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The Pampa News

Pampa, Texas

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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — A Pampa man arrested Oct. 31 and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver was indicted by a Gray County grand jury Tuesday.

Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 31, 1100 Prairie Dr., continues free on \$20,000 bond following his arrest at 1041 Prairie Dr., where Gray County law enforcement officers picked up four large rocks and 30 to 40 small rocks of crack on Oct. 31. The street value of the drug was reported at \$10,000.

Bobby Dean Weldon Jr., 42, 736 N. Banks, was indicted on a charge of failure to stop and render aid.

According to court records, on Oct. 29, 1993, Weldon was in a motor vehicle accident with Rodney Earl Roberson. Weldon allegedly left the scene of the accident without giving his name to any and without giving assistance to Roberson. He is free on \$5,000 bond.

Also indicted was Deborah Jean Williams, 33, who is charged with forgery by making. Her bond is \$2,500.

STATE

AUSTIN (AP) — A couple tired of seeing neighborhood Christmas decorations destroyed by pranksters decided to attach an alarm to their trimmings for protection.

Within days, they had nabbed a possible perpetrator — a bike-riding 15-year-old who allegedly dragged a string of lights.

The teen was caught when Carol Campbell heard the alarm, tracked him down a few streets away and called police. An officer took the youth and his bike home.

"We're tired of having grinchies coming along and tearing out our lights," she said. "I'm hoping this is going to be the end of it. Our alarm is still set, and we're just going to wait."

The Campbells' display, which includes about 3,000 lights, was vandalized four times since November, she said. About 10 neighborhood homes have been attacked since Thanksgiving.

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Loto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$3 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 8, 24, 44, 45 and 46.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 90 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$2,004. There were 5,678 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$115. And there were 113,864 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$10 million.

NATION

BALTIMORE (AP) — A boy has been charged with murdering his best friend with a sawed-off shotgun the two 10-year-olds found in an alley near their homes.

William Munford, 10, died of a single shot to the chest Wednesday, police said.

The suspect, who was to appear in juvenile court this afternoon, pointed the gun at William and fired, Detective Albert Marcus said.

"It is our determination at this point that this was a willful act," said Robert Weinhold, a police spokesman. Police charged the boy with first-degree murder and a weapons violation, but did not release his name because of his age.

The victim's mother and neighbors insisted the shooting must have been accidental.

"I don't think it was meant to be," said neighbor Gloria Jacobs. "The children were friends. They played together every day."

William had told his mother that he knew where he could find a real gun, but she said she told him not to go near it.

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Subway firebombing suspect arrested

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A man critically injured by a firebomb that shot flames through a crowded subway car was arrested in his hospital bed today and charged with attempted murder and assault. Officials said extortion may have been the motive.

Edward J. Leary, a 49-year-old unemployed computer operator from Scotch Plains, N.J., was charged with 45 counts. The bomb went off in his hands, and more bomb-making materials were found in his home, Police Commissioner William Bratton said.

Leary was under police guard at Cornell Medical Center, where he was in critical condition with burns to his face, knuckles and legs. He was one of 45 people injured, four critically.

He became a suspect when he left the scene of the blast Wednesday in a busy

subway station in lower Manhattan. He was found about two miles away in another station on the other side of the East River in Brooklyn, in pain and with his pants scorched and in tatters.

Leary planned to use the firebomb in an extortion plot aimed against the Transit Authority, Bratton told a City Hall news conference this morning.

"Significant evidence," including bomb-making materials recovered at Leary's New Jersey home, led to that conclusion, Bratton said.

While he stressed the investigation was preliminary, Bratton said: "We are comfortable that this is part of a scheme to extort money. ... It appears that the subway system, the Transit Authority, may have been the intended recipient."

It was still not clear if the bomb went off accidentally or intentionally, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

Detectives questioned Leary overnight,

and state and federal investigators along with New York City officers searched Leary's home in New Jersey and an apartment he owns in Brooklyn.

Police said they were investigating whether there was any link between the explosion and another blast that injured two teen-agers Friday on a subway line in Harlem. Materials found at Leary's home were "consistent with both devices," said Bratton.

"The most we can say right now is that both devices were homemade concoctions," Transit Police Chief Michael O'Connor said late Wednesday.

The bomb apparently was assembled from a glass jar, a flammable liquid and a crude igniter, Bratton said.

The explosion of the firebomb sent holiday shoppers into hysterics, inspired acts of heroism by passengers and triggered an emergency response that tied up downtown streets for hours.

It occurred just one block east of the World Trade Center, where a terrorist bomb killed six people and hurt 1,000 in February 1993.

"I thought, 'Here we go again,'" said investment banker Mike Klein, who was passing by the station when the firebomb went off.

Passengers left behind briefcases, purses and Christmas packages as they scrambled for safety. Initially fearing more bombs might be at the scene, authorities searched every package.

Police said the bomb went off as the train sat with its doors open in the Fulton Street station, where an average of 50,000 people a day enter eight subway lines.

An off-duty Transit Police officer, Denfield Otto, was on his way to choir practice when he heard a series of popping noises. Fifteen seconds later, he said, there was an explosion and a wall of flames on his subway car.

Cartoon ornaments



(Pampa News photos by Darlene Holmes)

Linda Grant, 1215 S. Finley, places a Cabbage Patch angel atop her Christmas tree at left. Her Christmas tree has unique ornaments — miniature cartoon characters that she has been collecting for years for her four grandchildren to play with. Grant read an article in a magazine suggesting that people use what they have around the house to decorate their tree instead of buying a bunch of Christmas ornaments. So she decided to use her cartoon character miniatures. She said the grandchildren love the Christmas tree's ornaments.

Holiday schedules announced

Government offices, banks, service organizations and businesses in Pampa will have varying holiday schedules, with some being closed Friday and Monday, some closed just on Monday.

Here is a listing of holiday closings:

City of Pampa — Offices will be closed Friday and Monday, said city manager Bob Eskridge.

Police and fire emergency services will be available as usual over the Christmas holidays. Pampa Police Department expects to use extra patrols on New Year's Eve.

The landfill will be closed Saturday through Monday and will reopen for regular hours on Tuesday.

Pampa recycling center in Hobart Street Park will be closed Saturday through Wednesday and reopen Thursday, Dec. 29.

Sanitation collection routes will not run Monday, but will resume regular route service on Tuesday.

Gray County — Offices will be closed Friday and Monday, said Lodema Mitchell, secretary to County Judge Carl Kennedy.

Business will continue as usual through the holidays at Gray County Sheriff's Office, said Chief Deputy Sheriff Bob Williams. Two new deputies will be on staff and deputies will be patrolling two to a car for their training, he said.

Banks — Pampa banks will be open during their normal hours Friday, but will be closed Monday. Three banks that offer Saturday banking — Citizens Bank & Trust, First National Bank and National Bank of Commerce — will be closed this Saturday.

Post Office — Mail service will run as normal Friday and Saturday

and the package window at the Pampa Post Office will be open from 9:30 a.m. til noon on Saturday. The Post Office will be closed Monday and there will be no incoming mail at all, not even to post office boxes. In the case of Express Mail, a truck from Amarillo will deliver Express Mail letters and packages to Pampa.

Gray County Red Cross — The Red Cross office, which normally provides blood pressure checks on Fridays, will be closed Friday and Monday.

Pampa News — Business and advertising offices of The Pampa News will be closed Monday. A Sunday edition will be published, but deadlines for late news, obituaries and other items for news pages will be at 10 a.m. Saturday. For the Monday edition, news deadline will be 9:30 a.m.

Economist says consumers to see lower beef prices

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — Cattlemen may be struggling under the burden of heavy supplies of meat, but consumers will reap the benefit of lower retail prices in 1995, according to an economist with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

"Retail beef prices dropped 10 cents in 1994, reflecting increased production this year," said Jim Gill, market director with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, in his beef market forecast for the new year. "It is likely retail prices will remain mostly steady in 1995, even as fed cattle prices move above the mid to high \$60 level the industry has seen."

Ample supplies of meat could hold cattle prices down well into 1995, he said.

"Competitive meats will continue to offer stiff competition to beef prices," said Gill. "Pork production for 1995 is expected to be near 17.9 billion pounds, one percent above 1994. Total poultry production in 1995 will be near 30.9 billion pounds on a ready-to-cook basis, five percent above 1994 and the 20th consecutive year of increased poultry production."

Beef production will be near 24.4 billion pounds in 1995, one percent above the record 24.1 billion pounds this year.

"Next year will be the eighth consecutive year of record production and will put per capita consumption at 67.1 pounds on a retail weight basis," Gill said.

For cow-calf and stocker operators, increasing supplies mean lower prices, Gill said.

"The beef cow inventory on Jan. 1 will be slightly over 35 million head, about one percent higher than a year ago," he said. "Growth to around 36 million head is anticipated by 1996-97 and, along with the larger cow herd, calf crops are expected to trend slightly higher."

Because of losses suffered by cattle feeders in 1994, Gill said, the price of feeder cattle is expected to drop with 650 pound feeders averaging \$75 to \$77 per cwt for 1995, down slightly from the 1993 average of about \$80, and down sharply from the 1993 average of over \$89.

While cattle feeders have started returning to profitability after a year of losing as much as \$200 a head, the cow-calf producer and stocker operator will most likely feel the crunch through 1995 as lower prices work their way back up the production chain.

If there is a bright spot for cattle feeders, Gill said, it's the grain outlook. Corn production for 1994 will be more than 10 billion bushels, up sharply from the production in 1993 of 6.5 billion bushels and above the record set in 1992 of 9.5 million bushels.

Grain sorghum production is also up from 567 million bushels to 620 million bushels in 1994.

"Corn prices should trend below last year's level with prices likely to be near \$4.70 to \$4.90 per cwt., FOB the elevator for feedyards," Gill said. "The same will likely be true for milo, with average prices from \$4.24 to \$4.50 in 1995, with normal seasonal price movements."

Economy grew at 4 percent rate in third quarter, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy grew at a robust 4 percent annual rate in the third quarter and is on a pace for its best performance in at least six years.

Despite rising interest rates intended to slow growth, the Commerce Department reported today that consumer spending remains strong. Personal spending combined with business investment and government outlays to lead the surge in the July-September quarter.

The gross domestic product, which mea-

sures all goods and services produced in the United States, was revised upward from a month-old estimate of a 3.9 percent rate. The slight increase, attributed largely to more spending by foreign travelers here, was in line with analysts' expectations.

The stock market pushed higher in early trading, as computerized buy programs extended Wednesday's rally.

"We need consumers to be more cautious about spending in the future to bring about the slowdown that we all anticipate," said

economist Sung Won Sohn of the Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "The bottom line is the economy is doing a bit too well."

At the White House, press secretary Dee Dee Myers said, "We continue to believe that the economic fundamentals are very good: Growth is strong, very low inflationary pressure. We're very optimistic about the prospects for continued growth and a continued healthy economy."

The economy is on a pace to at least equal the 3.9 percent advance of 1988.

Any additional growth could mean the best performance since a 6.2 percent surge in 1984.

Separately, the Labor Department reported today that the number of Americans filing first-time claims for jobless benefits rose by 3,000 last week to the highest level in a month. The department said new applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 326,000 during the week ended Dec. 17, up from 323,000 a week earlier.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BRADLEY, Christopher Jay — Graveside, 2 p.m., Newton Cemetery, Newton, Kan.
HAM, Peggy Lou — 10 a.m., Church of Christ, Groom.
SPIER, J.H. Jr. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Clarendon.

Obituaries

CHRISTOPHER JAY BRADLEY

NEWTON, Kan. — Christopher Jay Bradley, 20, of Norman, Okla., a 1992 graduate of Lefors High School and grandson of a Lefors, Texas, couple, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Newton (Kan.) Cemetery under the direction of Broadway Colonial Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bradley was born Aug. 17, 1974 in Bremerhaven, Germany, where his father was stationed with the U.S. Army. He grew up in Newton and in Red Oak, Texas.

