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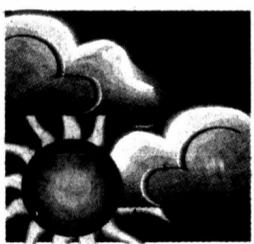
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Low tonight mid 20s.  
High tomorrow 50.  
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**PAMPA** — Everyone knows when disaster strikes you turn to the Red Cross. Fire, flood, death or destruction every knows the Red Cross is there. The problem is where does the Red Cross turn when they need help?

The heating system at the local chapter has been out for several days now and with the cold weather coming on being in there is a bit of a disaster.

A citizen who wishes to remain anonymous wonders if some people, companies or a combination of both could lend a hand to the people who are always lending a hand to other.

We wonder, too.

**DALLAS (AP)** — A Dallas man has been arrested in connection with four recent robberies in which the robber posed as a police officer, authorities say.

Daniel Trinidad, 38, was arrested Monday night after allegedly attempting to rob two men at a northwest Dallas apartment. He was attempting to flee with cash and jewelry at the time he was apprehended.

Trinidad was being held Tuesday at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center in lieu of \$101,000 bail. Two charges of aggravated robbery, one charge of evading arrest and one charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon have been filed against him.

Trinidad, an apartment complex security guard, is awaiting trial on several charges from 1996, including robbery, car theft and burglary, according to court records.

Police said that in each of the four incidents the robber used a gun and either flashed a badge or told his victims he was a police officer.

**DALLAS (AP)** — Travelers doing business at Dallas Fort Worth International airport will soon be able to take advantage of valet parking, airport officials said Wednesday.

But the service will not come cheap.

Customers must pay \$24 for the first day, and then the fee will drop to \$18 a day, said Pat Gleason, the airport's concessions manager.

That is nearly twice the going rate for spaces in the airport's parking garages.

- **MayBell Childress, 82**, former Avon representative.
- **Violet Rees Mathers, 96**, former active church member, Sunday School teacher.

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## Tire drop-off charges at landfill ok'd

By **MIRANDA G. BAILEY**  
Staff Writer

No more dumping off tires at the landfill for free.

In a simple request to discuss "scrap tires," Commissioner Jim Greene uncovered this issue — an issue that could prove to be somewhat complex as the new year rolls around.

According to updated information from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), the state will no longer collect a \$2 fee on the sale of new tires and the TNRCC will no longer reimburse for recycling tires.

Greene approached commissioners Monday concerning this information.

On Dec. 31, the Texas Waste Tire Recycling Fund Program will expire in its "present form," which means Pampa residents will be charged to throw away their old tires. Pampa's landfill now takes old tires from residents at no charge because the state's recycling program pays for these tires to be recycled.

But after the new year, landfills, waste sites and recycling agencies across the state will begin to charge residents disposal fees including: \$2 on a passenger tire, \$3.50 on a truck tire and \$7.50 on rear farm tractor tires.

Greene told the commissioners court he was concerned with the potential costs that could result from the future disposal of county truck and tractor tires.

Court members then discussed eliminating tire disposal costs by shredding, or quartering the tires. The TNRCC stated it is legal to dispose of tires in landfills if they are, "split, shredded or quartered."

County Treasurer Scott Hahn suggested to the court the possibility of purchasing a shredding machine, providing it was cost-effective for the county.

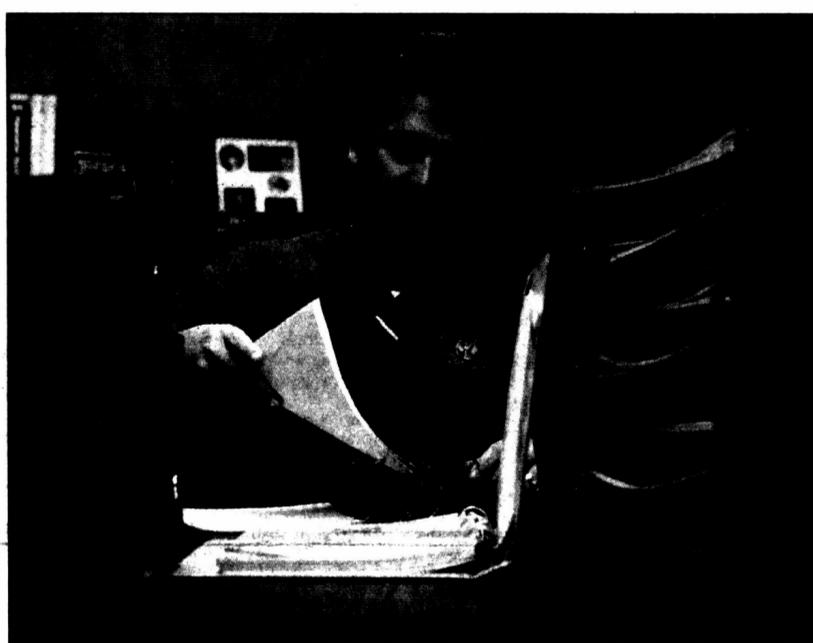
City Manager Bob Eskridge later came into the meeting and contributed to the discussion. Currently, he said, old tires are

not put into the landfill at all, whether they're shredded or not. They have been picked up by recyclers.

It was said during the discussion that tires are hard to dispose of underground because they inevitably float to the top.

The city receives 40 to 50 tires at the landfill for recycling every month. Eskridge said he will look into whether tires will be accepted, or accepted free of charge, if they come to the landfill shredded or quartered.

"As a regional landfill, we're going to have to figure out a way to handle this, and we'll work with you ... your problems are our problems," Eskridge said.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowers)

Surrounded by binders, Sgt. Terry Young begins the laborious task of updating Pampa Police Department's operating manual. The manual outlines procedures and sets standards that must be met as part of the department's accreditation process.

## Writing THE book Police keep ideals high

By **DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

Sgt. Terry Young is writing a book. THE book, actually.

As training officer at the Pampa Police Department, Young is writing the policy manual in preparation for the city's regular accreditation process.

Every three years, the police department faces accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), a professional organization that reviews professional standards at police departments across the nation and in foreign countries.

"It allows our agency to meet standards that are recognized internationally for law enforcement professionals," Morris said. "The standards of conduct by which we can measure our performance. It is a self assessment tool."

It builds the kind of partnership with the community for better life in Pampa

"Our participation allows us to maintain that higher standard of quality service," Morris said. He admits that there is a certain amount of prestige involved, too.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are accredited as is the Royal Barbados Police Force. The Pampa Police Department was first accredited in 1988.

Amarillo, Canyon and Pampa are the only communities in the Texas Panhandle that are certified. Berger is in the process of becoming certified.

"I think that makes an important statement about the quality of law enforcement in these communities," said Charlie Morris, Pampa's chief of police.

Austin, San Antonio, Harris County are starting.

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## Phone system bids on hold

By **MIRANDA G. BAILEY**  
Staff Writer

Phone system bids were put on hold pending more information during a special session of the Gray County Commissioners Court.

County Auditor Elaine Morris, who is responsible for creating the bid specifications, said more answers are needed before action can be taken.

With a new phone system, intercom and transferring capabilities will go through the entire courthouse. As it is, time can be wasted when employees have to call from office to office to locate people, said Morris.

Neither of the bids from Lucent Technologies in Amarillo or NTS Communications in Pampa included enough information for commissioners to make a decision.

The issue was tabled until the

next meeting when bidding representatives will be invited to answer questions from the court.

In other matters, County Sheriff Don Copeland approached the court with three requests that were all approved by the commissioners.

Copeland was granted permission to advertise for bids on three cars to be purchased from the Sheriff's 1998 budget. Two will be bought outright, and the third will be lease-purchased. Bids will be accepted until Jan. 15.

A new assistant jailer position will be created, after a line item budget change was approved by commissioners to compensate for the new post.

"I need another supervisor at the jail. I've had this person in mind since February," said Copeland. "I'm requesting an increase in salary by \$2,400 and

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## Panhandle feedyard receives TCFA award Fed Beef Challenge contest

Area cattle feeders, including a Panhandle company, were among those recognized for excellence in their industry during the Texas Cattle Feeders Association's recent convention in Austin.

The TCFA Fed Beef Challenge is a contest designed to let cattle feeders compete in producing the high quality beef that consumers demand. A total of 26 feedyards entered 48 pens of steers and heifers in the contest. Cattle in the contest were scored on an index developed by TCFA to identify optimum carcasses. The index uses a base of 100 points and is adjusted for ribeye area, internal fat, back fat and quality grade to arrive at the final score.

First place pen of steers was won by C-Bar Feedyard of Plainview with a pen that had a total index score of 284.92. Second place went to Carson County Feedyards at Panhandle with a pen that scored 282.62 and third place was captured by Keeling Cattle Feeders at Hereford with a set of cattle that scored 256.46.

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## Pampa makes news in New Zealand

AFS exchange student experiences have been relived by thousands of participants worldwide during this 50th anniversary year.

They have been celebrated in many ways, from a special Queen Elizabeth II European voyage to the New York City reunion to a full-page story in The Daily Telegraph, Napier, New Zealand, of a girl who spent a year in Pampa 35 years ago when she lived with the Dr. Joe and Johnnie Donaldson and family.

Some 7,500 AFS students are involved in going abroad or coming to the U.S. annually, while thousands more participate in exchanges in other areas of the globe.

Laurie Berzanskis from Pampa is in

**Pampa was apple-pie America, ball games, proms and Coca-Cola. Pride in your school and pride in your country.**

Palermo, Sicily, this school year, while Vincent Simoneau of Canada and Julia Peters of Germany are in Pampa for the school year.

The New Zealand newspaper featured Evelyn Roberts Johnson and it pictured Pampa High School, showed her leaving through her 1964 Pampa High School yearbook and hanging out with friends at Coney Island.

In part, the article published in

September read: A Texan town, population 20,000 might not seem the ideal destination for an "OE" but in 1963, the chance of a year in the USA was an exciting prospect for a "very green, naive New Zealand girl."

