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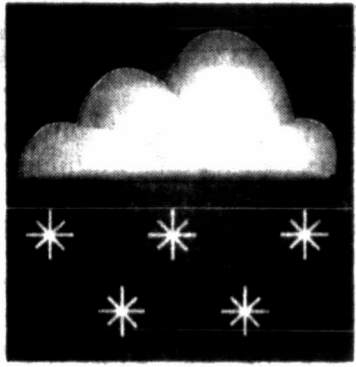
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upper teens. See Page 2  
for weather details.

**PAMPA** - The Gray County Commissioners Court officially swore in Elaine Morris as the Gray County auditor and Carla Carter as the assistant auditor this morning.

After Morris and Carter were sworn in, the court then approved their bonds and signatures for accounts at Boatman's First Pampa Banking Center.

The bond for Todd Alvey, county attorney, and the signatures of Sheriff Don Copeland and designees to various bank accounts were also approved in the meeting.

**CLARENDON** - Clarendon College will be remembering the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium, Clarendon College Campus.

The theme of the evening will be "Empowered by the past, inspired by the present, focused on the future." Guest speaker for the evening will be Robert Adams, dean of Students Services at North Texas Central College at Denton. Special messages will be delivered by the Rev. Roy Williams, First Church of God in Christ; the Rev. Melvin Brooks, St. Stephens Baptist Church; the Rev. James Bell, First United Methodist Church; and McKinley (Mac) Smith.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration is sponsored by Clarendon College Equity and Access Committee and the Students International Cultural Exchange League.

For more information, contact Jewel Austin at (806) 874-3571.

**LEFORS** - The Lefors PTA will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in the Lefors School cafeteria.

The program will include recognition of students participating in athletics in the 1996-1997 school year, and certificates will be handed out.

The PTA session will follow the junior high boys basketball game being held prior to the meeting.

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$25 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday from a field of 50 were: 3, 15, 25, 26, 33 and 47.

There were 223 tickets purchased matching five of the six numbers, worth \$1,451 each. Matching four of six numbers were 11,129 tickets, with a prize of \$104 each.

If sales continue as expected, Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$35 million.

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## Winter storm leaves snow, ice on roads

From Staff and AP Reports

The Texas Panhandle got off to a slippery start today with four to eight inches of snow on the ground and icy roads.

Pampa reported seven inches of snow on the ground this morning with a trace reported overnight. It was seven degrees at 6 a.m. today in Pampa, after a high Sunday of 6 and an overnight low of 5. The high for today was expected to reach 15 degrees.

Wheeler County authorities reported from four to six inches of snow across the county this morning with wind. Hemphill County reported six inches of snow in Canadian.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported Panhandle area roads icy and snow-packed. Interstate 40 had one lane clear each direction, officers said, but they were warning drivers about icy patches.

Despite slippery roads, DPS officers said there were no reported accidents on area highways overnight.

Most area schools were open today although many started late. Buses at many rural schools were running late because of the slippery road conditions.

Schools at Panhandle, Shamrock, Claude, McLean, Pringle-Morse, Clarendon, Wheeler, Childress, Allison, Lefors, Perryton, Grandview-Hopkins, Skellytown and Grandview-Hopkins all started from one to two hours late today.

Pampa Academy of Christian Education was closed today, but Pampa public schools, St. Vincent's and Community Christian School were on time.

At 6 a.m. today there were light snow flurries in the central Texas Panhandle reaching to the west side of Pampa. At mid morning, snow was falling in Pampa.

Forecasters predicted possible additional accumulation of snow of up to one inch today with a 70 percent chance of snow tonight, dropping to a 40 percent chance of snow Tuesday. There is a chance of snow and freezing rain late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

Temperatures should get

warmer as the week continues, reaching close to 40 degrees by Friday.

Elsewhere in the state, a winter storm had Texas in its icy grip from the Red River to the Rio Grande today.

And it's not going to get better for the next 36 to 48 hours, forecasters say.

A snow advisory is in effect for the Panhandle, a high wind warning is in effect for Guadalupe Pass in extreme West Texas, winter storm watches and warnings are in effect for a vast area of North Texas and Southeast Texas and a freezing drizzle advisory is in effect for much of South Texas, including the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Forecasters say more snow and other types of freezing precipitation will continue through Tuesday night.

Schools in many areas were closed and other government agencies were to either be closed or operate on abbreviated schedules.

Power outages plagued areas of Southeast Texas and a faulty natural gas valve sent thousands of people to shelters at Cotulla Sunday night. The natural gas problem was fixed early today.

An estimated 35,000 people in Southeast Texas were without electric power late Sunday.

School officials in many parts of the eastern half of Texas decided on Sunday to cancel today's classes. Both Texas A&M University in College Station and the University of Texas in Austin said their campuses would be closed today. Officials anticipated a return to normal operations Tuesday.

Scores of traffic accidents plagued the state's icy highways throughout the day Sunday, especially in Central Texas. Most were minor. However, a woman was killed about 6 a.m. when her car skidded on ice-glazed Loop 1604 and rolled over southeast of San Antonio, police said. Her name was not immediately available.

The buildup of ice from ongoing freezing rain prompted police to close Interstates 35, 10, 37 and 410 and U.S. 90 through San Antonio Sunday night, police said.

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(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Dustin Nebert of the Hemphill 4-H club and his heavy weight cross-breed pig took Grand Champion honors at the Top O' Texas Livestock Show held this past weekend.

## Top O' Texas Livestock Show concludes weekend show in spite of wintry weather

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE  
Staff Writer

Falling snow and freezing temperatures couldn't keep area stock show enthusiasts away from the annual Top O' Texas Livestock Show, which was held this past weekend in Pampa.

Hayley Hipkins representing Wheeler 4-H took Grand Champion Lamb and Kori Dunn from Pampa FFA took reserve Grand Champion Lamb.

April Burton from Groom FFA claimed both Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion with her heavy weight and medium weight steers. She also claimed both titles to Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Heifers.

Dustin Hebert from Hemphill 4-H won Grand Champion pig and Amanda Freeman, White Deer 4-H claimed Reserve Grand Champion.

Shawn Dawes from Gray County 4-H took Grand Champion with his Californian rabbit, and Jordan Spearman, also from Gray County 4-H, took Reserve Champion.

In lamb showmanship junior division, Dustin Brumlow, Pampa FFA, took first place and T'Andra Holmes came in second. In the senior division

Jessica Fish of Gray County 4-H came in first and Schuyler Fulton, Pampa FFA, placed second.

Rabbit showmanship awards went to Rachel Stubbs, first, and Jordan Spearman, second.

First place steer showmanship, junior division, went to Cassie Hamilton, and Calvin Nite took second. In the senior division Kyle Masters took first and C.J. Whatley came in second.

In the pig showmanship, winners in the senior division were Nonnie James, first; Melissa Couts, second; and Matt Hogansen, third. In the junior division, Annie Nusz was first, Garrett Rhine was second and Kori Dunn was third.

Students in grades 4-12 bundled up to show their animals. Lambs were shorn, then covered with blankets; heifers and steers were primed, curled and sprayed; and the hogs were left to burrow into the sawdust prior to being shown.

Many of the students showing animals over the weekend will go on to show at Fort Worth or Houston with hopes earning big money for their work.

Following are the top winners in each of the classes:

**Lambs**  
Class 1, Fine Wool: Kerri Howell, first and breed champi-

on; Jessica Fish, second and reserve breed champion; Cody Lee, third; Daniela McCoy, fourth; and Lynsey Barrett, fifth.

Class 2, Light Weight Fine Wool: Kyle Masters, first; Jered Hunter, second; Ricky McCoy, third; Sean O'Neal, fourth; and Nikki Hefley, fifth.

Class 3, Medium Weight Fine Wool Cross: Kayla Blount, first and breed champion; Jessica Fish, second and reserve breed champion; Joseph Smith, third; and Sammi Cottom, fourth.

Class 4, Light Weight Medium Wool: Brandy Baggerman, first; Amanda Alfaro, second; Lori Hefley, third; Daniela McCoy, fourth; and Marcus Arnold, fifth.

Class 5, Medium Weight Medium Wool: Jessica Fish, first; Hayley Hipkins, second; T'Andra Holmes, third; Terra Carnes, fourth; and Peter Winegeart, fifth.

Class 6, Heavy Weight Medium Wool: Hayley Hipkins, first; Kori Dunn, second; Kayla Blount, third; Kyle Masters, fourth; and Sean O'Neal, fifth.

Class 7, Southdown: Schuyler Fulton, first and breed champion; Dustin Bromlow, second and reserve breed champion; Hayley Hipkins, third; Robyn Lowrey, fourth; and Sean O'Neal, fifth.

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## Shorty Bockmon: 100 years of stories to tell

By SHERRY CROMARTIE  
Staff Writer

He has been farming in Texas since he was six years old, and although he isn't able to actually do the work now, he still keeps up with his cotton production in Collingsworth County. He celebrated his 100th birthday Nov. 28, 1996.

Elmer B. "Shorty" Bockmon uses a walker to get around, but claims his health is "pretty good right now." At age 99 he had gallbladder surgery, he's lost his hearing and he's partially blind from glaucoma, but his memory of his life and times is definitely on track.

He attributes his longevity to the fact that he was raised to do everything in an honorable and honest manner. He recommends eating only foods that are good for you, including plenty of vegetables, and says a little toddy once in a while doesn't hurt.

He and his wife, Esther Clements Bockmon, were lifelong residents of Collingsworth County in the Samnorwood and Plymouth communities, where they grew up and later became social friends and sweethearts. They moved in August of last year to Lefors to be near their children.

"We've been married 56 years by March 1," said Bockmon, who said he didn't think about marriage until he was in his 40s.

"I had a lot of girlfriends, but I married



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Elmer "Shorty" Bockmon tells his growing up stories, sitting in his chair in his living room. His wife Esther said, "He'll talk for as long as someone will listen, and he can tell a lot of stories."

only the one woman ... who I met when a friend of mine asked me to go with him and his girlfriend to a skating party and to take another friend. She kept grinning at me from then on until she finally just

grinned me into marrying her ... even though she was 25 years younger than me. We got married and set up homestead in the Plymouth community. I farmed land near Samnorwood, where me and my brother Oren farmed together. The farmland is still in the family today," Bockmon said.

"I'll never understand how people lived the way we had to live back then ... to live off our land like we did ... we had to raise all our needs. We planted it, raised it, ate it or wore it in one way or another," he said.

Bockmon was one of seven raised by his father and mother, John Henry and Mahala Ann Shackleford Bockmon. The children included four brothers, two half-sisters and a cousin. In 1902 the nine-member family moved in a railway freight car from Burleson into Collingsworth County to their home on Bradley ranch land, called Bradley Flats.

