Alamo Heights, 5-11, 170, Sr., 163-255-4-2, 825 and 39 TDs.
 RB Anthony Hubbard, Bastrop, 5-8, 183, Sr., 229-1,719 and 18 TDs.
 RB Michael Martin, Dallas White, 6-1, 185, Jr., 236-1,702 and 13 TDs.
 RB Michael Ross, Carrizo Springs, 5-10, 178, Jr., 182-1,696 and 25 TDs.
 PK Mark Sevier, Sulphur Springs, 6-0, 170, Sr., 7-10 FGs, including 47-yarder; 40 PATs Offensive Player of the Year — Glenn Winship, Alamo Heights.
- Defense**
 DL Brian Cox, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, 6-0, 240, Sr., 110 tackles, 7 INT.
 DL Jay Grofield, Dumas, 6-4, 232, Sr., 112 tackles.
 DL Ronnie James, McKinney, 5-11, 230, Sr., 90 tackles, 11 sacks.
 DL Phil Saxon, Pampa, 6-2, 230, Sr., 146 tackles.
 LB Delthiro Bell, Tyler Chapel Hill, 6-0, 195, Sr., 123 tackles, 4 INTs.
 LB Bertram Benford, Bastrop, 6-0, 205, Sr., 15 sacks, 3 blocked punts.
 LB Zach Thomas, Pampa, 6-1, 225, Sr., 58 solo tackles and 136 assists, 10 sacks.
 DB Taj Allen, Lubbock Estacado, 6-0, 170, Sr., 71 tackles, 5 INT.
 DB Typpal McMullen, Lubbock Dunbar, 6-3, 192, Sr., 110 tackles, 7 INT.
 DB Nick Robertson, Big Spring, 6-10, 170, Sr., 63 tackles, 7 INT.
 DB Chris Sedberry, Boswell, 6-1, 205, Sr., 40 tackles, 7 INT.
 P Derrick Dickinson, Dallas A.M. Smith, 6-0, 180, Sr., averaged 40.3 yards. Defensive Player of the Year — Delthiro Bell, Tyler Chapel Hill.

SECOND TEAM

- Offense**
 OL Curtis Draper, Estacado, 6-4, 265, Sr.
 OL Joe Garber, Waxahachie, 6-0, 285, Jr.
 OL James Hendrickson, Jasper, 6-8, 280, Sr.
 OL Laron Lawson, Waxahachie, 6-3, 270, Sr.
 C Kyle Walsh, AAM Consolidated, 6-2, 207, Sr.
 E Warren Dade, Denison, 5-7, 150, Sr., 68-735 yards.
 E Matt Davis, Brewer, 6-5, 195, Sr., 50-835 yards and 12 TDs.
 QB Max Knake, McKinney, 6-3, 195, Sr., 142-253-10-2, 156 and 24 TDs.
 RB Leo Brown, Hereford, 6-2, 195, Sr., 282-1,570 and 15 TDs.
 RB Oscar Houston, Waco University, 6-2, 220, Jr., 214-1,404 and 18 TDs.
 RB (tie) Brandell Jackson, Brenham, 6-0, 202, Sr., 154-1,206 and 14 TDs.
 RB (tie) Sammy Lumpy, Pampa, 6-2, 180, Sr., 205-1,078 and 25 TDs.
 PK Jason Ward, Belton, 5-7, 130, Jr., 8-9 FGs, including 48-yarder; 40-46 PATs.
- Defense**
 DL Darrel Amen, Jacksonville, 6-6, 220, Sr., 97 tackles, 6 sacks.
 DL Kelly Loke, McKinney, 6-2, 221, Sr., 143 tackles, 11 sacks.
 DL Jerrod Long, Gainesville, 5-10, 240, Sr., 71 tackles, 12 sacks.
 DL Henry Walker, West Orange-Stark, 5-11, 223, Sr., 82 tackles, 7 1/2 sacks.
 LB Rodney Clark, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, 5-10, 190, Sr., 125 tackles.
 LB Michael Hicks, Sulphur Springs, 6-1, 190, Sr., 127 tackles, 15 sacks.
 LB Ron Session, Dallas Pinkston, 6-4, 220, Sr., 143 tackles.