He lived for a time with his maternal grandparents in Lefors and graduated from Lefors High School in May 1992. In August 1994 he graduated from the Moore College of Photography in Moore, Okla.

Survivors include his father, J.B. Bradley of Newton, Kan.; his mother, Theresa Parks of Amarillo; his brother, Robert Bradley Parks of Oklahoma City; his paternal grandmother, Ramona Bradley of Newton; his maternal grandparents, R.M. "Dick" and Rhonda Sierman of Lefors; maternal great-grandmother, Pauline Young of Pampa, Texas; and several great-uncles, great-aunts, uncles, aunts and cousins.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

PEGGY LOU HAM

GROOM — Peggy Lou Ham, 66, of Groom, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Groom Church of Christ, with Kent Watson, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Ham was born in Boydston in Carson County and had been a lifelong resident of the area. She married C.M. Ham in 1947 at Raton, N.M. He died in 1985. Mrs. Ham had worked 25 years for the Golden Spread Grill. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Pete Ham and Sandy Ham, both of Amarillo; a sister, Verna Jo Nabours of Alvin, Texas; two brothers, Marvin Morrow of Groom and Ray Morrow of Pasco, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

CLAUDE H. KING

CHILDRESS — Claude H. King, 81, father and brother of Clarendon and White Deer residents, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994. Graveside services were to have been at 2 p.m. today in the Childress Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. King was born in Childress County and was a longtime resident of the area. He was a retired grocery salesman for Kimbell's. He married Fannie Kent in 1937 at Altus, Okla.

Survivors include his wife, Fannie, of the home; a son, Donnie King of Mesquite; two daughters, Pat McCombs of Clarendon and Peggy Neeley of Amarillo; four brothers, Euel King of Childress, Raymond King of White Deer, James King of Amarillo and A.K. King of Fritch; six sisters, Eunice Kindle of Childress, Jo Evelyn Tolbert and Trena Adams, both of Amarillo, Genevieve Shields of Ashtola, Jerry Tims of Mulshoe and Pauline Black of Fort Stockton; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

J.H. SPIER JR.

CLARENDON — J.H. Spier Jr., 73, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dan Snyder, pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mr. Spier was born in the Donley County community of McKnight and had been a resident of the area all his life. He married Wilma E. Putman in 1940 at Memphis. He was a graduate of Clarendon College and owned and operated Junior's Food Market from 1950 until his retirement in 1976. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, a longtime member of the Clarendon Lions Club and a member of First United Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma, of the home; three sons, Billy Neal Spier and Michael Gerald Spier, both of Clarendon, and Lynn Douglas Spier of Washington; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

WILLIE JANE WINEGART

Willie Jane Winegart, 93, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 1994. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Winegart was born Nov. 16, 1901 in Camden, Tenn. She had lived in Pampa many years and had lived at the Coronado Nursing Center since 1989. She married Felix E. Winegart on March 26, 1920 in Sayre, Okla. He died Feb. 12, 1982. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by five sisters, a brother, a grandson and her parents.

Survivors include five sons and four daughters-in-law, Cecil and J.C. Winegart of Spur, L.J. "Dooley" and Oneya Winegart of Lindale, Foster Winegart of Pampa, Gene and Von Winegart of McLean, and Doyle and Wilma Winegart of Edmond, Okla.; a sister, Thydas Hedger of Pampa; 23 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle.

The family will be at 1120 Willow Road in Pampa.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21

Howard Carpenter, 312 Warren, reported an egg throwing to house which occurred at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Sgt. Katie Gerhardt reported violation of narcotic drug laws at Starkweather and Foster.

Sgt. Katie Gerhardt reported information in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Betty Clay Bradford, 912 Quail, reported burglary of a motor vehicle at 701 S. Cuyler.

William Lee Kinslow, 1000 Varnon Dr., reported burglary which occurred between Monday morning and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Burglars entered through a kitchen window.

James Leon Sirls Jr., 1120 Varnon Dr., reported theft at Wilks and Faulkner which occurred 6:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Carlos Octavio Solis, 1105 E. Francis, reported theft which occurred between 9 p.m. Tuesday and 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Domestic violence - assault by contact occurred in the 900 block of Malone.

Violation of protective order occurred in the 400 block of Davis.

Officer Larry Dodd reported driving while intoxicated at Gillespie and Kingsmill at 8:58 p.m. Wednesday.

Domestic violence occurred in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive. The victim suffered blows to the forehead and back of head.

THURSDAY, Dec. 22

Officer Kyle Battin reported driving while intoxicated at 21st and Duncan on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 2:45 a.m. today.

Domestic assault was reported in the 1000 block of South Somerville. The victim suffered blows and scratches to the left cheek and right eye.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21

Marion Graves Waters, 44, Rt. 2 Box 35, was arrested at Gillespie and Kingsmill on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

THURSDAY, Dec. 22

Johnny R. Wildcat, 24, 328 N. Sumner, was arrested at 21st and Duncan on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Gordon Stanley Hulsey, 42, 516 N. Christy, was arrested at Gwendolen and Zimmers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Clyde Cornelius Sirls, 32, 1029 Huff Rd., was arrested at 1120 Varnon Dr. on a charge of public intoxication.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa:

Wheat	3.69	Chevron	44 1/2	up 1/8
Milo	3.81	Coca-Cola	51 5/8	dn 1 1/8
Corn	4.20	Diamond Sham	26 1/2	dn 1/4
		Erson	30 1/4	NC
		Halliburton	34 1/2	dn 1/4
		HealthTrust Inc.	31 7/8	up 1/8
		Ingersoll Rand	31 3/8	up 1/8
		KNE	22 1/2	dn 3/8
		Kerr McGee	46 1/8	up 3/8
		Limited	19	up 1/8
		Mapco	50 3/4	up 1/4
		Maxus	3 5/8	up 1/4
		McDonald's	28 7/8	up 1/8
		Mobil	85 1/4	up 5/8
		New Atom	16 5/8	dn 3/8
		Parker & Parsley	20 1/2	dn 5/8
		Penney's	42 5/8	NC
		Phillips	31 1/8	up 1/8
		SLB	51 1/8	up 1/4
		SPS	27 1/4	NC
		Tenneco	43	up 1/8
		Texaco	61 1/8	up 1/8
		Wal-Mart	22 1/2	NC
		New York Gold	381.50	4.76
		Silver	4.76	4.76
		West Texas Crude	17.02	

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

NOVSCO	10 3/4	NC
Occidental	19 3/8	NC

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	65.58	NC
Puritan	14.80	NC

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

Amoco	60 3/4	dn 1/8
Arco	103 1/8	dn 1/4
Cabot	28 1/8	NC
Cabot O&G	13 7/8	up 1/8

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Pampa
 Palmer Cotham
 Ruth Downs
 Eula Meers
 Jennifer Meyers
 Henry Moore

Canadian
 Felipa Montano

Shamrock
 Deborah Dion

Births
 To Mrs. Deborah Dion of Shamrock, a girl.

Dismissals

Pampa
 Ashley Jones
Lefors
 William Tillman

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Shamrock
 Virginia Clay

Dismissals
Shamrock
 Katie Close

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today. No arrests were reported.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21

Broadbent Salvage, Baer Street, reported theft. Barricades Unlimited reported theft.

Fires

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

5:28 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the Jordan Unit prison east of Pampa.

Emergency numbers

Energas.....665-5777
 SPS.....669-7432
 Water.....669-5830

Clinton faces end of year with major posts to fill, including ag secretary

By NANCY BENAC
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has a list of appointments to make that's getting as long as his Christmas list. He's likely to start filling some slots this week, starting with agriculture secretary, and let others slide through the holidays.

The agriculture job is the highest-profile opening, with outgoing Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., emerging as the likely choice, officials said Wednesday.

"He's pretty much made up his mind, but he hasn't dotted the last 'i' yet," one White House official said of Clinton, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Glickman's appointment would please moderates, who are urging Clinton to shift toward the center after the Democrats' devastating midterm election losses.

Aides said the president could announce his choice as early as today, although the appointment could just as easily slip into next year.

Glickman would replace Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, who resigned effective Dec. 31 during an investigation into gifts he received from individuals and firms doing business with the Agriculture Department.

Clinton has other jobs to fill as he gets his team in place for the second half of his term. Today is press secretary Dee Dee Myers' last day on

the job, for example. State Department spokesman Michael McCurry is considered likely to replace Myers, who resigned.

Myers' resignation comes several weeks after Chief of Staff Leon Panetta made it clear he wanted someone else in her job. After appealing directly to Clinton, Myers got a promotion and a bigger office — but it was understood she would leave at the end of the year.

The others include: — National Economic Council chairman: Clinton has named Chairman Robert Rubin to take over as treasury secretary from Lloyd Bentsen, who retired today. Erskine Bowles, the deputy White House chief of staff, was initially expected to replace Rubin, but Clinton is so happy with Bowles in his current job that the president is reluctant to let him go.

— Political director: The incumbent, Joan Baggett, departs Dec. 31. Veteran party operative Doug Sosnick is the favorite to replace her. If Clinton decides instead to give Sosnick a post with the Democratic National Committee, Clinton-Gore campaign veteran Debbie Wilhite could get the White House job.

— Democratic Party chairman: The candidate mentioned most often is Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd, who narrowly lost a bid to become Senate minority leader. Outgoing Tennessee Gov. Ned McWherter was mentioned as a candidate, but he says he doesn't want the job and plans to act

as informal adviser to Clinton in the new year.

— Surgeon general: Clinton fired Joycelyn Elders, effective Dec. 31, after she said schools should consider teaching about masturbation. The president is not close to replacing her.

In the agriculture search, Glickman and Deputy Secretary Richard E. Rominger were Clinton's top candidates. Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, the 14-year chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, also was under serious consideration.

But officials, citing Glickman's vast experience with farm legislation, said his candidacy had recently gained momentum.

Glickman bucked the White House by voting against the new world trade agreement, but he enjoys the friendship and support of White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

Geography could work against him. Kansas already has Republican politicians in two influential spots: Incoming Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and incoming House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts.

Glickman, 50, of Wichita, served on the House Agriculture Committee and helped draft the last three farm bills. He lost his bid for re-election to a 10th term.

The outgoing Intelligence Committee chairman, Glickman said he had heard nothing new but felt good about his chances.

Court report

COUNTY COURT

Criminal

An order was entered revoking the misdemeanor probation of Steven Joe Guzman.

Charles Wayne Jones pleaded guilty to reckless conduct. He was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$800 fine and \$135 court costs.

Arturo Villarreal pleaded guilty to reckless conduct. He was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$800 fine and \$135 court costs.

Victor Ray Hutchison pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was assessed \$300 fine, two years probation and \$210 court costs.

Kenney Davis pleaded no contest to harassment. He was assessed six months probation, \$165 court costs and \$100 fine.

Pamela L. Detour pleaded guilty to theft of property by check - Class B. She was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$150 fine and \$1,108.89 restitution.

Robert Edward Cashola pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was assessed \$300 fine, two years probation and \$210 court costs.

Ricardo Martinez pleaded guilty to failure to identify. He was assessed \$100 fine, three days in jail with credit for time served, \$140 restitution and \$135 court costs.

Cindy Kay Frith pleaded nolo contendere to theft \$20-\$500. She was assessed three months deferred adjudication probation, \$40 fine and \$135 court costs.

Vivian Eufemio Botello pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily injury. She was assessed \$150 fine, one year probation and \$135 court costs.

An order was entered to revoke the probation and

order the arrest of Melton David Dees because he is delinquent in fine and probation fees; failed to furnish proof of completion of the required driving while intoxicated education class within 180 days of judgment; and failed to report to the probation office.

An order was entered that the state of Texas recover \$2,000 from Jose Guadalupe Betancourt because he did not appear for trial on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of services - Class B against Loyd Dean Morris because the evidence is insufficient.

An order was entered to grant restricted driving privileges for Troyce Glen Brewer.