For Napier woman Evelyn Johnson (nee Roberts), then an 18-year-old Auckland student, a year at Pampa High School in Texas was the beginning of a 35-year involvement with AFS, the world's

largest student exchange program.

It was apple-pie America, ball games, proms and Coca-Cola. Pride in your school and pride in your country.

It was also the year President John F. Kennedy was shot and a nation came to a standstill. It was the year black American students were allowed into white American schools. The Beach Boys were singing *Little Deuce Coupe*, reaching the top of the charts.

The town of Pampa was as "flat as the eye can see," Johnson says. "There was no horizon." In summer it sweltered, in winter it snowed.

Pampa was an honest, conservative Texan town, its economy built on cattle,

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**CHILDRESS, MayBell** — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Allison.  
**MATHERS, Violet Rees** — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.

## Obituaries

### MayBELL CHILDRESS

ALLISON — MayBell Childress, 82, died Monday, Dec. 1, 1997, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Andy Taylor of Sayre, Okla., and the Rev. Robert Meller officiating. Burial will be in Zybach Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Childress was born Jan. 18, 1915, at Hollis, Okla. She came to Texas in 1930, moving with her family. She married John Thomas "Jake" Childress on July 9, 1937, at Canadian; he died in 1989. The couple were Hemphill County residents until moving to Allison in 1985. She had resided at the Wheeler Care Center for the past 3 1/2 years. She worked as an Avon representative for 12 years.

Survivors include five daughters, Fern Reed of Wheeler, Lou Bollman of Amarillo, Ruby Smith of Farmington, N.M., Annetta Joyce Childress and Debbie Addy, both of Groom; two sons, Shot Childress of Borger and Everett "Punk" Childress of Tuttle, Okla.; a sister, Arline King of Lubbock; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Foundation, First Baptist Church of Allison or Wheeler Care Center Activity Fund.

### VIOLET REES MATHERS

CANADIAN — Violet Rees Mathers, 96, died Monday, Dec. 1, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with Brother Jerry Golden, pastor, and Brother Denzil Leonard of Canadian officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Mathers was born Aug. 11, 1901, at Long Island, Kan., to Daniel and Jennie Rees. She was the daughter of a Baptist minister and was saved in January of 1913 at Miami. She was a graduate of Miami High School. She married G.B. "Snooks" Mathers on Dec. 23, 1922, at Miami; he died in 1980. The couple moved to a ranch near Mobeetie and to Hemphill County in the late 1920s.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she served as director of the Intermediate Department for 21 years prior to serving as an adult teacher for several years. She was also a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and was a member and past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by a son, Frank Mathers, in 1979.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Mathers of Miles City, Mont., and Ben Mathers of Canadian; 10 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Edward Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	3.00	Chevron	77 15/16	dn 9/16
Milo	4.21	Coca-Cola	65 3/8	dn 1/2
Corn	4.80	Columbia/HCA	30 11/16	dn 5/16
Soybeans	6.39	Enron	38 5/8	up 7/16
		Halliburton	52 9/16	up 1/16
		IRI	16 1/16	up 9/16
		KNE	45 11/16	up 5/16
		Kerr McGee	64 13/16	up 9/16
		Limited	24 11/16	up 7/16
		Mapco	43	dn 1/16
		McDonald's	48 1/4	dn 1/16
		Mobil	70 11/16	dn 11/16
		New Atmos	26 9/16	NC
		New Cent. Eng.	45	dn 1/8
		Penney's	64 5/8	dn 3/8
		Phillips	48 7/16	dn 9/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	30 1/8	dn 3/8
		SLB	82 1/16	up 1 3/16
		Tenneco	44 3/8	up 1/4
		Texaco	55 1/8	up 11/16
		Ultranar	30 1/2	up 1/8
		Wal-Mart	40 11/16	dn 1/16
		Amoco	87 11/16	dn 3/8
		Arco	79 5/16	dn 1/4
		Cabot	26 3/4	dn 1/8
		Cabot O&G	20 13/16	dn 1/8

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

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

Magellan 99.84  
 Puritan 19.85

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

## Emergency numbers

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

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## PAMPA

### oil and grain.

"It was pious, almost," Johnson says. "On Sunday mornings you would never see anybody out and about. They were at church or they stayed at home."

It was small-town America, "very political, a very strong Republican seat." Political fundraisings dinners would sell out at \$1,000 a ticket.

Johnson's American "parents" were Dr. Joe Donaldson and his wife Johnnie, a homemaker and mother of four. The oldest of the children, Ann, was at school with Johnson.

Johnson's visit began a lifelong friendship with the Donaldsons. "Johnnie writes to me every fortnight, and has done all these years. For my children, they are another set of grandparents," she says.

At Pampa High School the Takapuna teenager

## Police report

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

### Tuesday, December 3

Police investigated a call of a break in at Travis Elementary School, 2300 Primrose. One juvenile was found in the office on roller blades. The suspect eluded school employees and escaped. Four one dollar bills were taken.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Tuesday, December 3

Ernest Lamar Huff, 62, of 1041 S. Christy, was arrested on criminal trespass charges.

Jason Todd Vance, 17, of 1815 Lynn, was arrested for engaging in organized criminal activity.

Christopher Robert Harrison, 17, of 1605 N. Christy, was arrested for engaging in organized criminal activity.

## Ambulance

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

### Tuesday, December 3

8:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 70 and Gray "A" on a automobile accident. No one was transported.

11:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing center.

4:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a medical and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a trauma and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

## Fires

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

### Tuesday, December 3

8:06 a.m. — Three vehicles and five personnel responded two miles north of Pampa on Highway 70 for a truck accident.

9:24 p.m. — Two vehicles and four people responded to the 1900 block of Evergreen to check for carbon monoxide.

## Calendar of events

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

### TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Coronado Inn.

### THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas volunteers will distribute Wish Cards and raise funds for gifts Nov. 13- Dec. 13. Gifts will be given to abused and neglected Amarillo children under the care of the social services agency Child Protective Services. For information or to make a contribution, call Nancy Hutchens, (806) 378-3206.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SINGLES DEPARTMENT

The First Baptist Church of Pampa, will host a Christmas banquet for single adults of the area on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided by "Simple Faith." This will be a non-denominational time of fellowship for any single adult. The meal is free but reservations need to be made by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Call the church office, 669-1155, to reserve your place.

**MOVIE NIGHT AT FREEDOM MUSEUM** On Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. there will be a movie night held at the Freedom Museum USA. The first in a series of movies on the World at War to be shown at Freedom Museum will be "Banzai - Japan Strikes Dec. 1941" in observance of the anniversary date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The movie also portrays other invasions. The public is urged to attend the showing to become more aware of events leading up to World War II. There is no cost of admission.

took a mixture of senior and junior subjects ensuring she got up to speed on compulsory subjects such as American history, government and literature.

"...Back in Pampa after the ball game, Johnson would join the high school kids in the Friday-night ritual of drinking Coca-Cola and "riding the strip" — driving round and round the town circuit. There was no alcohol. The whole county was "dry."

"Everybody had huge cars. Petrol was 20 cents a gallon, and every kid had a car or pickup. The parking lots at the college were always full."

Johnson graduated from Pampa High School, and judging for the hundreds of signatures and messages scrawled on her copy of the school's 1964 yearbook, she was a popular "AFS-er." She still keeps in touch with close school friends.

"(The scholarship) certainly had a profound impact on my life in making me see beyond New Zealand," she says.

Shop Pampa first — it's worth it

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## PHONE

I'd then like to designate this person as administrative jailer assistant."

Copeland was also given the approval to purchase new chairs and tables for the jail training room. Upon the court's approval of the request, Commissioner Joe Wheeley voiced his opinion of recent changes made at the jail.

"The jail looks in better condition than what I've ever seen of it," Wheeley said.

Other items considered and approved included:

- Exhibit insurance for White Deer Land Museum
- Jim Greene's request to declare and advertise

for bids to sell surplus property. Bids will be accepted until Jan. 15.

- Request from Judge Richard Peet to advertise for bids for Workers' Compensation coverage. Bids will be received by Dec. 31. And approval of an amendment to Peet's 97-98 budget

- Request from Joe Wheeley to place information related to precinct #1 storage tank in court's minutes

- Transfer of Perry Lefors Hangar Lot No. 47 South from Gerald D. Laughlin to Joseph J. Mechelay

- Recognition of Auditor Elaine Morris and Assistant Auditor Carla Carter for completion of continuing education.

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## PANHANDLE

C-Bar Feedyard came back to capture first place pen of heifers, as well. The pen of three tallied a final index score of 276.96. Second place was captured by Wes Tex Feed Yard at Muleshoe with a pen that scored 268.64 and third went to XIT Feeders at Dalhart with a pen that scored 254.96.

Grand champion individual honors went to Vance Morris & Sons Stock Farm at Gruver with a carcass that had an individual score of 11 1.3.

The Manager's Evaluation Contest was won by Monte Koller of Cactus Feeders headquartered in Amarillo and the "Judge Your Own Pen" evaluation contest was captured by Patrick Kircher with XIT Feeders.



Les McNeill of Carson County Feedyards, is presented his award by Miss Texas, Reagan Hughes.

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## BOOK

ing the accreditation process for their departments, Young said.

As training officer, Young is tasked with updating the Pampa Police Department's manual of procedures and making sure they are current and meet the CALEA requirements.

Accreditation is the process of complying with standards set by professionals in the field, Young said.

"All our policies are based on those standards," Young said.

CALEA is an international commission formed a number of years ago by several organizations including the National Sheriff's Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The idea behind CALEA was to standardize police procedures and offer guidelines to officers in a variety of areas.

"It's a voluntary deal," Young

said.

But he added that in his opinion, it is a tremendous help in organizing and setting standards for law enforcement.

"It covers everything," he said. "It covers criminal investigation procedures, administration and patrol."

And the standards are not just for large metropolitan areas or small rural departments. They are broad enough and dynamic enough that they can be adapted to different department with differing needs.