HONORABLE MENTION

- Offense**
 Bryan Davis, Boerne; Danny Freed, Little Cypress-Mauriceville; Remus Hines, Houston; G.E. King, Todd McCarville, Pampa; Rodney Mitchell, Bay City; Michael Mueller, Bastrop; Kaleb Parnell, FW Castberry.
- Defense**
 Johnny Flores, Galena Park; Paul Hansen, Magnolia; Sammy Lumpy, Pampa; Gary Porter, Tomball; Shannon Reed, Willis; Jason Stephens, Fort.

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	16	7	696	
New York	15	7	682	1/2
Miami	12	12	500	4 1/2
Philadelphia	11	12	478	5
New Jersey	7	16	304	9
Washington	7	17	292	9 1/2
Orlando	6	16	273	9 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	18	4	818	
Cleveland	13	9	591	5
Atlanta	12	11	522	6 1/2
Detroit	12	14	462	8
Milwaukee	11	13	458	8
Indiana	11	15	423	9
Charlotte	7	19	269	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Utah	17	9	654	
Houston	12	9	571	2 1/2
San Antonio	13	10	565	2 1/2
Denver	10	13	435	5 1/2
Dallas	10	14	417	6
Minnesota	3	18	143	11 1/2
Pacific Division				
LA Lakers	16	7	696	
Golden State	15	7	682	1/2
Portland	15	9	625	1 1/2
Phoenix	14	10	583	2 1/2
LA Clippers	14	12	538	3 1/2
Seattle	12	11	522	4
Sacramento	7	15	318	8 1/2
Tuesday's Games				
New York 102, New Jersey 94				
Boston 105, Orlando 98				
Utah 122, Charlotte 103				
Atlanta 117, Indiana 112				
Cleveland 148, Miami 80				
LA Lakers 102, Chicago 89				
San Antonio 98, Dallas 87				
Houston 100, Washington 97				
Seattle 116, LA Clippers 99				
Golden State 119, Minnesota 105				
Wednesday's Games				
Boston 131, Milwaukee 117				
New Jersey 102, Cleveland 93				
Utah 107, Philadelphia 105				
Miami 118, Indiana 112, OT				
Detroit 117, Charlotte 97				
Washington 96, San Antonio 93				
Denver 123, Phoenix 109				
Golden State 104, LA Clippers 100				
Thursday's Games				
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.				
LA Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.				
Denver at Seattle, 10 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Utah at Boston, 7:30 p.m.				
Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.				
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.				
Houston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.				
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.				
LA Lakers at Detroit, 8 p.m.				
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.				
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.				
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.				

Pageant funder drops lawsuit against Tyson

By LYNN BERRY
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The founder of the Miss Black America Pageant said he met with Mike Tyson's attorneys and agreed to drop a \$607 million lawsuit accusing the former heavyweight champ of fondling 10 contestants.

J. Morris Anderson would not say whether any money would change hands, but he said his suit had no basis, accusing some of the contestants of lying.

"We settled our differences amicably and agreed not to discuss the terms," Anderson said Wednesday night.

A call to Tyson's agent, Don King, in New York reached his answering service, which said King could not be contacted Wednesday evening.

The federal lawsuit, filed in August, called Tyson a "serial buttocks funder" and accused the fighter of molesting the 1990 Miss Black America and 10 of 23 contestants at the 1991 pageant, held in July in Indianapolis. The lawsuit alleged Tyson ruined the pageant's reputation.

The suit also accused Tyson of raping an 18-year-old contestant in his hotel room. Tyson was arrested on criminal charges and faces trial, set to start Jan. 27 in Indianapolis.

Anderson explained his decision to drop the suit by saying some of the contestants fabricated the stories about Tyson to promote themselves.

"They were continually keeping this thing alive on the talk show circuit," he said. "That really turned me off. ... I would see that these people had no regard for what the true elements of what this controversy is."

The 1990 Miss Black America, Rosie Jones, has sued Tyson for \$100 million. Anderson said Jones lied in making her accusations. A message left at her home in Bridgeport, Conn., wasn't immediately returned.

Anderson directed his harshest criticism at Jones and another woman, saying they "were telling outright lies specifically for the purpose of obtaining publicity."