"My daddy paid for the use of a rail car and loaded it with everything he owned, including two mules, two gray mares, a turn plow, a Georgia stock hoe, rakes, a walking planter and a cultivator, and all livable goods. He put all the furniture, household goods, personal belongings and the kids and wife in one end of the rail car, and the rest was at the other end.

"We left the train station at Fort Worth early one morning and got to the Memphis train station the next day about dark. My uncle met us there with two

covered wagons, loaded us into those wagons, lock, stock and barrel, and the next morning we headed northwest to the Bradley Flat."

The family traveled two days and one night, camping along Buck Creek. There were no roads directly to the place where they would live, just open land. On the horizon, they saw their new home, a small three-room house setting in open space with no trees.

"It seemed there was nothing growing ... it was just flat, rough country," he said.

Range land consumed most of Collingsworth County, with sprawling, unlimited space, where a person could ride horseback for miles and never come to a fence or gate. The Mill Iron was the largest ranch, and there was also the Rocking Chair Rancho - both big cattle operations. There was an abundance of wildlife, too, and plenty of quail and prairie chickens, and even wild burros, wild Mexican cattle and horses.

"My daddy tried to farm in that dry, flat land, and later farmed some land across the line in Oklahoma, joining some local folks who were filing for the land giveaway in the Indian Territory," he said.

As a little boy and all through growing up, he holds strong memories of the hard, cold Texas winters, trying to keep up his chores, living in poor circumstances, with very little wood to burn and no coal.

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## Services tomorrow

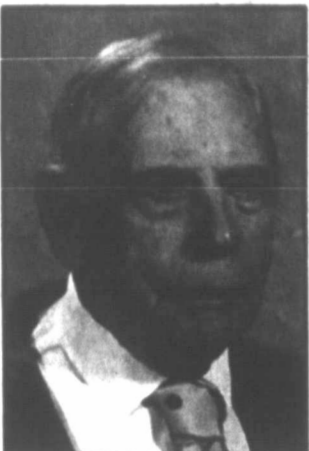
**COX, Owen L.** — 2 p.m., First Southern Baptist Church, Fritch.  
**KENDRICKS, Audie Ellison** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**LEMONS, Ellis** — Memorial services, 3 p.m., Rose Memorial Chapel, St. Anthony's Hospice, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

### JESSE JACKSON BURNS

Jesse Jackson Burns, 95, of Pampa, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Jackson was born March 2, 1901, at Sims, Ark. His family later moved to Oklahoma. He married Goldie Keys on Nov. 12, 1936, at Pocomas, Okla.; she died March 20, 1996. The couple moved from Pocomas to Quail in 1950. He farmed in the Quail area until his retirement. He had been a Pampa resident since 1974. He was active in the Assembly of God Church at Wellington and later became a member of Calvary Assembly of God Church in Pampa.



Survivors include two daughters, Rachel Bartlett of Stockton, Calif., and Doralean Darnell of Amarillo; four sons, Herman Burns of Madiera, Calif., Jesse Burns of Flatonia, Texas, Herschel Burns of Pampa and Dwight Burns of Plainview; a stepson, Bob Hudson of Mack, Colo.; a sister, Lona Daniels of Shafter, Calif.; three brothers, George Burns of Lathrop, Calif., Leonard Burns of Cement, Okla., and Tally Burns of Chickasha, Okla.; 28 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren.

### OWEN L. COX

FRITCH — Owen L. Cox, 75, brother of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Southern Baptist Church with the Rev. Lyndon Shephard, of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Love at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cox was born at Atchison, Kan. He married Leota Heitmann in 1941 at Whiting, Kan. He had been a Fritch resident since 1939, moving from Morse. He was an operator at Huber. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Leota; a daughter, Dianna C. McGill of Panhandle; two sons, Tracy Lee Cox of Knoxville, Tenn., and Phillips O. Cox of Fritch; three sisters, Maxine Baker of Denver, Colo., Dorothy Yates of Fritch and Marilyn Shephard of Pampa; and seven grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to Salvation Army or to a favorite charity.

### CLIFFORD ORVAL DOTY

**WHITE DEER** — Clifford Orval Doty, 79, died Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Jimmy Pitson, pastor of Grace Southern Baptist Church at Gaydon, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Doty was born Dec. 3, 1917, at Hopeton, Okla. He married Ada Estelle Lewis on Jan. 29, 1936, at Hopeton. The couple had seven White Deer residents for the past 30 years. He was a Carson County employee prior to his retirement. He was loyal and hard working and dedicated to his wife. Survivors include two sons, Ada, of Spearman, Texas, and Donny, of Pampa, Texas; Paul and Bobbie Doty of Long Beach, Calif.; and Cary and Dianne Doty of Spearman, Texas; and brother-in-law, Lawrence and Dwight Beecher of Pasadena, Calif.; a brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and Blondie Doty of Lodi, Calif.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Paul and Lettie Doty of Panama City, Fla.; Fern Doty of Long Beach, Denise and Scott Miller of Woodward, Okla.; and Pam and Jeff Wheelbar of Waco; six great-grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends.

The family requests memorials be to White Deer Senior Citizens Center.

### MARILYN FRANCO

**PERRITO** — Marilyn Franco, 58, mother of Canadian residents, died Friday, Jan. 10, 1997. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Matak officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. Franco was born at Perryton and had been a lifelong Perryton resident. She worked as a clerk at a convenience store and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Marla Kirby of Elkhart, Kan., and Patti Bishop of Canadian; three sons, Mark Patterson of Canadian, Jeff Patterson of Granger and Joey Patterson of Colwich, Kan., and 17 grandchildren.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today:

### SUNDAY, Jan. 12

**12:49 a.m.** — Three units and five personnel responded to a structure fire 1.2 mile east on City 212 and H 1/2. The residence was a total loss, but there were no injuries.  
**4:41 p.m.** — Two units and four personnel responded to 1619 N. Faulkner for a medical assist.  
**4:52 p.m.** — Two units and four personnel responded to 2700 N. Hobart on a medical assist.

## Obituaries

### AUDIE ELLISON KENDRICKS

**KINGSMILL** — Audie Ellison Kendrick, 96, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kendrick was born June 25, 1900, in Indian Territory, Okla. She married Dave Kendrick on Sept. 19, 1915, at Hodgen, Okla.; he died in 1985. She had been a Kingmill resident since the 1920s. She was a homemaker and a member of First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Winston Kendrick, Lester Kendrick and Muriel Kendrick.

Survivors include three grandchildren, Dennis Kendrick of San Antonio, Jill Chadwick of Willis, Calif., and Peggy Chambers of Longview; four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

### ELLIS LEMONS

**HEREFORD** — Ellis Lemons, 82, father and brother of Pampa residents, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997, at Amarillo. Private burial services will be in Panhandle under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Rose Memorial Chapel at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo with Keith Boutwell, chaplain, officiating.

Mr. Lemons was born south of Panhandle March 2, 1914. He graduated from Panhandle High School and attended Amarillo College. He married Anna Sue Cox in 1938. The couple raised stocker cattle in the Panhandle area during wheat pasture grazing season, pasturing the stock in northeastern New Mexico and southeastern Colorado during the summer. He ranched in Carson, Gray and Randall counties prior to moving to Hereford in 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Sue, of Hereford; a daughter, Suzane Rogers of Amarillo; a son, Neal Lemons of Pampa; two sisters, Helen Wells of Pampa and Rosalie Austin of Dallas; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or to Panhandle Chapter of National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 715 S. Lamar, Amarillo, TX 79106.

### RUFUS WARD REED

Rufus Ward Reed, 91, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dale Meadows, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Reed was born March 12, 1905, in Wetumka, Okla. He married Ethel Milum on Nov. 20, 1926, at Wetumka; she died in 1986. He moved to Pampa in 1944 from Pierce, Okla. He was the owner and operator of Reed's Garage, retiring in 1967. He was a member of the McCullough Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Emma Meeks of San Angelo; a son, Don Reed of Pampa; a sister, Irene Jesse of Weleetka, Okla.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.



## Calendar of events

### TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casbeer at 665-4212.

### CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in Wheeler at the Wheeler public school auditorium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

### LEFORS PIA MEETING

The Lefors PIA will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in the Lefors School cafeteria following the junior high boys basketball game. The program will include recognition of students participating in athletics in the 1996-1997 school year and the handing out of certificates.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by America's Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	4.11	
Sorgho	3.92	
Corn	4.19	

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

Occidental	17.55	up 1/8
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Amoco	85	NC
Amco	117.54	dn 5/8
Cabot	23.78	dn 1/8
Carbor O&G	17.94	NC

Cleveland	68.78	dn 5/8
Coca-Cola	54.18	NC
Columbia/HCA	41.12	NC
Enton	44.34	up 5/8
Halliburton	70.58	up 1/2
Ingersoll Rand	48.34	dn 1/8
KBF	39.34	dn 1/8
Kerr-McGee	54.14	dn 3/8
United	17	NC
Mapco	33.12	dn 1/8
McDonald's	44	up 1/4
Mobil	129.58	dn 1/2
New Amco	23.38	dn 5/16
Parker & Parsley	17.14	up 1/4
Pennley's	48.14	up 1/8
Phillips	36	dn 1/8
SLB	114.58	up 1/2
SPS	35.12	NC
Tenneco	45.12	NC
Traco	108.28	dn 1 1/4
Urbanat	52	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	23.58	dn 1/8
West Texas Crude	26.00	

## County commissioners to meet Wednesday

Gray County commissioners will hold their regular session at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse, according to Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

Commissioners plan to discuss a current policy on county individuals and officials for comp time earnings.

"Who, when and why an individual is eligible for compensatory time, will be discussed by commissioners to clarify questions and redefine policy guidelines," Peet said.

The court also will receive and

open bids for Sheriff's Department vehicles.

In addition to other business items, commissioners will consider:

• A resolution on a pending contract concerning the proposed juvenile boot camp.

• A request from Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris to rescind bids for several property locations in the city of McLean.

• An offer received by the City of Pampa on the sale of delinquent tax property.

• Advertising for county depository contracts for 1997, and

• Draw for the public members of the salary grievance committee.

The court will also recognize the county judge and commissioners for their completion of continuing education courses, and Gaye Guillani for her completion of Introduction to Appraisal.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday, the court will resume its regular session to review engineer applications for Perry Lefors Airport projects.

Peet advises that bi-monthly sessions of commissioners' court are always open meetings and citizens are encouraged to attend.

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## Storm

At least one person was killed in a traffic accident that was blamed on the wintry conditions that were expected to continue today. Police urged the public to avoid travel on the ice-glazed roads and to use extreme caution if travel was necessary.

"I can't stress enough the importance of slowing down. People are driving way too fast," Tyler Police Sgt. Steve Edwards said. "It is extremely dangerous out there."

Ice-covered trees and power lines resulted in some 20,000 electricity customers in the dark in the Beaumont-Port Arthur area, Entergy officials said.