An order was entered revoking the probation of Vereanki Roynell Roland because the defendant failed to report to the probation department, left the county without permission and failed to pay court costs, fine, probation fees and restitution. Roland was assessed 15 days in jail, \$140 fine, \$241 court costs and \$366 restitution.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft \$20-\$200 against Miles Colbert because he has been indicted and this case will be taken into consideration with the felony.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of criminal mischief \$200-\$750 against Sherry Lorraine Barnett because complaining witness has become unavailable.

Marriage licenses issued

James Dearth Martin and Marcala Dawn Shackelford
 James Brian Smith and Brenda Louise Coples
 Christopher Leo Keller and Consuelo Rifa Villarreal
 Charles Ernest Kane and Anne Kathleen Lucas

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Clear tonight, with a low near 30. Partly cloudy Friday with a high near 60. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. For the holiday weekend, partly cloudy skies with overnight lows near 30. The high Saturday will be in the middle 50s, turning cooler with daytime highs reaching only into the upper 40s by Monday. The high Wednesday was 56; the overnight low was 25.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, fair. Lows in the 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in upper 20s. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs near 60.

North Texas

Tonight, partly cloudy northeast, fair elsewhere. Lows 32 northwest to 38 southeast. Friday, partly cloudy and a bit warmer. Highs 58 northwest to 63 southwest.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly fair. Lows in the 20s Hill Country, 30s south central. Friday, increasing cloudiness. Highs near 60 Hill Country to 60s south central. Coastal Bend: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from near 40 inland to 40s coast. Friday, increasing cloudiness. Highs from 60s inland to near 60 coast.

BORDER STATES

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Respiratory illness spreading in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A flu-like respiratory illness that hits infants the hardest is sweeping through the San Antonio area, health officials say.

Respiratory syncytial virus, known as RSV, has been filling local hospital pediatric units since about Thanksgiving.

"We are seeing an RSV epidemic now," said Dr. William Parry, medical director of ambulatory services at Santa Rosa Children's Hospital.

Parry said his hospital began clearing extra space, "and we're full up to the brim."

Further proof comes from University Hospital, which had six positive laboratory cultures for RSV last December and already has had 46 this year, said Kathy Stellato, the hospital's director of clinical virology.

"Traditionally RSV peaks in February and March, so we may see even higher figures in those months

if we're starting this early and this heavy," she said.

RSV is the most common cause of serious respiratory infections in children under age 4; 95 percent of the cases involved children under age 1.

About 80,000 children across the country are hospitalized with the virus each year, most often newborns, infants, and those with an underlying medical problem that puts them at greater risk for complications.

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North Korea returns pilot's body

By JU-YEON KIM
Associated Press Writer

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — North Korea returned the body of an American pilot today, and a U.S. congressman said the communist nation will free his detained co-pilot soon.

Rep. Bill Richardson, who helped negotiate the repatriation of Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon's body, predicted today that Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall will be home by Christmas.

He had no commitment, though, that would happen.

Richardson said he had reached an agreement with North Korea that calls for the release of Hall, who also was aboard the unarmed U.S. Army OH-58C helicopter that strayed into North Korean territory last Saturday. "To make the agreement fully certifiable and successful, Bobby Hall must return," Richardson said at a news conference after leaving North Korea. "I think Bobby Hall will return... very soon."

Earlier today, Richardson accompanied the rough reddish-brown casket carrying Hilemon's body as the North Koreans handed it over at the border crossing in the truce village of Panmunjom.

North Korea has said its troops shot down the chopper. There was no way for U.S. officials to confirm that, however, without talking with Hall.

Richardson told reporters he was unable to see Hall, but was able to convey a message of love from Hall's wife. The North Koreans have said Hall is in good condition but won't be released until they complete their investigation into the incident.

"Their claim was that their military authorities had to investigate the movement of the helicopter into their airspace," Richardson said on NBC's *Today* show. "They were worried about conspiracy theories and acceleration of tension."

But he said he believes the North Koreans are now convinced it was an accident and will release Hall soon.

On a frosty day with beams of sunlight breaking through the clouds, Richardson crossed the border before the casket and shook hands with the 10 U.N. liaison officers waiting on the South Korean side.

They went as a group to the North Korean side to inspect the coffin. A North Korean honor guard in green overcoats carried the rectangular box to the demarcation line.

As U.N. officers saluted, the coffin was carried about 100 yards by a seven-man U.N. honor guard in dress uniforms of their individual countries.

The U.N. flag was draped over the coffin and tied down as a white plastic bag carrying Hilemon's possessions was carried over. After a minute of silence, a minister said a brief prayer.

The body taken to a military hospital at Yongsan U.S. military base near central Seoul. It was to be flown later to Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco for an autopsy.

The helicopter incident has strained ties between the United States and reclusive North Korea just as they were beginning to ease.

"We certainly welcome this humanitarian move," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Wednesday, adding that the United States was demanding Hall's release "in time for the Christmas holiday."

Defense Secretary William Perry said evidence indicates the helicopter crossed into North Korea by mistake.

"I believe the pilot made a mistake, and for many reasons we regret that mistake, but I do not believe the mistake warranted shooting down the helicopter," Perry said.

Texas drivers to get new licenses

AUSTIN - The new and improved Texas drivers' license will be available about May 1 in Pampa, says Kim Smith, Department of Public Safety's assistant manager of license issuance bureau.

The agency is unveiling a new, more secure license beginning in January.

"We're always looking for new ways to prevent criminals from using driver licenses for illegal purposes," said DPS director Col. James R. Wilson.

"The new licenses and identification cards will be much harder to forge or alter. A real bonus is that the same technology that makes the new licenses more secure will greatly reduce the time it takes to get the card into the hands of the owner."

New licenses will be available in all 243 towns and cities with driver's license offices later in the year.

Current licenses need not be replaced. They will continue to be valid until their expiration date. Fees remain the same.

The new licenses will have a look similar to a credit card, but will be easy to distinguish because of images of the Texas flag and seal against a beige background. Digital imaging technology also will enhance the licensees' photographs.

"The new format will include a magnetic stripe, a bar code and a special laminate to maximize security," said Judy Sibert, DPS project manager for the digital image driver license system.

"Licenses issued for Texans under the age of 21 will look different from regular licenses, making it easier for merchants to determine a customer's age," she said.

Application and renewal procedures will change very little. Applicant's thumb prints will be taken using imaging equipment, eliminating the mess of ink. Photos will be taken with video cameras linked with computers, allowing technicians to better assure a good likeness of the applicant.



Above is a sample of the new Texas driver's license that will be issued beginning next year. Below is a sample of the new license that will be issued to drivers who are under age 21.



"A real benefit to licensees is that the new system will allow us to get the license into their hands in fewer than 10 days, instead of the current four to six weeks," Sibert said. "And as merchants adopt equipment capable of reading the magnetic stripe, these new cards will speed up check acceptance." Sibert said another security feature will be a laminate embossed with the word TEXAS and in lines on the front. The TEXAS will glow under ultraviolet light. Drivers with good records will continue to be able to renew for a second four-year period without returning to a license office. The last major change in licenses was made in 1968, when pictures were added and the use of paper licenses was discontinued except for temporary licenses, learner's permits and certain special needs licenses.

Bush speaks against new emissions test

By The Associated Press

Gov.-elect George Bush says a new federally mandated vehicle emissions testing program scheduled to begin next month is "too onerous and inconvenient for Texans."

Bush made the comment Wednesday after meeting privately with two of the state's top environmental officials. He expressed reservations about the program, joining a growing number of state officials who want the testing program changed.

Bush urged the officials to consider the possibility of canceling the testing company's contract and delaying the program that is now scheduled to begin in January.

"The governor-elect hasn't ruled anything out," Bush's spokesman

Reggie Bashur told reporters, describing the contract cancellation and program delay as part of the "universe of options" Bush wants considered.

"The governor-elect believes the program in its current form is too onerous and inconvenient for Texans," Bashur said. "The governor wants to see alternatives that will provide more flexibility and convenience. He opposes the program in its current form."

Ironically the testing was established by amendments to the Clean Air Act signed by then-President George Bush. The states are required to establish programs to test vehicle emissions once every two years in polluted areas.

Texas has four such regions — Houston-Galveston, Dallas-Fort

Worth, Beaumont-Port Arthur and El Paso. Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Longview have borderline air quality and could be added to the program if pollution levels rise.

Spokesman Ed Clark of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission said that although the agency is pursuing options, the start-up date remains unchanged.

Just last week, the federal Environmental Protection Agency said that it is re-evaluating the requirement for centralized test centers and that it will allow states flexibility in meeting clean-air standards.

Clark emphasized that federal authorities have the final say.

"It may be a month or two before the EPA issues guidelines on what they mean by flexibility," he said.

White House criticizes book advance for Gingrich

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House criticized incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich today for accepting a multimillion-dollar book advance. "I think it needs to be looked at," press secretary Dee Dee Myers said.

On her last day on the job, Myers raised questions about Gingrich's decision to accept advance payment from Harper-Collins for editing and writing two non-fiction books. The Washington Post, which first reported the deal in today's editions, said Gingrich will receive about \$4 million.

"I think that it raises some very important questions. I think it needs to be looked at," Myers said. "I think in the past, people in public office have taken... royalties because your books sell, but this is the first time, I think, (involving) an advance of this size by... somebody

in public office like this. And I think it raises questions."

Myers, whose resignation takes effect today, said the questions involve "the size of the advance, the timing of the advance."

Speaking to a roomful of reporters, Myers said, "I'm sure all of you will make it your business to get the answers to those questions."

Gingrich spokesman Tony Blankley confirmed Wednesday night that Gingrich will receive an

advance "in the seven figures" from Harper-Collins for the two books. Asked about the Post's \$4 million report, Gingrich aide Allen Lipsett said, "That's about the figure I've heard."

Harper-Collins, a part of Rupert Murdoch's media empire, has enjoyed commercial success publishing books by other conservatives, including former Vice President Dan Quayle and former White House aide Oliver North.

ATF rehires two agents fired for cult raid

DALLAS (AP) — Two federal officers fired for not calling off last year's ill-fated raid on David Koresh and his well-armed followers are back on the payroll.

Phillip Chojnacki and Chuck Sarabyn got their jobs back Wednesday, 16 months after a Treasury report blamed them for the disaster and seven weeks after they appealed to be rehired.

The agents and their attorneys came up with a settlement with the government that provides them with full back pay and benefits, and removes the incident from their personnel files.

They get to spend the holidays with their families, then return to the job Jan. 9.

By settling, the agents avoided a potentially traumatic hearing that would have forced them and others to relive the Feb. 28, 1993, shootout that claimed the lives of four agents and six Branch Davidians.

"That certainly was an important aspect to Phil and Chuck," said attorney Gail Dickenson, who represented Chojnacki. "They didn't want to put other people through it."

Following the firefight, a 51-day standoff ensued until a fire on April 19, 1993, destroyed the group's compound, killing Koresh and more than 70 followers.

Chojnacki and Sarabyn went on temporary leave following the release of a September 1993 Treasury report that blamed them for gross negligence in the Feb. 28, 1993, siege on Koresh's prairie home outside Waco.

They remained on leave until being fired in a letter dated Oct. 26. On Oct. 31, they appealed the decision to the Merit Systems Protection Board, through which federal civil service workers can petition disciplinary actions.

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Opinion

Time to rethink
U.S.' world role

The apparent victory of the Bosnian Serb forces in the town of Bihac, designated by the United Nations as a "safe area," should call into question more than the tactics used by U.N. forces or the precise wording of some U.N. Security Council resolution. It should inspire a fundamental rethinking of the role of the United States in the post-Cold War world, including whether participation in international organizations designed in a previous era is a good idea.

To be sure, it could be premature to declare a victory for the Bosnian Serb forces. Just a month ago, Bosnian government forces burst from their enclave in Bihac and pushed Serbian troops backward in what was considered their most successful offensive of this long, drawn-out, bloody and tragic war. Alleged authorities exulted quietly, and the United States announced an end to its participation in an arms embargo against the Bosnian government.

