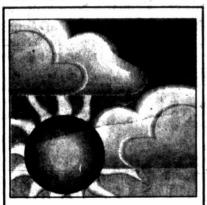


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Low tonight 37 degrees. High Saturday 52. For weather details, see Page 2.

PAMPA -- Today is the filing deadline for the 1998 election.

Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter will keep her office open until 6 p.m. today for filing.

PAMPA -- The meeting for the NAACP Pampa Branch scheduled for Jan. 6 has been canceled. Regular monthly meetings will resume beginning in February.

PAMPA – Early voting for the extension of the PEDC began today on the main floor of City Hall and is running through Jan. 13.

Any resident living within the city limits is eligible to vote. Early voting is open to prospective absent voters as well as for the sake of voter convenience. Call 669-5750 for more information.

PAMPA - St. Mark C.M.E. Church, 406 Elm, will be serving breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Jan. 3. The church will

Probation violator tops Crimestoppers 10 most wanted list

The most wanted fugitive from week's Pampa/Gray this County Crimestoppers is John Thomas White.

White, 55, is a 5' 11" tall white male who is wanted for probation violation for possession of a controlled substance. He is considered armed and dangerous, officers said.

The rest of the Crimestopper top ten are: 2.) Johnny M. Marinez Jr., 55, white male, is wanted for violation of probation for aggravated assault.

3.) William Edward Welch Jr., 40, white male, wanted for violation of probation for burglary. 4.) Jeremy Merle Fitzer, 17,

white male, wanted on a grand

jury indictment for burglary. 5.) Robert Lee French, 42, white male, wanted on a grand jury indictment for burglary.

6.) William Michael Landers, 28, black male, is wanted for felony non-payment of child

support and other charges. 7.) Betty Jacklyn Weatherwax Lee, 36, white female, wanted for

two counts of violation of probation for arson and aggravated assault.

8.) Trever Shane Colpetzer, 21, white male, wanted for two counts of forgery.

9.) Jesus Jose Vasquez, 32, white male, is wanted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

10.) Boyd Scott Pilgrim, 34, white male, wanted for violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance.

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If you see any of these people or know of their whereabouts you can collect a cash reward by calling Crimestoppers at 669-2222. You remain anonymous and there is no caller i.d.

Mayor says Pampa is in good shape for the new year

By JEFF WEST Staff Writer

1998 is here and Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage thinks the city's going into the year in pretty good shape.

"The street project is a big project," Neslage said. "Our goal is to wrap that up this year, finish it up this summer if at all possible. Our citizens will really be pleased when we finish that."

The mayor said that city crews are working on 23rd now and will soon start on Browning. Browning is the final street to be finished, he said. The city is tearing up the old concrete and pouring down asphalt and putting in curbs where it's need-

"The city commissioners and myself have decided that we wanted to start dismantling some of these old deteriorated houses that have been deserted," Neslage said.

He said the houses are a health hazard and a general hazard because they could fall in on somebody. They are also unsightly, he said, so he hopes to improve the view entering and leaving Pampa, especially along the highways.

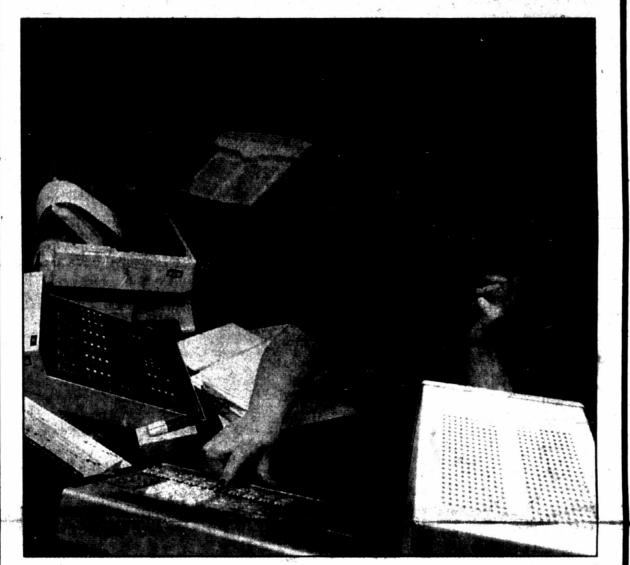
Neslage said it will take some time but it can be done.

He said he hopes more people will make use of the municipal golf course.

Neslage said it's one of the finest municipal courses around. The city will continue to occasionally offer coupons in the paper for free games so people will try it, he added.

He also wants to find a solution for the VFW wall at von Brunow Park and to finish creating the park.

As far as Neslage's new year resolutions, he said he was going to try to eat healthy, exercise and otherwise improve his health.



serve hot pancakes, buttered grits, ham, sausage, bacon, eggs, toast, coffee and juice.

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of
the Lotto Texas drawing
Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn:
13-14-16-38-41-44.
Estimated jackpot: \$12 mil-
lion.
Number matching six of
six: 0.
Winning ticket(s) sold in:
NONE.
Next Lotto Texas game:
Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: \$18 mil-
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911 operator Janie West reaches to answer a call on the emergency system. Behind her Corey Hernandez operates a duplicate system. The operators also function as dispatchers for the police department.

County looks at upgrading 911 system

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY Staff Writer

possible addition of a GIS The (Geographical Information System) to Gray County evoked as much comment about residential privacy as it did about cost and county contribution at this week's commissioners meeting.

The county is being asked by the Panhandle Regional Planning Committee to contribute \$20,000 in financial or in-kind services for the implementation of the system. With a county commitment, a \$60,000 contribution would be made toward to purchase of the \$80,000 system for Gray County.

A GIS is a pictorial computer mapping system with attached data systems that can be programmed to provide detailed information and advanced computer pictures of every property. The implementation of the system would also mean the renumbering of rural addresses in Gray County.

If purchased, the system could also provide local entities such as the appraisal district, the county, the city, the school district and emergency response organizations with immediate information concerning who, where and what about any residence in the county.

It has the potential to save taxpayer dollars. Operations for these entities would simplify. Ambulances could get to rural residences more guickly than ever before, for example. The pre-existing illnesses of residents could potentially be programmed into the system so that emergency response units would know what to expect before arriving on the scene.

Businesses interested in moving into Pampa would have their location research at the click of a button. The appraisal district wouldn't have to rely on old hand-drawn maps for property info. The system seems to have the potential of saving time and money for every governmental entity in the area.

However, the question of privacy did come up. Commissioner Joe Wheeley said the improvement of emergency response is the positive part of the system - the negative part is the loss of privacy.

Commissioner Jim Greene agreed, commenting about those residents who, "don't want anybody to know where they live." But Greene then acknowledged the presence and See 911, Page 2

Judge says county to focus on two new projects in 1998

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY Staff Writer

Out with the old. In with the new

1998 is bringing two major projects into focus for the Gray County Commission, according to County Judge Richard Peet.

"We're running out of room in the courthouse," Peet said.

The rehabilitation of the County Courthouse is a new project that Peet will be presenting to the commission for consideration in the new year. The courthouse, built at the turn of this last century, is needing more than a face lift for the turn of the next.

The county is out growing the building. People are sharing offices and a difficult situation could turn into an impossible one without some planning for the future in terms of the historic building, Peet said. The paving of county roads is

another long term project to be approached in '98, according to Peet,

"There are a lot of roads out there I'd like to see put into paving condition," he said.

But as far as projects, these are not necessarily going to end or possibly begin this year. This is how the county is a little different from the city, said Peet.

"We're not 'project' oriented like the city," he explained.

But these are two of the big issues he is planning to bring to the commissioners court for discussion and possible future implementation, he said.

On a more personal note, as his own New Year's resolution, Judge Peet said he is seeking to give the people of Gray County fair and just representation.

He does this, he said, by being very deliberate and conscientious about seeking both divine guidance and guidance from his family.



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Manufacturing growth slows in December

By JOHN HENDREN AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The manufacturing economy's growth rate slowed in December as the rise in new orders and production at the nation's factories cooled off, according to a closely watched survey of corporate purchasing executives.

The National Association of Management's Purchasing monthly index of business activity fell to 52.5 percent from 54.4 percent in November, the private group reported today.

While the rate slowed, the report still marked 19 consecutive months of manufacturing growth and an 80th straight month of growth for the overall economy, as measured by the industry group.

A component of the survey on prices paid by manufacturers also grew at a slower rate, an indicator that inflationary pressures are not overheating.

On Wall Street, bonds soared on signs of noninflationary economic growth and the Dow Jones industrial average was up slightly at late morning.

Although the report eased already diminished inflation fears, slowing growth means lower profits on Wall Street.

The report also provided evidence that while exports still are growing, the rate slowed significantly in December, dropping to 50.6 from 54.2 in November, an indication that Asian economic problems will be taking a toll on the U.S. economy, economists said.

"It was the lowest reading

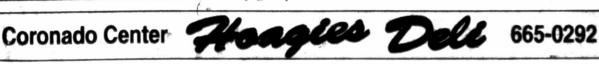
since January-February of 1996 when a blizzard on the East Coast shut down ports and curbed export activity," said Jeremy Siegel, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. "This was a rather big drop."

Prices increased for a sixth consecutive month but the NAPM's price index 'in December declined to 50.3 percent from 51.9 percent in November. Fourteen 14 percent of those interviewed reported paying higher prices, 15 percent paid lower prices and 71 percent, said prices were unchanged from November.

The purchasing managers' report is widely followed by economists, including Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan.



Richard A. Wilson, center, feed ment cake to his gra his grandson Zaca watches today in the basement of the post off retiring as postmaster at Pampa. He city's postmaster since 1982.



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

SCHMIDT, Roberta "Bert" - Graveside services, 11 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

ROBERTA 'BERT' SCHMIDT

ODESSA - Roberta "Bert" Schmidt, 82, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997, at Crane, Texas. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home of Crane.

Mrs. Schmidt was born Aug. 25, 1915, at Midland. She married Gerdes William Schmidt on Aug. 4, 1933; he died Sept. 23, 1985. She worked as a clerk for Sammon's Cable Company prior to retiring. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa. She received her 50 year pin from Order of the Eastern Star Chapter Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. #476 of Texhoma, Okla.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Albert Buzbee.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Florence Buzbee of Odessa; and two nieces, Frances Adams of Odessa and Edith Ingram of Jefferson.

House of West Texas.

The body will be available for viewing on hour before services at the cemetery.

Police report

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

Thursday, January 1

Sara Mae Mitchell, 40, 740 Brunow, was arrested for failure to appear, no insurance and expired registration.

Joseph Smith, 37, 617 Campbell, was arrested 669-9364. for driving under the influence

A domestic assault was reported at Columbia Medical Center.

A burglary was reported at 412 N. Nevada. Merchandise valued at \$1500 was reported stolen.

A burglary was reported at 1209 Garland. Merchandise valued at \$165 was reported stolen.

Accidents

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

Thursday, January 1

cited for failure to yield right of way and no proof through the Texas Department of Health for of insurance when her Grand Prix made a left Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All turn at Mary-Ellen and Georgia and struck the exam are done by appointment only. Call 359-GMC pickup driven by Adam Walsh Murtishaw, 4673 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information. 17, 213 Charles as he was traveling south

One Medical Plaza for medivac standby. 6:37 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to the 1900 block of N. Christy on a CO alarm.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, January 1

7:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Randy Matson on an assistance call. No one was transported.

11:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of E. Francis and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The family requests memorials be to Rural For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m.

Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill. CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN

Clean Air Al-Ateen will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie at 665-1206, or after 6 p.m. and weekends,

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

St. Mark's will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MOBILE MEALS

Mobile Meals will be serving the following on Saturday, December 27: "No Meals - Holiday" **BREAST CANCER SCREENING**

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Lefors Civic Center, 103 North Court, in Lefors on Jan. 7. The total cost is \$70. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography Barbara Lanette Miller, 42, 425 Wynne, was clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available

Kenya's Moi appears headed for fifth term

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — President Daniel arap according to unofficial election results, but his two main rivals refused to concede defeat and demanded new elections.

Mwai Kibaki, Moi's vice-president for 10 years, was trailing the veteran political leader by about 390,000 votes. He and third-place Raila Odinga said they were asking the Electoral Commission to hold a new election within 21 days, based on irregularities in voting and ballot-counting.

"We do believe Moi is going to be reasonable," Kibaki said. "The country is at a crossroads. We don't want to anticipate anything. We will take further steps when we get there."