"If the criminal investigation function does not provide 24-hour coverage, then an on-call schedule of investigators is maintained," Young said. "That has to be reflected in the department's policies."

The standard requires 24-hour coverage, he said, and the guidelines offer procedures for shift change to provide continuous patrol coverage.

The standards that CALEA set

down initially contained over 900 requirements, Young said. Through revisions, they're down now to about 450 standards.

Young and the Chief just returned from Tulsa where they attended CALEA's annual conference. Young said it was a learning process for him.

He said the standards offered by the international organization aren't restrictive, but helpful. They don't limit, he said. They guide.

Young was appointed to the accreditation role about two months ago, and the conference helped define what he needed to do.

"This was a chance for me to go and get some formal education about what I'm supposed to be doing and how the process works," he said.

The accreditation helps everybody, he said. It helps the department. It helps the individual officers. It helps the community.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, cloudy with flurries possible. Low mid 20s. North to northwest wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, becoming mostly sunny with a high of 50. Northwest wind 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday's high was 42; the overnight low, 29.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle - Tonight, cloudy with flurries possible. Low around 20. North to northwest wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, becoming mostly sunny with a high 45 to 50. West wind 10 to 20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, decreasing clouds, becoming clear. Lows 23-32. Thursday, possible early

morning fog low rolling plains, otherwise sunny. Highs 53-60. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows 20-35. Thursday, sunny. Highs 50-72.

**NORTH TEXAS** — Tonight, partly cloudy west, decreasing cloudiness central and east. Low 32 to 38. Thursday, mostly sunny. High 55 to 61.

**SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to around 40 south central. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs near 60 to mid 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s inland to near 50 coast. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs near 60 to mid 60s. Coastal

Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s to near 50 inland, 50s coast. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s.

### BORDER STATES

**NEW MEXICO** — Tonight, cold with skies fair to partly cloudy. Lows from around zero through the teens mountains and north, upper teens through the 20s south. Thursday, skies fair to partly cloudy. Highs from the 30s to mid 40s mountains and northwest to the 50s southern lowlands. Lows zero to 20 mountains, teens and 20s lower elevations.

**OKLAHOMA** — Tonight, decreasing clouds. Lows in the 20s and lower 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s and lower 50s.

## City briefs

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**EMERGENCY JAIL Release.** 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

**BRICK REPAIR** - Harley Knutson, 665-4237, mobile 663-6476. Adv.

**K OF C Deep Fried & Smoked Turkeys** for Christmas Holidays, \$25. To order call Jack Albracht at 665-5745 or Dan McGrath 665-3569. Adv.

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**DOUGLAS FINA**, 200 N. Hobart, convenient to Downtown. Wash & vac, state inspection, oil changes, full service. 669-9534. Adv.

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**POINSETTIAS ARE in!** Velvet Red 5-7 blooms other colors available. We deliver. Call Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

**ELEC. PEA** sheller \$275 and stock trailer (1/2 cover) \$550, '40 Crosley radio/record player, mahogany cabinet \$145. W.C. Epperson 665-8258. Adv.

**HOLIDAY PARTIES** - A wide variety of cheese, assorted meats, fresh fruit & vegetable trays. Free delivery. Hoagies Deli, Coronado Shopping Center, 665-0292. Adv.

**OPEN HOUSE** Downtown Merchants 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7th. Adv.

**FRESH ROASTED** peanuts, Colorado flavored honey, old fashioned ribbon candy, all in at Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

**NEW SELECTION** of sterling jewelry at Silver Creek Collection, 121 S. Houston, 665-5000. Adv.

**SHOP CELEBRATIONS** Gift Shop for all kinds of stocking stuffers, gourmet foods, chocolates, old fashioned Christmas candies, flavored coffees, teas & cocoas and lots more. Celebrations 1617 N. Hobart, open til 8 p.m. weeknights. Adv.

**GOLF SALE** at Hidden Hills great selection of ladies and mens complete sets of clubs at low prices, spikeless golf shoes, by Nike and Foot Joy, Nike shirts, Izod jackets, and all sorts of winter caps and mittens. Select your Christmas presents now. Call 669-5866. Adv.

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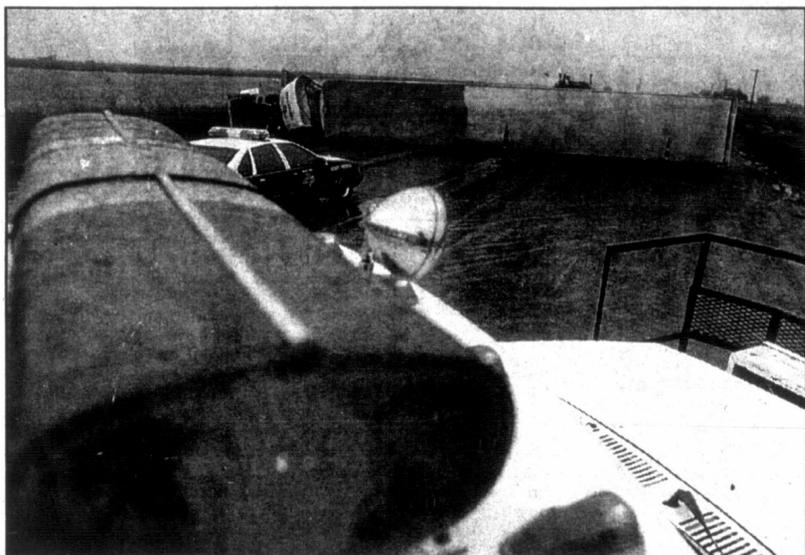


**Community Christian School Open House**



(Special photo) Community Christian School teachers and students enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast before dismissing for the holidays on Nov. 21. Members of the public who would like to know more about CCS may visit during an open house on Thursday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Truck overturns on Hwy 70**



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser) Pampa firefighters joined state and county officers in responding to an overturned truck north of Pampa Tuesday on Texas Highway 70. Authorities said the driver of the truck suffered only minor injuries.

**Feds considering rail gridlock**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying it has taken "extraordinary" steps to end the gridlock and service woes that have disrupted thousands of rail shippers across the country, Union Pacific railroad is seeking to avoid further corrective measures by the federal government.

Executives at the nation's largest railroad contend the worst headaches are largely over, thanks to a service recovery plan implemented Oct. 1. "The serious congestion of recent months is gone," the Nebraska-based railroad said in a service recovery report filed in advance of a hearing today by the federal Surface Transportation Board.

But some of Union Pacific's largest customers disagree, saying they are continuing to feel the pinch.

The Surface Transportation Board, which regulates railroad activities, will decide whose perception is more accurate. The board, which in October issued a 30-day emergency order designed to nudge the railroad back to normal operations, meets today to weigh the progress.

The problems on the 36,000-mile network have rippled throughout the U.S. economy, stranding bumper grain crops in the Midwest, clogging California ports, and disrupting production at Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, Northwest lumber yards and steel mills.

Appearing before the board in late October, Union Pacific chairman Dick Davidson promised restoration of normal service by year's end. He apologized for the rail congestion, lack of equipment and crews, and a rash of wrecks that have plagued the railroad.

The company is seeking to make the case that further government intervention is unwarranted. "Operations are returning to normal, with only limited congestion issues remaining to be addressed," Union Pacific said in a 108-page filing with the Surface Transportation Board on Monday.

**Church's neighbors disagree about bells**

THE COLONY, Texas (AP) — The chimes that represent peace for a troubled world to some neighbors of Cavalry Christian Center in this suburb north of Dallas are a nuisance, according to a couple who live nearby.

The church's pastor vows to fight those who would silence the chimes. "Jesus wasn't a wimp," Thomas Jackson said Tuesday.

Alberta Lucas, who donated the Westminster chimes in memory of her late husband, said she loves them.

"I think they are wonderful. They give you such a feeling of peace," she told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Billy and Linda Dennis say the bells are like a dripping faucet to them. They say they're unable to sleep during the day at their home near the church.

"Even when I'm asleep, I am waiting for it to happen," Dennis said. "And then it does — bong, bong — and I jump every time."

The couple filed a complaint with a local justice of the peace. It was the second legal complaint filed against the church.

Lawrence Cummings, who also sleeps days, filed a complaint on Nov. 7 accusing the church of violating the city noise ordinance by creating a sound "of such intensity" that it disturbs private homes.

Cummings could not be reached for comment Tuesday, *The Morning News* reported today.

"We hear (the bells) every morning from our bedroom at 8 a.m. I kind of like them," said John Martin, who lives about a block from the church. "But they are pretty loud. The first time we heard them, my wife and I looked at each other and said somebody's not going to be happy with them."

**Volunteers help bring Christmas spirit to Jordan Unit**

Jordan Unit inmates and Intermediate Sanction Facility Baten residents received an early Christmas recently.

Several community churches and the Salvation Army worked together and donated gifts for the inmates. The Jordan Unit's Chaplain Schwitz organized the donations and blessed every inmate with his prayers.

An astounding effort was given by all volunteers to distribute over 5,500 Christmas cards to the inmates along with personal hygiene items and a pocket-sized calendar.

Jordan Unit inmates and I.S.F. Baten residents wish to express their heartfelt gratitude by saying "Happy Holidays" and "Thank You" for caring and spreading the holiday spirit with a smile. God bless you all!

**Mental Health Authority to sponsor speaker at local facility**

The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority's Pampa Center will sponsor a presentation by psychiatrist Dr. H. Alan Lagrone from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 4 at Genesis House Activity Building, 615 Buckler Avenue.

The topic of Lagrone's lecture will be mental illness, what it is and what resources are available to help combat it.

Admission is free of charge. For more information, call (806) 666-3371.

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Inside the  
Beltway  
with  
Rep. Mac Thornberry

## Proclamation still holds true today

In early October, 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation in which he declared the fourth Thursday of every November to be a day on which Americans would give thanks for the gifts they have been given.