Marty Melton said she lost electricity at her home when a tree limb collapsed onto a power line Sunday morning.

"I have a 2-month-old and an 18-month-old, so I'm trying to keep them warm," Melton said. "But it hasn't been too inconvenient. We have a gas stove."

Another 13,000 Houston Lighting & Power customers were without power in the Houston area, which was hit by subfreezing temperatures and sleet Sunday.

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a winter storm warning today.

A freezing drizzle advisory was issued for this morning for the lower Rio Grande Valley and brush country immediately to the north.

Winter weather advisories were issued for today for northern and eastern Texas, South Central Texas and the Coastal Bend.

As much as one to two more inches of snow and sleet were expected to accumulate in North Texas today. Forecasters expected more freezing rain in the Houston area today but said the icy conditions could be eased by a slight warm-up, said Andy Stasiowski, meteorologist technician with the National Weather Service.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. this morning:

### SATURDAY, Jan. 11

9:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of North Hobart on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

2:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

6:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Lea on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

9:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the Jordan Unit on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

### SUNDAY, Jan. 12

12:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Gray 9 1/2 and H 1/2 on a fire assist.

10:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of North Williston on a Trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Nelson on a trauma. One patient transported to Columbia Medical Center.

4:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Faulkner on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

4:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### SUNDAY, Jan. 12

A 46-year-old female reported an assault in the 800 block of west 25th. No injuries were reported.

A theft of boys' mountain bike valued at \$110 was reported in the 800 block of North Gray.

A hit and run was reported at the intersection of Somerville and Sumner. A stop sign valued at

\$80 was damaged.

A theft of a wallet, credit cards, and various items valued at \$1110 was reported in the 300 block of East Tuke.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Banks. Damage to the front door is estimated at \$200.

A robbery was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Taken were various items valued at \$45.

## Accidents

The Pampa Police reported the following accidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today:

### SATURDAY, Jan. 11

A 1996 Chevy pickup driven by Norton James Ray, 35, Midland, and a 1990 Cadillac Fleetwood driven by Frank Daniel Anderson, 65, 1832 Fir, collided in the 1900 block of North Hobart. No

citations were issued.

### SUNDAY, Jan. 12

A 1987 Ford pickup driven by Joe Edward Watts Jr., 34, 312 N. Faulkner, and a 1984 Chevy Silverado pickup driven by Benito Martinez Chavez, 33, 319 N. Banks, collided at Alcock and Faulkner. No citations were issued.

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## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly cloudy with continuing chance of snow, possible 1-3 inches accumulation by Tuesday morning. Low near 8. Tuesday, chance for light snow with a high in the upper teens. Sunday's low was 0; Sunday's high was 6. The overnight low was 5. Pampa received 7 inches of snow over the weekend, yielding 0.25 inch of moisture.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, cloudy with 60 to 80 percent chance of light snow. Lows 10 to 15. Tuesday, cloudy with 30 to 50 percent chance of light snow. Snow may mix with light freezing rain in afternoon in southern regions. Highs in low 20s to around 30. South Plains: Tonight, cloudy with occasional snow flurries. Lows 15-20, with temperatures remaining nearly steady during the night. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and warmer. Highs 30-40.

North Texas — Winter storm watch area wide tonight and Tuesday. Tonight, cloudy and cold with a snow and sleet north and west, with precipitation mixing with freezing rain.

Freezing rain likely south. Lows 16 northwest to 29 southeast. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of freezing rain, sleet and snow. Highs 31 north to 38 southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Winter storm warning thru Tuesday morning. Tonight, cloudy and cold with a good chance of freezing rain, possibly mixed with sleet or snow. Lows in low 20s Hill Country, mid 20s south central. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of freezing rain mixed with sleet or snow, changing over to rain during the afternoon. Highs in low 30s Hill Country, mid to upper 30s south central. Upper Coast: Winter storm warning through Tuesday morning. Tonight, cloudy with freezing rain, possibly mixed with sleet. Lows in upper 20s north to low 30s east. Tuesday, cloudy with freezing rain, possibly mixed with sleet changing over to rain in the afternoon. Highs in mid 30s north to near 40 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with freezing rain inland. Lows in mid 30s coast to near 30 inland. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with freezing

rain inland in the morning. Highs in upper 40s coast to low 40s inland.

### BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Winter storm warning for the western and northern mountains and the northwestern lowlands tonight. Winter storm watch Sandia/Manzano mountains and adjacent high plains, the south central mountains and adjacent high plains tonight. Tonight, snow likely western and northern mountains with a chance of snow elsewhere, snow possibly mixed with rain elevations southwest. Lows zero to upper teens mountains and northeast with teens and 20s elsewhere. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow north and east and a slight chance for rain showers southwest. Highs upper 20s to mid 30s mountains and northeast with mid 30s to low 50s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of snow. Snow may be mixed with sleet southeast. Lows mid teens to low 20s. Tuesday, a chance of sleet and freezing rain south and snow and sleet north. Highs mid 20s to mid 30s.

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## Bockmon

"Me and my brothers spent all our time in winter gathering up bundles of sticks and wood to burn for only one heater and one wood cook stove. And we had to carry sloshing buckets of water several miles from the creek back to the house every day. It was not uncommon for folks to go hungry in that time of my life, but we always managed, and even tried to take care of our stock and animals," he said.

Livestock had to endure many difficulties to stay alive in any season, and especially in the ice and snowdrifts out on the ranges. As a little boy, he remembers seeing an entire group of 26 head holed in one spot, frozen to death.

The youngsters were responsible to help in the fields, and dealt with daily challenges, such as tramping through the snow about two miles to Elm Creek school, or riding horses in mud and across high water streams, pulling cattle out of quicksand, and being charged by one of those wild donkeys or being bitten by a snake.

"My friend, Clarence Blandford, roped one of them (a wild donkey). It turned and jumped him and his horse, ready to kill ... he sure did cut it lose in a hurry to save himself," he said,



(Special Photo)

In his youth, Shorty Bockmon farmed on land in Collingsworth County, guiding his pull-plow behind his mule team.

implying his and his friends' and brothers' lives were in danger in just about everything they did.

"About six of us were leaving a dance one night in a hard rain, on horseback, and had to cross a creek of rushing water. An older man cautioned to me to 'keep my horse's head high and straight ahead' as we just took off into that high water about eight feet deep. But we came out on the other side all right. Everything happened like that—we just lived that way, and it wasn't easy," he said.

People planned their lives only one day to the next in the Depression era, and helped each other as often as they could, but sometimes it backfired, like when Bonnie and Clyde stopped at a

home near the Bockmons in 1933. His family was living in the Plymouth community at the time the couple and Clyde's brother caused a ruckus at the home of Sam Pritchard.

Bonnie was hurt when the three outlaws had a wreck landing in the Red River bed at the Salt Fork and needed help at the Pritchard's house nearby.

The law was called in and as a result Mrs. Pritchard was hit in the hand in an exchange of bullets firing between the outlaws and the sheriff's men, according to Bockmon. The group was captured, but then got loose from two of the lawmen, who were tied to a tree with barbed wire. And the culprits drove away on their way to Sayre, Okla.

While growing up, Bockmon had some fun, too. In his teen years and early 20s, he played a fiddle with a group of friends who provided music for neighborhood parties and traveled around the county on horses or in somebody's car. He and Esther liked to dance and roller skate in the Samnorwood school gym, and during the mid 1920s and early 1930s he played baseball in Samnorwood. He enjoyed driving his 1924 Ford Star Roadster, the first car he ever owned.

In search of ways to make a living, Bockmon experienced many types of labor in his early years, working at local gins and a grain mill in Wellington, in the oil fields near Borger and laying tracks with a railroad crew on the route from Pampa into Childress. He even tried to join the army just at the end of World War I, and actually enlisted, but was returned home suddenly.

"For several days, me and all the other boys had to sleep at the Hall County Courthouse waiting to depart. When we learned that the war was over, they had transported us as far as Fort Worth, then sent us back home. That was my war experience," he said.

Farming is still the major industry in Texas, but using the land for a living early in the 1900s was natural and expected. Bockmon said there was a market for anything and everything that

came from ranching and farming, including selling bones and manure chips. Farmers worked in groups spreading out over the rangelands, collecting animal bones of all kinds to sell and ship to eastern states. Manure chips were burned for heat.

He and his brothers took care of the land and farmed for their father and others, and cotton farming was the main crop in the sandy land of Samnorwood, Plymouth and Elm Creek. There were many hours of plowing, planting and pulling cotton.

"We used mule drawn plows, horse-drawn threshers, the Johnny 'putt-putt' tractor and a FarmAll tractor, never using the deluxe type machinery some folks need today," he said.

He claims he was always a pretty successful cotton farmer, but there were good years and lean years, sometimes selling his cotton for as little as 15 cents a pound after a bad harvest.



(Special Photo)

Shorty Bockmon standing proudly beside his 1924 Ford Star Roadster.

"In those early years we went from nothing, sometimes, to maybe 35 cents a pound, and was proud; but we did better in later years," he said.

Bockmon said because of his impending blindness, he was forced to quit farming in 1981; however, he and Esther remained in their home until they moved to Lefors, where their son and daughter-in-law, Russell (R.B.) and Charlotte Bockmon, live with their children, Bryan and Nikki. Their daughter, Mary Ann Witt, lives in Amarillo, and her sons are Ronald and Rodney Brashears. The Bockmons also have three great-grandchildren.

(Darlene Holmes of the Pampa News also contributed to the contents of this story)

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## Show

### Steers

Class 8, Medium Weight English and English Cross: C.J. Whately, first and reserve breed champion; Whitney Peil, second; Reese Talley, third; Austin Heck, fourth; and Ike Julian, fifth.

Class 9, Heavy Weight English and English Cross: April Burton, first, breed champion and reserve champion; Cassie Hamilton, second; and Brad Githens, third.

Class 10, Light Weight Exotic and Exotic Cross: Courtney Crawford, first; Eric Robison, second; Angie Davenport, third; and Tracy Brown, fourth.

Class 11, Medium Weight Exotic and Exotic Cross: April Burton, first, breed champion and grand champion; C.J. Whately, second and reserve breed champion; Kelby McClellan, third; Travis Brown, fourth; and Brad Githens, fifth.

Class 12, Heavy Weight Exotic and Exotic Cross: Kimbra Julian, first; Calvin Nite, second; and Cody Heck, third.

Class 13, American and American Cross: Sean O'Neal, first and breed champion.

Class 14, English and English Cross: Resa Wicker, first and breed champion; and Ada Coffee, second and reserve breed champion.

Class 15, Exotic and Exotic Cross: April Burton, first, breed champion and grand champion; April Burton, second, reserve breed champion and reserve champion; April Burton, third; Kyle Masters, fourth; and Amanda Keener, fifth.

Class 16, Californian: Shawn Dawes, first and grand champion.