But the Bosnian Serbs seem to have more troops and more weapons than the Bosnian government. They got assistance from Serbian forces in nearby Croatia, who were supposed to have been held in check by U.N. "peacekeepers." It could well be true, as U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry came very close to declaring, that the Serbian forces have to all intents and purposes won the war in Bosnia. The latest cease-fire, negotiated by former President Jimmy Carter this week, may not change that status.

The sad war makes almost all the foreign forces that have intervened or dropped in to offer advice look foolish — from the United Nations to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to the European Union to the U.S. State Department. None of these organizations had a good idea of what was actually happening on the ground in Bosnia, a coherent notion of what the real interests of their organizations and constituents were in the conflict, or plans to advance those interests.

What might be learned from this debacle?

For starters, we should consider the real possibility that the interests of the United States and the interest of various European countries in the Bosnian conflict are very different. While any human being is appalled at the bloodshed and hatred, the United States has, to be frank, little if any genuine national interest at stake in the Bosnian war. Several European countries might well have vital interests — if not in the outcome per se, in the possibility of refugees coming across borders.

Reluctance to admit that American and European interests are different, that a trans-Atlantic organization such as NATO might not be a useful tool for dealing with the conflict, has led to the kind of backbiting and cat-fights we are now seeing between American and European leaders. If that leads to more fundamental questions about whether NATO, along with the United Nations, is needed in a world without a serious Soviet threat to Western Europe, it could be a useful if needlessly bitter exercise.

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Computers and writing trade

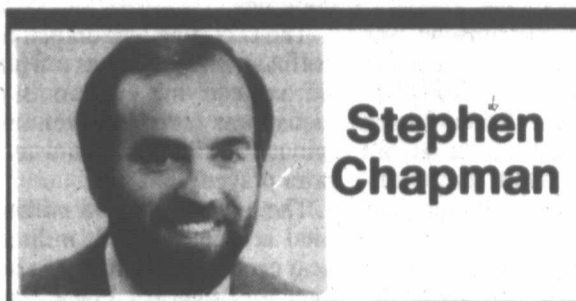
Editor's Note: Stephen Chapman is on vacation. The following column was originally published in July 1986.

Computers have taken over mathematical calculations, aerial dogfights, automobile design, telephone transmissions and a host of other tasks that used to be done by slow-witted, clumsy, fallible humans. It was only a matter of time before they started poking their noses into writing.

"The latest in personal-computer software tries to help people write better," reports *The Wall Street Journal*. "It fixes misspellings, offers synonyms, catches sexist words, flags clichés and even rates a piece of writing against the Gettysburg Address." Some programs sound alarms upon spotting overly long sentences or the dreaded passive construction (as in, "My article was criticized by the computer" instead of "The computer criticized my article").

The improvement of writing, granted, is a noble goal. Anyone who has a perverse taste for legal briefs and think-tank monographs, as I do, will welcome anything that promises to clarify murky prose. Some of the readers who write me letters could use a device to cool overheated rhetoric, although it's probably too much to expect that one of these programs could be incorporated into a green felt-tip pen.

Still, I have mixed feelings about the growing ability of computers to combat bad writing. My initial reaction to the news was positive. First, it occurred to me that this would make it possible to turn editing over to machines. My heart was gladdened at the prospect of mass unemployment among dozens of editors who, over the years, have

Stephen
Chapman

taken sadistic pleasure in mutilating my carefully fashioned paragraphs.

My second reaction was that this advance would also make writing much easier. As it is, writing a column means absorbing a small mountain of facts, weighing a host of conflicting arguments, organizing my thoughts, putting them into words and polishing those words into the gleaming prose my readers have come to expect. This, as you may imagine, is a Herculean task for which no amount of money can properly compensate, though a doubling of my salary would help a little.

I envisioned the day when I would be able to punch a few instructions into my computer — say, "Figure out what should be done about the world debt crisis" — and have it produce a column suitable for publication, freeing your overworked polemicist to spend the rest of the day casting lures instead of aspirations.

Medieval monks, upon hearing of the invention of the printing press, entertained similar hopes, and some probably went so far as to buy new golf clubs. They were disappointed. It slowly dawned on me

that a computer which could produce a column for me at the touch of a button could do the same thing for my superiors, thus enabling them to dispense with me entirely. Previously dormant Luddite impulses promptly welled up within me, and only an alert security guard restrained me from using a tire iron on my VDT.

But for now, there's no reason for writers to worry. The history of computers in making humans obsolete is not exactly unblemished. Witness the continuing plague of erroneous bills, balky cash machines and computers that are almost always on the blink. If I fail to turn in my column on time, my editor can relieve his frustration through vigorous screaming. If a computer misses its deadline, he can only weep.

Nor are these particular programs all they pretend to be. My home computer's word processing program notes any word I use that doesn't appear in its internal dictionary. To judge from the profusion of unrecognized words, the dictionary contains about 16 entries. One program examined by *The Wall Street Journal*, when asked to evaluate the Gettysburg Address, lamented its "weak, wordy writing style."

I suspect the real problem, though, is that the software is designed not by professional writers, but by computer nerds. How else could you get a program that makes fun of the Gettysburg Address? So, being a man of varied talents, I have created my own software, which writes columns automatically. This is the first product. If you aren't satisfied with the result, don't blame me — there must be a bug in the program.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 1994. There are nine days left in the year.

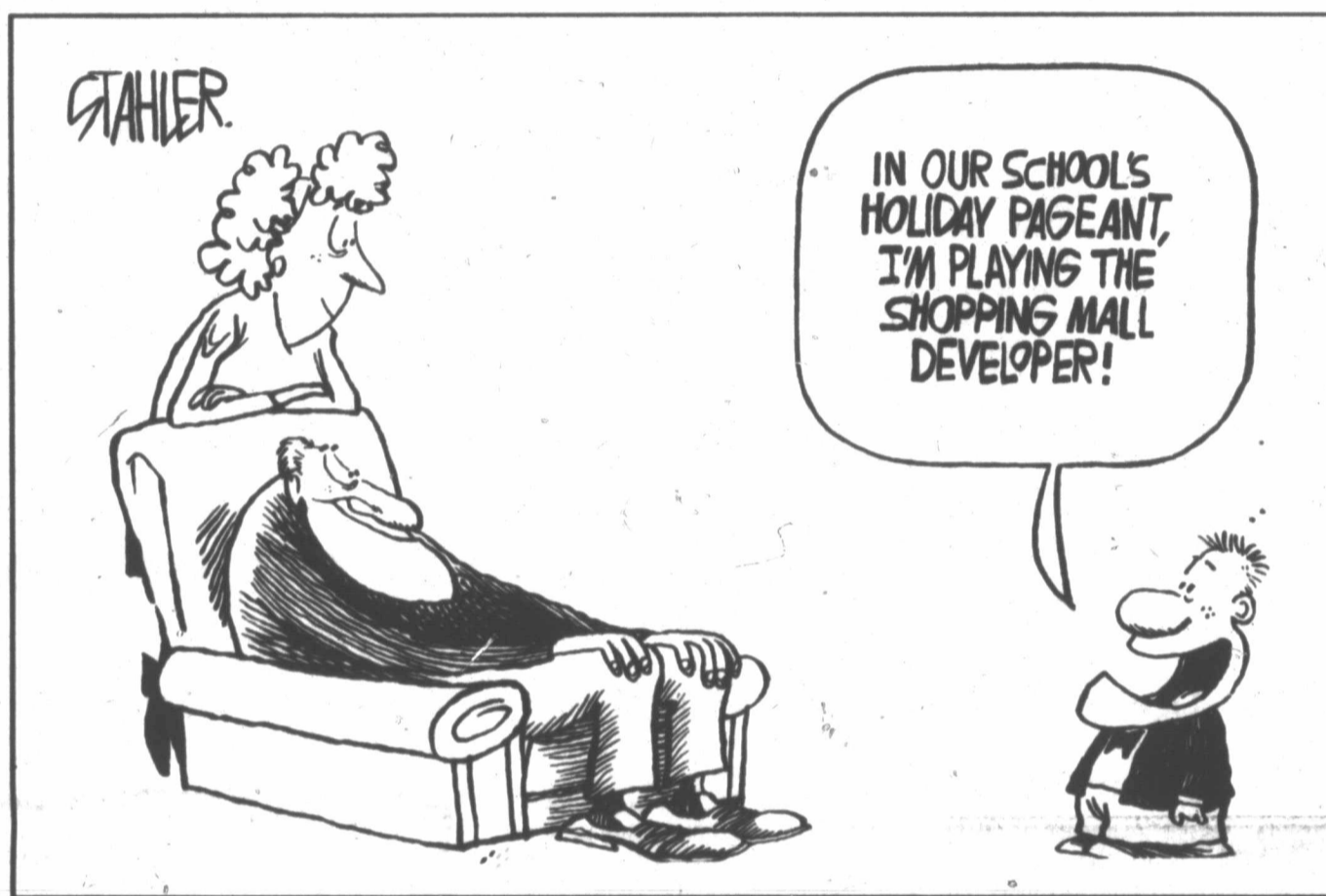
Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the Germans demanded the surrender of encircled American troops at Bastogne, Belgium. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied: "Nuts!" Additional U.S. forces ended the siege four days later.

On this date:

In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies under the command of Ezekiel Hopkins.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln from Georgia, saying, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."



Moral swamps tough to travel

Charley Reese

When the law gets out of kilter with morality, confusion results. For example, in Florida, a woman may abort her baby, but if she uses crack while she's pregnant, she can be charged with child abuse.

Wait a minute. Let's get this straight. A woman may terminate the life of her child as long as it is in the womb and she hires an abortionist to do it. But otherwise, she is criminally liable if she harms the baby in the womb.

Does that make sense to you? Of course, it doesn't. Another young woman recently shot herself in the abdomen while pregnant and has been charged with murder. Now let's get this straight. It's not murder to have a child in the womb killed by an abortionist; it is murder if the mother does the job herself.

Does that make sense to you? Of course, it doesn't. But the silliness isn't over. In Florida, a school nurse cannot give a child an aspirin for a headache without written permission from the parents, but the child can get an abortion — a far more serious medical intervention, to use the jargon of the trade — without notifying her parents.

Does that make sense to you? Of course, it doesn't. This screwball situation arises when judges make decisions based on ideology and social fads rather than on law. The law, properly, is a reflection of a moral code. But when the law is perverted to

achieve social or ideological goals, it frequently becomes immoral.

Support for legalized abortion has grown from two sources. One is the population control movement — an elitist movement, by the way, that originally wanted to curtail the growth of humans which the elites considered undesirable and inferior. The other is the feminist movement.

Feminist ideologues reasoned that if women are to be freed from what their ideology dictates is a state of near slavery to man, then women must be free to decide if they wish to have babies.

There is nothing wrong with that. I agree, provided the woman makes the decision before she gets pregnant. Unfortunately, feminist ideology wanted to relieve women of any moral responsibility, ironically, in the name of "controlling their own bodies." Thus, they push and continue to push hard for commercialized abortion on demand.

And that's where I part company. After conception takes place, an abortion is not controlling the woman's body, it's killing the baby's body. As unpleasant as it is to use the word "kill," that's what

abortion means. It is the deliberate ending of the life of a human being in an early stage of growth.

After conception, the new human being is genetically complete. Everything it will always be is already determined. From that point on, all the mother provides are nutrients, oxygen and a warm, wet environment in which to grow.

The abortion crowd tries to avoid all this reality by the use of euphemisms — terminate pregnancy, embryo, fetus, choice, right to privacy, etc. — as if a human life were not involved. But it is a human life. No human fetus allowed to live has ever turned into a frog or a chimpanzee or a wart. No woman who gets an abortion can escape the knowledge that what she is doing is ending the life of her baby.