Moi apparently has secured 25 percent of the Moi today appeared to have clinched a fifth term, vote in five of eight provinces - the minimum required for winning the presidency. He also has retained his parliamentary seat, another requirement. If he prevails as the top vote-getter, the office is his.

With the opposition vote fragmented among several people, Kibaki, Odinga and the other presidential aspirants may be rethinking their refusal to consider naming a single candidate to face Moi.

Moi's ruling Kenya African National Union party, meanwhile, criticized the opposition leaders for "threatening chaos even before the results are announced."

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South Korea to sell bank to foreigners in February

commercial banks next month. investors, the government said today.

Bank were left with \$2.67 billion and \$2.14 billion, respectively, in bad loans when a series of South Korean conglomerates collapsed last year, triggering a financial crisis.

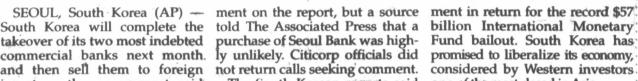
The Ministry of Finance and Economy announced today that it will take a controlling interest in the banks by early February by investing \$738 million in each. Then, it will put the banks up for sale.

South Korean news media, without giving sources, reported today that Citicorp's Citibank was interested in Korea First was eyeing Seoul Bank.

City briefs

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The South Korean reports said one of the most closed in Asia. the U.S. banks are interested in Korea First Bank and Seoul taking over the ailing Korean banks by themselves or forming joint ventures with South Korean conglomerates.

> The Seoul branches of the American banks remained closed for the New Year's holiday, making officials unavailable for comment.

poured \$1.5 billion into Korea First Bank and \$1.2 billion into Seoul Bank to write off 56 percent of the banks' bad loans. The government plans to pay off the remainder before calling for bids on the banks next month.

The announcement reflects international confidence by However, Chase officials in restructuring its financial sector New York today declined to com- and opening it to foreign invest-

bargain-rate takeovers of South Korea's debt-ridden companies. Parliament plans to pass a bill The government already has this month that will allow foreign-owned companies taking over the Korean banks to lay off workers — a condition the IMF

Fund bailout. South Korea has

promised to liberalize its economy,

Last week, it adopted new laws

to ease restrictions on foreign

investment in South Korean com-

panies. This - coupled with

more than 50 percent declines in

the Korean currency and stock

prices — has cleared the way for

attached to its rescue loans. Foreign banks will be allowed to open retail branches in 1998, but the cost of matching the vast number of branches owned by Bank and that Chase Manhattan South Korea's efforts to boost existing South Korean wanks would be prohibitive. That makes the takeover of an existing bank especially attractive.

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911

power of computers that can already do this today.

"The first time you have to call 911 for a child or a mother, it will negate these issues," said Pamela Nielsen of the Panhandle Regional Planning Committee. We cannot stay in the good old days ... we have to move with the times. And this is another vehicle to enhance the safety of the people in Gray County. I see this as progress for Gray County. We are not by ourselves out there," County Judge Richard Peet said in summation of the discussion. The county delayed action and tabled the motion until the Feb. 15 meeting. with 30s to lower 40s lower ele-NORTH TEXAS -- Tonight vations south. Saturday, chance and Saturday, cloudy with a for showers and mountain snow slight chance of rain or thunder- showers northwest and northstorms central and east. Windy central in the morning diminishcentral and west Saturday. Lows ing in the afternoon. Partly 54 to 58. Highs 66 to 71. cloudy skies elsewhere. Highs Extended forecast, Saturday mid 30s to 40s northern mounnight, cloudy with a chance of tains and northwest with 50s rain and thunderstorms. Lows in and 60s east and south. Saturday the 50s to near 60 southeast. night, partly cloudy north and Sunday, cloudy with rain and mostly fair skies south. Lows thunderstorms likely. Highs in teens and 20s mountains and the 60s to near 70 southeast. north with upper 20s to lower Monday, cloudy with a chance of 40s lower elevations south rain and a few thunderstorms. Extended forecast, Sunday, Turning cooler northwestern increasing clouds and chance for half late. Lows mid 40s north- showers or mountain snow west to mid 50s southeast. Highs showers north Sunday afternoon in the lower 60s northwest to and night. Partly cloudy south. near 70 southeast. Tuesday, Highs mid 30s to 40s mountains cloudy east with rain and thun- and northwest with 50s to lower derstorms likely. Mostly cloudy 60s east and south. Monday, west with a chance of rain. cooler. Chance for showers or Cooler with lows near 40 north- mountain snow showers north west to mid 50s southeast. Highs in the morning diminishing in mid 50s northwest to mid 60s the afternoon. Partly cloudy south. Lows mid teens to near 30 SOUTH TEXAS -- Hill mountains and north with upper 20s to 30s south. Highs mid 30s cloudy. Lows near 60, mid 50s to 40s mountains and north Hill Country. Saturday, mostly mostly 50s south. Tuesday, dry cloudy with areas of morning and seasonably cool. Lows 5 to fog. A slight chance of showers. 25 mountains and north with, mostly 20s south. Highs 30s to mid 40s mountains north northwest with 40s to mid 50s south. OKLAHOMA - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers east. Lows from the lower 40s northwest to mid 50s southeast. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs from near 50 northwest and cooler with a chance of Oklahoma to lower 60s north Texas. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Rain may change to freezing rain northwest. Lows in the upper 20s northwest to near 50 southeast. Extended forecast, Sunday showers or mountain snow through Tuesday, mostly cloudy Highs from the mid 50s to near showers. Variable cloudiness with a chance of rain-each day. 60. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows east and south. Lows teens to Lows in the 30s northwest to 40s

Mary-Ellen. No injuries were reported.

Norma Brandon Allen, 69, Skellytown, was cited for failure to control speed when her Park Avenue rear-ended the Mazda driven by Vanita M. Frazier,49, 333 Canadian, who had stopped in the 1400 block of N. Hobart for a car turning left. No injuries were reported.

Both drivers were cited when the Chevrolet station wagon driven by Christine Lynne Jason, 29, 1044 S. Faulkner, made a U-turn at the intersection of Kentucky and N. Banks striking the Cadillac driven by Thelma Groomes Hoover,89, 1042 N. Dwight, as she pulled out of a private driveway. No injuries were reported.

Fires

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

Thursday, January 1

8:15 a.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 1900 block of N. Christy on a CO alarm.

11:04 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road on a medical assist.

Friday, January 2 2:42 a.m. — One unit and three personnel to

Correction

The Tuesday, December 30 issue of the Pampa News incorrectly stated that Justice of the Peace Bob Muns has been in office seven years. Muns has been in his position for the last eleven years.

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Archaeologists unearth Roman town from Nero era in southern Egypt

Archaeologists unearthed the ruins of a for southern Egyptian antiqui-Roman town built more than ties. 1,900 years ago, during southern Egypt, an antiquities official said today.

Canadian and Egyptian archaeol- added. ogists has revealed homes as high

have el-Saghir, the director-general

The buildings were in good Emperor Nero's reign in condition, el-Saghir said. A team Rome. also was translating hieroglyph-ics found on the walls of a temple A four-year excavation by dedicated to Tutu, a local god, he

The town lies in Esment el- major African trade route.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - as two stories, said Mohammed Kharab, a region 350 miles southwest of Cairo, near the Dakhla Oasis. It was believed to have been inhabited by Egyptians, who supplied wheat and fruit to

The main Roman city in the area at the time of Nero's rule, from A.D. 54-68, was in the Dakhla Oasis, which stood on a

Medical examiner says drugs caused Farley's death

By JAMES WEBB Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - Comedian Chris Farley died of an accidental overdose of cocaine and morphine, the medical examiner announced today.

A narrowing of the arteries supplying the heart muscle was a significant contributing factor in his death, Cook County Medical Examiner Dr. Edmund Donoghue said in a statement.

Farley's brother found the body of the 33-yearold "Saturday Night Live" and movie comic Dec. 18 on the floor of his apartment in the posh John Hancock Building. Police said they found no sign of foul play or drugs in the apartment.

But toxicology tests found morphine, a painkiller derived from opium, and cocaine in Farley's blood. Blood tests also found fluoxetine, an antidepressant sold as Prozac, and an antihistamine, but those ignored it."

did not contribute to his death, Donoghue said.

"Both lungs showed edema and congestion, which is a common finding in opiate intoxication," Donoghue wrote, "The liver showed fatty change which is frequently seen in heavy drinkers.

He did not immediately return a phone call seeking further detail.

The 290-pound actor waged a continual battle against overeating, drugs and alcohol, Farley's friends have said. Newspapers reported after his death that he was seen on drinking binges during his last few days

Former "Saturday Night Live" writer Al Franken said producer Lorne Michaels repeatedly suspended Farley from the show and told him to get help.

"This was not something where people around him ignored (his problems)," Franken told the Chicago Tribune. "It wasn't something where he Adv. HAIRDRESSER NEEDED great walk-in at Tangles, 665-4422. Adv. MAYTAG MATCHING Brighton, washer and dryer set. 665-3460. Adv.

50% OFF all Christmas decorating, The Hobby Shop. Adv. CLEAN 1 bedroom, stove, ring, Coyote Club 12-31 refrigerator, all bills paid. 669-3672, 665-5900.

Highs in the lower to mid 50s. Weather focus LOCAL FORECAST

It should be mostly sunny today with a high of 62 and a southwest wind 10 to 20 miles per hour. 🔭 Clouds will build tonight with

south winds five to 15 mph and a low of 37 degrees. Saturday will be cooler with a

high in the mid-50 degree range as the wind shifts outs of the northeast at 15 to 25 mph. Saturday night brings a 20 per-

cent chance of snow with a low of 30 degrees. Sunday will be mostly cloudy

with light rain and a 40 degree high. **REGIONAL FORECAST** WEST TEXAS -- South Plains/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Saturday, partly sunny. Highs lower to mid 60s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast, Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 50s. Monday, a slight chance of rain or snow. Lows from the upper 20s to mid 30s. Highs from the mid 40s to the lower 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows in

the mid 40s to near 50_ Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, becoming cloudy. Lows 45-50. Saturday, cloudy early, becoming partly

cloudy by noon. Highs 65-70. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast, Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderchance of rain. Lows in the 30s.

24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. West - New every day low prices - all 18 packs beer \$9.99, unleaded \$1.19.9. Adv. IMAGES - DOWNTOWN Fall & Winter Sale 30-50% off Haan, Cole

Pappagallo Shoes 30% off Hurry in for Best Selection of Sizes! 669-1091. Adv. LOST PERIDOT birthstone

Reward. 665-1771. Lv. message Adv.

southeast. Country — Tonight, mostly

Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night, cloudy. Lows near 60, lower 50s Hill Country. Extended forecast, Sunday, the lower to mid 20s. Highs from mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the 70s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. Highs near 70. Tuesday, mostly cloudy showers. Lows in the 40s. Highs

near 60. BORDER STATES FORECAST NEW MEXICO — Tonight, storms. Highs from near 60 to mostly cloudy northwest and the mid 60s. Monday, a slight north central with a chance for from the upper 20s to lower 30s. lower 30s mountains and north south.

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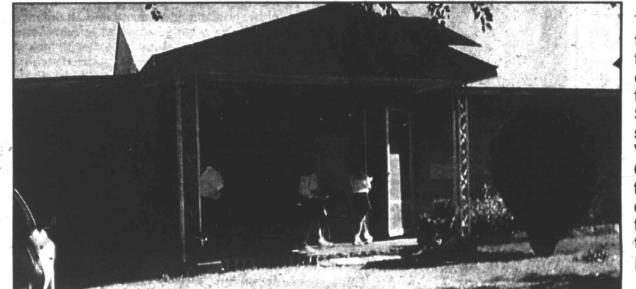
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THANK YOU PA We would like to say thank you for your support and patronage during 1997. We're looking foward to serving you in 1998.

Meals on Wheels





(Special photos) Third grade students from Pampa schools, top, recently participated in a poster contest for Meals on Wheels. Shown are third grade students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic school with their posters. The students, left, also volunteered to deliver meals to learn more about the program.

Hospitals full of people suffering from upper respiratory problems

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EL PASO (AP) - Wards were so full of patients complaining of snuffling, sneezing, coughing, aching, stuffy heads or fever that hospitals asked Emergency Medical Services to bypass them, officials said.

EMS told the hospitals they all had to take more patients since everybody was facing the same problem.