Class 17, New Zealand: Jordan Spearman, first and reserve champion.

Class 18, LOP: Rachael Stubbs,

first.

Class 19, Satin: Jordan Spearman, first; and Jason Bliss, second.

Class 20, Berkshire: Tracy Tucker, first and breed champion; Andrew Johnson, second and reserve breed champion; Shane Willett, third; Tanner Winkler, fourth; and Marcus Arnold, fifth.

Class 21, Medium Weight Chester: Ty Stubblefield, first and breed champion; Cody Douglas, second; Amber Freeman, third; Kori Dunn, fourth; and Nicole Bruton, fifth.

Class 22, Heavy Weight Chester: Brad Githens, first and reserve breed champion; Kilee Ryan, second; Stephanie Asencio, third; Melissa Price, fourth; and Brad Githens, fifth.

Class 23, Light Weight Duro: Marcus Arnold, first; Michael Shaw, second; Matt Hoganson, third; Brent Brown, fourth; and Brian Brown, fifth.

Class 24, Medium Weight Duro: Stephanie McClellan, first and breed champion; Brett Britten, second and reserve breed champion; T'Andra Holmes, third; Justin Homen, fourth; and Ben Campbell, fifth.

Class 25, Heavy Weight Duro: Marshall Flowers, first; Marshall Flowers, second; Kori Dunn, third; Annie Nusz, fourth; and Collin Bowers, fifth.

Class 26, Light Weight Hampshire: Justin Pshigoda, first and reserve breed champion; Nonnie James, second; Nickie Leggett, third; Willie Shaw, fourth; and Melissa Coutts, fifth.

Class 27, Medium Weight Hampshire: Elizabeth Campbell, first; Lindsay Scribner, second; Karra Longo, third; Royce O'Neal, fourth; and Melissa Price, fifth.

Class 28, Medium-Heavy Weight Hampshire: Annie Nusz, first and breed champion; Matt Rhine, second; Jennifer Asencio, third; David Fuller, fourth; and

Justin Freeman, fifth.

Class 29, Heavy Weight Hampshire: Stephen Holmes, first; Peter Winegeart, second; Courtney Crawford, third; Chance Bowers, fourth; and Emily Nusser, fifth.

Class 30, Medium Weight Spots and Polands: Nickie Leggett, first and breed champion; Emily Nusser, second and reserve breed champion; Chance Bowers, third; and Karra Longo, fourth.

Class 31, Heavy Weight Spots and Polands: Tara Kirby, first; Willie Shaw, second; Ashley Cain, third; and Andrew Johnson, fourth.

Class 32, Medium Weight Yorkshire: Amanda Freeman, first and breed champion; J.W. Maines, second; Matt Rhine, third; Travis Foster, fourth; and Megan Coutts, fifth.

Class 33, Heavy Weight Yorkshire: Emily Nusser, first and reserve breed champion; Clarke Hale, second; Levi Lunsford, third; Curtis Pritchett, fourth; and Ashley Freeman, fifth.

Class 34, Other Pure Breeds:

Doug Richardson, first and breed champion; and Justin Thomas, second and reserve breed champion.

Class 35, Light Weight Cross: Emily Nusser, first; Lindsey Price, second; Justin Thomas, third; Rebecca Moore, fourth; and Rebecca Moore, fifth.

Class 36, Light Medium Weight Cross: Emily Nusser, first; Jason Pshigoda, second; Lucas Seymour, third; Cody Douglas, fourth; and Nonnie James, fifth.

Class 37, Medium Weight Cross: Meagan Craig, first; Collin Bowers, second; Royce O'Neal, third; Amy Freeman, fourth; and Levi Addy, fifth.

Class 38, Medium Heavy Weight Cross: Kilee Ryan, first and reserve breed champion; Rhea Ann Foust, second; Jason Harper, third; Tracy Tucker, fourth; and Jared Kirkwood, fifth.

Class 39, Heavy Weight Cross: Dustin Hebert, first and breed champion; Hunter Hebert, second; Megan Coutts, third; Justin Pshigoda, fourth; and Tiffany Thomas, fifth.

### Memorial held for explosion victims

HOUSTON (A) — Eight workers who died in a Dec. 22 factory explosion are remembered as "American working heroes," friends and family members say. Some relatives dabbed at their eyes with tissues or comforted each other with hugs as ministers, a union official, and the president and CEO of Wyman-Gordon Co. spoke in the men's memories at a memorial service Sunday.

The workers, who ranged in age from 24 to 60, were killed three days before Christmas as they did maintenance work at the Wyman-Gordon Forgings plant near Houston.

"They were sons and brothers, husbands and fathers. They were

friends and neighbors," said George Kourpias, president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. "But they also were heroes, American working heroes."

Kourpias said that, too often, hero status is accorded only to soldiers, police officers, athletes and entertainers. He said these men had learned a trade and worked hard.

"When you look at the lives of these eight workers, you see quality lives ... with achievements — achievements in the workplace, in their communities, and yes, in their families," he told hundreds of people who attended the service.

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## Opinion

### Life is more than mere politics ...

Lawmakers and policy wonks in Washington will settle down soon to sort through the mixed messages of an apparently desultory and content-free national election, trying to figure out what the voters were telling them.

Here are some hints. By retaining a president from something like the New Deal-Great Society tradition and a Republican Congress — including a Senate more conservative than before — voters told policy makers that they may not have decided how much smaller a government they want, but they're open to the idea and ready to consider concrete proposals.

Voters might need some time to weigh the benefits of smaller government against the risks of losing favored programs, so they won't be upset if the administration drags its feet. But they are willing to listen to radical ideas, and they expect the Republicans to put them forward.

Everyone knows Social Security and Medicare are due for a day of reckoning, and with the election safely over (as usual, the democratic crucible was an exercise in avoiding rather than confronting issues) most everybody now acknowledges that the choices are reform or bankruptcy. Real reform might not come this year, but the issues should be on the table. Republicans have talked bravely in the past about eliminating entire federal departments — Energy, Commerce, Education, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, even Health and Human Services. This is the year for detailed proposals and a debate over implications, in light of what both parties say they want — a balanced budget eventually. Will the Republicans deliver?

Of course, policy could take a back seat to scandal. The Whitewater investigation is ongoing. Paula Jones will soon have her day in court, the relationship between campaign contributions and foreign policy cries out for exploration. Will anybody make the connection between a big government eager to grant favors and special-interest money eager to influence decisions? Whatever the denizens of the hothouse in the nation's capital do, technological change will continue, business innovations will be made and families like yours will deal with their crises, tragedies and moments of triumph in their own ways.

It's important to pay attention to the ongoing effort to reduce the power of politicians to do harm, but it's even more important to build your own life around integrity, ambitious but realistic goals and the solid foundation of love.

Whatever the politicians in Washington do, may 1997 be a peaceful, prosperous and Happy New Year for you and yours.

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"For heaven's sake — Fred! Listen, everybody at the office is STILL laughing about what you did at the company Christmas party."

# Reports

## Gumbel plays one-sided hardball

Pop the champagne corks: The 15-year tenure of arrogant liberal Bryant Gumbel as host of NBC's *Today* show is over. While NBC, fighting to keep Gumbel from defecting to another network, geared up its public relations machine to pile up the media tributes, something important needs to be said: Gumbel is the very model of unprofessional journalism.

Some media watchers would suggest — and I would agree — that morning show interviewers aren't expected to be objective. They're meant to ask tough devil's advocate questions designed to elicit the most informative response. But it is implicitly understood that this hardball approach would be applied to both sides.

For Gumbel, it never is so. Take Gumbel's question to House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt on the morning Republicans took control of Congress: "You called Gingrich and his ilk — your words: 'trickle-down terrorists who base their agenda on division, exclusion, and fear.' Do you think middle-class Americans are in need of protection from that group?" Gumbel didn't ask whether Gephardt was being uncivil or too harshly partisan. He tossed a softball.

A devil's advocate interviewer wouldn't have interviewed radical black Rep. Maxine Waters a year after the Los Angeles riots, as Gumbel did, and ask: "If I'm a young black man in South Central L.A., where poverty is rampant and unemployment is skyrocketing, I see that Washington's promises of a year ago have gone unfulfilled. I see that perhaps for a second time, the court's inability to mete out justice in a blind fashion, why shouldn't I vent my anger?" Or suggest to criminal-turned-*Washington Post* reporter Nathan McCall: "It's been written that being black in America is like being a witness at your own lynching. Why didn't your experience make you



L. Brent Bozell

more resentful than you are today?"

Oh, Gumbel could be tough on black interview subjects — black conservatives, that is. The morning after the 1994 elections, he asked incoming Republican Rep. J.C. Watts: "You're aligned to a party which owes many of its victories to the so-called religious right and other conservative extremists who are historically insensitive to minority concerns. That doesn't bother you?" Gumbel freely equates conservatism with racism. As he proclaimed about his prime time show *The Racial Attitudes and Consciousness Exam* in 1989, "This test is not going to tell you whether you're a racist or a liberal."

In 1989, Gumbel took on Rev. Ralph Abernathy, the longtime ally of Martin Luther King, when Abernathy's book *And the Walls Came Tumbling Down* devoted four pages to King's sexual dalliances. Gumbel first taped an interview with Abernathy (which never aired) that ignored those passages. Then, on Oct. 17, Gumbel spent an entire live interview trying to get Abernathy to renounce the truth he'd known first hand. When Abernathy noted King's exploits were "common knowledge," Gumbel objected: "It would be better stated, perhaps, to say that it was common accusation." When Abernathy said he felt the need to tell the truth, Gumbel admon-

ished him by quoting a movie line: "When the truth collides with a legend, print the legend."

Turning the truth upside down was often a Gumbel signature, especially if the topic was Ronald Reagan. A typical Gumbel history lesson came on Jan. 22, 1992: "The boom years following World War II saw the economy take off, giving rise to the growth of the great American middle class. The rising standard of living meant homes, cars, TVs, college for the kids — all in all, a piece of the American dream. But in the Reagan years, economic erosion set in, so much so that the middle class now finds itself in ever-deepening trouble." Over the years, Gumbel found Reagan responsible for everything from sexual harassment in public housing to flammable pajamas for children.

Gumbel stayed biased to the end. Just a few weeks ago, he asked Jimmy Carter: "You write that you prayed more during your four years in office than basically at any time in your life, and yet I think it's fair to say, and I hope this doesn't sound too harsh ... you are consistently viewed as one of the more ineffective presidents of modern times ... What do you think, if anything, that says about the power of prayer?" Gumbel had a different view with his favorite liberal, Children's Defense Fund lobbyist Marian Wright Edelman, in September: "In light of the new welfare reform bill, do you think that children need prayers more than ever before?"