Thus, the moral issue confronting us, regardless of what the screwball laws say, is simply this: Do we condone the taking of an innocent human life for reasons other than saving another life? Yes or no? If the answer is yes, then why confine the taking of innocent life to those in the womb and only by an abortionist? If a child in the womb may be killed because it is inconvenient, then why not an inconvenient child who has been born? Why not condone the killing of any human who becomes an inconvenience or an economic liability?

Moral swamps are tough ground to travel.

Eat, drink, be merry — and be safe

With the holiday season upon us, many of us commit ourselves to giving thanks for things we usually take for granted, or to loving our loved ones just a little more than usual.

Since 1987 it has also been a time I've re-committed myself to never allowing myself to put another's life in jeopardy by having too much to drink at a holiday party. That was the year I met Betty and Bob Selsor.

I was a television consumer reporter for a "Call to Action" program, a franchise my TV station operated to help local viewers with consumer and government problems. The Selsors were trying to get their daughter Gail out of a state hospital so they could work with her at home, as her doctors recommended. Under Medicaid rules she was eligible for home care by an attendant, but red tape and misworded applications had caused bureaucrats to refuse the request. We straightened out the misunderstanding and Gail came home.

But the reasons for Gail's situation caused the real change in my life, even though the facts of her recovery had been so compelling. Gail had been driving home from work on Dec. 21, 1985, when a drunk driver hit her. Because of her discomfort in her seventh month of pregnancy, her seat belt was lying beside her and she went crashing through the windshield.

It would have been impossible for the man who hit Gail to have imagined the repercussions on

Sarah
Overstreet

Gail's family for generations to come. Because I became close to the family, I had a front-row seat.

Doctors took Gail's baby two months early the night of the accident. While Gail lay in a coma for several months, the care of the premature newborn fell to Gail's father, Bob, who had retired only a few days earlier. Gail's husband left her shortly thereafter. As soon as their daughter emerged from her coma and doctors could better assess the damage, Bob and Betty added an "accessible" wing to their home and began their fight to bring her home so they could work with her every day.

After years of daily therapy from her parents and specialists, Gail has regained some speech and walks short distances with a cane. She cannot work.

Bob Selsor died in October at age 66. You'll never convince his friends that the strain of rearing a small child and years of watching his daughter fight her way back to a semblance of normal-

cy didn't hasten his death.

"I think Bob started dying the day Gail was hit," Betty says now. "It killed something in our whole family. It killed our ability to feel safe as a family unit." The drunken driver who hit Gail served only nine months in jail.

Since Bob's death, Betty and Gail have discussed placing Gail in a residential care facility. Betty will continue to spend her own retirement being mother to her 9-year-old granddaughter.

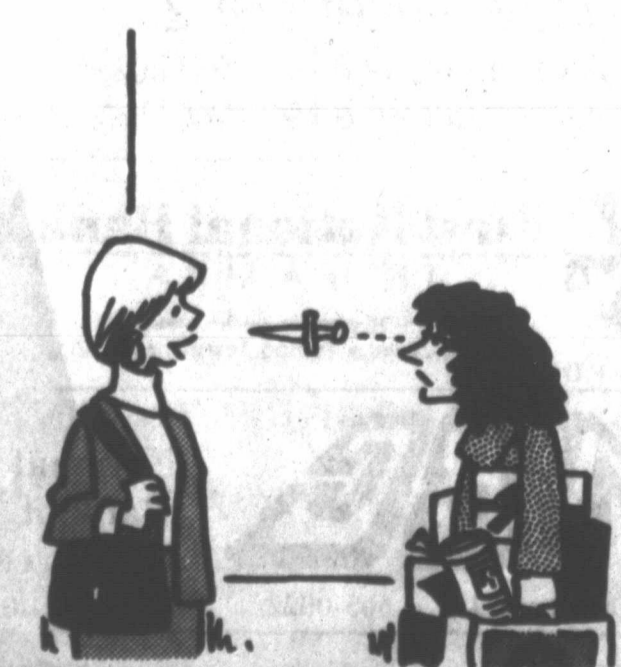
There will always be irresponsible people who refuse to consider others' safety, and changing their behavior is almost impossible. But the highway fatality lists are also littered with the names of those who died at the hands of usually good citizens whose judgment turned bad when mixed with alcohol.

Campaigns over the last decade have resulted in true behavioral changes among responsible drivers. Practices that used to be accepted with little thought are not acceptable any more, thanks to massive effort waged by victims like Bob and Betty Selsor.

We're riding with designated drivers in some cases, carefully monitoring our drinking and pacing it with food consumption in others, and even planning smaller get-togethers that include staying overnight with hosts.

This is a trend that is lowering alcohol-related automobile accidents, and we can't afford to relax that direction.

Berry's World



"Heavens! I finished all MY Christmas shopping BEFORE THANKSGIVING."

Lifestyles

Celebrating Christmas in the hidden Appalachian back country

By COUNTRY AMERICA
A Meredith Magazine
For AP Special Features

Christmases of yesteryear were simpler, less commercial, and in the eyes of many rural people, more meaningful.

Country America magazine reports there are still remote regions in the hidden hollows and closed-in coves of the Appalachian back country where "Old Christmas" is celebrated as it had been long ago in their ancestors' homelands in the British Isles and Europe.

Those who adhere to the tradition of Old Christmas staunchly maintain that Jan. 6, not Dec. 25, is the proper day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

As George Monteith, who lived in the North Carolina Smokies, once said, "December 25 is a man-made Christmas!" Like others of his generation, he believed that the 12 days of Christmas (which ended on Jan. 6) were times for reflection, quiet contemplation, and the giving of simple, inexpensive gifts on each of the days leading up to the event.

These gifts were often lovingly crafted items such as tree ornaments, wood carvings, or perhaps a potholder for use in the kitchen.

There is a great deal of folklore associated with Old Christmas. Beekkeepers maintained that at midnight, on Jan. 5, bees roared in their hives in celebration of the Christ child. Harking back to Biblical accounts, it was also believed that the beasts of the field took to their knees on the 6th.

According to John Parris, who has long chronicled the folklore and past of the Great Smokies and the Blue Ridge Mountains,

there was even a popular mountain ballad, sometimes called the "Cherry Tree Carol," which told of the birth of Christ on Jan. 6:

On the Sixth Day of January
His birthday shall be,
When the stars and the mountains
Shall tremble with glee.

John also says that in many mountain households, the tree wasn't erected until Dec. 25. Decorations were added on each of the 12 days until the tree reached its fully decorated glory on Jan. 5. The stroke of midnight on Old Christmas Eve was the time to take

down the tree. The decorations were stored and the limbs were burned in an open fire — the refreshing fragrance from the evergreens was considered a fitting way to mark the arrival of Old Christmas.

Once the hour of midnight heralded the advent of Old Christmas, families would hold hands, pray, and sing a cheery song before they went off to bed:

Love and joy come to you,
And good cheer to your wassail, too.
God bless all and send to you
A Happy New Year.

Information for the baby sitter

By EILEEN DIFRISCO
For AP Special Features

Selecting an appropriate baby sitter is key to providing children with proper care when parents are not at home.

It is important that parents interview potential baby sitters to see how they interact with the children who will be in their care. Some 12-year-olds who might be hired to baby sit may be too emotionally immature to handle the responsibilities.

Baby sitters need to know how to handle minor emergencies, including basic first aid.

References are also important. Potential baby sitters should have references that indicate a proven record of good judgment, maturity and ability to follow rules. It is generally recommended that sitters do not have friends come to visit. Long telephone conversations should also be discouraged or prohibited.

Sitters need to know where the first-aid kit is located. For households with young children, it's also important to have a bottle of syrup of ipecac on hand in case of accidental poisoning.

Emergency telephone numbers should also be posted by the phone.

Gifts from Angels' hearts



Lt. and Mrs. Tony Housley sift through some bags holding gifts that were bought for needy children whose names were on the Angel Tree at Wal-Mart Discount City and First National Bank. All the gifts and food baskets were distributed yesterday at The Salvation Army Post to the parents or guardians of the children.

Airport Archaeology

DENVER (AP) — Hundreds of artifacts, some of them thousands of years old, unearthed during construction of Denver International Airport will be displayed in the airport's main terminal, officials said.

Archaeologist Marcia Tate of Powers Elevation Co., which surveyed sites for the environmental study, said the oldest site — a 6,000-year-old hunting camp — now lies beneath Concourse B.

Tate's company recommended converting one dig into a public exhibit. The Box Elder-Tate Hamlet has remains of two A.D. 700 pit houses and fire rings dating back to 2000 B.C. and forward to Columbus. It was named for a farm and for Tate's husband, Bill, who found it in 1989.

A Cheyenne tribal elder has suggested construction at the airport disturb Indian spirits, accounting for one of the problems that has delayed the airport's opening.

"This is a part of the world where Indians have a long-established connection to the land," said Roger Echohawk, a Pawnee tribal historian hired to monitor DIA finds in 1991 and 1992. "What we're talking about is a very large disturbance of that connection. Whether or not graves are involved may be beside the point."

Newsmakers



(Courtesy photos)

A logo winner with PEP

Austin Elementary third grader Ryan Barnes, 8, pictured with his teacher Kay Harvey, took top honors in the contest sponsored by the Pampa Enrichment Program to create a logo for letterhead stationary. Barnes competed with 450 students from elementary through eighth grade. He won a \$15 gift certificate to Hasting's. PEP is a program sponsored by Pampa Independent School District designed to provide enriched curriculum for gifted and talented students.

Andrew O. Neighbors and Gloria E. Vigil, both of Miami; Linda A. Todd of McLean; and Shane B. Nyman of Pampa were listed on the president's list at Frank Phillips College in Borger for the fall quarter.

Named to the dean's list at the college were: Debbie D. Anguiano, Teresa J. Anguiano, Annetta J. Brown, Jeanine M. Malone, Dana D. Stone and Shelia M. Whitaker, all of Pampa; Vernon P. Baggerman of Miami; Penny A. Lyons of Canadian; Amanda Macomb of White Deer; Norma Jean Sawyer of Lefors; and Anita T. Smith and J. Paul Thurmond, both of Skellytown.

One area student was named to the president's list at Clarendon College in Clarendon while eight others were named to the dean's honor roll.

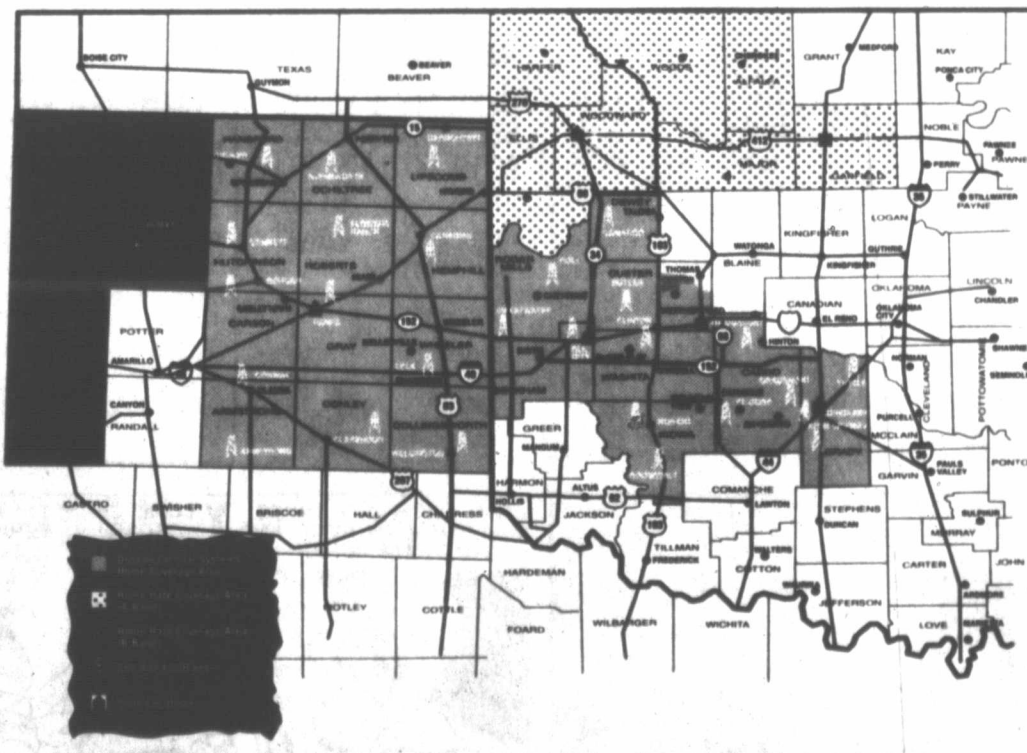
By maintaining a grade point average of 4.0, Valerie Jones of McLean, was named to the president's list.