"Every year, a respiratory illness season occurs between December and February, but it's been very bad this year," said Dr. Brian Nelson, associate professor of emergency medicine with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

There was a run last week on intensive care space in the border city, Nelson said.

"At one point, every ICU bed was full, although the situation is better now," he said.

The challenge for doctors and nurses was getting patients well enough to be off respirators, or other intensive care requirements, so patients could be moved to regular wards.

The majority of people can handle upper respiratory diseases, Nelson said, but a minority get quite ill, especially smokers, drinkers and the elderly.

Earlier this week, Juarez health officials reported seeing about 50 percent more children with respiratory problems than they had two weeks earlier.

Bronchitis, bronchial pneumonia, streptococcal pneumonia, flu and severe colds have been reported in both cities.

"We've had about two cases of Influenza type A so far," said Dr. Jorge Magana, director of the El Paso Health and Environmental District.

"But unless you do a culture you don't know what is making the person ill," Magana said.

Children and seniors can easily develop pneumonia, too, he said. Another problem is that young adults specially have become susceptible to whooping cough, or pertussis. Magana said anybody with a cough for two or more weeks should ask their doctor to take a culture for whooping cough.

"You may be carrying the disease and passing it to others," he said. "Babies and young children, especially if they're not properly vaccinated, stand to get whooping cough."

The best advice people can take for avoiding such illnesses include washing hands frequently, keeping hands (with their germs) away from nose and eyes, taking vitamin C, drinking enough fluids and avoiding crowds, Magana said. 1 11 1 Paris a diministration of the

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and Buckner Children and Family Services will offer a free Parent Education Class to families in the Pampa area through Project C.A.R.E. The classes will begin Jan. 21 and will meet at First Baptist Church, 203 NW® Street, Pampa.

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A suspect still at large in pedophile ring

WACO (AP) - Central Texas authorities are hunting today for a ninth suspect accused of sexually assaulting boys and sometimes taping the encounters.

Police claim the suspects used drugs, alcohol and money to entice the boys into appearing in more than 100 explicit home movies.

Investigators uncovered the ring after the Dec. 2 death of 14-year-old George Scilley in an arson fire that destroyed an Aquilla mobile home shared by Scilley, suspect Jerry Lee Easter and Paul Singleton.

Singleton, 21, has confessed to setting the blaze in what Hill County sheriff's department officials have called a botched murdersuicide attempt.

Easter and Singleton escaped from the home by climbing through a window, but Scilley was trapped by burglar bars at the front door.

About two weeks after the fire, police found more than 100 videotapes at a suspect's home, many of which appeared to have been salvaged from the burned trailer.

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Opinion

Feds should give account of how money is spent

One of the guiding principles of consumer protection might be termed transparency in transactions - the buyer has the right to know everything about the thing being purchased.

And so there is an itemizing of ingredients in food, drugs, even laundry detergent, under federal mandate.

"However, there's one glaring exception," noted Southern California political commentator Bruce Herschensohn. "For many the biggest expense they have is federal taxes - yet your tax bill comes with no itemizing of how your money is spent. Unless you do a lot of research, you're in the dark." When Herschensohn ran as Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate six years ago, one of his key proposals was to give taxpayers a regular accounting of where their dollars went

Interestingly, just such a proposal is now being advanced by a member of Congress who stands as the opposite point on the political spectrum from the conservative Herschensohn. Rep. Charles Schumer, Democrat from New York, has introduced the Taxpayer Right-To-Know Act, aimed "to show families how their tax dollars are spent by Washington dollar-for-dollar," he says.

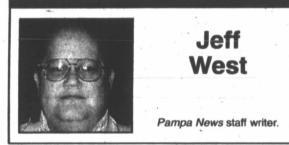
Taxpayers who would check a box on their tax returns requesting a "receipt" would be mailed a form breaking down how much of their money went to national defense, Medicare, Social Security, interest on the debt, building roads and bridges, foreign aid, space exploration, publicschool funding - "and yes, even congressional expenses," Schumer notes. A general breakdown of federal spending would also be put on the Internet to enable taxpayers to figure out on their own their specific dollar contribution to each category of the government. - Schumer has Republican co-sponsors for his measure, and, indeed, it all seems like a common sense proposal - yet there might be political reasons for why something along these lines has not been standard government practice heretofore. Certainly it might be hard for politicians to inveigh against, say, defense spending as the culprit behind growing federal outlays if constituents knew, through their itemized receipts, that merely 17 percent of the budget goes for the Pentagon - barely two percentage points more than the amount the federal government spends on various interest payments, including servicing the national debt. With regard to consumer protection in the realm of private transactions, we have confidence that the marketplace can regulate more efficiently than government, even forcing full disclosure of product ingredients by sellers seeking advantage in their competition for customers. But even if one disagrees, it is hard to see how government can with credibility demand that private manufacturers be open with consumers about their products when government itself plays hide-the-ball with the taxpayers who fund its operations. Consumer rights shouldn't stop where the tax bill starts. -Odessa American



Talk about what matters

A new year is upon us, only two years now (or three depending on how you count) before the millennium. So perhaps it's a good time to say, I wish people would shut up about the millennium already, it's changed before and nothing much happened. Now the worst thing is that 20th Century Fox will sound outdated and computer programmers have to work out the year 2000 problem which I'm sick of hearing about too.

Come to think of it they should shut up about El Niño, too. There are floods in some parts of the world and drought in others, and warm weather and cold weather and hey, is any of this new? Didn't we have all that stuff somewhere in the world last year? And you know what? The price of Head and Shoulders isn't a direct result of El Niño, but you wouldn't know it from listening to people moan and groan and pretend they know about weather patterns. Ellen's gay? Could anyone, including the gay Seinfield is finally gone maybe they'll shut up say be good to one another and be good to community, possibly care any more, even those about it.



few people who hadn't figured it out long ago? So I wish they'd shut up about her, too.

While we're on TV, Seinfield's going off at the end of this season, and I'm glad. Every critic referred to it as the show about nothing. Well what are the other sitcoms about? Seinfield's about four neurotic friends hanging out together with nothing to do but think about sex and trivia. Or is that The Golden Girls?

I'm really sorry too that Princess Diana was killed. We got to hear minute by minute details of her accident and funeral and all the investigation and what's happened to her wardrobe and all the songs about her. After all look at all she accomplished. She, uh, married some ugly British guy and had some kids and got divorced and then she uh, well she wore pretty dresses and talked nice about doing good things and, well. Hey come to think of it she didn't do anything but dance and show up. She received a whole bunch of money from the royal family of a foreign country to show up and make nice noises about things. So you know what, unless it can be reported that she's not dead anymore I wish they'd shut up about her, too.

Gee, I've gone on and on about a lot of stuff. you might think I wasn't the cheery up-beat person that I am. In fact, there may be some Family ties was about the same thing except people who wish I'd shut up about what I wish And while I'm at it, has anyone heard that they had a reason to hang out together. So once people would shut up about so I will, except to yourself.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 2, the second day of 1998. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of to King Ferdinand II and Queen State John Hay announced the "Isabella I. "Open Door Policy" to facilitate

trade with China. On this date: Constitution. In 1492, the leader of the last Arab stronghold in Spain sur- Canada reached agreement on joint and executed. rendered to Spanish forces loyal action to preserve Niagara Falls.

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fourth state to ratify the U.S. and murdering the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. In 1929, the United States and Hauptmann was found guilty,

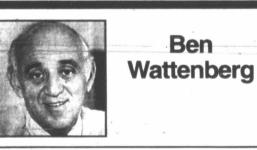
In 1942, the Philippine capital In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann, of Manila was captured by went on trial in Flemington, Japanese forces during World

Rough tactics in a lost cause **By BEN WATTENBERG AND** DANIEL WATTENBERG Proposition 209.

You can hear them butting helmets. The White House is playing smashmouth politics over the rejected nomination of Bill Lann Lee to be the government's top civil-rights enforcer. Will Republicans be intimidated?

The Senate Judiciary Committee recently nixed. Lee's nomination as assistant attorney géneral for civil rights on a 9-9 vote, citing his rearguard defense of racial preferences at a time when the courts are restricting their use. Administration officials threatened a recess appointment of Lee, which would have put him in office for up to a year without Senate approval. When Republicans threatened retaliation against this rare usurpation of Senate prerogatives (by bottling up other judicial nominations or slowing down appropriations, for example), White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry acidly needled them as "lamebrained." On a Sunday morning show, Jesse Jackson foreshadowed the mau-mauing to come, insinuating that the rejection of the tern of holding up the judicial nominations of Reagan was swimming with a popular tide. "women and people of color." (The attempt to wedge Asian-Americans away from Republicans by making the pro-quota Lee a racial martyr was ludicrous: It is no secret that Asian-Americans, the "model minority," are disproportionately victimized by quotas. Since admissions preferences were banned in the University of California, Asian-American admissions have risen sharply.)

Then, Senator Orrin Hatch, leader of the opposition to Lee, blinked. Or at least twitched. Senate Republicans, he signaled, would be "less upset" if instead of making a recess appointment, the president simply installed Lee as the "acting" civil rights chief," under which he would assume the powers of the office for the rest of Clinton's term and sacrifice only the formal title. The president took the hint and made Lee acting assistant attorney general for civil rights in an Oval Office ceremony.



Before retreating further, Republicans should remember that even smashmouth politics requires a good issue and good timing. Clinton is playing it with a bad issue at a bad

When Ronald Reagan fired striking air-traffic controllers in 1981, he electrified his conservative base and sent an early signal to political opponents that the new president might be a grade-B actor – but he was an alpha male. But when Reagan busted the airtraffic controllers' union, people were already fed up with aggressive demands by public-employee unions in trades that affected the general safe-Asian-American Lee was part of a GOP pat- ty. On the essential issue underlying the strike,

On the issue underlying the symbolic sparring over Lee – racial preferences – Clinton is swimming against powerful popular and judicial tides.

In 1996, racial preferences in state hiring, contracts and university admissions were banned in the nation's largest state when California voters passed Proposition 209. The next year the Supreme Court upheld a ban on admissions preferences in the university system of Texas, the second largest state. This fall, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Proposition 209.

Study the defenders of the color-conscious status quo closely: Recognizing that the tide has turned against them, they are evading head-on substantive debate with supporters of color-blind standards. The recent pattern is unmistakable:

-President Clinton's "race advisory board" excluded affirmative-action opponents like

Ward Connerly, the leader of the campaign for

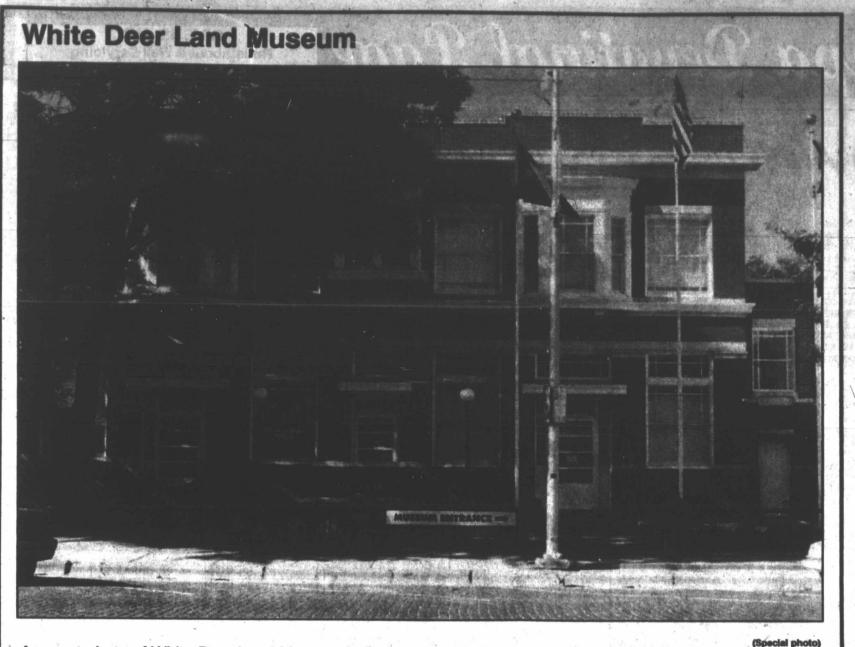
-Rather than risk a sweeping Supreme Court ruling against racial preferences, civilrights groups this fall paid almost half a million dollars to buy off a white teacher who had been laid off by the Piscataway, N.J., school board instead of an equally qualified black teacher to preserve racial diversity on its faculty. (Because the two teachers were equally qualified, the civil-rights groups here ducked an unusually favorable legal test of preferences; typically, preferences benefit those demonstrably less qualified.)