My prayers notwithstanding, Gumbel isn't going away. The networks are having the most furious bidding war over talent since George Stephanopoulos publicly pledged to show a bias toward Bill Clinton while signing up as an ABC correspondent last month. At least, Gumbel has been a journalistic professional for many years, some might insist. But I'm finding it hard to distinguish one aggressive liberal spin doctor from the other.

Harold@home.com: Yes, Harry, we have e-mail, cell phones, instant Web access, pagers, high-speed fax-modem, advanced communication software — but I want something more!



## Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Monday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 1997. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Jan. 13, 1794, President Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union.

On this date:  
In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died in a New York hospital.

In 1893, Britain's Independent Labor Party (a precursor to the current Labor Party) held its first meeting.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1941, novelist James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in Los Angeles.

In 1966, Robert C. Weaver became the first black Cabinet member as he was appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Johnson.

## A modest compilation of resolutions

What a Dickensian year 1996 was. It was the best of times for some headlines and the worst of times for others. It was a year of wisdom on some fronts and a year of foolishness on others. There were events during the year that restored some belief in humanity's basic goodness. But, then, there were other events that provoked both public outrage and incredulity.

But enough about 1996. It's time to look forward to 1997. Herewith are suggested resolutions for the past year's leading newsmakers.

**President Clinton:** To bear in mind that a majority of Americans did not vote for me in either of my two presidential elections. To make good on my campaign promise to balance the budget. To accept responsibility for the illegal foreign campaign donations that were raised in my name, remembering the declaration of the last two-term Democratic president: "The buck stops here."

**Hillary Rodham Clinton:** To maintain the low profile that I had during the past election. To stop suggesting that my critics don't like me because I've redefined the role of the first lady. To accept at least some culpability for the Whitewater and Travelgate scandals.

**House Speaker Newt Gingrich:** To avoid even the most remote appearance of unethical conduct in the wake of my recent acknowledgment that "I brought down on the people's house a controversy which could weaken the faith people have in government."

**Dick Morris:** To swear off \$200-a-day-and-night call-girls. To never again advise President Clinton on the issue of family values.

**FBI Director Louis Freeh:** To acknowledge that the agency has fallen into disrepute during my



Joseph Perkins

watch, what with the Filegate scandal, the false accusation of Olympic security guard Richard Jewell and the recent discovery of a Russian spy working in the FBI's ranks. To fall on my sword.

**Michigan Gov. John Engler, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, New York Gov. George Pataki, New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, Texas Gov. George Bush Jr., et al.:** To resist, for at least a year, the temptation to start testing the waters for a presidential bid in 2000.

**Chinese President Jiang Zemin:** To stop selling missiles and nuclear technology to countries like Iran, Syria and Pakistan. To curb unfair trade practices against U.S. goods and services that have resulted in a \$40 billion trade imbalance in Beijing's favor. To make a bow to human rights by commuting, or at least shortening, the sentences of China's political dissidents.

**Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr:** To wrap up my Whitewater investigation before I surpass Iran-contra special Lawrence Walsh in the number of years and millions of dollars he spent on his grand inquisition.

**Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo:** To police my country's northern border so it is no longer a sieve through which illegal arms, drugs and aliens cross into the United States. To encourage the Mexican legislature to drop the idea of granting dual citizenship to Mexican-Americans as a way of influencing U.S. politics.

**John Tu and David Sun:** To write a management book, based on our experience at Kingston Technology, showing other corporate chieftains that it is possible to run a highly profitable, highly successful business while sharing the wealth with faithful workers.

**John and Carolyn Besette Kennedy:** To have a quiet, dignified marriage and show Chuck and Di, and Andy and Fergie how people of breeding and refinement are supposed to comport themselves.

**INS Commissioner Doris Meissner:** To stop misrepresenting the effectiveness of "Operation Gatekeeper," which has utterly failed to deter illegal immigration along the U.S.-Mexico border. To admit that, in my agency's haste to naturalize more than one million immigrants in time to vote in the recent presidential election, we granted U.S. citizenship to thousands of foreign-born criminals, including rapists, child molesters and killers.

**Rupert Murdoch, Michael Eisner, Michael Jordan, Robert Wright:** To concede that the rating system that our four major television networks developed does not sufficiently inform parents of the levels of sex, violence and adult language contained in our programming.

**Madonna:** To do something really outrageous, like marrying the father of my baby.

## A closer look at Vice President Al Gore

It is widely conceded that Vice President Al Gore is the odds-on front runner for the next Democratic presidential nomination. Like George Bush in 1988, he will present himself as the ranking aide of a retiring two-term president, trained and equipped to carry on his legacy. Unless Clinton is so damaged by events in his second term that close identification with him is a handicap, the case for Gore ought to be powerful enough to assure his nomination, and quite possibly win the election.

Republicans, and even the media in their lighter moments, have had considerable fun at Gore's expense, depicting him as a wooden personality, a "tree hugging" environmental extremist, etc. But in their heart of hearts they know better. Al Gore is an extraordinarily smooth cookie. He hung Ross Perot out to dry in their 1993 debate on NAFTA, and is widely scored as having defeated Jack Kemp in their vice presidential debate last fall. Gore achieved these victories by being soft spoken, pleasant and persistent, with a creamy courtesy just this side of unctuousness.

One problem with the politics of perfection, however, is that it makes even the slightest blemish look huge. And the blemishes that have been developing on Gore's public persona are getting increasingly hard for his admirers to ignore.

Most recently, it has transpired that Gore has been up to his eyebrows over the past eight years in the financial goings on between the Democratic



William Rusher

Party and a Buddhist organization called Fo Kwang Shan, based in Taiwan.

When it was discovered that Gore had attended a fundraising event organized by this group in April 1996 at the Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple in Hacienda Heights, Los Angeles, the vice president quickly acknowledged the impropriety (political fundraising on such premises is illegal) but explained that he had thought it was simply a "community event." Subsequently the Democratic Party has begun returning the \$140,000 that was raised.

But documents turned over by the Democratic Party to congressional investigators suggest that Gore's involvement with the sect has far more extensive ramifications than his brief comment implied.

For one thing, it turns out that on March 15, just a month before the Los Angeles fundraiser, Gore met at the White House with Venerable Master Hsing-Yun, the leader of Fo Kwang Shan.

Moreover, this meeting was arranged by none other than John Huang, the protégé of the billionaire Lippo Group of Indonesia. Huang, you will recall, landed a job in Ron Brown's Commerce Department and then moved on to the Democratic National Committee, where he engineered millions of dollars in dubious and/or illegal contributions to the Clinton campaign.

Not only that, but the vice president apparently met with some of the venerable master's followers in Los Angeles in 1993 and again in 1995.

But there's more. Gore's involvement with Fo Kwang Shan stretches back to his days as a senator from Tennessee. In January 1989, the Buddhist organization paid for a trip Gore took to Taiwan, during which he met Taiwanese officials, toured Fo Kwang Shan's headquarters, and visited with the aforementioned venerable master.

Moreover, the *Wall Street Journal* reports that the man who organized the 1989 trip, and accompanied Gore on it, was — you guessed it — our old friend John Huang, who was still employed by the Lippo Group at the time.

These are the sort of antics that inspired Christopher Buckley's hilarious vision of the vice president "attired in saffron robes and carrying a begging bowl." They certainly do nothing positive for the image of a scrupulous public servant, calm, courteous and precise.

I suggest that Gore come clean, and tell us exactly what's been going on.

# Oakland revamps proposal to recognize 'Ebonics' as second language

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — An Oakland school board task force reworded its proposal to recognize black English as a second language, hoping to quell debate over a policy many criticized as racist and ill-conceived.

The new policy, introduced Sunday, eliminates any suggestion that black English is "genetically based," and cuts several references to ebonics being the predominant primary language of black students.

"No matter how many times we explained that genetically based means having its origins in, it was taken to mean something else," said Oakland School Superintendent Carolyn Gettridge.

The modified policy states that ebonics — a combination of the words ebon and phonics — is traceable to African languages that slaves brought to the United States. Members said despite the revisions, the policy's mission is unchanged.

"We hope that America will now turn its attention to improving the education of African-American children," task force chairman Sylvester Hodges said Sunday. "The debate was good, but the debate has to end at some point."

The school board triggered a national outcry last month by unanimously approving a policy to "recognize and understand" ebonics in its curriculum,

and recognizing black English, with phrases such as "She be at the store," as a legitimate language.

It also voted to train teachers to understand it so they can teach standard English to youngsters who came to school speaking mainly ebonics.

The Los Angeles school board — representing the nation's second-largest school district — was to consider a similar proposal at a meeting today.

Oakland's seven-member school board is expected to endorse the revised plan at a special meeting Wednesday night. A final version of the policy will be submitted to the superintendent by March 15, and if approved it could be

used in classrooms beginning in the fall, the task force said.

Besides removing "genetically based" from the policy, the task force changed a section of the policy that said black students would be taught "both in their primary language and in English."

The new wording says the program will "move students from the language patterns they bring to school to English proficiency."

The American Speech, Language and Hearing Association has classified black English as a social dialect. Its speakers, for example, don't conjugate the verb "to be" and use double and triple negatives, as in: "He ain't got no money."

District educators say standard English is a second language for some black students who make up 53 percent of its enrollment. They say recognizing black English is a way to reach out to students who feel their spoken language is being ignored.

But critics, including NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, have said the proposal underestimates blacks' intelligence and doesn't address their problems in school.

"The dialect differences that we're talking about are not why these children are failing," said University of California-Berkeley linguist John McWhorter, who is black.

# After lengthy struggle, blacks receive Medal of Honor for valor during World War II

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanks to friends and family who fought through the red tape of federal bureaucracy, seven World War II veterans are becoming the first black soldiers of that conflict to receive the Medal of Honor.

At a White House ceremony today, President Clinton was presenting the nation's highest military decoration for valor to Vernon Baker, 77, the

only one of the seven still alive.

Baker, of St. Maries, Idaho, led his platoon through a maze of German bunkers and machine gun nests in an attempt to capture a stronghold along the heavily fortified Gothic Line in Italy in April 1945. When enemy artillery began to rain down on them, the commander of Baker's all-black company in the 92nd Infantry

Division went to get reinforcements.

Baker, then a lieutenant, stayed behind and beat back three enemy attacks before it became clear reinforcements were not coming. He then ordered his surviving men to retreat. They destroyed two German machine gun nests on the way out.