On the dean's list with a grade point average over 3.6 are: Katherine Browning of Miami; Larry Franks, Joe Hunter, Brenda Taylor and Jeffrey Osborne, all of Pampa; Ginger Hannon of Lefors; and Melissa Morris and Amy Phillips, both of White Deer.

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Dispatchers give directions for reporting an emergency

DEAR ABBY: I am an emergency (911) dispatcher in a town of 60,000 people. Our dispatch center serves the city police department, the sheriff, the city and county fire departments, and the local ambulance service. This means we dispatch fire, police and medical.

My co-workers and I have some suggestions for those who may need our help in the future:

1. It's our job to sift through details and get basic information. We are not being nosy when we ask if drugs or alcohol were involved in the emergency. The paramedic may need to know in order to better treat this person.

2. Please do not scream into the phone that we "know" where you are — we have to confirm that information with what our computer gives us in case you have moved or are using a neighbor's phone. And don't scream and curse us, demanding that we get emergency personnel there *now* — we can't airlift them. They have to use the same streets everyone else uses, and have to contend with the same traffic.

3. If you are reporting a fight or domestic problem, we don't need to know what you think of someone's character or lifestyle — just give us the address, and if there are any weapons. We appreciate all the information that's pertinent, and we may ask for other information — but let us ask you instead of you telling us how many boyfriends the lady next door has, or how she sup-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ports herself.

Don't get us wrong, Abby. Without the help of concerned neighbors, some people would be robbed, beaten or even murdered. But please emphasize to your readers that cooperation is the key and that they should allow us to do our job — which is helping them.

Thanks for letting us blow off some steam.

E-911 DISPATCHERS WHO CARE

DEAR DISPATCHERS: I'm glad to help, and I'm sure many will read your suggestions with interest. A final thought I'd like to add to your short list: The 911 emergency reporting system is not equipped to answer questions or give directions. Do not call 911 unless you need immediate emergency assistance.

DEAR ABBY: Last year I married a man who had gone through a very bitter divorce seven years ago. When his divorce was final, he had gained so much weight that a jeweler had to cut off his wedding ring.

Imagine my surprise when I learned a few weeks ago that he had had that wedding ring repaired, and he's wearing it on his keychain. I asked him to please put it away. He refused, saying that ring is a reminder of how bad his first marriage was.

We see his "ex" regularly because there are children involved — so it's not as though he needs another reminder.

Abby, am I overreacting, or is there something strange going on here?

LONE STAR STATE

DEAR L.S.S.: You are not overreacting. It is, indeed, strange that your husband is literally wearing a battered trophy from his failed marriage.

However, if this gives him some kind of perverse pleasure, leave him alone. He reminds me of the man who kept hitting his head with a hammer because it felt so good when he stopped.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EDDIE PHILLIPS!

Horoscope



Friday, Dec. 23, 1994

Progressive projects or enterprises could prove quite lucky for you in the year ahead. Collaborate with individuals who are inventive and ambitious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Situations you manage personally should work out well for you today. Conversely, if others become too deeply involved in your endeavors, complications will arise. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box

4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might seem like everything you do today helps others more than yourself. Conditions could suddenly change, however, making you the primary beneficiary.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Those you try hardest to please are invariably the ones who are the least appreciative of your gestures. Bite the bullet today and keep trying, though.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to be industrious today, but don't bite off more than you can chew. Endeavors outside your area of expertise could frustrate you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take extra measures today to protect your prized possessions from loss or theft. If you leave valuables in your car, make sure you've locked all the doors and the trunk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Harmony on the home front will be impossible to maintain today if everyone is stubbornly set upon having his/her way. Try not to be the principal culprit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your com-

passion and generosity might be in short supply today. It may seem pointless for you to assist others if it isn't to your ultimate benefit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Being cognizant of all the factors affecting your financial security will lead you to discover effective methods of shoring up your position.

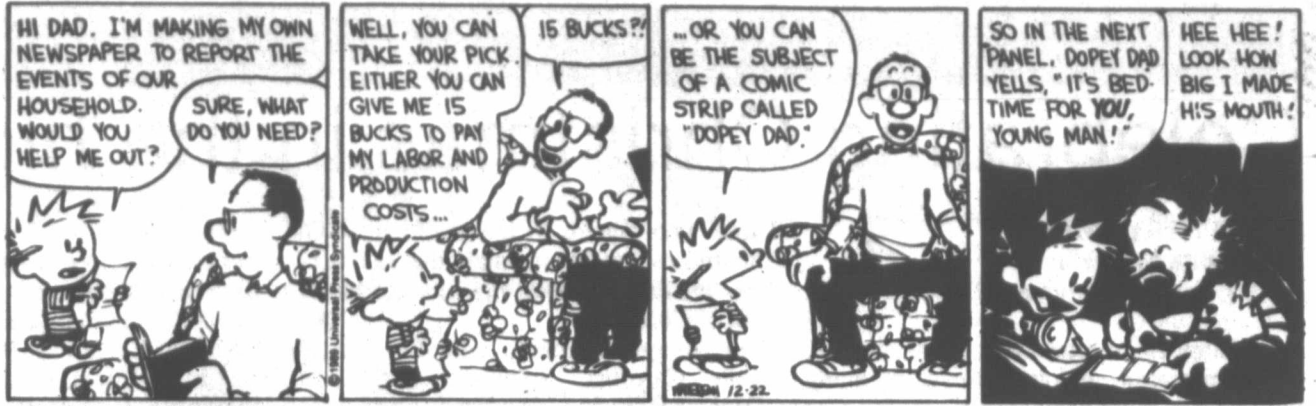
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Achieving everything on your agenda today might not be feasible. However, this is no excuse to call it quits prematurely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not expect others to react enthusiastically to ideas you're obviously doubtful about yourself. Promote only the things you firmly believe in today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An involvement with a friend might get off to a rough start today, but don't get discouraged. It will work out well if you both maintain positive attitudes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your associates might be less perceptive than you today in financial matters. Rely on your own assessments.

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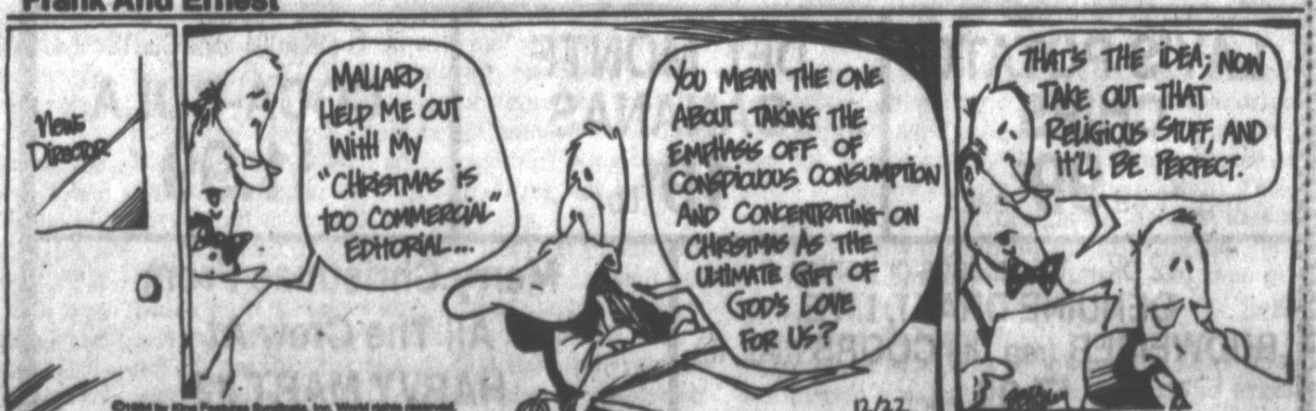
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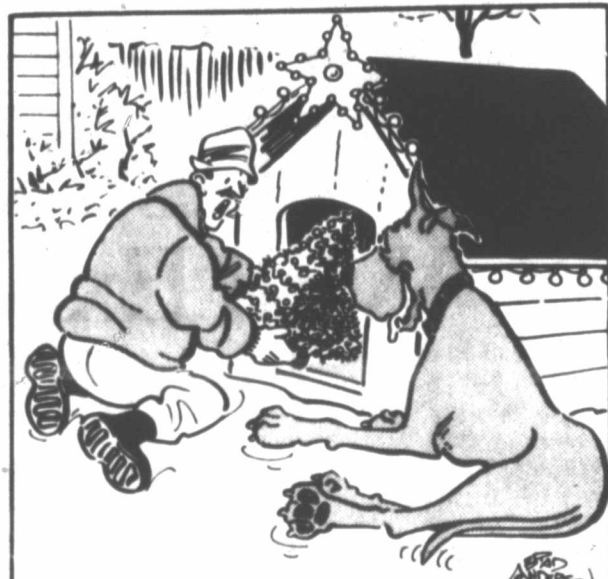
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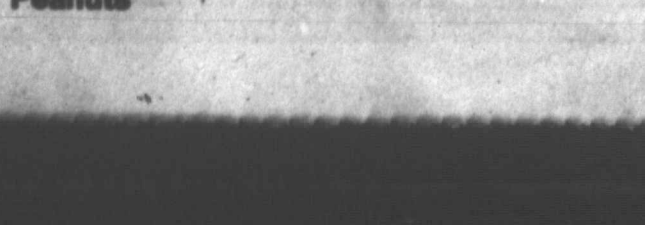
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Sports

Notebook

BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tom Werner's reign as San Diego Padres majority owner ended when the sale of the team to John Moores was completed. Moores purchased 80 percent of the team and eventually will acquire the remainder for a total of \$80 million, with a small share being held by Larry Lucchino.

SEATTLE (AP) — Jay Buhner, a free agent outfielder sought by Baltimore, re-signed with Seattle for \$15.5 million over three years. Buhner, 30, hit .279 last season with 21 homers and 68 RBIs.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dave Hollins agreed to a one-year deal with Philadelphia for \$2 million. Hollins, 28, hit .222 with four homers and 26 RBIs last season. He missed 71 games with two hand injuries.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Detroit's Barry Sanders, who rushed for 110 yards in the Lions' 41-19 victory over Minnesota to move within 169 yards of 2,000 for the season, was selected the NFC offensive player of the week.

Detroit kick returner Mel Gray and Dallas linebacker Darrin Smith also were honored in the NFC. San Diego quarterback Stan Humphries, Kansas City defensive end Neil Smith and New England punter Pat O'Neill were selected in the AFC.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Civic leaders, saying they don't want Tampa Bay to repeat mistakes Baltimore and St. Louis made before losing NFL teams, unveiled a plan to guarantee attendance of 55,000 per game for the Bucs' new owners.

Under the proposal, taxpayers and private businesses will ensure that at least that many tickets are sold over the next two seasons. The Bucs were placed on sale in November — three months after the death of Hugh Culverhouse, the only owner in the club's 18-year history.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Raiders tackle Gerald Perry pleaded innocent to a felony charge of discharging a firearm in a grossly negligent manner. The charge stems from an incident Nov. 12 in which Perry is accused of firing two gunshots from a car about 2:15 a.m.

DENVER (AP) — Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe will skip the Pro Bowl because he plans to have surgery on both ankles after the season.