He issued this proclamation at the height of the Civil War — just six weeks later, he would deliver the Gettysburg Address. Even though much has changed in America since that time, the words Lincoln spoke in delivering his Thanksgiving proclamation still hold true today — and are especially relevant this holiday season.

Lincoln said:  
"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity, we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and presenting grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

From the Thornberrys, we wish you and your family a safe, healthy and happy holiday season this year.

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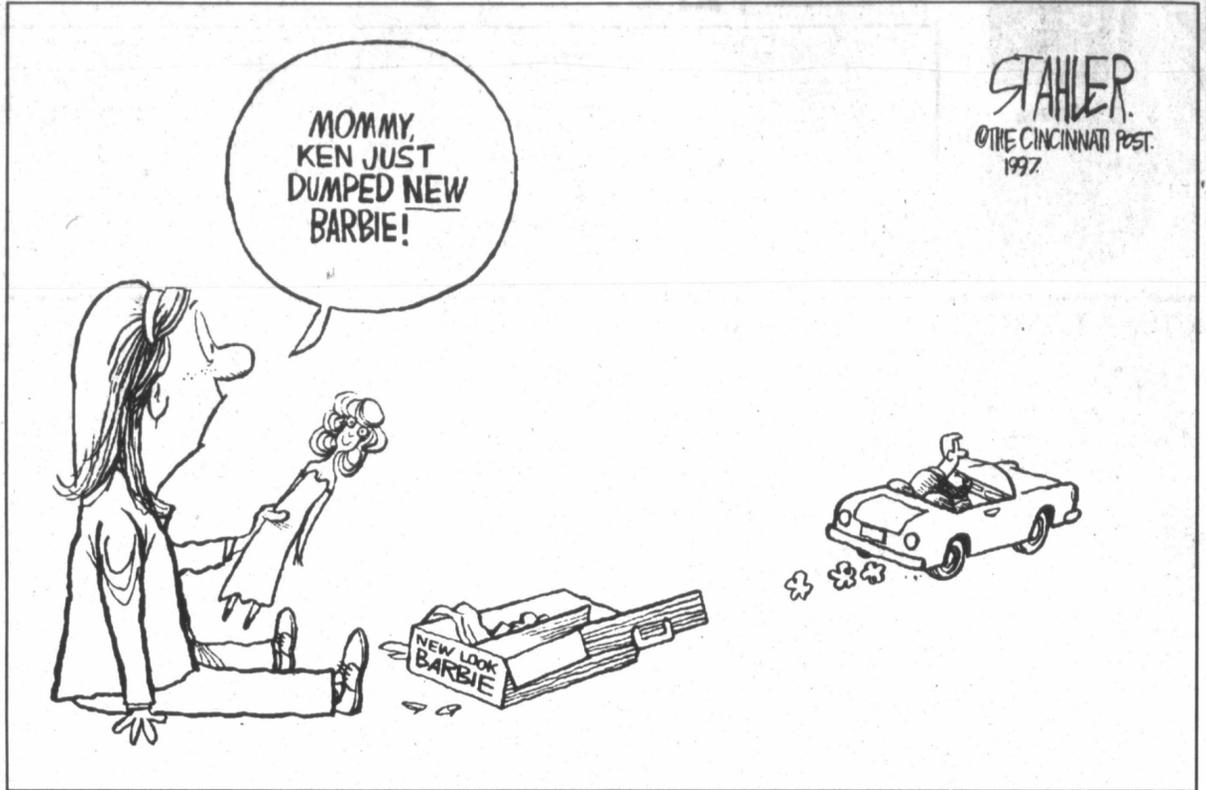
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## Berry's World



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"So what would it run me to have my ashes strewn in the Rose Garden?"



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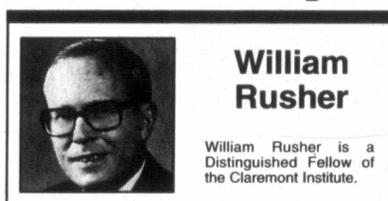
## Lying about race preferences

It has been apparent for some time that the supporters of race preferences realize that a solid majority of the American people disagree with them, and that accordingly, their only hope is to lie about what is at issue.

Polls indicate that from 60 to 65 percent of Americans staunchly oppose preferring one applicant for a government job, or a government contract, or admission to a government school, over another, simply because of the lucky applicant's race or gender. Whenever a ban on such preferences is put before the voters, it passes with a handsome majority — as in California, the largest state, in November 1996.

At the same time, polls indicate that most Americans are favorably disposed toward "affirmative action." This is an umbrella term that has been used for more than 20 years to describe the whole series of efforts that have been made to improve the economic status of various allegedly victimized minorities. At first it was applied only to efforts to help blacks. Then women were included, and Hispanics; and now a whole swarm of others, including even Pacific islanders, have been added to the list.

"Affirmative action" includes such universally approved efforts as outreach (aggressively hunting for qualified minority applicants), remedial education, and Head Start programs. But being bland and vague, it has also been adopted as the term of choice when what is really going on is rejecting white and Asian applicants in favor of less qualified blacks and Hispanics.



William Rusher

William Rusher is a Distinguished Fellow of the Claremont Institute.

When asked whether they favor "affirmative action," many of the same voters who strongly oppose race or gender preferences will reply that they do — obviously meaning that they favor non-discriminatory help for victimized minorities, and not that they favor preferring them over others solely because of their race or gender.

Seizing on this ambiguity, the supporters of preferences never use that word, but constantly tout "affirmative action." That was their strategy in Houston recently. A proposition was on the ballot declaring that Houston would not "discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment and public contracting."

So stated, the proposition was a slam dunk. But the law allowed the mayor (who favored preferences) to rephrase the question, so it was transformed into a proposal to "end the use of affirmative action for women and minorities in the operation of City of

Houston employment and contracting." The voters, or enough of them, were duly misled, and the proposition was defeated.

The strategic value of the deadly ambiguity in the expression "affirmative action" is now widely appreciated among the political forces that support race preferences, and they can be depended on to take advantage of it whenever circumstances permit. Conversely, those who oppose race preferences must make it painstakingly clear that they oppose only these, and that they are all in favor of such uncontroversial forms of affirmative action as outreach, remedial education and Head Start.

Another point. In this, as in so many political controversies, it pays to follow the money trail. Was Houston's Mayor Lanier, do you suppose, chiefly worried about expanding employment opportunities for women and minorities? Or was he intent on doing a major favor for the five black-owned contracting companies that reportedly get the lion's share of Houston's preferential business?

And in San Francisco, which hands out \$2 billion worth of municipal contracts every year, is Mayor Willie Brown defying the victorious Proposition 209 because he wants to hire more minorities, or because he wants the power to favor his "Victimized" friends in the contracting business?

As American governmental policy, race preferences are doomed. Their supporters can run, but they can't hide.

## Today in history

### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1997. There are 28 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 3, 1947, the Tennessee Williams play *A Streetcar Named Desire* opened on Broadway, starring Jessica Tandy as Blanche DuBois, Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski and Kim Hunter as Stella Kowalski.

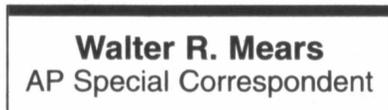
On this date:  
In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.

In 1894, author Robert Louis Stevenson died in Samoa.

In 1948, the "Pumpkin Papers" came to light. The House Un-American Activities Committee announced that former Communist spy Whittaker Chambers had produced microfilm of secret documents hidden inside a pumpkin on his Maryland farm.

In 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christian Barnard, performed the first human heart transplant. Louis Washkansky lived 18 days with the new heart.

## Commissioning on Medicare overhaul



Walter R. Mears  
AP Special Correspondent

When something is out of commission, the political instinct is to appoint one now and try to fix things later. Hence the new commission to study and recommend steps to keep Medicare from going broke.

Its 17 members were to have been named by now, but deadlines, like government commissions, come and go.

Congressional Republicans named their eight members on Monday, and at the same time foreclosed one option for a Medicare cure, agreeing that there should be no tax increases involved.

Six Democratic members are yet to be named, but even so, the no-new-taxes vow from Republicans prompted critics to complain that the GOP position would make it more difficult for the commission to reach bipartisan solutions.

President Clinton wants to settle with Republican leaders on the choice of a chairman for the bipartisan panel before making his choices to work with congressionally chosen commissioners on the future of the program.

The commission was part of the balanced-budget deal, under which Medicare costs are to be whittled by \$115 billion over the next five years, most of it in lower payments to doctors and hospitals.

That's to keep it solvent beyond 2001, when Medicare had faced bankruptcy, which now is projected in 2010 without more stringent steps. But stringent steps inevitably would add costs to the budgets of over-65 Americans, a powerful voting bloc. That is why neither party wants to risk offending them — unless both do, and share the blame.

Hence the two-party panel, instructed to figure things out and report to Congress and the White House by March 1999. Not that prior commissions hadn't suggested the way out or, for that matter, that the Senate hadn't voted to

make repairs now.

The Senate approved the most drastic changes in Medicare's 32-year history in passing its version of the balanced-budget package. It would have raised the Medicare age from 65 to 67 in 2027, and increased premiums paid by upper-income seniors, but the House didn't agree and Clinton didn't want it done in the budget bill.

So the cures, including those steps and more, will be considered by the commission first and Congress later, effectively shelving the issues until after the 1998 elections.

The first appointee to the Medicare commission was, appropriately, Sen. Bob Kerrey, the Nebraska Democrat who seems to get the assignment every time there's a heavy-duty panel like this one.

Kerrey was co-chairman of a commission on entitlement reform, which included Social Security and Medicare, but couldn't agree on steps to hold down costs and keep them solvent. So that commission wound up sending Clinton a letter saying that "tough action is needed sooner rather than later," but not what it ought to be.

So Kerrey and then-Sen. Alan Simpson, a Wyoming Republican, tried themselves, with bills to limit cost-of-living increases in Social Security and other federal retirement benefits, and to increase eligibility ages, eventually to 70.