Anderson was less specific regarding the others. "I really, really really investigated this thing," Anderson said. "I think several of them joined the procession, the publicity procession. There were several who said he touched them but it was not a big thing."

Anderson, a Philadelphia businessman acting as his own attorney, also named as defendants the Indiana Black Expo, which holds an annual black cultural celebration, and its president, the Rev. Charles Williams, who arranged for Tyson to make promotional appearances for the pageant and the expo.

"As a result of ... (the two women) having made a brief career of lambasting Tyson and the pageant on national talk shows, coupled with my second thoughts about participating in the crucifixion of a black role model, I decided to settle my differences with all the defendants and get as far out of the mess as possible," Anderson said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

date pursuant to V.T.C.A., Election Code, Section 41.001, for the purpose of submitting the following measure:

"SHALL the City Commission of the City of Pampa, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$4,000,000 for permanent public improvements and public purposes, to wit: street construction and improvements, including drainage improvements incidental thereto and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor; such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed FORTY (40) years from their date, to be issued and sold in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Commission at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the City sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?"

SECTION 2: Paper ballots shall be used for said election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

SECTION 3: The City shall be divided into four election precincts for this election and the polling places designated for each election precinct and the persons hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for each polling place are shown in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes.

Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than six (6) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting shall be conducted at the City Secretary's office in the City Hall, 200 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Election Code.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the precinct election officer of Election Precinct No. 2 shall also serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board for this election.

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the Election Precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Election Code and Chapter 1 of Title 22, V.A.T.C.S., and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this resolution shall serve as said notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted at three (3) public places within the City and at the City Hall not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, the first of said publications to appear in said newspaper not more than thirty (30) days and not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the day of the election.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 12th day of November, 1991.

Richard Peet
Mayor, City of Pampa, Texas
ATTEST:
Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
City of Pampa, Texas

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

(ADVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Pampa, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Pampa, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 1992, for voting in a special election for the adoption of an additional one-half of one percent sales and use tax within the city to be used to reduce the property tax rate; and the adoption of a sales and use tax for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises at the rate of one-half of one percent to be imposed for ten (10) years. (Notifique por las presente; que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo seran abiertas desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la noche el día 18 de enero de 1992, para votar en la eleccion especial para elegir un impuesto de ventas de medio por ciento (1/2%) y usar el impuesto dentro la ciudad para reducir el precio de impuestos de la propiedad; y la adopcion de impuesto de ventas y usar el impuesto para la promocion y desenvolvimiento de negocios nuevos al precio de medio de un por ciento (1/2%) que sera puesto por diez (10) años.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION (ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Ward 1, William B. Travis School Distrito 1, Edificio Escolar William B. Travis
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Ward 3, Lovett Memorial Library Distrito 3, Edificio de Lovett Biblioteca Memorial
Ward 4, Horace Mann School Distrito 4, Edificio Escolar Horace Mann

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 11, 1992 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at: (La votacion en ausencia en persona sera conducida cada dia y el sabado el 11 de enero de 1992 desde las 10:00 a.m. hasta las 2:00 p.m. en):

Main Floor, City Hall
El Primer Piso de la casa Consistorial

The Oficina de la Secretariza de la Ciudad de Pampa Localizada en el Edificio Municipal de Pampa. Issued this 18th day of December, 1991 (Emitada este día el 18 de Diciembre, 1991.)

Richard D. Peet
Mayor
December 19, 1991

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GRAY
CITY OF PAMPA
TO THE RESIDENT
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF
THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Pampa, Texas on the 18th day of January, 1992, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the City Commission which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION ordering a bond election to be held in the City of Pampa, Texas, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pampa, Texas hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said City in the amount and for the purpose hereinafter identified; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 18th day of January, 1992 in the City of Pampa, Texas, which date is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of the adoption hereof and is a uniform election

PUBLIC NOTICE

a cabo una eleccion para determinar si se debera autorizar a dicho cuerpo gubernativo a emitir bonos de dicha ciudad para un total y con el fin mas adelante identificados; por consiguiente,

ES RESUELTO POR LA COMISION MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE PAMPA, TEXAS:

SECCION 1: Una eleccion tendra lugar el día 18 de enero de 1992 en la ciudad de Pampa, Texas fecha que no sea menos que quince (15) días antes ni más que noventa (90) días después de la fecha de aprobacion de esta y que sea una fecha regular de elecciones de acuerdo con el Código de Elecciones, V.T.C.A., Seccion 41.001; con el fin de presentar la siguiente medida:

"SE DEBERA autorizar a la comision Municipal de la Ciudad de Pampa, Texas, a emitir bonos de obligacion general de la ciudad por la cantidad principal de \$4,000,000 para mejoras publicas permanentes y para propósito publico, a saber: para construir mejoras de calles, incluyendo el mejoramiento de drenaje pertenientes a esto y la compra de terrenos y derecho de via para esto; dichos bonos a vencer en serie o de otro modo por un período a no sobrepasar CUARENTA (40) años a partir de la fecha, a ser emitidos y vendidos en una o más series al precio o precios y a devengar interés a la tasa o tasas (fijo, flotante, variable o de otro modo) como sea determinado a voluntad de la Comision Municipal de la Ciudad de Pampa, Texas; se deberá recaudar impuestos ad valorem a todo bien imponible en la ciudad suficientes para pagar el interés anual y para establecer fondos de amortizacion para pagar los bonos al vencer."

SECCION 2: Se utilizarán balotas electorales de papel en esta eleccion, y se prepararán cuyas balotas de acuerdo con el Código De Elecciones, V.T.C.A., y se permitirá que los electores voten "EN PRO" o "EN CONTRA" a la mencionada medida que se presentará básicamente de la siguiente forma:

"LA EMISION DE \$4,000,000 EN BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL PARA MEJORAS DE CALLES. Se dividirá la Ciudad en cuatro (4) recintos electorales para esta eleccion y se señalarán los lugares para votar y las personas por este acto nombradas como juez actuante y juez actuante suplente de cada lugar para votar en la Exhibición A que se encuentra dentro por referencia como parte de esta para todo objeto práctico.

Cada juez actuante nombrará no menos que dos (2) ni más que seis (6) oficiales calificados para trabajar y ayudar en llevar a cabo dicha eleccion; con tal que si el juez actuante particular aquí dentro nombrado desempeña sus funciones, el juez actuante suplente de su lugar para votar será uno de los oficiales.

Durante el día de eleccion, los lugares para votar estarán abiertos desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la noche.

Se registrarán los votos de la primera eleccion en la oficina del Secretario Municipal en la Casa Municipal, 200 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, Texas, de acuerdo con las estipulaciones en el Código de Elecciones, V.T.C.A.

Con el fin de revisar las balotas dadas en votos hechos en la primera eleccion, los oficiales electorales del recinto designado para votar en el día de la eleccion, dichos electores votarán en el lugar para votar nombrados como recinto electorales en donde tienen su domicilio. Se dirigirá y se llevará a cabo esta eleccion de acuerdo con la Exhibición A que se encuentra dentro de la V.T.C.A., Código Electoral fuera de las modificaciones hechas en el capítulo 1 de Título 22, V.A.T.C.S.; y como sea requerido por la ley, se imprimirá todo material y procesamiento electoral para esta eleccion tanto en inglés como en español.

SECCION 5: Una copia fidedigna de esta resolución servirá como aviso adecuado de dicha eleccion. Se fijará dicho aviso, incluyendo una reduccion a las personas en este, en tres (3) lugares públicos dentro de la Ciudad y en la Casa Municipal no menos que catorce (14) días antes de la fecha establecida para dicha eleccion, y se publicará el mismo día de dos semanas sucesivas, en un periódico de circulación general en dicha ciudad, se hará la primera de dichas publicaciones de esto en dicho periódico no más que treinta (30) días ni menos que catorce (14) días antes del día de eleccion.

ACEPTADA Y APROBADA, este día 12 de noviembre de 1991.

Richard Peet
Alcalde, Ciudad de Pampa, Texas
Atestigua:
Phyllis Jeffers
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Study links genes to autism

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists say they have found new evidence that a genetic predisposition toward autism can also promote milder mental problems in non-autistic people.

A study of parents of autistic children found they frequently had unusual difficulty in making up a simple story when given an opening line.

Previous studies have also found that close relatives of autistic children had high rates of less severe mental and social problems resembling symptoms of autism, suggesting some kind of shared genetic vulnerability.