-At the president's recent "town hall" meeting on race in Akron, Ohio, a bullying Clinton narrowly interrogated the token opponent of preferences, scholar Abigail Thernstrom, in yet another exercise in evasion: "Do you favor the United States Army abolishing affirmative action programs that produced Colin Powell? Yes or no?" he demanded.

And the White House has tried to spin the struggle over Lee as a fight about anything but racial preferences - executive powers, Senate obstructionism and racially insensitive Republicans.

When the other side is on the ropes, keep the pressure on. It would be "lame-brained" for the GOP to play tit-for-tat with unrelated judicial nominees and appropriations bills. But the long delayed Canady bill languishing in the House could nationalize 209-style reaffirmation of the 14th Amendment and the 1964 Civil Rights Act by banning race and gender preferences in federal contracts and hiring. Republicans should bite the bullet Let's have that race dialogue. Bring it up for a vote. The public supports it, and it's right. Don't be scared. Bill Clinton is no alpha male. He's more of an Alda male.

Ben Wattenberg is the author of Values Matter Most and is moderator of PBS's Think Tank. Daniel Wattenberg, who wrote this week's column, writes regularly for The Weekly Standard and is a contributing editor for George.



A recent photo of White Deer Land Museum in Pampa reveals the beauty of the historic building.

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Mexican village resumes life after massacre

ACTEAL, Mexico (AP) – Boys play with marbles in 4-inch-deep mud. Girls with babies on their backs huddle around fires that smolder from the wet wood. Barefoot women slip down a steep path into the hamlet. Life has returned to Acteal, but it is hardly luxurious.

Villagers said Thursday that paramilitary groups still roam the cloud-covered mountains, and military personnel carriers – transporting troops the villagers distrust – zipped about every five minutes. The two trenches just below the square where 45 people slaughtered here last week are buried is now a muddy, eroding notch in the hillside. About 100 villagers returned to Acteal on Wednesday after fleeing the

Dec. 22 massacre. Their first night home was miserable, they said: "We were suffering because of the rain and the mud," said Vicente Luis Perez, a 39-year-old farmer. "The conditions are still bad, and we're still suffering."

Nonetheless, the villagers held a vote Thursday morning and decided to stay.

"We were afraid last night because we know there are paramilitary members in these mountains," Perez said. "But nothing happened to us. The only thing that did happen is that we suffered from the rain and the mud."

Thursday was the fourth anniversary of the uprising of the Zapatista National Liberation Army here in Chiapas state. Many of Acteal's villagers support the goals of the rebels, but not their armed struggle.

They say the gunmen who attacked them were supported by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, and are angry they will not ally themselves with them.

At least three PRI municipal officials have been implicated in the massacre, two of them are under arrest.

But villagers, human rights groups and opposition politicians have called for the investigation to target state and federal officials they say are complicit in the killings.

Marches were held Thursday throughout Mexico to commemorate the Zapatista anniversary and call for deeper investigation into the Acteal massacre.

Nichols' life on balance as trial nears an end

DENVER (AP) - The anguish tence of death is never from Oklahoma City bombing required." victims was so thick in the courtroom this week that jurors were tern," including his love for his warned not to let it dictate the family, was inconsistent with an penalty for Terry Nichols. Don't intent to kill anyone. Tigar also expect his lawyers to fight it, either.

When family and friends of the convicted co-conspirator take the stand, they are expected to tell jurors that Nichols is a devoted father and husband whose role in the deadly bombing does not merit a death sentence.

Tigar said Nichols' "life patsaid Nichols' involvement in the bombing plot was "minimal," another fact the jury could use to spare Nichols' life.

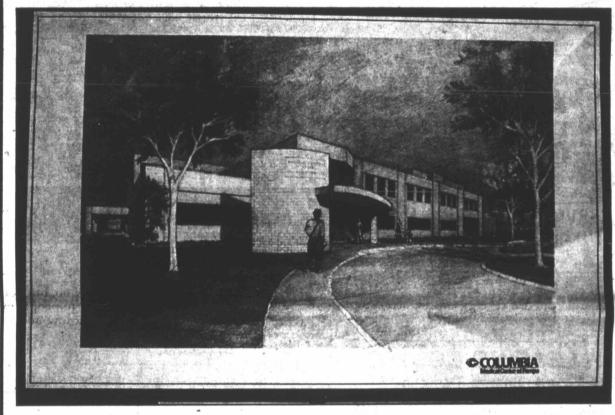
Andrew Cohen, a trial analyst and Denver attorney, said Tigar has a big hurdle to jump to overcome the tearful, angry testimony by 55 bombing victims and res-Defense witnesses in the trial's cuers who described the carnage penalty phase were to begin testi- and loss. Their stories were part of tenced to death. fying today. Nichols' ex-wife, prosecutors' plea for the death

Nichols, 42, and Timothy McVeigh were charged with planning and carrying out the bombing to avenge the fiery deaths of Branch Davidians during a siege near Waco, Texas. The federal building was bombed April 19, 1995, the second anniversary of the fire, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds more.

The jurors convicted Nichols on Dec. 23 but acquitted him of murder, concluding he never intended to kill. McVeigh was convicted of all 11 murder and conspiracy charges and sen-

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Lana Padilla, and her three sons penalty for Nichols. are among those expected to take "Tigar won't even try to jump that hurdle; he'll run in a different against Nichols, legal experts Defense attorney Michael direction," Cohen said. "He's have said it would be unlikely the Tigar has already told the jury telling the jurors, 'We don't disthat convicted Nichols of invol- agree this is a terrible thing, but untary manslaughter and con- this is Terry Nichols the individual in prison or a lesser term to be spiracy to build a weapon of whose role in this crime was so determined by U.S. District Judge mass destruction that "a sen- small he doesn't deserve to die.""

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It's time for the federal Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center to close, he said. It's time for patients to live outside its confining walls, free from the disgrace their forced isolation from society makes them feel.

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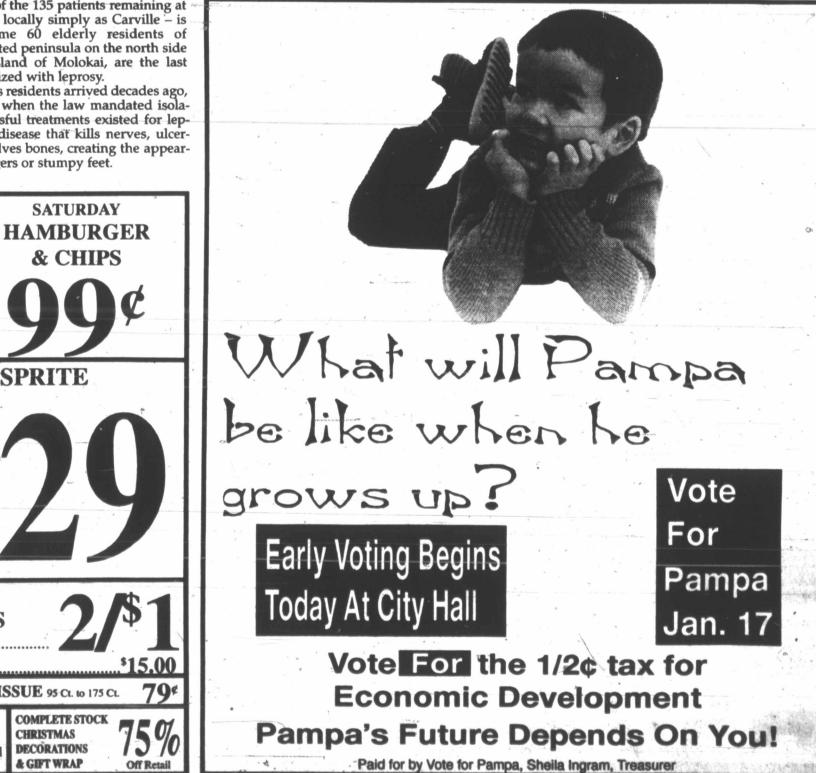
The average age of the 135 patients remaining at the center – known locally simply as Carville – is 70. They and some 60 elderly residents of Kalaupapa, an isolated peninsula on the north side of the Hawaiian island of Molokai, are the last Americans hospitalized with leprosy

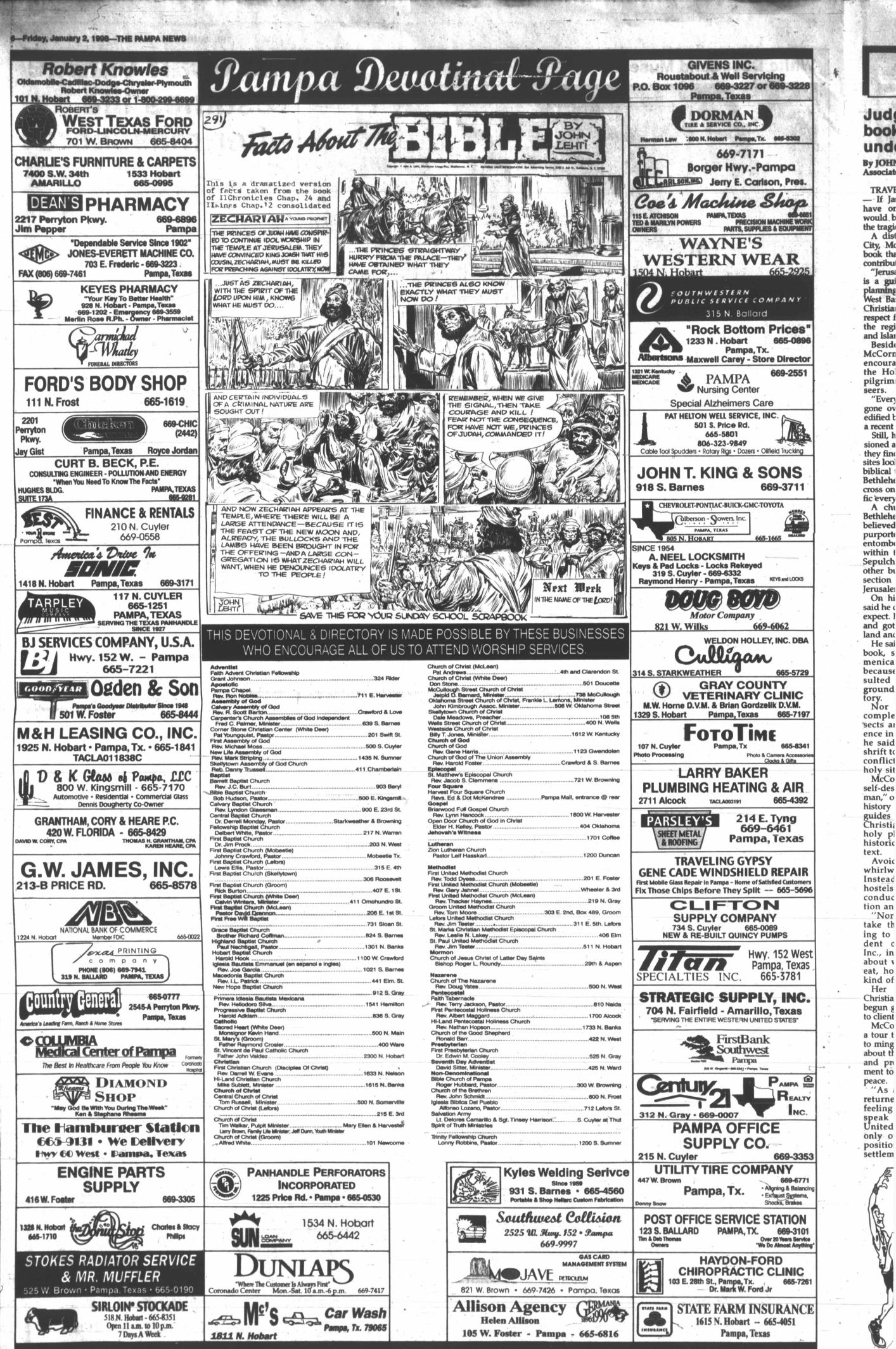
Many of Carville's residents arrived decades ago, some in the 1930s, when the law mandated isolation and no successful treatments existed for lep-This place just continues that stigma," the 70- rosy, a deforming disease that kills nerves, ulcer-

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Judge hopes book will inspire understanding

By JOHN FLESHER Associated Press Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) - If James McCormick could have one Christmas wish, it would be "peace on Earth" for the tragic land where Jesus lived. A district judge in Traverse City, McCormick has written a

book that he hopes will make a contribution, however slight.