It is 65 now, with a gradual increase to 67 in 2025 under current law, enacted after an earlier commission proposed it to keep Social Security

solvent. That doesn't affect Medicare. So now there is a commission on that entitlement, and there will have to be another round on Social Security, lest it fall into deficits after 2012.

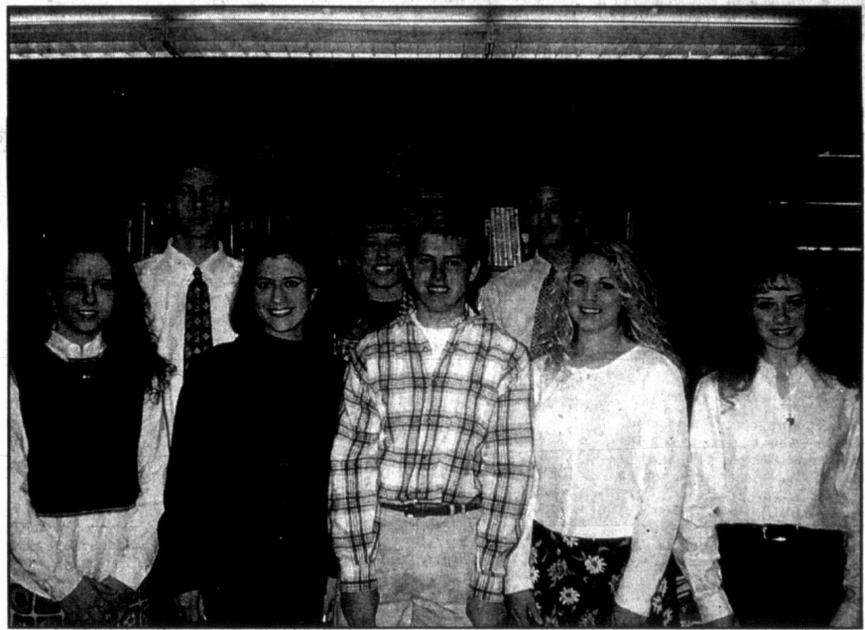
That's the way it is in the commission business. Get one set of proposals done and there's another set of problems waiting. Kerrey can attest to that; between his roles on entitlement panels, he served as co-chairman of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service, which proposed reforms including an outside board to oversee the tax collectors.

The White House opposed that idea until it became the Republican issue of the autumn because of Senate hearings that produced televised horror stories about aggressive, intrusive tax agents. Then, in a compromise, a revised version of the commission's reform plan was overwhelmingly approved by the House with Clinton's backing, and will be completed by the Senate next year.

Some commissions are more than advisory, and actually work. The prime example is the military base closing system, under which commissions decide which military bases are needed, decisions politicians found impossible to make because of the impact on jobs and economies back home. The commission system shelters the politicians by recommending shut-down lists that can only be voted up or down, not altered. Some 250 bases have been closed or consolidated that way. The administration wants another round now, but Congress so far is balking.

There once was a commission to handle congressional pay raises, so that members wouldn't have to vote themselves more money and risk punishment at the polls. That system was scuttled by an uprising against a commission increase so hefty that Congress couldn't risk taking it.

# PHS inducts National Honor Society members



(Community Camera photo)  
 National Honor Society members include Andrea Abbe, Joel Barker, Sheila Berry, Barry Brauchi, Britta Christensen, Kimberly Clark, Kaci Cooper, Russell DuBose, Lisa Dwight, Randall Ellis, Andy Fernuik, Trey Ford, Rose Fruge, Michelle Gandy, Adam Hillman, Jordan Holmes, Valerie Holt, Valerie Lee, John (Jack) Leland, Lori Beth Lindsey, Grady Locknane, Katy McComas, Ashleigh McWilliams, Melea Mechler, Sarita Mohan, Sara Newhouse, Alison Piersall, Brent Phelps, Zane Powers, Laura Reynolds, Thann Scoggin, Breland Scott, Lindsey Scribner, Molly Seabourn, Amanda Thorpe, Jennifer Thornhill, Jonathan Waggoner, Aubrea Ward, Kellen Waters, Mandy Wells, Robin Williams, Kelsey Yowell. Other nominees include Jenny Fatheree, Tracy Albus (Sr.), Amber Crosswhite (Sr.), Matt Harp (Sr.), Shawn Harris (Sr.), Matthew Kirkpatrick (Sr.), and Mandy Parks (Sr.)



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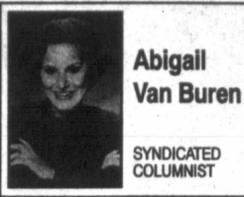
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# Home-School Mom Makes Case For High Quality Of Education

**DEAR ABBY:** I was appalled at the arrogance of the teacher who recently wrote, "I have never met a parent who can give his/her children the quality of education I can offer." Does she really believe she can adequately assess my child's needs and give my child a better education in a class filled with 25 other students than I can give on a one-to-one basis?



**Abigail Van Buren**  
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

The National Home Education Institute has recently released data that indicate home-educated students typically score in the 85th percentile on standardized tests. These results are achieved by students whose parents are often not certified teachers and who have spent, on average, \$546 per child per year to educate them. The county in which I live recently reported spending \$4,791 per student per year and cannot boast equivalent standardized test scores. I have been a home-school mom for five years and have seen remarkable results in the home-school community. A recent example: a young man who achieved a perfect score on his SATs and was eagerly accepted into the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

PATRICIA A. BERNHAUSEN, RICHMOND, VA.

**DEAR PATRICIA:** In recent months I have published letters from home-schooled children and educators. Your letter is one of a tidal wave of articu-

late letters from parents rising to defend home-schooling. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** If every teacher could give the "quality education" the one teacher in California claims to give, there might not be a need for parents to teach their children at home. Obviously, when children graduate and can't read, the system has failed. Home-schooling a child is about more than hoping the child receives a good education. It's about safety, instilling the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, and as a Christian, teaching biblical values.

One reason we don't send our children to school is because of the retired teacher in Florida. His values are not our values. He writes, "Parents should examine the teaching materials ... to make sure they are compatible with their own beliefs." Abby, we are familiar with the material. We know what our beliefs are, and we intend to pass

them on to our children, who are well-behaved, courteous, intelligent and interact well with others.

Parents who make the enormous sacrifice to teach their children at home can offer them an education that will far surpass any they could receive in a public school. Home-schooling is not for everyone, but if you're concerned with the education your child is receiving, then it's something to consider.

MELISA SHREVE, QUINLAN, TEXAS

**DEAR ABBY:** Can you please help my friend and me solve a dilemma?

When sending out children's birthday invitations, do you think it is proper to include the child's clothing size and toy ideas in the invitation?

I recently received an invitation that read: Billy wears a size 5 and his favorite toys are Super Heroes. This comment obviously seems as though you are expected to bring a gift.

What do you think, Abby? Should I include this line in my son's upcoming birthday party invitations?

WONDERING

**DEAR WONDERING:** I wouldn't.

## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997

Some exciting, major changes are in store for you in the year ahead. These developments will associate you with progressive thinkers who have good connections. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A change of scenery could do you a world of good at this time. Go someplace different you enjoy, especially if it involves an overnight stay. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Financial trends will be turning in your favor over the next couple of days. You should be able to disable any obstacles in your way. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Your leadership qualities are very pronounced today, and others will take note. When someone is needed up front, you're the one they'll push ahead. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** The odds are tilted in your favor today where your commercial interests are concerned. You might show an increase in dealings that are already profitable. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** A goal of yours has strong chances for becoming an actuality today, but it will require immediate and methodical action to produce positive results. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Successful measures can be enhanced today, provided you're willing to share what you hope to gain for yourself. You will get by giving. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you're promoting something special today, make your pitch directly to the individual with

the most clout. He or she will convince others in turn. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You are in a favorable cycle for generating income from unusual sources. Start prospecting today in areas you've yet to explore. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Do not despair if things have been a trifle listless in the romance department lately. Cupid is itching to make some sudden constructive changes. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** What you begin today can be concluded successfully. You could be especially fortunate in endeavors that you will consider large and meaningful. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your warmth and enthusiasm will be contagious today, and your companions will be uplifted as well. There shouldn't be any grim faces in your vicinity. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Despite grim beginnings, things will have a way of working out to your advantage. Associates will derive benefits from hanging onto your horseshoe. ©1997 by NEA, Inc.

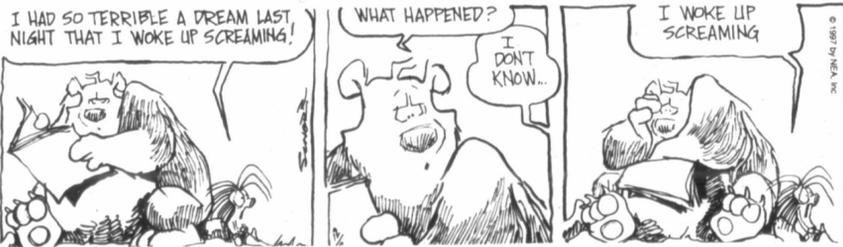


"I wasn't squeezing her, I was givin' her a nice bear hug."



"I assume this gift catalog for dogs is a hint for Christmas coming up."