MIAMI (AP) — Several former University of Miami players say they were told by an assistant coach in 1991 they could be rewarded with cash for big plays.

The players told The Miami Herald that line-backers coach Randy Shannon, then a graduate assistant coach, explained in players-only meetings how they could earn money for plays that changed the momentum of games against highly ranked teams. The funds were bankrolled by former Hurricanes — at times including Seattle star Cortez Kennedy, the Herald reported.

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Fresno State extended Jim Sweeney's contract through Jan. 1, 2000. Sweeney, 65, is 194-137-4 in 30 years at Montana State, Washington State and Fresno State.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Knicks rookie forward Monty Williams was unhurt after the car he was driving spun out of control and struck a guard rail in Greenwich, Conn., Connecticut State Police said.

Williams was alone in the car at 7:25 p.m. when he lost control on the Merritt Parkway rounding a curve and struck a guard rail, said police trooper James Chiappetta. Williams, who was traveling 65 mph, was issued a written warning for driving too fast for road conditions.

TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Raptors reached an agreement on a deal to purchase land for a downtown arena for the NBA expansion franchise.

The club also announced that it had beaten a league-mandated deadline for the sale of 12,500 season tickets with commitments for 15,127.

SKIING

LECH AM ARLBERG, Austria (AP) — Italian star Alberto Tomba won his fourth consecutive World Cup slalom of the season and record sixth straight overall, rallying to edge Austria's Thomas Sykora by 0.02 seconds.

Tomba, who trailed Sykora by 0.02 seconds after the first run, had a combined time of 1:43.57 for his 26th career slalom victory and 37th overall title, not counting a parallel slalom victory from 1988.

ALTA BADIA, Italy (AP) — Italy's Sabina Panzanini won her first World Cup title, beating Austria's Anita Wachter by 0.47 seconds in a giant slalom. Panzanini had a two-run time of 2:21.03.

GOLF

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) — U.S. Open champion Ernie Els of South Africa was selected PGA European Tour player of the year. Els, 25, won five tournaments and a record \$2.9 million in international earnings in 1994.

Baseball owners promise salary cap as deadline nears

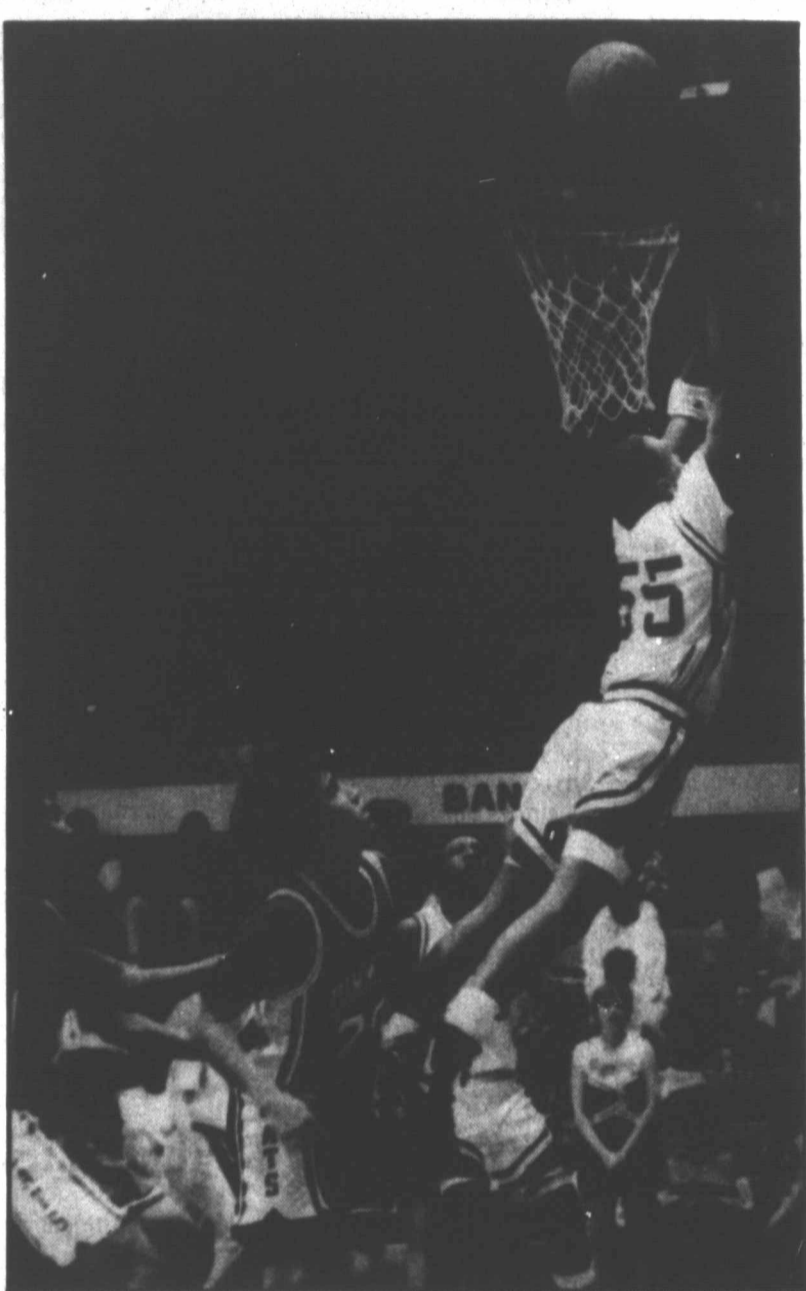
By RICHARD KEIL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tonight is the deadline owners have set for either a deal or an imposed salary cap, and prospects of a settlement are so slim that the owners and players aren't even sure they'll meet. With the owners set to impose a salary cap at 12:01 a.m. Friday, union leader Donald Fehr said late Wednesday night that he couldn't say whether there would be any negotiating sessions with the owners before then.

"We don't know what's going to happen," Fehr admitted. The last meeting was Tuesday night, when Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris spent three fruitless hours trying to come up with ways around the major stumbling blocks: a payroll tax and revenue sharing. "There was nothing that came out of that meeting that suggested a path to a breakthrough," Fehr said Wednesday after parties on both sides spent the day meeting amongst themselves, using mediator Bill Usery as a go-between.

"We're doing everything we can to keep it going," Usery said late Wednesday, "but it's tough." "I don't think we've gone backward," Philadelphia Phillies co-general partner Dave Montgomery said. "We feel we haven't gone forward." How bleak is the outlook as the clock ticks down? Not only are no meetings slated, but both sides are even disagreeing on how turn it is to come up with a proposal. "Hopefully they are still working on something to give us on the issue that concerns us," Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten said. "We did not get that Monday. We did not get that Tuesday. We have not gotten that today."

Fehr said that wasn't true, claiming the owners just didn't like the proposals players were making. "The notion that they did not get a counterproposal from us this week is wrong," Fehr said. "The owners seem to be reluctant to address any of the issues players have raised." Eugene Orza, the union's No. 2 official, said he thought the owners' attempt to impose a cap was "inevitable." Owners threatened to do just that when they met last Thursday in Chicago, but instead voted 25-3 to give the ruling executive council the authority to impose one if there wasn't a deal by Thursday. "There was ... an absence of drama. Just a lot of posturing," said Toronto Blue Jays designated hitter Paul Molitor, who left Wednesday evening. "It's kind of ironic. They extend the deadline a week and take three days to get here."



Junior guard Rayford Young (55), scoring on a layup against Dimmitt Tuesday night, leads the Pampa attack going into the West Side Lions Club Tournament in Fort Worth. The Harvesters open the tournament at 2:45 p.m. Dec. 28 against Fort Worth Arlington Heights.

Harvesters eye Lions tourney

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

The prestigious Fort Worth West Side Lions Club Tournament has been a success story for coach Robert Hale and his Pampa Harvesters in recent years.

Starting in 1989, the Harvesters reached the finals four consecutive years, bringing home the championship trophy in 1991 and 1992.

The Harvesters were on a good roll last season, whipping Fort Worth Brewer, 66-41, and Burkburnett, 67-53, in the first two tournament games before being edged by Austin Anderson, 61-58.

Anderson went on to meet Plainview in the Class 4A state finals and lost, 54-52. By a strange twist, Pampa had beaten Plainview earlier in the season, also by a bucket. The Harvesters won three of four games in last year's tournament, downing Fort Worth Everman, 56-45, for third place.

This season, the Harvesters face off against Fort Worth Arlington Heights in the first round at 2:45 p.m. Dec. 28.

"Arlington Heights has a new coach (Dave Daus) and they're picked as one of the top three teams in their district," Hale said. "Eastern Hills in that district is one of the top teams in the state."

Of the 16 teams entered in the Class 4A division, five, including 8th-ranked Pampa, are among the top 20 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches latest poll. The

tournament's other ranked TABC teams are Justin Northwest (No. 4), Waxahachie (No. 7), Burkburnett (No. 14) and Fort Worth Eastern Hills (No. 18).

"We'll be taking some time off until the tournament," Hale said. "We won't practice before the tournament starts, but we'll be going over some things on the bus trip."

The Harvesters, 12-3, have gathered momentum going into the tournament with solid wins over Dimmitt, 75-50, Tuesday night and Amarillo High, 76-55, last Friday night.

Junior guard Rayford Young, last season's Sophomore of the Year and the leading scorer in District 1-4A, averages 22 points per game to again lead the Harvesters. Junior forward Coy Laury, another all-district player, averages around 18 per game. Senior guard Duane Nickelberry, Pampa's third returning all-district performer, appears to be fully recovered from a severe ankle injury sustained in a pre-season scrimmage.

"We may be getting to the point where we're more healthy than we've ever been going into this tournament. Every player has some type of injury, some more severe than others," Hale said. "We've had a bunch of ankle injuries. Some had sprained ankles that bothered them for five days or a week, and then there's Duane, whose been hurt all season."

The tournament finals will be played Dec. 30 at 8 p.m.

Hockey players balk at proposal

TORONTO (AP) — NHL players say a lecture from an economics professor helped them better understand the owners' proposed payroll tax. And they like it even less. "If they won't take the tax off the table, it's a deal-buster. There won't be a season," St. Louis Blues forward Brendan Shanahan said Wednesday after 240 members of the NHL Players Association met for an

update on negotiations. "We will never accept a tax." The tax has been the primary sticking point in attempts to end the lock-out, which has wiped out the first 82 days of the NHL season and endangers the rest. The Canadian Press, citing sources it did not identify, reported the league has offered to take the tax off the table.

Blair Thomas likely starter for Cowboys

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Emmitt Smith and coach Barry Switzer have decided that a token performance to help Smith keep a personal streak intact would not help the team.

Smith, who pulled his left hamstring Monday night against New Orleans, wants to extend his 82-game streak of not missing a game because of injury.

"You've got to do what's best for the team," Smith said Wednesday. "Personal goals, you've got to put them aside."

Smith, who also enters Saturday's game against the New York Giants two touchdowns shy of John Riggins' NFL single-season record of 24, didn't practice Wednesday. He said he wanted to play, but added "it's not important enough to go out there and do something stupid."

Quarterback Troy Aikman, in a telephone conference call with the New York-area media, agreed.

"I really don't know what his status is," Aikman said. "I would hate to see him try to come back for any individual reasons, and put the team's future at risk going into the playoffs."

"Having said that I don't know how his hamstring is going to feel come game time," Aikman added.

Switzer said Wednesday that Smith was somewhat better, but told The Dallas Morning News that Blair Thomas probably would start barring a change of plans with Smith.

"Right today, he can't play," Switzer said. "He is in the training room getting treated. We went out and did a walk through at 11 o'clock and he was not out there. We only have two days to prepare and two days to practice, and he's not going to be out there."

Switzer acknowledged that Smith has had miraculous recoveries, and has been able to play with tremendous pain. Last year, he played with a separated shoulder in the final game and led the Cowboys to a 16-13 overtime win that gave them the NFC East title.