"Jerusalem and the Holy Land" is a guidebook for Westerners planning a trip to Israel and the West Bank. It is written from a Christian viewpoint but urges respect for other faiths rooted in the region, especially Judaism and Islam.

Beside promoting tolerance, McCormick's 200-page book encourages Christians to visit the Holy Land as "spiritual pilgrims," not merely sightseers.

"Everyone I've known who has gone over there has been very edified by it," McCormick said in a recent interview.

Still, he said, many are disillusioned at least temporarily when they find that some of the holiest sites look nothing like they did in biblical times. No "little town of Bethlehem" manger scene. No cross on Calvary. Noise and traffic everywhere.

A church stands above the Bethlehem cave where Jesus is believed to have been born. The purported spots where he was entombed and resurrected are within the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, sandwiched among other buildings in the Old City section of otherwise modern Jerusalem.

On his first visit, in 1993, he said he didn't have a clue what to expect. He's since returned twice and gotten a better feel for the land and people.

He said he decided to write his book, subtitled "the first ecumenical pilgrim's guide," because travel guides he consulted provided little background on the area's rich history.

Nor did they discuss the complex web of religions, sects and orders with a pres-



The Dixie Melody Boys

Gospel group to appear in Borger

Dixie Melody Boys in concert Monday, of their 1982 Number One hit. Antioch Jan. 5, in Borger High School Auditorium. Church Choir. Many talented vocalists and musicians step onto concert stages across the coun- includes O'Neal, who provides the try each week; however, only the faithful and dedicated overcome the pressures of Dove, who has been a member of the life on the road to delight in the blessings group for the past eight years, lends to that are reaped by the faithful servant. Ed the group's distinctive sound with his O'Neal, whose name has been synony- rich lead vocals. Asheville, N.C., native mous with Gospel Music for over 35 Harold Reed delivers the pleasing tenor years, can certainly be labeled as one of sound, while Southern Gospel newcomer the faithful and dedicated.

in 1961 and became owner and manager of the quartet just a few years later. During the past three decades, The Dixie a special touch with his exceptional piano Melody Boys have enjoyed tremendous artistry. success, including a Grammy nomination and numerous Fan Award nominations from The Singing News Magazine, Southern Gospel Music's leading fan and trade publication. The Dixie Melody Boys have been featured on such popular tele- and lots of great traditional, Southern vision programs as The Ralph Emery Gospel Music, are traits which have

20 Top 40 hits, including eight Top 10 compromise their responsibility to spread releases. Their most recent recording, the gospel through Southern Gospel released from MorningStar Records, their Music in a Christ-like, professional manrecording label since 1987, is entitled ner have allowed The Dixie Melody Boys

BORGER - Jerry Smith will present the based quartet and includes the re-release

Present membership for the group smooth bass vocals; songwriter McCray Craig Singletary completes the four-part O'Neal joined The Dixie Melody Boys harmony this quartet presents with his pleasing baritone vocals. Keyboardist Eric Ollis completes the group by adding

The thrill and excitement of performing experienced by each member night after night is most evident at each concert. Their goal of delivering a first-class performance filled with excitement, energy Show and Primetime Country, which airs live proven to play an essential role in the each evening on The Nashville Network. This talented quartet has enjoyed over teristics, united with their desire to never 100% Pure. The project promises even to firmly establish a place at the forefront greater success for this Kinston, N.C., of Southern Gospel Music.

Church fires fueled by prejudice

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Arson at Indiana churches rose to 13 inci-dents in 1997, compared with an average of three or four in past years, and federal investigators are stumped for a reason.

The only similarity seems to be that 12 of the 13 fires were set in

churches with predominantly white congregations. And four arrests involve youngsters looking for a thrill. "There are just more church fires, for whatever reason," said Charles Petersen, who helps coordinate the investigations as head of the Indianapolis office of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Church break-ins and arsons, which he called crimes of opportunity, are easy. He said Indiana's targeted churches were sitting ducks: rural, on grounds poorly lighted and hidden from passersby; often with flimsy locks and without alarms.

Nationwide, only 16 percent of all arsons are solved, and juveniles are implicated in more than half.

Prison parish offers hope through prayer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A newly ordained Baptist minister and inmates searching for hope are building a congregation of faith at the South Dakota women's prison in Pierre.

"No matter what your circumstances are, you can find some peace through faith," Deb Jenner says. Jenner is serving a life sentence for the 1987 murder of her daughter. "Faith gives you a place to belong. It gives a sense of family within the institution."

The congregation is led by the Rev. Michele Bradley, serving her first parish.

Their circumstances are different, it's true, but their needs are similar to anyone else's," Bradley says. "They need to hear about God's love. It gives them something to hang onto when everything else seems lost.

About a third of the 140 inmates attend Saturday evening services. Bradley says that inmates, with a lot of time to think, get serious about religion. "They stop blaming others and realize that something is wrong in their life, and they try to find answers," she says.

Mormon ranks grow in Land of Enchantment

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) – A leader of the area Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints says the Mormon church in New Mexico is growing by 300 members a year.

Stan Hatch, president of the local Mormon church government, attributes the increase to a revival of spiritual pursuits. "People are looking for an anchor," he says.

In the spring, New Mexico may open its first Mormon temple, a 30,000-square-foot building in northeast Albuquerque, to serve the state's 55,000 Mormons.

In 1980, the Mormon Church had 19 temples worldwide, most of them in Utah. Since then, it has built 30 temples and, within two years, plans to build 15 more.

ence in and around Jerusalem, he said. They also gave short shrift to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and rival claims to holy sites.

McCormick, 63, a Catholic and self-described "informed layman," opens his book with a brief history of the region. Then he guides readers through the Christian, Jewish and Muslim holy places, putting them in historical and religious context.

Avoid four-star hotels and whirlwind tours, he counsels. Instead, seek out religious hostels and move at a pace conducive to prayer, reflection and song.

"Normal guidebooks don't take that approach," according to Patricia Dyson, president of Educational Tours Inc., in Michigan. "They talk about what to pack, where to eat, how to get around, that kind of thing.

Her company organizes Christian group travel and has begun giving McCormick's book to clients visiting the Holy Land.

McCormick, who plans to lead a tour this spring, urges readers to mingle with the natives, learn about the Israeli-Palestinian feud and pressure the U.S. government to do more for the cause of peace.

"As an American citizen, I returned from my latest trip have fewer problems than people feeling a strong obligation to who don't attend church." speak out," he said. "The United States is really the only outside country in any position to help reach a just settlement."

Jordan Unit hosts Christmas concert

by JERRY GUTHRIE Jordan Unit reporter 🐄

Jordan Unit Chaplain Schlewitz hosted a Christmas music concert extravaganza performed by First Baptist Church of Pampa.

First Baptist Church music director John Glover guided the choir effortlessly creating a joyful, holiday sound. The choir's song selection provided a message of Christ's birth and of his love.

ing of Christmas and the spirit.

importance of developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Glover led the spirited group through a melody sing-a-long of traditional holiday Christmas songs

First Baptist Church has been a integral part of the Jordan Units Ministry, and this concert marked their fifth year of presenting holiday music to Jordan Unit inmates.

It is with much gratitude and oy that the Jordan Units inmates Dr. John Brock, minister of thank the 60 men and women the church, spoke to the who gave their time and their inmates about the true mean- hearts to share the Christmas

Calvary Baptist Church features contemporary inspirational music

Calvary Baptist Church wishes tions, Glaesman said. everyone a happy and a prosperous New Year, according to Pastor Lyndon Glaesman.

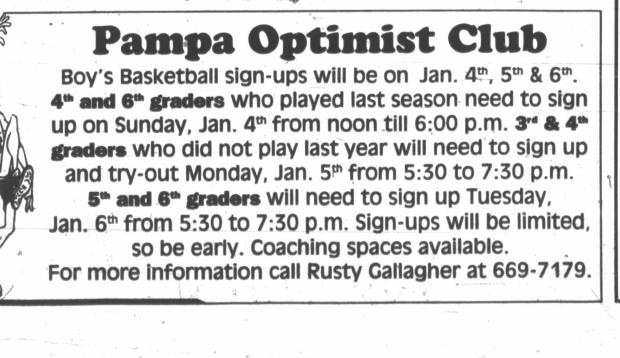
"One way to achieve a great 1998 is to attend church," Glaesman. "It is a proven fact families that attend church will

Averages show these families will also have lower divorce rates. Being involved with a goers keep New Year's resolu- Mart.

Calvary invites all to attend its services which are designed to help with everyday problems and to help its members lead prosperous lives, he said.

The music – patterned after the music of the 70s and 80s - is contemporary and full of inspiration, Glaesman explained.

Calvary's new state-of-the-art worship center is located at 900 E church can even help church 23rd Street, one mile east of Wal-



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"Always Chosen Last" should talk to their P.E. teachers and tell them how they feel. And, Abby, if you print my letter, please urge the children to clip it and take it with them.

ing to "roll with the punches" will make them stronger later in life.

DEAR EBBIE: I agree that it's a common problem, but I do not agree that facing daily rejection at school will make students stronger. Sometimes it only reinforces their feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem.





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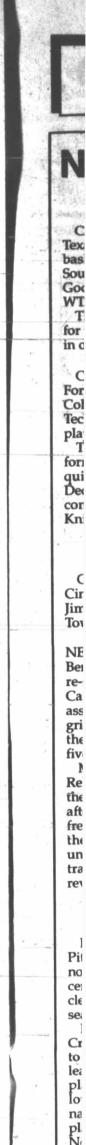
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SPORTS

Notebook BASKETBALL

CANYON -- The West Texas A&M University men's basketball team hosts Southwestern Assemblies of God Saturday at the WTAMU Fieldhouse. The WT Buffaloes are 10-0 for the season, their best start in over 56 years.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) ---Former Indiana center Jason Collier signed with Georgia Tech, where his father, Jeff, played center from 1972-76. The 7-foot sophomore, a former Ohio Mr. Basketball, quit the Indiana program Dec. 18, citing a personality conflict with coach Bob Knight.

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) Cincinnati Reds signed LHP Jim Crowell and C Justin Towle to one-year contracts.

NEW YORK (AP) - Andy Benes ended his attempts to re-sign with the St. Louis Cardinals, telling the players' association to withdraw the grievance it filed to validate the pitcher's \$30 million, five-year contract.

Player Management's **Relations** Committee ruled the contract was agreed to after the Dec. 7 deadline for free agents to re-sign with their former teams. The union then tried to get arbitrator Dana Eischen to reverse the decision.

HOCKEY

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins might not be able to re-sign holdout center Petr Nedved until he clears NHL waivers or the season ends.

Penguins general manager Craig Patrick was prepared to make a new offer until he learned Nedved apparently played four games in

Alief Elsik senior center could be next NBA teen star

By DAVE IVEY Fort Worth Star-Telegram

HOUSTON - In the first quarter of a recent game, Rashard Lewis played some decent "high school" basketball. He threw down a mighty two-handed jam, swatted an attempted layup into the seats and made two steals. But he also missed six of his first seven shots — including a dunk — and had a short baseline jumper stuffed back into his face by a smaller opponent. This was the player being heralded by recruit-

ing experts as the next Kevin Garnett? The next Kobe Bryant? The next to go from preps to the pros?

An answer to the question of whether this 18been penciled in after only eight minutes of action: No way.

But then the 6-foot-10, 215-pound senior at Alief Elsik — the most coveted Texas recruit since Shaquille O'Neal — went out and showed why games are four quarters long, why pencils come with erasers, and why many consider him to be the best player in the nation without a shoe contract.

During the next 15 minutes, before being taken out with his team comfortably ahead, Lewis was almost unstoppable. He made 15 of his next 17 shots, including a 3-pointer at the halftime age shot blocker and enables him to make a lot of buzzer, and finished with 35 points, 11 rebounds, six assists, eight steals and seven blocks.

"It was kind of like he was toying with us," marveled Lamar Consolidated coach Sonny Benefield, whose Mustangs lost that game, 69-54. "That kid is from another planet."