### The Family Circus



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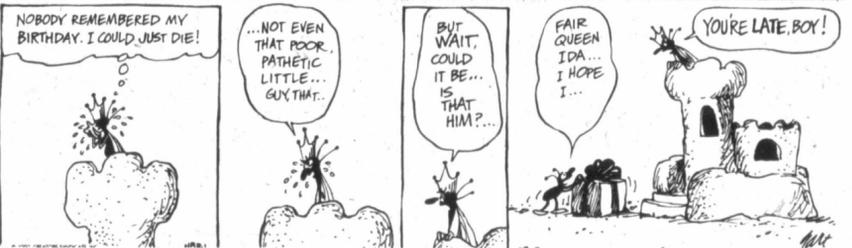
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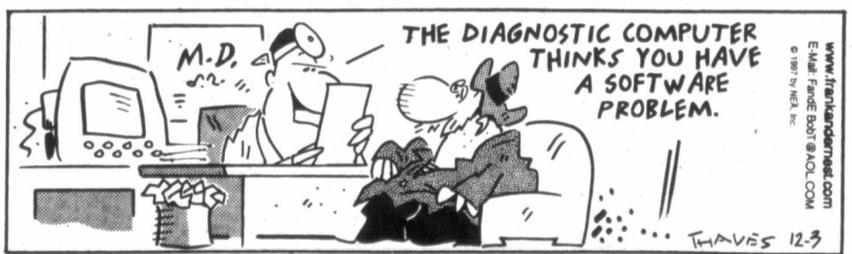
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# SPORTS

## Pampa basketball teams travel into Kansas

### Notebook

#### BASKETBALL

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP)** — For the San Antonio Spurs, it was 48 minutes of solid basketball, while the New York Knicks proved again that 36 minutes is not enough.

After trailing for much of the first three quarters, San Antonio outscored New York 27-15 in the fourth quarter for a 90-84 victory Tuesday night.

The Spurs' big men — David Robinson and Tim Duncan — combined for 46 points and 27 rebounds.

"We started the season strong, but our defense stepped down recently," said Robinson, who blocked five shots. "Tonight was a real big win for us emotionally. As a team we're trying to develop a personality, some strength and confidence among ourselves."

For the fifth time this season, the Knicks led after three quarters and lost a game. New York has had a fourth-quarter lead in all six of its losses this season.

#### FOOTBALL

**DAVIE, Fla. (AP)** — The Miami Dolphins, eager to bolster their ground game, signed troubled running back Lawrence Phillips.

Phillips led St. Louis in rushing when they released him Nov. 20. The former Nebraska star was waived a day after he skipped a team meeting and practice following a meeting with Rams coach Dick Vermeil.

At Nebraska, Phillips pleaded no contest to assault of a former girlfriend and was sentenced to one year's probation. He was then arrested for drunken driving in California, which led to a 23-day jail sentence in March. In February, he was arrested for threatening police officers.

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer, arrested last summer for carrying a loaded pistol in his luggage at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor gun charge.

Switzer was fined \$3,500 and given deferred adjudication, meaning if he completes probation successfully the charge will be erased from his record. He also agreed in a plea agreement to serve 80 hours of public service.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Brian Finneran, Villanova's star wide receiver, won the Walter Payton Award as the top NCAA Division I-AA player. Finneran had 75 receptions for 1,151 yards and 17 touchdowns.

#### HOCKEY

**DALLAS (AP)** — John Spano Jr., the Dallas businessman whose bid to buy the New York Islanders collapsed amid fraud allegations, has backed out of plea bargains in three indictments.

The agreements have sheltered Spano, 33, from a potential 5 1/4-year prison sentence and \$1.75 million fine. If convicted on all charges, he could be sentenced to a prison stay of more than 50 years.

**PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)** — The Toronto Maple Leafs will join rivals Montreal and Boston in the NHL's Northeast Division beginning next season. Under the plan approved by the Board of Governors, Columbus will play in the Central Division instead of the Northeast when it enters the league in 2000.

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — John MacLean, the New Jersey Devils' career leader in games, goals, assists and points, has asked for a trade. MacLean, 33, said he made the request 10 days ago, and will not re-sign with New Jersey when he becomes an unrestricted free agent after the season.

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)** — Colorado forward Peter Forsberg and New York Islanders goalie Tommy Salo, who led Sweden to its first Olympic title in 1994, were selected to the 1998 team.

Pampa — Both the Pampa High boys' and girls' teams venture into The Sunflower State for basketball action this weekend.

The Harvesters take on Garden City at 4 p.m. Friday, then travel to Liberal to take on the Redskins in a 5 p.m. game Saturday.

The game was originally scheduled for 8 p.m., but was changed to 5 p.m. to accommodate Harvesters fans wanting to travel to the game.

"These two teams are going to be plenty tough, especially for our young team," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "Playing good teams ought to help make us better."

Shawn Young (12.5 ppg) and Jesse Francis (10.6 ppg) lead

### HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Pampa scorers.

Pampa (3-3) won't play again at home until the District 1-4A opener Dec. 16 against Borger.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Garden City Classic Friday and Saturday. Their first game is at 2 p.m. Friday against Garden City. They play again at 3:30 p.m. the same day against Liberal High.

The Lady Harvesters (4-3) open district play Dec. 9 against Dumas in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Jordanna Young is averaging

around 9 points a game to lead the Lady Harvesters in scoring.

**WHEELER** — Groom swept a basketball twinbill from Wheeler in non-district games Tuesday night.

Groom won the boys' game, 44-40.

Burgin had 13 points and Chevado 10 to lead Groom scorers. Matt Hampton and Andy Bradstreet led Wheeler with 10 points each.

Groom led by eight, 22-14, at halftime.

The Tigerettes posted a 63-43

win in the girls' contest.

Jessica Friemel had 11 points and Mary Hutsell 10 to lead Groom's scoring attack. High scorer for Wheeler was Brooke Verden with 23 points. Angela Jolly added 12 points.

Groom is now 2-2 on the season while Wheeler is 1-3.

**BRISCOE** — Fort Elliott rolled past Lefors, 71-27, Tuesday night.

Curt Smith topped Fort Elliott in scoring with 17 points. Len Lock had 10 points to lead Lefors.

Fort Elliott also won the girls' game, 56-29.

Amber Estes led Fort Elliott with 16 points. Penny Summers had 12 for Lefors.

**MIAMI** — Booker defeated Miami, 69-58, in boys' basketball action Tuesday night.

Travis Woodard had 20 points to lead Booker's scoring attack while Nick Phillips and Frame chipped in 11 each.

Mike May was Miami's high scorer with 18 points while Bradley Hale and Blake Hurst chipped in 13 each.

Booker won over Miami, 61-31, in the girls' game.

Brandi Godino netted 26 points to lead Booker while Sunny Brown followed with 16. Mindy McConnell topped Miami with 20 points. Holly Barton and Erin Locke had three points each.

Miami hosts the Tomahawk Classic Thursday through Saturday.

## Injured Aikman could miss Carolina contest

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — It's hard to find good news at Valley Ranch these days.

Not only does quarterback Troy Aikman have a bad back, he has a bum thumb. A bad digit on Aikman's passing hand bodes poorly with a big Monday night game coming up against Carolina.

"Our trainer is concerned right now because Troy has a very swollen right thumb," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "He will play but he might not practice. It's going to be day-to-day just like his back spasms. We'll keep trying to help him with those with back massages."

Switzer said Aikman hurt his thumb sometime during the 27-14 loss to Tennessee on Thanksgiving Day.

"Troy kept looking down at his hand," Switzer said. "We were wondering about it."

Aikman barely made the kickoff because of back spasms during warmups. He rushed from the locker room to the field just in time for the Cowboys' first possession after the Oilers had punted. He then threw an interception, one of three during the day.

While Aikman will likely play Monday, cornerback Deion Sanders, who has a fractured right rib courtesy of the Oilers, probably won't.

"We would like to think he could run around fast and stick one arm in there," Switzer said. "But he's having difficulty breathing, sneezing and laugh-

ing. He's in a lot of pain. I know about those things. I had one."

Running back Emmitt Smith, who suffered a bruised shoulder in the Tennessee loss, will play, Switzer said.

The Cowboys need Smith because backup Sherman Williams has developed a case of the fumbles.

Switzer said he would continue to use Williams.

"What do you want me to do, take him out and shoot him?" Switzer said.

The Cowboys will get back strong safety Darren Woodson, who missed the last game with a shoulder injury.

"We'll lose Deion and get Darren back," Switzer said.

The Cowboys and Panthers are both 6-7. Carolina ended Dallas' 1996 season in January with a 26-17 win in the NFC divisional playoffs.

Switzer said the Cowboys were still playing hard despite their record which has endangered a possible sixth consecutive NFC East title.

"We're still playing hard," Switzer said. "If I looked at the film and we weren't trying hard then I'd tell (owner) Jerry (Jones) to pull the trigger and I'd be out of here. But we are playing hard. You can't fool me. I've been looking at film for 40 years."

The Cowboys for all practical purposes have to win out if they hope to be in the NFL playoffs for a seventh consecutive season.

## Pampa ninth grade teams beaten by Dumas cagers

**PAMPA** — Dumas defeated Pampa, 53-43, in a 9th grade boys' basketball game Monday night.

The Pampa freshmen are 2-4 for the season and 1-1 in district play.

Kevin Schaub led Pampa in scoring with 13 points. Kirk George had 10 points and Shawn Strate 9.

"We got off to a great start, but we had some unforced errors and that allowed Dumas to get back into the game," said Pampa coach Troy Bell. "If we had kept our turnovers down, we would've come out on top."

Pampa and Dumas B teams were involved in a hard-fought game with Dumas winning in double overtime, 38-32.

Joey Tucker was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points. Jeffrey Lofton followed with 5 points while Ryan Black, Adam Wright and Jonathan Munn added 4 each.

"This was one of the most exciting games I've ever been a part of," coach Bell said. "We had a great, overall team effort."

The Pampa B team is 0-2 in district and 1-2 for the season.

Pampa's B team is entered in the Hereford Freshmen Tournament with their first game against Hereford at 4 p.m. Thursday. Pampa and Borger A teams play Monday at Borger.

Both Pampa A and B teams play Borger at 6 and 7:30 next Monday night in Borger.

## Texas Aggies start winning after eliminating turnovers

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)** — When the turnovers stopped, Brannndon Stewart and the Texas A&M Aggies had a big turnaround.

Stewart has thrown only two interceptions this season and a string of 121 passes without a theft and the No. 14 Aggies take a 9-2 record and South Division title into Saturday's Big 12 championship game against No. 2 Nebraska.

A new offensive staff has shown Stewart how to avoid throwing interceptions and the running backs how to hold onto the ball. The result is a big boost from last year's 6-6 finish.