Medals of Honor also were being awarded posthumously to

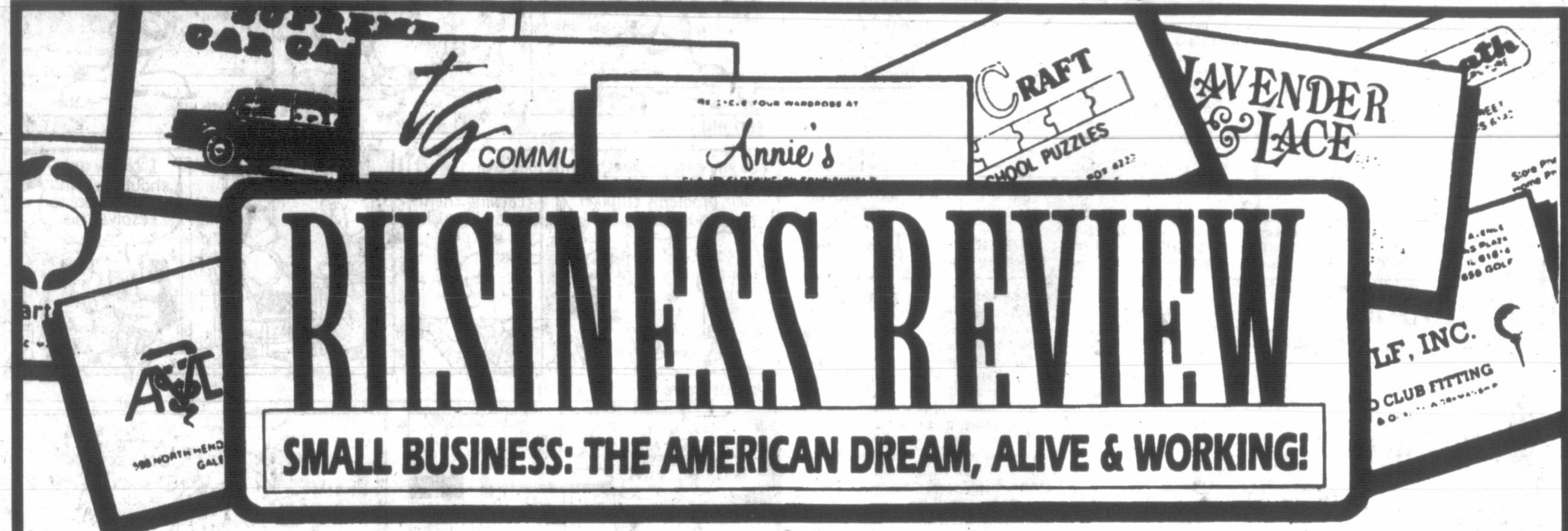
six other black soldiers who distinguished themselves on World War II battlefields. They are Staff Sgt. Edward A. Carter Jr. of Los Angeles; 1st Lt. John R. Fox of Cincinnati; Pfc. Willy F. James Jr. of Kansas City, Mo.; 1st Lt. Charles L. Thomas of Detroit; Pvt. George Watson of Birmingham, Ala.; and Staff Sgt. Ruben Rivers of Oklahoma City.

"I feel greatly honored, but I'm greatly saddened that none of the others are here to share this," Baker said last week, adding that he was looking forward to meeting the families of medal recipients.

Although 1.2 million black Americans served in the military during Second World War, none was among the 432 recipients of Medals of Honor awarded in the conflict. By 1952, the statute of

limitations for giving the medal to World War II veterans had run out.

Baker, a 28-year Army veteran, said that until the Medal of Honor was recommended last year, he never considered whether he deserved it because he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second-highest battlefield honor.



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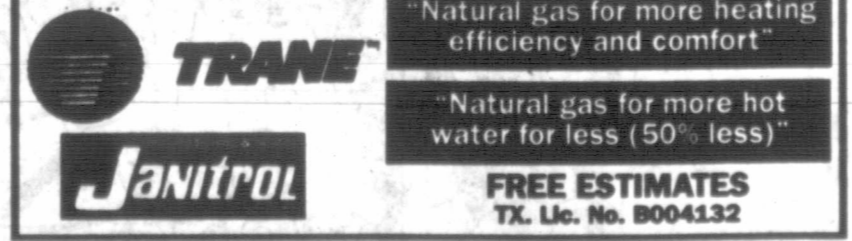
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## Texas Spirit Award Celebrates Communities That Pull Together

**DEAR ABBY:** It's hard to believe we are nearing 10 years since the world held its breath as a small child was pulled to safety after 58 hours in an underground well. And after baby Jessica McClure was rescued, America joined Midland, Texas, in celebrating the rescuers and those who provided the equipment, the expertise and the countless hours of effort. We celebrated the selfless acts of an entire community that pulled together for one child.

The worldwide recognition our community received was extraordinary. At the time nothing existed to officially recognize communities for achievements such as these, so our community decided to create a platform to share the recognition we had received. We asked you to help us find deserving recipients for our Midland Community Spirit Award — and did you ever!

Hundreds of nominations poured in — 480 the last time you helped us. We continue to be amazed and invigorated by the incredible accomplishments of wonderful people and wonderful communities who achieve so much by working together.

To date, the Midland Community Spirit Award has honored the achievements of: Sioux City, Iowa, for its compassionate community response in the wake of a tragic DC-10 crash; Yakima, Wash., for riding neighborhoods of drugs; Bangor, Maine, for the volunteers who

**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Community Spirit Award illustrates beautifully what miracles can be accomplished when caring individuals work together. Communities whose citizens have risen to the occasion when tragedy struck are eligible to throw their hats in the ring. Interested communities may receive application materials in one of three ways:

Written requests can be mailed to: Midland Community Spirit Award, P.O. Box 1890, Midland, Texas 79701; e-mail requests to: [spiritaward@mainlink.com](mailto:spiritaward@mainlink.com); and on-line via the Midland Reporter-Telegram home page: <http://www.mrt.com>.

**DEAR ABBY:** Harry C. Williams Jr. of Nashville, Tenn., is right to be concerned about shaking hands with hospital patients. Some years ago as a journalist, I was assigned at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Once I went into an area where research was in progress. As I was introduced to the doctor I was to interview, I offered to shake hands. He drew away and explained, "We don't shake hands at the CDC."

**JACK STILLMAN, JASPER, GA.**

**DEAR JACK:** How about touching elbows?

personally welcomed more than 63,000 Desert Storm veterans; Warren Southern Wells School Community, Ind., who worked together over the Christmas holidays to convert a civic center into a school after their elementary school was destroyed by fire; and Petaluma, Calif., for the massive search efforts for Polly Klaas, the 12-year-old who was kidnapped and murdered, and for ongoing efforts to establish a foundation in her memory to serve other young victims.

Abby, would you once again ask your readers to nominate deserving communities for the 1997 award? The winner will be announced at a community luncheon in early October 1997. Thank you for all of your help.

**BOBBY BURNS, MAYOR, MIDLAND, TEXAS**

**DEAR MAYOR BURNS:** I'm pleased to help. Too often our attention is focused on negative issues, and the Midland Com-

## Horoscope

Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Today you might feel more restless than usual, so when you arrange your schedule, allow yourself freedom to move mentally, physically and socially.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Potentially profitable opportunities should not be put on the back burner today. Treat everything as though it might not exist tomorrow.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Matters that are important to you personally should be given priority today. If you drop the ball, don't expect others to cover for you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You will accomplish more today if you establish your own pace and work in an environment free from outside interference. Seek seclusion in a quiet nook.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** In your social involvement today you might be more popular than usual with your friends. Make a special effort to treat all of your pals equally.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You will rise to a challenge today, but don't seek confrontations. However, you should stand up for yourself if you are provoked.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Generally speaking, conditions look favorable for you today, provided that you subdue your impulsiveness. You must remain patient.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Someone might offer to assist you today, but her experience is limited. Therefore, do not rely on this person too heavily.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Tackle important issues head-on today instead of procrastinating. Delay will not improve your position. In fact, it could create new complications.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You will regret it later in the evening if you don't use your time constructively today. Plan an industrious, productive agenda and adhere to it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Try to break away from your mundane routines today and have some fun. All work and no play is not healthy.

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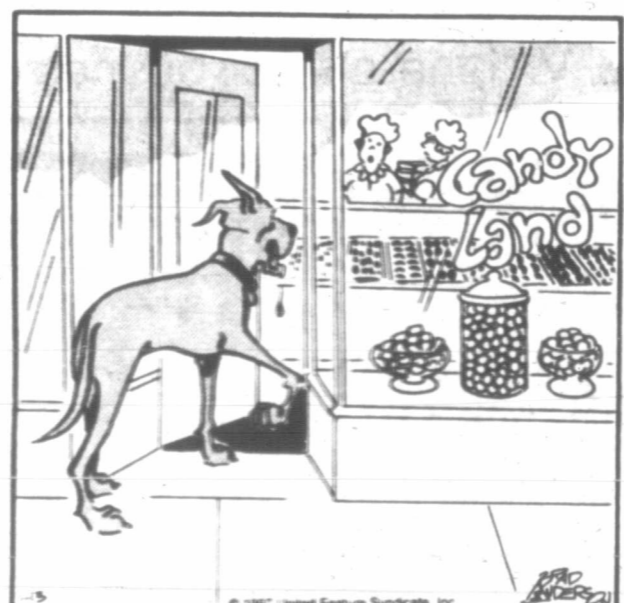


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Numerous pleasant social experiences are indicated for the year ahead. You might even establish several relationships with people you can barely tolerate. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you haven't been spending much time with your family lately, try to correct this today. You will enjoy being with them and they will enjoy being with you. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work.



"Who's in there?"



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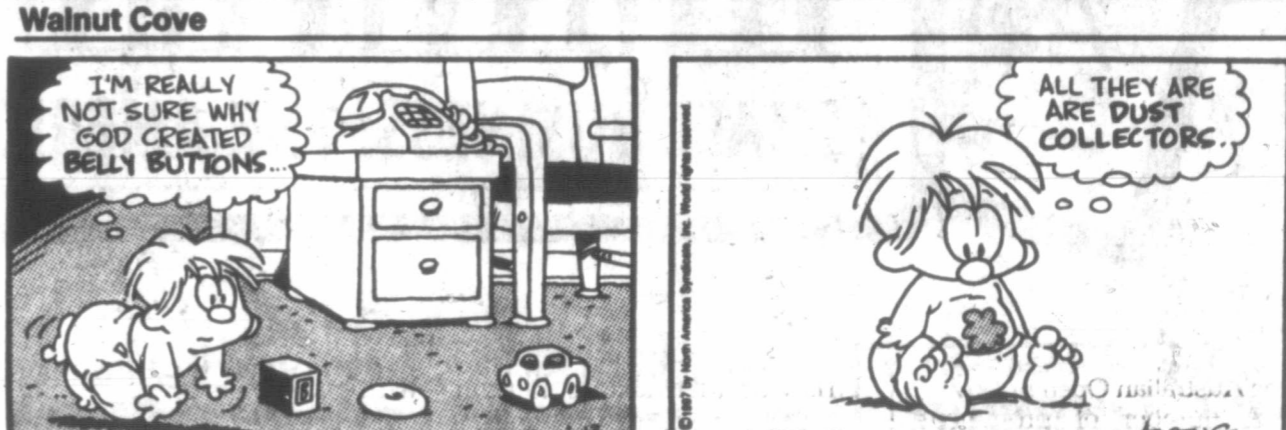
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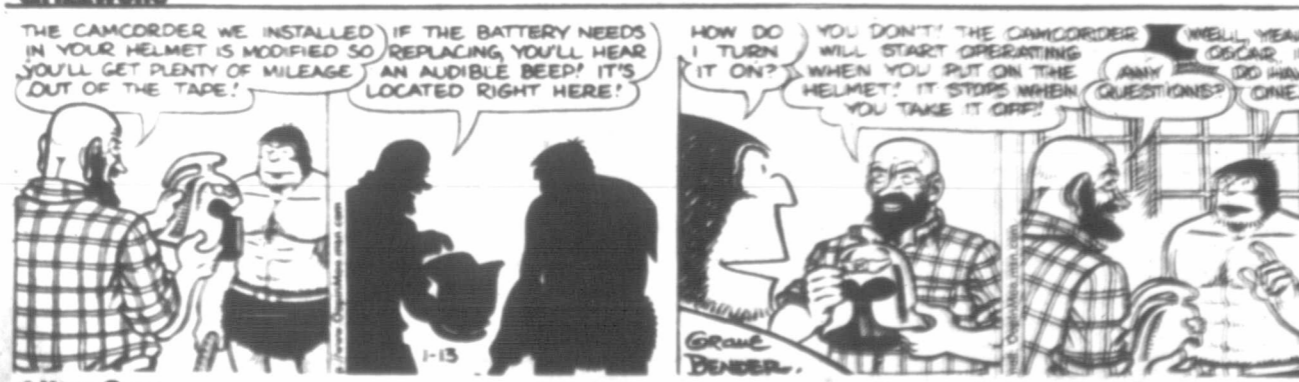
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Sports