No, he's not. In many ways, he's just an ordinary teen-ager. A quiet, nice and wildly popular teen-ager. He likes hanging out with friends, listening to CDs and playing Super Nintendo. And until recently, he stocked shelves at the local Eckerd Drugs for \$5 an hour.

It's his game that is out of this world.

Lewis is averaging 29.2 points, 12.5 rebounds, 4.6 blocked shots, 2.9 assists and 5.0 blocks for the Rams (14-1). He has made 73.8 percent of his field-goal attempts (45.5 percent of his 3-pointers) and 81.6 percent of his free throws.

Those gaudy numbers, combined with his stellar performance during an elite summer basketball camp, vaulted him to the top of most college wish lists. He has visited Alabama and plans trips to Arizona, Kentucky, Houston and Florida State after the season.

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players who have made that leap in the 1990s —

"If I declare myself eligible for the draft, and

I'm not prepared to make that decision right now,

against that top level. I'm anxious to see if I

yet by the NBA, said Ryan Wood of Marty Blake

"The last we heard, he said he was 95 percent

sure that he was coming out early," Wood said.

'We're going to be looking at him over the next

Modest beginnings

When he was in grade school, Lewis moved

with his mother, twin sister and two older broth-

The summer before he started high school, he

sprouted six inches to 6-foot-6. He was called up

to the varsity team as a ninth-grader, averaging

6.3 points and 4.8 rebounds. As a sophomore, he

increased his numbers to 13.6 points and 10.7

rebounds and was selected to the all-district

"I was just an average player," Lewis said. "I

wanted to be a whole lot more than average so I

a junior last season included 33 points, 25

rebounds, 10 assists, nine steals and eight blocks.

Lewis is already the school's career leader in

rebounds and steals. Sometime this season, he

ers from Beaumont to the Alief area in west

& Associates, the league's scouting arm.

month or two to see if he's ready."

"He's the best I've ever seen," said Elsik coach Jerrel Hartfiel, who is 405-150 with the Rams since 1981.

Hartfiel said that his center has the uncanny ability to recognize his own weaknesses, then take steps to correct them. Two years ago, he couldn't hit a 3-pointer. Now he's an outside threat. Last year, he was a poor free-throw shooter and often got into foul trouble. Now, he stays in games, and can seal them down the stretch from the line.

Darryl Sheppard, who coached Lewis this summer in AAU basketball, said the only areas he still has to improve are ball handling and perimeter defense.

"That's why I'd like to see him to go to college year-old phenom was ready for the NBA had for at least a couple of years, to work on those two things," said Sheppard, whose Houston Hoops team posted a 79-5 record this summer against top national talent.

> "He's a special player. His low-post defense is outstanding, and he breaks all convention by draining the 3-pointer," Sheppard added. "Rashard doesn't shoot well for a big man; he just shoots well."

> Interest among recruiters skyrocketed in July at the adidas-ABCD Camp in New Jersey, where he was selected MVP, as was Bryant in 1995. His quickness in the post makes him an above-averinterior steals. But it was his 3-pointers from the top of the circle, not his assortment of low-post

> moves, that had the scouts buzzing. Prep recruiting experts Bob Gibbons, Van Coleman and "Athlon Sports" all have Lewis ranked No. 1 in the Class of '98.

> "He's one of the two best big men, maybe the best," said recruiting guru Tom Konchalski. "He plays under control and absolutely dominates beneath the basket."

Modest approach

With five seconds remaining in the second quarter against Lamar Consolidated, Lewis caught an inbounds pass at half court. He calmly dribbled out to the top of the arc, checked his feet, then launched the shot with one tick left.

"Most players his age would've put it up as soon as they got the pass. It was business as usual for Rashard," Hartfiel said. "He's real cool."

For a player with such a flashy game, Lewis is pretty low-key. When all of his teammates are dunking during pregame warmups, Lewis only teases the crowd with finger rolls and reverses.

"I know people are watching every single thing "Until then, I'm going to be keeping a wide-open mind," he said. "About everything." I do," he said. "I don't want to do anything to make people think I have a swelled head."

Which includes the pros. If he decides to follow Garnett, Bryant, ing van loads of letters from college recruiters Jermaine O'Neal and Tracy McGrady - four and being mobbed for his autograph, Lewis retains simple goals for his senior season. he would be doing it for the challenge, he says.

If UCLA can't be national champs, at least Bruins ruled the State of Texas

By DENNE H. FREEMAN **AP Sports Writer**

DALLAS (AP) - Cade McNown joined Joe Montana in the Cotton Bowl miracle workers club.

Only Montana still owns the bowl's record for igniting comebacks, bringing Notre Dame from 22 points down to throw a touchdown pass on the last play of the game for a 35-34 win over Houston in 1979.

UCLA's McNown had to rally his team from a 16-0 deficit to beat Texas A&M 29-23 on Thursday.

Tight end Ryan Neufeld's 5yard touchdown on an end around with 7:05 left put the Aggies away but it was McNown and running back Skip Hicks time lead over the Bruins. who made the big plays in the UCLA rally.

UCLA coach Bob Toledo said he wished the 10-2 Bruins could be in a playoff for the national title. The Bruins lost their first games, narrowly, to two Washington State and Tennessee then rolled to 10 consecutive topped only by a 95-yard return wins. No UCLA team had won as many games in a row since 1946.

"I believe we should be in a playoff," Toledo said. "It's the only major college sport where there is no playoff for the cham- tackle me so I just lateraled to pionship. We should be able to somebody I saw out of the corner win the title on the field not in of my eye." the polls.'

The Aggies got a big surprise when Neufeld scored his first rushing touchdown of the year.

"We practiced that play for a month," Neufeld said. "And it paid off.."

McNown threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third Rollins caught him in the end and Skip Hicks gained 140 yards on 31 carries.

did it," said Toledo. "We had to only first-half score with just two make some big adjustments at seconds left on the clock. halftime. Cade is poised and confident."

McNown said the Aggie defense gave the Bruins big problems.

43 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter to give them a 22-14 lead with 8:37 left. Randy McCown, subbing at quarterback for injured Branndon Steward who hurt an ankle, faked a handoff, then pitched to Cole going the other way, fooling the Bruin defense.

But McNown ran 20 yards to cut the deficit to 23-21 heading in the fourth quarter.

McNown threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Jim McElroy with two seconds left in the half and then hit Hicks with a 41-yard pass on UCLA's first possession of the second half.

Texas A&M parlayed a bizarre 83-yard interception return, a safety, and Dante Hall's 74-yard touchdown run into a 16-7 half-

Nguyen, the defensive MVP, intercepted a McNown screen pass at the A&M 17, ran 19 yards, and lateraled to safety Brandon Jennings, who went the final 64 yards for the touchdown. It was the second longest interception return in Cotton Bowl history, Colorado's Marcus Washington in 1996.

"I was in the right place at the right time for that one," Nguyensaid. "I saw a receiver about to

"Dat was all over the field, he's just a great player," Toledo said. "I should have thrown the ball in the dirt," McNown said.

The Aggies, who sacked McNown five times in the first half, got to him for a safety in the second quarter when Zerick zone

A 33-yard punt return by Eric "When it had to be done, Cade Scott positioned UCLA for its McElroy slipped into the end zone behind two Aggies and took a perfect pass for the touchdown-That was one of the key plays

of the game," said A&M coach

lower-tier league in his native Czech Republic. A player who competes outside North America after the regular season starts must clear waivers before he can return.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) -John Rigas is ready to acquire control of the Buffalo Sabres, with the signing of an agreement between the cable television station owner and the team's current chairman, Northrup Knox.

Under the agreement, subject to approval by the NHL's Board of Directors, Sabres lenders and partners, Rigas would make a "substantial investment of working capital." Existing partners would receive a partial return while continuing to hold subordinate notes, Rigas and Knox said.

FLORIDA -- Florida Panthers sent right wing David Nemirovsky to New Haven of the American Hockey League.

NEW JERSEY -- The New Jersey Devils placed G Mike Dunham on the injured list and recalled G Richard Shulmistra from Albany of the American Hockey League.

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SKIING

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) Marcus Nash won the men's 10-kilometer classic cross-country race at Mount Van Hoevenberg, edging Patrick Weaver by 8.3 seconds with a time of 29 minutes, 25.3 seconds.

Nash of Fryeburg, Maine, had previously qualified for the U.S. Olympic team. Kerrin Petty of Townshend, Vt., won the women's 5-kilometer classic, beating former University of Vermont teammate Laura Wilson.

Meanwhile, at Whiteface Mountain, Ann Battelle of Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Alex Wilson of Buffalo, N.Y., won freestyle moguls events for berths on the U.S. team for the Nagano Games.

come.

"If it flies in Dallas, the percep-

"I want to win a district title. That's something Not for the millions. Not for the fame. Not we haven't been able to do since I've been here, because of his grades. Not for any other conclu- he said. "Other than that, getting into college is the big thing. That's the thing for every senior at this time. I'm no different."

But, of course, he is different.

"I understand that I have a chance to do some-I will be doing it for one reason," said Lewis, who has a 2.8 grade point average and is planning to thing that I have fun doing, and that I'm good at, and make money doing it," he said. "Everyone take the ACT on Feb. 4. "I am anxious to play who ever played ball has dreamed of the NBA. It's my dream, too. Whether I go pro now, or a few years from now, I can't sav right No scouting report on Lewis has been prepared

from Katy, said the choice is clear.

"If he could go out now and make the money, personally, I think he should do it," Hall said "What if he got hurt? College isn't going anywhere."

Fortunately for Lewis; he still has a little time to sort through what has often been conflicting advice.

Because the November early signing period has ended, Lewis must wait until April to commit to a school. He has until mid-May to declare himself eligible for the June NBA draft. According to NCAA rules, he has 30 days to decide whether to sign if he's drafted. If he does not — and if he does not sign with an agent — he loses no eligibility.

With the NBA's rookie salary cap, a mid-to-late first-round draft pick can expect to earn \$3 million to \$4 million over three years.

Lewis said his mother, Juanita Johnson, wants him to get an education.

The results were startling. He was the most "She really wants me to go to college, but she valuable player of District 20-5A, one of the toughest districts in the state, and a second-team says that this decision is up to me," he said. "Her all-state selection last season. His high games as opinion is very important to me."

Johnson, a nurse, said she just wants what is best for her "baby."

"I have tried to make sure he knows all the facts. Sure, he can always go back to college. But will likely become the Rams' leading scorer it won't be the same later," she said. "If he does - no small accomplishment in a program it, it can't be for me, or for his family. He has to be that has won at least 20 games in 16 of its 18 a man. He has to make the decision for himself. And he has to live with it."

Early voting begins on arena proposal

Dallas Mavericks and pro hockey Dallas Stars.

The early voting started Wednesday and a good turnout was reported in many precincts.

But Dallas residents aren't the what happens." only ones interested in the out-

City leaders in the suburb of Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones -Irving are thinking of using a calls for adding 40,000 seats and a similar mancing plan for a \$200 retractable roof. Nearby land million makeover of Texas would be developed with hotels, Stadium, home of the Dallas a theme park and Dallas Cowbovs.

DALLAS (AP) — Early voting tion could be it is equally possiis under way on a proposed ble here and could be a means to arena for the pro basketball finance stadium improvements," said Maura Gast of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau. "There are a lot of eyebrows and questions being raised and people watching and waiting to see

The Texas Stadium proposal originally sketched out by Cowboys Hall of Fame.

Irving council members have

commissioned a study on Texas Stadium's impact on the local economy. The report, being done by the University of North Texas, should be presented to council members in late January or early

said a yes or no vote in Dallas on Jan. 17 may not mean much in his town.

"There's a lot of support in Irving for the Dallas Cowboys and retaining the franchise," he said. "But whether or not the public would vote for it, I'm not going to even hazard a guess.'

well but we knew what we had under control until that hapto do and we did it," McNown pened. We had a coverage error said. "Talk is cheap when you got and you can't give them easy into a spot like we did. We TDs. It was a very disappointing stopped ourselves a lot and it got loss. We had our chances to win frustrating."

Hicks said UCLA was a little worried but added "we still had the confidence we were going to come back. We ve been down a big difference in the game." before. It was great to end my career like this.'