"This type of injury is different than the one he played the Giants with a year ago," Switzer said. "It affects the wheels and I don't see how he can be a factor in this game. I think he is very questionable and I don't see how he can play."

If Thomas starts, Lincoln Coleman will be his backup.

Some Giants still expect Smith to play. "I know Emmitt," Giants linebacker Corey Miller said. "He's close to breaking John Riggins' record. My anticipation is he'll play, even if it's on the 1-yard line, he's going to come in there. The guy definitely makes that team click."

Shaq and the Admiral burn up NBA hardwood

By WENDY E. LANE
AP Sports Writer

Shaquille O'Neal and David Robinson, early season favorites for league MVP, have been tearing up opposing defenses all season.

While O'Neal has led the Orlando Magic to the best record in the NBA, the return of Dennis Rodman to the Spurs has helped Robinson spur San Antonio to a five-game winning streak.

The big difference between the two? Free-throw shooting.

Robinson can hit his, O'Neal can't. "I'm trying my hardest, but I can't have everything," O'Neal said. "I can't have the

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looks, the rapping ability and the scoring ability — AND shoot the free throws. But I'm going to hit 'em one day."

O'Neal, the NBA's leading scorer, had 32 points and 10 rebounds Wednesday night in the Magic's 102-91 win over the Los Angeles Clippers. But he missed 11 of 15 free throws and is 34-for-88 in his last seven games.

Robinson, who had 34 points and seven rebounds as the Spurs beat Denver 111-97, was 16-for-18 from the line. He's shooting 79 percent for the season.

Against the Nuggets, San Antonio hit 33 of 36 free throws. The Magic, meanwhile, is the worst free-throw shooting team in the league at 65 percent, dragged down by O'Neal's 54 percent.

Nets 117, Pistons 99
Thanks to Armon Gilliam, New Jersey is surviving without Derrick Coleman.

Gilliam, who took his place in the starting lineup after the Nets forward injured his hand, scored a season-high 27 points as the Nets beat Detroit.

Chris Morris also added a season-high 22 points, Benoit Benjamin had 18 and Kenny Anderson added a season-high 17 assists and 11 points as the host Nets won three in a row for the first time this season. The last two victories have been with Coleman sidelined with

a lacerated hand. Terry Mills had 25 points and rookie Grant Hill 23 as the injury-ravaged Pistons lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

Heat 122, Bucks 112, 2 OT
Bimbo Coles missed two potential game-winning shots, but made up for it in the second overtime as Miami defeated Milwaukee.

Coles, who missed shots at the buzzer at the end of regulation and again in the first overtime, scored 10 of his 22 points in the second overtime. He scored five straight points for a 107-105 lead, but a 3-pointer by Glenn Robinson gave the Bucks a 108-107 advantage with 2:52 remaining.

Pacers 107, Bulls 99
Rik Smits scored 25 points as Indiana held Chicago under 100 points for the fifth straight game.

Chicago, which had won eight straight in Market Square Arena, was led by B.J. Armstrong with a season-high 27 points. Scottie Pippen was sidelined with stomach flu.

Reggie Miller had 18 points, but missed part of the third quarter after colliding with a camera under Chicago's basket. A cut above his right eye required two stitches.

Spurs 111, Nuggets 97
With a win at Denver, San Antonio won its fifth straight, all by double-figure margins.

Denver scored only 12 points in the final period, getting one basket in the final 6:16.

Vinny Del Negro added 20 points and Avery Johnson 19 for the Spurs, who also got 14 rebounds from Dennis Rodman.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf came off the bench to pace Denver with 21 points.

Magic 102, Clippers 91
O'Neal scored 12 points in the fourth quarter as Orlando finished a 3-1 road trip by beating the Clippers.

O'Neal scored Orlando's only seven points in the first 3:47 of the fourth quarter.

Nick Anderson added 19 points for the Magic, including five 3-pointers, while Horace Grant had 17 points and 13 rebounds. Lamond Murray led the Clippers with 18 points.

NCAA hits Alcorn St. with penalties

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Alcorn State will likely appeal the sanctions imposed on the school Wednesday by the NCAA for lying about student-athletes' eligibility in the men's and women's basketball program.

The NCAA placed Alcorn State on three years probation.

Alcorn sports information director Derrick Hackett said Wednesday that the school would not have any immediate comment on the NCAA's findings. He said the matter would be turned over to the school's attorneys for review.

Alcorn State has 15 days to appeal the penalties.

The penalties include reductions in scholarships, a ban on postseason and preseason play by the men's basketball team, a public reprimand for ex-head basketball coach Lonnie Walker, and other restrictions.

In addition, the NCAA reduced financial aid the football program can provide athletes for football coach Cardell Jones' conducting an illegal conditioning session in June.

David Swank, chairman of the NCAA's Committee on Infractions, said in a conference call with reporters that the violations were serious because Alcorn State tried to cover them up and refused to act even when the allegations were proven.

Scoreboard

Table with NBA, Wednesday's Games, Thursday's Games, Friday's Games, Wednesday's Women's Basketball Scores, and TOURNAMENTS sections.

Wheeler County youth bags deer



Clint Brown shows the seven point white tail deer he shot recently near Wheeler. Clint is the son of Don and Darla Brown, the grandson of Jeane Roper and the grandson of Morris Brown. All are residents of Wheeler County.

Texas Southern adds to win streak

By The Associated Press
Texas Southern won its fourth consecutive game and Minnesota lost its third in a row.

You can't beat (anybody) shooting 20 percent in the first half...

game home winning streak. The Gators (5-2) led 60-57 with about 10 minutes left when Stone had his own 6-0 run to give Jacksonville the lead for good.

TCU signs Sullivan to extension

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas Christian may have been close to losing coach Pat Sullivan to Louisiana State...

Some TCU supporters were upset Sullivan was so ready to leave Fort Worth just three years after the school gave him his first head coaching job.

Still, athletic director Frank Windegger moved quickly to add three years to Sullivan's contract. He had two years left on his previous pact.

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te respect with their performance so far this season. The Tigers (7-2) won at New Mexico earlier in the year to open some eyes, and they won the Southwestern Athletic Conference to advance to last season's NCAA tournament.

"It was awful cold out there," Haskins said. Kevin Granger had 29 points to lead the Tigers, while Townsend Orr topped the Gophers with 11.

TCU 100, Mid. Tenn. 78 Kurt Thomas scored 39 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to help Texas Christian beat Middle Tennessee State 100-78 Wednesday night.

Texas says 'no thanks' to PAC 10 offer

By The Associated Press Happy with its new future in the Big 12, University of Texas officials are not interested in a standing offer to join the Pac-10.

commitment and it's the right thing to do." The Pac-10 again made overtures to Texas in the last few weeks as it prepared to invite Colorado...

McCartney told the Rocky Mountain News. "I like what Texas did. They made a strong statement. They said we're enthusiastic and committed to the Big 12. To me, that is the perfect response."

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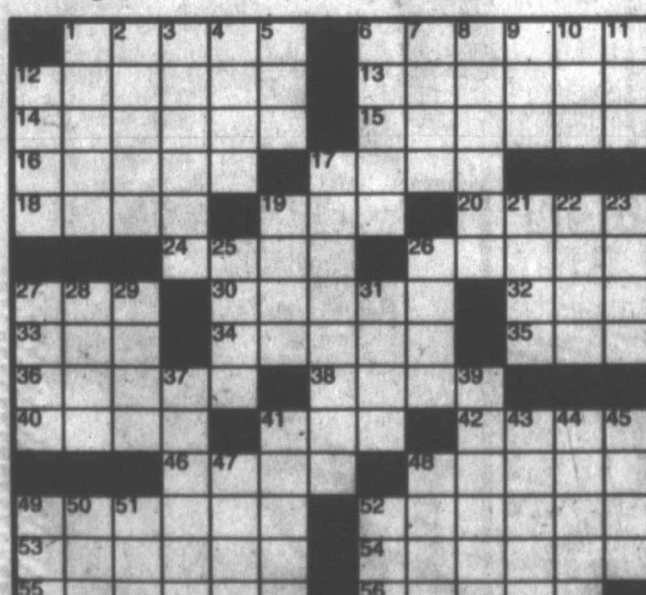


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Love,
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Dear Santa,
I wot a modsik. I wot sum roll-blas. I wot a raschak. I wot a car. I wot a pawrach sot. I wot a Taz baby pech and my bruth Nathan was pawrach sot and a wrbech and my litle bruthr Dillon to litle to tok so breg hem nethg. My Lev hem koks.
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I love you,
Taylor
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Dear Santa,
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Love Manden Conklin

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Nicholas Robbins.

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I have fed my dog
And i have thron the chach,
I want a barbe care
And i want barbe mickedonls.
Love Alice Whitehead

Dear Santa,
I have bien verrey good and I have bien grat and haw I have bien grate is becus I have ben doing my chors. I want a jimnastick barbe
P S How is it in the northpole? I will leve you sum cookies and milk.
I want a big dog and sum pupesy.
love Chandon Wilson

Dear Santa
I giting a bice for christmas. I giting a bat man and a hat. I going to my gremnos for christmas. I giting a basball. I my giting a modsik for christmas. I giting a raschak for christmas. I giting a candy for christmas. I giting a cit for christmas. christmas.
lov Zackary Estep

Dear Santa
How are you? I have ben good. I wut jumpce.
I wut a barbe car. I wut two dogs. I wut three cats. I get six gifts from my mom and dad.
I'm going to leve milk and cookies for you.
love Shannon Smith

Dear Santa
I ben good Santa. I wand bat man. I want x- man in car toy. I want a sagu in a nintindo. I want a bice.
Love,
Jeremy romero

Dear Santa
I whut a speshi gift. Four my mom and dad and fourmy. Bruther ples and I whut a new bicke, My bruther whut a new stereo . My mom whut a spesh cat and my dad whut a. New truck and my dog whut a bone. Santa haow are your elfs are doening ? and I would whut a bird . My flamy is gowing to are hows. On Christmas evu.
Love,
Mayra Hernandez

dir santa
we have bin good. my name is heather i am riung this lter on my daddys cumpyter for my bruther aron and my sisters brittany and ashley we wunt these toys i wunt a doll that jumps brittany wants a dres ashley wants a litle tik slid aron wants a toy car my daddy wants a cumpyter game my step mommy wants a bread

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we will leve you some cookies and milk
we love you
heather brittany ashley and aron
Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a bike?
Can you bring me a play car?
Love,
Cody Greelece.

Dear Santa,
I have ben good. I wot a baby dog. How are your elfs? I wish it wud snow. I love christmas .
I wont a Dall for christmas . I am going to my gramos for christmas . and she has a present . Santa brung me a bicke. What did santa bring you? A baby dog for crismas and a truck.
Love,
Loria Simmons

Dear Santa,
I have bin good this year and I want for christmas is a cupl of thiongs. I want sum roller ballades. I want a dall that caralls. For christmas craings that are a picher of santa.
(Unsigned)

Dear Santa,
I whit a cat and dog love santa I would like a watch. I would like a bell. I would like a lion. I would like dall. I would like a deer. I would like a book . I would like a deer.
Love,
Lacy Barnett

Dear Santa,
I biing a good boy. I wunt a b b gun, anew game , and a new sagr. And a X-man toy, and choose for me. A nuther new game, I wunt a bat

man toy, I wunt a wite power rager. How are your Elf? I wunt cyclops toy. I wunt a red power Rager toy. Iwunt a black power rager toy. I wunt a blue power rager toy. I wunt a wuering toy.
Love,
Morie Cross

me a Pink Ranger, Wite Ranger, Red Ranger, black Ranger , Blue Ranger, and a computer. How are your elfs? How are you? How is Mrs Close?
Love,
Kaylee Hill

Dear Santa,
Santa I am good. How are you in the north pole? I wont a toy elf. I wont to see Rudolph. I would like a bike . My sister wunts a pink ranger. And my other sister wunts the tran for christmas.
Love Royce Mcgrath

Dear Santan,
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