# Notebook Packers, Patriots reach Super Bowl

BASKETBALL

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — It was Al Coleman's first start, but it was hard to tell that from his statistics.

Coleman, a fifth-year senior, scored 32 points, including a school-record 10 of the 18 3-pointers made by No. 23 University of Texas in their 104-63 rout of Kansas State Sunday.

"I guess you could call it a zone," said Coleman, who was 11-of-17 from the field, 10-of-14 from 3-point range. "I've been shooting like that all week. I just wanted to help the team and show everyone what I could do."

Kansas State coach Tom Asbury was impressed and surprised as well.

"We weren't prepared for that kind of shooting and they probably weren't either," Asbury said. "When they hit 18 3s and one guy gets 10, you have to get out and guard him. We are playing scared and tentative on the road and it's a disturbing trend."

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Boris Becker had trouble with his groundstrokes, the heat and Carlos Moya's deep, looping shots at the Australian Open. That was enough to drop the defending champion from the opening round of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time in 20 years.

Up two sets to one, Becker suddenly couldn't make his backhand behave, gradually lost his forehand and dropped a 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 match to the unseeded Spaniard today.

Becker became the first major upset victim on the court at the season's first Grand Slam event, and the first defending champion to lose in the opening round at any of tennis' big-four tournaments since Roscoe Tanner at the Australian Open in 1977.

A number of prominent players, including women's defending champion Monica Seles, already were missing before opening day because of injuries or fatigue.

Another three players were injured Monday, including Janette Husarova, who crumpled to the court with a twisted knee after trying to change direction to volley a passing shot by top seed Steffi Graf. Graf, leading 5-1 at the time and the winner by default in just 22 minutes, brought ice and prepared a bandage while waiting for a trainer to arrive.

One former champion advanced with difficulty. Mary Pierce, the 1995 winner, advanced with a with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 win over 13th-seeded Elena Likhovtseva of Russia.

Michael Chang, the men's No. 2 seed and a finalist here last year, also played nurse, contributing a wet towel to the treatment of a ball girl who collapsed in the 90-degree heat. Meanwhile, he needed just 97 minutes to beat Belgium's Kris Goossens 6-0, 6-3, 6-1.

Moya, who gained confidence by beating Becker indoors in Paris last year in their only previous meeting, said he thought the weather was a key in today's 3 1/2-hour match.

"I'm still young," said the 20-year-old Spaniard, who is ranked 25th to Becker's sixth. "I was also tired, but I think he was more tired."

Becker, 29, said he had thought Moya was tired at the end of the third set, but "unfortunately I stopped playing."

Becker said that in trying to put more zip into Moya's slow, high-bouncing shots with soft balls, "I was hitting harder, harder, and I lost my timing."

Last year, Becker had to struggle from behind in five-set matches in his first two rounds en route to the title.

This time, he said, "I made many, many unforced errors, which I haven't done in a long time. I barely made a backhand return, and then by the fourth set my forehand started to go away as well, and then the only thing I had was my serve. ... My timing and my groundstrokes were really bad today."

By BILL BARNARD  
AP Sports Writer

This was supposed to be the year the AFC finally had a chance to start cutting into that big Super Bowl deficit.

The Las Vegas oddsmakers aren't buying it.

The Green Bay Packers are early 13 1/2-point favorites to defeat New England in New Orleans on Jan. 26 and extend the NFC's Super Bowl dominance to 13 consecutive games.

The AFC's Pittsburgh Steelers played the Dallas Cowboys close in the Super Bowl a year ago, and the AFC beat the NFC 32-28 in head-to-head games this season. But the Packers' 35-14 and 30-13 playoff victories over San Francisco and Carolina convinced the oddsmakers that the NFC will extend its streak.

Two of those 12 consecutive NFC victories were by Bill Parcells' New York Giants against Denver and Buffalo, and one was Chicago's 46-

10 rout of New England in the Patriots' only previous Super Bowl appearance.

"We deserve this (NFC championship) trophy," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said, "but we're not finished yet."

While Green Bay won the first two Super Bowls before it even had that name — it didn't become the Super Bowl until the fourth year — Parcells will be the second coach to take two different teams to the Super Bowl. Don Shula lost with Baltimore and won with Miami, but Parcells could become the first to win with two different teams.

"The man knows what it takes," said Patriots guard William Roberts, who was on both Giants' Super Bowl teams. "He made sure the players understood that, understood the sacrifices and everything you need to do to be a champion."

Both Super Bowl teams have strong offenses headlined by high-profile quarterbacks and punishing runners. But Green Bay's role

as favorite is based on defense, although New England came through with big plays defensively in the playoffs to get to the Super Bowl.

The Pats forced four turnovers Sunday when Jacksonville dominated in yardage and time of possession, and New England did not allow a touchdown in two playoff games. The Patriots were 19th in the NFL overall and 28th against the pass during the regular season.

New England made the big plays defensively in a span of less than two minutes Sunday, forcing three turnovers. Willie Clay intercepted a pass in the end zone with 3:43 to go, Otis Smith grabbed a fumble and went 47 yards for the clinching touchdown with 2:24 remaining and Tedy Bruschi picked off another pass with 1:52 left.

The Patriots also held Jacksonville's Natrone Means to 43 yards rushing Sunday after he had 315 in the previous two playoff games.

"We heard a lot about other

teams' great defenses and we got together and asked ourselves, "Why can't we do that? Why can't we stop people?" And we got together and started making big plays, too," linebacker and Patriots sack leader Willie McGinest said.

Drew Bledsoe, after a disappointing 1995 season in which the Patriots finished 6-10, re-established himself as one of the top young quarterbacks in the NFL.

Bledsoe threw for more than 4,000 yards in the regular season, getting help from two new wide receivers, free agent Shawn Jefferson and rookie Terry Glenn. Glenn set a rookie record with 90 receptions, and running back Curtis Martin, while not producing the high numbers of his rookie season, proved his value with three touchdowns and a club-record 166 yards rushing in the playoff win over the Steelers.

The Packers, while scoring 30 or more points in five consecutive games behind two-time NFL Most Valuable Player Brett Favre at

quarterback, have been outstanding defensively all season, allowing the fewest points in the league and the fewest yards.

Despite a midseason loss to long-time nemesis Dallas, the Packers rolled to a 13-3 regular-season record and two easy playoff wins at storied Lambeau Field, where they have never lost in the postseason.

Favre set a team record with an NFL-high 39 TD passes despite injury problems in his receiver corps all season. The Packers also discovered a new weapon as Desmond Howard joined the team and set an NFL record for punt return yardage.

Edgar Bennett carried most of the load at running back, but a new star emerged in the NFC championship game as backup Dorsey Levens rushed for 88 yards and caught five passes for 117 yards.

"Someone questioned where he came from," Favre said of Levens, a fifth-round draft pick in 1994. "He's always been here. He's an amazing player."

## PHS cagers go to Caprock Tuesday

PAMPA — Pampa travels to Amarillo Caprock for District 1-4A basketball matchups Tuesday night.

Pampa boys, 2-3 in district play, will be trying to stay alive for a playoff berth. It won't be easy. Caprock is off to 4-1 start in district. Miguel Morales (6-3 senior) scored 12 points and Quincy Wodine (6-2 junior) had 10 as Caprock beat Borger, 69-54, last Friday night.

The Harvesters are coming off a 68-41 over Borger with 6-3 senior August Larson leading the way with 22 points. Kaleb Meek (6-2 senior) and Shawn Young (6-0 sophomore) added 10 points each.

Both Pampa and Caprock girls won their last district out-

ings. Susan Spann (5-6 senior) tossed in 27 points as Caprock downed Borger, 69-54. Chandra Nachtigall (5-3 junior) scored 17 points, including five 3-point goals, as Pampa defeated Dumas, 40-34, last Friday night.

Both teams need to keep winning to have a shot at a playoff spot. Both teams have 2-5 league marks.

In a close contest all the way, the Lady Harvesters avenged two earlier losses with the victory over Dumas. Pampa committed only 10 turnovers compared to 19 for Dumas to overcome a 26-19 rebounding advantage for the Demonettes.

Faustine Curry and Yvette Brown led Pampa on the board with 4 rebounds each.

## Mississippi makes first appearance in rankings

By JIM O'CONNELL  
AP Basketball Writer

While Kansas and Wake Forest were 1-2 in the college basketball poll for the seventh straight week today, Mississippi made its first appearance in the rankings.

The Rebels (11-3) rode this weekend's upset of then-No. 3 Kentucky into a spot at No. 20, and becoming the last of the 12 teams in the Southeastern Conference to have ever been ranked.

Kansas and Wake Forest staying at the top was about all that was the same from last week's poll, not surprising since 12 ranked teams lost a total of 16 games last week.

The Jayhawks (16-0) lost a bit of their lead despite winning their three games last week by an average of 35 points as they received 57 first-place votes and 1,761 points from the national media panel. The Demon Deacons (12-0) held second with 14 No. 1 votes and 1,718 points after an impressive week that saw them beat Georgia Tech and Duke on the road.

Last week's first-place count between the two was 59-11.