A&M (9-4) was led by linebacker Dat Nguyen, who intercepted a pass and had 20 tackles, 15 of them solo, in the loss.

half but they made adjustments Bowl, shook hands with his to our blitz," Nguyen said. "We counterpart after the game. Both at least prove to the nation what said during the week the firing a good defense we have."

blitz with a reverse pitchout to before the game "I really want split end Chris Cole, who dashed this one."

'A&M's defense played us R.C. Slocum. "We had everything against one of the best teams in the country."

> McNown said "that was a big momentum score for us. It made

> McNown, the offensive MVP, hit 16 of 29 passes for 239 yards while the Aggies managed only 55 yards passing.

Toledo, who had been fired by Slocum as offensive coordinator "We had them going in the first ' at A&M after the 1994 Cotton was water under the bridge but The Aggles beat the UCLA Toledo told the team at a meeting

Cotton Bowl notes

DALLAS (AP) — The Wind gusts out of the south crowd was about 20,000 less.

The game was not a sellout half. for the third time in the last five years. Cotton Bowl offi-UCLA fans and a disappointing finish to the regular season for Texas A&M as reasons behind the second-smallest

"UCLA didn't bring as many fans as a team in their list with 3,116 yards, surpass-W. Mike Baggett, Cotton **Bowl Athletic Association** tance in travel has to be con- rushing attempts set by sidered as a factor for the Auburn's Bo Jackson in 1986. Bruins. The Aggie fans are Cornhusker victory) wasn't Cotton Bowl history. closer."

Nguyen set Cotton Bowl the first half, but the Aggies records with 15 solo tackles backed off on the blitz in the and 20 total tackles to earn second half when the Bruins vote. UCLA quarterback Cade one more sack. McNown was the offensive Texas A&M coach R.C. MVP, completing 16-for-29 for Slocum fell to 0-4 in the 239 yards and two touch- Cotton Bowl. downs.

announced number of tickets as strong as 25 mph affected sold was 59,215, but the actual the passing and kicking games, especially in the first

McNown's second-quarter quick kick for UCLA traveled cials cited travel distance for 76 yards, the fourth-longest punt in Cotton Bowl history. Three of those long punts were quick kicks.

McNown moved into first Cotton Bowl crowd since 1977. place on UCLA's all-time single-season passing yardage position usually does," said ing the record of 2,986 yards set by Tom Ramsey in 1982. Skip Hicks' 31 carries ties chairman. "Of course, dis- the Cotton bowl record for Dante Hall's 74-yard disappointed because the touchdown run for Texas Nebraska game (for the Big 12 A&M was a career-high and championship, a 54-15 the fourth-longest in

loser." A&M's blitzing defense Texas A&M linebacker Dat sacked McNown five times in defensive MVP in a media adjusted and registered only

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in Bahamas in bid for baseball free agency

By EVAN PEREZ **Associated Press Writer**

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) -Former Cuban baseball star Orlando Hernandez is demanding an all-or-nothing asylum deal for himself and the seven people who joined him on a raft in fleeing their communist homeland.

Under major league rules, Hernandez would not be able to become a free agent if he came to the United States. So he asked the men. Bahamas for political asylum on Thursday - a decision that could because they didn't want to leave net him millions of dollars if and when he signs with a major league team.

If Hernandez establishes residency in the United States, he would have to enter baseball's Cuba:" amateur draft or be the subject of a lottery. In either case, he would be stuck negotiating with one team, which could cost him millions.

The State Department has already granted Hernandez the half-brother of 1997's World Series most valuable player Livan defected from Cuba two years Hernandez — permission to ago. enter the United States. But® Wednesday's offer was only extended to Hernandez, his common-law wife Noris Bosch and free agent, in addition to his fourformer catcher Alberto Hernandez Perez.

The other five Cubans picked up in Bahamian waters Sunday were excluded, which the State Department explained only by saying that its decision was based on the way the two athletes were treated in Cuba.

But Rene Guim, a spokesman for sports agent Joe Cubas, who is helping Hernandez with immigration matters, said it was all or nothing.

seeking asylum for he and all his the Bahamas. They must stay friends," added Joshua Sears, the in the Caribbean country until Bahamian permanent secretary the Bahamian Cabinet makes for foreign affairs.

The two baseball players and request.

By KEN RAPPOPORT **AP Hockey Writer**

they didn't lose. With Damian Rhodes making 24 saves, the Senators played the history Thursday night, match-Bruins.

six others set sail Friday in a small sailboat stocked with water. sugar and four cans of Spam, they said. After 10 hours - and with the boat taking on water they landed Sunday on Anguilla

Cay in the Bahamas. A spokeswoman for the Cuban American National Foundation which is helping Hernandez and his friends, said he decided not to immediately accept the U.S. offer because it excluded his country-

"He decided not to come the other five behind," said foundation spokeswoman Ninoska Perez. "Those people would probably face prison if they were left behind and sent back to

Other Cuban defectors who have been granted asylum outside the United States have gone on to negotiate signing bonuses as free agents in the \$2 million range. That's what Livan Hernandez of the world champion Florida Marlins did when he

After the Dominican Republic granted him asylum, Livan earned a \$2.5 million bonus as a year contract worth \$6 million.

Orlando Hernandez and Alberto Hernandez Perez had been banned for life from Cuban baseball after helping Livan Hernandez defect. Since his suspension, Orlando Hernandez had worked as a therapist in a Cuban mental hospital for less than \$10 a month

Hernandez, his wife and the catcher were released early Thursday into the custody of a wealthy Cuban-exile busi-"He's made it very clear he's nessman who has a home in a decision on their asylum

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Defector seeks asylum Texas still adjusting as play begins

By CHIP BROWN **AP Sports Writer**

AUSTIN (AP) - As Texas heads into Big 12 play, coach Tom Penders says his Longhorns have flashed signs that they're going to be good. They just have little to show for it so

The one that got away was an 88-81 loss at home against defending national champion Arizona on Dec. 6, a game in which the Longhorns (6-5) were buoyed by a raucous crowd and were within four points with just under a minute to play. Penders, whose team has also lost to much to ask them to understand the Princeton, twice to Georgia and at Illinois. "I wish we had beaten Arizona. It would have been a nice plum. I hours working on that stuff, and it's thought we played well enough to win what's gotten us to the level we're at. It's that game, but we didn't."

their season over the next 10 days. Texas plays at home against Baylor Saturday, at Missouri on Monday and then home against No. 2 Kansas on Jan. 10 before going to Oklahoma on Jan. 12.

The Monday games at Missouri and Oklahoma will be televised nationally as part of ESPN's "Big Monday," which ers. usually draws rowdy, sellout crowds. Last year, the only team to win on the

When Kansas comes, I just hope we after becoming eligible at midterm. play as well as we did against Arizona and have the crowd in it and all that," Penders said. "In the meantime, we've got to play Baylor, and if we beat Missouri there, it will be an upset. Those are two very big games for us before we even get to Kansas."

Penders has been forced to be patient with his team because three freshmen guards Luke Axtell and Bernard Smith as well as 7-foot center Chris Mihm - are getting significant playing time and are still adjusting.

"We started off the season trying to "We haven't upset anybody," said mix in the young kids and it was too can't make mistakes like that and expect trapping and rotating," Penders said.

Last week, we spent probably 12 not the explosive offense right now, it's The Longhorns face a critical stretch of the defense that's helping us win games.'

Axtell has proven to be the most consistent of the three, averaging 14 points per game and hitting 45 percent of his 3point attempts. Mihm is averaging 10 points and 7.5 rebounds per game, and Smith is one of the team's best defend-

Ivan Wagner, a sophomore transfer from North Carolina State who won the

The team's go-to player, however, is junior Kris Clack, who is averaging 17.5 points, 5.9 rebounds, 3,1 assists and 2.5. 14h G

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steals per game. "Kris is taking charge," said Texas for-ward Gabe Muoneke. "When the game is on the line, he'll take the shot and knock it down. He's been consistent all year, even while the team has struggled."

Texas has been plagued by turnovers, an average of 18.9 per game.

"We have to keep the turnovers down and keep the defensive pressure up," Clack said. "Going into Big 12 play, you to win."

Penders, whose team's best wins so far have come against Florida (85-82) and Louisiana State (69-63), said his team will likely peak in February. He hopes that won't be too late.

"My goal is to always be in the NCAA tournament every year, but I'm not talking about that with the guys right now," said Penders, whose Longhorns have been in the NCAA tournament eight of the past nine years, including a Sweet 16 appearance last year.

'We've got a lot of young guys, and I'm just talking about day-to-day getting better.

"We're one of those teams that has a road in a Big Monday game was then NCAA outdoor high jump title last chance to get hot in February and make a top-ranked Kansas by two points at spring with a leap of 7-6 1/2, has run in the Big 12 tournament and then oklahoma.

Michigan closes in on a national title

By The Associated Press

Michigan now needs just one more win — in the polls.

The Wolverines staked claim to their first national championship since 1948 by beating No. 8 Washington State 21-16 Thursday in the Rose Bowl.

Brian Griese threw three touchdown passes, and Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson played his usual tough defense for the No. 1 Wolverines (12-0), who can only watch tonight's Orange Bowl matchup between No. 2 Nebraska and No. 3 Tennessee and await the final rankings.

"I have no doubt that we should be the national champion," said Griese. "We played the toughest schedule in the country by far. To come to the Rose Bowl and play a very tough Washington State team ...

"Is there anything else you want us to do?" The Associated Press' final poll will be released Saturday morning, after the Orange Bowl. No team entering a bowl game as the No. 1 team has won the game and not secured the national title. Entering the game, Michigan had a commarding lead over Nebraska in the AP poll, 69-1 in first-place votes. In the coaches' poll, Michigan led Nebraska in first-place votes 53 1/2-8 1/2. The Wolverines should stay on top, thanks to Griese. He had TD passes of 53 and 58 yards to Tai Streets, and 23 yards to Jerame Tuman early in the fourth quarter. After throwing an interception on Michigan's first series, the fifth-year walk-on completed 18 of 30 passes for 251 yards. Woodson helped, too, inter- for a 52-20 loss to Florida in last cepting a Ryan Leaf pass in the year's Sugar Bowl, which cost FSU its yards and scored 15 touchdowns

were poised to a take a 14-0 second-quarter lead. "I have one vote in the coaches'

poll and the writers will speak with their vote," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "It would be tremendously disappointing, but it's not something that's in my control."

In Thursday's other bowl games, No. 4 Florida State downed No. 9 Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl, No. 12 Georgia routed Wisconsin 33-6 in the Outback Bowl, No. 6 Florida defeated No. 11 Penn State 21-6 in the Citrus Bowl, and No. 5 UCLA edged No. 20 Texas A&M 29-23 in the Cotton Bowl. In today's first game, No. 13

Auburn (9-3) took on Clemson (7-4) in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta. In Wednesday's games, it was No. 16 Arizona State 17, Iowa 7 in

the Liberty Bowl.

end zone after the Cougars (10-2) second national title of the 1990s. Florida State, which had won a record 11 straight bowl games before that loss to the Gators, State 6

postseason record to 16-4-1. John Cooper saw his bowl record

Gator Bowl No. 7 North Carolina 42, Virginia Tech 3

impressive show against the

Quarterback Chris Keldorf completed 17 of 28 for 290 yards 161 in the first quarter — and passed for three touchdowns. total, and was an impressive debut for coach Carl Torbush,

in the regular season. **Citrus Bowl**

No. 6 Florida 21, No. 11 Penn

The Gators' Fred Taylor pounded undermanned Penn State for a career-high 234 yards on 43 carries, and Jacquez Green caught two touchdown passes from different quarterbacks at Orlando, Fla.

Taylor broke a 35-year-old The Tar Heels put on an Citrus Bowl record with the best rushing game in Florida's bowl history. Green caught a 35-yard TD pass from Doug Johnson and a 37-yarder from Jesse Palmer.

Penn State played without suspended All-America running back Curtis Enis and big-play receiver loe Jurevicius, who had accounted for half of the offense

pushed coach Bobby Bowden's drop to 2-7 in 10 years at Ohio State.

Hokies at Jacksonville.