"I think the thing that coach (Ray) Dorr did was teach us

the concepts of the passing schemes that we use in ball games," Stewart said. "He made us understand if we're trying for a leverage read or a progression read. He put us in position to make better decisions instead of just finding the open guy."

The Aggies had eight turnovers in their second game of the season last year, an upset loss to Southwestern Louisiana. For the 1996 season, the Aggies had 25 take-aways and 28 giveaways for a minus .25 turnover margin per game.

This year, they have 29 take-aways and 13 giveaways and rank third nationally grabbing 1.45 more turnovers per game than their 11 opponents.

Coach R.C. Slocum turned to quarterback coach Dorr to get Stewart and the other Aggie quarterbacks on the right page.

"Last year, we got in situations where we had turnovers from ill-advised passes. This year, we've played the entire season and had two passes intercepted. That's a great credit to the players and to coaches Ray Dorr and Steve Marshall, our offensive coordinator."

It didn't take Dorr and Marshall long to figure out what was wrong with the Aggies last season.

"I don't know what they did last year because I wasn't here but I know that if you look around the country, the teams

that are winning, aren't turning the ball over," Marshall said. "It's a mind-set. You focus on how to hold the football and how to catch the football."

Dorr went to work on boosting Stewart's confidence, severely trampled in last season's error-filled year.

"Ray is so meticulous, he has been able to put some confidence in the quarterback," Slocum said. "We said to Brannndon 'look, we've got some other players here. You don't have to make spectacular plays. He really has taken that in. So he's not making some errant throws in desperation, trying to make something happen."

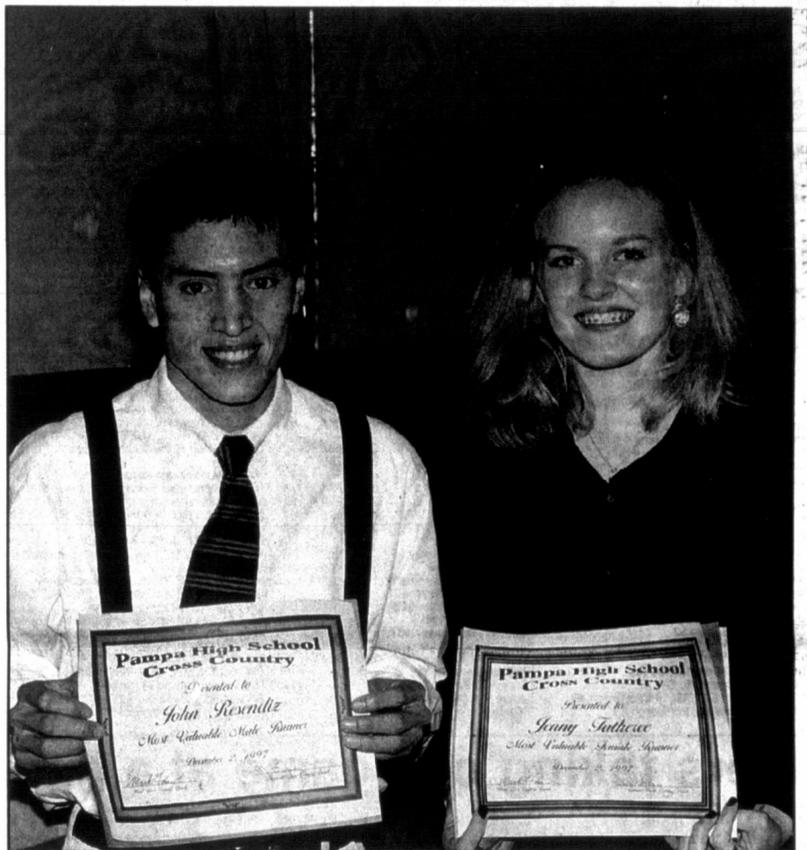
Stewart's passing was key in

the turning point of the Aggies' season, a double-overtime victory over Oklahoma State.

Trailing 22-7 with 5:39 left in the game, Stewart passed for 58 yards in an 80-yard drive to Dante Hall's touchdown with 3:17 to play and he hit Chris Cole with a 25-yard touchdown pass and threw a two-point conversion to Sirt Parker to tie it with 43 seconds to play.

"When you're down 22-7 in the fourth quarter, you're not bubbling with confidence," Slocum said. "But we didn't throw in the towel. I told our offense we were getting short of time, that we had to make the points count."

### Cross country MVP's



(Pampa News photo)

Jenny Fatheree and John Resendiz received top honors in the Pampa Cross country program this year. Fatheree was named the Most Valuable Female Participant and Resendiz was named the Most Valuable Male Participant. Cross country team members were honored with a banquet Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce building.

## Lobos can prove they belong in bowl

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)** — New Mexico's nine wins this season did much more than clinch the Lobos' first bowl bid in 36 years.

The season brought respect and recognition to a program that before coach Dennis Franchione took over six years ago, had mastered mediocrity.

Now New Mexico is on the threshold of its first Western Athletic Conference title since 1964 and headed for either the Holiday Bowl or the Insight.com Bowl.

New Mexico (9-2) and No. 20 Colorado State (9-2) meet

Saturday in Las Vegas, in the WAC championship game. The winner goes to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego and the loser gets the bid to the Insight.com Bowl in Tucson.

"What the game Saturday says and the bowl game says is we belong. We're here," Franchione said. "We now can get some confirmation from many of the skeptics that, 'Yeah, they're (Lobos) pretty good.'"

New Mexico won its first six games this season and broke a 16-game losing streak against Brigham Young en route to the league's Mountain Division title.

But the Lobos have yet to break into the Associated Press' Top 25. They're ranked No. 25 in this week's USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll.

"It's hard to get ranked in the top twenty five when you start from where we started," Franchione said. "But now we have a chance to say to people, 'should have been doing it sooner. we deserved it.'"

In the nine seasons before Franchione took over the program, New Mexico won just 26 of 106 games and had had just one winning season since 1978.

## Scoreboard

### PRO FOOTBALL

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Major College Basketball

Scores

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EAST

Bucknell 68, Air Force 60

Cornell 70, Buffalo 57

Harvard 75, Army 59

Maine 93, Hartford 82

Manhattan 62, Fordham 55

Marist 79, Colgate 75, OT

Massachusetts 52, Coll. of Charleston 40

St. Bonaventure 86, Pittsburgh 80

### TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Promoted Joe

Mikulik to manager of Burlington of the

Appalachian League.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with

INF Aaron Holbert on a one-year contract.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with

3B Vinnie Castilla on a four-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with

INF Doug Strange on a two-year contract.

Designated INF Brandon Cromer for

assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Waived G Greg

Graham.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Suspended G

Latrell Sprewell for at least 10 games for an

attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo during practice

squad.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Placed G

John Crotty on the injured list. Signed G Rick

Brunson.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Placed F

Jerome Kersey on the injured list. Activated G

James Cotton from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed TE Brian

Saxton. Placed TE Ed West on injured

reserve. Signed PK Scott Bentley to the practice

squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed K Mark

Gagliano to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Ray

Compton executive director of business

development and Pete Ward vice president of

administration.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed RB Lawrence

Phillips. Placed S Bracey Walker on injured

reserve.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed WR

Anthony Ladd and WR Shawn Turner to the

practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed WR

Alvin Harper off waivers from the Washington

Redskins. Released TE Tony Johnson.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed DE Antonio

Edwards. Signed G Justin Chabot to the practice

squad. Placed C Brian Williams on the

practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed T Deron Thorpe

off the New York Giants practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed KR Mel

Gray to a one-year contract, and DE-LB Al

Wallace to a two-year contract. Waived OL

Harry Bouwmeester and LB DeShawn Fogle.

Released WR Eric Matthews from the practice

squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Announced the

resignation of Edward DeBartolo Jr., chair-

man and chief executive officer.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed WR

Geroy Simon to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended Florida Panthers F Kirk

Muller for one additional game and fined him

\$1,000 for a high-sticking incident on Nov. 30

against the New York Rangers.

BUFFALO SABRES—Sent C Erik

Rasmussen and D Jay McKee to Rochester

of the AHL.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled F Ryan

Johnson from New Haven of the AHL. Sent

LW Pete Worrell to New Haven.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned C Roman

Vopat to Fredericton of the AHL.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled G Wade

Higley from Utah of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned RW Shane

Doan to Springfield of the AHL.

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# Doug Williams expected to become Grambling coach

By MARY FOSTER  
AP Sports Writer

Doug Williams — a star quarterback at Grambling State and in the NFL — will succeed Eddie Robinson, one of the other candidates confirmed.

"I was hopeful, but I can understand them deciding on Doug," said Lee Fobbs, one of three people considered for the job. "I'm sure he'll do a great job for them."

Fobbs, an assistant at Baylor, said Grambling told him of the choice on Tuesday.

Grambling officials scheduled a news conference for Thursday to announce Robinson's successor.

Williams returned to Atlanta late Monday from Grambling. On Tuesday he refused calls, saying he would not talk until the news conference.

Williams will replace the coach with the most victories in college football history. Robinson, who became coach at Grambling in 1942, retired Saturday after the

team's final game of the season. During his career, Robinson won 408 games.

Also interviewed for the job was Jerry Baldwin, an assistant at LSU.

"Doug brings a lot to Grambling — recruiting visibility, a high profile. He's had some good experience ..." James Harris, another former Grambling quarterback and the first black quarterback to play regularly in the NFL, with Buffalo and the Rams during the 1970s.

Williams played for Grambling from 1974-76, then spent nine years in the NFL. He was the MVP of the 1988 Super Bowl, leading the Washington Redskins to victory over the Denver Broncos.

Williams ended his playing career after the 1989 season and has had seven coaching or scouting jobs in the past seven years. He coached at a high school, worked as an assistant at Navy and was a scout for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars.

Williams was hired at Morehouse on Jan. 6. His team finished 3-8 this season, the same record as Grambling.