Clemson (14-1) moved up two spots to third, its highest ranking ever, the same jump Cincinnati made to fourth. Kentucky dropped from third to fifth after the loss to Mississippi that

snapped a 14-game winning streak.

Arizona moved up one spot to sixth and was followed in the Top Ten by Minnesota, Iowa State, Utah and Louisville.

Maryland, which rallied from a 22-point deficit to beat North Carolina, moved from 19th to lead the Second Ten — the week's biggest jump — and the Terrapins were followed by New Mexico, Duke, Xavier of Ohio, Stanford, Villanova, Indiana, Michigan, Boston College and the poll rookie, Mississippi.

The last five teams were Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, Oregon and Texas Tech.

That Mississippi had never been ranked before isn't that surprising, considering the school has made one appearance in the NCAA tournament (1981) and has had just one winning season (1986-87) in the last 13.

The Rebels' 73-69 victory over Kentucky followed a home loss to Alabama but was still impressive enough, coupled with earlier conference wins over Georgia and Arkansas, to get them ranked.

Mississippi's other losses this season were on the road to Davidson and New Mexico.

The four ranked teams that lost two games last week were Duke, North Carolina, Oregon and Villanova.

## "The Coach" will be honored at weekend reunion

PAMPA — Frank Kimbrough Stadium. Dick Bivins Stadium. E.B. Hanna Fieldhouse. You have to be an old-time sports fan to know why those athletic facilities were named in honor of these men.

This weekend, the young sports fans and area newcomers, will find out why the Pampa High School basketball facility is named Clifton McNeely Fieldhouse. The most successful coach in any sport in the long, storied history of Pampa public school athletics, McNeely, along with his wife, Peggy, will be honored this weekend by former players, associates and their families during halftime of the Pampa-Borger game Friday

night, and a public reception at M.K. Brown Auditorium from 8:30 until noon Saturday. Friends and fans are invited to enjoy coffee, juice and donuts while visiting with the McNeelys and the athletes who played for him during the 13 seasons he led the PHS basketball program.

McNeely arrived in Pampa at mid-term of the 1947-48 school year, coming from the Phillips 66 Oilers AAU basketball team. Over the next 13 seasons, his only head coaching years, he won 321 games, lost 43, for an amazing .882 winning percentage. His teams made six trips to the state tournament, winning four crowns ('53, '54, '58, '59) and finishing second ('57) and

## Football team honored



(Pampa News photo by Matt Hutchison)

The 1996 Pampa High football team (above) was honored during the annual banquet Saturday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. Fullback-linebacker Ryan Bruce was presented with the Fighting Heart Award. Other Harvesters who received special awards were Brian Swift and Willie Shaw, McKinney Memorial; Devin Lemons and Ryan Davis, GT-EI Norma.

## NCAA to take closer look at bowl system

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The NCAA's Board of Directors has its first mission — take a closer look at the bowl system.

With a new governing system set for approval Monday at the NCAA Convention, the newly created 15-member board will review the bowl alliance setup and recommend any changes. For now, a playoff is not a top priority.

"There's a lot of concern about the bowl alliance and whether or not it was fair to some teams," Maryland president William Kirwan said Sunday after the President's Commission was briefed on the NCAA's role in Division I-A postseason play.

"I think there is an idea there that should work for us. Maybe we need to make some refinements in the selection process. But I feel the alliance concept is one that respects the existing structure, yet still gives the likely possibility of providing a contest between the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams to determine the national championship."

The biggest concern this season was the exclusion of WAC champion Brigham Young from a top-tier alliance game and the absence of Wyoming from the bowl scene altogether. WAC commissioner Karl Benson, with approval from his council of presidents, last week asked the board to look for a more equitable method of conducting the postseason, including a playoff. And the board listened.

"If the board can exert influence on the alliance, that would be a start," said Benson, who last week rejected an alliance proposal to make four conferences signatory members and include them in limited revenue-sharing.

Buzz Shaw, chancellor of Syracuse and chairman of the Board of Directors, said if the WAC hadn't come forward and stated its case during the weekend, the subject probably would not have been dealt with so quickly.

The board hasn't totally rejected a playoff, but Sam Smith, chairman of the President's

Committee and president of Washington State, said, "I do not see it was one of the leading options."

Smith said Sunday's discussion was "very intense and good and we left recommending that the board of directors of Division I undertake a study."

Shaw added that the board, which officially begins work in August, will start meeting in March on the bowl issue.

"The first question is what role would we play," Shaw said. "And the confounding aspect is that football is different (than other NCAA championships) because the bowls have to be in condition to be financially solvent. And these are not our bowls."

"The second is what kind of observations and conclusions do we draw to make it better."

By January 1998, the board will submit its findings to the NCAA and the conferences. The board will consist of a voting majority of eight presidents from major football schools.

no such thing as bonus free throws and three-point shots. And most importantly, only the district champion, entered the state playoffs.

Rarely was there a senior basketball player during the McNeely era who didn't receive a college scholarship offer somewhere. Jimmy Bond had his choice of any school in the country and opted for Pasadena College of the Nazarene, located in California, to continue work toward his church ministry. He was one of 13 players chosen first-team, all-state. Others, and the schools they attended, were: Bill Webb, Wayland Baptist; Fred Woods, Rice; Jerry Pope, TCU; Sam Conco, Hardin-Simmons;

Bill Brown, Texas and Houston; Coyle Winborn, Texas; Charley Minor, Texas A&M; Mack Layrie, Abilene Christian, and Craig Winborn, Texas.

Six played in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Game, four receiving Most Valuable Player honors: Woods, Bond (MVP), McIlvaine (MVP), Pope (MVP), Brown (MVP) and Coyle Winborn. And 17 players were named first team, all-district when only five were selected each year from the eight district schools.

All of these players have indicated they will be present this weekend for the ceremonies honoring "Coach" at this special reunion.

Scoreboard

Table of basketball scores and standings. Includes sections for WACO, Texas (AP), National Basketball Association, Big 12 Conference Standings, and HOCKEY. Lists various teams and their scores.

Iowa State rebounds from Marquette setback; Kansas remains unbeaten

By CRAIG HORST AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Coach's plan was a surprise for Iowa State players when they showed up early Saturday for the normal easy shootaround.

had gone over the 1,000-point mark in the same season.

"Going undefeated is not a goal at all," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "It's like golf. You'd like to make a birdie on every hole, but you never do it. I want to birdie every hole but it doesn't happen."

Missouri had just taken the lead when Alexander raced up the floor and put up his shot.

"We came back and got the bucket and it looked like we were in pretty good shape," said Missouri coach Norm Stewart. "But he made a heck of a shot. We really did a decent job of keeping him out of the lane, but he put up a Hail Mary and it went in."

HOCKEY

National Hockey League At A Glance

Table of NHL team standings. Columns include Eastern Conference, Pacific Division, and Western Conference with team names and statistics.

Clarendon has top-ranked women's team

FRANKLIN, N.H. — The Lady Bulldogs of Clarendon College are the number one rated women's team in the National Small College Athletic Association.

With a 7-2 record, the Lady Bulldogs are leading a field of 25 schools. The top five NSCAA women's basketball teams are: 1) Clarendon College; 2) Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.; 3) Arkansas Baptist College; 4) Hampshire College, Mass.; and 5) Michigan Christian College.

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#### Ohio woman tired of being dead

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Alberta Carter isn't dead and she wants everyone to know it.

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"I'm tired of being dead," says Mrs. Carter, 58. "It's not fair and I'm irritated."

The problem began in September 1995 when her husband, Eugene, died. Mrs. Carter's Social Security checks stopped coming in the mail.

When she went to complain, a clerk told her she was dead. Agency officials promised to correct a computer glitch and Mrs. Carter thought her troubles were over.

But the bank refused to cash the new checks, citing the death notification. Mrs. Carter now hopes her premature demise has been reversed.

#### Report: Lawsuit alleges racism at Wall Street firm

NEW YORK (AP) — Morgan Stanley & Co. is facing a \$30 million lawsuit from two black employees who say white workers traded a "vile, racist" message over the Wall Street firm's e-mail system, the Daily News reported today.

Yolanda Owens and Edward Hutton, both analysts at the company, also charge that the firm's hiring and promotion practices discriminate against minorities, who they claim make up only 1 percent of company employees.

Morgan Stanley denies any wrongdoing, company lawyer Stephen Feingold said. The white employees who distributed the racist message in the company's computers were suspended without pay, even though all have returned to work and some have been promoted.

The author of the racist message was not an employee of the firm, Feingold said. The message, titled "News from the Orient," was sent Oct. 4, 1995.

#### Cadet: Citadel broke its promise

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Two of four female cadets that marched at The Citadel last summer are marching home, saying male cadets set their clothes on fire and washed out their mouths with cleanser while the military college failed to protect them.

"The school's promises to me and my family that knob life would be rough but safe were critical to me," Jeanie Mentavlos of Charlotte, N.C., said in a statement released by her attorney. "Because The Citadel broke its promise, I cannot return."

Ms. Mentavlos and Kim Messer of Clover announced Sunday they would not come back for the spring semester. Ms. Mentavlos' brother, Michael, said Sunday he will also not return to finish his senior year.

Two other female cadets who enrolled last summer — Nancy Mace of Goose Creek and Petra Lovetinska, a Czech national who lives in Washington, D.C. — plan to return to campus for classes that begin Wednesday.

#### Army documents confirm eye-witness accounts

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Fort Sam Houston drill sergeants who went with students on an Army-sponsored bus trip to Mexico said drinking was routine on the trips and commanders knew about it, according to a published report.

Students stated that fraternization was widespread during the so-called "happy bus" excursion and that at least one medical trainee performed a sex act on a drill sergeant, the San Antonio Express News reported Sunday.

The trip already has resulted in Fort Sam Houston commanders taking disciplinary action against five sergeants who were serving as chaperones during the trip last February. Two sergeants were drummed out of the Army, one is pending dismissal and two others


have been removed from the drill-sergeant program.

The Army no longer sponsors the trips to Mexico for students and their superiors.

The Express-News requested documents relating to the Army's investigation of the trip.

In response, the Army released 47 documents, names blacked out, that put in writing what some of the trip's participants had already described: that drill sergeants and medical trainees went on a drinking binge in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and that questionable behavior occurred on the trip and on the way home.

The Express-News first reported details of the trip in November after an Army sex scandal broke at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

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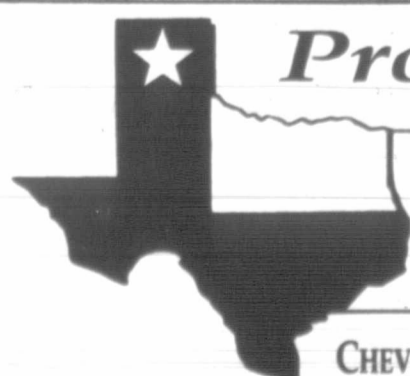
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