Cornerback Dre' Bly blocked one punt and recovered another one for a score, and defensive end Greg Ellis recovered a fumble in and 60 percent of the touch-No. 10 Kansas State 35, No. 14 the end zone that gave the Tar downs. The Nittany Lions fin-Syracuse 18 in the Fiesta Bowl; Heels a 22-0 lead 15:07 into the game. ished with just 139 yards, their poor-The victory gave North est offensive output of the season. the Sun Bowl; and No. 22 Carolina its 11th win of the sea- Cotton Bowl Southern Mississippi 41, Pitt 7 in son, just the third time in 107 No. 5 UCLA 29, No. 20 Texas years the Tar Heels reached that A&M 23 who took over the team three weeks ago, after Mack Brown left

"We had some good chances tonight and I missed a few," said home since 1955.

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out 3-0 by Buffalo's Dominik Hasek in their previous game Wednesday night, have now first scoreless tie in their six-year gone 147 minutes without a goal. Meanwhile, Boston's Byron ing zeroes with the Boston Dafoe made 27 saves as the Bruins played their first scoreless tie since 1970 and their first at

Goin' with Kansas City

Reception, Inspect 1 **By DAVE GOLDBERG AP Football Writer**

Kansas City has beaten Denver five of the last six times they've met at Arrowhead Stadium, including the 24-22 victory Nov. 16 when Pete Stoyanovich's 54yard field goal just cleared the crossbar on the last play.

But that seems to mean little to the oddsmakers, who originally made the Broncos a slight favorite, then turned to the Chiefs because Terrell Davis' bruised his ribs against Jacksonville. The margin is 1 1/2 points.

These two teams have never met in the playoffs, a little surprising considering the franchises go back to 1960, the early AFL days.

But Marty Schottenheimer and John Elway certainly have --Cleveland Schottenheimer's Browns lost to Elway and the Broncos in the 1986 and 1987 AFC title games.

Those games have marred Schottenheimer's record. He's certainly one of the NFL's best coaches the last dozen years, but he's 5-10 in the playoffs.

The main reason is the lack of a top-flight quarterback, although an aging Joe Montana got the Chiefs to the 1993 AFC title game. Elvis Grbac's not Joe Montana. However ... CHIEFS, 24-21

Sugar Bowl No. 4 Florida State 31, No. 9 **Ohio State 14**

The Seminoles' slim national championship hopes were snuffed out before they trotted on the field. But they didn't let it No. 12 Georgia 33, Wisconsin 6 affect their performance against

the Buckeyes. Thad Busby threw for 334 yards, E.G. Green caught seven passes for 176 yards and All-American end Andre Wadsworth led a swarming defense.

Florida State (11-1) will surely extend its streak of finishing no lower than fourth in the national rankings to 11 consecutive years after beating Ohio State (10-3). They also redeemed themselves

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for the Texas job. **Outback Bowl**

Mike Bobo was nearly perfect with 19 consecutive completions in a 26-for-28 day as the Bulldogs won easily at Tampa. Bobo finished with 235 yards and one TD while Robert Edwards ran for 110 yards and three TDs. Edwards' backup, Olandis Gary, rushed for 61 yards on just four carries and scored once.

Georgia's swarming defense limited Wisconsin's Ron Dayne to 36 yards on 14 carries after the Badger tailback gained 1,421

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Tight end Ryan Neufeld's 5yard run with 7:05 left in the game for his first rushing touchdown completed the comeback for the Bruins. Quarterback Cade McNown threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third, and Skip Hicks gained 140 yards on 31 carries for UCLA, which won its 10th straight game.

The comeback was topped only by Notre Dame's rally from 22 points down to beat Houston 35-34 in the 1979 Cotton Bowl.

A&M (9-4) was led by linebacker Dat Nguyen, who intercepted a pass and had 20 tackles, 15 of them solo, in the loss.

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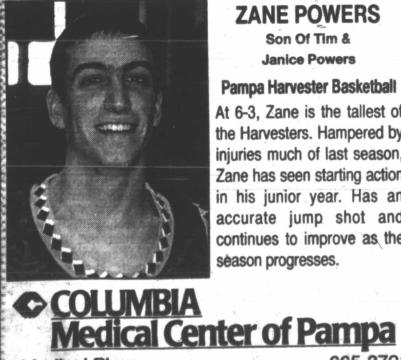
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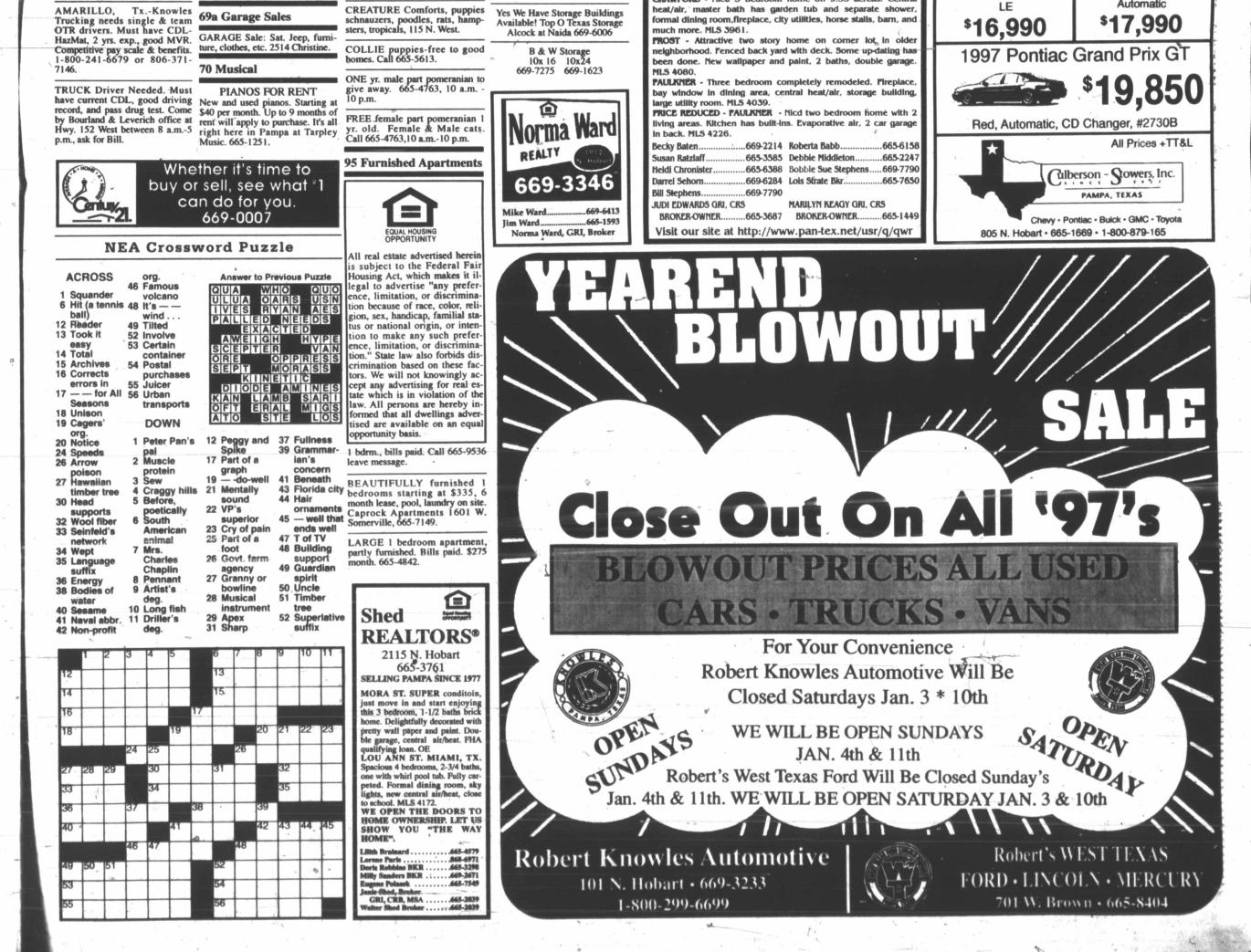
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Year at the Box Office: 1997 record year for Hollywood, thanks to blockbusters and ticket prices

By JOHN HORN AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Despite flat admissions, Hollywood chalked up a record 1997 with the help of blockbusters like Men in Black and The Lost World: Jurassic Park - as well as higher ticket prices.

Moviegoers spent more than \$6.2 billion on tickets last year, about 8 percent more than the 1996 record of \$5.76 billion. Men in Black and The Lost World each grossed more than \$200 million in North America.

Twelve other movies - among them Liar Liar, Air Force One and My Best Friend's Wedding - topped or will top \$100 million. Titanic, released Dec. 19, is expected to gross more than \$200 million.

Not counting the re-release of 1977's Star Wars, actual admissions estimated to exceed 1.3 billion were up only a few percentage points from 1996. Star Wars, by the way, brought in \$138.3 million.

The success was generated as much by higher ticket prices as by an increase in tickets sold. Some reserved seats now cost \$10.

"Yes, you're going to have an absolute record box-office," said Christopher Dixon, an entertain-

ment analyst with Paine Webber. "But admissions are relatively flat."

Many major studios, most notably Warner Bros., had difficult years. By far the most successful was Sony Pictures, whose movie units released Men in Black, Air Force One, My Best Friend's Wedding and I Know What You Did Last Summer.

"We had the thing that every studio dreams of: A film that satisfied all age groups, and that was Men in Black," said Lucy Fisher, vice chairman of Sony's Columbia TriStar Motion Picture Group. "It

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appealed to everybody from small children right up to grandparents. That movie was a boon to the whole studio. Several 1997 movies reportedly costing more than \$100 million

foundered as soon as they arrived. The expensive washouts included Batman and Robin, The Postman, Speed 2: Cruise Control and Starship Troopers.

Writer-director-James Cameron's Titanic, at more than \$200 million the most expensive movie of all time, appears headed for strong worldwide returns. That concerns some analysts, who worry the movie's success will make future cost-cutting impossible. "It makes it more difficult for the mid-level studio executive to say

no to the Jim Cameron du jour," Dixon said. Added Dave Davis of the investment bank Houlihan Lokey: "If everybody can kind of gear down in terms of cost, it will really help."

Equally troublesome was the intense competition for the audience's attention. About 150 movies were released nationally in 1997, with several major films often making their debuts on the same day. Most studios released more than 20 movies in 1997; several distributed more than 30.

"The market is glutted - it's just terrible," said Tom Sherak, executive vice president of 20th Century Fox. "The bottom line is there are too many movies.

"The good news is every studio says they are going to make fewer movies in 1998. Disney says they're going from 40 to 20. That's great news. We need that kind of sanity."

Another worrisome trend rests with movie theaters themselves. Exhibitors have been adding megaplexes at a breakneck pace, many of them with a dozen screens or more. The seats are being added faster than ticket buyers are lining up.

The top movies released in 1997, as compiled by Entertainment Data Inc., as of Dec. 28. Titanic will move into the year's Top 10 when final figures are compiled this weekend:

- 1. Men in Black, \$249.8 million.
- 2. The Lost World: Jurassic Park, \$229.1 million.
- 3. Liar Liar, \$181.4 million.
- 4. Air Force One, \$171.8 million.
- 5. Star Wars, \$138.3 million.
- 6. My Best Friend's Wedding, \$126.7 million.
- 7. Face/Off, \$112.3 million.
- 8. Batman & Robin, \$107.3 million.
- 9. George of the Jungle, \$105.2 million.

10. Con Air, \$101.1 million.



American Cancer Society introducing new 'Stop Now' quit kit for smokers

The American Cancer Society is introducing a new "Stop Now – Here's How" quit kit in time for smokers attempting to begin the New Year smoke-free. The quit kit is available free of charge and can be ordered by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

The new kit provides information and describes methods of quitting smoking to help people achieve a healthier lifestyle. The kit contains quit tips, a self-help guide, relaxation exercises, facts on nicotine replacement, non-nicotine replacement and other

alternative methods of quitting. "We know that about 90 percent of successful quitters do so on their own. We also know that quitting smoking is not easy, so we want to provide the "Stop Now - Here's How" quit kit to assist smokers who are trying to stop," stated Allen Henderson Ph.D., chair of the American Cancer Society's Tobacco Control Committee in Texas.

According to surveys, smokers often try to quit more than once before they succeed, with 70 percent of ex-smokers making one to two quit attempts, and 22 percent making 3-5 quit attempts. Smokers should not give up trying, since most ex-smokers cycle through the quitting process several times before becoming longterm quitters.

People who quit smoking live longer lives than those who con-tinue to smoke. "If you or someone you know tried to quit during the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, but did-n't quite make it, New Year's offers another chance to begin the year on a healthy note," offers Henderson.

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