The difficulty some parents had in the new study did not prevent them from functioning normally, said researcher Rebecca Landa. But the stories told by affected parents were often "very difficult to follow," she said.

Landa, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, presents the work in the December issue of the Journal of Speech and Hearing Research with colleagues Susan Folstein and Crystal Isaacs.

The paper adds weight to the idea that autism is one extreme on "a

spectrum of disability," linked in some cases to genetic vulnerability, said Dr. Darold Treffert, a psychiatrist in Fond du Lac, Wis., who has studied the disorder.

The term autism refers to a variety of conditions with multiple causes, including brain injury before, during or immediately after birth, he said.

It arises in infancy or childhood. Autistic children may avoid communicating with others or speak abnormally, ignore people or avoid playing with them or making friends, and show stereotyped body movements, unreasonable insistence on following detailed routines and preoccupation with one narrow interest.

The disorder is thought to result from physical malfunction in the central nervous system, rather than any psychological cause.

Studies like the new one may help researchers find ways to treat autism by revealing different types, each of which may respond to a different treatment, Treffert said.

Genes appear to play a role in at least 10 percent of autism cases and probably considerably more, said Dr. Edward R. Ritvo, professor of child psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine.

The study included 41 parents from 29 families with an autistic

child, and a comparison group of 23 adults who had no autistic children. The participants were asked to complete a story starting with, "Once there were two friends in a deep and dark cave."

Landa said prior studies show that most people produce acceptable stories with a three-part structure, which traces a problem for the characters to face, their response to the problem and the result of that response.

Two parents of autistic children declined to try the task, saying they could not tell stories. No adult in the comparison group declined.

Fourteen of the remaining parents of autistic children produced particularly poor narratives, as did three adults in the comparison group, for percentages of 34 percent versus 13 percent.

The poor narratives were very difficult to follow or failed to include the three-part structure of a normal story, Landa said. In some cases ideas were improperly connected, such as with a "because" when no cause-and-effect relationship existed. Some narratives also included excess scene-setting detail that had no bearing on the plot, she said.

Analysis showed the poor performances could not be explained by IQ, social class or cultural characteristics.

Women's deaths ruled homicide; murder charges expected

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Jack Kevorkian, who used his suicide machines to help two women kill themselves in October, expects to be charged with murder now that a medical examiner has listed homicide as the cause of their deaths.

Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson said he would announce today whether to file murder charges against the 63-year-old retired pathologist, whose medical license has been suspended.

In filing the two women's death certificates Wednesday, Oakland County Medical Examiner Dr. Ljubisa J. Dragovic said the deaths were not suicides because "suicide is reserved for self-inflicted death."

"In this situation, all the evidence indicates these deaths were brought about by another person," he said.

On Oct. 23, Kevorkian called police to a cabin where he had helped two women — one with mul-

tipl sclerosis and the other with a painful pelvic disease — commit suicide. One was hooked up to a machine that administered a lethal injection, the other inhaled carbon monoxide through a mask. Kevorkian invented both devices.

In 1990, Kevorkian hooked an Alzheimer's patient to a machine that gave her a lethal injection when she pressed a button. A murder charge against him was dismissed by a judge who ruled Michigan has no law against assisted suicide.

The law still stands while lawmakers consider proposals to change it.

The Michigan Board of Medicine voted unanimously last month to suspend Kevorkian's license for helping the three women kill themselves.

Kevorkian and his lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger, told WXYZ-TV on Wednesday that they expected murder charges to be filed today.

Attempts by The Associated Press to reach the two men were unsuccessful. There was no answer at Kevorkian's apartment in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak on Wednesday night or at Fieger's office in nearby Southfield. Fieger's home number is not listed.

But Kevorkian told the TV station he was performing his duties as a doctor to ease pain and suffering.

"All that counts to me is the welfare of a patient," he said. "That's all that matters."

After the October deaths, Fieger released a videotape in which the two women, Sherry Miller, 43, of Roseville, and Marjorie Wantz, 58, of Sodus, are seen — in the presence of family members and Kevorkian — outlining their wishes to die.

Neither was terminally ill.

Fieger told the station the medical examiner's ruling was politically motivated.

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