Grambling, which had never had two straight losing seasons until last year, just completed its third straight losing season. Disgruntled alumni last year pressured the Grambling president to force Robinson to retire, citing the unprecedented losing records, the lack of players drafted by the NFL in the past decade and other problems, including an NCAA investigation and the arrest of four players for rape.

At that time, Williams lobbied heavily for the job and was considered the leading candidate. The governor and Board of Regents, which oversees Louisiana colleges, came to Robinson's defense and he was given another year to try and finish with a winning record.

Williams signed a five-year contract with Morehouse, but during the season, he again said he wanted the Grambling job.

# Huskers pledge end to more verbal battles about Michigan

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — In the fourth quarter at Colorado, the Nebraska Cornhuskers had control of a game that by all appearances was fast becoming a blowout.

"In the middle of the fourth quarter, their guys were out in the middle of the field, joking like they'd already lost the football game," Nebraska defensive end Grant Wistrom said Tuesday.

But leading 27-10, the Cornhuskers couldn't finish it last Friday.

Colorado converted a fumble and a successful inside kick into two touchdowns and a Nebraska team that came in looking for a lopsided win was lucky to leave with a 27-24 victory.

"All of a sudden, a pretty easy win wasn't easy," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said.

The No. 2 Cornhuskers (11-0) said they realize things must change in the post-season. Nebraska meets No. 14 Texas A&M (9-2) in Saturday's Big 12 title game in San Antonio.

Last week, the Huskers were

playing two opponents — Colorado on the field and Michigan in the rankings.

With the No. 1 Wolverines (11-0) away from the spotlight until the Rose Bowl, the Huskers had said they hoped to gain ground in the polls with strong performances against Colorado and Texas A&M.

But things didn't go right in Boulder. Ahman Green fumbled as the Huskers drove for a fourth-quarter score. Freshman Bobby Newcombe was wide open when he cut the wrong way on a sure TD pass from Scott Frost.

"We weren't overwhelming but we were winning solidly," Osborne said. "It looked like we were going to win handily, but we didn't make a couple of plays on offense we should have made."

This week, the Huskers aren't talking about Michigan or the polls.

"Coach Osborne feels right now that a little too much of our focus was on that and we need to concentrate on what we're doing," Frost said.

"All we can really control is

what we do on the field and whether we play well against Texas A&M. Thinking about Michigan isn't going to do us any good," Frost said.

Between last week's game in Colorado and last year's outcome in the Big 12 final — Texas upset Nebraska 37-27 to spoil the Huskers' national title bid — Osborne said he's confident his players are re-focused.

"I think they're going to do what they can to rectify the situation, but Texas A&M just might be good enough that we won't be able to do that," Osborne said.

The Huskers emphasized the importance of getting out to a strong start — a tendency Nebraska displayed in force during blowout wins but struggled to establish in closer contests.

"That's our strength — jump on them," said defensive tackle Jason Peter. "Then it's hard for them to come back from the constant pounding of our offense. So our goal is a strong first quarter. If you can do that, it's usually easier the rest of the way."

# Oilers taking one game at a time

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Coach Jeff Fisher plans to worry only about the Cincinnati Bengals, letting everyone else talk about the Tennessee Oilers' chances for their first playoff appearance since 1993.

"I've said this all along, and you get tired of me saying this, but we fell into it last year, worried about what everyone else was doing," he said. "All we can do is give ourselves a chance, and things have a funny way of taking care of themselves that way."

The Oilers (7-6) need to win their remaining three games to even have a chance at the playoffs. Then they can worry about any help they might need. They got lucky Sunday when underdog Atlanta beat Seattle, dropping the Seahawks to 6-7.

After starting the season 1-4, the Oilers have won six of eight to put themselves a game behind Miami, New England and the New York Jets (all 8-5) for one of six playoff berths.

The Oilers trail Pittsburgh (9-4) and Jacksonville (9-4) by two games in the AFC Central and will try to close the gap starting Thursday at Cincinnati (4-9). They head to Baltimore on Dec.

14 and close at home against Pittsburgh Dec. 21.

"We know what we have to do," cornerback Darryll Lewis said. "We have to win out, and Cincinnati's

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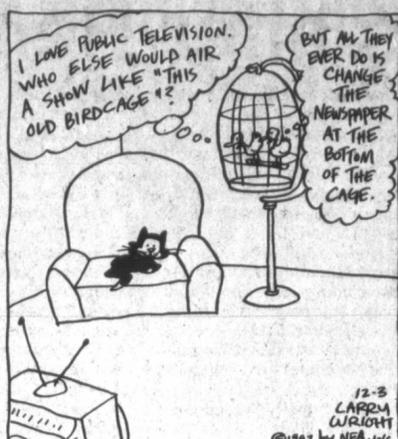
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- Row
- Gratuities
- June bug
- Sand lizard
- Fruity drinks
- Wheel of Fortune (2 wds.)
- Explorer
- Ericson
- Guard
- Noun suffix
- Alias (abbr.)
- Weight allowance
- Hamlets
- Roman 502
- Covered with mud
- Relative
- Became sour
- Bird (comb. form)
- Chinese pagoda
- Version
- Everything counted (2 wds.)
- Eyelashes
- Profit on

**DOWN**

- Fairy
- Like some twins
- Newspaper opinion column
- UK mil. pilots
- Notion
- Writing tool
- JFK sight
- Actor
- Something unique
- Exasperate
- How sweet
- Firedog
- Marry
- Stopped working, like a battery
- Accuses
- Hari
- Gentle
- Type of catalog
- Writing tool
- 1492 ship
- Hat material
- Uncle (Sp.)
- Small monkey
- Take part (2 wds.)
- Conductor (2 wds.)
- Pianist Peter
- Chew
- Sounds of laughter
- Pigs
- home
- I get it!
- Airline info

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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# Political furor continues after Reno decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House breathed easier today even though Republicans angrily dissected Attorney General Janet Reno's decision against an independent counsel and her investigators plowed ahead.

Republicans in Congress were eager to capitalize on her public split with FBI Director Louis J. Freeh over whether to seek an outside prosecutor to look into fund-raising phone calls by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Although Reno and Freeh agreed to disagree and then traded compliments Tuesday evening, they could be explaining their differences before a House committee as early as next week.

Taking her decision right to Tuesday's deadline, Reno rejected an independent counsel, arguing that Clinton and Gore hadn't broken any federal laws by making fund-raising calls from the White House.

She defended her move with 69 pages of legal analysis and investigative findings and held a news conference, which no attorney general ever had done at such a moment.

A stern-faced Reno warned that the decision "does not mean that a person has been exonerated or that the work of the campaign finance task force has ended."

Clinton and Gore avoided gloating. Clinton's one-sentence reac-

tion: "The attorney general made her decision based on a careful review of the law and the facts, and that's as it should be." Gore said Reno "put this issue of the phone calls behind us once and for all."

White House press secretary Mike McCurry offered a behind-the-scenes anecdote reflecting presidential nonchalance: "What time's the game?" Clinton asked minutes after hearing of Reno's ruling, his attention already turned to the Washington Wizards' first basketball game in their new arena.

But Republicans erupted.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said he would summon Reno and Freeh to a hearing next Tuesday of the House committee he chairs that is investigating campaign funding. "I think right now she is trying to protect the president," Burton said.

It was not immediately clear either would be available that day.

"It is now public that the director of the FBI shares my view that the conflicts of interest facing the Department of Justice are so great as to require the appointment of an independent counsel," added Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., wrote Freeh seeking a copy of his memo to Reno that, law enforcement officials said, argued she should seek an independent counsel to probe a broad range of allegations on

grounds she has a conflict investigating Clinton.

The chairman of the Senate committee investigating campaign finance, Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., accused Reno of "misinterpreting the law." He called her focus on telephone solicitations too narrow, and said her legal interpretation of the law had "hamstrung" FBI investigators.

Reno denied that: "I want to make clear to everyone I am not imposing any constraint on the task force."

The telephone fund-raising inquiry was pushed into the spotlight by Republican demands and timetables set by the independent counsel law.

But it was always just a small part of a broader investigation by 120 lawyers and FBI agents into numerous campaign fund-raising transactions and figures, including possible Chinese and other foreign donations and use of the White House as a fund-raising tool. Some Republicans, including Burton, also are under scrutiny.

Although Reno concluded Gore was unaware of how Democratic Party officials used some of the contributions he raised, Reno said her investigation continues to probe that spending.

Indictments of at least two Democratic fund-raisers for concealing the identities of real donors are expected later this month.

## Banking commission files lawsuit to block Nationsbank merger

HOUSTON (AP) — An attempt by NationsBank to get around Texas' ban on interstate branching has drawn a federal lawsuit from the state's top banking regulator.

NationsBank wants to merge its Texas operations with the parent bank in Charlotte, N.C.

State Banking Commissioner Catherine A. Chiglieri said Tuesday she has asked a federal judge in Dallas to prevent NationsBank from completing the merger.

Ms. Chiglieri also asked the judge to declare such a merger to be a violation of state and federal laws.

NationsBank, the largest financial institution in Texas, asked the federal Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in October for permission to merge its small El Paso-area bank, Sun World, into the parent institution.

That merger would set the stage to merge NationsBank Texas into the parent bank as well because Sun World has offices in both Texas and New Mexico.

The completion of the maneuver by NationsBank could be the death knell for Texas' efforts to prevent interstate bank branches within its borders, banking industry observers say.

Texas' ban on interstate banking expires in 1999, and the Texas Legislature has indicated it will reconsider the legislation in the next session.

The North Carolina-based bank is taking advantage of a recent change in a 130-year-old federal law that allowed banks to move their headquarters 30 miles. The law originally didn't account for moves that crossed state lines, but a recent change by Congress did.

The comptroller of the currency used the change in the old law to allow NationsBank's Sun World unit to move its headquarters from El Paso to neighboring Santa Teresa, N.M., while keeping its branches in El Paso.

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